



## DUTY TO THE KING

"Give the King Thy judgments, O God, and Thy righteousness unto the King's son."

(Psalm LXXII.)

By Camp Chief J. S. Wilson of Gilwell Park  
at the Manchester Conference

IT is in "Aids to Scoutmastership" that the Chief Scout gives us the clearest lead in regard to the question of a Scout's duty to the King:

"In addition to reverence to God and duty to one's neighbour, loyalty to the King as the head of our national government and of the British race is essential.

"Loyalty to the King signifies loyalty to our country and our kind. Political excitement is apt to turn ecstatic peoples' minds to such a degree that, in seeing their own point of view, they are apt to forget that of others, and therefore they fail to realise the danger it may bring to the welfare and happiness of their fellow-countrymen later on. Loyalty to King and country is of the highest value for keeping men's views balanced and in the proper perspective. The external signs, such as saluting the flag, cheering the King, and so on, help in promoting this, but the essential thing is the development of the true spirit which underlies such demonstrations."

In order that we may develop through Scouting the true spirit of which the Chief Scout speaks, it is necessary for us to come to a clear understanding of what is implied by our promise to do our duty to the King, and to be in a position to explain to those whom we lead why it is that the King is specifically mentioned in that promise.

### The King as Head of the Country

Roland Philipps, in "Letters to a Patrol Leader," writes: "We honour and respect the King as the representative head of our country and of the great British Empire; and as Scouts we not only honour and respect, but also love him, believing that he is earnestly striving for the good of his people, and that he is setting the highest standard of what we mean by 'an English gentleman.'" In that one sentence he combines the high office of Kingship and the King as a person but it may be necessary for us to distinguish between the two.

In "Rovering to Success" there is an important quotation from General Smuts: "You have a potent factor in your hereditary kingship. The King is not merely King of England, but he represents every part of the whole Commonwealth of nations. If his place is to be taken by anybody else as President acceptable to the whole of the great republic, then that somebody will have to be elected by a process which, I think, will pass the wit of man to devise!"



King Edward VIII

"We have a kingship here which is really not very different from a hereditary republic."

### The King and the Constitution

The King is a person; the Crown is an idea. The Crown is the supreme authority in the country and consists of a working combination of Sovereign, Ministers and Parliament. Practically all the powers of the King as a person have been transferred to the Crown as an Executive Authority. Although the personal executive power of the King has been reduced almost to nothing he still has a large measure of influence both in the Government of this country and in the Dominions. His most valuable function is as general adviser. Ministries come and Ministries go; the constant factor is the King. He has been in the closest possible touch with the various Prime Ministers and Cabinets. It is inevitable that he should have acquired a store of political experience which is invaluable to his Ministers. Since the Imperial Conference of 1926, when the equality of the self-governing Dominions was recognised, the King as a person has become the greatest bond which unites the British Commonwealth of Nations, and it would be difficult to emphasise too much the importance of the King as the representa-

tive of unity. It is hardly necessary to point out in addition the value of the King's prestige in the social life of the country. (This paragraph is a precis of the information given on pages 100-103 of "Ourselves and the Community.")

Many ill-informed people say that our Monarchy is an expensive luxury. The King's allowance is administered by Government officials, and spent almost entirely on office and administrative expenses, official functions, and so on. Formerly, the Crown Estates belonged to the King in person; the present allowance was made by the nation in return for these estates which give the nation an annual income of considerably over twice the amount of the King's allowance.

### Loyalty to Constituted Authority

When considering the Scout Promise, therefore, we have to interpret our duty to the King as including both our duty to our country and its constituted government and our duty to the King's person. In a sense the latter is easier than the former; few would hesitate to pay allegiance and love to Edward VIII, but many would hesitate to affirm their respect and duty to whatever Government is in power. Yet it is the country as a whole that determines the government in power for the time being.

In March, 1932, in his "Outlook" the Chief Scout gave us a very clear ruling in this matter:

"The question has been put to me as to the meaning of the Scout Promise of Loyalty to the King. It means loyalty to the constituted authority of the State. This question has lately arisen in Spain on its mutation from a monarchy to a republic. The Scouts who had promised allegiance to the King were in doubt as to whether it would be breaking their Promise now to transfer that allegiance to the new head of the State. I have told them that they are quite justified, seeing that the nation has decided to bring about the change in its constitution."

### The Rising Generation and World Change

In the past, perhaps, Scouting has accepted this part of the Promise without question, perhaps, too, without much in the way of enquiry or thought. There is now, however, a need for the restatement of old truths and the assessment of new values. The world has changed, as it must if evolution and development are to continue. If we believe in the value of education we must realise the results of education—the creation of intelligence—in which Scouting can play a not unimportant part.

These results can be seen in the present generation. "Gone are the cynicism, the

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# The Scout Leader

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## Mourning Period Ends May 1st

ACCORDING to an official announcement from Imperial Headquarters, London, mourning for His Late Majesty King George V will cease for all members of the Boy Scout Movement, on May 1st.

## From His Majesty King Edward VIII

IN response to a message of condolence upon the death of his Late Majesty King George V, forwarded through the Secretary of State on behalf of the Boy Scouts Association by Mr. Gerald H. Brown, Honorary Dominion Secretary, the following acknowledgment from His Majesty King Edward VIII was received through the Governor General, The Lord Tweedsmuir:

Government House,  
Ottawa,  
February 25,  
1936.

Dear Mr. Brown,

As Chief Scout for Canada, I have been commanded by the King to express to all members of the Boy Scouts Association of Canada, His Majesty's sincere thanks for the expressions of condolence conveyed in your message forwarded through the Secretary of State.

His Majesty further wishes me to convey to the Boy Scouts of Canada his thanks for their expression of continued loyalty and devotion.

Yours sincerely,  
(signed) Tweedsmuir.

Gerald H. Brown, Esq.,  
Honorary Secretary,  
The Boy Scouts Association of Canada.

The Honorary Dominion Secretary's cable was dated January 21st:

To His Majesty the King:

On behalf of Boy Scouts of Canada may I express deepest sympathy at death of His Majesty King George, who had won our love and loyalty not only as King but as one of the founders and consistent supporters of this world wide Movement. In common with our brotherhood throughout the Empire we pledge to Your Most Gracious Majesty our loyalty and devoted service.

(signed) Gerald H. Brown,  
Honorary Dominion Secretary.

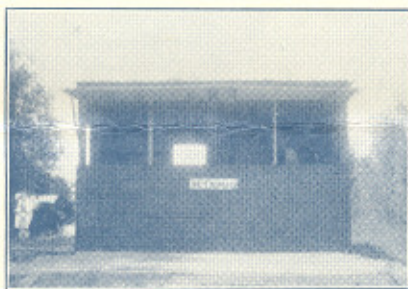
The boy is a plastic subject and responds to the moulding of character very readily, if the tactics used are sympathetic.

## Cardinal Villeneuve Invests Five Quebec King's Scouts

IN a most impressive ceremony conducted by His Eminence Cardinal Villeneuve, and in the presence of 300 other Scouts, five Scouts of the Federation of Catholic Scouts of Quebec were invested as King's Scouts at St. Cœur de Marie Church, Quebec. It was the first time Cardinal Villeneuve had taken part in such a Scout ceremony. His Eminence was accompanied by Major V. A. Curmi, Provincial Commissioner of the Federation.

## Japan's Chief Scout Among the Assassinated

A SAD and tragic indication that Scouting in Japan is not regarded as in any way "military," was the assassination by young Japanese army officers, along with other "elder statesmen," of Japan's Chief Scout, Admiral Viscount Makoto Saito. Viscount Saito was appointed head of the Japanese Scouts last June, and was installed with picturesque ceremony during the National Scout Jamboree in Tokyo, in August. He had been closely associated with the Movement since 1932, and was greatly beloved by Japanese Scouts and Scouters. He was frequently seen in Scout uniform.



A SECTIONAL take-down cook house on a concrete base. It's a permanent camp idea of the 85th Toronto.

## A Scouting-Life Survey

A SCOUTING-LIFE "strip survey" of ten Scout troops in Saint John, N.B., conducted by D. R. L. Leonard L. Johnson at the request of Dominion Headquarters showed considerable difference between the average Scout life of boys of different troops. The troop showing the longest tenure reported 11 boys of one year's service, 6 of two years, 10 of three years, 7 of four years, 1 of five years, and 5 of six years' service.

Factors apparently bearing on this showing included: Troop has carried on continuously for 18 years, and the present Scoutmaster is one of the original members. He is present at all meetings. He always runs a summer camp; he has several social events for the troop during the winter months.

The Scout-life percentage average of the ten troops was worked out as: 2.30; 2.41; 1.93; 1.41; 2.31; 2.41; 1.44; 2.90; 1.64; 2.13. Average for all ten troops, 2.08.

These reasons were given by the Scoutmasters for boys desiring to become Scouts: Expect fun. Pals join. Like hiking, camping, badge work, games,

roping, companionship, uniform. Like the Scoutmaster.

And these reasons for leaving: Other interests intervene. Reach 16-18. See small boys coming in. Busy at High School. At Night School. Go to work, and begin going out with boys they meet in daily occupation. Move away. Go to college. Die. Get girls. "Become too big for uniform." Because of their own lack of steadiness; do not stick at anything unless forced to do so.

Certain leaders apparently had no difficulty in holding older boys. They "gave them special work to do."

## Tax Exemption for Scout Halls

Calgary Herald

APPLICATION was made at Monday night's council meeting by a representative of the Boy Scouts Association for remission of taxes on Scout Halls. There are four of these in the city, the taxes upon which are something over \$200 a year. The application was referred to the special committee on taxation for a recommendation.

Church and purely educational institutions are exempt from taxation, insofar as buildings and limited land areas are concerned. Some people question the legitimacy of church exemptions, but no move to abolish their exemption has ever yet succeeded.

The Scout movement is purely educational, its purpose being the development of the youth of the community along lines of worthy and useful citizenship. It is a movement that has done much for community co-operation in service and good works; its moral effects upon its members are all to the good.

Being a movement dependent largely upon voluntary support the burden of taxation bears heavily upon its management. Certain sections of the city where Scout work would have beneficial social effects of a marked nature upon the lives of citizens are without the facilities for Scout work which Scout halls would provide. Financing of these with the prospect of an annual tax upon them when they are built is difficult.

It is to be hoped the taxation committee of the council will give close study to the application for remission. To exempt such halls from tax would mean very little to the city exchequer; it would mean much in the prosecution of a most valuable public service enterprise.

## You Are Invited

ALL warranted Scouters outside of the Montreal area, including those from other provinces who may be within reach of the city, will on request be sent a formal invitation to the banquet of the Canadian General Council in honour of His Excellency the Lord Tweedsmuir, Chief Scout for Canada, to be held at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, at 7:15 p.m., Friday, May 1st. The invitation is extended by Sir Edward Beatty, President of the Council. Dress: Scout uniform or evening dress, with decorations.

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### Again—Your Work is Worthwhile

“WHEN I was Mayor of this city” (ex-Mayor W. J. Stewart of Toronto was addressing the Father and Son banquet of the 10th Toronto Group) “I had occasion from time to time to give voice to the debt of gratitude that the citizens of Toronto owe to the Boy Scouts Association. Tonight, not as Mayor, but as the father of a Scout, do I repeat my tribute, and in this all fathers of Scouts will join . . . If some of the fathers who do not support their sons in this movement knew one-half of the things that are going on among young people they would quickly change their attitude.

“The one answer I know to the influence of the subversive doctrines which are being spread among our young people is Scouting and kindred organizations.”

Concluding, ex-Mayor Stewart paid warm tribute “to the men who are giving their time and energy to leadership in Scouting. These men make us ashamed,” said the speaker. “They give of their best. They do something for our boys. They are an example of good citizenship. Our debt to them is great.”

### Scouting for BOYS— Not for Men

“LET us have a vision of what Scouting can really mean to boyhood,—as it means to our great Chief, Lord Baden-Powell . . . We as leaders are only a means to an end; let us remember that the dream of the Chief was not ‘Scouting for men’ but ‘Scouting for boys!’”—Field Secretary Paddon at Wallaceburg district leaders’ gathering.

### Clergymen for Preliminary Course Talks

FOR a highly successful preliminary training course conducted at King’s College, Halifax, by Field Secretary Greenaway, talks on “The Scout Promise and Duty to God,” “The Scout Law,” and “Scouting and the Churches” were given respectively by Very Rev. Dean C. F. C. Whalley, Rev. Mr. Rhodes of Trinity and Rev. Mr. Freestone of Brunswick Street United Church.

### The Catholic Scouts of Austria Invite You

CATHOLIC Boy Scouts of Austria are this year celebrating their 10th Anniversary by a special event for each month. These will include Thanksgiving Services, Scout Exhibitions, a Ski Competition, etc. The climax of the Jubilee year will be the First Austrian National Camp, July 17-27, when Scouts from other countries are invited to join those of Austria at a delightful camp site at the Castle of Laxenburg, near Vienna.

### 1936 GILWELL Part II Courses

#### SCOUT

**British Columbia.**—Fruitvale, July 18—August 1. (A change of date and place.) Camp Byng, last two weeks August. Vancouver Island, dates to be announced. D.C.C., W. Solway.

**Alberta.**—Camp Woods, August 1-10. D.C.C., W. S. Backman.

**Saskatchewan.**—Lebret, July 14-25. D.C.C., E. H. M. Knowles.

**Manitoba.**—Gimli, July 25—August 2. D.C.C., E. F. Mills.

**Ontario.**—Ebor Park, July 14-25. D.C.C., F. C. Irwin.

**Quebec.**—Camp Tamaracouta, August 16—27. D.C.C. E. R. Paterson.

**New Brunswick.**—French, Iroquois River, Madawaska County, July 6-16. D.C.C., R. W. Pugh.

**New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, P.E.I.**—English, Sussex, N.B., July 7-17. D.C.C., F. E. L. Coombs.

#### AKELA

**British Columbia.** — Camp Byng, dates to be announced. Ak. L., E. H. Milnes.

**Manitoba.**—Gimli, July 18-22. Ak. L., E. F. Mills.

**Ontario.**—Ebor Park, July 4-11. Ak. L., Mrs. J. A. Stiles.

**Quebec.**—Camp Tamaracouta, August 22—29. Ak. L., H. M. Jockell.

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## Duty to the King

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disillusionment, the flippancy of the post-war years. Instead there is a tendency to take once more the gods of our grandfathers from the shelves on which our fathers have placed them—the gods of simplicity and earnestness, of authority and leadership; even it would seem of faith. . . . The generation now coming to maturity is in a quite special sense a serious-minded generation, anxious for principles and a creed and ready to give earnest attention to any case that is put simply and seriously before them. The quality which, as it seems to me, the young men and women of to-day respect above all others is that of seriousness." (*Liberty To-day*, pp. 25, 33.)

For this reason, if for no other, we cannot afford to say to those whom we lead, "Oh! these things are so," and leave it at that. The older ones amongst them have seen, and continue to see, changes and upheavals. They realise that the world is in a state of unrest, that what may be established order to-day is upset to-morrow. So far as Government and States are concerned the tendency is definitely towards Dictatorships and Totalitarian States. In many countries nationalism has grown to extreme limits and produced the totalitarian state. In such states it is held that "the State," by which is meant the whole nation organized by the Government, is of greater importance than the individuals who make up the nation. In democratic countries, such as our own, it is held that the State is not an end in itself; it exists to promote ends beyond itself, namely, the well-being of its members.

As John Buchan puts it in "The King's Grace," "Monarchy in some form is universal to-day, for it seems to be a necessity in Government. Elsewhere it is elective and temporary, as in republics; or, as in dictatorships, enforced and undefined in term. But a hereditary monarchy is not only more enduring than such types, it has a special quality which they can never win. A king, who reigns not by election or by a sudden popular impulse but by right, has a sanction behind him which no transient dictator or president can claim. His authority is interwoven with the life and thought of his people."

Our present Constitutional Monarchy has two very important features. It provides the cleanest form of government with an almost entire absence of graft and bribery. The King is secure in his position; he has been trained for it over a long period of years; he devotes himself wholly to what is best for his country and his people; he has no "axe to grind," unlike, say, the President of a Republic, who must always have an eye on the next election.

### The Growing Spirit of Pacifism

With many of our young people to-day it is the shadow of war that clouds their clear thinking, and that leads them to question the propriety of taking a promise of duty to their King and country. They are confused in their minds, and apparently confine their idea of the King to one who is a Field-Marshal, Admiral of the Fleet, and Marshal of the Air Force, all rolled into one. They shut their eyes to the fact that he is also the First Gentleman in the land, the head of the Civil Service, the Patron of Hospitals,

of beneficent Institutions, even of the Boy Scouts Association. On the other hand, they have not possibly heard that "Fascism believes neither in the possibility nor the utility of perpetual peace, since war alone brings up to its highest tension all human energy and puts the stamp of nobility upon the peoples who have the courage to meet it" (Benito Mussolini).

War provides precisely the atmosphere upon which dictatorships thrive; peace the atmosphere under which democracies develop.

Yet we must treat the growing spirit of pacifism seriously. It has long been an accepted principle in this country that higher loyalties may conflict with loyalty to the King and should therefore be respected. The fact that conscientious objection was recognised by the Military Service Act during the Great War was an acknowledgment of this principle. During his trial in 1535, Sir Thomas More's argument was that when his conscience was against the King's command, he would not actively oppose it, but withdraw in silence. On the scaffold "He then begged them earnestly to pray for the King, that it might please God to give him good counsel, protesting that he died the King's good servant, but God's first."

Neither do I want to shirk this issue personally, and would give my opinion, both as to the use of force within the

triotism and internationalism; the first is really a stepping stone to the latter. After all, if we do not love our own country which we know, how can we genuinely love other countries we do not know?

In point of fact, we do not hear any disparagement of our own island amongst our own Scout people, but there is a lot of muddled thinking in regard to the Empire.

Whatever the way in which our Empire was built up—more by chance than by aggression or the love of gain—we must accept the responsibilities of our place in the world and strive to make the name of Britain synonymous with all that is fine and good. Our problems are great, but it would be wrong to shirk them by saying, "I am an internationalist and do not believe in the way we got our Empire." The point is we have an Empire, so what can we do to make it a great Empire with high ideals of conduct and life? There is no need to dwell on the mistakes of the past. National morality is a matter of evolution effected by individual standards, and we cannot sit in judgment over our ancestors, who were great and noble men for the stage which civilisation had reached in their day. Our job is to accept our great responsibilities with the determination to be loyal to all the people we deal with.

"We need to dedicate ourselves to a better way of life, and to a Christlike behaviour, no matter at what sacrifice,



THE Scout Junior Division first prize float at Flin Flon's celebration of the late King George's Silver Jubilee.

State and as to the use of force between states, in C. E. M. Joad's words:

"On the assumption that the function and rationale of the State are to make possible the pursuit of the good life for its members, Mill was surely right in declaring that 'the sole end for which mankind are warranted, individually or collectively, in interfering with the liberty of action of any of their number is self-protection.' They are entitled in the last resort to protect themselves by force." (*Liberty To-day*, p. 127.) The Archbishop of York has recently told us that there is nothing un-Christian in that.\*

(\* This view has subsequently been strongly endorsed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Heads of the Free Churches; it is an established tenet of the Roman Catholic Church.)

### Patriotism and the Empire

Patriotism—that is a desire to do our duty to our King and Country—is not a matter of enmity towards other nations. Surely we must begin with love of our own country before we can reach the stage of loving other countries. There is no necessary opposition between pa-

triotism and internationalism. That is how we can best express our patriotism.

The Chief Scout gave us a lead on this particular question nine years ago when he wrote:

"My own belief is that we are seeing only the beginning of the Empire coming into its full strength and power as a beneficent organisation for ensuring peace in the world.

"We see around us small countries, encouraged by nationalist sentiment, claiming their independence and self-determination, with what result remains to be seen; but in many cases their jealousy or fear of their neighbours demands their being ready to defend themselves at any moment, and no common tie exists between them to bring them to peace and real power.

"But with the British States it is different. There is no such jealousy. Though independent in their administration, they are interdependent in commerce. Wars in the past have put to the test their self-sacrificing loyalty to one another, and to the mother country. That mother country fostered them until they could run alone, so that now, while able to



THE Scout guard of honour for "Britannia" and her court at the Silver Jubilee celebration of His Late Majesty at Revelstoke, B.C.

manage their own affairs, and to make their own life, like sons in a family, they still preserve the bond of blood and still look to the King as their joint head.

"So long as they do this they will be a commonwealth of federal nations distributed over every part of the globe and having a joint power such as never existed in history. But it is a power of which the races of the world need have no fear. It will be a power for the peace and prosperity of all. As a 'nation of shopkeepers,' war is not in our line, so 'to do our duty to the King,' as enjoined on Scouts and Guides, means that Scouters and Guiders should inculcate that idea of the British Commonwealth into the coming generation in our respective countries, and what is more, we should urge them in their turn to impress it on their children for the good of all."

The Chief's words were almost prophetic, and are self-sufficient. I might, however, emphasise a point that has already been mentioned, namely, the wonderful power possessed by the King as a person as well as a hereditary ruler to link the whole of our great Empire together. His person is the binder which secures all those diverse parts together and holds them fast. No other authority or mutual understanding can possibly be substituted with any chance of equal success. Those who travel to any part of our Empire cannot but realise the wealth of affection with which the King is regarded by his peoples in all parts of the world. That affection is not possessed only by those who trace their ancestry to the "home country," but also by many of different races, creeds and colours who regard the King as the Father of all his great family.

#### True and False Patriotism

Of the person of the King I shall have more to say before I close; there are other practical considerations still to be taken into account.

There are obviously different kinds of patriotism according to the outlook and moods of the individual. The true patriots are those who think and act, but say little. The false patriots are those who never lose an opportunity to decry their own country and their own people, who traduce the work that their ancestors have done and that their own fellow-countrymen are trying to do. These last fail in their duty to their King and their country, and they cannot excuse that failure on the plea that they work for a world-state. The man who loses the family sense cannot properly grasp

the community sense; the man who fails his country cannot ultimately benefit mankind. There is no place in Scouting for such as these.

There are many other kinds of false patriotism against which we have to guard. I have not time to list them all, but I might instance the economic antagonism which exists in part within our own country and within the Empire.

There are in addition, however, a very large number who consider themselves patriots; who talk a lot about it, but are somewhat uncertain in their own minds what patriotism means; who make no attempt to do anything, but are content to take their share in the national welfare for granted. Scouting can be of real help for such as these by showing them ways in which they can put their feeling of patriotism to good effect.

Many people overlook the development that has taken place in our Monarchy, a development that has completely reversed the former established order. In the Middle Ages, and much later, the people were the servants of the King; now it can more truly be said that the King is the servant of his people. In former years it was a matter of great pride to be the King's servant, a pride which we who are Scouts can still maintain, for Scouting takes what is good out of the past and carries it into the present where otherwise it is apt to be forgotten. As Scouts we have promised to serve the King and, through him, our country and our fellow-men. We aim to carry out that promise through the exercise of Good Turns and Service and by training and qualifying for good citizenship.

Scouting stands for true patriotism—that broadminded patriotism which "does not exclude friendship and unselfishness towards other nations, and encourages a very proper pride in oneself and one's country." It is this patriotism that our promise to do our best to do our duty to the King demands of us.

#### The Scouters' Duty

How are we as Scouters to put our promise into action?

First, we must understand the exact position of the King in our national life, and what is the significance of the use of his name in the promise. On the one hand we must realise his connection with the executive administration of the country, in other words, his authority; on the other hand we must appreciate his function as "The Golden Link of Empire," a function derived not from authority, but from deep-rooted sentiment and affection.

Second, by example as well as precept we must teach the proper concept and performance of duty to the King.

As shortly as I can I will set out the various simple ways by which Scouters in their different offices can try to demonstrate this second point.

#### The Wolf Cub Pack

The King's position has been simply explained to the Wolf Cub: "I have told you how wolves in a pack all obey the Chief Wolf. So it is in our nation. The British people are a very big Pack, but they have their one Chief, His Majesty the King. So long as they look up to him, and obey him, their work will be successful." (*The Wolf Cub's Handbook*, p. 48.)

Each new chum will have had this explanation given him; he will have some idea of the meaning of the promise he is asked to take. The Pack circle and Grand Howl will give him some idea of order and tradition. The saluting of the Union Flag at meetings and in camp will appeal to him as a simple ritual, a satisfactory prelude to the performance of his Cubbing. Later he will learn something about the Flag, when the Cubmaster has an opportunity of giving him also a sane understanding of the unity of the British Commonwealth, and of the King as the Father of that large family.

"Some people say that flags are bad, because they remind the world that there are different countries in it, but this seems to me to be silly. When we grow up we are still glad to be called by our father's name; we don't change it, we are still glad to be a member of our family; we don't change that either. Countries are just like families, and we like to wear the country's badge and be called by its name, while we can still be friends of other people with a different badge and a different country." (*Letters to a Wolf Cub*, p. 62.)

The gradual development of the Cub's Good Turn, and of his love for the countryside, are also definite aids in the teaching of a love for his neighbours and his country which can be broadened and deepened as he grows older and his understanding increases.

The telling of national yarns and the singing of national songs are also helpful, provided care is taken to avoid the small boy's trait of boastfulness and aggressiveness. It is necessary particularly to see that our own National Anthem is sung reverently and is realised as a prayer to God for the King's continued welfare.

Attendance at local celebrations in connection with Empire Day, the King's Birthday, etc., is a matter of local decision according to the temper and atmosphere of the locality. Overseas such celebrations are attended as a matter of course and as a matter of pride.

#### The Scout Troop

When a boy reaches Scout age his training in loyalty should attain a more advanced stage. The explanations and illustrations given to the Cub can all be expanded, and he can be shown that in a few years he will be taking a responsible place in the life of his family, his community, his country. Investiture ceremonies assume a greater importance; a proper appreciation of the Promise and Law becomes more necessary; a realisation of the values of co-operation, unity, and peace finds its expression in the Patrol

System and the atmosphere of the Troop; the Scoutmaster's leadership becomes a task of increasing responsibility.

Scouting supports established order in the belief that established order will make it possible for good to flourish. Scouting supplements the normal education of a boy in an endeavour to strengthen education's second function of creating intelligence by which a man can hear both sides of any question and decide on his line of action for himself. Too often, however, the benefits of our present established order are not pointed out: too often the Scoutmaster skips the chapter on Patriotism in "Scouting for Boys." Any man or woman who accepts a warrant in our Association undertakes to guide the younger generation to an appreciation of their national character and to a proper pride in their own country, its past, its present, and its future. At the same time the Scoutmaster has to point out the next step ahead—association with, and friendship for, the peoples of other countries. This step ahead is the special charge of our International Bureau, and its activities and advice can be utilised by any Scoutmaster.

### The Rover Scout Crew

In a sense the Rover Leader has the hardest task since he is dealing with young men who are assailed by every wind and attacked by others of every shade of political opinion. Rovering preaches sanity, common sense, consideration for other people. The tendency of the age is to go to extremes; "Democracy does not inspire in its citizens a devotion to ideals in the least comparable with that of the young Communist or the young Fascist" (*Liberty To-day*, p. 205). That does not make Democracy any less desirable. We are not so enthusiastic about what we have as about what we cannot get. Established order is dull and lifeless compared with, say, revolution. But established order makes it possible to live, and to live a good life, free from interference and free to give help to others.

The Rover Leader has to carry on the work done by Cubmaster and Scoutmaster in a still more reasoned manner. Especially has he to realise that the growing generation is more serious-minded and that what are easily-accepted truths to him have to be presented in a properly reasoned way to them. His opportunity occurs during Squirehood previous to investiture, for the Squire has to look at his Promise from the man's point of view. Later on a Rover's training in his responsibilities as a citizen demands the thought and supervision of the Leader. A great deal of what I have already said both in regard to the position of the King and to the more modern problems which confront the young men of to-day can, I hope, be made use of with advantage.

In their training in Citizenship Rovers cannot avoid the question of party politics. Fortunately, this question does not, as some apparently think, either affect or complicate their promise of duty to the King. It is right that they should both support and, if qualified, speak for one of the three recognised national parties. All these parties believe in progress by orderly evolution and not by revolution. They are at one in acknowledging allegiance to the King and in regarding him as above all party political considerations. We talk of His Majesty's Government and also of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition. One of the most gratifying, and to others

astonishing, factors in our form of government is the way in which the various political parties unite together in a common cause which affects the nation as a whole. Recent happenings have given fresh proof of that fact. In the same way Scouting belongs to no one party, but to all.

### The Scouter's Aim

The general aim of the Scouter, however, may be summed up in this quotation from John Stuart Mill:

"The prosperity of a country, after all, depends not on the abundance of its revenue, nor on the strength of its fortifications, nor on the beauty of its public buildings; but it consists in the number of its citizens who are men of character.

"Here are to be found its true interests, its chief strength, its real power; that which raises, strengthens, dignifies a country, that which spreads her power, creates her influence, makes her respected and submitted to, bends the hearts of millions, and bows the pride of nations to her. In a word, her true throne, crown and sceptre are to be found in an aristocracy, not of money, but an aristocracy of character."

By forwarding with all their hearts and endeavours the aim of Scouting—"to develop good citizenship among boys by forming their character"—Scouters can follow out their duty to the King.

"And all the people shouted, and said, 'God save the King.'" (1 Samuel x, 24.)

Copies of the above address may be secured from Provincial Headquarters

### Knowing Cubs' Parents

I HAVE just been comparing the present-day Part I Cub Wood Badge questions with those of some years ago (writes "White Fox" in *The Victorian Scout*). In doing so I came across a most delightful thrust of a "Reader" in commenting on one of my answers.

I had written most enthusiastically about the way we Old Wolves should get to know the parents of our Cubs; finishing up—"in fact we should become real friends." The Reader's comment was, "Hardly possible—do you manage it?"

Whilst perhaps I was overdoing it, I am still a great believer in Old Wolves knowing parents, but it is not easy for many of us to do much visiting, so I am going to suggest an idea that was carried out by a practically new-formed Pack.

It was a "family picnic," to which the Mums, Dads (those who were not cricketing or golfing!), young brothers and sisters came. It was a great success, and provided the Old Wolf with an excellent opportunity of getting to know the parents and gaining their interest in the Pack.

There are other ways of course, but this struck me as an agreeable one, as it held attractions for all—even myself, who only went as a visitor.

One of the great faults we have (as related by many parents) is that the Cubs get home late from Pack meetings. Whose fault is this? Sometimes it may be ours, by keeping the meetings late, but just as often it is the Cub who dawdles on the way home.

The simplest way of overcoming the difficulty is to have a definite starting and finishing time, and stick to it. If the parents are advised of these times it is up to them to see that Johnny gets home on time.

## Physical Welfare Training for Cubs

By E. Alice Munro

THE Chief's great text, "Play is the first great educator," has been thoroughly expounded, and its truth is accepted by everyone of any experience in the Scout Movement. We realize that games are one of our most potent weapons in training our boys mentally and physically. Physical education has an important part to play in encouraging wholesome, healthful, leisure-time interests. Every child should receive instruction and practice in activities suited to his age, interest and ability.

In Cubbing care should be taken to choose only those exercises, dances, and games that are within the range of the physical accomplishment of the small boy. I would suggest motion-story plays. They are both interesting and attractive to the Cub. The following is a sample of one I gave my Pack the week before Christmas. We called it

### "Preparing for Christmas"

(Sitting in circle.)

Let us see if it is snowing (1).

It is, so we'll go to the woods for our Christmas tree. The snow is so lovely we jump about (2) in it and throw snowballs (3). We make "snow angels" too (4). Then on to the wood. Let's see who can be the tallest and straightest tree (5). We shake (6) the snow from the tree. Then we chop (7) it down, and drag it home slowly, because it is heavy (8). When we get it home we must set it up, and decorate it (9) all over with ornaments. When it is finished we dance (10) about it and leave it ready for Christmas.

- (1) Crouch sit—head turns left and right.
- (2) Small jumps on the spot.
- (3) Throwing with one hand and then the other.
- (4) Back lying in "snow bank"—arm raising side and up.
- (5) Standing very straight.
- (6) Fling twist.
- (7) Chopping.
- (8) Long, slow steps as tho' dragging heavy weight.
- (9) Jumping reaching up to place ornaments on tree—high jumps then lower.
- (10) Clapping hands, step side, and then slip steps to lairs.

This motion-story play can be done to music. The Pack first should be given the preliminary steps to folk dancing, not lasting longer than seven minutes, as they tire easily. This also to music.

"Health Posters" provide a most effective way of teaching the laws of healthful living. We have used posters of a boy getting up in the morning, his dressing gown on, and washing himself and brushing his teeth. The time on the picture points to 7:30 a.m. Then the clock points to 12:30 noon, and he is home from school for lunch, and again he brushes his teeth. The third and last, the clock points to 9:00 p.m., and he is again in his dressing gown brushing his teeth! Another poster shows children sitting in the lower branches of a tree, eating apples! Others, drinking glasses of milk, water, sitting at table, etc. The Cubs just love this. Another set they like is called "The



Good pictorial publicity for a use-clothing campaign. This picture of a smart Scout of the 141st Toronto Troop in the local papers must have attracted attention.

Simple Family", showing how the Simple Family act when they (in regard to safety) are at home and abroad. A simple little poem at the foot of each poster describes them. They are very amusing as well as true to life.

We also tell how the birds and animals wash themselves, and how the trees and plants live, grow, breathe, drink and sleep.

The physical development of Cubs is fostered through games, drill and exercises being used only occasionally. And the only way to do the job properly is to keep a Games Book. Most of us fall short of the ideal either in the careful selection of games, or in the discipline and good spirit in which they are played. Our aim should be to encourage a spirit of willing discipline and good sportsmanship, and by doing so, we find that the result is good nature, sportsmanship, esprit de corps, perseverance and unselfishness, and that rivalry is always of a healthy character.

### A Cub "Olympic Night"

HERE'S the programme of an "Olympic Night" put on with such success by C. M. Nancy Burry of the 92nd Toronto (Wesley United Church) Pack that it was decided to hold one such night each month. An attractive feature to the boys was the fact that they did not know the nature of the competition until they were brought to the starting line, and consequently were on the tip toe of excited speculation. There were twelve single events and one relay, as follows:

**Shot Put.**—Toeing the line at one end of the room each Cub had two turns at throwing a bean bag into a circle at the other end.

**Hammer Throw.**—A ball of wool on a string thrown after circling above the head, for distance.

**Foot Race.**—Cubs directed to sit down in a row, feet extended. Feet measured, largest foot wins.

**Long Distance Race.**—The distance across of a Cub grin, measured with a tape. (Winning distance was 3½ inches!)

**Thirty Inch Dash.**—Cubs given a 30-inch length of string, told to grip one end in their teeth and at the word "go" start chewing. First string chewed wins.

**Sack Race.**—Each Cub given a paper sack, and at "go" blows it up until it can be burst with the hand. First "pop" wins.

**Hurdle Race.**—Lining up at one end of the room, they run to the other, crawl back to a hurdle (two chalk lines one yard apart), and with their nose push a peanut from the first line across the second.

**Peanut Race.**—Each Cub given a peanut and toothpick. With the toothpick they knock the peanut to the other end of the room. A broken toothpick disqualifies.

**Putting 16-pound Shot.**—"Putting" a blown-up paper bag.

**Handkerchief Throw.**—A handkerchief laid flat on the palm of the hand, and thrown.

**Tug of War.**—A peanut tied in the middle of a string, the ends held in the teeth of contestants in pairs, winners the first to reach the peanut. A point to winners.

**Crab Race.**—Crab crawl on hands and feet, back down, face up.

**Relay.**—Sixes, with hands on shoulders, race to end of room and back, a break of the hold disqualifying.

### 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.

SOME of the shoes gathered in Toronto's 3rd Annual Scout clothing collection for the Neighborhood Workers' Association. Despite bad weather the city was covered systematically and 119 truck loads of clothing, bedding and footwear secured.

Victoria, B. C., Scouts volunteered and put on a highly successful effort, securing 20 truck loads. Bracebridge and Midland, Ont., and Wetaskiwin, Alta., were other centres recently reporting similar community good turns.

### Drop Ball

THIS is an Australian Cub circle game, played with two tennis balls. One Cub is in the centre of the circle, holding one ball. His object is to throw his ball to someone who will drop it. The other ball is started around the circle, thrown to each alternate player. The Cub in the centre may throw his ball to whom he wishes. Usually he throws to the boy about to receive the circling ball. If one of the balls is dropped, the two boys change places. There should be an odd number of Cubs in the circle.

### A District Court of Honour

A DISTRICT Court of Honour composed of Patrol Leaders and Troop Leaders of South Waterloo, Ontario, (comprising Galt, Preston and Hespeler), has been highly successful. Meetings are being held at three-months intervals, a troop in one of the places mentioned alternately acting as host. To date the attendance has been 100 per cent.—42 young leaders.

Patrol Leader problems are discussed, five-minute talks given by P.L.'s who have been previously warned, etc. At each meeting the chairman for the succeeding meeting is appointed.

From this District C. of H. will come the leadership for a Junior Leaders' Conference to be held in Galt, and to which P.L.'s will be invited from Kitchener, Guelph, Brantford and Paris. This will mean an important junior leaders' gathering at no expense to Provincial Headquarters.

AFTER telling of the selection of a permanent camp site for the Scouts of Provost, Alta., a dispatch to the Edmonton Journal states:

"A carpenter has been hired to tear down a suitable building in town and rebuild it at the lake."



# A l o n g t h e T r a i l



A SEA Scout camp "galley." It provided the salt horse and duff for the 1st Cadboro Bay, B.C., Wet Bobs.

Smartly uniformed Scouts served at a successful bean supper given in aid of the funds of the 1st Campbellton, N.B., Group by the Junior Catholic Women's League at Knights of Columbus Hall.

Ukrainian dances in costume were a colourful feature of a Parents' Night programme of the Scout Troop of the Church of All Nations, Toronto. There were training demonstrations, a sing-song, and refreshments.

Upwards of 200 persons attended a "Scallop Tea" of the 17th Saint John (Trinity), in aid of Group funds. Mothers formed the refreshment committee and the boys decorated. "Scouts, under direction of a committee of young ladies, proved adept waiters."

At the largely attended Parents' Night of the 20th Toronto (Manor Road United) Cub Pack, Akela Shaver, following a tribute to his assistants and the boys themselves, briefly explained to the parents the aims and purposes of Cubbing, the meaning of the Grand Owl and how tests were taught through games. Upon presentation of badges each Cub told the audience what he had done to win them.

Undoubtedly helping to secure the support of parents, the fathers and mothers of boys of the new 1st North Head Troop, Grand Manan Island, N.B., were invited to attend a regular weekly meeting, and witnessed various instruction work.

The first Parents' Night of the 146th Toronto Group, affiliated with St. John's Roman Catholic Church, was made the occasion for the investiture of Rev. Father Egan as Chaplain of the Group.

District C. M. Bowers of Chatham, Ont., took over a regular meeting of the Ridgetown Pack, in the new Ridgetown Scout Hut, and put on a display of Cub work before a large gathering of county leaders, members of local associations and the Ridgetown Scout Mothers' Club. Mayor Kennedy, chairman of the Ridgetown Association, extended a welcome.

Investiture of "the first eight boys" and presentation of a Union Jack and troop flag marked the official launching of the new 4th Sudbury. "These boys were the ones selected for training for leaders of the new troop, but now that the doors have been thrown open, nearly 30 lads have applied for admission."

Local Scouts have been more active of late, and the training the Patrol Leaders received at the Sphinx Patrol rally conducted by the Field Secretary has resulted in a general improvement in patrol corners at the regular meetings.—Sherbrooke, Que., *Scout News*.

Scouts of the new Atholville, N.B., French Canadian Troop raised \$70 towards troop funds by making and selling miscellaneous artistic fretwork articles.

The week of April 20-25 is to be "Cub Week" throughout the Windsor, Ont., district, with "parades, displays, demonstrations, etc., in an effort to make the general public more 'Cub conscious'." The plans were announced well ahead of time in the district "*Leaders' Monthly Bulletin*."

WE are inclined to be a bit boastful these days over the fact that to Scouts was addressed the first message ever delivered "over the air" by King Edward. It was a broadcast by the then Prince of Wales to the Scouts of Great Britain in 1922. This also was the first occasion on which a member of the Royal Family faced the microphone.

A record number of "Dads and Sons" banquets were held in all parts of the Dominion during February and March of this year, with attendances up to 300.

An unbroken record of valuable service since coming into the Movement in 1915 was the tribute paid Provincial Commissioner W. E. Tibbs by Lt.-Gov. Covert of Nova Scotia when presenting the Honorary Silver Wolf, at Halifax. In 1915 Mr. Tibbs brought about the organization of two Halifax troops.

Northern Ontario's first French-Canadian Catholic Boy Scout Troop, the 4th Sudbury, was launched with a most impressive ceremony at the St. Louis Club, sponsors of the Group. A handsome new Union Jack was presented to the new Group, and was dedicated by Fr. R. P. Lemay, S.J.

The 21st anniversary banquet of the 17th Winnipeg (St. Matthews' Group) brought attention to the fact that this is one of the Dominion's largest Groups—comprising two Cub packs, three Scout troops and a Rover Crew.

As their joint celebration of Baden-Powell's birthday 30 Scouts of the 1st Lennoxville, Que., were week-end guests of the 1st Magog. The doings included hockey, a combined troop meeting and council fire, a boxing tournament, a banquet and church parades on Sunday.

This was an attractive patrol competition reward: For good work during the last two months two patrols of the Scout troop of the Boys' Industrial Home, near Saint John, N.B., were given a night at the Glen Falls Scout Cabin.

A third member of the Robert Louis Stevenson Scout Group, of the Thistleton Branch of the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital, Scout Allan Chase, has passed all the advance tests and achieved the distinction of a First Class Scout.

Master Dewi Jones, the famous Welsh boy soprano who has been touring Canada for the second time, was made an associate member of the 1st Saskatoon (Exhibition) Scout Troop. The young singer wore the

green and orange troop neckerchief at his Saskatoon concert.

A total of sixty books collected by the Scouts provided the start of a troop library for the 1st Wolfville Troop, N.S.

The Sea Scouts of the 2nd Edmonton (St. Faith's) Group are working out details for a Sea Scout regatta on South Cooking Lake, next August, when 10 days will be spent in camp. Events to which the public will be invited will include swimming races, diving, boat races, model boat races, canoe races, life saving and entertainment stunts. The model boats will race for the Dick Trophy.

Scoutmaster Ainslie Roseborough attended first aid classes at Copper Cliff, the better to qualify himself to instruct the troop in first aid.—1st Sudbury.

The troop has adopted a plan which so far has worked very well. Every month the Court of Honour meets and maps out a programme. For February, Albert Amies will be in charge of Scouts who have not yet completed their Second Class Tests, Ed. Coutts will instruct in First Class first-aid, and S.M. Brothers will take a group in First Class signalling.—2nd Guelph, Ont.

The Sixers of St. Andrew's United Pack, Winnipeg, "hiked Saturday to Omand's Creek, where a fire was built, and a treasure hunt for soup and doughnuts followed."

For the newly organized troop at Campbell's Bay, Que., "the use of the Town Hall has been donated free of charge by the municipality, and the Women's Clubs of the various churches have agreed to finance the purchase of uniforms for those unable to finance themselves."

Out of \$75 from a "Minstrel Show and Variety Concert" the 17th Halifax (St. Matthias') voted \$15 to the church, "to show our appreciation for the use of the hall," and presented a new flag to the Cub Pack.

In the presence of His Honour Mayor Wilton and other prominent citizens, Hamilton, Ont., Sea Scouts participated in the ceremony of unveiling the ship's bell of the Cunard White Star liner "Olympic," when placed on display in the window of a local travel agency. At noon Sea Scoutmaster Hoey struck eight bells, and the Sea Scouts carried on to the end of the first dog watch.



Nine Scouts of the 25th Edmonton Troop passed their Friend to Animals Badge after a series of lectures under the auspices of the Edmonton Humane Society.

"Scoutmaster Waller and the St. Andrew's Troop are holding joint meetings with the Trinity Group for the purpose of gaining practical experience, but will again operate as a separate unit in the near future."—*Sherbrooke Scout News*.

"Paw Prints" was the appropriate name chosen for the new single-sheet mimeo pack monthly of the 10th Calgary,—which is "free to Cubs, 30 cents per year to parents and others." The 30¢, it is hoped, will cover cost of material. A Rover of the Group does the printing.

One of the interesting exchanges to reach the Editor's desk during the month was the Halifax *Rambler*, in a new spring-green jacket of heavy paper stock, printed, and carrying an excellent picture of King Edward. The large number of adds suggested a profit on the issue—an achievement for a district Scout publication. It sells at 5 cents, and is sponsored by the Halifax Scouters' Club.

In a list of cash donations to a *London Free Press* fund for a family which had lost its home and four children in a fire tragedy, was noted the names of several London Scout troops.

One of Montreal's keen troops is that of the McKay Institute for the deaf and dumb. In preparation for his very successful leadership of the troop, Scouter Frank G. Webster studied the sign language of the deaf. A patrol competition trophy was recently presented the troop by District Commissioner Schofield.

At the annual meeting of the Swift Current, Sask., Local Association framed pictures of His Late Majesty King George, and of Queen Mary, were presented to the Association by Mrs. Stewardson, and Mr. Kennedy, and unveiled by the District Guide Commissioner Mrs. Jack Woods. At the same time Mrs. Woods appealed to the citizens of Swift Current to take greater interest in the Scout and Guide work.

4th Fort Frances, Ont., Sea Scouts organized a benefit dance to raise funds to send one of their number to a specialist for treatment for an eye seriously injured during a hockey game.

Several snowshoe hikes and an 8-mile ski hike, as outdoor activities, and for indoors, whippings, and a patrol competition in trestle and tripod building, with points for quickness, neatness, correctness and strength,—these have made the well balanced programme of the 1st Bear River Troop, N.S.

"A mutually enjoyable affair" was a visit by Chalmers United Troop, of Dominion, accompanied by Rev. G. D. McLeod to Knox Troop, Sydney, and Rev. C. R. F. McLennan. There were addresses by the clergymen, a demonstration "Rescue from Drowning", entertainment stunts, a sing-song, and refreshments. "Scoutmaster Beaton expressed the appreciation of the Chalmers Troop for the fine entertainment, and extended an invitation to the Knox Troop to pay them a return visit."

Moose Jaw Scouts again did a splendid job this winter in feeding wild birds. During the heavy snow falls of February boys of the 1st Troop were busy for several days distributing wheat to prairie chickens, partridges and other birds along the river banks and in Wellesley and River parks. Legion and Hillcrest Scouts took care of other outlying areas.

Communications read before a regular meeting of the Ingersoll, Ont., Town Council included an invitation from the 3rd Ingersoll (Baptist Church) Troop to members of council to attend the troop's anniversary banquet.

The 14th London, Ont., Cub Pack for its current Six competition is "on a trip to the North Pole." Each point counts a mile.

For the fourth birthday party of the 35th Toronto Group held at Norway School, given by the Ladies' Auxiliary, those attending brought 10 year old photographs of themselves, and first and second prizes were awarded for identification of the largest number.

**For Spring "Apple Days"**  
**DISTRICTS** contemplating the holding of Spring "Scout Apple Days" are reminded of the text-book on the subject, "**THE BOYSCOUT APPLE DAY.**" Copies may be had from Provincial Headquarters.

### The Whole-Group Viewpoint at Toronto's First District Conference

THE success of Toronto's first District Leaders' Conference, held in conjunction with the district annual meeting, guaranteed its repetition. A gathering of 300 leaders of all branches, and Group Committeemen, showed keen interest in the opening proceedings, then divided into four discussion groups—the significant fourth being a session for Group Committeemen.

The critically appreciative interest shown in the initial address of the new District Commissioner, Mr. W. H. J. Tisdale, was one of the features promising further steady progress in the district,—now in membership well over the 9,000 mark. With effective directness the new D. C. pressed the importance, and the obligation, of **Group loyalty**; that **all sections**—Pack, Troop, Crew, Committee and Ladies' Auxiliary—be "**tied in together.**"

"And where there is a strong unification—all sections tied in with the Group Committee—there will be **less leakage.**"

"We all get a bit self-centered at times, and fail to think beyond our own boys. The Cubmaster forgets there is a Scoutmaster in the Group, the S.M. forgets the R. L. and the Crew, and all forget the Group Committee. Success, and loyalty, demand that we all tie in together."

The chief reason for the failure of Group Committees to play their possible part

was the fact that they were not given enough to do. "The Group Committee has proved itself a success, where given adequate opportunity."

Ladies' Auxiliaries also had been a valuable asset in their specialized field, and when working in understanding co-operation with the Group Committee. Over 400 ladies of Toronto Auxiliaries, the speaker noted, had recently met to discuss ways and means of helping their Groups.

Of **Programmes**, the District Commissioner stressed the need of **lots of preparation**. "Sometimes programmes are lined up five minutes before meeting. This of course means poor work. A good programme cannot be achieved without the expenditure of time and energy. But this is the **reason we are in the Movement,—to give effort.**"

And programmes always should include something of the romance and adventure which is the real basis of Scouting. It was hoped Toronto Scouts would realize much more of this in over-night hikes to their new camp site, camping, etc.

On the visible religious side, he asked, "How closely are we maintaining contacts with the church? And how often do we endeavour to bring home to our boys the evidence of God in nature?"

He concluded with a further word on **Loyalty**: "Things are not always right, and when wrong they cannot always be quickly rectified. But they can be worked out."

"**Loyalty within the Movement**—loyal co-operation with Headquarters, with commissioners, with one another,—all has as its final purpose, loyalty to the boy. Let us make this the **keynote** of this year's endeavour,—**the boy.**"

From a gathering of some 800 American Scout Executives at French Lick Springs, Indiana, at which he was a guest speaker, Chief Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles brought a message of greeting. He briefly contributed the suggestions that "This is a democratic Movement; that the formula for solving all our problems is to 'Get together and talk it over'; that the strength of Scouting 'lies in the volunteer'; that our simple need is three books—'*Scouting for Boys*,' the '*Wolf Cub Handbook*' and '*Rovering to Success*'; and that, "**You yourself live Scouting,—as a way of life.**"

### With the Group Committeemen

The outstanding impressions left by the large gathering of Group Committeemen (meeting under the very able chairmanship of William Speed, the newly appointed Field Secretary for Western Ontario) were their desire to be counted as live, working members of the Scout family, and that Scouters who were not using this help were needlessly carrying burdens freedom from which would make their actual work with their boys lighter and more enjoyable.

The value of district committeemen coming together also was very practically illustrated; notably by the solving offhand of a camp equipment problem of one particular Committee. This Committee "had some funds, but not sufficient to purchase tents." Volunteered another committeeman, "We have some tents we would be glad to rent." "And we," added a third, "have a good permanent camp site that we'd be glad to get some rent money from."

"Sold!" observed the chairman, amid laughter.

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## The Rover Confab at the Ontario Conference

THE tendency on part of some invested Rovers to feel somewhat superior to Scouts, was discussed at length. It was felt that if the "brotherhood feeling" was stressed, this attitude toward others would disappear.

Discussing the Chaplain's part in Crew activities and Investitures, the opinion was expressed that every Crew should have a Chaplain, but in every case he should be an ordained minister or priest. This point came out when it was found that in one or two cases the Chaplain of the Crew had been a Rover elected to that office.

The problem of the older Rover and the Squire was in some degree found in almost every Crew. It was felt that many of the older Rovers, members of the Crew since its inception, did not wish to leave, because they felt it was 'their show'. In consequence, Squires could find no common footing with the older Rovers, who were often 10 years their senior; and frequently meeting with an experienced "Won't work" to their ideas, they gradually stopped attending meetings. Or the Crew split into young and old sections, and eventually died. It was felt that after a few years' active Rovering, a Rover should have found his niche in leadership, and be prepared for honorary instead of active membership in the Crew.

As to the registration of Hon. Rovers: In the opinion of the meeting a large percentage of them already are registered as Scout and Cub leaders and with these no useful purpose could be served by being doubly registered. For Hon. Rovers not holding office as leaders registration should be taken out. It was pointed out, that so far as the Crews were concerned, Hon. Rovers, no matter what their rank in Scouting, should make annual application to continue as an honorary member.

It was pointed out that a Crew should not be started with Group leaders as Rovers and an attempt made at "forced Rovering". Rather should the move come from the boys of Squire age after suggestion and thought.

The degree of Scouting advancement which should be attained by a Scout before offering himself for Squirehood was discussed. The King's Scout standard was felt not to be too high to ask.

The relationship between Canada and the U.S.A. in Scouting and Rovering was favorably commented upon. This particularly is the case between border Groups. In this connection, we are expecting a number of U.S. Scouts at our 1936 Moot.

Observation—and lack of it—was mentioned with regard to Rovers. It was pointed out that one must learn to observe; that save in a few cases the habit of observation is not natural.

The period of Squirehood was discussed, the Vigil and its preparation, and the Investiture. It was felt most definitely that the Investiture should be held in Church, Den, or the woods, at the wish of the Squire.

There are now 1,046,433 Boy Scouts and Leaders in the United States.

## A Squires' Club

ABOUT six months ago, the old question of what boys should do who have reached the age to leave the Scout troop and are not yet ready to enter Rovering, yet do not wish to stop their Scouting, arose among the older boys in the 8th Saskatoon Troop. In order to keep the boys together, it was finally decided to form a club which would operate along Scouting lines.

A leader was found, a constitution was drafted, and there came into existence the Squires' Club. The members number 16 and meet every two weeks. Each meeting is planned by a committee of two boys and the leader. The meetings take the form of discussions on various subjects, together with some attempts at singing.

Among the club's activities are public service and sports. Hikes have been held, a successful tobogganing party staged, and the 8th Troop was soundly trounced in a game of hockey. The club issued a challenge to any Scout troop or Rover crew for a game of hockey.



ONE of our four Scout Rhodes Scholars for 1936, Scoutmaster Geo. Whalley, B.A., of the 2nd Rothesay, N.B., Troop; formerly Scout of the 1st, and P. L. and T. L. of the 3rd and 5th Brockville troops, Rover in Bishop's College Crew, A.S.M. and S.M. 1st Lennoxville, Que.

## Toronto Rovers Will Hike for the Yeoman Trophy

TORONTO Rovers plan to "step out" this summer in a two-man team hiking competition, for the fine new Yeoman Trophy, donated by Mr. O. C. Bentley, former A. D. C. Rovers. The contest is thus outlined in the March "Yeoman":

Minimum distance, 25 miles, anywhere in Ontario, to be covered within two days, one night being spent in the open. Time, optional in June or July.

Eligible, Rovers, Squires and Skippers. Crews may enter any number of teams, after filing an entry with the Hike Committee.

Log-reports will be kept, and will feature maps, thumb-nail sketches, photographs, nature observations, etc., they will be turned in not later than September 1st, and will be judged for accuracy and usefulness to hikers following the same route later. In case of a tie, neatness and originality will be the deciding factors.

## Exploration Hikes for a Map

PETERBOROUGH Rovers are carrying out a succession of exploration hikes, the observations of which will be used to complete an eight-mile radius map of the district. Particular attention will be paid to attractive hiking routes and over-night camp sites, such as might be used by Scouts on their 24-hour Journey. Each troop will be furnished a copy of the map.

## A Rover-Organized Children's Library

HERE is the Secretary's first report on a Children's Library organized and run by an Australian Rover Crew the 9th Malvern:

On the 1st May, 1935, the 9th Malvern Arrowe Rover Crew started a Junior Free Lending Library for the use of the Group and the children of the district. Opening three nights a week—Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 6:30 to 7:30, we had about 200 books. At the end of December 648 books were on the shelves and the membership was 134. For the seven months 1242 books were taken out. As we have built up our library mainly from books given to us by friends, some of which are too old for children (the books we mean), we are trying to procure some books to replace them.

## Roverings

ROVER training proved a valuable foundation for other courses of study by theological students at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, according to the Rt. Rev. Philip Carrington, Lord Bishop of Quebec, addressing the Rovers of the Col. Wm. Wood Crew at Quebec. Bishop Carrington (by the way, the author of one of the first books on Scout Camping) also told of early Scouting days in England, Australia and New Zealand.

A Rover Sea Scout unit has been organized at Montreal High School. Members will be students or graduates of the school.

"University graduates are in an exceptional position to apply Rover Questions to their own lives and to the lives of others," was a message from Prof. Robert Pugh of the University of New Brunswick to members of a Crew launched at the University of Alberta, Edmonton. The new Crew was organized through the efforts of the 6th Edmonton Rovers.

Rover Scouts of Victoria, B.C., will be at the bell ropes for the dedication ringing of the new chimes of Christ Church Cathedral of that city, when installed. The Rovers are practising regularly.

His Worship Mayor H. Cater was guest speaker at Brandon's third annual Rover meeting and supper. On the Sunday following the three Crews held their annual evening service at St. Mary's Church, when the scripture lessons were read by District Commissioner Broadhurst and District R. L. Bell.

Quebec City Rovers have appointed a committee to locate a week-end camp site—"a place where Rovering may be done and still be easy to get at."

Rev. Wilfred Bradley, of St. George's Anglican church, Ottawa, and a former Scout, was invested as R. L. of St. George's Rover Crew in a chapel ceremony attended by a large gathering of Rovers and district leaders. Rev. W. W. Davis, Assistant R. L. of St. Matthew's Crew, officiated, and Rev. Dr. Bedford-Jones of St. George's participated as chaplain.

"The Crew is glad to see that the Squires' Club have begun what promises to be a successful journey in Roverdom. Good luck, Squires!"—"Rusty" in Mac's Own Crew Notes, Saskatoon.

At the annual gathering of troop, crew and two packs of the 33rd Winnipeg Group, and parents, "the essential differences between the activities of a Rover Crew and those of a Scout Troop were outlined, Skipper Thompson pointing out that Cubs and Scouts are being trained by leaders to understand the meaning of the motto 'Service to Others,' while the Rover Scouts try to apply the motto."

The Colonel John McCrae Rover Crew of Guelph attended a meeting of the Current Topics Club to hear an address by Prof. Norman McKenzie on "International Relationships." "Next Tuesday the Rovers will continue their study of the creation and the early history of mankind."

First place in the annual ambulance competition for the Scottish Dyes' Shield at Grangemouth, Scotland, was won this year by the Grangemouth Rover Scouts. The Rovers scored eight points higher than the first aid team of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, winners for several previous years.

A bronze Scout statuette was presented to Director Ollgaard of the "Rigshospitalet", Copenhagen, as a token of appreciation for the kindness and attention shown an English Rover Scout who was taken with appendicitis while returning aboard the Rover ship from last summer's world moot in Sweden. He was landed at Copenhagen for an immediate operation, which was successful.

Three Squires of the 1st Cathedral Crew, Victoria, and two of the North Quadra Crew, were invested at an impressive service at Christ Church Cathedral, D.R.L. King officiating, assisted by Rev. T. R. Lancaster. At a largely attended dinner following the 1st Sidney Crew presented the North Quadra with a handsome Altar Cloth.

## THE WHOLE - GROUP VIEWPOINT

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Of several methods of securing camp funds one was new. This was a "Theatre Night," which produced \$198.00 net. It was outlined thus: The manager of the neighborhood movie theatre was approached, and asked which was his poorest night of the week, and what the average receipts were for that night. The Group Committee then offered to guarantee him that amount for that night,—that is, to "buy out the house" at that price. The arrangement was made, and the various units of the Group turned to and readily "sold the house out solid."

Ticket window sales for the show were credited to the Group.

A picture suitable for sponsoring by a Scout Group was shown.

Turning to **Finding Activities for Group Committees**, it was first observed that some committees have an inferiority complex; while anxious to help, they feel they know so little of Scouting that they hesitate to offer to do specific things.

Generally it was felt that Scouters should help educate and draw committeemen out by finding activities that will contact them with the pack or troop. This should include the invitation to come down and present certain badges. The Second Class Scout badge was mentioned as one,—one which Scouters occasionally present to the boys in a somewhat casual manner. Such presentations by members of the Group Committee, it was felt, would enhance the value of the badges in the eyes of the boys.

In event of any problem between a Committee and a Scouter (such as some obscure situation which apparently was causing boys to leave a troop), the correct

*FROM temporary retirement where a heart specialist is unquestioned boss, our Quartermaster apologizes for the absence of his April "Chat." "It's nothing much, a bit of over-work, perhaps,—getting out the new Catalogue, wrestling with the old best-goods-lowest-price problem, making sure you fellows get your orders promptly. By the way, I hope you all got your copies of the Catalogue—But, no, the Doc won't let me say 'even that! Anyway, I'll be back here next month with my "Chat," and not forgetting the "Smile" at the end.*

*George Langmuir*  
9.11.  
(per 'phone.)

procedure was to call in the District Scoutmaster to discover the difficulty.

The best Group Committees, it was the general opinion, were those composed entirely, or in majority, of Scout fathers. Occasionally churches unwisely appointed on Group Committees men of an arbitrary type, whose sole idea was to "keep the Scouts in their place."

Another suggestion agreed to was that Group Committees and Ladies' Auxiliaries should take all the responsibility for planning and arranging for such functions as annual banquets, making the Scouters guests for the evening.

As final evidence of the keenness of the committeemen present to be considered active members of the Scout Group family, when the question was put whether committeemen should be invested, there was a prompt and unanimous showing of hands. Appropriately, and significantly, this concluded the session.

Similarly practical get-togethers were held by Cub, Scout and Rover leaders. At the latter session John C. Hall, new A. D. C. Rovers, was impressively invested in his office.

## A Rural Leaders' Session at Manitoba's Conference

THE largest attendance on record, including 30 rural leaders, an address on "Scouting and Education" at the conference dinner by Prof. Watson Kirkconnell of the University of Manitoba, a talk on "Nature Trails" by Mr. Burt Gresham, and retirement as Provincial Commissioner and resumption of the role of Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Wolf Cubs by Frank W. Thompson, were noteworthy news items from the Manitoba Annual Meeting of February 21st.

Of special interest also was the meeting's recommendation to the Chief Scout for Canada that he appoint as the new Provincial Commissioner Mr. Frank F. Foulds, former Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Rovers, who had "come up from Scoutmaster" of the 31st Winnipeg (St. Giles') Troop.

The new conference "section," the "Rural Scouters," discussed, among other things:

The desirability of making training as conveniently available as possible to rural leaders.

The value of arranging district conferences for rural Scouters, so that they might get to know one another, and in order that joint troop and pack celebrations, camps, etc., might be arranged.

The rural leaders were of one mind that the "best service Provincial Headquarters could render them was as much personal contact as possible."

## Gallantry Awards

FOR gallantry in life saving two Alberta and three Nova Scotia Scouts were awarded medals and certificates in March by His Excellency the Lord Tweedsmuir, as Chief Scout for Canada.

**Certificate of Merit.**—To Scouts Tony Orton and George McCallum, High River Alta., for the rescue last summer of another boy who had become exhausted and frightened while learning to swim.

**Silver Cross.**—To P. L. Claude B. Young, 1st Hantsport Troop, N.S., for the difficult rescue of a young girl caught in an undertow on the off-shore side of an old freighter lying in the Avon river.

**Gilt Cross.**—To T. L. Wilber Hancock and Patrol 2nd Barclay Kirkpatrick, 1st Hantsport Troop, for the rescue on the same occasion of a sister of the first girl.

## Oshawa City Council Supplies Scout Meeting Place

A FINE new meeting place furnished by the City Council to the 8th Oshawa Group offers another example-reward for consistent good Scouting. The hall, a 40 x 50 ft. room in a former piano plant acquired by the city, was placed at the disposal of the Group at a nominal monthly rental upon recommendation of the municipal Property Committee. At a formal "house warming" Alderman A. N. Sharp, representing Mayor Sinclair, declared the members of the City Council were delighted to make the meeting place available to the Scouts, and that they were heartily in accord with the Scout movement in Oshawa. The hall is being used by other Oshawa Groups on certain nights.

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 Course on Pathfinding

A SPECIAL course in pathfinding is being conducted by the 138th Toronto (Church of the Resurrection) Troop, "to prepare the boys for First Class and Pathfinder badges."

### "Another Moonlight Hike"

ALL trails lead to Woodlands School this evening, where the Woodlands Troop will assemble for another moonlight hike. These hikes have proved very popular in the past—and tonight's outing promises to be bigger and better than ever. Over 50 members of the Woodlands Troop are expected to participate in this event. Refreshments will be served.

—Verdun Guardian, Que.

### Jealous of its Troop Standards

A LITTLE incident that deserves mention, is the fact that either at work or at play the majority of the Scouts are ever alert. A boy who hopes to become a member of the Kamsack Scout Troop in the near future was checked up for smoking, the word being passed along to him by members of the troop that a boy of his age knows that a Scout is not supposed to smoke.

—Kamsack Times, Sask.

### A Midnight Knot Relay

IF someone had dropped into Wesley Troop meeting last Friday about 8.30 p.m. he would have been quite in the dark as to what was going on. If he could have seen in the dark, he would have noticed a relay race in progress, in which the boys raced to the other end of the hall, tried to find the right ropes and then to tie a specific knot in them and return to their patrols, all in the darkness.

Although this presented no great difficulty and caused much amusement, one of the hard things was to find the rope quickly.

—Wesley, Montreal West.

### A Wide Game With Imagination

THIS real-scouting game was announced in the columns of *The Northern Light*, of Bathurst, N.B. (and it may be noted that the New Brunswick woods were still full of deep snow):

The Scouts of the Sacred Heart Troop are requested to be at the hall at 6.45 Friday evening, Feb. 21. From there they will start on their hike as set forth in the following scheme:

Three patrols will set out for some point unknown to them, but which they must find with a map and compass. They must find the "serum" and bring it back, as directed below. Prizes will be given to the patrol getting the "serum" back to the hall first, also prizes for the best compass reading and report of route. Read the following:

### The Game Story

The Sacred Heart Troop is on a summer hike of two weeks in the wilderness. Some of their nights have been spent in bivouac, but they are taking advantage of lumber camps and sporting camps, which at this season are only occupied by guardians for shelter, and for keeping supplies.

The Scouts have reached Camp Caribou, where the guardian, Mr. X., is very hospitable, so they decide to stay for the night. While exploring the shacks, one of the boys has stepped on a rusty nail and received a very bad wound. First aid has been applied, and as it would take two days to get to civilization, a doctor was 'phoned for advice. Told that there is anti-tetanus serum in a camp a few miles away, he has ordered that a certain number of units be injected into the boy as quickly as possible.

The caretaker has told the Scoutmaster that different trails lead to this camp, and across each one is a brook which may be found impassable. He has suggested that in order to make the best possible speed, messengers be sent by each route. He has given the necessary compass bearings and distances, and to each of the routes the Scoutmaster has detailed a patrol. Each P.L. is to bring back a package of "serum", and as quickly as possible.



An over-night shelter of a hiking patrol of the 125th Torontos

### A Scout Church Messenger Service

THE 134th Toronto (Danforth United) Group has "forged another link between the church and the troop recently by forming their Scouts into a messenger service for the delivery of church notices."

### Edmonton's District Troop

EDMONTON is developing a "District Honour Troop", similar to Saskatoon's famous "Exhibition Troop" (originally organized for service at the local fall fair), to which Scouts will be elected from their own troops on a basis of good scouting. Its general function will be that of a training school, and "it will have the best leadership available. In addition it will function as an exhibition troop on special occasions, providing a guard of honor for special functions. Boys who are members will be entitled to wear a special neckerchief when they are appearing as representatives of this troop. The troop will only meet occasionally, for special training."

### A Caution?

ONE group of manly Scouts attempted a play which was to be one of the attractions, but after "T.G." watched the crew of hardy buccaneers try to be cut-throats instead of Scouts, he decided not to inflict them on the audience but to allow them to remain Scouts.

—5th Saskatoon.

### A Shoulder Knot on the Competition Flag

A NEW monthly patrol competition award idea adopted by Trinity Troop of Montreal is the pinning to the Patrol Honour Flag of a shoulder knot of the winning patrol, as a permanent record. If a patrol wins two months in succession, a second knot is added.

### P.L.'s Inspect Other Patrols

INTER-INSPECTION of patrols by Patrol Leaders—P. L.'s being called upon to inspect the patrol immediately across the hall from their own—provided an interesting inspection variation for Trinity Troop, Montreal. "Patrol rivalry modified by a sense of justice and honesty made this a most exacting but most successful inspection."

### Civilizing Stone Age Rugby

THAT widely popular steam-off game, Stone Age Rugby, was thus modified by Trinity Troop, Montreal, to give the smaller Scouts a show:

No P.L., nor any big boy, may go beyond his defensive zone, which includes an area from his goal line to ten yards out.

With the rougher players left in the zone at each end, the attacking part of the match is left to the smaller boys, giving them a chance to get more than an occasional glimpse of the ball.

Putting the huskies in zones, and making them play a defensive game, probably will tend to lower the scoring, but will pep up the play in the centre field.

### A Scout Uniform "Exchange"

A COMMITTEE of three has been appointed to form a stores department among local Scouting groups in the matter of second-hand uniforms. This committee will endeavour to act as a clearing house for all second-hand uniforms placed in its hand. In such a manner both the Wolf Cubs and the Boy Scouts will be enabled to select their requirements in second-hand outfits from a real store of goods. Not only will this be a boon to the Scouters themselves, but will enable ex-Scouts to dispose of their uniforms at no expense or trouble to them. Douglas Wilson will represent the Rover Scouts on this committee and Clarence Cralle was chosen by the Boy Scouts to act for them. The Wolf Cubs, as yet, have not named their representative.

—The Rosetown Eagle, Sask.