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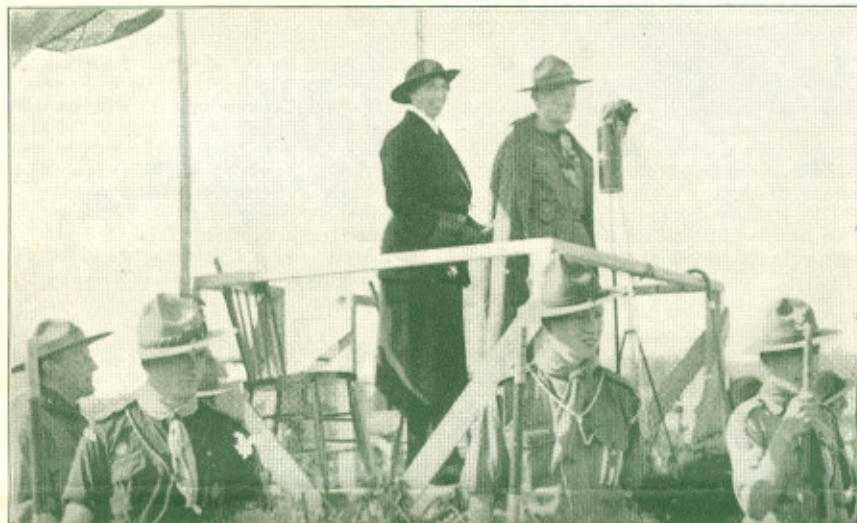
# Leader

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## The Chiefs Are With Us



LORD and Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Scout and Chief Guide, face their first welcome-to-Canada rally, at Victoria.

THE visit of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell is proving in all respects one of the greatest events in the history of Canadian Scouting—a succession of joyous gatherings of Scouts and Guides, and the largest joint assemblies of the brother-and-sister Movements ever brought together in the Dominion. At Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops and Calgary splendidly successful rallies were held, with widely representative attendance, and in splendid weather.

In fact, as to weather, we apparently have broken the Chief's traditional penchant for bringing rain.

Very full stories are being carried in the press, with numerous pictures in papers having the facilities. Movie News reels are showing snapshots of rallies, and the radio is broadcasting addresses by B.-P. as announced.

Everywhere arrangements have run clock-like. Rest periods have successfully conserved the Chief's strength, and there is every prospect of his seeing the heavy programme through to its end in July—provided there is continued loyal observance of the request that no unarranged demands are made upon him; particularly that his rest on the train between rallies be not broken by unscheduled attention.

We must continue to be careful of him—remembering his 78 years, notwithstanding his own constant forgetting of it—so that he may leave us in the same good health in which he arrived.

## The Loyal Opportunity of the Beacon Chain

WITH B.-P. himself in our midst to participate, seldom have the Scouts of Canada had such an opportunity for visible demonstration of their loyalty to the head of the Empire Family as is offered in the carrying across the Western World of the light of the great beacon chain of the Scouts of Britain, in celebration of the King's Silver Jubilee.

We have talked of the 2nd Scout Law and loyalty. Here is a joyously appealing opportunity for giving play to that sentiment, in an ancient and historic way, a way that appeals to the instincts of every natural boy, and a way peculiarly appropriate for a woodcraft organization.

The King himself is taking part in the starting of the first bonfire in England. English fagots from Gilwell will help kindle the first fire on this side of the Atlantic, at Halifax. At Winnipeg the head and originator of the greatest organization within the Empire will light the beacon which will pass the torch on from the East to the West.

Let none of us miss the opportunity of participating!

## The Jubilee Beacons

NEW and enthusiastic interest will be added to the Scout Beacon Chain project in celebration of the King's Silver Jubilee, May 6th, by word that His Majesty will participate in the lighting of the first of a chain of over 1,600 Scout beacons in the Old Land. From a room in Buckingham Palace the King will light a beacon in Hyde Park built by Westminster and Kensington Scouts. Five minutes later a milky way of Scout bonfires will flare up on hill and mountain tops in every section of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Five hours later, when dusk has crossed the Atlantic, a bundle of charred English fagots from Gilwell Park will kindle a Canadian Scout beacon at Halifax. Thereon a star-like pathway of bonfires, preceded by rocket "meteors," will unroll westward four thousand miles across the Dominion, to flame in one final burst above the waters of the Pacific.

That this will be fully realized is indicated by reports from all the provinces. While the membership and financial campaigns and planning for the visit of the Chief Scout have in some cases prevented the attention that otherwise would have

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A GOOD type of large beacon of maximum duration—a 30-foot hexagonal pyramid. Lighted at the top, it burns downward, like a torch, and collapses inward.



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### You Are Invited

**A**LL warranted Scouters outside of the Toronto area, including those from other provinces who may be within reach of the city, will on request be sent a formal invitation to the great banquet in honour of Lord Baden-Powell to be held at the Royal York Hotel Thursday evening, May 16. The invitation is extended by Mr. E. W. Beatty as President of the Canadian General Council, and at the request of His Excellency the Governor-General as Chief Scout for Canada. Dress: Scout uniform or evening dress, with decorations. Tickets, \$1.50. Address Mr. N. H. Saunders, 57 Bloor St. West, Toronto.

### Scout Service on National Holidays

**T**HERE has been an increasing participation of Scouts in local Dominion Day and other national holiday celebrations. A special holiday this summer will be the King's Silver Jubilee, May 6. It is suggested that participation as a service organization be emphasized rather than as a parading body; at least, that special service on such days be given first thought.

Scout national holiday service in the past has included: Assisting in directing street traffic; providing guides for visitors; having charge of improvised parking areas; operating a combination information bureau and rest tent; running a lost children's headquarters, with Scouts on the lookout for lost kiddies; distributing programmes; ushering at indoor and outdoor gatherings; providing messengers; providing guards of honour for special guests; assisting in various ways at field sports, road races, etc.; providing first aid units.

### Gilwell Camp Dates

**T**O date Provincial Headquarters have announced the following Gilwell camps:

Saskatchewan—Akela Course, Lebre, July 16-22. Scout, Lebre, July 2-12. Scout, Prince Albert National Park, Prince Albert, July 30-August 8.

Ontario—Akela Course, Ebor Park, July 13-20. Scout, Ebor Park, July 23-August 3.

Quebec—Scout, Tamaracouta, August 13-20.

### For the U. S. Jamboree Vaccination and Innoculation

**A**DDITIONAL advice in a "Jamboree Information Supplement" from National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America notifies that Scouts and Scouters attending the Jamboree must have been vaccinated against smallpox and inoculated against typhoid.

Mention of evidence of vaccination and inoculation will be included in the certificate of physical fitness and good health secured from a physician and attached to application to attend the Jamboree.

### Again, the Need of Instruction in Safe Handling of Firearms

**A** STORY again reminding of the importance of Scout instruction in the Marksman's Badge—for its safety features—comes from Sudbury, in an account of the accidental shooting with a .22 rifle of one Scout by another, during a hike of St. Joseph's Church Troop.

The incident also suggests that more attention might well be given the Marksman's Badge by Scouters of troops in the "frontier" towns, where firearms are more commonly used. Without definite in-



LAST summer's camp gate of one of our well planned permanent Manitoba camps—that of the 1st Souris.

struction no group of boys can be assumed to be safe with firearms—even Scouts.

The news story reports that "young Fournier was shot when one of the boys began playing with the rifle." The bullet went through his thigh. Indicating that the boys had been well trained in first aid, a tourniquet was immediately applied, and the wounded lad carried on an improvised stretcher to a house from which Sudbury could be reached by 'phone, for an ambulance.

After a "clean Scout sheet" for several years, there have been two such accidents during the last six months; both in districts where boys might be expected to appreciate the necessity of safety with firearms.

### Says Scouting Saves Windsor \$10,000 Annually

**T**HAT the City of Windsor, Ont., is saved some \$10,000 per year by the Boy Scout Movement was a recent declaration of Magistrate Brody, because of its effectiveness in preventing boys becoming police court cases and requiring police attention, and thus generally the prevention, directly and indirectly, of costly misdemeanors.

### An Invitation to Poland's 25th Anniversary Jamboree

**A**N official invitation to Canadian Scouts to attend the 25th Birthday Anniversary Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of Poland has been received by His Excellency the Earl of Bessborough, Chief Scout for Canada. The invitation comes from Dr. Michal Grazynski, President of the Polish Boy Scouts Association, and expresses the hope that it may be possible for a number of Canadian Scouts to accept, and be included among the Jamboree guests.

The Jamboree will be held on the hunting estate of the President of the Polish Republic, July 11-24, in the forest of Spala, and a gathering of 20,000 Scouts is expected.

The Canadian General Council would be glad to have Dominion Scouting represented at the Jamboree by one or more suitably qualified Scouts or Scouters who might find it possible to finance the trip. Application for credentials, giving age, Scouting experience, etc., should be made through Provincial Headquarters to Dominion Headquarters, Ottawa. An accredited representation would be furnished with a Canadian Scout flag for carrying and displaying in Poland.

The son of the Polish Consul General to Canada is a registered Scout of the 38th Ottawa Group.

### A Call for 1911 Coronation Scouts!

**I**N 1911 a party of upward of 140 Scouts and Scouters from Canada visited England in connection with the coronation of King George V. In the intervening years they have become very widely scattered.

The approaching Silver Jubilee of King George's reign, coupled with the visit of the Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, has suggested that efforts be made to locate these Scouts of 1911. Through the efforts of one of them, W. I. Hearst, K.C., the present addresses of many have been secured, but the list is still very incomplete. It will be appreciated, therefore, if the Coronation Scouts, particularly those now living in Ontario, will communicate with Mr. Hearst, care Hearst & Hearst, 80 King Street West, Toronto, or with F. C. Irwin, care the Boy Scouts Association, 330 Bay Street, Toronto.

### Nearly 400,000 Trees in Ontario's Boy Scout Forest

**O**NTARIO'S 6th annual Scout Forestry Camp will be held at Angus, Ont., May 23-26. The attendance will be limited to 100 boys, 14 years or over, preferably those who have not attended previous forestry camps. To date over 600 Ontario Scouts have participated in the camps which are operated under the direction of the Provincial Department of Lands and Forests, and nearly 400,000 trees have been planted in the "Boy Scout Forest." In addition to instruction in forestry and the tree planting, the Angus camp programmes include games, evening council fires and a Sunday Scouts' Own. The Camp fee is \$2.00.



## The B.-P. Honour Standard for Starting a New Group

WORD has been received of a number of enterprising Scout Groups working to qualify for the new specially designed B.-P. Honour Standard—1935, to be awarded an established Group which brings about the organization of a new Group.

One or two inquiries indicated that the requirements had not been quite understood in several cases. The qualifications given in the February "Scout Leader" read:

To be awarded Groups which have brought about the organization of a unit or units of a new Group, properly backed by a Group Committee; which new Group has carried on successfully for at least six months, as reported by Provincial Headquarters. Applications may be retroactive to cover Groups started Sept. 1st, 1934. Applications will be made through Provincial Headquarters to Dominion Headquarters at Ottawa.

It will be noted that the formation of an entirely new Group is called for,—not a new unit in an established Group; and that the award is to go to a Group, and not to a unit, nor to a single individual.

Two Saint John, N.B., Groups are reported working for the Standard along correct lines. Each is developing a Group in a different church, providing leaders at the beginning, and training leaders for the Group, so that at the end of six months the new Group can carry on under its own leadership.

In a number of other cases a Group is developing a new Group in another nearby community.

An Honour Standard application form is enclosed with this number of the "Scout Leader."

## THE JUBILEE BEACONS

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been given Beacon Chain organization, districts and individual Scout Groups everywhere have been going ahead, and the Atlantic-to-Pacific succession of Scout bonfires is assured. New Brunswick, Manitoba and Alberta have reported definite chains, and contacts with eastern provincial neighbours.

## Local Plans

**Starting Time.**—In many cases the Scout beacon, or circle of beacons, will be incorporated in the general local Jubilee celebration. This arrangement may in some cases determine the time of lighting the fire. Wherever possible, however, the beacons should be started as darkness falls, so that they may actually be a part of the westward moving fire chain.

**Rockets.**—From reports received, the idea of the Royal Salute of 21 rockets immediately preceding the starting of the beacon has been taken up with enthusiasm practically everywhere. Incidentally it will provide a most effective and widely-seen preliminary announcement of the beacon.

**Passing on Fagots.**—From Fort William comes the suggestion that long-distance gaps be bridged by "passing on a fagot." That is, by the mailing (ahead of time), of a stick of white birch from an eastern to the next western beacon,—as from North Bay to Fort William, and from Fort William to Winnipeg. An effort is being made to arrange this as reports are received from different beacon points. It is hoped that widely-separated districts in the westward path will co-operate in this detail. Where names of Commissioners or other leaders are not

known, fagots can be addressed: "Scouter in charge Scout Jubilee Beacon," and place.

It was the Fort William idea that suggested the plan to secure from England the carry-on fagots for the beacon at Halifax.

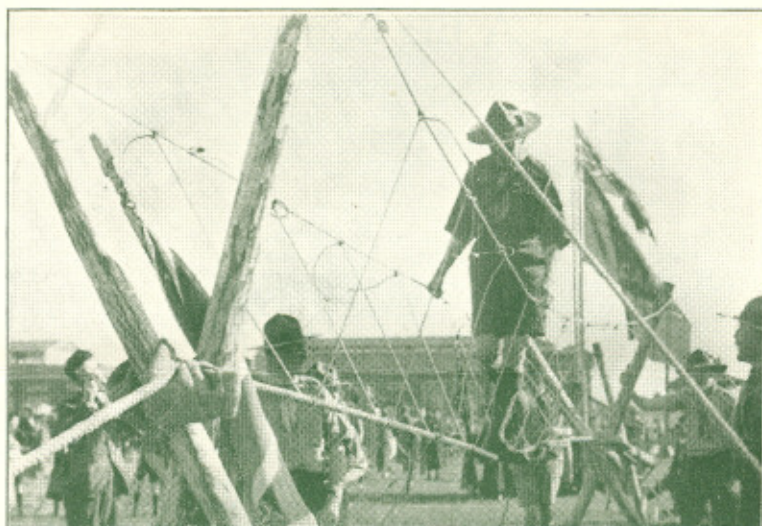
**Size of Beacon.**—For centres planning a larger bonfire than those described in the April Scout Leader an article on the subject appears elsewhere in this magazine.

**Non-Scout Bonfires.**—It is possible that other organizations may plan bonfires in communities where Scout beacons have been planned. In such cases it is suggested that an appeal be made, through the press, that such other organizations adopt some alternative form of celebration, in view of the fact that the Scout beacon will form part of an Empire chain; in any case, that no bonfires be lighted earlier than the time fixed for the Scout fire, since this would detract from the effect of the Beacon Chain fire.

## Beacon Sparks

Scout beacons will contribute to the Jubilee celebrations of all three Maritime capital cities—Halifax, Charlottetown and Fredericton. The New Brunswick capital Scouts also have been given the honour of raising flags on all public buildings.

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B.-P. tries out a "monkey bridge" built by the Scouts of the Langford Lake Troop at the Victoria Rally. It was one of the items of a well planned practical-Scouting show.



THE Victoria Rally—2,500 Brownies, Guides and Rangers, Cubs, Scouts and Rovers, Guiders and Scouters, from every section of Vancouver Island.  
—McAllister Photo.



## A Big Bonfire

*In addition to the Jubilee bonfire hints offered in the April Scout Leader, the following article is offered for Scout Groups or Districts who may be considering a beacon of extra large size. It was adapted from an article on the subject by the late Col. Cadell, V.D., in the "Headquarters Gazette" of 1911.*

**T**HERE are two ways of doing most things, and it is possible to make mistakes even in such an apparently simple business as the construction of a common bonfire—a bonfire, that is to say, intended to celebrate some great event and not merely to consume a heap of miscellaneous combustibles in a back garden.

Everyone who saw the beacon fires on the Jubilee nights in 1887 and 1897, the more hastily prepared illuminations on "Pretoria Day," and the Coronation bonfires in 1902 and 1911, must have observed that while many of them went off well and sent home the spectators in a thoroughly good humour, many others, for want of enough skill in the construction, proved complete failures.

A large sum was once subscribed for a bonfire on a prominent hill in Scotland on the Jubilee night in 1887. Many tons of coal and barrels of tar were laboriously carted up and laid on planks in a solid pile with air-holes beneath. Some of the tar was emptied over the coal and some of the casks were placed on the top, in the expectation that when the heat grew intense the fluid would blaze up with prodigious effect.

Experience proved that a worse way of making a bonfire could hardly have been devised, half the night was gone before it even began to blaze dimly. But if it was slow in starting, it continued to burn day and night for nearly a week, producing dense volumes of smoke and comparatively little light. The tar spread over the ground in a pitchy sheet that remained for years and prevented any vegetation from covering the ugly spot.

An expensive 40-foot bonfire built on a prominent hill near Edinburgh at the Diamond Jubilee in 1897 was only dimly discernible in the distance for about a quarter of an hour, then suddenly collapsed and went out. The trouble was faulty design and wrong method of lighting. It had been built without a sufficient internal skeleton, and the light was applied at too low a point. In consequence, as soon as the fire reached its heart the huge pile toppled over, and brought the show to an abrupt termination amidst the ridicule of the spectators.

A good bonfire should fulfil the following six conditions:—

- (1) Be kindled easily and at the appointed minute.
- (2) Blaze brightly and consume its smoke.
- (3) Burn for half an hour at least.
- (4) Subside gradually inwards and not topple over.
- (5) Consume its materials completely and not leave half-charred timber-ends lying about.
- (6) Die out without setting fire to the heather or injuring adjacent woods, etc.

By a little planning it is generally possible to meet all these requirements.

**Materials.**—Nothing is better than wood, and tar is unnecessary unless the wood is green and damp. Several long spars, beams, or stems of trees should be provided to form a central boss, and thick branches cut into lengths, or old railway sleepers, joists, or posts or old fences, will make a splendid fire if systematically built round the outside and filled with light, dry brushwood, empty oil barrels, old baskets, boxes, etc., in the heart.

**Construction.**—A good bonfire should burn downwards from the top, like a torch, and give out as much light as



possible, consuming its smoke, and producing nothing but flames. In order to secure this the materials must be built up in the form of a high conical stack with plenty of air-holes for the ventilation of the interior. Before beginning to build, a strong triangular boss should be erected, made of stems of trees, or spars, that will not burn away too fast. These should be from 10 to 30 feet in length, according to circumstances. They must be securely fastened together at the top, and spread out at the base. This framework or boss has two duties to perform. It must act as a support when the pile is being built up round it, and prevent the structure from rocking or being upset by the wind. Again, when the pile is burning it is very liable to topple over if the wind is on one side and the other is wrapped in flames. The presence of the boss helps to prevent this, and keeps the burning mass together, so that it sinks steadily downwards and inwards, concentrating its heat and light in the middle, till everything is perfectly consumed.

After this skeleton is completed the heaviest logs or timber should be laid on the ground for a foundation, radiating outwards like the spokes of a wheel. Old sleepers for the next course can then be laid across the spokes to form the segments of the circle, and brushwood or lighter timber can be packed inside. And so on, course by course, till all the timber is used up.

The diameter should be diminished and lighter materials put on towards the apex, the crest being made up of a large bundle of shavings, straw, or brushwood which can be easily set on fire. If the wood is damp some tar should be sprinkled over each course as it is laid. With a bonfire of this construction, however, tar is of no great advantage, and the difficulty may not be to get the pile to burn, but rather to build it so that it will not burn away too fast and spend itself before the spectators are tired of gazing and ready to go home to bed.

**Lighting.**—Provision should be made to protect the top of the bonfire against rain before the time of lighting. The light should be applied at the very top. To apply the light adroitly to the top of a shaky stack in the presence, perhaps, of a crowd of critical spectators requires some ingenuity. The operation, which is often performed by some distinguished visitor or local magnate, should, if possible, be carried out with some dramatic effect. This can be done by a long torch or in other ways.

A safe and simple plan is to suspend from the top a soft line or rope steeped in paraffin oil or naphtha, hanging clear of the pile, so that the light applied at the foot will run quickly up and start the blaze from the proper spot.

**Guarding.**—Another important matter is the guarding of the bonfire so that no mischief-maker sets it off prematurely. This has often happened as, for example, in 1897, when the great bonfire on Cleve Cloud, the highest point in the Midlands, was maliciously fired some days before the Diamond Jubilee, in the temporary absence of the watchman.

## Combine King's Jubilee and Welcome to the Two Chiefs

**T**HE City of Saint John, N.B., is paying a notable tribute to Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. The dates of the city's celebration of the King's Silver Jubilee have been fixed to cover the period of the visit of the Chief Scout and Chief Guide, —May 31-June 3. In addition to the Scout and Guide display before Lord and Lady B.-P., Scouts and Guides assembled from all parts of the province will take part in a great celebration parade to be built around the theme of the Loyalist City's transportation from the earliest days to the present.

## Overseas Scout Magazines?

Scout Groups desiring sample copies of Scout magazines of other countries for their libraries will be sent an assortment of back numbers upon request accompanied by ten cents postage. Address The Editor, Publications Department, Dominion Headquarters.



## Chief's Final Words at Aussie Jamboree

*"But now abideth Faith,  
Hope, Love, these three, and  
the greatest of these is Love."*

At the arena at Frankston on Sunday, 26th January, when the World Chief Scout sent round the "boomerang of love"; at the campfire at Gilwell Park on the following Thursday, when he met the returning hikers, and finally on the last Sunday at the Rover Moot at Frankston, when he said farewell to the Rovers, Lord Baden-Powell stressed the same final message to all,—peace, friendship and brotherly love.

The old Chief was obviously very sincere in his message, and he was especially moved when, for the last time, he spoke to the Rovers. The words he said to them are typical of what he also said on the other occasions, and, as all of us would like a record of them, we print verbatim the World Chief's final speech:

"Brother Scouts,—

"We have come to the end of our Jamboree; we are meeting for the last time—for some of us. But in this there is no cause for melancholy, but rather the opposite; it is an occasion of thanksgiving for a very happy experience. Each one of us will carry away a different impression, according to his temperament, but all such impressions cannot fail to be happy ones, mainly of new revelations in Scouting, in its methods, in its possibilities, and in new friendships and comradeships begun.

"I have repeated till you must be weary of it the value of such friendships towards World Peace. Eminent authorities may give you auxiliary ideas (even though the floor-boards are hard) on Leagues of Nations, Disarmament Pacts, and so on, but this is a delicate plant to cultivate in a world of weeds, of mistrust, and enmities. You may fence it round with leagues and pacts and agreements, but these are little use unless you plant it in rightly prepared soil,—that is, the mutual goodwill of the peoples themselves.

"One great lesson, therefore, that we all of us carry away from here is that friendship and goodwill between people of different races is perfectly feasible, as we have seen in practice in our camp.

"Our World Brotherhood beyond the world goes further to prove it. Our job, therefore, as Scouts is to keep up and spread more widely yet that international goodwill.

"Charity begins at home. Here in Australia, as in most other countries, there has been in the past unreasonable rivalry or jealousy between parties and States. A house divided against itself cannot stand. It is good citizenship and true patriotism for every man to break down barriers of class, creed, cities and states, and to aim for a united nation; and after that for a united world of peace and goodwill, prosperity and happiness. The first step to this end is for each individual to make himself a good citizen. That is the aim of the Scout training. From Cub to Scout, and Scout to Rover, is a progressive training in the Scout Law. "Once a Scout always a Scout" is a motto handed to us by Lord Kitchener; and a valuable one when you have ceased to be a Rover is to be an "Old Scout," by continuing to keep



The March Past at the Australian Jamboree.

in touch as far as you can with the Movement, trying to regulate your life by the Scout Law, especially the 4th, namely, Love.

"You will, as a grown-up, meet with difficulties in life. Face them cheerily and confidently, accept them as the salt of life. Without occasional roughs, the smooth would be insipid. In my own life I have found at least three ways in which difficulties can be successfully met, in addition to the weapons suggested to you in the 8th Law, "A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties."

"The first is duty. You may often be divided between your inclination and pleasure, and your duty. The duty must always come first.

"Secondly, fairness. Every question has its two sides. When a problem is before you, hear both sides before you decide on your course of action. Don't let your line be decided by the first speaker you hear. The greater the talker, the more suspect he should be.

"The third most potent weapon is Love. Often I have told you "A smile and a stick will carry you through most difficulties, but nine times out of ten it is the smile that does the trick." When you are doubtful as to what line to take, the best guide invariably is to ask yourself "What would Christ have done?" And do that.

"Love is, after all, the Spirit of God working within you; the more love you give out, the stronger it grows within you, and, boomerang like, brings love from others in return. A man who has no friends is the man who gives out no friendship. A life of love towards others means a life of jolly happiness for yourself.

"Another good motto to act upon, though some may call it frivolling, is that of Mark Twain, who said, "So live that when you die everyone will be sorry, including the undertaker."

"So Farewell. Go each one of you from here as a messenger of Love and Goodwill to others, and God-speed your effort."

—THE VICTORIAN SCOUT.

### Scouting a Divinely Inspired Movement

DISCUSSING the "remarkable effect on the public mind generally" of the recent Australian Jamboree, the "Victorian Scout" reproduces the following interesting letter recording the impressions made

by the Jamboree upon clergymen of the Methodist Church of Australasia. The letter was addressed to Lord Baden-Powell.

Dear Sir:

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Frankston Methodist Church, this afternoon, reference was made to the great Jamboree now drawing to a close. Several of us, including a Scouter, who had all closely observed the activities and tone of the gatherings, were able to testify to the remarkably spiritual quality expressed throughout the whole period. Some were deeply moved as they related their experience, shared by many others in the Camp, of strange, strong currents of religious power, of profound gratitude for the true fellowship enjoyed with others from all parts of the earth; and of an ever-deepening sense of the Divine Presence and Goodwill. All this appeals very much to the Methodist heart, and believing with your good lady, the World Chief Guide, that the Movement has been divinely inspired, our young people, already well represented, will be encouraged still more to enrol and lend a hand.

The meeting conferred upon me the honour of communicating to you, Sir, the following resolution which was passed with enthusiasm:—

"That this Quarterly Meeting of Frankston Methodist Circuit respectfully offers warm congratulations to Lord and Lady Baden-Powell of Gilwell upon the magnificent success of the Jamboree of the past two weeks at Frankston, and upon the wonderful development of the Scout and Guide Movement throughout the world.

With thankfulness we note the fine moral effect of the idealism consistently proclaimed by them as leaders.

We invoke the blessing of God in their efforts to promote Health, Happiness and Helpfulness amongst all Peoples."

Assuring you, Sir, of our affectionate Christian regard,

I remain,

Yours obediently,

W. T. Johns (Chairman),

Frankston Circuit of the Methodist Church of Australasia.



The  
Outdoor  
Game  
of  
Scouting



Wapella  
Scouts,  
Sask.,  
making a  
patrol  
shelter.

**D**URING the icy days of spring the Scouts of Acton, Ont., sprinkled the town's sidewalks with sand, to ensure safe walking for citizens.

#### Redskins vs. Palefaces, Scout Style

In an exhibition hockey game the "redskins" of the Blackfoot Indian Scout Troop of the Old Sun School, Alberta, outplayed the "palefaces" of the 1st Rockyford Troop by six goals to four. The Indian lads were credited with playing better combination, and with being faster skaters.

Twelve Saskatoon troops made a ruling that Cubs and Scouts with three months' service must have their One Star or Second Class tests completed to be eligible to attend the B.-P. rally at Regina.

#### Bishop of Chatham Honours New Troop

The new Scout troop of Atholville, northern New Brunswick, was honoured by a visit from His Excellency Rt. Rev. P. A. Chiasson, Bishop of Chatham, accompanied by Rev. F. M. Lantaigne, Campbellton, and Rev. J. A. Godbout, parish priest of Atholville. A record of good turns found by the troop were read by His Excellency, and he gave them his benediction.

A series of little sketches of the various Lethbridge troops, one each week, have been appearing in the "Lethbridge Herald."

Several Mothers' Auxiliaries of Toronto Scout troops are renovating and repairing outgrown Scout uniforms for boys who cannot purchase them.

#### A Life Saving Certificate Record

According to the annual report of the Royal Life Saving Society, Montreal Boy Scouts during 1934 were granted 156 awards by the Society for knowledge of life saving. The awards comprised 43 elementary certificates, 48 bronze medallions, 1 medallion bar, 10 first class instructor certificates, and 8 awards of merit, the second highest award granted. This total was nearly three times that of any other organization, and the highest in the history of the Montreal R.L.S.S. Branch.

The 1st Brandon Troop won this year's competition for the Oglesby First Aid Shield, with the 2nd Troop next by a small margin.

The coming of rain and sleet during hike fire-lighting and cooking tests provided a real test for some 15 Scouts of the 1st Nelson, B.C., Troop. All made good by getting their fires with not more than two matches.

#### A Sample of World Correspondence

The interesting possibilities of world Scout correspondence is illustrated in this list of countries in which Scouter Joseph Jacobson of the 1st Elk Point Troop, Alta., has Scout letter-friends: England, Australia, Belgium, Japan, Jamaica, British Guiana; an A.S.M. in South Africa and a D.S.M. in Gold Coast, West Africa. A young Cubmaster correspondent in Osaka wrote that "our two Chief leaders once have been in Gilwell in England."

Rev. T. L. Campbell, of the Brooklyn Mission, was so pleased with the Scouts of the 3rd Guelph Troop when they attended service at the Mission that he asked them to take charge of a service on the succeeding Sunday.

#### Appearance of the Pack was Smartened

Scout column of an Ontario Pack: "A thorough check up of uniforms took place at Thursday's meeting, and missing Sixer's stripes, Six patches, etc., were replaced, with the result that the appearance of the Pack was smartened greatly."

#### Sermons in the Interest of Scouting

Scout Notes in "The Herald," Wadena, Sask., announced a series of special sermons in the interests of Scouting on succeeding Sundays by the clergymen of the United Church, the Swedish Baptist Church, St. John's Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church. "All Scouts, parents and members of the local Boy Scouts Association" were especially invited to be present at any or all of the services.

The Group Committee of the 10th Brantford (Legion) Troop paid a visit on a regular meeting night, and "was well satisfied with the progress the troop is making."

#### A Cabin in the Tall Timbers

The 1st Eureka Troop, N.S., dismantled an old rink in which it previously met and used the lumber to build a 18 x 20 cabin "some distance from the village and right in the tall timbers, where the troop can make use of it for a hiking rendezvous or for special meetings, as a variation from the usual meetings in the hall."

#### Scout Fishermen's Fly-making Contest

In preparation for the summer's sport, Scout Izaak Waltons of the 1st Truro, N.S. Troop were given a lesson in fly-making by the troop chaplain, Rev. J. W. Godfrey. A contest in fly-making was started, ten points to each Scout who made an effective fly by next meeting, and 50 points for the fly adjudged the best.

Scout Lawrence Parker of the Border Cities Sanatorium Post Troop, although unable to leave his room, has passed his Second Class Scout tests. Boys of these hospital and sanatorium units are among our keenest and cheeriest Scouts.

#### Making Their Own H.Q. Furniture

As furnishings for an old-schoolhouse headquarters given them by the Cadillac Coal Company, boys of the 1st Shaughnessy Troop, Alta., brought pictures associated with their patrol names, and each made a stool for "corners."

Chatham, Ont., Scouts participated in a Rotary Club Crippled Children's Fund campaign by operating a "Lost and Found Bureau" of Rotary members, who had to contribute something to the fund on being "found."

#### New Troop Grasps Service Idea

The new Scout Troop of Alliston, Ont., demonstrated its grasp of Scouting community service by collecting an amount and variety of used clothing that astonished the local Civic Relief Committee. The collection included underclothing, suits, overcoats, stockings, hats, caps and mittens, mostly in good condition.

A water colour portrait of Lord Baden-Powell was painted by A.S.M. Walter H. Cox of the Wesley Memorial Troop, Moncton, N.B., for the troop headquarters.

#### A District Rally Sing-song

One of the largest assemblies of Scouts and Cubs recorded in many years at the "Lakehead" gathered at Fort William to celebrate the birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell with a programme of competitions, winding up with a big sing-song. Some 250 boys participated, representing troops and packs in Fort William and Port Arthur.

A painting of Lord Baden-Powell from the brush of Mr. W. E. Richards, father of Scoutmaster Hazen Richards, was presented to St. Andrew's Troop, Saint John, N.B., and hung in the troop's clubroom by Rev. Dr. G. Campbell Wadsworth, with appropriate ceremony.

#### Cubs Find Clue to Lost Airman

An observant Pack of Leamington, Ont., Wolf Cubs hiking along Lake Erie discovered what apparently was the first clue to the disappearance in March of an American army plane and its cadet flyer. On the shore the Cubs found and identified a piece of airplane fabric, and instead of throwing it away or keeping it, they handed it over to the police, who sent it to Selfridge Field.

A parents' night inter-patrol debate of the 17th "B" Winnipeg, concerned the question, "Resolved, that Scout leaders should be married men." The Owls won for the affirmative against the Eagles.



### A Stalking Game Becomes Real

The turning of a game of stalking into the real thing was the unique experience of Scouts of Nelson and Willow Point, B.C. The two troops had combined for a Saturday programme, and were playing a game of stalking through bush, when they discovered a small boy who had been lost.

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The Canadian Pacific Male Choir of Calgary offered to stage concerts for Scout troops, to assist boys of needy families to purchase uniforms in preparation for the coming visit of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.

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### Another Helpful P. L. Gathering

Seventy-five Patrol Leaders of the Hyland Division of Toronto district gathered in Grace Church-on-the-Hill for a social evening, a dinner served by the 107th Troop, and addresses by District Commissioner S. B. McMichael and Provincial Commissioner W. J. Cairns. The latter spoke of "Needs for and Requirements of Leadership."

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Scout Andrew Elliot of 1st Weymouth Troop, N.S., made a spring collection of 45 twigs.

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### A Fredericton P.L. Course Hike

As part of a District Patrol Leaders' Course, a patrol of Fredericton P.L.'s were taken on an all-day hike in March. The boys made their own fireplaces and cooked their meals. During the afternoon there was Semaphore signalling and practice at Scout's Pace, the building of a lean-to, the procuring by each of a staff, and a start was made in collecting a twig alphabet.

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Vernon, B.C. Scouts, are planning the erection at Otter Bay of a cabin which they will build themselves, to serve as a canteen and cook-house during the annual camp, and also to provide a shelter for over-night hikes and winter outings.

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A jolly Sea Scout affair was the entertainment by North Toronto Sea Scouts of a party of 27 Sea Scouts from Oshawa, an evening of games, yarns, songs to a guitar and mouthorgans, and eats served by the Mothers' Auxiliary of the 142nd Group. The enjoyed get-together was closed with the singing of "The End of a Boy Scout Day" and Scout Silence prayers.

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A supper to their parents was the celebration adopted by the Lone Scouts of Alliston, Ont., to mark the official expansion of their Lone Patrol to a full-fledged Scout Troop. Guests included Mayor F. M. Walker.

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### Old Scouts Organize Paper Collection

Two Granby Old Scouts, now active committeemen, organized a Scout waste-paper collection campaign, one of them acting as "wastepaper collecting secretary" the other as his assistant. The plan is to collect systematically each Saturday; and \$100 has been set as the year's objective.

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Thirty Toronto Scouts assisted at a Service of Witness held in Maple Leaf Gardens.

### Read Scout Letters From Foreign Lands

The 7th Brantford, one of our world-correspondence troops, has a set meeting period when the boys read letters from Scouts in other lands. "And I must say," writes the Scoutmaster, "that the boys get a better idea of countries and conditions in this way than from their geographies and histories."

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During a demonstration of Scout, and Cub work at I.O.F. Hall, Gleichen, Alta., before a gathering of parents and others interested, a large Canadian Ensign was presented to the troop by A.D.C. Rev. J. House on behalf of former mayor A. R. Yates of Gleichen.

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### Here's Scouter Interest!

Scout centres represented at a Scout and Cub leaders' conference held at Eglinton United Church, North Toronto, included Orangeville, Willowdale, Richmond Hill, Acton, Port Credit, Brampton, Streetsville, Highland Creek, New Toronto, Long Branch, Weston, Milton, Mimico, Parklands, Lakeview, Unionville, Markham, York Mills and Oakville.

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An impressive Scout service held at the Marnel Theatre, Wilkie, Sask., was participated in by clergymen of the Anglican, United and Presbyterian churches. There was an investiture of two Scouts by Scoutmaster the Rev. C. H. Whitmore, who spoke on the aims of Scouting.

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### An Annual "Bridge-500"

The Annual "Bridge-500" of the 1st Thetford Troop, Que., drew a capacity crowd to the Masonic Hall, and produced the substantial sum of \$150 towards the troop's camp and other requirements. The tables were divided about equally between "Bridge" and "500", and Scout Tally Cards were provided by Scouts in uniform. The hall was attractively decorated with Scout colours, troop and pack flags and Scout posters. Prizes were distributed during the refreshment period.

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Plans are being made to hold a Boy Scout Jamboree in connection with the Apple Blossom Festival at Kentville, N.S., May 31-June 3.

### Famous Scout Singers Plan Tour

The Scout choir of the 38th Ottawa (French-Canadian) Scout Troop, under Scoutmaster J. Beaulieu, will again this summer make a concert tour through Northern Ontario. The choristers comprise nine sopranos, six altos, four tenors and three basses, and in musical circles has earned the reputation of being one of Canada's outstanding boy choirs. It has twice sung before His Excellency the Governor-General.

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The Kiwanis Club of St. Stephen, N.B., is backing the local Scout troop.

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### Ice Carnivals, a Growing Winter Project

A community effort of Boy Scouts which developed considerably during the past winter was the staging of ice carnivals. One of the last reported was an excellently planned affair of the 1st Stirling Troop, Ont. It attracted a crowd of 700 persons to the local arena to witness fancy and comedy skating, races for boys and girls and skating in costume. A generous list of prizes were awarded.

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A demonstration of Scouting was given before the children of St. Patrick's Orphanage, Silver Falls, N.B., by Troop No. 2 of the Saint John Cathedral. It was the first time the children of the orphanage had seen a Scouting demonstration, and they were greatly interested.

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### Brantford Scouts Broadcast

Scouts of St. John's Troop, Brantford, during March presented a weekly broadcast serial, "Don Strong of the Wolf Patrol," each Friday night at 7.45 p.m. from Station CKPO. The broadcast was made under direction of Scouter Stan Harris of Alexandra Church.

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### A Handkerchief Silent Signal

"But several of the playful 'garçons' seem to forget occasionally that when the Scoutmaster's handkerchief is showing, except for blowing purposes, they are supposed to keep quiet. And the fact that it's only cheap cheesecloth doesn't make any difference in the quality of silence required"—1st Melfort, Sask., Scout Column.



PROVING that all the attractive Empire Day or Dominion Day celebration floats are not seen in the cities. The Scout float of a Dominion Day parade at Drumheller, Alberta.



The Scout Troop of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Stratford, was placed under the sponsorship of the Laymen's Association of the church.

#### Scouts Members of Game Association

Honorary membership in the Peterboro Fish and Game Protective Association was conferred upon every invested Boy Scout of Peterboro troops at a big joint meeting of Scouts and Rovers and members of the Fish and Game Association executive, in celebration of the Chief Scout's birthday.

"Twenty-five Boy Scouts assembled in the Rover den Saturday night for weiners, buns, cake and coffee. After lunch a talk on health was given by the Scoutmaster." —Radville, Sask. Star.

#### Can-of-Soup "Fees" for Camp

In lieu of the regular dues for a meeting in March the boys of the 3rd New Glasgow brought each a can of soup,—"with the result that 25 cans of liquid vitamins can be struck off next summer's camp bill."

The 64th Toronto (St. Peter's Roman Catholic) Troop provided ushers for a Sunday evening musicale held at the Royal York Hotel under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Church.

#### Another Scout Orator

Competing with orators of five other High Schools in the finals of the annual Western Ontario Secondary School Junior Boys' Oratorical Contest, Scout Kenneth McKenzie of the Windsor-Walkerville Vocational School was awarded first place, the Pardee Shield, and the gold medal donated by the Sarnia Board of Education. Scout McKenzie spoke on "The Boy Scout Movement."

The Scouts of St. Stephen, N.B., were left \$500 towards camp outings by the will of the late Mrs. M. F. Ganong.

#### A Staff Carving Competition

Teachers of the New Glasgow Manual Training School were judges of a district Scout staff carving contest. While there was disappointment in the number of entries, "the two winners were beauties, and about the nicest bit of work in this line that we have ever seen." Best staff was credited to the 3rd New Glasgow Troop, second to the 2nd Troop and third to the 4th Westville Troop.

Fourteen Scouts of St. Patrick's Troop, Medicine Hat, qualified for the Marksman's badge. The final tests demonstrated that each had a thorough knowledge of safety rules and the proper manner of handling a rifle.

#### An Unusual Headquarters Solution

A meeting place in St. Andrew's Church in the fall and winter, and for the spring and summer in an unused private two-story stable-garage on commodious grounds, has ideally solved the headquarters problem of the 2nd Lethbridge, Alta. Four stalls make excellent patrol corners on the lower floor, and the upper floor, with hardwood flooring, is used for games.

#### Camp Larder Already Stocked

One Scout Troop which is at least assured of plenty of "eats" for its camp next summer is the 1st Niagara Falls. For months past the Scouts have been bringing one can of vegetable or fruit once each month, instead of their weekly dues. Consequently, the troop now has a larder well stocked with tomatoes, beans, soups and other edibles, and the cash cost of camp to each boy is going to be considerably reduced.

To hear an address on B.-P. by District President Henry Gill of Ottawa before the Pembroke Kiwanians, each of the latter had a Boy Scout guest.

#### A Big Night for Kilty Scouts

For the annual dinner of St. John and St. Stephen's Group, Saint John, N.B., one of our few kilted units, pipers played the boys to their places at tables arranged in a setting of trees and camp fires. Place cards were pictures of kilted Scouts, and the table decorations were spring flowers and heather and yellow candles in green candlesticks. Proficiency and King's Scout badges were awarded, an oil painting of Lord Baden-Powell by John W. MacKay was presented to the Group, and the Dr. Peat Shield, awarded for "best showing" at the annual 1934 District Inspection.



CHOIR and "rest of the Troop" (at the rear)—of the 2nd Kentville, N.S.

#### Expansion Notes

REFLECTING local interest, the Provost, Alta., Board of Trade and the local Curling Club presented a new Scout flag to the 1st Provost Group. Pressure of boys to join caused the addition to the troop of a fifth patrol.

Border Cities items note the necessity of dividing the 6th Group Cubs into one pack of younger cubs and one of older boys; also the steady growth of one of the new troops, the 32nd,—organized last November, and now numbering 30.

Through the New Glasgow "Scoutlook" we learn that new troops have been organized in that district at River John and Trenton, and that the 4th Westville and the 7th New Glasgow have been revived. Other troops have considerably increased membership. Slow but steady increase, and "no grand rush for a day and then a layoff," is the policy of this canny Scotch county.

The annual report of the Hamilton Scout Association showed 36 Scout troops, 29 Packs, 3 Rover Crews at October 31st last. Several units have since been added.

Preparations for a training course for new leaders in the Plaster Rock area of New Brunswick are reported by District Commissioner Rev. W. J. Clarke. This is one of our most consistently active rural Scouting districts.

Every boy of the little village of Braeside, Ont., between the ages of 8 and 16 years is either a Cub or Scout.

That enterprising Quebec monthly "The Eastern Townships Scouter," of Sherbrooke, is carrying on the cover of each issue a map of the district showing Scouting centres, and a thermometer indicating its steadily rising membership. April showed the "mercury" just over the 1,000 mark.

Kamloops, Salmon Arm and Revelstoke are B.C. districts reporting the formation of new Scout Groups.

The establishment in the district of 9 Scout Troops, 3 Cub Packs and 1 Rover Crew, with adequate leadership, is the announced response of the new Minto, N.B., District Council to the Governor General's membership appeal. The figures will be realized upon completion of organization plans for three new troops and one pack, now well under way.

Two new Scout Groups at Timmins is the objective of a number of business men who are sponsoring further development of Scouting in the big Northern Ontario mining town. A training course for Scout leaders is in progress with an attendance of over 20.

Ottawa's new Canadian Legion Troop was honoured in the presentation of its new colours by Brig.-Gen. Alex. Rose, C.M.G., D.S.O., President of the Dominion Command of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

The promising start of a new Scout Group at Wayne, Alta., was an attendance of eighty at a father and son banquet served by the Ladies' Aid of the Wayne United Church. Col. L. G. Casewell was the speaker.

Dividing of the Edmunston, N.B. Evangeline Scout Group into two—an English and a French Group; the starting of a second French-Canadian Cub Pack, and the promise that all units will be at full strength in three months, is the fine response from that northern district to the Governor General's appeal. Rovers are providing a number of the new leaders.



## For a Scouts' Own

By Rev. M. P. G. LEONARD, D.C.C.,  
S.E. Lancs.

*"For their sakes I sanctify myself"*  
(St. John xvii, 19).

SCOUTING is a way of life. True Scoutmasters are masters of that way of life. Of the essential characteristics of that life I need say nothing this morning beyond the fact that I believe that Scouting is absolutely vital in the life of the world to-day, just because of its unique contribution to the life of boyhood in these two respects:

1. As a counterbalance and corrective to the mechanisation and regimentation of life, Scouting offers a way of release by providing for the development of individuality and of personality.

2. As a revolt against the artificiality and elaboration of life, Scouting recalls us to a love of simple things, the love of Nature, and the enjoyment of simple pursuits.

Civilisation forces us to think, to dress, to act alike; civilisation subjects us to the tyranny of mass production; our individuality is crushed; Scouting is the way of escape to a fuller, freer, happier life, and our job is to lead our boys to this release by showing them the way of life we call Scouting. That we are anxious to be masters in this work is proved by the fact that we have all taken the opportunity of being trained, and have come back to this Reunion in order that our vision may be renewed and our enthusiasm rekindled.

If we attempt to analyse the inherent purposes of the Woodcraft Training, I think that we shall find that there are two, and both are fundamental.

1. *To understand the mind of the Chief;* to find an interpretation of his book *Scouting for Boys*; to see the vision that he saw of a world of boys set free from the tyranny of environment and cramping conditions, and living full, radiant, healthy, happy, useful lives.

2. *To catch the spirit of Scouting.* Here let me say that I believe that the chief value of Training consists in this rather than in the acquisition of technical or mechanical knowledge; in the vision of what our own Troop might be, if every member was endued with the Scout spirit, and was going all out to be his best and to pull the last ounce of his weight.

Thus equipped and reinforced we ought to know the way, but we also know the difficulty of living out our Scouting all the time, out of uniform as well as in it. Unless we overcome that difficulty, we shall not be true masters of this way of life, nor shall we be able to lead others along it.

The fact is that the Scout way of life is essentially the Christ way of life. The Chief would be the last to claim that he had invented a new way of life. His great gift to the world is the new and living method of presenting to boys—and let us be honest and add, to us too—an old and difficult way of life, as a new, attractive, romantic thrilling adventure. In the last analysis, if we are to be masters of Scouting, we must find the dynamic that will keep us true to the Scout code and moving forward along the way.

It is therefore not enough to know the mind of the Chief and to read his book—we must know the mind of Christ. It is not enough to catch the spirit of Scouting, we must catch the Spirit of the Great Scoutmaster—even Jesus Christ, the Lord of all Good Life. For the boys entrusted to our care are God's sons—immortal souls with an eternal future before them—and we have the terrific responsibility of setting them on an eternal course.

In all this, it is not what we say that counts, it is the quality of our living that alone matters. Lives speak; words are only spoken. The solemn fact is that we cannot teach boys to be better than we are ourselves.

It's what we are that matters. It is for this reason—the sake of our boys—that we consecrate ourselves. It is for their sake that we must strive to live on a higher plane than we have hitherto achieved, or perhaps thought necessary. For our failures in true living have their inevitable effect upon our boys. We may persuade ourselves that so long as our outward life is Scouty, our inner hidden secret life will not matter. Alas I wish it were so, but it is not.

Shakespeare makes Richard say:

*"O God! if my deep prayers cannot appease Thee*

*But Thou wilt be avenged on my misdeeds,  
Yet execute Thy wrath on me alone."*

That cannot be. The tragedy of sin is that it always and inevitably involves others. The supreme instance was when it involved God Himself on a Cross.

When we sin against God, that is when we fall short of the best we know, when we allow "self" to rule our actions against the light we have, when we reject the counsel of our conscience, we create an atmosphere about us which inevitably affects others. It is like chemical impurities in the air of a great city. They may be imperceptible to sight or smell, but inevitably the impurity in the atmosphere tarnishes every silver object within its range. So our secret sins tarnish the souls around.

The most awful and most haunting warning in the world's literature is Christ's warning against causing His little ones to stumble. Better a mill-stone round the neck, better the splash as we are dropped like a sack into the sea, better the silent choking out of life at the bottom of great depths, than that our less than best, our relaxing of self-discipline, our indulgence of "self," should tarnish the bright splendour of any young soul.

*For their sakes I consecrate myself.*

And it means consecration—not one course of Training, but the daily consecration of mind and soul and body to a great and glorious task.

Scouting is a game for boys, but a mighty serious business for us who are called to be leaders. Scouting is a game for boys, but beware lest you play with the

sacred and solemn responsibility which is yours. It is a serious business, but I hope that we can take our responsibility seriously without taking ourselves too seriously. Indeed the more truly we are consecrated, the more truly will we be renewed in youth and in all the joyous happiness and light-heartedness of the freeborn sons of light. Goodness and Happiness are like a perfume, which a man cannot pour over others without spilling a few drops upon himself.

*For their sakes I consecrate myself.*

Yes, for their sakes, but don't think that the reason is only negative; we consecrate ourselves, not only because we are afraid of leading them astray or of putting them off the way of life; not because a good man dies every time a boy goes wrong, and we do not want to be murderers, but because there is a very glorious and positive reason why we should consecrate ourselves.

If our sins and failures are like a bad smell, the opposite is shinningly true. A life lived courageously and tunelessly on the highest plane we know has a fragrance about it which sweetens and enriches the lives of all around us.

I spent my holidays this year exploring Scotland. In one glorious glen I lit a fire to boil my middie billy. The heather-covered hillsides, the glint of sun on water, the deep blue of the sea, the fragrance of a thousand glorious smells, made that glen a gem of unbeatable beauty. While casting round for suitable firing I found an odd bit of an old packingcase—old, dirty, weather-beaten—probably the ugliest atom in all that glen. I added it to my fire and asked nothing of it except that it should burn brightly and help to boil my billy. But it did far more than that; it was of some odoriferous pine, and as it burned it filled the air with a fragrance that surpassed all the other glories of that sun-kissed glen. A dirty bit of firewood doing its job, but its fragrance was divine.

It may be that it needs the furnace of affliction, the fire of disappointment, the red embers of discouragement and difficulty, to cause our lives to give forth their sweetest fragrance. If this is so, we shall go forward all the more resolutely, knowing that our consecration will bear its harvest in the untold wealth of character and potentiality in our boys which under God's good hand our labours shall bring to fruition—provided that we are loyal to our code and steadfast in this great way of living in which we are called to be masters and exemplars. The full fruits of our labours are in the future; our consecration with God's help must be in the present.

*"He was old, yet he planted trees,*

*"In his garden he worked for hours, planting trees here and there, twos and threes.*

*"Not the annuals, the gay-coloured flowers, nor the creepers that year by year climb, but trees that are children of Time.*

*"He worked with such quiet delight,*

*"Yet he'll have passed on his way long ere they reach their full height,*

*"Long ere their branches can sway like banners saluting the spring.*

*"As he watered the roots he thought: 'I am planting for years ahead. The beauty and good that is wrought lives long after the dead, and my spirit will ever be in the sap of a Youthful Tree.'"*

—THE SCOUTER.



## B.-P. on the Scout Uniform

*These notes by B.-P. himself on the origin of various details of Scout uniform, taken from that fascinating book, "Lessons from the Varsity of Life," may add interest to the checking over of uniform points in preparation for coming rallies. The references to the origin and historic significance of the Scout Badge and the motto "Be Prepared" will be read with especial interest by those who do not possess the book (which should be in every Scout library).*

**Uniform.**—For the boy a uniform is a big attraction, and when it is a dress such as backwoodsmen wear it takes him in imagination to be directly linked up with those frontiersmen who are heroes to him.

The uniform also makes for Brotherhood, since when universally adopted it covers up all differences of class and country.

The Scout uniform, moreover, is simple and hygienic (a step now much in fashion) approximating that of our ancestors.

**Garters.**—Another insignificant and yet important item of the Scout uniform is the *Honi Soit* part of it—the Garters. These are intended not only to do the useful job of keeping the stockings from slipping down, but being actually skeins of the same wool they supply the mending material for repairing holes as they occur. The tabs at the end are coloured to distinguish the grade of the wearer, Red for Rover Scouts and Green for Scouts.

**The Scout's Badge.**—Years ago, soon after the Boy Scouts were first started, certain critics accused the Movement of being a military one.

Whenever anything new is started there are bound to be people who get up on their hind legs to find fault with it, often before they know what it is all about.

In this case they said that the Scout Movement was designed to teach the boys to be soldiers, and they quoted in proof that the crest of the Movement was, as they described it: "A spearhead, the emblem of battle and bloodshed."

I was asked by cable what I had to say about it. I telegraphed back: "The crest is the *fleur-de-lys*, a lily, the emblem of peace and purity."

But it wasn't for that reason that Scouts took it. In the Middle Ages, Charles, King of Naples, owing to his French descent had the *fleur-de-lys* as his crest.

It was in his reign that Flavio Gioja, the navigator, made the mariners' compass into a practical and reliable instrument. The compass card had the initial letters of North, South, East and West upon it. In Italian the North was "Tramontana."

So he put a capital T to mark the North point. But in compliment to the King he made a combination of the letter T with the King's *fleur-de-lys* crest. From that time the North point has been universally shown on the maps, charts, and compass cards by that sign.

The actual meaning to be read from the *fleur-de-lys* badge is that it points in the right direction (and upwards), turning neither to the right nor left, since these lead backward again. The stars on the two side arms stand for the two eyes of the Wolf Cub having been opened before he became a Scout, when he gained his First Class Badge of two Stars. The three points of the *fleur-de-lys* remind the Scout of the three points of the Scout's Promise

—Duty to God and King, Helpfulness to other people, and Obedience to the Scout Law.

**The Motto.**—The slogan of the Scout is "Be Prepared." This was adopted, with much of the uniform, from the South African Constabulary. The men of the Force chose that motto for themselves partly because it spoke of their readiness to take on any kind of duty at any time, and also because it brought in my initials.

The *fleur-de-lys* has come to be the sign of the Scouts in almost every country in the world.

In order to distinguish one nationality from the other the country's own emblem is "superimposed," that is, placed on the front of the *fleur-de-lys*.



You see this in the United States, where the eagle and the national arms of America stand in front, backed by the *fleur-de-lys* of the world-wide Scout Brotherhood. And long may it so stand!

**The Knot.**—Beneath the *fleur-de-lys* and Motto a little cord depends with a knot tied in it. This knot, like the knot you tie in your handkerchief on occasion, is to remind the boy daily that he has to do a good turn to someone.

**The Scout Staff.**—Talking of pointing the way, there is another pointer in use in most Scout Troops in the shape of the Scout Staff.

This is an invaluable implement—in fact almost a necessity for finding your way in bad ground at night.

A number of staves lashed together can make a very serviceable bridge over a river, or can be built up as a look-out or signalling tower, or as a flagstaff. Staves can also be used as a railing for holding back crowds or for making stretchers for carrying injured persons or the camp kit of the two Scouts.

**Proficiency Badges.**—Boys are not alone in their love of badges to wear. I have heard of grown-up men who would risk, and have risked, their lives to get a medal.

So, although it may be counted immoral to appeal to this touch of vanity in the boy, we have instituted badges of proficiency which any Boy Scout can earn by taking the trouble to qualify and pass tests for them. These badges are awarded for proficiency in such things as carpentry, swimming, ambulance work, etc., etc. There are nearly seventy different subjects among which every boy should be able to find one or more suited to him.

Thus he is encouraged to take up a hobby, and a lad with hobbies will as a rule not waste his life.

Moreover, there is only one standard by which a boy is judged as qualified for a badge, and that is the amount of effort he puts into his work. This gives direct encouragement to the dull or backward boy—the boy in whom the inferiority complex has been born through many failures. If he is a trier, no matter how clumsy, his examiner can accord him his badge, and this generally inspires the boy to go on trying till he wins further badges and becomes normally capable.

### "A Scout is a Brother—"

A CERTAIN metropolitan Group, which has asked that its name should not be divulged, discovered, after its return from the Jamboree, that (miracle of miracles) it still had "a few bob left over." There were many things it could have done with the money—such as having a final blow-out for the whole gang—but it decided, as a sort of Jamboree thanksgiving, to use the money for a good turn instead.

So it is offering to take with it to its Gilwell Camp at Easter two Scouts from some distant country troops who would otherwise not have the opportunity of going. Rail fares will be paid, and the cost of the Scouts in camp, and afterwards they will be the guests of this Group in Melbourne for a few days.

Scouters of outback Troops therefore are asked to submit the names of one or two boys.

—THE VICTORIAN SCOUT.



## THE JUBILEE BEACONS

(Continued from Page 99)

New Glasgow's beacon, on the north shore of Nova Scotia, will readily be seen from Prince Edward Island, as also will the Island fires from the New Brunswick shore, across Northumberland Strait.

A circular from Provincial Commissioner Tibbs of Nova Scotia announces that permission for Scout beacons in that province has been obtained, subject to their supervision by Forest Rangers.

From the southern end of Nova Scotia, a beacon on Digby Head will be seen 40 miles across the Bay of Fundy, and will be the signal for the lighting of a beacon at Black's Point, east of Saint John, N.B., followed by that at Martello Tower Hill, West Saint John, then one at Fort Howe, an historic rocky height in the centre of the city. Here the Royal Salute of rockets will be fired and other ceremonies carried out.

The New Brunswick circular emphasized "giving particular attention to fire hazards, and in all cases obtaining the necessary permission from the proper authorities."

In Manitoba and far-west Ontario, beacons, at last reports, will blaze at Kenora, Hudson, Winnipeg, Pilot Mound, Glenboro, Brandon, Souris and Virden.

It is possible, the night being clear, that the reflection of fires up the New Brunswick coast may be the signal for the lighting of one of the noteworthy beacons of the chain—that of the 1st Gaspesian Troop, on the historic Gaspé Peninsula. Under Scoutmaster Roy Clyde plans are being made for what will be the chief celebration of the King's Jubilee in this picturesque part of old French Canada. Incidentally the programme will incorporate the presentation of the troop's first three King's Scout badges.

Further west in Quebec, beacons will burn at Valleyfield, St. Johns, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Shawinigan Falls and Iron Hill. Montreal district will have several.

An interesting beacon story is that from Cantley, Que. Former members of a troop which lost its Scoutmaster two years ago learned of the project, and determined to join the chain on their own. A large beacon is planned for a high rocky hill, from which the fire may be seen in Ottawa. For the rocket salute the necessary money already has been raised. And as an incidental result, the Jubilee was discussed by the older folks, and a general community celebration is planned.

In Ontario beacons are planned at numerous points. One of the large eastern bonfires will be held at Lansdowne Park, Ottawa, and another at Britannia Heights, west of the city.

Farther west along the Ottawa Valley the Scouts of Arnprior, by a printed circular have announced a "Procession and Huge Bonfire With Royal Rocket Salute on the Night of May 6th at the Arnprior Agricultural Fair Grounds to Celebrate the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King George the Fifth,"—and a band-led parade, floats, tug-of-war, greasy-pole, races, balloons, Rocket Salute, lighting of the beacon by the Mayor, burning of the

## The Q.M.'s Chat



## Brother Scouters:

*In my last "chat" I spoke of the coming visit of the World Chief Scout. You need not be told that he is now with us. Some of you have seen him; the rest of us have been reading all about it in the papers, looking at the picture sections, and seeing snapshots of the western rallies in the movie News Reels.*

*Press stories and pictures—from Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops and Calgary, so far received—show that you far western Scouters certainly did yourselves proud in the way you honoured the Chief, and Lady B.-P. Your rallies were great shows. And smart—because of the attention you had given to uniforms. The Chief himself was more than pleased, and the public impressed, as they always are by neatness of dress. The eastern Scouters will have to go some to match your achievement.*

*You who already have had the Chief, and your big rallies, will, I am sure, feel more than ever that Scouting is worth while. And those in the east, like myself, who await their turn to honour B.-P. will feel likewise.*

*For the Stores Department the last month or so has been an hectic time. Never has the department been so busy, nor your Q.M. so worried lest late orders should not reach their destinations in time. Office hours were forgotten. They still are, as a matter of fact, and will be so for a month to come. You can guess it's a strain.*

*However, it is all for Scouting, and so long as I do not hear of Cubs or Scouts failing to receive uniforms in time, I shall consider the job well and truly done.*

*And now, you fellows who have had the Chief, can, as he would wish, turn your thoughts to Camping—the best camp yet for this big B.-P. year. You'll hear more about this in my next letter.*

*Yours for Scouting.*

*George L. Langmuir*  
Q.M.

effigy of Old Man Depression, "Salute to the Union Jack," and God Save the King.

Hamilton Scouts are planning one of the big shows. On a prominent point of Hamilton Mountain, overlooking the city, an extra large beacon will be lighted; a fire which will be visible for many miles down the Dundas Valley and over a large section of Lake Ontario. Preceding the beacon, brilliant coloured flares will be lighted at 25 other points along the mountain face (a flare for each year of the King's reign); the last to be followed by the lighting of the beacon, to an accompanying display of red, green and yellow rockets. The Hamilton Fire Department and city officials are co-operating with the Scouts in completing the details.

Fort William and Port Arthur will have a fire at the Lakehead, and pass the signal on to Kenora and Fort Frances.

At Winnipeg arrangements, placed in charge of District Commissioner Killick, are being completed for the most important fire of the chain,—that connecting the East and the West, and to be lighted most appropriately by the World Chief Scout himself. Details are not yet available.

The Scouts of the 1st Central Butte Troop, under Scoutmaster F. V. Sargent, were quick to claim the privilege of lighting a beacon on one of the highest points in southern central Saskatchewan—on the top of Central Butte itself. Similarly, the Scouts of Blaine Lake, some distance north of Saskatoon, will celebrate with a large fire on Crown Hill, to carry the note of celebration to all that part of northern Saskatchewan.

The most definite provincial plan reported to date will give Alberta a chain of beacons east and west from Medicine Hat and the Cypress Hills to Crow's Nest Pass, and from Coutts, on the southern boundary, to Fort Chippewyan in the north. From Coutts the beacons will diverge to include the Raymond, Cardston and Pincher Creek districts. Continuing north, the line will cross the east-west string at Lethbridge, and taking in the Nanton, High River and Okotoks district, continue to Calgary, and on to Olds, Red Deer, and Stettler, Wetaskiwin, Leduc and Edmonton. Beyond, at greater distances, the chain will touch Athabasca, Lac La Biche, Fort McMurray and Fort Chippewyan.

The entire Alberta chain will be synchronized to flare at 9.30 p.m.; and it is stipulated that each beacon shall be started either with flint and steel or the fire bow.

In several Alberta areas arrangements have been made between Scouting and flying club officials to have the beacons "spotted" by plane.

At Rossland, B.C., a Scout beacon on Mount Roberts will be seen for many miles in every direction. Word from Sidney, on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, tells of plans for a big bonfire on the beach, and the prospect of a number of fires along the shore to Victoria. The 1st Sidneys will also build a fire across the bay from the Queen Alexandra Solarium, so that the Cubs, Scouts and Guides and other children of that institution may see something of the celebration.



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

## THE DUFFEL BAG

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

### Emphasizing Group Committees

SPECIAL attention is being given by officials of the Montreal Western District to Group Committees. Assistant Commissioner John Schofield has communicated with all units in the district urging the appointment of such committees where none exist, and meetings with all Committees will be arranged during the season.

### Planning Autumn Broadcasts

FORWARD looking Saskatoon leaders are discussing a series of Scout radio programmes for next fall. The idea is not entertainment merely, but to make them of a nature that Scouts themselves will want to hear. In a paragraph in the "Saskatoon Star-Phoenix" Scout News column District Commissioner Hanchard invites suggestions for the broadcasts from Scouts themselves.

### "Funnies" for Boys at Hospitals

AT a Court of Honour of the 8th Saskatoon (St. John's) two new clubs were formed, a service club, the members of which will give their special attention to boys at hospitals, visiting them each week, and taking books, magazines, funnies, etc.; and a dramatic club, for medium-aged to older boys, which "will from time to time present entertainments in the form of skits and plays."

### A Cub "Surprise Package"

THE programme of a much enjoyed "Annual Rally and Hot Dog Feed" of New Glasgow Packs, run strictly on schedule from 7 p.m., included a wide variety of games, "musical bumps", a "Surprise Package," thirty minutes with the hot dogs and cocoa, "and closed at 9 with the Grand Howl, Flag, Silence, and The King". The "Surprise Package" was the lucky one of packages given each boy and tied with much string, and contained a knife. Five seconds were allowed for untying the package.

### A Blindfold Compass Game

HERE'S a good "open night" fun game, from the New Glasgow "Scoutlook," and credited to "H.M.P.," of Sydney: Patrols line up in Indian file at end of hall. P. L.'s at other end face patrols. All but P.L.'s are blindfolded. Numerous objects are placed at random about the floor,—chairs, newspapers, etc. Scouts are instructed that their Patrol Leader represents North, and that (one starting from each patrol simultaneously) they are to proceed cautiously in his direction, guiding themselves by his shouted compass directions. Only compass directions may be used. Upon reaching his P.L., he turns and starts back, and upon his arrival next man starts. Bumping into or touching any of the objects is "out," and the Scout is escorted back to his patrol by the umpire. Points for safe voyage.

### Taped Whippings

TO ensure against the unravelling of whippings on rope used for knot work, the 1st Thetford Troop, Que., has been finishing off whippings with adhesive tape. "After using the taped rope for over a month they are still in good condition. Previously half the whippings would have had to be renewed."

### Cooking Eggs on the Hike

THIS recipe for cooking eggs on the hike is offered by the 9th Owen Sound: Wrap the eggs together in several layers of wet newspaper. Cover this ball with ashes and live coals, and build a good fire over it. The wet paper doesn't burn much, and the steam and heat cook the eggs quite nicely. Potatoes may be cooked in the same way, but take longer.



OUT where they belong! Hiking patrol of a Quebec Troop that has no membership-maintenance problem—the 2nd Montreal (St. Lambert).

### "Bird Houses Supplied"

BIRD houses made each year by the 1st Moose Jaw Troop are supplied "only to private individuals who will promise to keep careful watch over them during the nesting season."

### Trains and Tunnels

A GOOD Cub control-practice game played by the 2nd Burnaby, B.C., Cub Pack: Sixers in row, standing legs spread, in the middle of the floor. Some distance in front of each a chalked cross. Sixers in Indian file at the end of hall. Players run to the cross, come to a dead stop, then whistle, run on, crawl under Sixer, run on to end of hall, touch, run back, under Sixer, dead stop at cross, then whistle, run back to Six; next boy starts. (A dead stop on the cross is necessary, then the whistle.) Two Six points for each correct stop and whistle, one point off for each failure; in case of tie in points, speed wins.

### Hobby Shows as Hobby Incentives

HOBBY Shows as an incentive to Cubs and Scouts to take up craft hobbies was the subject of an address by District Commissioner W. A. Speed before some 75 Scouters from outside centres attending a conference at Eglinton United Church, North Toronto. The talk was given during a visit of the Scouters to the Annual Hobby Show of the 23rd Toronto Group at St. Clement's Church.

### West Vancouver's Tree Planting Project

IN connection with Arbor Day, West Vancouver Scouts planted 200 shade trees in Ambleside Park, with the triple purpose of beautification, the commemorating of the visit of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell and the raising of camp funds. Individuals and organizations were asked to sponsor trees. The project was given official approval by the attendance of the Reeve and members of the Council.

### Barnyard Beans

A CUB Game.—Before meeting, jelly beans are hidden about hall. Each Six picks a bird or animal whose call they can imitate. Sixers in centre of floor. Cubs told to hold their hands behind their back, and to search for beans. Upon finding one they give the call of their bird or animal, and their Sixer runs and secures the bean. No other Cub can approach a bean discovered by another Cub, unless the finder has given his call three times and his Sixer has failed to respond. Six finding most beans wins.

### Old Clothes for Impromptu Cub Plays

AFTER opening ceremonies Sixes were asked to devise and prepare a play in ten minutes. Each Sixer asked for the costumes he wanted from old clothing Akela and Baghera had brought, and each Six presented its impromptu play. The presentation of the Black Six's was judged the best, and Bob McColl received the prize as best individual actor. Akela told the story of "The Cat and the Parrot," and next week the Cubs will act it.—3rd Guelph Pack.

### Doughnuts for Camp Funds

A DOUGHNUT-ORDER sale has been a successful annual camp fund enterprise of the 1st New Toronto Troop. This spring the troop sold 492½ dozen of a special make of these dainties. The sale is organized on the patrol basis, and competition points awarded—two points for each dozen ordered. Thus, the enterprise of the Beavers, who sold 106 dozen, brought them within striking distance of the Lions, who in consequence "lost a beautiful lead over the three other patrols." Indicating that his holding of that position was no mere chance of promotion, the Troop Leader proved top salesman with a record of 47½ dozen.