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Listen in—A Message from the Dominion Chief Scout!

AT 8.55 P.M. ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, THE EARL OF BESSBOROUGH, AS CHIEF SCOUT FOR CANADA, WILL BROADCAST OVER THE NATIONAL CHAIN OF THE CANADIAN RADIO COMMISSION A MESSAGE OF FIRST IMPORTANCE TO EVERY CANADIAN SCOUTER AND SCOUT,—AS SCOUTS AND CANADIANS. IT WILL BE THE FIRST OCCASION ON WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED SIMULTANEOUSLY BY THE DOMINION CHIEF SCOUT, AND AS SUCH WILL BE AN HISTORIC EVENT. DO NOT MISS IT! TELL YOUR BOYS!

8.55 P.M. FRIDAY, JANUARY 11!

Towards That 100,000

HOW did I start the first experiment in Scouting, on Brownsea Island?

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

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

"I could quote many similar instances of fortuitous contacts which brought about great results, but I mention these two as examples in order to encourage Scouters to make a point of pushing the needs of the Movement wherever they may be, in season and out, among their friends. By so doing they cannot fail in the end to bring in men or money to help. At one time I was diffident about boring people with my fads, but I have found that, for one thing, nine out of ten people are quite interested to hear about Scouting, and another nine out of ten know nothing about it in spite of the widespread acceptance of the Movement. It is by ploughing up such hitherto untouched ground that we find new men and fresh money. If every Scouter puts his hand to the plough we shall reap a rich harvest."

Baden Powell 1 fluck

Hands to the Plough

DIRECT reports and newspaper clippings from all parts of the Dominion indicate a most gratifying and energetic response to the challenge of His Excellency the Governor-General that we raise our numbers to 100,000, as an important depression-aftermath service to Canada. Provincial and district expansion committees of prominent citizens, including Scouters, have been organized, and reports are beginning to come in from local committees.

That outstanding business and professional men of the West were whole-heartedly behind the move, and that the West could be counted upon fully to meet its quota of increase was

the inspiring report brought back to Ottawa, after a business trip to the coast by Mr. R. C. Stevenson, of the Dominion Executive Committee. Mr. Stevenson had visited practically all of the chief Scouting centres of British Columbia and the three Prairie Provinces.

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Charlottetown reports the appointment of a strong and representative Publicity Committee, with J. J. Leightizer and A. R. Brennan as joint chairmen, and as members: Provincial President the Hon. Adrien

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SCOUTING DISPLAY WINDOWS

No. 1.—While these windows were used in connection with a Toronto Scout Apple Day, they offer an excellent example of Scouting window display possibilities, and, equally important, the appreciation of Scouting by big firms, and their readiness to co-operate in efforts to expand the Movement's youth service to Canada. The above window is one of the most valuable store windows in the Dominion,—Woolworth's, at the corner of Yonge and Queen, Toronto.

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The New Leaf

"THE most practical, beautiful and quotable New Year's poem I know—and one which I use every year of my life in some manner," says Dr. W. L. Stidger of the following verses in his "Question Box" in *The Homiletic Review* (New York). He does not know the author.

*He came to my desk with quivering lip,
The lesson was done.
"Have you a new leaf for me, dear Teacher?
I have spoiled this one!"
I took his leaf, all soiled and blotted,
And gave him a new one, all unspotted,
Then into his tired heart I smiled:
"Do better now, my Child!"*

*I went to the throne, with trembling heart,
The year was done.
"Have you a New Year for me, dear Master?
I have spoiled this one!"
He took my year, all soiled and blotted,
And gave me a new one, all unspotted,
Then into my tired heart he smiled:
"Do better now, my Child!"*

The Late Commissioner for Nova Scotia

RECOGNITION of his long association with the Scout Movement in Nova Scotia, for many years as Provincial Commissioner, was fittingly accorded in the prominent participation of Scouts and leaders of the province in the funeral of Col. I. W. Vidito, who passed on to higher service after a long illness, December 10. Rover Scouts of Halifax and Dartmouth acted as pall bearers, and members of the Halifax district and provincial councils, and a large number of Scouts and Scouters formed part of the long cortege. Lt.-Gov. Covert, Patron of the Movement in the province, was present. Col. Vidito was awarded the Honorary Silver Wolf in 1932, in recognition of long service to Scouting, receiving the honour at the hands of His Excellency the Governor General, as Chief Scout for Canada.

Good Work, Lonies!

ONE of Ontario's enterprising troops, the 1st Paris, developed from a Lone Scout patrol. When the 1st Troop could take in no more candidates a group of boys formed another Lone Patrol, the Grey Wolves. Now they have bulged out of their clothes, and Principal Fielding of the public school has accepted their invitation to head them as Scoutmaster of the 2nd Paris Troop.

Here's Scout Spirit

CANADIAN Scouting has produced no more inspiring example of forgetting self and doing for others than that given by Wallace Kinnaird, "Cornwell Scout," who passed on to higher service December 31, 1932. Every Scouter in Canada might well start the new year by re-reading this poignant story of service and deliberate heroism.

As a result of a football injury which developed serious complications, Scout Wallace Kinnaird entered a Toronto hospital in 1931, and had his leg amputated at the hip. The complication persisted, and it became a certainty that the lad faced death within a year and a half at the most.

Whatever his first thoughts, Scout Kinnaird faced the situation with deliberate courage; and notwithstanding the addition of great suffering, he turned to the helping of the other boys of the Thistletown Hospital Group of handicapped Scouts and Cubs.



"Helping other people at all times"—under the shadow of approaching death. Wallace Kinnaird (left), Cornwell Scout. He passed on to Higher Service a few weeks later.

This was the tribute paid by the Nurse Supervisor: "During all this time we never saw him show anything but courage and the most amazing and infectious good cheer to his companions, although it was evident to a perceiving person that he had his dark hours.

"Not only did he display a cheerful and sunny countenance at all times, but he put real effort into encouraging and helping the other boys (many of them more fortunate than he), fostering industry and ambition in them, setting an example of obedience, courtesy, and thoughtfulness, and all this with complete unconsciousness of doing anything praiseworthy or unique.

"My own observations were confirmed by the nurses who knew Wallace best. This boy's brave, bright spirit was an inspiration to those who lived with him."

The Cornwell Badge was presented to Scout Kinnaird, on his cot in the hospital, on December 17. On the 31st he died.

Is it not arresting, and again convincing of the character-shaping possibilities, the essential spiritual significance of Scouting, that a lad in his early 'teens could find in its code something on which to hold through such a test? terms in which to translate courage into steady, day-after-day self-forgetfulness and thought for others?

Wallace Kinnaird is an argument for bringing more boys under the influence of Scouting,—and for our making sure that we are giving them the lead, and example, to bring out their best, for themselves, and for Canada.

Let us "do our best" to do that this year!

When Rangers Come Into Cubbing

THE following suggestion in the *Scouter* to Old Country Cubmasters could also apply to Canada: "Will all Cubmasters who contemplate accepting the services of a Ranger or Guide as Assistant Cubmaster or helper in their Pack, please do their best to further the friendly relationship with the sister Movement by making sure that the Ranger or Guide in question makes a point of letting her Captain know that she purposes taking up work with Cubs? As a matter of courtesy, we would suggest that C.M.'s urge the Ranger or Guide to go farther and to consult with her Guider informally before offering her help to the Pack."

Haircuts

A RECENT comment by a member of the staff of His Excellency the Governor General reminds of a detail of Scout smartness of appearance that occasionally is overlooked. The observation was that of Scouts met and reviewed during the year, many otherwise smart in appearance were in need of a hair cut. Let's jot this down, and make it a feature of regular troop inspection.

Autograph Hunters— A Caution

THE autograph hunter who asks a Scout to secure a signature has appeared as a new problem against which Scouters should warn boys acting as ushers on occasions attended by His Excellency the Governor General or other prominent personages.

Horrible example: An important public event was honoured by the presence of the Governor General. Just as the King's representative mounted the platform and the band began to play the National Anthem, a young Scout appeared and thrust forward an autograph book and pencil. Needless to say the youngster was thinking only of courteously acceding to the request of the woman autograph collector concerned.

The incident provides definite reason for the request, under "Plans for Chief Scout's Visit" in the December *Scout Leader*, that Lord and Lady Baden-Powell be protected from autograph hunters. It is certain that numbers of these "fans" will seek to secure the Chiefs' signatures, frequently with little regard for the courtesies. And some of them will try to use Scouts or Cubs.

A Tribute By Author of "Cry Havoc"

TRIBUTE to Scouting and its originator was paid by Beverley Nichols, author of "Cry Havoc", who said, "I think Lord Baden-Powell is the most wonderful old man I know. I am particularly glad to be able to pay him public tribute because of a number of idiotic letters I have received accusing me of attacking the Scout movement. Considering that it is one of the few movements containing the seeds of true internationalism, I am not likely to do that."

Hands to the Plough

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Arsenault, Provincial Commissioner William Warren, Rev. A. G. Crowe, Rev. William Phillips, Mr. J. O. Hyndman and Mr. J. LeRoy Holman.

Mr. J. S. Woodward, managing editor of the **Saskatoon Star-Phoenix**, and for years an active supporter of Scouting, was named President of the Scout Association of Saskatchewan at the semi-annual meeting of the Provincial Council in Regina. The appointment, and acceptance by Mr. Woodward, further ensures that the Movement in that province will move forward in step with the rest of the Dominion.

At the same meeting the Saskatchewan leaders set up the nucleus of a Provincial Campaign Committee, with power to add to its numbers; and, quoting the **Regina Leader-Post**: "Plans for Saskatchewan activity in a Dominion-wide Boy Scouts' membership drive to raise the total number of Scouts to 100,000 was discussed Tuesday evening at a dinner to Scout officials in Regina."

500 additional Scouts was set as the Island's objective—this representing an increase of approximately 100 per cent.

Ontario Provincial Headquarters reports: "Dozens of letters from Commissioners and other Scouters assure us that their Districts or Groups will give a good account of themselves in answering Lord Bessborough's challenge."

"The Oshawa Boy Scouts Association will do everything in its power to bring about increased membership in its ranks, and accede to the wishes of Lord Bessborough to increase the number of Boy Scouts in Canada to 100,000, it was decided at the annual meeting of the local Association last night."—Oshawa despatch in **Toronto Star**.

"Accepting the challenge of the Earl of Bessborough, the Governor General . . . members of the northern section of the Alberta Provincial Council discussed plans for a membership drive in this province Thursday at the home of W. J. Dick, Provincial President."—**Edmonton Journal**.

Saskatchewan plans include a survey of all districts to discover boys who desire to become Scouts.

"Rover Scouts of the Province of Quebec can prove their value in such a situation by searching for prospective leaders for units, helping to train junior officers, assisting senior officers, and interesting new members everywhere."—**The Buzz**.

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.

"Have you a pal who is not a Scout? If you have, why not get him to attend your Troop meeting some night and join up?"—Scout News, in Sydney, N.S., **Post-Record**.

Ten new Scout Groups were registered at Ontario Headquarters during November. They were the 2nd Waterloo, 1st Waterford, 2nd Leamington, 47th Ottawa, 24th London, 1st Elmira, 1st Caledon East, 1st Forest, 22nd Ottawa (North Gower) and the 13th St. Catharines.

"News comes from Freeman King at Sidney, V.I., of another new Troop being started on James Island. The 1st Sidney Group are doing real missionary work these days; they have already started and fostered Groups at two other places this year. Is your Group looking wide?"—**B.C. Provincial Bulletin**.

"As its contribution towards Lord Bessborough's goal of 100,000, Waterloo County (Ont.), through District Commissioner Louis L. Lang, has promised to increase its membership to 1,000, and as a first step announces a Scout Leaders' Training Course to commence early in December."—**Toronto Star**.

"Have you a friend between eight and eleven years of age who is not a Cub? Why not bring him down to the Pack meeting next Friday, just to look us over?"—**Jungle Howls**, St. Luke's United Pack, Montreal.

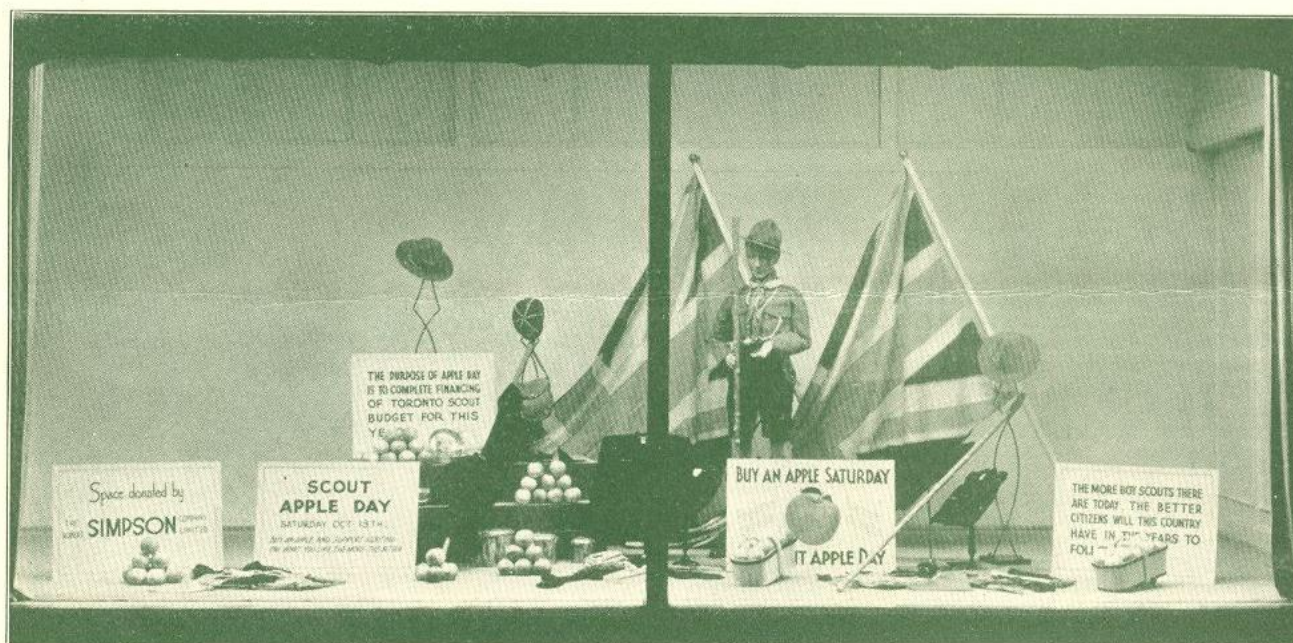
A new Sea Scout Patrol has been "launched" at Port Alberni, B.C., under the guidance (or perhaps its pilotage) of Mr. H. E. Beyer. It will be known as the Wanderlust Patrol, after Mr. Beyer's yacht.

Very effective use of ceremony made an impressive occasion of the going-up of fifteen Cubs of the 5th Saskatoon (Christ Church) Group into the Scout Troop, in the presence of 200 parents and friends.

The enterprising youngsters of the Ottawa Patrol Leaders' Association challenge P. L. associations elsewhere to match their organization of a new troop at North Gower, 25 miles from the Capital. Several visits were made, and the new Group truly and well started. A pack is now shaping up.

A number of Regina Scouters and Rovers attended the annual district Scout-and-Father banquet, and spoke on the increased-membership drive. Other centres were visited enroute and returning.

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No. 2.—Another window frontage worth a fortune, given up temporarily by one of the Dominion's greatest mercantile houses to help expand the service of Scouting—Simpson's, Toronto.

The Christmas Job

THE cumulative effect of several years of restricted toy-buying was apparent this year in many centres, in the increased difficulty of securing repairable used playthings. More effective publicity, many more toy shop matinees and the increased making of new wooden toys quite considerably offset the difficulty, however, and incomplete reports again indicate a splendid scouty Christmas job well done, from coast to coast, and many thousands of children and their families made happy.

As usual many toy shop directors were too busy to inform H.Q. of their operations. At date of going to press the reported list stood at 126 towns and cities in the Toy Shop Chain. Several of the larger centres operated a number of district shops.

In several places there was a particular shortage of dolls. Calgary was short on wheels of all sizes and kinds. New Westminster, B.C., solved the problem of large wheels, but was stuck for those for doll carriages. Regina sent out an S.O.S. for larger mechanical toys.

To help Regina and Saskatoon meet their heavy demands bulk shipments of toys were forwarded from the toy shops at Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa. Winnipeg helped by taking over a 260-kiddy list in the dried-out area of Southern Saskatchewan. Numbers of other Ontario and Quebec Shops took lesser lists, up to their ability.

A further increase in the number of toy shop Saturday morning matinees given by movie theatre managers was recorded, and many truckloads of toys, old and new, resulted. At Saint John, N.B., matinees were given in all theatres for several Saturdays. At Ottawa, despite a pouring rain, the Regent Theatre was packed and an overflow of 800 children, with their bedraggled parcels of toys, was turned over to the Capitol Theatre. The originating toy matinee theatre, the Calgary Capitol, had its usual bumper house.

Public schools again helped generously, where asked, giving shops a good start with bulk quantities of playthings. Local radio stations provided particularly valuable co-operation in practically all broadcast centres.

Along the Chain

THE Rosetown, Sask., pioneer mass-production toy makers were delayed in securing suitable quarters. Once started, however, they made good progress, with the help of a new power saw and a three-shift staff. Form cutters reported at 2 p.m., assemblers at 5, and the Rover painters—the "clean-up gang"—came on at 9 and finished off the day's output. The plans were to provide gifts for at least a thousand children.

Toronto operated two large shops on Yonge Street, and a number of troop shops. Ottawa ran four district shops, and the Guides the Doll Hospital. The latter produced over 500 attractively renewed dolls. There were four shops in Vancouver proper, in addition to the big shop operated under the sponsorship of the Vancouver Province with Scout and Guide help.

Montreal's big central shop did its usual systematized job to meet a call for 15,000 gifts from the various charitable institutions and organizations of the city. Forty-five gallons of paint was used,—donated by the Kiwanis Club. In addition to a 350 bulk shipment to help the Saskatoon shop, gifts were mailed to a substantial list of western settlers.

Edmonton, Red Deer and Jasper Park did the man-size job of taking care of that section of Alberta practically without outside help. The Edmonton Scouts went into toy-manufacturing on a considerable scale.

Twelve cartons of slightly damaged new toys from Robert Simpson Western Ltd. gave the Regina Scouts and Guides a helpful early start towards meeting a very heavy demand. Later the United Commercial Travelers' Association helped through a special radio request programme from CHWC during which toy donations were asked. Seven members' cars were busy collecting until after midnight. Another windfall was \$10 worth of new toys from an anonymous giver.

The city firemen co-operated again with the Moose Jaw Scouts, operating a repair plant in the fire hall basement.

New Westminster, B.C., Scouts were among those who met toy scarcity by manufacturing their own. Lumber firms provided the wood and various merchants the hardware and paint.

Skilled carpenters gave their services to assist in the making of gifts at the Saskatoon shop,—to help meet exceptionally heavy calls from families moved to homesteads in that area from the dried-out south.

Three toy-admission matinees and collections at the schools gave the Fort William and Port Arthur shops a good start.

Good ahead-planning at Sarnia and Pembroke included the financing of their toy shops through Scout Apple Days held in October and November.

Unable to operate its shop as in former years, the 1st Kingston Troop contributed \$5 to the Whig-Standard Santa Claus Fund.

The Truro, N.S., Scouts repeated the unique Santa Claus roll that they have filled for several years. All letters received at the local post office addressed by small children to Santa Claus were turned over to them. Thoughtful attention was assured by a supervising Toy Shop Committee of ladies, and a well organized "department" shop in convenient quarters provided by Mr. G. M. Kent in the Queen Building.

In addition to taking their turn at the Scout Toy Shop, the 16th Winnipeg Rovers operated a toy-making venture, with system and success. They produced 23 wooden engines, 25 auto trucks and 25 four-piece sets of doll furniture—bed, dresser, bench and chair, with mattress, pillow and bed clothing. Guides provided 25 nicely dressed dolls, and the whole was enclosed in a doll-house (Solex Lamp) carton secured through the courtesy of the Winnipeg Hydro Electric. A number of heavier toys were given the Tribune Empty Stocking Fund.

Some fine wood pull toys, made from lumber ends given by a wood working factory, were turned out by the New Glasgow Scouts and Rovers. With similar resourcefulness, the Guides used oilcloth remnants to make flat dolls of various kinds.

The second-year demonstration of toy repair work by Calgary Scouts in the T. Eaton toy department was observed by crowds of people throughout the day.



No. 3.— This attention-arresting window, effectively emphasizing "Ontario Apples," but not losing the Scout connection, offers an example of troop enterprise. It was arranged by the 28th Toronto Troop, in a window secured through the courtesy of Philbrook Bros.

Toy Distribution Notes

THE 5th Burnaby, B.C., Scout Group and 5th and 6th Guides took care of the fine total of 350 local children. Each parcel contained a two-colour Christmas card multigraphed by the Rovers.

Another Scout-Guide combination, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Scout Groups of Nelson, B.C., and the 1st and I.O.D.E. Guides, carried through to the splendid objective of 1,000 toys for kiddies of that district.

The 1st Sidney, B.C., Scouts took care of 90 local children, and played Santa by mail to 43 kiddies of settlers in the Peace River Block.

The 1st and 2nd Vernon Groups took care of 150 locally, and the Trail Scouts 100.

Jasper Park's enterprising troop, with the help of the annual Chaba Theatre toy matinee, ensured a Santa visit to 300 children west of Edmonton.

In addition to providing for 100 locally, the 1st Melfort, Sask., Scouts generously offered to take on 50 kiddies elsewhere. To meet their objective it was necessary to make a number of gifts.

The "annual" Stonewall, Man., Cubs remembered 24 other boys and girls in that vicinity.

The Pas Local Association shouldered the responsibility of ensuring that no local kiddy of a needy family was overlooked, and saw it through generously.

In Ontario the Almonte Guides carried out a now traditional Christmas job by mailing parcels to several homestead families in Manitoba.

Similarly the 7th Brant Pack, who haven't too much for themselves, made sure, by post, that Santa visited a family of five small westerners.

The 1st Cannington Troop repeated by taking on four families of fifteen children, and the 1st Chesterville two families in Saskatchewan, beyond 84 nearer home.

The 3rd Comber I.O.D.E. Guides sent their annual tastily-prepared parcels to five families in Sask. and Manitoba, and the 1st Goderich Scouts did the same.

That fine Scout-Guide "family" at Hanover—Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Cubs and Scouts—after providing for 70 children locally, mailed parcels for 30 kiddies in Quebec and 20 in Sask.

The two Kincardine troops maintained tradition by providing for several far-west families helped by them for several years, and took an additional 12 children.

Six hundred London children were assured a Santa Claus visit by the local Scouts, and several western families.

The repeating Lucknow Guides sent parcels to one family in Alberta and two in Sask. The 1st Mille Roches mailed to families in Sask. and Manitoba.



No. 4.—Scout and Cub apple salesmen, uniformed and equipped as seen "in person" on the street—another display idea in another fortune frontage window that many thousands of Yonge Street passers by could not miss. It was in Eaton's.

Ottawa Scouts were assisted by the Lion's Club in the distribution of toys among 2,000 children in the Capital. By mail and express gifts were sent west for 500 children.

One of the first requests for settlers' names came from Owen Sound—50. The number was made up in nine families in Sask. and one in Alberta.

Sixty kiddies in 15 Sask. families was the generous effort of the Paris, Ont., Scouts, beyond the 150 taken care of locally.

Saint John, with a shop restricted in scope through a change of local organization, maintained its "outlook" by furnishing gifts and Christmas tree for a school in Saskatchewan's dry area.

Sherbrooke, Que., one of Santa Claus' stand-bys, looked after a special list of a hundred new farm families in their part of the province.

Stanstead assured presents for 140 nearby children, and three western homesteading families.

In New Brunswick, Saint John Scouts and Guides played their usual Santa Claus role for practically the entire children's list of the city and district, with the co-operation of the movie theatres, the schools and churches, the Rotary Club, and transportation and business firms.

Fredericton's effort took care of 1200 local children, and as an "outside job" nine families on farms in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The 1st Smith Falls remembered 50 local children, plus two farm families; and the 1st Parry Sound found 40 nearby kiddies for their attention.

A Saskatoon Scout Shop Santa Claus who set out by plane last Christmas for the post at Stanley, far-northern Saskatchewan, failed to arrive in time. The gifts were cached, and so made sure that Santa appeared this season—a year late, but all the more welcome.

"He's a Jungle Animal"

HERE'S our official entry for the best Cub howler: Six "new chums" of a Winnipeg pack were invited to the Cubmaster's home for "an informal affair to get in some quiet groundwork" before their admission to the pack. Asking some questions, Akela queried: "Can any of you tell me who Baden-Powell is?" There was a blank expression on six small faces. One lit up. "I know, Akela. He's one of the Jungle animals." (Total collapse of Akela.)

Material for Addresses

FOR the latest material on which to base Scouting-expansion talks at organization meetings, dinners and luncheons; before service, church and other clubs; for sermons, etc.—write Provincial Headquarters.

The South Porcupine Scouts, after providing for all local needs, offered to look after "any needy children along the T. N. & O." The 1st Dome Mine (South Porcupine) Brownies took on 15 Brownie-age children in four Saskatchewan prairie homes.

Always busy 10th Border Cities accounted for 40 local children.

Fort William looked after the Pass Lake school, settlers under the local land settlement scheme and the local Cheer Fund list. Port Arthur co-operated with the local Community Good Cheer Fund.

In Quebec, Lachute asked the names of three western families, after providing for 100 local children.

The 1st Riverbend asked and were given the names of 20 boys and girls in Sask., Alta. and Manitoba homesteads.

Starting the Parents Right

THE above principle, as definite troop policy, is convincingly presented and its success interestingly outlined in the following article by Scoutmaster A. H. Durieux, of Paterson, N.J., under the caption, "Parents' Co-operation Solves Tenure Problem," in American "Scouting." It will be studied with interest by many Canadian leaders.

TROOP 13 is organized in connection with the Parents-Teachers Association of School 13 of Paterson. We have a membership of over fifty and a waiting list. There never has been any problem of tenure in our troop. The boys leave only when they are obliged to go away to school or college. Even then, they usually maintain an associate connection, and they always look us up when they are home on vacation.

All of our Assistant Scoutmasters started as Tenderfoot Scouts in the troop ten and eleven years ago.

We believe that one of the reasons why we have been able to establish this record is because we have always featured co-operation of the parents. We have tried to get them to understand what Scouting means and what we are trying to do for their sons. We make them feel that they are playing the game for us.

Once a year we have an annual banquet for the parents, and all through the year we try to keep them in the picture as much as possible in connection with our Scouting activities. The result of this is that we have a positive leadership force there that helps the boy respect Scouting and makes him feel that it is "the thing" to do to keep up his Scout work.

In connection with some of the articles published in SCOUTING on starting the Tenderfoot right, I want to present the idea of **starting the parents right**. We begin educating them before the boy even gets into the Troop. Here is the circular letter that is sent to the parents of every candidate.

One of the Assistant Scoutmasters of the troop is delighted to take charge of the new boys. He talks to them, explaining the methods of the troop and answers any questions. He makes a record of the boy's name and address, and this letter and official application blank are sent to the boy's home by mail.

I know the parents of all the members of my troop and the home conditions of every

Roping in the Fathers

DAD and Me Night" has for many years been a popular event of Scout Week in Arbroath, Scotland. It is the night on which the boys in the local Scout Association foregather with their fathers for an evening's fun and competition.

For this year's Scout Week the idea was extended to include a football match between the "Dad's" team and the "Me's" team. There also was a Scoutmasters v. Scouts match. The Scoutmasters evidently were given credit for a trifle more stamina than the "Dads," for they played twenty-five minutes each way whilst the Dads were asked to play but twenty minutes. Also these husky Scouts took on their opponents in alternate "halves,"—first the Dads and then the S.M.'s.

boy. I do not see how a Scoutmaster can do a really effective piece of work unless he does know something about the boy's background. The parents of all the Scouts know each other, too. I always share my problems with the parents, and it is surprising how eager they are to help.

The Letter to Parents

Dear Sir:

Your son has informed us of his desire to become a member of Troop 13 and we enclose an application with this letter.

Troop 13 is an educational institution and is recognized as such. It is not a reform school, a training school for rowdies or a place for boys to play games while their parents enjoy themselves elsewhere.

We demand that every member of the Troop take full part in its activities and sickness is the only excuse for absence from meetings. School homework is not an acceptable reason. Boys who cannot keep up in both school work and Scout work are not desired as members.

We expect that the parents of every boy in the Troop will take an active interest in its affairs and that they will attend the annual Troop Dinner in the spring and the Halloween party in the fall.

Every member is expected to secure an Official Uniform as soon as possible after he meets his Tenderfoot Requirements. The Uniform consists of wool shirt, wool shorts, hat and wool stockings. The following items are purchased from the Troop Quartermaster: Arm insignia and neckerchief.

The annual registration fee for the first year (fifty cents) should be paid with the application, but future registration fees are paid by the Troop. Each Scout pays weekly dues of ten cents. All Badges are furnished without charge by the Troop.

A weekly bulletin is issued at each Troop meeting and parents are requested to read it regularly.

A boy takes a very important step when he becomes a Scout and his Troop should not be selected lightly. If you feel that Troop 13 is suited to your boy and that he is suited to our Troop, we will be glad to receive the application.

A unique natural history lesson was given the 1st Swift Current Troop, Sask., at a regular meeting when a beautiful butterfly chose that appropriate time to emerge from its cocoon. The cocoon, on a maple twig in a jar, had been collected by Scoutmaster Butterworth last August.

For a Little Talk on the 8th Law

MENTION of gallantry usually conjures up visions of brave deeds, or of thrilling rescues. But there is another type of gallantry,—gallantry of endurance, of being able to bear long-continued suffering with patience, and with a smile upon one's lips. Such an example of gallantry is at the present time being provided behind the screens that surround Bed No. 1 in the quiet peace of the little Malay Hospital at Kuala Kangsar.

Scout Kamarudin bin Nordin, 15 years of age, of the 4th K. K. (Clifford School) Troop, Singapore, volunteered along with others from his school for service in aid of Poppy Day Funds. He was detailed with others to sell poppies at a Motor Meet organised in aid of these funds. The weather was terrible, and the Scouts on duty got soaked to the skin. Kamarudin, though strong in spirit, is not physically strong. A chill resulted, and this was followed by rheumatic fever.

For eleven long weeks Kamarudin has been ill, suffering from what is probably one of the most painful diseases from which it is possible to suffer. But his spirit has never failed him; he still smiles. He has remembered all along that he is a Scout and must live up to the Scout law and traditions. With never a complaint he has through it all remained wonderfully cheerful. He has been very ill; he is not allowed to see many visitors, he is often so tired that he can talk very little, but, in spite of the pain he is suffering there is a smile hovering on his lips making light of his difficulties. His smile is a tonic in these days. It is an inspiring example of living up to the tradition of the 8th Scout Law, and one can only pray that Kamarudin's gallantry will be rewarded and that he will be restored once again to his full strength.

—SCOUTING IN MALAY.

HANDS TO THE PLOUGH

(Continued from Page 51)

"Rev. M. B. Johnson, who was a guest, appealed to the members to each enlist the interest of a new member in the Scout Movement, and bring him along to the next meeting. He then gave a talk on whistle signals."—1st Wallaceburg (St. James' Church) Group.

Some 50 "old Scouts" were brought together for a well planned evening at Fraser Memorial Hall, School for the Blind, Halifax. President A. K. Harvie of the Local Association presided, Major W. E. Tibbs told of the 100,000 expansion project, Mr. Herbert Greenway of the D.H.Q. staff sketched the world influence of Scouting, and singers from the Rotary Club sang sea shanties. Plans were made to hold a similar gathering on Baden-Powell's birthday, February 22.

Mr. Gordon Hunter was made chairman of Manitoba's Publicity Committee.

Edmonton's strong Northern-Alberta Publicity Committee comprises Mr. J. H. Fulton, Manager of the Gibbons Advertising Agency, chairman; Mr. J. M. Imrie, of the **Edmonton Journal**; Mr. R. Robb, of the **Edmonton Bulletin**; Mr. Elmer Roper, the **Labour News**; Mr. Hugh Pearson and Mr. R. Rice, representing radio, and Mr. Colin Groff.

A Rapidly-Moving Cub Parents' Night

A CROWDED but strictly-timed rapidly moving programme of short-duration items was the capping factor of an exceptionally entertaining "Parents' Night" of the 30th Ottawa (Trinity) Cub Pack, under C.M. Vernon Birdwhistle. The quick change of subject also held the close attention of the boys, and apparently explained their complete lack of self-consciousness in the presence of a large gathering of older people. The evening obviously impressed and delighted the parents, and explained the pack's waiting list.

The programme:

6.30—Attendance and Dues.

Checking up uniform, game preparations, etc.

7.00—Parents and friends seated about hall.

Grand Howl.

Indian club relay.

Caught napping (Circle).

Giants and Dwarfs (Circle).

Balloon patting relay.

Book balancing relay.

O'Grady Says (Cub P.T. with original "catches").

Passing-the-smile relay.

Skin the snake.

Human Joy-wheel.

Giant sneeze.

Goal.

Story, "Arthur's Challenger" (Circle).

Whistle bumps.

Felling the tree and sawing-up (P.T.).

Jungle dance, Death of Shere Khan.

Aborigines.

Balloon-breaking game.

Investiture.

Presentation of stars and badges.

Awarding month's penant.

Grand Howl.

Cub Silence.

Cub Promise.

The King.

8.30—Dismiss.

The
sing
song
corner.



Pack Smartness

IN the Wolf Cub's Handbook the Chief has said "Insist on smartness in little things." A detail which in many Packs is not given the attention it deserves is the manner in which Cubs fall in, and fall out! Let me explain further, and make a few suggestions.

It is also laid down that "the circle is the Cub formation—not the rank," so let us look at the circles first. It would be a tremendous help if Cubs always fell in in their Sixes in the circle. In the first place, it means that the circle is more quickly formed because each boy knows his place and can go to it right away. Secondly, it often helps in discipline and in such matters as giving out notices if Akela knows exactly where each Cub is without having to look round for him. Most of all, the formation simplifies "looking over" and ceremonies, and is of course essential for some circle games.

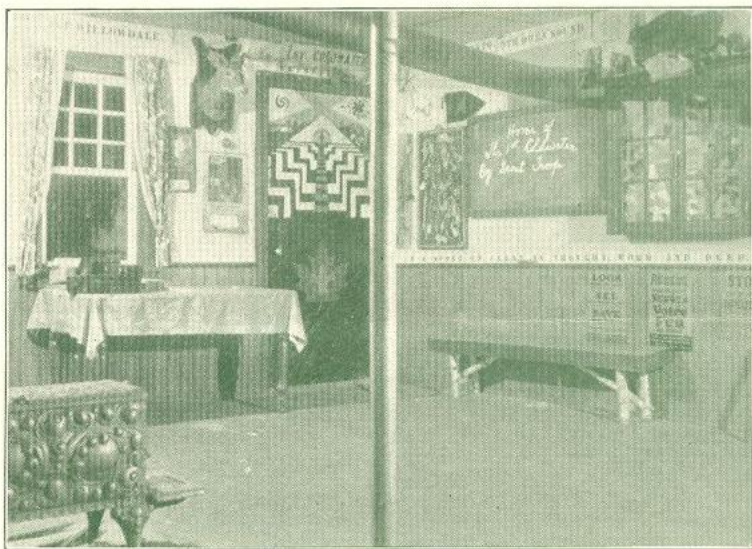
It is not difficult to train a Pack to fall in by Sixes in the circle. The important people

are the Sixers. Give them a definite order of falling-in—say, alphabetically, so that the Blacks will usually be first. When the call is given to fall in, the Black Six will fall in immediately in front of Akela, and the other Sixes will be spaced at equal distances round the circumference. This is simplest when there are four Sixes—one each in front, behind, and on each side of Akela—but it can also be worked with three or five Sixes with a little more practice. The Cubs fall in on the left of their Sixers. Very soon you will find that every boy knows his place in the circle in relation to Akela at the centre, which has a certain psychological value as well.

The only other formation ordinarily needed is files, for games and relays. This may seem to require no comment, being quite straightforward, but it will be found helpful if the same order of Sixes is always observed. This should be the same as that used for the circle, starting from the left. I have found it best with three or five Sixes to arrange that the middle Six (not the first) falls in opposite Akela. With four Sixes, the second or third should be given this position. A good spacing between Sixes is obtained if the Sixers stretch out their arms on each side, so that finger-tips just touch.

The matter of falling in at combined rallies is a more difficult one, and has received proportionately less attention! We have recently tried out the following system in Calcutta, and it works well. The Sixers are first called up; they catch hands and pull out, as for the parade circle. They then get the order to step back a certain number of paces, as required, generally about four. The Sixers stand fast, while the call of "Pack! Pack! Pack!" is given, and the rest of the Cubs fall in as usual on the left of their Sixers. If there are a very large number of Cubs on rally (running into thousands), or if a massed formation is wanted, the Sixers should form a smaller circle, and the rest of the Cubs fall in in files behind them.

Here is a smart but cubby way of dismissing. After the Grand Howl, Akela calls the Pack to the alert, then calls "Good Night, Good Rest, and Good Hunting, Cubs!" The Cubs reply together: "Good Hunting, Akela!"; pause while they can count two; turn to the right, salute and break off. If the time of the day does not happen to be appropriate, Akela will naturally omit the first two parts of his greeting. —THE SCOUTER.



ONCE a cobwebby, rough walled, earth floored, pillar chewed "horse shed" beneath the Parish Hall, now one of Ontario's scoutiest troop headquarters—the work of Scouter Jack Tipping and the boys of the 1st Coldwater. They first put in a floor, at \$9; wainscoting, at \$13; papered the rough board walls with newspaper, added building paper, then kalsomined with whiting and blue, giving a stucco effect. The rest of the details explain themselves.

The
Outdoor
Game
of
Scouting



A patrol of the
1st Clinton, Ont.,
off on the first
winter hike.

AN important action at the New Brunswick annual meeting was the creation of a new Scouting district in the far northern section of the province. It is particularly interesting that this development resulted from the activities and enterprise of new leaders who took the 1934 provincial summer Gilwell Course.

Rover Commissioner Lionel Bishop of Ontario attended the big Junior Leaders' gathering at Lindsay to urge that each P. L. and T. L. look forward to the completion of his Scout training in Rovering.

A Group Birthday "Weiner" Party
The 10th birthday party of the 4th St. Vital, Winnipeg, Group brought out 75 boys "to consume some 300 weiners and buns." A memorial is being erected to George W. F. Howard, founder and first Scoutmaster of the Troop.

Scouts and Cubs of London, Ont., have been assisting in the Saturday collection of relief clothing, footwear and bedding.

Thanks Badge for H.B.C. Official
To express the appreciation of Alberta Scouts for practically shown interest, a Thanks Badge was presented by Lt.-Gov. W. L. Walsh, Chief Scout for Alberta, to Col. H. G. Reid, head of the Western Arctic transportation system of the Hudson's Bay Company.

In recognition of good work done on Poppy Day, the 1st Grenfell, Sask., Scout Troop was presented by the Canadian Legion with a handsome troop flag.

The 1st Smiths Falls (St. John's) Group has added a second Cub Pack, bringing the Group membership to 76. The packs are kept at three Sixes.

Helping Solve India's Problems
10,000 Rover Scouts in India are finding important ways of carrying out the Rover pledge of Service. An example Crew of Bangalore established a rural school, and brought about accord between a group of 13 villages.

The Scouts and Guides of Chester, N.S., combined to put on a successful "Clam Chowder Evening." The proceeds went towards improvements on the Scout Hall.

798 Ontario Juniors at Conferences
A series of 14 Junior Leaders' Conferences held in different sections of Ontario during the autumn months was attended by a total of 798 Patrol Leaders and

Troop Leaders. An additional junior conference held at Hamilton was attended by 80.

76 picked First Class and King's Scouts acted as ushers at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto.

B.P.O.E. Shield for Moose Jaw
On behalf of the B.P.O.E., Exalted Ruler A. E. Megson presented the Moose Jaw Scout Association a shield for annual efficiency competition. President O. H. Zimmer accepted the shield, and awarded it to the 12th Moose Jaw Troop for 1934.

Scouts of Drumheller, Alta., were conducted on a three hours' sight-seeing tour of the A.B.C. coal mine.

Scout Leaders' League of Nations
Scout leaders from 15 different countries attended training courses in England this summer. They came from Armenia, Belgium, China, Egypt, Finland, France, Greece, Holland, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia.

Hamilton Scout troops are designated from week to week to collect parcels of clothing for the Family Welfare Bureau.

A "Diary" Annual Report
A diary report, date by date, of the doings of the Glenboro, Man., pack and troop, published in three issues of the **Western Prairie Gazette**, was the effective form of annual report made to the community.

Oshawa Scouts conducted a Christmas Cheer Barrel campaign, and supplied Christmas hampers to a list of needy families, in co-operation with the Welfare Society.

A 12-Town P.L. Get-together
P.L.'s from no less than 12 centres—Peterboro, Oshawa, Bowmanville, Port Hope, Cobourg, Cannington, Fenelon Falls, Blackstock, Grafton, Whitby and Pickering—gathered at Lindsay Dec. 7-8 for the last of Ontario's 1934 series of Junior Leaders' Conferences. As usual, the delegates were organized into a model troop, under Field Secretary Paddon. Girl Guides served a banquet.

Two patrols of Lone Scouts, numbering nine boys, have been organized at Fenelon Falls, Ont., under the leadership of two former Scouts, Murray Graham and Douglas Warren.

Scouts of Europe Still Brothers

As in previous years, unsettled political conditions in Europe made no difference this summer in the fraternizing of Boy Scouts. English and Scottish Scouts cycled, hiked and camped on the Continent, and Scouts of various European countries visited England and Scotland.

A free skating rink is being operated this winter by the Scouts at Glenwood, Alberta.

Pictou's Diverse Year Programme
The reviewed 1934 activities of Pictou County, N.S., Scout Groups covered: A skating meet, a hockey league, a bird house competition, church parades, a Cub and Scout athletic field day, a first aid competition, a Scout Apple Day and a Christmas Toy Repair Shop.

During eleven continuous years of St. Luke's United Cub Pack, Montreal, 237 boys have been invested as Tenderpads, 197 Proficiency Badges have been won, and 55 Cubs have "gone up" to the Scouts.

Interesting experiences as a Scout leader in Japan were related to the 5th St. Thomas, Ont., Group by Adjutant Kenneth Barr of the Salvation Army, a former Canadian Scout. Adjutant Barr had just returned from the Far East.

Set Up Their Troop Paper in Print Shop
A noteworthy addition to Troop magazines is the "Arrowhead," of the 1st Ridgeway Troop, Ont. It is set up by the boys themselves in a local printing plant, and is a most creditable production. The November number carried 17 inch-and-half "card" ads.

Lindsay, Ont., Boy Scouts hope to contribute \$100 towards the erection of a new rink through the collection and sale of old newspapers and magazines.

The Record Rover Square Dance
Late news of the big Montreal Rover Hallowe'en Festival, held at the Windsor Hotel, mentions a "grand 3-part square dance," participated in by 96 dancers in 12 squares "to the extreme merriment of the many envious but reckless onlookers around the walls." Perhaps the dance success is explained by naming the chairman of the Festival Committee—Jock McBride.

Scouts of the 17th Ottawa (Southminster United) Troop undertook the distribution of church ballot papers in connection with the annual election of church officers, and later collected them in ballot boxes.

A Scout Christmas Toy Repair Shop in operation was an attractive feature of the National Produced-in-Canada Exhibition held in Montreal.

A Winter Scarf in Group Colours
Guests to the number of 150 sat down to the annual father and son banquet of the 79th Toronto (Centennial United Church) Group. The Group Mothers' Auxiliary served the dinner, and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Chester, presided. Former Scoutmaster Alfred Sawyer was presented with an honorary membership, and Scoutmaster Bradford was given a winter scarf made in the Group colours.

A County Scouters' Club

A South Essex, Ont., County Scouters' Club, made up of leaders from Kingsville, Essex, Harrow, Leamington and Ruthven, has been organized to "promote training courses for leaders and Scouts, rallies and other general Scouting activities."

Walter S. Hulbig, Rotary representative on the Montreal Local Association Council has been made Councillor on the Executive Committee of the Montreal Rover Scout Club. Frank S. Madden, President of the Rover Club, was elected to represent the Rovers on the Association Council.

An Inter-County Hobby Show

The Third Annual Hobby Show of the 1st Queenston, Ont., Group made a new record with 995 entries and \$200 worth of prizes. Some mammoth apples, pumpkins and vegetables were shown by Scouts and other boys of Lincoln and Welland counties.

At the November meeting of the Scout Mothers of the 71st Toronto (High Park United) Group it was decided to give a supper under the auspices of the Good Turn Auxiliary "to some Scout Troop where such an event would be a treat."

The Hunters' Pennant,—First Moon

"The Grey Wolves won the Good Hunters' pennant for the first Moon of the new season, and have proudly hung it outside their Lair."—"Jungle Howls," St. Luke's United Pack, Montreal.

A Rover-Fostered Lit. Society

A fortnightly Literary Society launched and fostered by the Harrow, Ont., Rovers, is described as fast becoming one of the most successful social and intellectual activities of the town. Outstanding recent books and plays are read and discussed.

Rovers of the 1st Rockyford Group, Alta., keep in touch with members of the crew at Standard, Alta., by short wave radio—VA4LA at Rockyford and VE4SW at Standard. The latter station is operated by District Commissioner R. C. Hugh.

A Good Turn Auxiliary

A new idea in ladies' auxiliaries is a District Good Turn Auxiliary organized in Toronto. Its purpose is in various ways to aid Groups lacking auxiliaries,—with banquets, entertainments, etc. The membership includes an enterprising circle of ladies prominent socially and in Scouting affairs. Mrs. S. W. Harris is President and Mrs. J. H. Imrie Honorary Secretary.

Scouters and Rovers were called upon to assist the police of Magog, Que., in the search of snow-covered Mount Shonyo for a young hunter who had strayed from his party and become lost. He was found, in an exhausted condition, after a day and night's hunt.

Moose Jaw Mayor Opens Display

His Honour Mayor Hawthorne took part in the opening of Moose Jaw's second annual Jamboree, expressing his appreciation of the value of Scouting to the youth of the city. The Sea Scout ambulance team of the 10th Group was awarded the Leonard Shield, as winners of the provincial Wallace Nesbitt Junior competition for 1934, and 18 other Scouts

were presented with Junior St. John Ambulance certificates. A well planned card of Scout and Cub games and contests completed the evening.

A Bluenose Community Rink

New Glasgow Scouts are again operating a community skating rink, with the co-operation of the city authorities and the Mayflower Tennis Club,—with lights for evening skating, and warm dressing rooms.

The mining country Scouts at Kirkland Lake are included in the list of troops serving their communities by collecting clothing, bedding and footwear for needy families.

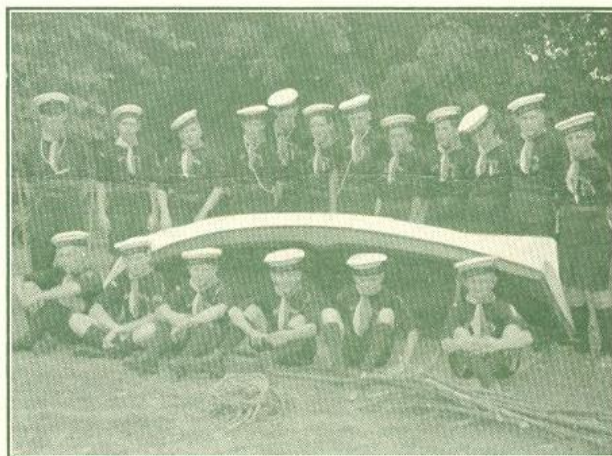
"Each patrol was instructed to bring four triangular bandages to the next meeting for use in first aid, and to remain troop property."—2nd Pas Troop, Man.

Largest United Church Starts Troop

The First United Church of Hamilton, known throughout the denomination as the largest United Church in Canada, has formed a Scout Troop, under leadership of Arthur Stemp, one of Toronto's contingent to the 1929 International Jamboree.

*SOME Pacific
Coast B. P.
"wet bobs."*

*The 1st Cadboro
Bays, V. I.*



Kiwanians Back Digby Scouts

The Digby, N.S., Kiwanis Club voted \$75 to help put the local Scout Hall in better condition for the winter months. The hall, an old church, is used by the Scouts and Guides, and also as a gymnasium in connection with the public school.

According to a four-column flashlight in the Border Cities Star, a Christmas party given the children of the "Shelter" by the 10th Border Cities Troop was a happyfying success, for both Scouts and children.

For the Community Hall

"Seating accommodation was taxed and many turned away" at the second annual display and dance of the 1st Hudson, Ont., Group. The proceeds went to the Community Hall fund, as a good turn.

Galt's seventh annual display, held in the auditorium of the First United Church, attracted a good crowd notwithstanding bad weather. An address by County Commissioner Lang emphasized the close links between Scouting in the Empire and the members of the royal family.

A Good Scouter's Talk Subject

"How parents may help their sons to be Scouts of the highest grade" was the theme of an address by Field Secretary Arthur Paddon at the 60-Scouts-and-Dads banquet of the 8th Oshawa Group.

Winter activities of the 18th and 20th Edmonton troops include the making of bows and arrows and model yachts in their own work shop.

Rovers of the 1st Regina at one meeting gave some time to the map study of the location of the city fire alarm boxes.

Patrol Leaders in Turn

"The names of each patrol and Patrol Leader will be selected after the investiture ceremonies some time before Christmas. Until then each boy will take care of his patrol in turn for two weeks."—Reorganized 4th Peterboro.

Forty-one Scouts, their dads and mothers had a jolly time at a Parents' Night of the 2nd Pas Troop, Man. There was an investiture, and each patrol put on two Scout Law charades.

Oshawa Scout Relief Barrels Help

Scout Relief Barrels were this Christmas operated in the leading Oshawa stores and the donations distributed in co-operation with the local Welfare Society.

Charlottetown Rovers assisted the R.C.M.P. in the search for an oyster fisherman who disappeared after attending a dance.

Planning and Working to See B.-P.

A series of Group fund dances will help meet the expense of taking the entire 1st Hudson, Ont., Group—Cubs, Scouts and Rovers—to Winnipeg for the big Baden-Powell review in May.

Upon purchasing a new piano for the school public gymnasium, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Board of Education presented the old piano to the local Scouts for their headquarters in old Navy Hall.

**A VALUABLE IDENTIFICATION
AND CHARACTER CARD GOES
WITH SCOUT REGISTRATION.
YOUR PROVINCE BENEFITS.**

A Dominion Moot?

THE question of a Dominion Rover Moot, broached simultaneously at this year's Quebec and Manitoba moots, and mutually favoured by telegraph, is taking tangible form in suggestions. The enterprising Editor of *The Buzz* (Montreal) thus assembled a contributed "supposium":

- (1). That it should be held in a large Rover centre as nearly as possible in the exact centre (East-West) of Canada, so that Rovers from both Halifax and Vancouver and intervening points may have an equal chance.
- (2). That it should be held during a period, probably July and August, when Rovers can likely secure the necessary vacation from school or work to make the long trip, and when the weather conditions would be fairly reasonable for camping out en route.
- (3). That the Moot itself need not be longer than 3 days, but that the trip both ways be considered quite as important, and planned to that end.
- (4). That there should be an "Eastern Trail" from the Atlantic Coast and a "Western Trail" from the Pacific Coast, meeting at the central Moot location. These trails would pass through as many important Rover centres en route as possible, and Rovers in each of these places would help entertain the contingent passing through their gates and join with them to carry on towards the Moot. This of course suggests the use of automobiles as the means of transportation.

"We leave you with these few thoughts until the next issue", says *The Buzz*, "but it should not take much imagination to picture what a wonderful adventure such a 'Moot on Wheels' would be. And nothing is impossible for Rovers!"

From a Natal Indaba

A NEWSY letter to an Ottawa R.L. from a Rover at Durban, Natal, tells, amongst other things, of the 8th Annual Natal Rover "Indaba" (Zulu for conference) held near Durban over the October Bank-holiday week-end. The Indaba was headed by Divisional Commissioner Clemmans, known as "Square Law," aided by A.D.C. Fish, "Umfundisi" (Zulu for preacher), and District Commissioner Okell, or "Inkosi" (Chieftain).

The papers read, and "discussed fully," included one subject familiar to Canadians, and three new: "How to Stop the Leakage Between Troop and Crew"; "How Does the Voortrekker Movement Affect Scouting in South Africa?"; "Should Rovers Be Asked to Take an Efficiency Badge?" and "Men Scouts as an Auxiliary to the Movement."

Men Scouts The latter subject may be of particular interest to Canadian Rovers, as something new. It has been discussed tentatively by some of our leaders. The letter did not give details of the paper, nor discussion. An effort is being made to secure these from our Natal friend.

Regarding the Voortrekker Scout Movement, an independent Afrikaner (Dutch) Scout organization in the Transvaal and Orange Free State, it may be of interest to Canadian Crews of wide outlook to know that the Natal Rovers do not feel that the Voortrekker problem has adversely affected Scouting in South Africa; rather that the Afrikaner organization has advanced Scouting in those sections of the country concerned.

A Badge for Efficiency Regarding a Rover Efficiency Badge the letter declared: "We should like to hear your opinion. We out here are dead against it,—but perhaps you chaps would widen our outlook."

Daily news of the Indaba doings was published in a special "Indaba Chronicle," described as "a scandalous sheet," posted up when sufficient news was dug up or invented. "Anyway everybody read it, and enjoyed its razzberries."

The Natal Rover delegates presumably had no time for preparing their own meals. The 26th Durban Scouts did the cooking. "And what grub it was!" So apparently nobody died.

Standing Orders The writer gives interesting details of the activities of his own Crew, which is associated with the Aliwal Street Congregational Church:

"We have several Standing Orders, and stick to them as near as possible. We meet in our Den at the church hall each Tuesday, except the first in each month, when we attend the Scouters' Council. The moonlight week-end is always spent at Mhlangeni, our training ground, where we hold a combined camp-fire with other crews and our (church) Ranger Company, and then on Sunday we have a Rovers' Own Service and bushwacking and pioneering."

Mixed Hikes "Once a month we have mixed hikes to places of interest, and on the 2nd Sunday of each month we attend the Group church parade. Once every three months we hold a combined business meeting with the Rangers."

"You will see that the Rangers are very much in evidence, but you will understand when I tell you that each Rover's particular girl friend is in the Rangers."

The letter and the accompanying snapshots remind of the interesting possibilities of Rover correspondence criss-cross around the Empire. The writer incidentally signs himself as a "Jampal" of the 1929 Scout Jamboree.

The Sask. Moot

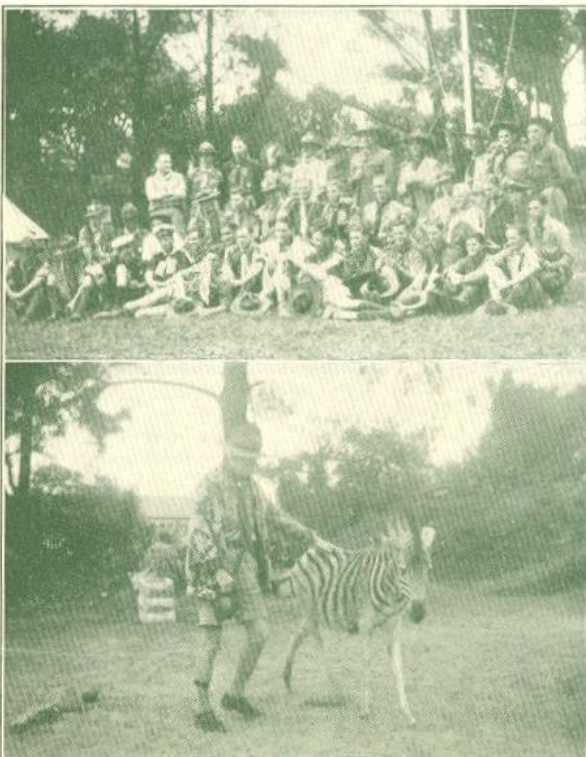
NOTWITHSTANDING limited attendance,—a reflection of the financial and other difficulties of long-distance travel,—Saskatchewan's Annual Rover Moot, at Bulyea Oct. 27-28, provided some thoughtful and practically valuable discussions. A notable social feature was a Father and Son banquet attended by some 95 Rovers and guests, the latter including several clergymen of different denominations.

Discussions

Public Service "A determined effort to break down racial and religious barriers" was one of the general Rover projects emphasized during a discussion of "Rovers in Public Service." A definite proposal for Rover Crews in smaller communities was "the providing of centres for the entertainment and education of young men who need keeping off the streets."

The formation of a fire brigade was subscribed to as a very useful and suitable Rover service in small towns, and it was noted that the Bulyea Rovers had taken this up.

Rovering and Sportsmanship This subject produced considerable debate. The general feeling was that too much stress is being laid today upon winning, and too little on "playing



THE 8th annual
Natal Rover
Indaba—including
Sea Rover delegates.



The writer, in his
Zulu blanket coat,
and another popular
delegate—a young
zebra. (The zebra is
on the right.)

the game"; that this has been responsible for "abuses that abound both in sport and in the game of life."

Rovers and Peace Sunday morning saw a large turnout for the Rovers' Own. The chief subject, presented by Rover L. J. Bright, was "Rovers and the Peace Movement," the Bible reading being taken from Matthew v, 1-20. Discussion centered on the Great War. The variously-claimed reasons for the war were sketched, and the actual results as viewed today. The cost in lives and property was placed beside the colossal fortunes said to have been made by dealers in war munitions, and Lord Ponsonby and other prominent critics of the activities of munitions manufacturers were quoted.

It was submitted that "all our efforts to turn out clean and sportsmanlike citizens will be futile if by apathy, prejudice or indifference we again allow the dogs of war to be loosed, to kill, cripple and maim faster than we can soothe and heal."

Helping to bring about the establishment of "Peace on earth, good will to men" was held to be the highest service in which a Rover could engage, and in support of this ideal the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, that we go on record as being in favour of the formation of study groups affiliated with the League of Nations in Canada with a view to educating public opinion along the road to Peace."

Where the Vigil At the conclusion of the Rovers' Own the delegates hiked five miles 'cross-country to the farm of Rover L. Bright, for luncheon. After a "hearty meal" a council fire session in an open tepee dealt with some aspects of the Vigil. There was some difference of opinion as to where the Vigil could best be taken. Some favoured a church, some a quiet spot out under the sky, some the Crew Den, still others "wherever the Squire happened to be when he is prepared."

Choosing Sponsors Regarding sponsors, it was the feeling that the Squire should be permitted to choose his own. (The more common practise is the appointing of sponsors by the Rover Leader, thus ensuring understanding and maintenance of the finer points of the Crew's traditions, and its interpretation of Rover ideals.—Ed.)

The Moot was characterized by the usual wholehearted Rover fellowship.

An Investiture for Hebrew Rovers

AN Investiture ceremony for Hebrew Rovers recently added to Rover publications at Dominion Headquarters has received this commendation from Acting Provincial Commissioner Eli Boyaner, of Saint John, N.B.:

"I have gone over it carefully, and in my opinion it is splendidly adapted for Hebrew Rovers. It has sufficient religious significance to make it characteristically Hebrew, while at the same time properly emphasizing the Rover ideals."

The Q.M.'s Chat

Brother Scouters:

As we enter upon the New Year I wish to express to you, in behalf of the Stores Department, my appreciation of the opportunities you have given us in the past to fulfil the duties and service for which the Department was established. It is my sincere wish that you will find increased Prosperity in your daily walk in life and that during 1935 we may continue to receive your loyal support.

Scouting enters upon, we all earnestly hope, its brightest year. Our beloved Chief, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, will be with us during April, May and June, and I am sure that every effort of Scouters will be put forth to make the Chief's visit a most happy occasion.

Perhaps I should tell you that the new Catalogue will be ready for distribution earlier than in former years. It will take the form of a souvenir edition in honour of the Chief's visit, and will, of course, contain several new items of general interest.

I want particularly to thank the many Scouters who were good enough to reply to my former letters in this magazine. Some of the epistles I tried my best to answer, but each and every one has been carefully filed, and were freely consulted when compiling the new list. Of course it has been found impossible to carry out all of the really helpful suggestions received, but I have tried in each case to reach the happy medium, and I am hoping that when the catalogue is released it will meet with general approval.

I am hoping you enjoyed a Very Merry Christmas. For my part it was a most happy occasion, having an extra guest at my home in the form of a five months' old Q.M. The Stores Department had a very busy time of it during the days prior to Christmas, shipping out many hundreds of orders, ear-marked as gifts. We stayed on the job right up to the last minute in order that every parcel could be sent on its way.

Now I think my column is about filled so I must sign off until the next issue.

Yours for better Scouting,

George L. [Signature]
Q.M.

5th Pacific Coast Moot

THIS brief paragraph report was received from the 5th International Pacific Coast Rover Moot, held at Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 1-2:

Upon invitation of Scout Executive R. E. Crompton of the Mount Baker Area Council, the entire Moot programme was prepared and presented by B.C. Rovers (of the 5th, 6th and 26th and 5th Burnaby Crews).

The items:

The legendary, historical and romantic background of the Round Table, illustrated by coloured shields of the Knights of King Arthur and by a Rover Round Table—by the 5th Burnaby Crew.

Rover Programmes, by Rover Leader Parish, of the 26th Vancouver Crew, followed by a demonstration Crew meeting. This included an opening ceremony, short business session, the ceremony of admitting a new Squire; a short talk and discussion of "The Place of the Fair Sex in a Rover Programme," and demonstration of singlesticks and quarterstaff.

Banquet in the Rose Room of the Leopold Hotel, speaker Dr. Fisher, of Bellingham Normal School, subject "A Challenge to Youth." Canadian Rovers presented American brother Rovers a Bible, and were in turn presented with a framed Scout picture.

A Rover and Sea Scout ball in the Crystal Ballroom.

Sunday morning church service with Scouts attending the Patrol Leaders' Conference. At noon, luncheon at Y.M.C.A. Afternoon session: A talk on the Vigil, followed by tableaux presenting the vigil of a young Squire of King Arthur, and a young Squire of today being congratulated by his R. L. upon the completion of his vigil,—by the 6th Vancouver Crew.

Explanation of the Altar pieces, and Investiture of one American and one Canadian Rover.

A profitable and enjoyable two-days was concluded with a short trip on the motor cruiser of the Bellingham Sea Scouts.

Next year's Northern Pacific Moot will be held in Vancouver.

Some "Visual" Responsibilities

Quoting The Montreal (Rover) Buzz:

THE standing and standards of any organization depend to a marked degree upon the appearance and behaviour of its members.

The Cubs and Scouts set their pace by the Rovers and Scouters; the Public sets its ideas of the Movement by all four of them.

Neatness in dress, and proper uniform whenever worn, should be the especial pride of every Rover Crew worth the name.

Punctuality and dependability, too often overlooked, should be the special goal of every Rover Crew worth its salt.

To forget these objectives is to forget the Scout Law itself; and the pursuit of these basic virtues should take precedence over some of the more popular items of every Crew programme.

Do not lose sight of the fundamentals!

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.

A Night of Outdoor Games

AN excellent example of original outdoor games comes from the 85th Toronto. The minute-plus scoring system is to be noted.

Impromptu First Aid

Following the usual opening ceremonies and a series of general "warm-up" games by Troop Leader Warren Wilkes, Scouter Hills entered the room bearing sealed envelopes, one of each being given to the Patrol Leaders of each Patrol. Instructions were that the Patrol would move to some outdoor place and examine the contents of their message. On doing so the Patrols found the following: "Your leader has a broken leg, render First Aid and bring him back to headquarters on an improvised stretcher." The Patrol back in the shortest time was the winner. A minute was added to the time for each error and omission.

Iddy-Umpity

The next game was of a different nature, in which the Troop Leader and the A.S.M. found that they had to climb on to the roof of their headquarters and flash two messages in morse to patrols hidden below. This message was not deciphered as received, but the "iddies" and "umpties" were faithfully copied down by the patrols and then given to the newest Tenderfoot in the Patrol who, dashing into headquarters, seized a code card and decoded the message as accurately and as quickly as he could. Time was the winning factor in the game, one minute being added for each mistake.

Adventure

The third and final game of the evening took the Scouts along certain streets to guard their headquarters from an "invasion" by a rival patrol being led by a "spy" who had "snooped" the weak points in the defensive cordon of Scouts. The result of the games showed that this "spy" did his job thoroughly, for the "invaders" entered the building and captured the Scoutmaster and his tribe.

Civic Education Plan for Regina Scouts

A CIVIC education plan is included in Regina Scout winter activities. Starting this month, groups of three to six Scouts and a leader selected from various troops will visit different civic departments, including light and power plants, street railway department, police and fire departments, department of public health, and others.

Following each visit the Scouts will return to their various troops and lecture on the administration and technicalities of the departments they are taken through.

Col. A. C. Garner, District Commissioner, began preparations for the plan last January, when he communicated with all city department heads outlining its possibilities as a method of citizenship training and seeking civic support. The plan was approved by department heads, and by the City Council.

A Car Number "Kim's"

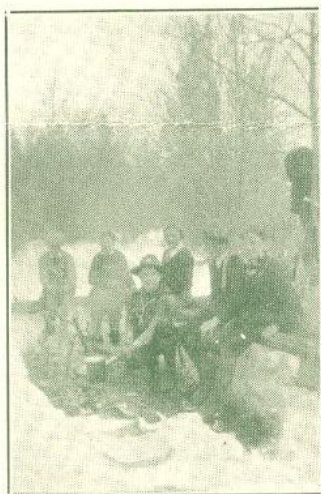
HERE is a new and most practical kind of Kim's Game invented by the 1st Parry Island Troop, Ontario. A number of old automobile license plates are secured. On an equal number of cardboard squares are printed brief descriptions of various cars, as:

BLUE FORD COUPE

GREEN CHEV. COACH

BLACK DODGE SEDAN

The usual Kim's Game procedure is followed. By shifting plates and numbers the game may be used for several weeks. Numbers and descriptions of cars seen on the way to troop meetings may then be called for,—also in competition.



"EAGLES" who don't "go south" for the winter. They're the Eagle Patrol of the 1st Clinton, Ont., Troop. (Send us some winter-like snaps of your boys.)

Ride 'em Easy

WHEN I was bumped round in a riding school (we're quoting Major R. L. Bullock, Commissioner for Leeds, England, speaking at Ilkley), I got extraordinarily sore. So did the horse, but not in the same place. The horse suffered in the mouth. The riding master used to say, 'Ride that little 'orse with an easy 'and. Riding 'im with a 'ard 'and will 'urt 'is mouth!'

"That is one of the best bits of advice for those handling boys. Let him go his own way, but not too far. When you want him, he will feel the bit and will come up. Always nag him, and you will make his mind hard and he will not come up when you want him."

A "Model Meeting" Competition

AS a means of securing troop programme ideas, the 1st Guelph patrols were asked to outline a "Model Meeting," in competition.

Kim's Knotting Race

IN a fairly thick length of cord tie the six Tenderfoot knots, finishing by tying the ends with a reef knot. Hold or hang it up for two minutes' observation, provide each Scout with a similar length and direct them to tie the knots in the same order. First to reach the Scoutmaster with knots correctly tied, in correct order, wins.

An Investiture Hint

AN occasional jarring note during a Scout Investiture is a slight commotion or smiling somewhere in the horseshoe (usually the result of nervous tension) this followed by a general turning of heads. One experienced Scouter avoids the effect of such a happening upon the candidate by standing with the candidate facing him, the latter back to the troop, some yards beyond the ends of the horseshoe.

A Quebec Pack's Investiture

A UNIQUE practice of St. Luke's (United Church) Cub Pack of Montreal is the wearing for a month by candidate Cubs of a white scarf,—representing the coat of white paint administered to Zulu boys for their period of testing. This is noted in the following outline of St. Luke's Pack Investiture:

Pack in Council Circle. New Brother enters circle, wearing cap and white scarf. Pack squats, and repeats twice: "Look well, O Wolves, look well." Pack rises.

Akela walks into centre, removes New Brother's cap and places it at his feet.

AKELA: "John Smith, do you know the Law of the Wolf Cub Pack, the Grand Howl and the Salute?"

NEW BROTHER: "Yes, Akela, I do."

AKELA: "What is the Law?"

NEW BROTHER: "The Cub gives in to the Old Wolf, the Cub does not give in to himself."

AKELA: "Are you ready to make the solemn promise of the Wolf Cubs?"

NEW BROTHER: "Yes, Akela, I am."

Pack Leader advances with Totem and hands it to Akela. New Brother and Akela grasp Totem pole with left hand. All salute while New Brother repeats promise. Pack Leader takes Totem.

Akela removes New Brother's white scarf, puts on Pack scarf and cap, and gives New Brother his badges, saying, "You are now a Wolf Cub, and one of the great Brotherhood of Scouts. I trust you to keep the promise you have just made." Shakes hands with New Brother.

New Brother turns about and salutes Pack. Pack returns salute. New Brother takes his place in circle. Pack gives Grand Howl.