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**N**EXT month some of us from the United Kingdom will be starting for Australia to attend the Jamboree of the Southern Hemisphere near Melbourne. I only wish that a larger number could go, but though many would not grudge the expense, the great difficulty for most is to find the time for the long journey there and back. I wish that every airplane that takes part in the race to Australia would take a Scout as ballast!

It is such an opportunity for seeing that great part of the British Commonwealth and for linking up personal friendships with our overseas brothers. In this case these may include Scouts not only from all the States of Australia, but also from New Zealand, Fiji, South America, Canada, and the United States, Japan, Malaya, Java, etc. It is an exceptional opportunity for seeing a considerable part of the globe while we are still living upon it!

As for the Chief Guide and myself, we are making this visit part of our tour of inspection of other dominions and countries. We have planned—after fleeting glimpses at Gibraltar, Toulon, Port Said, Aden and Ceylon—to see the Scouts and Guides in Malaya, Singapore, Java and Northern Australia. After the Jamboree at Melbourne we go on to New Zealand, and thence via Tahiti and Rarotonga, to San Francisco, and thence via Vancouver to Canada and Newfoundland (and a spot of salmon fishing there), and a Rally of



ON ONE OF HIS EXCELLENCY'S WESTERN TRIPS

*THE Governor-General presents the Bronze Cross to Scoutmaster C. H. Clark, 1st Rockyford Troop, Alta., "for unflinching courage" displayed when endeavouring to save another man from electrocution.—He inspects the 10th Calgary Troop, including its Sea Scout Patrol.*

our Brother Scouts of America at New York, before we get home in time for the Rover Moot in Sweden—that is, provided that I am alive after it all!

## The Australian Rover Hike

**T**ALKING of Rovers, and of Australia's Jamboree, reminds me that for any Rovers who contemplate going to that meeting, a novel scheme of hikes is being arranged which sounds most attractive. Thanks largely to what Lord Somers did, when Governor and Chief Scout of Victoria, in personally leading them, hikes have developed very strongly among Australian Rover Scouts. For the coming occasion hikes for patrols of nine Rovers each have been arranged to start from over fifty different points, moving for three or four days through wild country largely consisting of mountain and forest, and concentrating at Gilwell (Victoria) for the Rover Moot there. Much of this country

has so far not been mapped, so that the Rovers will be surveying roughly some 2,000 square miles. The Forest Department naturally welcomes the scheme.

Over 170 Australian Rovers are being trained as leaders for the different patrols by W. F. Waters, the Victorian Commissioner for Rover Scouts, and his Assistant Commissioner, H. E. Williams, and the Rovers themselves are showing splendid keenness for the job. It is bound to be a very interesting experience of real exploration and adventure for those taking part in it, and at the same time will be a useful form of public service.

## Sea Scouts at Portsmouth

**I** HAVE just returned from a visit to the Sea Scouts on board the Foudroyant and Implacable at Portsmouth. As I sat on the deck (I have to sit a good deal just now as my knees are still a bit groggy), and watched those hearty lads enjoying their shipboard life in the breezy sunshine, I could only wish that every Scouter—aye, and every Briton who has the welfare of the race at heart—could be there to see the self-training of these future men of our country in health of body, mind and spirit. During the war I wrote a little book on "Quick Training for War." I could easily write one now on "Quick Training for Peace," but it would be even a smaller book for it would merely say "Try Sea Scouting."

Here, on board the old-time frigate, you see the boys cheerily imbibing ship-discipline and the tradition of the sea under the sympathetic guidance of Colonel Wyllie, the Commander, and his very able staff of instructors. I call it "guidance" rather than "orders", since the staff are not only good seamen, but are also boy-men who understand the boys' enthusiasms, and direct them into the right channels by means that really appeal. Thus the lads, while revelling in their swimming and boat-sailing and other activities, are unconsciously picking up all the health and handiness that pertain to seamanship. Then parties are taken ashore daily on excursions to visit the Dockyard, the Victory, and the modern battleships and other Royal Naval craft, thereby opening up their minds to the magnitude of Britain's sea-power. A pleasing feature of this part of their training is the fact that the boys are received and shown over the ships by their elder brothers, the Deep Sea Scouts.

To me, personally, there was an additional interest in this visit since it was on these very waters, in the upper reaches of Portsmouth Harbour, that I had as a youngster gained my first experience of life on the water. The lessons which I

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## We Congratulate Prince George

CANADIAN Scouts and Scouters will join their brothers throughout the Empire in extending congratulations to Commodore for Sea Scouts, H.R.H. Prince George, K.G., upon the announcement of his betrothal to Princess Marina of Greece.

## Any More for the Australian Jamboree?

BECAUSE of the two months' school-term absence involved, and the considerable cost, it was not expected that Canada would have more than a nominal representation at the Australian Jamboree, December 27-January 7 next. To date one registration has been received,—that of Scout John G. Langley, Peterboro, Ont., who also attended the Hungarian Jamboree in 1932.

It is hoped that two more qualified registrations may yet be received, to make up a Canadian colour party.

The total return cost from Vancouver will be approximately \$600, and the sailing date about December 5th. For full details see *The Scout Leader* for March-April.

## Christmas Toys from Cigarettes?

A CONSIDERABLE number of reports on last Christmas' toy shops and toy distribution mention toys received through a competition conducted by a cigarette manufacturing concern. In some instances these toys were won and handed over to the Scout toy shop by other organizations; in a number of cases, however, it appears that the competition was entered into directly by Scout troops.

It cannot but be regarded as undesirable that Scouts should be associated with such a type of contest,—aimed solely, of course, to increase the use and sale of cigarettes. Obviously—whether or not the manufacturers had this in mind—there is the possibility of numbers of boys being tempted into cigarette smoking as a direct or indirect result. "Cigarettes can't be so bad when you can get toys for them to give to poor people at Christmas," etc. Also it would be an inevitable temptation for certain boys, perhaps even a patrol, near the end of a "contest", to buy cigarettes in order to boost their "votes."

Let no Scoutmaster or Cubmaster fall into this trap thoughtlessly. We need toys for Christmas giving, but not at such a price,—not at the risk of making one Canadian Cub or Scout a cigarette addict.

## Thanks for the Snapshots

THE Editor desires to thank camping and hiking Scouters who were good enough to send in snapshots with their Camp Questionnaires, or separately. The pictures were unusually scouty this year,—incidentally supplying further evidence of our advance in summer Scouting.

In the early days of *The Scout Leader* it was almost impossible to secure photographs other than shoulder-to-shoulder line-ups of troops, and panoramic views of military-type camps and their shoulder-to-shoulder tents. Today we are receiving so many well taken real Scouting-activity pictures, and snaps of up-to-date camps and good camping features that the Editor's only plaint is that he cannot turn *The Leader* into a Scouting pictorial review, and use them all. However, we will use many, if not soon, later in the *Leader*, the printed Annual Report or other publications.

Again, many thanks!



WILD flowers, grasses, ferns, earth, insects, rock, fungi, leaves, plaster casts of tracks, natural history curiosities,—collected by the "Chipmunks," of one of our consistent "out" scouting troops, the 6th Sherbrooke.

## An Impostor Warning

A WARNING has been received against a young German, Karl Kreugar—about 20 years, 5 feet 11½ inches, slim build, dark complexion, round face, wide mouth, thick-set nose, black hair, brushed straight back,—variously claiming to be a German Scout touring Canada, or representing himself as "Ken Holt, a member of the 115th Toronto Troop." He has been travelling from place to place in the west, giving highly coloured world-adventure interviews to newspapers, and using his alleged Scout connection to secure entertainment. In Winnipeg he falsely claimed to have been a member of the 1929 Canadian World Jamboree, and at Swift Current, Sask., described himself as "one of seven decorated with the Black Panther badge by Baden-Powell at Wembley." As last described he wore blue slacks and a green Canadian Scout shirt, with a First Class Badge, service stars, six or seven proficiency badges and a Gilwell scarf "earned at a Gilwell course in Muskoka." He claimed to be a nephew of the Chief Executive Commissioner, Mr. John A. Stiles.

## Negro Spirituals Are Hymns

IT probably is unnecessary to remind most Canadian Scout song leaders that the widely popular negro spirituals of today are not in any sense humorous songs, but are hymns; and that they should be sung only as such. Occasionally one hears spirituals sung with exaggerated swaying and shouts of "Praise de Lawd," "Halleluiah," and similar expressions of make-believe religious enthusiasm. It is hoped that Canadian Scout choruses will never drop into this irreverence.

## Parents at Troop Meetings

WITH the object of arousing a greater interest of parents in what the Scout Movement is, and what it does for boys, the 4th Winnipeg Troop has evolved a scheme for bringing parents down to occasional troop meetings "by patrols." The Beavers bring their parents one night, the Owls the next, and so on. And the patrols receive one competition point for each parent present. The plan has had excellent results. The Scoutmaster has become better acquainted with the parents and there is better co-operation between parents and boys in Scouting matters.

## The Correct Flag in Scout Camps

IN reply to a question raised at a meeting of the Ontario Executive Committee regarding the propriety of flying the "Canadian Flag" in Boy Scout camps, the following authoritative information was received from the Department of the Secretary of State of Canada, and is passed on for the guidance of Scouters and others interested throughout the Dominion:

"1. The official flag to be flown on land in Canada is the Union Jack.

"2. The Canadian Red Ensign is used on Canadian registered vessels.

"3. The Canadian Blue Ensign is used on Canadian registered vessels."

SCOUTERS and Scouts throughout Ontario, and those of other provinces who knew him, will sincerely regret the resignation of Mr. H. A. Laurence as Chief Commissioner for Ontario. For some years, notwithstanding indifferent health, Mr. Laurence continued to give all that he could to the Movement; lack of strength finally necessitated his retirement.

During Mr. Laurence's leadership Scouting in Ontario steadily increased its numbers, to its present total of over 23,000. It is not first in connection with numbers, however, that Mr. Laurence will be remembered, and his leadership perpetuated, but in the finer and deeper significance of Scouting which he interpreted in precept and example—an inspiring example of single-minded sincerity and quiet modesty.

It is a matter for deep gratification that a leader of similar spiritual vision and understanding has been found in Mr. W. J. Cairns, in business, Division Manager of the Bell Telephone Company; in voluntary service, a Past President of two Rotary Clubs—Ottawa and Toronto, a former District Governor of Rotary; a former member of the Executive Committee of the Ottawa Local Scout Association, then of the Toronto Local and Provincial Executive Committees; and the leader of a large Young Men's Class at Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church, Toronto.



## Names Instead of Numbers?

**ANNOUNCEMENT** in an eastern district Scout publication of a "complete reorganization" and the dropping of Group numbers in favour of names of outstanding men, provides the text for the following.

**A**FTER an experience of some years with names for Rover Crews, England has discontinued the practice. The reasons, generally speaking: On the part of Crews, apparent lack of appreciation of the obligations involved in the use of a name, particularly after having secured a family's permission, in the case of an outstanding figure of the present day.

In illustration,—a Crew addresses the widow of a distinguished public figure, expressing admiration for his achievements and character, and requesting permission to adopt his name. The widow is moved by the tribute from a group of young men, readily and appreciatively agrees, and perhaps presents the Crew with a handsome framed picture of her late husband. There is a more or less elaborate "name" ceremony, inspirational addresses, etc., and a report of the same is sent the widow. Then—complete silence. Is the Crew carrying on? Is it finding inspiration in the privileged name? Is the picture still on the wall? The final assumption of the widow, and the family, is that the honour of using the name after all meant very little to the Crew, and Scouting is let down. (This precise experience has occurred in Canada.)

And this silence may not necessarily be due to casualness; possibly the R.L. and several members of the Crew have moved away, and the Crew has discontinued. In other words, seeming carelessness and lack of the good faith inferentially involved was a possibility from the first.

Again,—traditions associated with a name were not carried out to the satisfaction of members of the family.

Sometimes names were taken without consultation, causing criticism by families or descendants.

### Applied to Scout Groups

If the above disappointments could develop in the case of Rover Crews, it would seem obvious that the adoption of names by Groups or Scout troops on a large scale could only magnify the undesirable results.

In the case of large districts there would be added the difficulty of finding sufficient suitable names, and securing permission, where necessary.

In many instances names would not lend themselves to a brief and appropriate shortened form for everyday use. Especially would this be the case where it was desired to associate a Group by name with a certain church. At present we have as a brief and unobjectionable form, "the 26th, St. Matthew's."

Troop numbers have been used since the first days of the Movement, and are a standard practice throughout the Scouting world. Like the Scout hat, the troop number is one of the features helping to make the world Scout brotherhood visible and tangible. It is always a matter of interest to one Scout to learn that a foreign Scout belongs to the "17th Copenhagen," or the "8th Warsaw," or the "3rd Shanghai." They are at once related, in common terminology. Obviously there would not be the same feeling if the Shanghai Scout said he belonged to the "Li Hung Changs."

Another and more serious factor, from the international viewpoint, is that the use of names in different countries would bring in those of national heroes, frequently military; and with this, some degree of nationalistic feeling,—perhaps some reminder of historic clashes, not helpful in maintaining complete friendliness between Scouts of certain nations.

A local consideration,—discontinuance of numbers would lose their value in from time to time drawing public attention to the extent of the Movement in a district. If a boy's shoulder badge shows that he belongs to the 45th Troop, there is the assumption that there are 44 others, etc. (With few exceptions districts fill in discontinued numbers as soon as possible.) Names would carry no such suggestion; in fact their use would tend to conceal from the public the actual extent of the Movement.

There would seem, therefore, to be no sound—or safe,—reason for considering a change from the present well established Group number system.

### "Tough Scouting"

**A**SUGGESTION with a tang to it thrown out by the new Imperial Headquarters Commissioner for Scouts, Mr. L. Impey, when addressing the Oxford University Scout Club, will undoubtedly get a response of thinking on the part of Canadian Scouters in various centres. This was "tough Scouting for the tough young fellow."

"Anybody can get results by getting boys who have angels' wings almost sprouting from their shoulder-blades," said the Commissioner. "They will probably be good citizens, anyway. What we want to get hold of is the tough young fellow, and give him tough Scouting."

### Must Be Held Beyond 14

"A great many Scoutmasters think they have done their job if they hold the boy until he goes to work. I don't think you can expect a boy who has been a Scout until he is perhaps 14, and possibly a good one, to remain a good Scout when he goes perhaps to a factory, and a very different influence comes to bear upon him."

"You have to hold him until he is old enough to become a Rover Scout. The whole crux of the matter is the sort of Scouting you give him. At the age of 15 Scouting is to him a kid's game. He wants

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**THE "crowd"** at Ontario's summer Rover Moot, at Ebor Park. It was a fellowship gathering rather than a technical conference, with incidental chats on hiking and rambling, a series of "Recreational Hobby" demonstrations—hike cooking, bird-, rock- and other natural-history Rambler observations; photography, sketching, map-making. A talk on "The Book of the Rocks" by Dr. McNair of McMaster University, and "Books and How to Read Them" by Mr. C. R. Sanderson, "made you want to go out and read both kinds." The always popular Hoyes Lloyd, of the Dominion Parks Branch, showed several groups how to find birds where there weren't any, and reminded of their economic value. The camp fires were worth hiking a "Rambler's hundred" for—real Rover singing, husky skits, and what-not. The Gilbert-and-Sullivan burlesque of the staff planning the moot put on by the Hamilton gang was a top-notch crime. The Executive Chief Commissioner contributed his always-worthwhile talk. Welcome visitors from "across the line" included Thomas J. Keane, National Director of Sea Scouting of the Boy Scouts of America.



## The Building of Troop Spirit

**A**N always present factor in the history of the Scout troop that carries on outstandingly year after year, and boy-generation after generation, is troop spirit, and tradition. And like other valuable characteristics, troop spirit does not "just happen." It is built up by thoughtful and understanding leaders who take their citizen-shaping job seriously. At the Ontario Sea Scout Conference in Oshawa earlier in the year Assistant Provincial Commissioner F. C. Irwin presented a comprehensive paper on the subject, of which the following is a digest.

**R**EGULAR attendance, Scouting progress, team work, adventure and the performance of acts of service for others are the chief of the devices by which troop spirit is produced.

**Attendance.**—Without good attendance troop spirit is bound to be low. Scoutmasters not securing good attendance should first look to their programmes, to see whether their meetings are really "worth attending." For no boy can be expected to pass up other attractions for meetings that have little that is worth while for him.

Co-operation of parents is important in securing regular attendance; and the whole patrol organization should be used to follow up absentees.

**Progress.**—Spirit is low where there is little or no progress. No boy desires to remain long a Tenderfoot, nor Second Class, whereas steady advancement brings pride of achievement. Over-rapid advancement, on the other hand, is to be discouraged.

**Team Work.**—The full use of the Patrol System is important in securing good team work,—and team work between as well as within patrols.

**Adventure.**—Scouts join troops because they expect to have their desire for adventure satisfied. If they get little more than knot-tying competitions or first-aid "lectures," their interest soon palls. Adventure should be provided through well-planned hikes, occasional over-night or week-end camps, night games, "wide games," and other devices which are the "meat" of real Scouting.

**Community Service.**—The final justification of a troop's existence must always be its usefulness; and Troop Good Turns should be a standing feature of troop programmes, just as the Daily Good Turn is important in the life of the individual Scout.

**Other Factors.**—Other suggested devices for building troop spirit are the wearing of the new easily-seen "Official" name-and-number shoulder badge; use of a Troop Motto, or Troop Yell; organization of a Troop Orchestra,—but not a band; a well-kept Troop Log Book in which is recorded camping, hiking and other important events, with numerous snapshots; a Troop Headquarters in which

the boys can take a pride, and to which they can from time to time add decorations; insistence upon uniform and badges being correctly worn; and the development of definite troop traditions.

### Hiking for Character

**H**IKING on "rough lines," to "check the decay and decline caused by modern city life," was strongly advocated by Dr. F. G. Morton, Headmaster of Leeds Modern School, addressing Scouters at Stoke-on-Trent.

Dr. Morton did not agree with the principle of "Safety First," and argued that more discipline was necessary today to combat the self-pity among boys, who had an insufficient sense of gratitude, and took everything for granted.

#### Hiking is Moral Training

The trouble with schools today was that the cultural and athletic sides of education were kept apart. He suggested that hiking and trekking—with the combination of travel, adventure and hardship—was moral, mental and physical training. Nature had an unconscious and subtle effect upon a boy, in addition to the physical exertion required to hike or trek.



*LIMITED material, but the same scouty ingenuity contrived the first camp kitchen of the 1st Lancelot Troop, Sask. The rest of the boys were whitewashing their H.Q. in the basement of the Lancer school.*

#### Hiking and Hero Worship

He thoroughly believed in hero-worship, and declared that insufficient use was made today of the adolescent faculty for hero-worship. They should have an heroic background for their hikes and treks, and he suggested, as an example, Hilaire Belloc's "Path to Rome." Hikes and treks should combine a study of romantic history and geography with a spirit of modern adventure.

#### Include Pioneer Adventure

The pioneer type was the antithesis of warm living, for the pioneer type of man did not know when he was beaten, took risks and hazards, and was never sure where he would end up. Hiking and trekking should be sufficiently under-organized to allow of an element of adventure.

#### Harder Camps—More Character

In conclusion, Dr. Morton said his experience proved that the harder camps and treks brought out more loyalty and devotion and humour in boys and men than any of the easy and milder camps.

"SCOUTING teaches boys to be self-reliant, loyal and unselfish, and is rightly described as the best school for character."—Brig.-Gen. Walthall, C.M.G., D.S.O.

## Some Figures on Cub Population

**S**O much interest was taken in the comparison of all-boy and Scout population figures of cities over 10,000 population published in *The Scout Leader* for March-April, that a similar table was worked out for Cubs only. As in the case of all-Scouts, the Cub-age boy-population figures are those of 1931, the latest available; and the Cub figures those at the end of 1933. Cub figures were not available for Glace Bay, N.S.; Valleyfield, Joliette, Levis, St. Hyacinthe, and Sorel, Que., and Guelph, Peterboro and Kingston, Ont.

It will be noted that Saint John, N.B., again heads the list, with St. Catharines again a crowding second, followed by Niagara Falls, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat and Victoria in relatively similar positions.

	Boy Pop.	Cub Pop.	Cub %
Saint John, N.B....	1,804	530	29.39
St. Catharines, Ont..	913	268	29.35
Niagara Falls, Ont..	601	174	28.95
Moose Jaw, Sask....	881	235	26.67
Medicine Hat, Alta..	435	104	23.9
Victoria, B.C.....	1,119	257	22.96
Winnipeg, Man.....	7,733	1,727	22.33
Welland, Ont.....	426	85	19.95
Edmonton, Alta....	3,062	554	18.09
North Bay, Ont.....	706	125	17.7
Toronto, Ont.....	20,357	3,552	17.44
London, Ont.....	2,425	426	17.25
Oshawa, Ont.....	881	147	16.68
Ottawa, Ont.....	4,690	776	16.54
Calgary, Alta.....	3,349	549	16.39
Brandon, Man.....	673	110	16.34
Border Cities, Ont..	4,088	665	16.26
New Westminster, B.C.....	616	97	15.74
St. Boniface, Man...	714	110	15.42
Saskatoon, Sask....	1,656	248	14.97
Moncton, N.B.....	874	126	14.41
Halifax, N.S.....	2,331	325	13.94
Hamilton, Ont.....	5,724	777	13.57
Sudbury, Ont.....	768	101	13.15
Charlottetown, P.E.I.....	534	70	13.1
Owen Sound, Ont...	477	62	12.99
Regina, Sask.....	2,017	253	12.54
Vancouver, B.C....	9,765	1,149	11.76
St. Thomas, Ont....	532	63	11.62
Chatham, Ont.....	527	58	11.00
Galt, Ont.....	443	48	10.83
St. Johns, Que.....	498	48	9.63
Lethbridge, Alta....	544	50	9.19
Woodstock, Ont....	345	30	8.75
Granby, Que.....	425	32	7.5
Sarnia, Ont.....	679	46	6.77
Stratford, Ont.....	691	43	6.22
Brantford, Ont.....	1,065	64	6.00
Pt. Arthur and Ft. William.....	1,937	96	4.90
Sherbrooke, Que....	1,187	58	4.88
Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont.....	1,470	67	4.55
Montreal, Que.....	39,927	1,696	4.24
Sydney, N.S.....	1,101	38	3.45
Three Rivers, Que..	1,596	38	2.3
Quebec, Que.....	5,516	104	1.88
Thetford Mines, Que.	577	10	1.73
Shawinigan Falls, Que.....	1,293	18	1.54
Belleville, Ont.....	529	8	1.51



## Victoria's Akela Pack

**A**N Akela Cub Pack, of Cubmasters and A.C.M.'s, meeting monthly, has for several years contributed to the success of Cubbing in Victoria, under the leadership of Cub Commissioner E. H. Milnes. Meetings follow the lines of ordinary pack meetings—howl, games, instruction.

For the fall season's initial meeting Commissioner Milnes prepares a programme; at the conclusion he indicates a "Cub" at random, and requests him, or her, to prepare the programme of the next month's meeting.

Occasionally there are a few simple "eats" before going home, but only occasionally. The Victorians do not consider it good practice to make refreshments a feature.

Commissioner Milnes credits the idea to Commissioner F. W. Thompson of Winnipeg, who has headed a similar Akela Pack for a number of years,—with similar benefit to the standard of Cubbing throughout the district.

There is at hand no similar several-years' record of a district Scout Troop, of S.M.'s and A.S.M.'s, meeting monthly. An Ottawa troop carried on for one season, then lost its leader by death. Outstanding leadership is required.

## An Example "Preliminary"

**T**HE full possibilities of the new District Preliminary Training Course were well reflected in the detailed report of a course held at London, Ont., weekly from April 30th and terminating with a week-end camp June 2nd and 3rd. The troop numbered 20, and represented ten London and two new outside Groups. The course was conducted by six Gilwellian Scouters—J. C. Steen, Reg. Rodda, George S. Mason, Hart Phipps, R. D. F. Bourne and Don Sutton.

**Good Meeting Places.**—The initial meeting was held in Cronyn Hall (of St. Paul's Cathedral), by kind permission of Very Rev. Dean Tucker, and the three subsequent meetings at the Drama League, "where quite a scouty atmosphere was obtainable." The concluding camp was held at Valley Farm, on the banks of the Thames, by permission of Col. I. Leonard, Chairman of the Board of Governors of Byron Sanatorium (for some years the home of a Cub Pack).

**A Taste of Camp.**—As will be noted by the pictures, the four-patrols achieved a most creditable Gilwell-type camp; and the report notes that "all participants displayed an excellent Scouting spirit." The inability of several of the troop to get out Saturday afternoon was taken care of by some extra sessions on Sunday. Early comers erected the tents, and the opening was "a good camp fire, followed by a game of night stalking." Patrols did their own cooking, which was kept to simple items.

A suggestion offered by the report was that possession and reading of "Scouting for Boys" and "P. O. & R." be compulsory before the course can be taken.

**Cost Details.**—Equipment, \$3.69. Rope, \$1.30. Notebooks, \$2.40. Rations for Camp, \$15.90. Pictures of Camp, \$2.65. Total \$25.94. Fees from members, \$10.22. Net cost, \$15.72. Borne by Local Association. Tents loaned by Local Association.

## B.-P. Visits Sea Scouts at Portsmouth

**S**EA SCOUTS gathered for "Sea Scout Week" on board the historic training ships "Implacable" and "Foudroyant" at Portsmouth were honoured by Lord Baden-Powell's first official appearance following his recent illness. The Chief, accompanied by his daughters, was met at the pontoon by Mr. Robert Hole, Assistant Headquarters Commissioner for Sea Scouts, and the party was rowed to the "Foudroyant" in a gig manned by the 43rd Oxford Sea Scouts.

As they neared their destination they were met by the rest of the ship's boats, also manned by Sea Scouts, and escorted to the ship. Here, the Chief Scout was received by Lieut.-Colonel Harold Wyllie, O.B.E., Superintendent of the "Implacable," and the Rev. Leonard Spiller, Assistant Headquarters Commissioner for Deep Sea Scouts.

### "All Hands to Bathe"

Sea Scout Troops were attending the Week from Portsmouth, Lymington, Fulham, Purfleet, Wroxham, Oxford, Weymouth and Lympstone. Together with the four experienced yachtsmen who act as honorary instructors, the Troops were introduced to the Chief Scout. Mr. M. O'Loughlin, the Chief Instructor of the "Foudroyant," piped "all hands to bathe," whereupon the ship's company took to the water for an obstacle race and life-saving practice.

After tea the Chief Scout yarned to the boys who clustered informally around him. It had given great pleasure to see the ships—"for, of course, I didn't want to see you"—and it was the first time he had put on his uniform to visit the Scouts in this country since his illness.

### Value of Sea Scouting

He emphasized the value of the sea training for Scouts. "I don't know when I began Sea Scouting myself in these waters, but it must have been about a hundred years ago.

"Your training," he continued, "teaches you to be self-reliant, and I was especially glad to see you in the water. While going

out to Gib. recently, one of the ship's firemen fell overboard without being missed until he was returned to the ship by another vessel which had picked him up. That man saved his life by keeping his head and remembering that, although it was hopeless to swim, he could keep himself up by floating in the track of the steamers."

### Tell the Other Fellows

"I'm glad to see so many Sea Scouts on board and I hope that when you chaps get back home and tell the other fellows what a wonderful time you've had, they will have to double the number on board next time."

Before leaving, the Chief Scout made a presentation on behalf of the Sea Scouts, of a book autographed by himself, to Mr. O'Loughlin. The Sea Scouts occupied every vantage point on the ship's side to give three rousing cheers for their Chief, and three more for the ladies, as they left for the shore in the gig manned by the 1st Wroxham Troop.

As the boat passed the "Implacable," members of the Boys' Brigade gave the visitors an additional hearty send-off.

### Foudroyant Officers Become Scouts

The Sea Scout Week was closed with a memorable incident. This was the investiture as Deep Sea Scouts of Lieut.-Col. Harold Wyllie, O.B.E., superintendent of the "Implacable," and Chief Instructor O'Loughlin and his four assistants of the "Foudroyant." The simple but impressive ceremony took place on the upper deck of the "Foudroyant."

Quoting the Imperial H.Q. News: "It was a solemn moment, when the Sea Scouts stood at half-salute on the upper deck of the Foudroyant, while six men, all consummate seamen, took the Scout Promise in the centre of the circle."

Their desire to join the Movement was credited by the six officers to the deep impression made upon them by the conduct of their Sea Scout visitors throughout the week.



*THE high spot of London's "District Preliminary," the week-end camp. As most successful camps do, it wound up with an Investiture, "out under the trees and sky."—The ideal Scout lecture-room.—A second Class fire-making race; the P.L. of the White-throats anxiously wondering what's become of his gang.—Finally, the whole jolly crowd, just before they're sorry it's over.*





LASHING for miniature bridge building at the 1934 Ontario Gilwell.

THE word discipline can be distorted, in a metaphorical sense, by the methods employed in attaining the object of its meaning, so that by our own conception of such we either view it with a grim smile, or with an understanding nod of the head.

We, in Scouting, naturally have different views concerning the response of our boys to leadership, and we realize that the discipline for which we strive is that of a loyal support that is born of our Scouts' confidence in us.

The days of staccato commands and clicking heels have practically been forgotten, and in the present era, signs, good comradeship, and a happy family spirit combine to achieve for us results which are more beneficial and lasting.

#### Again—The Boys' Point of View

We must look at our work of training boys from their point of view if we are to make a success of it, and we therefore begin by becoming familiar with their code of honour, their mutual understanding and their inherent inclination towards adventure that frequently leads them into trouble and subsequent deterrent. Their natural innate curiosity "to see what happens" is very often the cause of escapades and pranks at which we elders solemnly clench our teeth disparagingly, and deal with the young offenders as we, in our turn, were dealt with a few years ago.

We, if we are wise, quite definitely aim now at self-discipline—the ready obedience that comes from within—and we can only get our objective by consistency of method and fairness in corrective treatment.

#### Discipline and the P.L.'s Age

It should not be necessary for us to supersede our Patrol Leaders in their dispensation of Troop discipline for, if we do, we shall deprive ourselves of a great deal of their value in our training scheme. Actually, the more we leave in their hands, the more useful they will become, and here lies the value of a Patrol Leader only slightly older (if he must be older) than the fellows in his Patrol. A big chap is sometimes appointed because we fondly believe that by virtue of his size and strength all will be well. But let us look at our age groups; between each group there is an indefinable, impenetrable barrier. The small fry respect their immediate elders, but in their games and play they keep together,—an older chap has ceased to be one of them. Similarly they act in the other age groups, which for purposes of enlightenment can be classed as 8 to 11, 12 to 13 or 14, and 14 to 16. Which indicates the need of a fourth section to our

## Patrol Leaders and Discipline



Groups, an intermediate section between Cubs and Scouts; but that does not concern us here.

We seldom see a fellow let down by his mates in his own age group, and certainly never to the extent their superiors are let down if given the chance!

Therefore, in our disciplinary training our foundation must be our Patrol Leaders, who should be about the same age as the chaps they are expected to lead, and who will have the confidence of their chaps—a mutual understanding and sympathy between the Patrol Leader and his Scouts will be much easier to attain.

#### Dealing With Offenders

Proper treatment of offenders is a matter that requires thought, patience and forbearance. We are going to become objects of horror if we discover a broken window in our Troop room and ask a boy, "Who did that?" The boy's abhorrence



THE complete Scout family of the Cathedral, Fredericton, N.B.—Wolf Cubs (the choir), Scouts and Rovers; Brownies, Guides and Rangers; Scouters and Guiders.

of "squealing" is perhaps his most outstanding characteristic. If we cannot get the offender to own up voluntarily, we cannot let the matter slide, but we must deprive the whole lot of some privilege or other. They'll soon deal with the offender. This will smooth the way to that which we do admire in a boy, a readiness in "owning up."

A fond parent asks us to remonstrate with a lad who has been hitting her particular offspring, or calling him names. We promise to look into the matter, and the good lady goes. Our treatment of this case differs with circumstance. If we suspect wilful bullying we must keep a clear look-out and catch him red-handed, for it is obvious that were we to say anything to him, his victim would immediately be suspected of tale bearing and be dealt with accordingly. Possibly the persecuted one has given just cause for his treatment. Anyway, we watch things carefully and handle the matter tactfully, or perhaps let the whole thing blow over without doing anything.

#### Threats and Fairness

We must not threaten foolishly. One does hear a Scouter, after a very trying evening, say to his boys "Now then, if there's any more of this, no camp for you." He will look silly if he has to carry out his threat, and this often happens. If he doesn't fulfil his threat he will look sillier still!

Consistency in our treatment absolute fairness in all cases is necessary, and when our boys know that we mean what we say—do what we say—and practise what we preach, they'll soon realize, if we laugh with them, live their hobbies and activities, that we are not a high and mighty personage, but a Scout who has been given the job of steering them over the ruts in the road that he has already passed.

We'll get discipline, yes, more than that.

—BY GRAHAM TAYLOR,  
in *The Victorian Scout*.

#### From the Chief Scout

(Continued from first page)

learned there on our ten-ton cutter have been of far greater service to me through my subsequent life than any lessons that I learned in the classroom at school. It was the realization of this fact that induced me ultimately to add the Sea Scout

branch to our general movement, and it has been a real joy to me to see the training at work and producing such results as were evident on board the Foudroyant.

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#### A Scout Rescue in the River Nile

THAT the Boy Scout training is as effective in the ancient land of Egypt as in Canada, is illustrated in the award by Lord Baden-Powell of the rare Bronze Cross to Patrol Leader Isa Ali, of the 1st Khartoum Troop, for a rescue from drowning in the River Nile, "at grave risk." The Nile was in flood, the current travelling nearly 20 miles an hour, when an older boy swimmer took cramps and sank. Isa dived several times into the muddy current, before locating the body. He finally got it ashore, and after long-continued artificial respiration brought about recovery.



## A Scout Week

A "SCOUT WEEK" successfully carried out by the Hounslow and Heston Scout Association, England, may interest Canadian district associations who are "planning ahead." The stated objects of the "Week" were to raise funds for a district camp site, mobilize public opinion in support of the Movement and show the inhabitants what Scouting meant. The programme follows in brief:—

**Sunday:** Scouts' Own Service, conducted by Mr. Hubert Martin, County Commissioner for Middlesex and International Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association. Tea Conference of Scouters of the district in the afternoon.

**Monday:** Film Show open to the public, depicting various phases of Scouting.

**Tuesday:** Every Scout headquarters in the district open to the public, showing Scouts at their ordinary Scouting activities.

**Wednesday:** Wolf Cub display in Lampton Park in the evening.

**Thursday:** The public invited to "take bread and cheese and cocoa" at the Camp Fire in Heston Park, the Scouts providing a lively entertainment.

**Friday:** A Flannel and Uniform Dance in Holy Trinity Hall, Hounslow.

**Saturday:** A great Rally in Lampton Park, at which the Hounslow and Heston Scouts were joined by Scouts from neighbouring districts. The Earl of Jersey took the Salute and opened the Rally. A model camp was set up in the park.

Throughout the week the headquarters of the 2nd Hounslow Group were converted into a Scout Museum, open to the public.

## Modesty

LOU KASTA, writing in *The Rotarian*, has several arresting things to say regarding the presentation of the Scout decoration the Silver Buffalo by the Boy Scouts of America to Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, at the recent world convention of Rotarians at Detroit.

"The ceremony" (he writes) "took place in the centre of the huge stage, flanked on either side by six Boy Scouts and six Naval lads, bearing flags. It was a sight long to be remembered. After a prolonged speech the President of the Boy Scouts placed this Silver Buffalo, suspended on a wide ribbon, about Paul Harris' shoulders. The recipient's words, to my mind, were most significant, for although the presentation was made to Paul Harris individually, this gentleman, in accepting, said only 'On behalf of the Rotary Clubs of the World I have great pleasure in accepting this Silver Buffalo.'

"This dramatic incident served as a fitting climax to what I had noted just previously. Past-President Nelson sat in the centre of the stage and beside him was a vacant chair, but humble Paul Harris had no wish 'to be exalted.' He who founded Rotary, preferred to sit in an obscure corner of the stage. What an object lesson in simplicity to the assembled delegates!

"What Paul Harris said and did brought forcibly to my mind the words of Professor Phelps during an earlier address when he said, 'Not every person can become a personage, but every person can become a personality.' One might well ponder these words."

## A Cub Display Where Cubbing Came From

A CUB display by some 80 Indian boys representing Cub Packs in 115 villages and held in a mango grove near Madras, India, was an interesting event, as described in *The Scouter*. The boys represented 1,600 Cubs in 115 village packs, all organized in that district during the last three years through the devotion and energy of one leader.

A programme of 22 items was opened with the Grand Howl, done with "a swing and precision that would be hard for one single pack to beat," and was run off with such smoothness that it was completed in 45 minutes.

The items were largely those put on at displays throughout the B.-P. Cubbing world. "What these Cubs did might have been commonplace enough, but the manner of it differed. The Kaa dance is a frequent performance—but those who have seen it happen to know that after a snake has coiled itself, it raises its head and takes a last look round before it finally goes to sleep. These Cubs knew that, and portrayed it... Of all the items, only one—pyramid building—was out of place; and how were the Cubs or their leaders to know that?"

The article emphasizes the enthusiasm put into the display by these Indian Cubs, as an answer to the question occasionally asked, whether the Jungle atmosphere is really wise,—“These Cubs in that Indian village gave answer to that question out of the fullness of their hearts.”

## Sailors Give Malta Scouts a Boost

AS the result of a suggestion of the Prince of Wales, Admiral Sir William Fisher of the Mediterranean Fleet station at Malta, invited ships of the squadron to become "patron ships" to Malta Scout Groups. The sailors give the Scouts an occasional hour in a boat, a day at sea, occasional lectures, instruction in knotting, splicing, signalling, astronomy, etc., games of football or field hockey, and occasional fund-raising entertainments.

## Check Up on Original Plays

ILLUSTRATING the wisdom of checking up on original Cub-devised plays, an Ontario Akela tells this on himself: "For a Parents' Night programme the Cubs were allowed to arrange playlets demonstrating features of the training and to one Six was assigned the Daily Good Turn. Came the evening; and in due course the 'Good Turn' play. An 'old woman' bowed beneath a heavy load of wood shuffled into view. In the centre of the stage she stumbled, and the wood fell to the ground. Out rushed a smart group of Cubs eager for service. Quickly they gathered up the wood, carefully replaced it on the old woman's back, stepped aside and announced in chorus, 'Cubs never accept a reward' and the old woman staggered on her way. And they wondered why the audience roared with laughter. Akela's feelings were somewhat mixed."

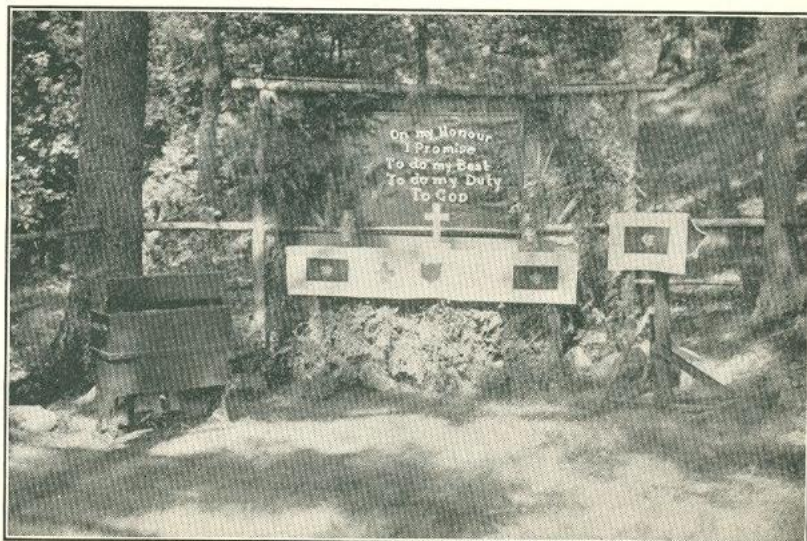
## The World Needs the Scout Spirit

"WHEN grown-ups are behaving badly in Central Europe, the Far East, South America and elsewhere," said Sir Ernest Bennett, M.P., at the Cardiff, Wales, Boy Scouts' Fete, "it is a great thing to have established in every country an organized force of young people undivided by the prejudices of race, creed, or class, and inspired by ideals of goodwill and personal honour.

"I have seen them in the Far North, and down in the South Pacific, and it is time the world began to pay a little more attention to the principles of the Boy Scout Movement.

"I have been invited by the Government to serve as one of the British delegates in September to the Assembly of the League of Nations, and I know I shall feel at Geneva exactly what I feel now.

"If only the middle-aged and elderly men who are managing or mismanaging the affairs of the world to-day were sincerely inspired by the spirit of the Scout Movement, how much better the world would be, how much happier and more prosperous the lot of mankind."



A SPOT which recalls some of the best and deepest things of Scouting fellowship to many Ontario leaders,—the Chapel in the Woods at Ebor Park.



The  
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Scouting  
for  
Boys

—by the  
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Sherbrooke.

THE English Public School Scouts who visited Canada this summer had the honour of being shown over the historic Citadel at Quebec by His Excellency the Governor General.

#### Blindfold Boxing for the Dads

To aid their digestion, following a banquet prepared by their Scouting sons of the 10th Regina Troop, the fathers were requested to give a demonstration of blindfold boxing, which was much enjoyed by the boys. A little camp fire singing rounded off a good evening.

The 38th Toronto Troop went out and made a special collection of badly needed clothing for the Scott Institute.

#### Match This Enterprise!

A fine example of enterprise comes from a small troop of 13 boys at East Braintree, Man. Organized this summer, the boys, of seven different nationalities, already have achieved full uniform,—by cutting and selling 17½ cords of wood. A camp was held, and a signalling display prepared and later put on at the local fall fair. Finally these up-and-coming citizens organized a dance and raised funds to buy uniforms for seven Cubs. Several of the boys walk six miles each way to attend meetings.

One of the consistently well-prepared Scout News columns reaching the Editor is that of the Saturday edition of the **Niagara Falls Evening Review**. It occasionally runs two columns, and carries items from each of the nine troops and packs.

#### A Trek-cart Hike

A three-day hike with trek cart was reported "real success and we had lots of fun" by Scouts of the 1st Sydney, B.C.—which carries on throughout the summer with various outdoor activities. August Scout News in the Sydney Review also reported seven boys passing the Ambulance Man test, eight qualifying for the Citizen's badge and six finishing their First Class tests. Good leadership.

Scouts and Scouters of the 1st Swan River Troop, Man., spent part of their holiday time this summer in building a 24x28 log headquarters.

#### Something for Other Boys

In July the principal of a Montreal school made a plea for a camp outing for a number of boys of unemployed parents. Scouters of St. Andrew's East (United Church) Troop, Que., took it up, secured the necessary funds from members of the

congregation, and with the help of an interested Group Committee, gave the city boys a free seven-day camp. To wind up a busy season, the Scouters of the troop, under the Chaplain, Rev. Harry K. Kay, organized and held a Scouts' Own on the lawn adjoining the historic Town Hall for all the troops of Argenteuil County.

#### Can't Keep a Good Cub Down

The Cub voted as displaying the best Cub spirit at the Duncan, B.C., camp this summer was Sixer Murray Creighton, who came on crutches, with a broken leg. "Murray's cheerful spirit and irrepressible energy in spite of his handicap was a splendid example."

"The Royal Order of Ham and Eggs," a negro comedy, was the Scout Troop contribution at a Group concert of the 20th Calgary held in the Scout Hall at Ogden, at which each unit of the Group, including Girl Guides, took part.

#### Scout Exhibits at N.B. Fair

Scout exhibit booths were again given sites and earned wide attention at the annual fall fair at Saint John, N.B. A cozy over-night shelter of boughs, warm and weather-proof, and all sorts of camp conveniences and gadgets, made an attractive example of practical Scout woodcraft. A first-aid demonstration by 25 members of the 11th Moncton Troop, given at the invitation of the St. John's Ambulance Association, was a feature of the special Labour Day programme. The demonstration was given on the vaudeville stage in front of the main grandstand.

One of Toronto's interesting troops is the 140th, of the Russian Orthodox Church. Although the boys all are of Russian descent, they speak only English.

#### Pageantry Always Appeals

Scouts of the 2nd North Battleford Troop, Sask., in co-operation with the Guides, took the part of Indians in a pageant representing the landing of Cartier in Canada in 1534, given on two nights at the local fair grounds. The dances included a caribou dance, by four caribou hunters. The pageant was prepared by the local Scouters and Guiders and members of the Little Theatre Club.

An inter-patrol ball game and a three mile paper chase ending with weiners and coffee served by a farmer and his wife was the opening get-together idea of the 2nd Grenfell, Sask., Troop. It was voted a big success.

#### A Scout-Directed Picnic

A community picnic staged by a group of citizens and held under the auspices of the Boy Scouts on a farm near Rockyford, Alta., was a new and successful venture. A programme of miscellaneous water sports included a demonstration of life-saving by Scouts.

The Mothers' Auxiliary of the 116th Toronto Troop made and donated 12 signal flags to the troop.

#### A Big "Parents and Friends"

A record gathering of 250 parents and friends of the 79th Toronto (Centennial United) Troop was entertained by a regular Scout meeting, opening with flag-break. There were demonstrations of model aircraft flying, friction fire, single-sticks and signalling, and the guests then observed work in patrol corners,—basket work, knot boards and first class maps.

Demonstrations in knotting, first-aid, signalling, tumbling and a campfire with skits, yells and songs, made up the first annual concert of the 2nd Pas Troop, Man., and realized over \$50.00, for the summer's camp. The boys, 37, all were in smart new uniforms.

#### They Fixed up a Missionary's Grave

A fine camp good turn noted from the Duncan and Quamichan, B.C., district camp was the clearing of the weeds-and-briars covered grave of the Rev. R. J. Roberts, a New England missionary to the B.C. Indians. A space was cleared around the grave, the plot covered with shells, the headstone washed, and finally to form a border, each Scout brought and placed a stone from the seashore.

Suggesting that Scouting in Strathroy, Ont., has established itself as an organization of substance, comes word of the opening of a headquarters in the old Bank of Montreal building. Naturally there is a strong Local Association.

Offering a good example to others, the Group Committee of the 1st Hudson Group, Ont., met at the end of August and appointed "further badge examiners"—for Swimmer, Stalker, Canoeman, Entertainer and Pathfinder.

#### Here's Troop Spirit

A striking example of spirit was offered by the Scout troop of the Church of all Nations, Montreal, when 42 boys voluntarily hiked six miles to the McGill Stadium, and back, to help pull weeds. It was an "appreciation" for use of the stadium for the district's spring field day. Under Scoutmaster Hughes-Jones this troop of boys of many nationalities is doing exceptional work in a very difficult district.

As the nucleus of a Scout museum, a large and interesting collection of trophies gathered from many parts of the world has been presented to the Jasper, Alta. Scout Troop by Col. S. Maynard Rogers. The collection will be catalogued.

#### Annual P.L. Conferences

The annual Ontario fall series of P.L. training conferences began at Owen Sound in mid-September. Similar gatherings are scheduled for Arnprior, Cornwall, Kingston, Kingsville, Kitchener, Lindsay, Niagara Falls, Palmerston and Wallaceburg.



An exploring party of B.C. Scouts from the camp on Kubur Island, at Robert's Bay, discovered and put out an incipient forest fire apparently started by a careless tourist. The fire had been made against a log.

#### Polish-Canadian Troop Parent's Night

The 53rd Winnipeg Troop entertained their parents in St. John Cantius Parish Hall at a meeting conducted both in Polish and English. The programme consisted of games, first-aid by the Beavers, building a signal tower by the Eagles, and semaphore signalling. Gates were placed in front of the patrol corners, which were visited by the parents. Blacksmith, Metal Worker, Handyman, Carpenter, Cyclist and Firemen Proficiency Badges were presented prior to an enjoyable camp-fire in which all the guests took part.

An early autumn rally of Northern Ontario mining town Scouts brought to Kirkland Lake troops from Cobalt, Haileybury, New Liskeard, Rouyn, Noranda, Iroquois Falls, South Porcupine, Timmins, Cochrane, Brower, Kapuskasing and Smooth Rock Falls.

#### Quarterly District Moots

Rovers of the 1st, 2nd, 6th, 18th and 25th Edmonton Crews hold quarterly moots. At the last the 25th (Christ Church) were hosts for the evening. The guest speaker was Henry Brace, well known expert in ballistics, who discussed the detection of crime.

Oshawa Sea Scouts have completed a boathouse 20 x 14 feet and capable of housing all the troop's boats. The troop was assisted in raising part of the necessary funds by an interested Ladies' Auxiliary.

#### A Scout Adventure Night

Quamichan Scouts during their camp got a real "kick" out of a night raid game, when Rovers "attacked" the camp, endeavouring to secure scarves to the camp flag pole before being discovered. Sentries were posted and relieved every half hour, the remainder of the Scouts being ready for an alarm call in their tents. After several exciting forays, the Rovers were foiled. Hostilities ceased shortly after 1 a.m., when Rovers and Scouts gathered round the camp fire and drowned the hatchet in cocoa. Both sides thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Assuredly a real Scout-adventure night.

While P. O. & R. recognizes Lady Scoutmasters, one seldom hears of them. Proving that they do exist comes word from Rothmere, Sask., that the district school trustees are assisting Miss Gwendolyn White to establish a Scout troop at Rabbit Lake.

#### Famous Padre and His Name Crew

Archdeacon Scott, famous wartime padre of Quebec City, paid a visit to the Canon Scott's Own Rover Crew of Hamilton, Ont., officiated at the opening ceremony and presented the Rover Mates with their rank badges. At the camp fire he delighted his hearers with incidents of his experiences overseas and recited many of his well known poems.

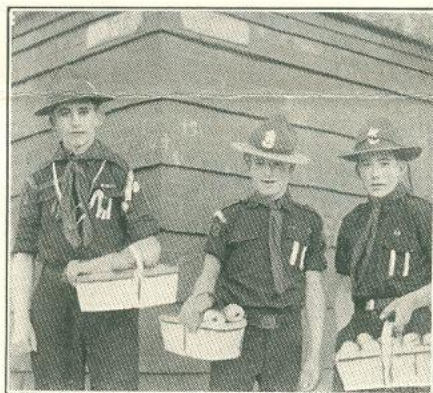
## Alberta's Camp Conference and First Rover Moot

ONE of the events of Scouting in Alberta was the conference of Council members and other leaders held at Camp Wood, August 25th-26th. Some sixty Scouters from various parts of the province reached Sylvan Lake for the Saturday opening luncheon, and took part in the succeeding entertainment and discussions. During the day the fine new permanent camp site presented to the Movement by Hon. Lt.-Col. J. H. Wood, the Provincial Commissioner, was inspected, and formally opened. As a scouty climax to the first day's sessions, a chicken barbecue supper was served by Calgary Rovers.

In the evening a big camp fire was held, with the Dominion Camp Chief, Mr. John A. Stiles, in charge. Memorable addresses by Lt.-Col. Wood, President Dick, Mr. Stiles and other outstanding leaders were interspersed with camp fire songs and fun.

The first Alberta Rover Moot was held in connection with the conference, on Sunday. So successful was the get-together that it was decided to make it an annual event, and a committee was named to arrange for a similar gathering next year.

The hope was expressed that the province would have a Rover representative at the international Moot to be held in Sweden in 1935.



OWEN SOUND Scouts, who have held three successful Apple Days, prefer baskets for convenience and display.

#### More Ideas from Last Apple Day

COASTER wagons for renewing salesmen's supplies.

A decorated bicycle parade, with prizes for the best wheels.

Handbill announcements distributed in residential sections a week previous.

To eliminate repeat calls at houses, a Smiling Scout card for placing in the window.

Apples supplied salesmen in cardboard cartons, in preference to baskets and haversacks previously used. Cartons displayed better and ensured against bruising and unnecessary handling.

One of the drawbacks to cardboard collection boxes is their coming apart if wet, from rain. Saint John found a permanent

solution, after such an experience. Tobacco stores were asked to save round half-pound tobacco tins, and 400 were secured. The wrappers were removed, and a picture of the Smiling Scout substituted. A "working crew" under A.D.C. George Scott soldered on the tops, and with a specially made chisel-like tool cut slots in the top.

After Apple Day the tins were opened in the bottom with a can opener. For the next Apple Day a piece of tin was soldered over this opening, and after the campaign, was removed (and the box opened) with a blow torch.

#### A Rover Camp for Underprivileged

A FINE and particularly appropriate type of Rover Crew Quest, launched last summer and repeated this year by the Alexander Mackenzie Rover Crew of Galt and Preston, Ont. (1st Galt Group), was a camp for underprivileged boys of those two places,—60 of them. The project was carefully organized and efficiently handled, from the preliminary financing early in the year to the typewritten booklet-report sent contributors after the camp.

A private campaign among interested citizens of the two towns secured the funds necessary, and, later, substantial donations of camp supplies,—100 loaves of bread, 100 pounds of sugar, \$5.00 in miscellaneous groceries, 30 pounds of fish, ice cream for one meal and first-aid supplies. The final report showed a "Balance for 1935" of \$81.97.

The boys (non-Scouts) were organized upon arrival at camp into eight "Indian tribes," each headed by an experienced Scout tent leader. Otherwise the staff was of Rovers, plus a nurse and two assistants, and was headed by R.S. Munro Fraser. The camp site and equipment of the 1st Galt Group was used.

#### A Sound Community Group Start

THE steps taken in the organization of a community Scout Group, preliminary to formation of a troop and Cub pack in a small New Brunswick town, offers an excellent example of a procedure that promises success. In response to a request from several citizens a Field Secretary was sent. Those responsible for the request were first seen, and a list of citizens suggested by them (it included three clergymen, the magistrate, the mayor, the leading merchant and the banker) were brought together. Following an explanatory address based on "The Scout Group Committee" pamphlet the meeting appointed a Group Committee. The meeting over, the Committee met, elected a chairman (the merchant), a secretary-treasurer (the banker), and nominated a Scoutmaster and two Assistants (previously approached). The Committee then drew up a list of the town's boys of Scout and Cub age, divided the names between them and agreed to call on the parents, to explain the programme and secure their co-operation. A meeting was fixed for the succeeding week, at which to report progress.

Following the organization meeting, the field secretary called on a considerable list of other prominent citizens given him, and secured their promise of support.



## Do Wolf Cubs Take Cubbing Seriously?

*How many Scouters would risk asking their boys for an unreserved and categorical opinion of their leaders, junior and senior, and a statement of what they expect of them? Akela T. J. Miller of the 33rd Winnipeg Soongy-lay-ays was the venturesome man to risk such a list of questions, and he "learned a whole lot." Other Akelas may appreciate the information, as published in The Soongy Totem.*

**M**ANY questions arise in the minds of thoughtful Cub Leaders that are destined to remain unanswered. Others of our problems, time alone can solve, and sometimes years pass before we find answers to questions on which we have pondered.

During my service as an Akela one of the questions that has oft-times occurred to me, and which I believe is shared by the majority of leaders, is whether the time and effort we put into Cub Training is worth while.

Theoretically we are contributing to the character-building of the little fellows in our charge. We are the sign-posts that point the way to better citizenship. By our precepts, and, I hope, our example, we are sowing the seed that is to bear fruit in years to come. To what extent is this working out in practice in our Packs? Are the aggregation of youngsters that we meet week by week, bubbling over with the exuberance of high spirits, taxing our patience with their mischief, their expression of appreciation of our efforts being registered by the amount of noise they can emit in a given time—are they really absorbing anything worth while? If we could peer under the surface and follow for a while the working of their young minds, would we find that behind the apparent irresponsibility displayed upon the surface, was a very real appreciation of the principles for which the Scout Movement stands?

### The Questions

Recently I set aside three periods during Pack Meeting to make an experiment, and I learned a whole lot.

First I asked each Sixer to write down what he expected of his Six. Second, the Cubs were asked to write down what they expected of their Sixer, and last the whole pack was invited to write down what they expected of Akela.

The boys conferred and wrote their answers without preparation; they had no assistance whatever; the results are the spontaneous expressions of their own youthful minds. Following is a summary of the opinions of my pack eight-to-twelve-year-olds, expressed in their own way, a little ambiguous in spots but decidedly to the point in others.

### What the Sixer Expects of His Cubs He expects them—

- To obey his first word of command.
- To come to Cubs tidy.
- To obey their Second when their Sixer is away and even when their Sixer is there.
- To have good conduct.
- To try and help themselves as much as possible.
- To bring their dues promptly.
- To get their stars sooner than they do.
- To do their best at all times and not get the "Bundarlog" badge.
- After they have got their stars, to help the other lads with their stars.
- To obey Cub Laws.
- To keep interest in the Pack.
- To keep friendly with one another.
- To keep their temper.
- To work at home.

- To help more unfortunate people.
- To obey their parents immediately.
- To have good conduct in school.
- To go to bed in good time.
- To go straight home after Cubs.
- To keep in good health.
- To be willing workers.
- They should not abuse the six box. (Equipment).

### What the Cubs Expect of Their Sixer They expect him—

- To be a credit to the pack and his six.
- To keep up the reputation of the Pack.
- To take in all that Akela says and follow his orders.
- To be an example to his six.
- To keep his six in order.
- To keep the Law of the Pack and the promise as well.
- To be smart.
- To be loyal to his six.
- To see that his six is at its very best.
- To stick to his duty.
- To see that his six is always on time.
- To see that his six is "snappy".
- He should not have to be told two or three times: he should do as he's told at once.
- To do his best at all times.
- We expect work from him.
- To teach the cubs their work.
- To keep his six from getting the "Bundarlog".
- To be like a king to his six.
- To help poor people at all times.
- He should not play when expected to be working.
- To be at meeting every week on time.
- To be better than other Cubs.

### What the Pack Expects of Akela

#### We expect him—

- To tell us to do the right things, not the wrong.

To pass our tests when we are ready.

To do his duty.

(We like the work Akela does but we want these changes):

We expect Akela to get cross when he has to, but not to get cross when he doesn't have to, and be decent about it.

Not to be late and to start the meeting at 7:15 sharp and not about 7:30 as we usually do.

Not to talk so much and waste our time.

To be fair to every boy in the pack.

To help the pack all he can.

To help keep up the reputation of the pack.

He should be a credit to the pack.

Does our Akela do these things? Yes!!!

To present stars on time.

To give us lots of fun when tests are done.

To help new boys in the pack.

To help the pack raise funds by way of concerts, etc.

To see that the Cubs do their duty.

To have cleanliness in the Pack.

To encourage us in our work.

To make the Pack obedient.

To suspend any boy who fools too much for a week or two.

We appreciate the good work he does.

### Thinking it Over

The last list gave me much food for thought. I asked for a frank expression of opinion and I got it. It shed an invaluable light on the attitude of my boys, and brought home to me the realization of my shortcomings.

Quite a formidable list of qualifications perhaps you will say. True, but do we leaders all realize how much our boys expect of us? Do we always discharge our responsibilities to our packs as conscientiously as we should? These are questions each must answer of himself. Formidable as the above list appears I could add one or two other qualifications myself that should at least prove useful. For instance, —nerves of steel, a tendency to deafness, and a keen sense of humour,—whilst defective vision of one eye also proves a most valuable asset on occasion.

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## Our Court of Honour

**M**ODESTLY offered for "what it might be worth," the following Court of Honour procedure,—which "has clicked so definitely with my own chaps"—is contributed by Scoutmaster William Hills, Jr., of the 85th Toronto's. In session the S.M. is seated at a table, covered with a Union Jack, with the P.L.'s facing him in a horseshoe, the P.L. of the Leading Patrol on his right, the Troop Leader also to the right, the Court Scribe at a small table to the left and A.S.M.'s at the rear.

The procedure: The members of the Court, excepting the S.M., assemble in their places, then the Doorkeeper (the Second of the Leading Patrol) announces the Scoutmaster. The Court of Honour comes to the alert, and the Scoutmaster walks to the table and places the Troop Charter in the centre of the flag. One of the Scout Laws is read, with the Chief Scout's interpretation, this followed by two simple prayers. The Scoutmaster takes his seat and the meeting is open.

At the close of the meeting the Scoutmaster nods to the Court Scribe, who comes to the table and removes the Troop Charter, and with due formality one of the A.S.M.'s gathers up the flag from the table. This is the signal that the Court is closed, and the gathering "resolves itself into a jolly good band of fellows—Scouters and Scouts."

During the meeting the Doorkeeper remains outside, and does not take any part.

The Court Scribe is elected for a three months' period. He has full charge of that most important book, the Court Log.

"Needless to say we have the unwritten law in the 85th that all such meetings are strictly confidential. The only information on Court of Honour deliberations or decisions comes from the S.M."

"Recently a P.L. remarked to me, after the close of a meeting, 'Gee, sir! It's worth being a Scout to be a Patrol Leader!' I believe our procedure has a good deal to do with that feeling."

## Novelty Nights for Cubs

**W**RITING on the above subject in *The Victorian Scout*, Bruce Armstrong tells of "occasional nights on which we get away from the Jungle,"—nights when the Cubs come to the meeting dressed as Indians, and the programme is set in an Indian village, with teepees, etc. There may be pow-wows, pipes of peace, dances, the capturing of palefaces, kidnapping paleface maidens, frontiersmen coming to the rescue, and a pitched battle in which much "blood" is spilt. Cubs love this.

Again we may have a Pirate Night, when some of the Cubs are dressed as buccaneers, board ships with the aid of grappling hooks, perform many gory feats of swordsmanship; climb the rigging after the defeated crew, compel them to walk the plank, and finally "divide the spoils."

As a surprise very occasionally, we let the Cubs have a night to themselves. They are given five or ten minutes to discuss programme ideas. You would be surprised at the results. Some will want Star work, others particular games. It is an excellent way to get a line on what programme features the Cubs most like.

Another good special-night feature is song acting, the Cubs singing certain songs, then acting them.

Such special nights should not come too

## The Q.M.'s Chat

Brother Scouters:

*This new monthly chat idea means a bit of work, I find. It was only the other day that I had the pleasure of sending you Letter No. 1, and here is the Editor on my heels for No. 2, for the October magazine. Well, here goes.*

*To be quite candid—as all Q.M.'s are, of course—I'm a bit disappointed. Although my mail has increased considerably during the past week, my vision of letters other than orders has not been realized. There have been no kind-but-honest friends telling me that some of our supplies or service are not as they should be.*

*This is really too easy for a Q.M. I know some of you must have a suggestion to offer. So get out your pen and let's have either a boost or a knock, and see your ideas discussed in this column.*

*While you are at it, let me know what you think of the present BLUE SERGE SHORTS and WOLF CUB JERSEYS. The former have been made with two side pockets and one back pocket, in lieu of the two-only back pockets. Are you for this change or would you have us revert to the old style? And the Shorts are now lined, which I think you'll agree is a good move.*

*The WOLF CUB JERSEYS are now made with a V-neck opening instead of the close collar formerly supplied. I have heard rumours to the effect that the NECKERCHIEF does not sit around the neck quite so tidily on the V-neck style, so if you are a Cubmaster I shall be glad to receive your views.*

*I hope you have sent for a supply of the 1934 Fall and Winter Catalogue. We have only a few copies left, so hurry if you want your boys to receive them.*

*FLASH:—The 1934 DIARY is going like hot cakes. Why not have your boys chip in for copies? They can save money by your ordering in dozen lots.*

*Yours for real Scouting,*

*George Langmuir*  
9.11.

often.—perhaps once every other month.

It should be remembered that these special nights are serious undertakings; to us they are novelty nights, but to the Cubs they are something glorious that has dropped from the sky, and they instantly adapt themselves to the game, and live the part they play.

Let us always remember that Cubbing is a "game of games."

## A South African Rover Indaba

**C**ANADIAN Rovers will be interested to learn some details of the 2nd South African Rover "Indaba," or Moot, held at Glencairn, Cape Town, during last Easter holidays, and described in a letter from Rover Wilfred C. Abbott, of Rosebank, Cape Colony, to D.S.M. Ray McClelland of Ottawa.

The Indaba opened Thursday evening with a dinner and addresses, followed by a camp-fire concert, impromptu. Three full days—Friday, Saturday and Sunday—were filled with sessions, opening with religious observances, followed by breakfast at eight, flag-break and prayers at nine. The Indaba closed with a supper on Sunday evening.

A programme feature was the presentation of papers by representatives of the different provinces of the Union,—“How Rover Scouts Can Help In the Uplift of the Native,” by the Orange Free State Division; “The Wonders of Nature,” by the Cape Western Division; “Civic Affairs,” by the Transvaal Division.

One of the keen discussions was that first named,—the relation of the white and coloured races in South Africa. That the debate held true to the best Rover principles is reflected in Rover Abbott's letter: “And it was put up to the Rovers that in their development as citizens they had to face the problem and deal with the coloured races in a Scouting spirit; while not aiming at social equality, yet giving the native a square deal and a place in the economy of the state.”

It may have been the high standard of this discussion that brought from Mr. R. Stuttaford, Government Minister without portfolio, the tribute that “The Scout Movement was doing probably the most important national work in South Africa today in helping bring about eradication of prejudice between the British and Dutch, and between both these white races and the native coloured races.”

Hiking was given a prominent place under the title of “Hiking Through,” led by the Cape Border Division, and “Hiking With a Purpose,” led by the Cape Midlands Division. The Natal Division presented a paper on “Farming and Forestry.”

The Cape newspapers devoted considerable space to the Indaba discussions, especially those on national problems and citizenship training.

## “Tough Scouting”

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to go out and explore new fields. You have to provide him with a type of Scouting which will fit his change of character and change of outlook.

## Scouting to Fit the Boy

“You have to produce something more active, a tougher Scouting for tougher Scouts. It is a question of providing the play which fits the boy's age.”



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.



TWO New Brunswick Scouters make their own "minimum fires" and cook their own eats on a district hike.

### Winning Patrols Visit

A NOVEL idea in inter-troop visiting tried out between the 10th and 12th Calgary Troops was an interchange for a meeting of the winning patrols of a patrol competition. Each patrol took the place of the other in the visited troop's meeting programme.

### For Adventurous Hikers

IN response to a declaration of the Lord Mayor of London that modern youth is losing the taste for adventure, "The Rover World," the new Rover monthly, is offering an annual trophy for competition by Rover Crews and other accredited open-air organizations for "the most adventurous hike of the year." The contest will be judged by a committee of three prominent Old Country Scouters.

### A Pack Yelp

HERE'S a lively Cub pack yelp from the woods of a Manitoba Scout district in the far north-western corner of Ontario,—the 1st Fort Frances Pack:

Rip-saw! Hack-saw! Buck-saw! Whack!  
We belong to the Wolf Cub Pack!  
You can't beat us,  
We can't rest!  
Wolf Cubs! Wolf Cubs!  
Do your best!

### Mock Olympics

THE evening's climax, at the fourth anniversary celebration of the 42nd Vancouver Troop, was "Mock Olympics." The troop was divided into three patrols, Otters, Marmots and Beavers, all eagerly competing for the highest total of points in the miniature games,—100-yard dash, broad jump, shot put, high jump, etc. The Beavers, with 30 points, were successful in capturing the coveted trophy, an egg-cup!

### Patrol Competition Music

A MUSICAL patrol competition carried out last season by the 1st Ste. Anne's, Que., produced good results, and finally a six-man harmonica band. For each meeting patrols were asked to contribute a number, by not more than two Scouts, on any readily portable instrument—harmonica, flute, penny whistle, autoharp, zither, etc. Jews harps were barred except as accompanying instruments. Ten competition points were given, with points off for failure to contribute. There was a "definite increase of interest in music at meetings."

### Woodwork During Winter Produces Camp Funds

THE Raymore Boy Scouts held a sale of woodwork on Saturday afternoon. The articles had been made during the winter. Flower boxes and plant stands of various designs and bird houses were neatly made, and moderately priced. Mrs. Bacon lent her house for the sale, and also for a silver tea. The proceeds go towards the Raymore Scouts' camp fund. —Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

### Try A Lively Game Played Silently

GAMES played without making a sound proved a difficult but interesting test of self-control for the boys of the 1st Trenton Troop. No one spoke; the Foxes won by making the least noise. "If you think this is easy," writes the Scoutmaster, "get into an exciting game yourself, and see if you can control your desire to speak."

### Of Loyalty

THE following verses, author unknown, contributed to *The Lone Scout* by an American "Lonie," may appeal to one of your Scout dog lovers as an entertainment contribution: it is titled "A Man's Dog."

*A man may lose his house and lot—his friends may pass him by;  
He may not have a thin dime left to buy a slab of pie;  
But if he owns the homeliest and saddest dog in town,  
He has one pal whose honest love will never turn him down.*

*A man may kick his mangy pup, and curse it day and night,  
Still will the faithful cur be true and greet him with delight.  
Life-long he sits upon the porch and wags his happy tail  
To greet his Lord when he shall come, from Congress—or from jail.*

### Hike Contest Logs

LOG books—handsomely bound, with original scouty touches in colour and illustrations—are kept as permanent records by the Crews of the Rover teams participating in the annual Winnipeg Rover hike contests. The books emphasize the romance of such competitions as well as the value of a close study of minimum-weight packs, minimum food, etc.

The keen interest of Crews in debating hiking kit is recorded, and shows that certain teams argue the subject for months prior to the contest. The books also contain carefully-done maps, drawings of birds, collections of leaves, and sketches of certain buildings, called for as part of the hike problem. One of the books of the 1933 hike was bound in hardwood, with the half of a small hand-axe imbedded in the front cover.

Scout troops later headed by these Rovers will be lucky. They will have plenty of hiking, with minimum kit and plenty of romance.

### No Nails, No Points

THE Scoutmaster of a certain Ontario troop, during patrol inspection in personal items included finger-nails. To meet the case of the occasional boy given to biting his nails, he announced, "No nails at all, no points."

### Showing Flags of Other Countries Visited

MINIATURE flags of a number of foreign countries decorate the flag-staffs of certain British Boy Scout troops. Each flag was earned by the visit of at least half of the troop to another country on the Continent.

### Business Experience for Australian Scouts

A DAY'S experience in important business executive roles was recently afforded a number of Australian Scouts. From 8 a.m. Saturday to midday Scouts of Mount Isa, Queensland, filled the executive positions, from general manager down, at the great silver-lead mine of the Mount Isa Mines, Ltd., and at Brisbane, Scouts took over McWhirters', a large departmental store, for the day. An A.S.M. acted as managing director, a Scout as chief cashier, and 32 Scouts were detailed as heads of departments and floor walkers.

"THERE is nothing I know of that can compare to the great world Scout Movement in effectiveness for promoting world friendship and peace."—Maj.-Gen. E. S. Girdwood, C.B., C.M.G., at All-Ulster Scout Rally.

### Call for Bookbinders and Carpenters

THE 1st Truro, N.S., Troop (Church of England) undertook the renovation of the church Sunday-school library, including renumbering, and the repair of all damaged books.

The 17th Calgary (St. Augustine's), whose headquarters has been equipped for wood working and carpentry, is repairing broken furniture belonging to the church.

And Scouts of the 14th Winnipeg (All Saints') since the beginning of 1933 have prepared and mimeographed the Church Weekly Leaflet, which is distributed each Sunday morning by members of the Rover Crew.

These are Scout jobs we should hear of more frequently.



A PRAIRIE school mounted troop,—the 1st Lancelot, Sask., at their school headquarters. Some of the boys ride fifteen miles to meetings.