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Christmas and the Kiddies

"On my honour . . . to help others . . ."

Shall We Permit This Picture?

A discouraged home, the Father long unemployed, the Mother still fighting to maintain the family morale,—“Relief” food; the kiddies patched, and patched,—Christmas Eve, and the small children persisting that Santa Claus WILL come,—morning, the hopeful rush for the stockings. And—nothing!

Or Shall We Make This One?

Christmas morning, the eager rush,—yells of delight! Old Santa HAD come! . . . A whole new day of happiness and fun—Mother happy, Dad forgetting his discouragement and bitterness.—And all achieved by a modest parcel left at the door the night before by a Scout.

IT takes pathetically little to make a child happy—a single toy, a small doll or a picture book; an orange and a few candies. Last Christmas, with the help of our sisters the Guides, we were able to take such happiness to well over 80,000 children, some 9,000 of these on prairie farms.

Let's do it again!

Still the Need

It is still the need, notwithstanding better organized relief measures. Municipal or Provincial “Relief” does not include Christmas toys for children; and many long-unemployed families whose heads have at last secured employment still have nothing for such “extras” as “toys”. This is notably true of families on farms in Northern Ontario and the Prairie Provinces, particularly those moved from the cities to the land during the year, or from dried-out areas to new locations in northern Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The Toy Shop Means Work

Of course it means work,—thought, worry, drive and personal hard work on the part of Scouters carrying the burden of the initiative. But when tired, let us picture one eager, delighted child on Christmas morning,—then try to picture fifty—a thousand—five thousand—eighty thousand! All made happy because many Scouters and Scouts did their individual bit!

The Settlers

Letters from settlers last Christmas help to a renewed realization of the significance of a Scout Santa Claus visit to their homes. As always, several hundred letters were received.

This from the Mother of a pioneer family which had moved from the dried-out area in southern Saskatchewan to a homestead near Archerville:

Dear Sir:

Would you be so kind as to send my small children a few toys, as there is no prospect of these coming from any other source. We are very poor. Have no stock through bad luck. Moved to this homestead from dried out prairie with not even a horse or cow and money. Just with help of some kind people. Ages for children are, one boy 6 yrs, one girl 5 yrs, one girl 4 yrs, baby boy one yr.

Yours truly,
Mrs. B. L.

This came from a Mother located on a homestead near Loon Lake, Sask.:

Dear Sirs:

Having heard of your association from a friend I thought I would write. Times are very hard here, as they are everywhere else, and we are on relief. We just have one boy, aged 5 years, and if you could possibly send him something this year it will seem more like Christmas to him anyway, and will make us happy just to know that he is happy. I certainly wish I could donate something instead of asking for anything, and if we ever get in position we won't forget you.

Thanking you in anticipation, I am,
Yours truly,
Mrs. C. A. K.

In earlier years most of the letters from foreign-born families were written in their own language, and required translation. Practically all now come in English, and frequently are written in an excellent school hand, as was this letter:

Dear Scout Boys,

Will you be kind enough to send us some Christmas gifts, as Daddy's Santa Claus is too poor to send us. I will state my ages and brothers and sisters: Yaroslaw, 12 years old: water colors and game. Brother Toby, 6 yrs old: nice toys. Sister May, 8 yrs old: school outfit and toys. Vera, 5 yrs: doll. Vera is a crippled little girl. We thank you in advance.

Your friend,
Yaroslaw Chycoski.

A letter from an Ontario farm Mother emphasizes the disappointment resulting from a Toy Shop parcel apparently gone astray; also a Mother's appreciation of any small gift.

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ORGANIZATION, system, happiness by the wholesale! The Finished Toy Department of the Calgary Scout-Guide-Sunshine Toy Shop.

—Courtesy Calgary Herald.

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Plans for Chief Scout's Visit

PLANS have now been completed for the visit of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell to Canada in 1935. Our distinguished guests, accompanied by their daughters Heather and Betty, will arrive in Victoria, B.C., on April 8th, and will travel across the Dominion, touching the large centres in each province during April, May and June, and ending their Canadian tour (after a brief visit to Newfoundland) in July, in Prince Edward Island.

Provincial Commissioners of Scouts and Guides will arrange for visits within the province. Joint rallies of Scouts and Guides will be planned in consultation with Scout and Guide Commissioners of centres to be visited.

The object of the visit is that the Chief Scout and Chief Guide may see and be seen by Scouts and Guides, and give encouragement to workers.

The Chief Scout and Chief Guide ask particularly that:

- There be no Guards of Honour at railway stations.
- There be no asking for autographs.
- There be no presentations of bouquets or other souvenirs.

Detailed information will be available at Provincial Headquarters.

Scouts and Rovers Do Well In Year's First Aid Contests

SCOUT and Rover first-aid teams showed up well this year in the various competitions of the St. John Ambulance Association, with the team of the East Calgary Rovers earning unusual distinction. The Calgaryians captured the Dominion Tyro Trophy, 15 teams competing, were 2nd place runners-up in the Alberta Division for the Montizambert Trophy, First-Aid Championship of Canada, and 2nd in the Wallace Nesbitt General, 25 senior first-aid teams representing every part of Canada competing. On Dominion-wide points the Rovers stood 3rd in the Montizambert competition.

Bravo Rovers!

In the Dominion Wallace Nesbitt Junior, 22 teams competing, the Winnipeg Sea Cadets took first with the fine score of 199½. A team described as "St. Faith's Church, Edmonton" (St. Faith's Scout Troop team won it last year) was 2nd, with 198; and the 1st Ste. Anne de Bellevue Scout team, Quebec, was 3rd with 192.

A "World Peace" Tour A Message from the Chief Scout in "Jamboree"

*My brother Scouters of the World,
I am once more among you, having
recovered almost completely from my
recent illness.*

*My heart is full of gratitude, and I
want to thank you all for your very
kind solicitude during my stay in
hospital, and for the very encouraging
messages you sent me, which so largely
helped me in my recovery.*

*God has been pleased to grant me a
new lease of life, and though it can
naturally be but for a very few years I
feel that it must have been given for
some purpose.*

*Therefore I shall devote it as far as
I can to helping to develop that good-
will between our different nations that
is the essential groundwork for peace.
This is best done through personal con-
tacts, and I am starting this month on
a tour which will take me round the
world, bringing me into closer touch
with Scouters and Scouts in Medi-
terranean countries and Ceylon,
Malaya, Java and Australia. In
Australia, we shall have a great Jam-
boree of Scouts of the Southern Hemi-
sphere. Thence I go to New Zealand.
(I hope to exact a fee which the New
Zealand Scouts promised me last time
I was there, namely, a day's fishing
for every day of Scouting. On that
occasion we did three weeks of Scout-
ing and I only had three days left for
fishing. I am now going to claim the
balance of fishing due to me!)*

*Then, going via Tahiti and Rari-
tonga, the Chief Guide and I will visit
California, British Columbia, Can-
ada, United States and Newfound-
land, and so back to Europe, in time
for the Rover Moot in Sweden next
July. It will be a wonderful ex-
perience, and I only hope that (if it
is not made too strenuous for me by
my kind comrades) it may help in
some way to strengthen our bond of
brotherhood round the world.*

*Meantime, I hope that all my
Brother Scouters will support me in
promoting locally this campaign of
goodwill.*

*Firstly, largely increased propa-
ganda, explaining our aims to the
public, is greatly needed in almost all
countries!*

*In the second place, the spirit of
friendship can be widely developed
among the rising generations—the
future citizens of each nation—by in-
creasing the number of Scouts on to a
really big scale and instilling into
them through interchange of visits and
correspondence, the bond of mutual
brotherhood with the Scouts of other
nations.*

*The past year has seen a steady
advance in this direction, and since
in most countries the Girl Guides are
working in concert with the Boy
Scouts Associations there is every
promise of successful results in the
promotion of world peace in the com-
ing years. It will be worth the effort.*

Base-Powell 1 flunk

Sixth place was taken by the 26th Ottawa (St. Matthew's) team, with 178. Seventh place was a tie between the 10th Moose Jaw Sea Scouts, Sask., and the Edson Scout team of Edson, Alta., with 171. Ninth place went to a team from the 6th and 27th Border Cities Troops, Ont., with 167; 14th place to the 3rd Lethbridge, Alta., with 159; 16th was a tie between the 1st Glace Bay Troop, N.S., and the 14th Winnipeg, with 156, and 18th went to the 12th Calgary, with 150.

In the "Leonard Shield" provincial contests, Scout team winners were: Nova Scotia, 1st Glace Bay; Quebec, 1st Ste. Anne's; Saskatchewan, 10th Moose Jaw Sea Scouts. The Ontario provincial "Globe Shield" was won by the composite 6th and 27th Border Cities Scout team.

In the Intermediate First Aid competition for the Gaunt Trophy, Moose Jaw Rovers and the 12th Calgary Scouts tied for 3rd place, the 23rd Toronto Troop team was 4th, and the 3rd Lethbridge Scout team tied with the Balfour Technical School, Regina, for 5th place.

Very Rev. Dean Tucker— Rover

IN the death of Very Rev. Dean Tucker, Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Ont., Scouting lost a warm and understanding friend, and Canadian Rovers lost their oldest member. The Dean, 82 years of age, was an invested member of the 1st London (Cathedral) Crew. Members of the Crew, as their part in the impressive funeral services, acted as pall bearers.

"The Scoutmaster's First Year"

I GOT hold of this book after we had been muddling along for six months, and believe me it made a real difference. Scouting became the pleasure it should be and most (not all) of my troubles were over."—From the Training Course Notebook of a B.C. Scouter. The writer added the suggestion that District Commissioners see that each new Scoutmaster has a copy before actually launching his troop.

Said of the New District Cub Course

REPORTS on the success of the new Preliminary District Training Courses for Scoutmasters have been noted. Following is a pithy but comprehensive estimate of the success of the first Cub course in Vancouver by District Cub Commissioner E. H. Milnes, assisted by Scouter F. C. B. Sara as Baloo,—

As a course for a beginner it is excellent.

1. It puts the jungle atmosphere into one which is so essential for a beginner.
2. The amount of time spent on practical work with comparatively few "Bites" can be absorbed easily.
3. The short talks seem to give an appetite that I think will crave for more which can be satisfied by Part II.
4. I was very strict that everyone read "Letters to a Wolf Cub" and "Wolf Cubs" and asked questions on them.
5. All the notebooks are by far the best I have read at any course, showing this course can readily be grasped.

I am only sorry that this course has not been released earlier.

Canada Needs More Scouting

AS announced in the November SCOUT LEADER, Commissioners representing each of the provinces, gathered in Ottawa, accepted the challenge of His Excellency the Governor General to expand Scouting's citizen-training service to Canada by raising the membership to 100,000.

Why

IN thousands of "unemployed" Canadian homes boys are growing up in an atmosphere of discouragement, pessimism and resentment; many developing the attitude (the result of continued "relief") that the Government owes them a living, and that they themselves need give no thought to their future; many leaving home at 16 and 17 to "hobo" it backwards and forwards across the country, receptive subjects for communistic and other anti-social teachings, and directly criminal influence.

No other organization is so fitted as Scouting to take hold of and interest such boys; and, working from within, to implant in their forming characters the seeds of manly self-dependence, integrity, the spirit of service, and respect for the rights of others,—the qualities of citizenship which alone can work out a happy solution for Canada's future.

The Field of Expansion

Boys in need of Scout training are not confined to population centres; they are to be found in the small scattered rural communities, especially perhaps in the widely scattered villages of the west. A survey in Alberta disclosed over 260 such small centres without a programme of any kind for its boys. In the older provinces there are still hundreds of villages without Scouting.

The Cost of Expansion

To carry Scouting to these scattered areas, and to maintain the Provincial Headquarters contact necessary to ensure permanency, more field work is required. This in turn means a very considerable increase of our financial resources.

To achieve both these ends—increased numbers and increased funds—a great increase of Scouting publicity is required.

Why More Publicity?

It is always difficult for those immersed in Scouting to appreciate the ignorance regarding the Movement still existing, even in strong Scouting centres. To many thousands of people Scouting is still "just some sort of boys' club down at the church." Of its definite character-training objectives, and its success, they have only the sketchiest idea.

To reach and discover to these people the very important local and national value of Scouting, particularly during these present problem years, is the object of this our first Dominion-wide publicity campaign. And Scouters can help very importantly.

Your Response

It is taken for granted that individual Scouters everywhere will give serious thought to the Governor General's appeal,

and will do their best to bring additional boys under the influence of the Movement, both in their own, and in other units or Groups.

The Scout Leader would greatly appreciate word from Scouters of their efforts and successes, particularly along lines not mentioned here.

Let us remember that every single boy brought into Scouting has the potentialities of a "Scouting masterpiece" of useful citizenship; also that not infrequently the most "difficult" boys, wisely and patiently guided, in later life become our most enterprising and useful citizens.



FIRST Aid team of the 1st Ste. Anne de Bellevue Troop, Quebec, winners of the Provincial Hugh Paton Trophy, and leading Scout team in the Dominion Wallace Nesbitt Junior for 1934

How to Go About It

FOR consideration by Local Associations, Group Committees or Courts of Honour, the project may be dealt with under six heads:

1. Preventing loss, where units are up to strength.
2. Where under strength, raising units to full strength.
3. Where a Group is incomplete, adding the unit or units (Pack, Troop or Crew) necessary to complete.
4. Helping organize other Groups.
5. Bringing back ex-Scouts as Scouters.
6. Securing increased publicity for Scouting activities—(a) As an aid to enrolment; (b) To help facilitate the raising of the increased funds necessary to expand provincial field work.

Preventing Loss of Boys

Through regular discussion with your Sixers' Council or Court of Honour, ensure

consistently interesting meeting programmes.

Maintain some system to permit the giving of test or Proficiency Badge examinations whenever boys are ready.

Maintain a membership waiting list.

Raising Units to Full Strength

First, make sure that your programme—outdoors and indoors—is full of interesting "doing" from the boy's point of view. Have a little session with yourself on your meeting programmes. Could they be made more interesting?

If not already doing so, use your Sixers' Council or Court of Honour, as the case may be, to plan activities. Encourage frank discussion and suggestion, and so far as possible accept the boys' ideas.

Discuss more hiking; by patrols, when yourself or an A.S.M. cannot go.

Encourage your boys to talk Cubbing or Scouting among their boy friends. Give points for recruits.

Hold open meetings to which your boys are asked to bring boy friends or acquaintances.

Personally see boy prospects; emphasize the progressive feature of Scouting, and the possibility of a boy becoming a Second, a P. L., and eventually a T. L.

Personally approach parents of boys not connected with other boys' organizations.

Consider the addition to the Troop of a Sea Scout Patrol. This may appeal to older Scouts whose interest is slackening, may bring back older Scouts, and may attract older non-Scouts.

In some way emphasize one of the Scout Laws at every meeting. Keep in mind that "good Scouting" is a principle working from within; a "way of living."

Never forget the importance of your own bearing and example; that what you are speaks more loudly than what you say. Live the spirit of Scouting.

If you have not done so recently, re-read the "Wolf Cub Handbook," "Scouting for Boys" or "Rovering to Success," as the case may be.

To increase the interest of your Group Committee, put on a Group Committee Night, and include the members in some of the Group games.

Adding Units to Group

Where a Group is incomplete (lacking a Pack, a Troop or a Rover Crew), its completion is one of the most substantial and permanently valuable ways in which to add membership.

Discuss with your Group Committee. Endeavour to arrange a Preliminary Training Course for the Group Committee (See "An Example Preliminary," in the October Leader). Provincial Headquarters will supply particulars and material. The course may develop the needed Cubmaster or Scoutmaster or R. L., as the case may be.

Seek to interest personal friends and former Scouts to become leaders, and to take the Preliminary Training Course.

Endeavour to interest Rover-age ex-Scouts in Rovering. Provincial Headquarters will provide explanatory literature.

Organizing Other Groups

This is one of the finest types of service that any Scout unit or Group can carry out.

Advise Provincial Headquarters of plans. Valuable help may be provided, including literature.

Put on a demonstration Scout meeting in a non-Scout area, before responsible people of the church or community.

Offer to supply temporary leadership.

Arrange with Provincial Headquarters for a Preliminary Training Course for the new Group Committee and prospective Scouters.

If in a small place, where a community Group is advisable, make sure that the backing of the best people is secured—the school principal, the leading merchant, the banker; also that all religious bodies are represented, preferably by clergymen, and always by those willing to co-operate. Emphasize that the best citizens are behind Scouting everywhere to-day; that nationally it is Canada's greatest boys' organization, and internationally the greatest world friendship movement of all time.

Read "A Sound Community Group Start," page 21, October *Leader*.

Bringing Back Ex-Scouts as Scouters

The most difficult problem of the new unit or Group is leadership. Scouters of some years' experience could frequently help here by looking up older ex-Scouts and bringing them back into the Movement. Ask them to a well-planned, lively meeting, and invite them to give you a hand with some particular job—with games, instructing, examining in certain tests and Proficiency Badge subjects, heading up a hike. Work them back gradually, always having something for them to do; and in a few weeks you probably will have one or more new and promising leaders ready to take on the job of heading up a new pack or troop.

Publicity Suggestions

THE scoutiest form of publicity is practical community service. In December of each year a great deal of attention has been attracted to the Scout Christmas Toy Shop work, without design other than to secure discarded toys. Throughout the winter months much effective attention has been attracted to Scouting by entertainments and displays; by providing neatly uniformed usher Scouts for Winter Fairs and auto shows, for public concerts and lectures of an educational nature, and for church, Sunday-school and day-school entertainments. During the last two years valuable publicity has resulted from well planned Scout Apple Days.

For this winter it is asked that all such publicity be given as much increased attention as possible.

Christmas Toy Shop Publicity

Publicity Committee The first step is the appointment of a Toy Shop Publicity Committee, of one or more, with power to add to its numbers. For the smaller shops an alert and enterprising older Scout or Rover will do effective work, with some guidance from the Scouter.

Put the Toy Shop on the Air Numbers of our Toy Shops have been able each year to arrange for one or more local radio announcements asking donations of toys, and inviting listeners-in to visit the shop and see the Scouts at work. This is particularly effective publicity.

Where sufficient air-time is given, such announcements could effectively be preceded by a few moments of "toy shop

noise"—hammering, sawing, the tinkle of a toy piano being tuned, the intermittent cry of a doll, a low buzz of talk, directions by the shop director regarding certain work, etc. Then: "Ladies and gentleman, you are listening in on the Scout Christmas Toy Repair Shop, where discarded and broken toys are being reconditioned in order to assist Santa Claus in his extra big job this Christmas. Wouldn't you like to share the good turn by contributing some discarded or broken toys, dolls, games, picture books and the like? Bring them to the Scout Toy Shop, located at—any time in the afternoon or evening, and stay and watch the boys at work making old things new. Or telephone— and a Scout will call . . ."

Newspaper Publicity The co-operation of local newspapers is absolutely essential, and the Chairman of the Publicity Committee should call personally upon the Editor to ensure under standing of the Toy Shop work as a community enterprise. In the larger centres invite the sending of a reporter to visit the Toy Shop and write it up, when in full operation.

Make sure of a special story for each Saturday prior to Christmas, and an extra one for the day before Christmas.

Weekly newspapers usually will accept contributed articles. If this arrangement can be made, plan a story for each issue, and make the most of it. See that stories are ready and turned in in good time.

Newspaper Advertisers Ask the bigger store advertisers in the local papers to drop a short Toy Shop reminder box in their ads, such as:

WANTED!
DISCARDED OR BROKEN
TOYS AT THE SCOUT CHRIST-
MAS TOY REPAIR SHOP—TO
BE MADE NEW FOR NEEDY
KIDDIES

Some Write-up Hints Devise an opening sentence to suggest an attention-arresting headline, as:

"Santa Claus' helpers are in town!"

"Santa Claus' Boy Scout helpers have opened their annual Christmas Toy Repair Shop in the old Robinson store on Main Street. This year's demand for toys will be greater than ever, and the co-operation of the citizens of Scoutville is invited, so that no single child may be overlooked . . ."

Perhaps this for a week later:

"Santa Claus needs help! More discarded or broken dolls, toys, games and picture books are needed at the Boy Scout Christmas Toy Repair Shop, located in the old Robinson store on Main Street.

"Have another look in your garret. Even one toy or story book, duly re-conditioned by the Scouts, may make the difference between the happiness or grief of one small boy or girl on Christmas morning. . . ."

Remember that papers always like names. Give names of all committees, and of the Toy Shop staff. Mention the

troops on duty on certain days. If possible work in an advance schedule of troop service covering the entire period of the shop.

Give the names of contributors of toys and money, with the thanks of the Scouts, as—

"The staff of the Scout Christmas Toy Shop wishes to thank the following persons and firms for contributions of toys and money . . ."

The Churches and Schools If possible secure a Toy Shop announcement and appeal for discarded playthings from each church pulpit. Ask church troops to have an announcement inserted in printed church bulletins or calendars.

Invite the co-operation of the school inspector or local principals, by permitting announcements in each school class-room.

Publicity at the Toy Shop Place an attractive large-lettered Toy Shop sign across the front of the shop, or better, over the sidewalk. A sign concern may contribute this, or it can be made at moderate expense (cotton on a wooden frame) by one of your artistic Scouts.

Maintain attractive toy display windows of the "BEFORE" and "AFTER" type.

Have some of the toy repair work carried on in or near the shop front, and place in the windows a placard inviting passers-by to

STEP IN
AND SEE SANTA CLAUS'
SCOUT HELPERS AT WORK

If sending parcels to settlers' families, place some of these, wrapped for mailing, in the window, with a placard invitation to passers-by to participate in the good turn by paying the postage on a parcel.

Scout Apple Day Publicity

THE majority of the regular Scout Apple Days have been held this season. Centres putting them on during the winter or early spring are referred to the very complete publicity suggestions contained in "The Boy Scout Apple Day" book, available at Provincial Headquarters.

Publicity in Connection With Entertainments and Displays

Large Scale Publicity THE "Scout Circus" and larger displays as put on in the bigger centres call for special publicity through the press. Paid advertising space usually is taken, and arrangements made for frequent preliminary mention, and, during the last preceding week, daily news stories.

Posters and Billboards Large billboard posters also are used, and smaller billboards for certain street corner locations in the neighbourhood of the scene of the display.

Posters frequently are Scout-made, with prizes given for the most effective.

Special Press Photographs The providing and publication in newspapers of specially taken photographs of Scouting activities is particularly valuable. In connection with Toronto's annual Scout Circus excellent publicity of

Is there a Weekly Scout News column in your local paper? If not, ask the Editor for one. Offer to supply regular material. Have your Court of Honour appoint a Scout Reporter. Advise Dominion Headquarters, and receive a bi-weekly, general-interest Scout News Service, to help fill up your space. It will help secure understanding and support for your work.

this kind showed boys practising lariat spinning, making friction fire, etc., and the workshop scene of Scouts making frames for an imitation "Mountie musical ride."

Window Cards Effective reminders are suitably designed show cards for shop windows, street cars, trucks and delivery cars and wagons; and streamers for the sides of larger trucks and cars.

Window Displays Well planned window displays, such as that of a Scout patrol camp—tent, blankets, hiking kit, fireplace, cooking utensils; or a miniature troop camp, with tents, trees, water, etc.; or examples of Cub and Scout handicraft—are always effective.

Teaser Advs. An idea used very effectively from time to time is the "Teaser Ad." This is a brief, incomplete preliminary announcement such as: **THEY'RE COMING NEXT WEEK! WHO? WAIT AND SEE!**

A few days later:
**ONLY A FEW DAYS MORE
AND THEY'LL BE HERE!
WHO? YOU'D NEVER GUESS!**

And finally:
**THEY'LL BE HERE MONDAY
NIGHT!
WHO? THE SCOUT MINSTRELS!
8 P.M. AT THE PARISH HALL.**

For Smaller Entertainments Most of the above ideas may be utilized with some modification for individual Troop or Group entertainments. In all cases the local newspapers should be used to the fullest possible extent, according to arrangements made by a personal call upon the owner or editor.

Pay for an Ad. It is always worth while to pay at least for a small display advertisement—for its own value, and for the increased news mention likely to result.

From a Hungarian Cub

CANADIAN Cubs may be interested to hear the following extracts from the letter in English, of a Budapest Wolf Cub to an Australian Scout whose acquaintance he made at the last International Jamboree, in Hungary. The Cub's name is Alexander Vas.

I have been a Wolf Cub since I was eight years old (he wrote). Before this I

often saw boys with green caps. I liked their agreeable life: leaving the city on hot summer-days for the refreshing nature. At the beginning it was difficult and unaccustomed to be far from the parents and school, but the beloved wolf cub-working made everything good. I felt it is convenient to my age. Later in the summer-campings too, turned accustomed. I liked the wolfcub's-life more and more. The trials made me skilled and widened my sense with much useful knowledge.

Why Am I a Wolf Cub?

I became a wolfcub for I liked their work, excursions, playings and trials. These made pleasant and useful the four years ending now shortly. This after follows the manlier boy scout-working and I'll contrive again to all within by ability.

Why Do People Perceive I Am a Wolf Cub?

The Wolf Cub-working learns us—according to the laws—self-command and obedience to the older people. The most important qualities of the Wolf Cub are: fraternity, alertness, independence and giving good example. Getting a command I fulfil it quickly. Therefore they know I am a Wolf Cub. If on an excursion one of my fellows brought little to eat, I give him of mine. I am independent in every respect. I give good example to the recruits of my herd.

There are benefact-hunter too. For instance, a family makes an excursion. On such an occasion it is a benefit too, to kick away an orange-skin thrown on the sidewalk.

My Most Interesting Experience on the Jamboree

The pure fact, being able to participate

IV. Jamboree as an experience never to be forgotten.

Some Cub Games

Brothers

THE idea underlying the game is that the Cubs are going down to the shore to bathe. To ensure that nobody is lost, each is made responsible for one other—hence, the two are known as "brothers."

Arrange two circles, one inside the other. The Cubs on the inside face and pair off with those on the outside. Both circles turn left. On the word "Go!" each circle starts running round. At the shout of "All ashore!" all break away, each finding his brother and then sitting down. The last pair down is considered to be "drowned." Continue until someone has lost three "lives."

Postman

The Pack forms a large circle, sitting on the floor. Each Cub adopts the name of a town. One is a "postman," and stands in the middle of the course, holding a scarf. At two different places a log is placed to represent a pillar-box.

The postman calls out "I have a letter to deliver." The players call "Where from?" The postman answers, say, "Bootle," and runs about the ground, pursued by the player representing Bootle. The postman suddenly places his scarf in one of the letter-boxes and makes a dash for "Bootle's" place. "Bootle" picks up the scarf, and tries to hit the postman before he can get in. If the postman is hit, he gets the sack and has to stay in "Bootle's" place, and then the other player becomes postman. If he succeeds he keeps on being postman.



A CHARLOTTETOWN display window during Prince Edward Island's recent highly successful 2nd Annual Provincial Scout Apple Day. The entire available stock of Island McIntosh Reds was sold. A feature was an apple auction at which one highly polished red apple was "knocked down" for \$50.00.

in the Jamboree, was a really great event to me. During the Jamboree my greatest experiences were the marching up at the beginning and the world-congress of the Wolf Cubs' leaders.

At the official opening there was to be seen in nut-shell everything existed on the Jamboree. The big colour-pomp made by many party-coloured flags and neckties, was incomparably beautiful. Unless I participate in another Jamboree, I couldn't see once more the assembled youth of the whole world. I always will remember the

Three Dogs and a Bone

Two teams fall in, as indicated.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		B	B	B	B	B	B	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

A chalk circle a foot across is drawn in front of each player. Six bean bags (B) or other objects are placed in the centre

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Christmas and the Kiddies

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Dear Sir:

I hope I am not taking a liberty in writing to ask you if you could manage through your Santa to remember our little boy this Christmas. He was sadly disappointed last year when the Scout Santa forgot him. He is 10 years old, name Stephen. I would not trouble you but we are only just making a living and cannot afford to get presents. Just any small thing at all if you have it to spare.

Yours truly,

Mrs. James M.

A little French-Canadian girl in northern Saskatchewan asked the Scout Santa Claus for some gifts for a Christmas tree which she planned to put up in the home for her brothers and sisters:

Dear Sirs:

I am writing you a letter to ask you if you could send us Christmas presents. Here are the names of my sisters and brothers. Laurence 12 yrs old would like to have a Jew's harp. Anita 8 yrs old. Norbert 6 yrs and a half old. Norman 4 yrs old. Jeanette 13 yrs old and I would like to have a mouth organ because I can play it. Please try to send the presents. I would like to have little presents for them as I am going to get a tree in the house.

Yours truly,

Jeanette Corriveau.

The little housekeeper of a motherless New Canadian family wrote this appealing letter from a Saskatchewan farm:

Dear Friends:

I drop you a few words and would be glad to receive some things from you for Christmas. I wish you would send us a Christmas present. My name is Mary. I am the one writing this letter. I am fourteen years old. Then Sadie she is twelve years old. Then Lena she is ten years old. Then Wasyl he is eight years old. Then Polly she is five years old. I guess you know we have know (no) mother for two years already. And I have to work real hard. I must close of and would please you to send the children some things.

Good bye bye,

Yours sincerely,

Mary Ozirney.

A ten year old boy of another New Canadian family writing on a page cut from a school scribbler, contributed an unconscious touch of humor:

Here I am coming to you for help. I've heard you help little boys who have no one to play with. I have nobody to play with and nothing to amuse myself. I am always sitting and doing nothing. Because I have no toys to play.

I have one little brother of 4, his name is Wilfred. And I am 10, my name is Leo.

Will you please send me any kind of toy. And I'll fix it and have some fun.

Please don't forget my little brother Wilfred. Because if you send me, then he will snatch everything from me whatever I have.

Leo Chubinski.

As occurs from time to time, the discovery of a "Scout family" was made in the letter of an English Mother:

In regard to the card you sent me, wish to state that I have one boy 11 yrs



A TOY Shop broadcast from Station CJRM brought this response for the Moose Jaw—Toc H Christmas Toy Shop.

old. And when I tell you that the reason I have not replied to your kindly invitation was because stamps are a rare article around here, you will readily understand how worried we are about Santa.

What funny twists the world takes. One son was a King's Scout, another a Cubmaster, and I have staged plays for the Scouts, Cubs and Girl Guides, and now we ourselves are only too glad to receive gifts for Billy's sake.

I thank you, and hope the organization will continue to succeed.

Sincerely,

Mrs. C.

You would not require much imagination to picture the welcome given Santa Claus in this prairie home: Wrote the Mother:

Dear Sir:

I would very kindly like to know if it would be possible for me to get a small parcel of something for my 3 children for Christmas. They had nothing last year, as I did not know they (the Scouts) would send parcels out.

We live on a homestead 20 miles from town. And we are on relief, so it is very hard for us to do very much for them, and they all look forward to something. It made me feel very bad last year when we could not give them anything, so I thought I would write and see what you could do for them. This is their names: Ethel, 9 in Jan. Edward, 6 last May. Helen, 4 in Oct.

Families Placed on Farms This Year

In centres from which families have been placed on farms this year it is suggested that Toy Shop directors get in touch with the municipal authorities, and offer to take care of the children of such families not otherwise likely to be remembered. These kiddies, spending their first Christmas in country surroundings, in many cases on isolated farms in the woods or on the prairie, are especially entitled to consideration. Needless to say, families in which are Cubs or Scouts would be given particular attention.

Reminders

Organize.—Don't fail to organize your Toy Shop and all its activities, even though small—from the needed publicity, through toy collecting, repairing, inspecting and distribution. Spread the responsibility, and use a "head" for each department.

Securing Toys.—In some centres extra effort may be required this year to

secure the needed old toys, and no source should be overlooked. Brief personally-made requests before service clubs (the children of many of the older members of which have grown up) have resulted in occasional "mines" of toys, skates and story books in forgotten attic corners. A fine collection of many years of "Boy's Owns" and other Annuals was one example.

Public schools and Sunday schools are practically always a productive source, where the proper authorities are approached and the project adequately explained. In cities the Chief School Inspector usually is the man to approach, for a circular letter to school principals, with copies for each teacher. A full explanation of the work is of course required. In the East the most effective appeal is that for gifts for children on isolated farms on the prairies.

Miscellaneous sources are regularly reached by securing newspaper support and publicity, and announcements from pulpits and in printed church weekly calendars.

Movie Theatre Matinees.—These have become almost a "chain," as the result of a booklet on the subject circulated among the managers of Capitol Theatres. A number of Saturday morning toy-admission shows already have been held. If not yet arranged for in your case, approach your local theatre manager at an early date. Where the Toy Matinee is still an untried project, go to your manager, tell of its use elsewhere, of the crowds of children who attend, and of its incidental publicity value to him.

Financing.—Wherever the Scout Toy Shop work is understood, as the result of effective publicity, there appears to be little difficulty in securing donations or working material—paint, glue, hardware items, cord, wrapping paper—from business firms. The cash outlay usually is small.

Last year Calgary did a "bit of advertising" for firms who donated material. One street display window of newly finished metal toys carried the sign, "You brought these toys to us like this. Scout craftsmen, with the aid of CILUX PAINT DONATED BY CROSSLAND & BEALE PRODUCED THIS RESULT. You can do a good paint job with CILUX PAINT."

Another window featured wooden toys and displayed cans of liquid glue and the sign, "SUPER GLUE, donated by the J. H. Ashdown Hardware Co., is used by Scout craftsmen in repairing these toys. Like Scouting, IT STICKS."

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There was some criticism of the idea, one of the Calgary Toy Shop directors wrote, "but it has worked wonderfully well. I feel far happier if I can go to a man with a 50-50 proposition that he give us \$10 worth of material for an equivalent in display advertisement, and it has worked every time. The firm giving us the paint volunteered that they could definitely trace over \$25 sales resulting from the Scout toy shop display."

Some shops are at all times "Open to Visitors" (with a Scout or Scouter always on duty to show visitors around), and have a subscription book on the front counter, where donations are received and entered. Invitations to members of service clubs to visit the shop have resulted in a realization of the scope of the work, and generous contributions.

Other shops regularly raise funds by special Toy Shop entertainments, advertised as such; others by food sales, with the co-operation of mothers' auxiliaries; yet others by "bridges" and dances given under the auspices of parents' associations. Some hold a special Toy Shop Waste-paper Drive. During the last two years several centres have set aside a portion of Scout Apple Day receipts for the Christmas Toy Shop.

Co-operation of the Guides

As in previous years, our good friends the Guides are prepared to help wherever possible. The last issue of the *Canadian Guider* carried a reminder of the work.

Fill in the Toy Shop Form

The usual Toy Shop Announcement Form will be found enclosed with this magazine. It is asked that directors of Toy Shops kindly fill in and mail these at as early a date as possible, whether or not able to contribute gifts for children elsewhere. It is hoped, however, that every Toy Shop will be able at least to take care of the kiddies of one settler's family.

A School Announcement

This Toy Shop circular was posted in each class room of the seven city and district schools of North Vancouver:

PLAY SANTA CLAUS!

This year many children on the North Shore will look in vain for a visit from Santa Claus unless you play the part. Of course you want to, but HOW? It's easy. You bring your gift—anything you like, a toy, a doll, a book—to this school any time during the first week in December.

Whatever you bring will be taken to the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Toy Shop, and from there, after having been carefully "fixed up" as a Christmas present should be, will be delivered to those who would otherwise receive few, if any, such gifts. Bring something good, not "any old thing." You won't miss what you give when you count the presents you yourself will receive. Remember, the more you give the more you have—believe it or not.

If you have a good toy that needs mending or painting and you cannot do the job yourself, bring it along and it will be made to look like new at the Toy Shop before being sent out.

HOW BIG IS YOUR HEART? SHOW 'EM!

The Boy Scout & Girl Guide
Toy Shop, North Vancouver.

'34 Shop Talk

THE Drumheller, Alta., Toy Shop was given a substantial start by a toy-admission show at the Napier Theatre, through the courtesy of Manager Jim Dezeuw. Clothing also was accepted as admission.

An up-and-doing Shop of the last two years which is repeating this Christmas is that of the Hanover, Ont., Cubs, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. Doll beds were made by the Cubs, bedding by the Brownies, and toys by the Guides. The Rangers held a dance and contributed \$10 to the shop funds. A Saturday afternoon Toy Shop matinee also was arranged.

The honour of first request this year for names of settlers' children went to the 1st Dome Mine Brownie Pack. They wish to help Santa Claus remember 15 younger children.

Closely following came a request from one of our Guide Company "Christmas repeaters," the 3rd I.O.D.E. Company of Comber, Ont.

Toronto is this year operating three Divisional Toy Shops—Toronto North, Hyland and Parkdale. Each will be self-contained.

Hamilton is again operating a large central shop in the Burrow, Stewart and Milne building, with the 5th Rover Crew in charge. A press item notes that donations of paint would be gratefully received. Toys are being collected at the public schools. District shops also will be operated.



A "Happifying" contribution of our sisters the Guides.



A Capitol Theatre Toy Matinee notice by Fire Chief Hardy, who each year has headed up the Christmas job in Lethbridge announced: "Admission by a toy or 10 cents," and "No wrapped toys will be accepted."

A special committee of the local Scout Council is working with the Scouts to make a success of the Ridgetown, Ont., Toy Shop.

A Patrol Competition in making toys is a feature of this year's effort of the 1st Preston, Ont., Troop.

Edmonton Scouts are this year making new toys as well as repairing old, in the basement of Thompson & Dynes Ltd.

A portion of the returns from Sarnia's Scout Apple Day was announced in press publicity as for the annual Christmas Toy Shop.

Saint John, N.B., as usual has "roped the whole city" into its Christmas "Happifying" job—business firms (who supply much repair material), the service clubs, trucking concerns and the street railway company, theatres, churches, practically all the city's welfare organizations. The Guides occupy separate quarters for the carrying on of their model doll repair and millinery shop.

Victoria, B.C., which established an output record of 10,000 toys last Christmas, is "striving for a still greater number of toys which will be repaired and sent to gladden some child's heart this Christmas."

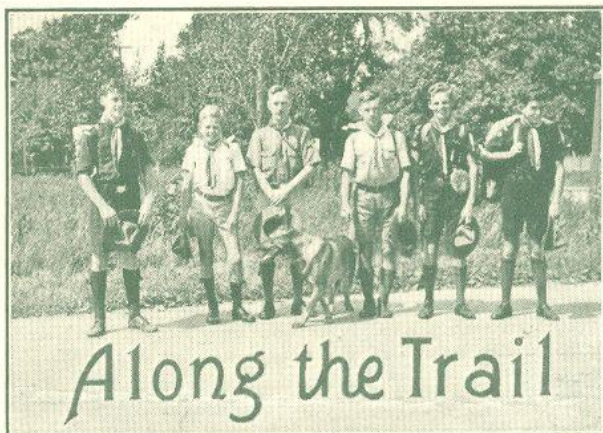
Regina's Scout-Guide Shop got away to a well organized start on November 5th, with a General Committee and a Finance Committee, Scouter Don Crichton as Chairman and Don Self as Shop Foreman. In addition to local needs, the shop will supply Soldier Settlement and Legion lists. A check-up arrangement with the local Welfare Bureau will prevent duplication. A special Toy Shop Apple Day realized \$150 for shop expenses. A supply carried over from last year, and a large consignment of repairable damaged toys from the Robert Simpson Co., gave the Scout workmen a good start.

Medicine Hat Rovers are repeating their carefully planned job of last Christmas, with a Toy Shop Committee, a president,

a secretary-treasurer, and a Rover responsible for each department or activity: repair, paint, caretaker, advertising, cataloguing, and catering. The latter job more particularly concerned the Annual Rover Toy Shop Dance, a means of raising shop finances.

The Saskatoon shop is receiving whole-hearted local support, including that of the Daily *Star-Phoenix*, in its effort to provide for 5,000 children. Numbers of women friends are dressing dolls and manufacturing doll cradles out of empty grape baskets. The League of Women Helpers held a "Scout Toy Shop Bridge," and are making girls' work baskets. Several skilled carpenters offered their services for the wooden toy department.

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1st Sydney Wins Victoria Dist. Cup

That frequent mention in the *Scout Leader* of activities of the 1st Sydney, B.C. Troop was warranted as indicated by the fact that this troop won first place and the Hardinge Cup at the annual Victoria, B.C. fall district rally. The Sydney troop was awarded 115 points. St. Mary's Troop came second with 70 points, and Cadboro Bay third with 55. Two hundred and fifty Scouts and Cubs participated. The comprehensive tests included Signaling, Estimation, First Aid, Kim's Game, Map Reading, Knotting; First Class Hike Campsite, including shelter, kitchen, gadgets; Friction Fire, with home-made native-wood sets; Inspection; Swimming—individual, relay team; assist race, and swim-and-undress.

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The Mothers' Club of the 1st Glenboro, Man., Group combined their first fall meeting and the serving of refreshments at the Group birthday party. "We had 80 present—Cubs, Scouts, parents and Troop Committee—and really had a fine social evening."

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Jack Miner Meets West. Ont. P. L.'s

Forty-two T. L.'s and P. L.'s representing troops in the Border Cities, Essex, Harrow, Leamington and Kingsville, gathered in the Kingsville Town Hall for the dinner opening of their two-day conference. The evening session was held in Jack Miner's club house theatre, "Uncle Jack" contributing a talk on overcoming handicaps.

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"Weather permitting the troop will hike to Hungry Hollow Saturday. The programme at the Hollow will include a hunt for Indian relics, signalling practice, instruction on building a bivouac shelter, improvising stretchers and camp craft."—4th Regina.

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The stirring three-act peace play "Of One Blood" (opening in a World War dug-out, and closing at the World Scout Jamboree in 1929) was given at Horticultural Hall, North Vancouver, before a capacity audience by the 7th North Vancouver Scouts.

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Doing a Good Job for "Welfare"

The Scouts of Welland, Ont., assisted the local Welfare Board by organizing a very successful used-clothing collection. Incidentally two truck loads of old paper were collected, the return from which was contributed to help pay for the repairing of the clothing. Over 100 pairs of boots, shoes and rubbers were gathered. The collection was organized by Scoutmaster Rev. H. G. Forster of the 3rd Welland Troop.

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Twenty-nine junior and eight senior St. John Ambulance Certificates and two medallions were awarded members of the 12th Calgary Scout Group for successfully passing St. John tests.

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Again the Ladies' Auxiliary

At the annual meeting of the Swift Current, Sask., Local Association, appreciation and congratulations were extended to the members of the Troop Committee and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the 3rd Swift Current Troop, as being largely responsible for the outstanding success of that troop.

Canada at the Australian Jamboree

CANADA will be represented at the Jamboree opening at Melbourne Dec. 27 by Scout J. G. Langley of Peterboro, Ont. Scout Langley sailed from England with the Old Country contingent.

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Scouts of the 8th Calgary have nearly completed a troop motor car made entirely of derelict car parts.

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Here's Complete Scouting!

S. M. Gale and older Scouts of the 1st Anyox, B.C., went on a mountain hike, bagged a mountain goat, brought it back, and put on a goat banquet that stopped 30 Scout appetites.

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An X-ray examination at the Fort Erie, Ont., Hospital of a broken wrist set by two Scouts, showed the job done perfectly.

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A Missionary Donation from China

Reversing the usual practice, a contribution of \$5.00, "to help in carrying on the work," was received at Scout H.Q., Montreal, from China. It came from a young missionary, formerly a member of Vickers' Troop, in appreciation of his training.

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\$21.75, the receipts of a Scout Apple Day, was turned over by the local Scouts to the Melfort, Sask., Central Relief.

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Calsomining and otherwise renovating the city Day Nursery was a job found by Edmonton Rovers and shared by all Crews.

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Regina Camp Lodge Opened

The new Scout Lodge at Boggy Creek, the new Regina district camp site, was opened with due ceremony in the presence of a large gathering of Scouts and friends.

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50% Outdoor Rovering

The fall meeting of the Montreal Rover Scout Club adopted a constitution a feature of which is the requirement of "50 per cent outdoor Rovering."

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The Hallowe'en adventure of Burks Falls Scouts, Ont., was a Costume Street Parade with prizes for ten classes.

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10th Rovers Win Winnipeg Hike

This year's Winnipeg Rover 24-hour hike was won by the 10th (St. Phillip's) Crew. Points were awarded on uniform, hike kit, camp site, nature and weather reports, collection of noxious weeds, maps and sketches, narrative and binding of hike log.

Forty-five Patrol Leaders from Ottawa, Eganville, Pembroke, Almonte, Braeside, Perth, Renfrew and Smiths' Falls participated in the two-day Junior Leaders' Conference at Arnprior. District Commissioner C. E. Russell of Ottawa was speaker at the opening dinner. The sessions were held in the fine Scout hall of the 1st Arnprior Group.

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Sherbrooke, Que., Scouts celebrated Thanksgiving Day by taking their Mothers on an all-day outing—a motor trip, a sail, and games and a "bountiful repast" at West Liscomb beach.

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Lifting Hospital Vegetables

A practical community good turn of the 1st Fergus, Ont., was the "lifting" of the vegetables of the Groves Memorial Hospital, and storing them in field pits and basement bins. It took two Saturday afternoons, and included the handling of 90 bushels of potatoes and 50 bushels of carrots.

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A Troop Visit Programme

An evening's visit by the 9th Niagara Falls Troop provided an enjoyable evening for that troop and the 1st Niagara-on-the-Lake, held in the old Navy Hall at the latter place. The visitors were divided among the local patrols, and a sixth patrol was formed of the Rovers and Leaders, for the evening's games.

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The Mothers' Auxiliary of the 72nd Toronto is donating a silver cup for competition at the annual Group Hobby Show.

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A Quebec Junior Rally

A junior leaders' rally at Cookshire, Que., brought together sixty smartly uniformed P. L.'s and Seconds from the six towns of that district, under leadership of District Commissioner Rev. Charles Bown. Rev. Dean Carrington of Bishop's College was speaker at the supper served by the ladies' auxiliary in the Parish Hall.

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The Rattler Patrol of the 2nd Lethbridge Troop use the tail rattle of a 36-inch rattle snake skin as a patrol call.

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The "splendid accomplishments of the Crew, during a rather nomadic existence of nearly 18 months," was given by the Chatham, Ont. News as the reason leading Alan K. Fraser to place at the disposal of the 1st Chatham Group Rovers, for a den, and without cost, a room in the Post Office building. The new den was opened with due ceremony, with the assistance of a number of Rover visitors from London.

GOD WITH US

Some Scouts' Own Christmas Thoughts

by Scouter Rev. "Pat" Leonard

GOOD News is an utterly different thing from Good Advice. Scouting came to the world as the good news of a great game, which would enable life to be lived more fully, more joyously, and at the same time more usefully. Scouting, regarded as a system of good advice, has nothing like the same heart-stirring appeal.

Many people are convinced that the Christian religion is concerned with offering good advice; the truth is that it rings out good news—that God has drawn aside the curtain of doubt and distance, which hid Him from man's knowledge, and is knowable, yes even more intimately than men and women can know each other.

Imagine yourself living in a flat. Above you lives somebody you have never seen. You are conscious of his existence, and probably conjecture many things about him, but of his character and personality you know nothing, for you have never met him. From the number of his visitors that pass your door you conclude that he is hospitable; from the fact that you only hear one boot drop on the floor at bedtime you infer that he is one-legged; but at best it is only guess-work, and you can not be certain. He is the "unknown dweller on the floor above."

Then one day he comes down and calls on you or, better still, he comes to lodge with you. Conjecture gives place to certainty; the unknown now becomes well known, and mutual friendship may even deepen into love.

So is it with God and you. Until God revealed Himself, He was the "Unknown Dweller on the Floor Above." Man could not know Him; he could only guess and wonder. The fixed order of Nature, the regularity of the seasons, and the constant cycle of the stars proved that He must be a God of order and of method. The beauty of His handiwork showed the beauty of His mind, and the vastness of the heavens gave man a clue to the greatness of His majesty.

Man went still further. He argued that, as the wind is greater than the mill it turns, and as the potter is greater than the pot he fashions on his wheel, so the Creator must be greater than His creatures. In ancient days men pictured God as a superman, driven by human passions like themselves, quick to take offence, and ready to be propitiated by sacrifices. The little that man knew about God he knew by inference; his inferences were some times grotesquely wrong.

Then, in the fullness of time, the unbelievable thing happened; God came down and lodged with man; God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory—full of grace and truth.

Christmas commemorates this visit, when on that night God came to Bethlehem, seeking the shelter of a stable, and pleading so gently for man's simple hospitality to a homeless babe. On that night God gave His greatest gift to Man—Himself, the world's new hope. By that gift He set a fashion, and to this day among His Friends His birthday is a Festival of presents given and received. Indeed, the fun of Christmas largely centres round the opening of our presents, the removing of the outer wrappings and the finding inside of tokens of our friends'

affection. So at Bethlehem began the process of unfolding the character of God, and the revealing of the greatness of His love.

The Gospel story is a record of how stage by stage the outer wrappings of God's Presence were removed, until His Presence was disclosed and the World's Great Lover stood revealed in all the fullness of perfection in the person of Our Lord. In Christ, the Unknown Dweller of the Floor Above stands forth in simple human outline, so that all may know Him, and knowing Him may love Him.

We can still unwrap God's Presence for ourselves, for "giving" is the golden key that opens the stable door and admits the Babe of Bethlehem. Giving is divine, for God has set the fashion; and Christ is ever at the heart of every true and selfless gift. This year, as you plan your Troop Good Turn, do not let the outer wrappings of organization hide Him from you, but be prepared to find Him in your midst, as you set out with your Scouts upon your Christmas errands of goodwill, carrying to those in special need your presents of food and fuel, your gifts of charity and cheer.

When God came to visit man He found His first home in a stable—an astonishingly humble lodging, as many have remarked—but a stable is something more than a symbol of humility. Among simple agricultural folk it is the place where men befriend and care for those dependent on them.

Surely the stable stands for us symbolic of every Troop room in the land; for Christ is present at every meeting of your Pack or Troop or Crew, no matter how humble the surroundings, if you are truly set on service. How strange if you have never been conscious of His Presence. How odd that you did not recognize His smile in that sudden gleam of gratitude in the eyes of a befriended boy. God did His Good Turn through you: He thanked you through the boy. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

At Bethlehem the innkeeper did not recognize the Lord of Life behind those poor lowly wrappings, for he was inward looking, set on gain; but the shepherds did, my brother Scouters, for they were set on service.

They laid the Babe in a Manger—a very humble cradle for the young Prince of Glory; but a manger, beyond all else, is the one clean spot amid the mud and mire of a stable. Christ still comes eternally to dwell with man. Into the mud and mire of the world He comes, into our world of hate and fear and greed He comes, but He chooses for His home the clean spots of the world—the cradles made of honest hearts that lift themselves above the level of befoulment, the faithful hearts that keep their vision bright and their ideals untarnished by the world.

Christ is no longer homeless while you are providing a clean place for Him to be with your Cubs. He is no longer homeless while you and your Scouts are being true to the Law and Promise, while you and your Rovers are seeking to build a corner of His Kingdom in back street or

country lane, while you are bringing the Law of Love into the lives of all within your Group.

Those to whom Christ was first revealed—those first human messengers of His—were humble undistinguished men who, while others were asleep, kept on faithfully at their job, protecting their sheep from harm and restraining those likely to stray. Christ still reveals Himself more easily to such as they, so lift up your hearts my brother Scouters, and be ready to welcome Him when He comes to you in your Scout work—He Who was once the "Unknown Dweller on the Floor Above," but Whom we now can know. "They shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

An Impressive Scouts' Own

FOLLOWING was the order of service used at the largely attended Scouts' Own for Protestants held in the City Hall, Three Rivers, Que., during the recent provincial Scouters' Conference. The service was conducted by Assistant District Commissioner Thomas Jones:—

Flag break.

National Anthem.

Scout Silence.

Hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past;"

Leader: Let us kneel before God and examine our lives by the Scout Law.

Leader repeats first Law.

All: Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this Law.

Leader repeats second Law.

All: Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this Law.

(Same response for each Law up to Ninth Law.)

Leader repeats Tenth Law.

All: Lord have mercy upon us and perfect these Laws in our lives, we beseech Thee.

Scripture lesson by Rev. J. W. Harrison.

Anthem.

Prayers, Dr. J. A. Clark.

Hymn, "Blessed be the Tie That Binds."

Address, Rev. G. W. Jones, B.A., B.D.

Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

(Offertory taken during hymn.)

Flag Lowering. "O Canada." Benediction.

More About Vancouver's Old Wolf Pack

CUB Commissioner E. H. Milnes of Vancouver provides us with some further particulars of the work and success of his "Old Wolf Cub Pack," mentioned in the October issue. He credits the steady improvement of Cubbing in his district to these pack meetings, and notes that they encourage leaders to take Gilwell training,—"as the members soon discover how much there is to learn."

The Old Wolf Cub Pack was first formed in 1926, and has carried on ever since, with increased attendance each year. It is composed of all Scouters interested in Cubbing, and Rovers, Rangers and Scout Cub instructors over 16 years of age.

The aim of the Pack is two-fold:

1.—To develop among Cub leaders a fellowship that can only be obtained by frequent intermingling. (Games help very much in this.)

2.—To demonstrate some of those things that many Cubmasters overlook, and which Cubs love.

Here are some of them, regularly demonstrated at Old Wolf meetings: Jungle dances, play acting, Dumb Crambo, singing games, country dances, decorated lairs, drawing tales, story telling, toy making, handcraft, good singing (not yelling).

Playing the Game

THE following portion of a Baccalaureate address to the last graduating class of McGill University by Chancellor E. W. Beatty might equally well have been delivered by Mr. Beatty as President of the Boy Scouts Association before a gathering of Rovers. It will be read by Rover Crews with keen appreciation.

FOR my part, I incline to argue that the unwritten laws of the game are those which most need to be stressed. They cover the fine points which cannot well be tabulated as a code of laws.

In the game of life, as I see it, most of these can be summed up under the single head of courtesy. In private life, and in social contact with our friends we find it necessary and invaluable to maintain a decent respect for the feelings and opinions of others. We refrain from insolent questions; from barbed innuendoes touching on matters of personal pride; from too crude or malicious jests; from vulgar display of wealth or insolent assertion of power; from selfish seizing of advantage; from brash assertiveness; from the use of force except in the direst extremity.

I suggest that such a code of conduct applied to our daily contacts with those who are strangers to us, would make our daily life more perfect than we can ever make it by the constant extension of the police efforts of the community. I suggest too, that such a code, in the public life of the nation would go farther to producing competent administration of public affairs than anything else could; and that, in the wider life of nation and nation, ordinary courtesy is a potent factor in preventing many of the frictions which threaten the peace of the world.

I could multiply the cases of need for the application of the ordinary rules of courtesy in our communal life. A decent respect for the feeling of others would restrain us when, in indignation against visible wrongs, we propose to tear down our most ancient institutions—to destroy great structures because the chimney smokes, or a pipe is clogged. A decent respect for age might save us from some of our worst blunders, some of our brash criticisms of things which we do not fully understand.

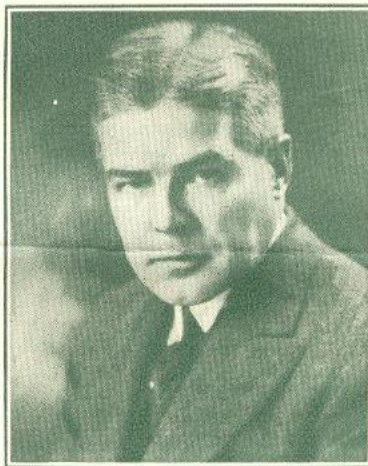
From courtesy too springs dignity. Pomp and splendor, and their lesser sisters, pomposity and display, are not to be confused with dignity. Of all the virtues which the modern world seems in danger of losing, I incline to put dignity first. It is no minor virtue. The Roman conscript fathers, sitting in solemn conclave from which they refuse to stir as the barbarians rush in are not wasting their dignity.

Are we holding our dignity? Are we not, perhaps, showing something close to exactly that cowardice and panic which is the very antithesis of dignity? Are we not exaggerating our troubles, shouting too loudly about our wrongs, seeking in panic for victims of mob-madness?

You may think that I stress too much the mere amenities of life—that I should deal with some, at any rate, of the practical and known rules which govern our business and economic life. There is, in essence, only one such known and definite rule—plain honesty. Never, I forecast, will you have a moment's doubt or hesitation as to the course you should follow. The rule of honesty is too well known for that.

Honesty is a tremendous affair. It is honest to refrain from stealing, to render unto others what is their due—including what is due to Caesar and to God. It is honest to tell the truth, to accept blame when blame is due, to confess failure. It is honest to face oneself with the truth of one's own most secret failures. I do not have to define honesty for you. You know precisely how to be honest.

The vital question is not whether we **should** be honest. I tell you plainly that thirty or forty years from today, if you still remember anything of what I have said, it will be that you **must** be honest. On this more than on any other single quality of your mind and soul will depend your happiness—the only success which can ever be worth attaining.



MR. E. W. Beatty, K.C., LL. D.,
President of the Boy Scouts Association.

How are we to achieve honesty? I have a most profound faith in the lessons of morality which children learn in their parents' homes, and in the influence of religion in the life of man. Despite that, I have known honesty from those who, as far as I know, could never have had the opportunity to hear the word in early life; dishonesty from those who have never known what it was to be exposed to temptation, and who had been taught the ethics of our civilization from earliest childhood.

Long ago I came to the conclusion that the only way to be honest is to be honest; the only reason is that it is right. I know no other way of putting this to you. I hope you will understand what I mean. If you do not, it is one of the major failures of my life.

And then there is that priceless possession—faith. Faith is not a thing to be debated—If it exists it need not be explained or analyzed. If it is absent men are weaker, more suspicious and more confused. Have faith in your God, in your country, in your fellows and in yourselves.

"Burglar Tracking"

THE following activity comprises Tenderfoot and Second Class tests, made into a simple, effective and enjoyable Patrol competition. It can be modified easily and usefully to suit the needs of backward or proficient troops.

Police receive notice of a burglary in a certain house in the town.

EXHIBIT (1). A blank map with the house indicated, and a few clues such as streets (unnamed), a church, an inn, and compass directions. Patrols have to find it.

Police arrive at the house, and are shown into a room upstairs where a jewellery casket lies open. They are told what articles are missing.

EXHIBIT (2). A number of articles, preferably cheap jewellery, in a box. Each Patrol is allowed to observe for one minute. Then about half a dozen articles are removed. Each Patrol has another minute for observation, and then has to make a list of the missing articles.

Apparently startled, the thieves escaped through the window by means of sheets and short ropes joined together and secured to a curtain pole placed across the window frame.

Patrols have to demonstrate with neckerchiefs, short ropes, and staves how this was done.

Police examined the ground beneath the window, found footprints, and made casts.

Patrols have to demonstrate how to prepare plaster or paper pulp casts.

The trail led due north to the river, so the police sent a party in that direction.

Patrols have to show by sketches three methods of finding the North without a compass.

After a long search a parcel in a waterproof covering was found; it was anchored to an overhanging bush by means of a strong cord.

Give to each Patrol paper, string, and a number of articles to make into a respectable parcel, which is then secured to a Scout staff by means of a long length of cord.

The Police Inspector sent a message back to his chief at the house.

If out of doors, signal a message. If indoors, decode a message in morse or semaphore.

So the thieves' rope was shortened, and they were "roped in."

Shorten a rope, and put a bowline at the end.

NOTE:—If ambulance work is desired, a good opportunity occurs at the "river" where a Scout can "fall in," "sprain an ankle," or sustain any other possible accident. Again, one of the burglars might get a crack on the head, necessitating a capeline bandage or skull cap or he might sprain his wrist, calling for treatment and a sling.

The whole thing was done by my Troop out of doors in the country. Each Patrol had to find a print of an animal and take a cast. Everything here described can be done indoors if necessary, small boxes containing sand or earth being used for making a cast. Each Patrol had to finish each part before proceeding to the next one.

The boys were serious through it all. They thoroughly enjoyed the whole thing, and forgot that it was merely Tenderfoot and Second Class test work.

—C. J. SHANNON,
IN THE SCOUTER.



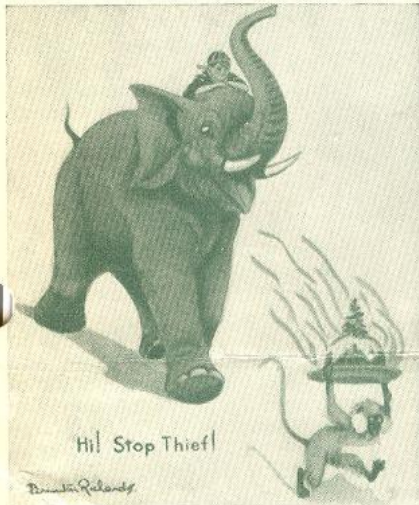
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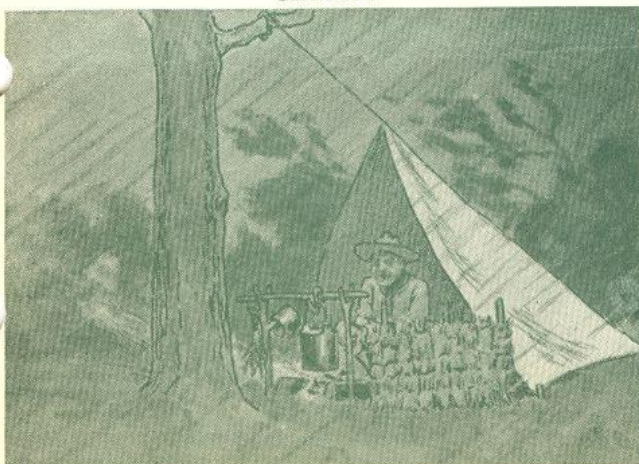
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Fellowship of Youth to Make Peace

I SHOULD like to say how strongly I feel the debt which every country owes to you and the Scout Movement. I am sure that it is more by the natural strengthening of links of fellowship and understanding between the young of different nations, than by any machinery, that we can secure peace for the future."—The Bishop of Dover in a letter to Lord Baden-Powell.

Speeding Up 1st Class and "Kings"—a Caution

AN experienced and outstandingly successful Quebec Scoutmaster writes to offer a word of caution against the announced programme of certain troops in different parts of Canada to "have every Scout a 1st Class or King's Scout" before B.-P. comes next April.

"If they achieve their objective, what will these Scoutmasters have ahead for their boys, to hold their interest?" he asks. "And will test-cramming during the winter months not place in the background some of the more important things of Scout character-training?"

Give Thought to the Investiture

MANY Troops are very negligent in investing boys as members of the great Brotherhood of Scouts (or rather we should say the Scouters are negligent). This is very often due to the fact that the Scouter himself does not understand the importance of making a profound impression on the boy, and the Investiture is passed over lightly.

The Investiture should be prepared for beforehand, and an excellent outline of a proposed ceremony is contained in "The Scoutmaster's First Year", which should be in the hands of every Scoutmaster. GIVE A LITTLE THOUGHT TO THE INVESTITURE.

THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCOUTER.

An Ordnance Map Hike

INQUIRY extracted this hike story from the Scoutmaster of one of our enterprising Quebec troops, the 2nd Montreal (Storer, St. Lambert) Troop.

"Last week six of us went on a week-end hike. We wanted new territory, so picked it out on an Ordnance Map. Most of the country hereabouts is flat, and in the direction chosen there was only one rise, about 15 miles from town.

"We started out, carrying all equipment, and took the back roads and short cuts shown on the map. As luck would have it, we found a delightful camping spot within a mile of the point we had selected, with drinking water nearby.

"On Saturday evening meat for Sunday was required, so, again using the map, two of the boys went across country about two and a half miles to a village.

"We covered over 30 miles straight hiking, and returned home Sunday about 8 P.M.

"We had never before taken a hike along these lines, and it was a great success.

The boys liked the idea of using the Ordnance Map.

"Those who went were selected by the seniors and myself, and were warned that they would have to 'carry their own weight.' Food requirements were carefully worked out, and with the kit equally divided.

"I think the hike was of real value, as well as interesting. It meant going into strange country—a sparsely settled part of Quebec where only French is spoken.

"I do not know whether hiking along these lines is being done by other troops. I can recommend it. It gets away from the idea of hiking repeatedly over one route to one particular spot. The idea has caught on with my crowd, and some are going out on their own, with members of the other St. Lambert troop."



A THREE RIVERS Scout Relief Basket in a chain store. Last December, Montreal Rovers placed such baskets in no less than 287 Dominion, Thrift, Stop & Shop and A. & P. Stores, and supplied 380 Christmas hampers for that many families.

A French-Canadian Troop Magazine

A NEW comer to the Editor's desk is a most interesting and attractively made-up 8-page troop magazine in French, "Le Scout Canadien-Français d'Ottawa," published by the 7th Ottawa French Canadian Scout Group. The Editor Charles H. Belanger, 84 Blackburn Ave., Ottawa, will be glad to exchange with other Canadian Scout Group magazines.

We Suggest

More boy leadership in your troop or pack.
More "behind the scenes" supervision by the Scouter.

More outdoor Scouting.

More practical Scouting. Do it, don't talk about it.

More co-operation between troops and packs, and between Scouters.

More work, more Scouting, less talk.

—THE E. T. SCOUTER

Stork Ten-Pins

ONE Patrol, or Six, the "storks," another the "hunters." Storks stand in a row, on one foot; hunters in turn roll a rubber ball, endeavouring to hit a stork on foot or ankle. The stork dodges by hopping. A "hit" is scored when a stork is hit, also if the stork touches the ground with both feet. A point for each hit. Sides changed after each inning.

An Australian Rover Quest

JUST as we go to press (we're quoting **The Victorian Scout**) "about fifty boys from the Port Melbourne Scout Settlement are waiting on the tiptoe of expectation for the really great yearly adventure of their lives. They are going to Gembrook for a week's glorious holiday. The boys are being transported in the cars of their kindly friends the members of the Melbourne Rotary Club.

"The Port Melbourne Settlement is fulfilling in a remarkable way its mission of helping the under-privileged boy, and also incidentally the under-privileged boy's family."

Rover Ingenuity in Eskimo Land

A UNIQUE example of Scout ingenuity in art was brought out from the Clyde River trading post on Baffin Island by the Hudson's Bay Company steamer this fall. This was a painting for which everything had been contrived, from paint to frame. For paint, mixtures of house paint were used, for a canvas the side of a cardboard carton, for a frame, packing box strips, and for a brush the artist's own hair. The young painter was Rover Scout Stanley Knapp, a post assistant, formerly of the 10th (St. Thomas) Exeter Troop, Devonshire. The picture, which was of the post buildings in winter, had been presented to Major D. L. McKeand of the Northwest Territories Branch of the Dominion Government.

SOME CUB GAMES

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between the two lines. Akela calls out—say "fours." The two with this number run, pick up one bean bag each, and put it in their circle, run back and pick up another and do the same with it. The first to have three bean bags in his circle and to be standing at the alert in his place, wins a point for his side. The game continues thus, Akela calling out a number he chooses.

Sea Alphabet

All sit in a circle. Akela decides on a letter, and asks the first player to name a ship beginning with the letter. If the reply is satisfactory, Akela then asks the second player for the name of the captain—also beginning with the same letter. Other questions follow in order. Anyone who fails to make a proper reply takes his place in the last seat in the circle. Some questions: Name of ship; Name of captain; Nationality of ship; Port where from; Destination; Cargo; Name of doctor; Doctor is specialist in; Name of cook; What he cooks best; etc.

—THE SCOUTER.