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"Helping Other People"

In the Xmas Toy Shops

Toy Shop Matinees Officially Approved by Famous Players Corporation

DURING an interview with Eastern Manager Clarence Robson of Famous Players Corporation at the head office, Toronto, the Secretary for Toy Shops was authorized to state officially through *The Scout Leader* that managers of the many movie theatres throughout the Dominion associated with Famous Players have the full approval of the heads of the Corporation in giving Scout Toy Shop matinees, at an admittance "fee" of new or used toys.

Where contacts have not yet been established the suggestion was made that Scouters interested get in touch with local theatre managers, and explain the project, and the full approval of such matinees by Famous Players Corporation.

"We are glad to cooperate," declared the F. P. C. head.

IN a well-ahead-of-time half-column story in the *Daily Herald*, the Prince Albert, Sask., Scouts announced:

Feeling that there will be a special call for help from the less fortunate of the city during the coming winter, the Boy Scout Movement of the City of Prince Albert has enthusiastically pledged itself to assist in catering to the needs of those who are unable to afford to give their children a happy time at Christmas.

A Boy Scout Toy Shop is the means by which the organization plans to do its bit, and it will be its business to collect and mend the toys to be

handed to the Elks' Christmas Cheer Fund to be distributed where most needed. * * *

Indicating that the big job repeated annually for several years had not exhausted their spirit of well doing, Hamilton Scouters published plans for their 1936 Shop in the *Spectator* of September 22. * * *

BETTER TOYS FROM MATINEES

To ensure a good grade of gifts, suggest to theatre managers giving toy matinees that their announcements stipulate **NEW OR GOOD-CONDITION OLD TOYS ONLY.** * * *

Saint John, N.B., launched its always well-laid plans at a Scouters' meeting at the Admiral Beatty Hotel on September 12.

Apparently honour of first Toy Shop announcement was claimed by Prince Edward Island Scouts, in the *Charlottetown Guardian* of August 29. Assistant Commissioner Brady was mentioned as in charge. * * *

DOLLS FOR MOOSE JAW

Moose Jaw, whose toy distribution covers the drought section of southwestern Saskatchewan, has appealed for 500 dolls, to help them meet the requests of little girls in this hard hit area. Who can help? If you can, drop an early line to the Toy Shop Secretary, Ottawa. * * *

Quoting the *Rosetown Eagle*, Sask., of Nov. 19, reporting a meeting of the Board of Trade: "A donation of \$10.00 was voted to the Boy Scouts for the operation of their Toy Shop, one of the greatest advertisements the town has, and an institution which brings such a lot of pleasure in its train to the great number of children who receive parcels from this shop." (Continued on page 47)



The Regina Akela Club + a crowd of keen Cubs + "all the apple boxes in town" collected by the keen Cubs + saw and tools and paint + the Spirit of Christmas = the above results in happiness for poor kiddies. This was only a sample display. The Cubs' participation in the actual toy-making was the taking home of cut-out parts and sandpapering them. This gave them something to do which wasn't "underfoot," they loved it, and it was a real help.

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Thought for the Month

Our principles are the springs of our actions; our actions, the springs of our happiness, or misery. Too much care, therefore, cannot be taken in forming our principles.

—SKELTON.

"Straighter than Other Boys" —"Healthy and Fit."

Lord Tweedsmuir to the
Executive Committee

THAT we need not worry about the ultimate future of the drought areas of the west; that the people were cheerful and determined, and the Boy Scouts and other children of the dry sections were upstanding and well fed, was the declaration of His Excellency the Governor-General, the Lord Tweedsmuir, Chief Scout for Canada, addressing the Executive Committee, November 19, at Dominion Headquarters.

"During my tours of the West this summer," said His Excellency, who occupied the chair, "I visited most of the devastated areas. And even there the Scouts and Wolf Cubs made a good showing. They were healthy and fit, upstanding and well fed, like the other children. We need not worry about the ultimate future of the drought areas. I am certain they are coming back. The people are cheerful and determined."

His Excellency expressed his gratification at the growth of Scouting among the French-Canadian boys, as observed during his summer trips through the rural sections of Quebec.

"The French-Canadian Scouts are very smart and alert," declared the Chief Scout, and one notices that they stand up a little straighter than other boys."

His Excellency also expressed satisfaction at the Scout census figures for the Dominion, forecasting an increase for the year of 5 per cent, to a total of over 85,000.

Plans for the presence of a Canadian Scout Troop at the Coronation were discussed, and the going of representative units to the 5th International Jamboree in Holland, in August, and to the American Scout Jamboree to be held at Washington in June. Sir Edward Beatty, President of the Canadian General Council, was asked to officially represent Canadian Scouting at the Washington gathering.

The Dominion Commissioner for Training, Mr. S. B. McMichael, reported a

doubling of the number of leaders taking a training course as compared with the year 1935.

Brigadier Rufus Spooner of the Salvation Army reported encouraging advancement among the Life Saving Scouts as a result of the arrangements made last year for co-operation between that organization and the Boy Scouts Association.

Our Participation in the Coronation

IT has been decided by the Executive Board that due to the fact that Canadian Scouts will be at school during the time of the Coronation no attempt should be made to organize a large Contingent of school boy Scouts.

It was further decided that for the guidance of Provincial Commissioners who would be giving permission to Scouts applying to be part of the Canadian group which would be witnessing the festivities connected with the celebration, that the following requirements were necessary:

- Must be an invested registered Boy Scout.
- Must have a complete Scout uniform consisting of:
Hat—Green shirt—Blue shorts—Belt—Stockings, blue with green tops—Garter tabs—Turk's-head—Black shoes—Scout staff—A special Scout neckerchief will be supplied by Dominion Headquarters.



New Skier Badge Tests

THE following new tests for the Skier's Proficiency Badge have been adopted by the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council, and become effective with this announcement. They appear in the new edition of *The Boy Scout and Wolf Cub Proficiency Badge Reference Book* (10 cents, The Stores Department), just off the press.

- Have a working knowledge of three types of ski binding used in Canada.
- Know how to store and preserve skis, both in summer and during winter seasons.
- Which kind of waxes are best for: New dry snow; new wet snow; thoroughly wet snow; crusty snow.
- Explain the proper use of ski poles:
 - On the level.
 - Climbing.
 - Sliding.
- Perform the following—
 - Herringbone climb in soft snow. Sideway climb in soft snow. Zig-zag climb in soft snow.
 - Two continuous pure stem turns on hard snow, at slow speed.
 - Telemark turns to a stop in soft snow, right and left.
 - Christiania turns on hard snow, right and left.
- A cross-country test, within a specified time, of one mile in length laid out to show all-round proficiency in climbing, on the flat, and downhill, over bush trails

and open country.

- A jump of 10 feet (without poles).
- What equipment is essential to carry in your pocket while skiing.

Lieut.-Gov. McNab Our New Patron for Saskatchewan

THE Hon. Archibald P. McNab, the new Lieutenant Governor for Saskatchewan, like his predecessors has become Provincial Patron of the Boy Scouts Association of the province. In further evidence of his desire to associate himself closely with the Movement, His Honour was invested as a Scout, in a ceremony conducted at Government House, Regina, November 12, by Provincial Commissioner S. J. Latta. Saskatchewan is again to be congratulated.

Chief Justice Warns Against Lowering Standards

CHIEF Justice Baxter of New Brunswick, whose support and guidance as President of the Provincial Council over a number of years has been an important factor in the steady advance of Scouting in the Province, has once again been elected to that office. In his address of acceptance at the Council's annual meeting Chief Justice Baxter warned against any attempt to increase numbers at the expense of lowering the high standard of Scouting that has been achieved in the province.

Mystery Island Relinquished

ANNOUNCEMENT was made at Ottawa, November 25th, that all rights and interests in Mystery Island, Que., have been relinquished by the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association. The island, a camp site developed and fostered by the late Mr. Noulan Cauchon, of Ottawa, internationally known town planning engineer, did much to augment interest in virgin country camping on the part of Scouts in the Capital area.

Considerations bringing about the island's relinquishment were the difficulty of ready access, or ready egress in case of serious accident or illness, and the possibility of younger Scouts being lost in its thick undergrowth, or falling from the steep rocky cliffs which form 90 per cent of its shore line. A financial consideration was the fact that the Canadian General Council had no funds which might properly be applied to the maintenance of a camp site available only to Scouts from a limited area of Quebec and Ontario.

In terminating the lease warm tribute was paid to Mr. Cauchon, and to his widow for her continued interest in the camp site, and regret was expressed that it did not appear practicable to perpetuate the project as originally envisaged by its late sponsor.

Manitoba's Gilwell

PERMANENCY for Manitoba's summer training centre has been assured by purchase of the 46-acre site at Gimli, on Lake Winnipeg. A gateway displaying the name "GILWELL" has been erected. It probably will be known simply as the "MANITOBA GILWELL," to link it by name with the original Gilwell in Epping Forest.



At the 1936 Maritime Akela Gilwell

1. They look like eight, but they're really the Black Six. Some of the mere men alleged it took eight lady C.M.'s to make a Six.—2. You'd probably agree that the Browns won the dressing-up game.—3. "Touch this, touch that."—4. "No, children, this isn't a butterfly, it's a moth."—5. Some of the Greys sought to show what attractive lady C.M.'s they could make. But nobody fell in love with them.

THE first all-maritime Akela Gilwell, held July 28–August 3, at Camp De Roma, P.E.I., was a notable success from every angle—its large enrolment of 29, its widely representative character as to province, occupation, and religious connection; its "Six" of eight ladies, its delightful "singing" contingent of French-Canadians, and the keen picnic-like enjoyment of the course by the whole "Pack."

The camp was headed by Akela Leader Robert Pugh of New Brunswick, assisted by Scouter Allan Hopper, also of N.B.; and during two days by the Chief Executive Commissioner Mr. John A. Stiles and Mrs. Stiles.

There were four Sixes—the Blacks, Reds, Whites and Browns—occupying separate tent sites.

Sessions and the "Red Flower" were held in what was dubbed the "Glory Hole." This was the site of an old fort built on the point about 1703, by Count De Roma, and later destroyed by the British. The site had been cleared of the forest at that time, and had not been cultivated since, creating a camp site admirably adapted to Scouting purposes.

The Akela Leader reported a "reasonable number of gadgets" made by each Six,—such things as cup and dish racks, places for boiling water, semaphore twig alphabets, sun dials and natural history collections.

The S. T. A.'s were of two kinds, Individual and Collective. Each candidate satisfactorily completed his or her task.

A list of 33 games was demonstrated and played, and jotted down in notebooks.

Four Red Flowers were held, and the standard of entertainment was exceptionally high, according to the Ak. L. Especially enjoyable was the solo and chorus singing of chansons by the French-Canadian contingent.

A lively Six competition was run throughout the camp, and finally won by the Whites. The points were: Whites,

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THE GILWELLIAN

A MESSAGE FROM THE
D. C.—TRAINING

Once before I have referred to that Gilwell Reunion at Gilwell Park in Epping Forest over the second week-end of September.

The Chief was there, Lady Baden-Powell was there, Camp Chief Wilson was there, Lord Hampton and Sir Percy Everett, Chief Commissioner and Deputy Chief Commissioner were there, and "Pickie"—the same "Pickie" who visited us a few years ago, together with his inseparable monocle—was there. Many others from Imperial Headquarters and Overseas were there.

But WHY were they there?

Because over five hundred leaders holding certificates and wearing the beads that proclaimed them as Gilwell Leaders, were meeting for their annual week-end reunion.

It was a great fellowship gathering. Men and women, young and old, from the Chief himself down to the youngest leader of them all, mixed together as only the members of a great brotherhood can mix. They had tea together in the afternoon, and afternoon tea for five or six hundred is not an ordinary tea.

Most of them brought their camping kits, and camped in Gilwell Park. Many were the jokes and the interesting incidents that were recalled and re-lived in that great fellowship gathering on Saturday afternoon.

But the most thrilling event of all was in the evening when those five hundred leaders, those headquarters officials, the overseas guests, gathered around the camp fire, just as you men and your boys gather around your camp fire of an evening when your troop is at camp.

Out of it all came the thought to me: What a wonderful thing it is to belong to this great brotherhood of Scouting, how satisfying it is to realize that we, you and I, are members of an organization that has

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WHAT'S HE DOING? WRITING OFF PART I. STARTED YOURS YET?



Part I. Gilwell Courses for Scouters

They are based upon practical experience and the outstanding books of Cubbing, Scouting and Rovering. The reading—done during odd spare time—will be found surprisingly interesting. The answering of the questions, based on the reading, will clarify and fix in your mind the true principles of Scouting and of successful leadership generally.

To ENROLL—Send 50 cents to The Department of Training, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa, to cover cost of notebook, mailing envelopes and stamps. Be sure to state the Course desired.

Hints on Training First Aid Teams

by GEORGE F. CHALLONER

Scoutmaster 84th Winnipeg Troop and Trainer of the Manitoba winners of the Provincial Leonard Trophy and runners-up in the Wallace Nesbitt Junior Dominion Trophy for 1936.

HERE are two classes of junior first aid teams, experienced and inexperienced. The natural assumption would be that the first has the advantage over the second in a contest, but in my experience such is not the case. A team of boys who enter a contest immediately after a course of instruction for their Junior First Aid Certificate has an equal, if not a better chance than an experienced team which may have neglected to keep up its work.

So in beginning instruction for a first aid competition it is best to assume that your team knows nothing.

Instruction is taken from the St. John Ambulance Junior textbook, "A Preliminary Course of First Aid to the Injured," but an instructor is well advised to go a little further, and for instance, instead of instructing on only five pressure points, instruct on the 13 points given in the senior book. I do not mean, however, to instruct wholly from the senior book; this would give the junior more than he could handle.

Another good thing is to give instruction with the regulation stretcher, despite the fact that the test is supposed to be confined to the use of an improvised stretcher.

Remember It's "Points" that Count Competitions are conducted on a basis of points, and an instructor is well advised to bear this in mind, and to impress upon his team the necessity of going after as many points as possible. With this in mind it should be remembered that the examiner is to all intents and purposes ignorant; he expects a team to tell the why and wherefore of everything done. A team may give a patient a drink of water, but fail to tell the examiner why; another team doing likewise, but explaining that a stimulant was being administered, to prevent lapse into insensibility, would in all probability be given an extra half point.

Another example,—the placing of a coat over the patient. It is not sufficient merely to do this. The team Captain should explain why (for shock, maintaining warmth). And it is not sufficient for a team merely to make a good job of tying bandages and splints, although of course this is important. Every step taken, and its purpose, should be explained, and in proper sequence.

Answers Here is an example in question in correct and answer: Question—"What Sequence are the general signs and symptoms of a fracture?" Answer—"Pain. Loss of power. Swelling. Deformity." NOT, "Swelling. Deformity. Loss of power. Pain."

A team answering in the correct sequence would receive higher points than one which did not. This general principle means that each individual member of a team must memorize the book from cover to cover, not forgetting the eight points of the star.

Training for the Actual Competition Now for the actual training for competition of a team well versed in first

aid as covered in the junior book.

First, theoretical "actual cases" must be worked on. Upon the entry of the team the patient is found lying on the floor. The necessary preliminary information is given as to the nature of the accident and the condition of the patient. It is then up to the team Captain to get busy and act, asking the necessary questions as the work proceeds.

A word about the team Captain. He must never lose sight of the fact that he is the Captain. He should issue instructions to his team in a natural voice and manner, not being afraid to let the examiner hear him. Although the team individually may be as well versed as he, the fact remains that he is in charge.

"Get Busy" Work Fast And by getting busy, I mean getting busy! Not acting as though there was a week of time!

Throw off coats. Cover patient. Send for doctor. (Preferably send a bystander; if a member of the team is sent, the examiner may take him out of the work for a period, leaving the team short.) Stop severe bleeding (having first learned from the examiner where, and what kind.) As an example of its importance: To attend to a fractured leg first, while arterial bleeding is taking place elsewhere, will disqualify a team.

Then, proceeding systematically, starting at the head and working down, find out, by asking questions, where there are other injuries.

After the Captain has discovered all there is to know about the case, he sets each individual member of the team at his own particular job, the Captain always taking the most serious injury.

Reassure the Patient The Captain should reassure the patient from time to time. If a tourniquet is being used, he should have this eased at intervals, the examiner being asked if the bleeding has stopped. If the examiner says yes, the tourniquet will be left loose.

The Captain should continue to ask from time to time as to the patient's general condition,—as to insensibility, loss of blood, etc.

The first question should be, where did the accident occur? If on a busy street, put someone out to stop traffic. If at night, have a light placed (wrecked car?)

"On a busy street?" Send someone to stop traffic. What time? (If night, have a light placed. Are drugstores open?)

In other words the team must imagine themselves dealing with an actual emergency.

A Few Do's and Dont's If a small piece of wood is lying across a patient, do not lift it as though it were a small stick. It may represent a heavy beam. Ask regarding this. If a "beam," two lift it and place it to one side.

Always attend to the most serious injury first.

Send for a doctor, also an ambulance.

Don't forget to prevent further injury.

I have suggested: "Go a little farther than the book." Everything has a reason in first aid, but the book does not give this. For example: Why tie a reef knot? It won't slip or jamb, and is easily untied.

Why tie the knot a little to the front for a large arm sling? Because the patient may wish to lie down, and a knot under the neck would not be very comfortable.

Why tie a large arm sling with the flap at the elbow to the front, and the St. John sling to the back? Because with a fractured arm tying the flap to the back has a tendency to force the elbow back, which is not necessary, whilst in the case of a broken collarbone you need pressure at the elbow.

Why tie a sling on the injured side? To give better support.

Your Team Must Pay the Price In closing let me add that all teams which get into competition finals are the best in the country, and only get there by continued study and practice. So make out a programme for October, November and December once a week, January 1-15 twice a week, January 15 until preliminary test three times a week.

If successful, forget it until April 1st, then resume once a week, and from May 1st to finals three times a week.

By this you can see that practice and more practice is necessary.

Don't think you are too good to require outside help. Call in other men who know first aid to put on a case for you. Get your team used to working with others.

Sometimes you will think your team is impossible, but on the final day they won't let you down. They never do.

After all your careful training they may carry a patient feet-first up a stairs, when he should go head first. But that again is over enthusiasm, and not using the head.

The only consolation for the instructor is the knowledge that other teams are making the same mistakes.

But just the same, it's the points that count.

Finally: See that your patient is a trained first aider. The final examiner may ask him questions too. And besides, one of your team may take sick. "Safety first!"

St. John Ambulance Competitions for 1937

PARTICULARS of the annual first aid team competitions of the St. John Ambulance Association for 1937 open to Boy Scouts and Rovers will be available at Provincial Headquarters about December 15th.

For Scouts there is the Provincial Leonard Shield, and the Dominion Wallace Nesbitt Junior. Rovers up to 18 years may enter for the Gaunt Intermediate trophies, provincial and Dominion, and Rovers and Scouters over 18 may make up teams, provincial and Dominion, for the Montzambert senior competition.

Entries must be in the hands of Honorary Provincial Secretaries of the St. John Ambulance Association on or before January 4th, 1937, after which date entries will be refused.

Getting Your Field Day in the Papers

Log Chopping
Rapidly Made Bridges
Rescue Work
No-Match Water Boiling
A Few Athletic Events

A GENUINELY scouty field day can earn this newspaper mention on its "news" merits, which is proof that it is interesting to the boys, and to the public—two desirable characteristics of any Scout field day. The example is offered by the enterprising Scouters of the Windsor, Ont., district, and the story is part of the four-captioned column-long report in the *Windsor Daily Star*. It is worth studying. A few sprint races, field events and ball throwing were interspersed events more readily understood by the general public, and enjoyed by the boys.

Windsor, during the last few weeks, has witnessed field days of every description—separate school, public school and field days sponsored by Windsor organizations—but the most unique of them all was the Boy Scout Field Day held Saturday afternoon at Jackson Park. The 15th Troop was declared champion, with the 23rd Troop second.

NOT STOPPED BY RAIN

For Boy Scout field days are the only ones of their kind. While there are jumping events, races and baseball throw, there are in addition events which are to be found in no other field day anywhere.

Although the sky became threatening and some rain fell, the field day was carried out as scheduled. About 300 Scouts took part.

Among novel events were the Scout Law relay, knot relay, fireman's lift relay, log chopping competition, bridge building, Morse and semaphore contest, undressing race, soapy water boiling competition, fire by friction, first aid contest and tent pitching.

The broad field presented a strange panorama, as events were contested in widely separated quarters. In one corner, uniformed lads were busily engaged in chopping logs, with a skill and fervor that would have done credit to seasoned lumberjacks. In another quarter, strong lads were carrying their lighter comrades, and not only carrying them but running with them across their shoulders, in the fashion used by firemen in rescue work.

A long line of Scouts with staves, fashioned neat bridges with a haste that seemed almost to border on magic. Near the stands stood lads with signal flags, sending and receiving messages.

Just to prove that they were adept at making fires in the manner made famous by the Indians, that of rubbing two sticks together, the lads did produce fire by friction, and they brought to the boiling point pans of soapy water, without the use of a single match.

In the first aid competition, legs were bandaged, and sprains, breaks, contusions, abrasions, severed arteries corrected in a manner so professional it would have brought smiles of approbation from learned medics.

It was the first annual field day Boy Scouts of Windsor have ever observed,

but if the enthusiasm of the lads themselves is any criterion, it won't be the last.

Prize ribbons were awarded to winners by Col. E. S. Wigle, K.C., V.D.

A Saint John Story

HERE is a novel news treatment of a Saint John, N.B., field day by Nathan Dreskin which attracted appreciative reading in the *Saint John Times-Globe*.

Field Day Jottings

Pouring rain . . . the Lieutenant-Governor's car drives into the K-Club grounds . . . awed Cub: "I wonder how much gas she uses." . . . District Commissioner Scott: "I've arranged with the observatory to have it clear up" . . . the rain slackens somewhat . . . the march past . . . a district official tears after an umbrella, spreads it, and holds it over the governor's head . . . he has his umbrella, folded, in his hand . . . the Grand Howl . . . Ah-kay-la! . . . flying dybs and dobs . . . staccato . . . Scoutmaster Olive, 81, there with his boys . . . as young as the youngest Cub . . . the jungle dances . . . Kaa the serpent in the hunger dance . . . Jack Gray's Stone Church Cubs writhe under an elongated gunny sack, the rigid serpent head a wire basket . . . a cleric meandering about with a corn cob pipe between his teeth . . . friction fire . . . where there's smoke there's fire . . . plenty of smoke here, but no fire . . . buddy, can you spare a match . . . Chief Justice J. B. M. Baxter wanders happily about, chumming it with an Industrial Home lad . . . bicycle races . . . budding Reggie MacNamaras and Torchy Pedens . . . thrills and chills—no spills . . . a St. Andrew's Scout races in the semi-final with his skirt . . . and wins . . . removes it for final . . . and doesn't place . . . excited cubmaster: "If you boys happen to separate, don't forget to keep together!" . . . tug-of-war . . . heave—heave—heave . . . and the winner goes down into the muck . . . tent-pitching in the high wind . . . mud flies into a Scout's face as he misses a tent peg . . . allus spit to loo'ard . . . more pouring rain . . . and so home to bed . . . with the sniffles!

Scout Happiness for Another Hospital Group

AS described in the *Winnipeg Tribune*, "Winnipeg's newest contribution toward the world-wide Scout Movement was made Thursday by eight small boys, one flat on his stomach and with an object like half a barrel over his body, another with his feet encased in what seemed by the bump it made in the bed to be a box, and each of the others with a leg, an arm—or some other part of his body—in a plaster cast. The strange group was arranged around a camp fire represented by an electric light bulb covered with red tissue paper, in a ward of the Shriners' Hospital for crippled children, and the boys comprised the Scouts and Cubs of the 61st Winnipeg (Shriners') Group." In the fire circle were Scoutmaster V. J. McLean, T. L. Gordon Peterson, D.C.M., Miss H. M. Sheffield, Executive Secretary E. F. Mills, Captain Mrs. W. F. Margason of the 40th Shriners' Guides, and a considerable group of Shriners.

A Scout Reporter's Club

Saskatoon's Solution of the Troop News Problem

FROM Saskatoon has come the apparent solution of a problem that has periodically worried every Scout district secretary and every Editor who has offered space for a weekly Scout column. This is the securing of regular contributions of local Scout Group news.

For some years the weekly Saturday all-Scout-News page of the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* has been one of the most consistent of those coming through the clipping service to the Editor's desk. The explanation, secured during a recent visit, was a "Scout Reporters' Club."

For the Club's launching, the young Scouter sponsor, Ford Forsythe, a reporter on the *Star-Phoenix*, asked each Saskatoon troop to name a Scout reporter. The boys were brought together, and organized themselves on the lines of a Court of Honour,—with a President, Secretary and Treasurer. The sponsor took the advisory role of a Scoutmaster. Fees were fixed at 1 cent per week.

The Club proceeded to meet once a week at a "lunch supper" at a downtown Rover Den; that is, each boy bringing his own "eats." Also they brought, in duplicate, a report of the week's doings of their Group. One copy was turned in, and the duplicate kept for comparison with the edited story as it appeared in the Saturday paper.

The programme for the first three meetings of each month included a talk on some angle of news reporting by the Club sponsor, the answering of questions, and round table discussions. Amongst other things, the boys were taught the standard signs used in correcting proof. Each fourth meeting was named "Criticism Night," when the tyro reporters criticized one another's efforts of the previous weeks.

The Club devised a "Scout Reporter's Badge," which "admits them" to other troops—in boyish imitation of the newspaper reporter's badge or card which admits him within police or fire lines; and from time to time they exchange assignments and "cover" one another's troops.

At the end of the year the Club holds a banquet, and is addressed by Mr. J. S. Woodward, Managing Editor of the *Star-Phoenix*.

At last year's Annual Scout Fair the Club published a mimeo paper, covering the opening ceremonies, and later an "Extra" giving the Annual District Competition results. Advertisements had been secured, and generally the paper was issued on a business-like, paying basis.

The boys have been keenly interested, and the attendance at weekly suppers practically 100 per cent.

An unanticipated and valuable result for the boys has been the new interest all of them discovered at school in "English," "Composition," etc., a fact gratifyingly commented upon by their teachers.

REGISTRATION PROVIDES A VALUED CHARACTER CARD

The 1937 International Jamboree

IT has been decided by the Executive Board of the Canadian General Council that individual Scouts who meet the requirements given below as laid down by Imperial Headquarters, and who can pay their own way, are to be allowed to join the Canadian group going to the World Jamboree to be held this year in Holland.

Where held and dates?

At Vogelensang, Bloemendaal, Holland, July 31st to August 13th.

Where and when will the Canadian Scouts assemble?

In Montreal on the S.S. Alaunia on July 16th, 1937.

When will the delegation sail?

On July 16th on the S.S. Alaunia and will join the British Contingent in London at a time and place to be decided later.

What will be the basis of selection?

(a) Any Scout fourteen years of age or over on the first day of January 1937, who is a First Class Scout and has qualified for his Camp Cook's Badge and who is recommended by his Scoutmaster as having all round Scouting ability, may be considered eligible to attend the Jamboree.

NOTE: It is very important that the Scout be well trained to do simple cooking as he will be required to look after himself in this respect at the Jamboree.

(b) No Scout may attend unless he has had at least two years continuous service as a Scout previous to January 1937.

(c) No Scout or Leader will be accepted unless approved by his Provincial Headquarters.

(d) Scouts must have satisfactory recommendations from their school authorities or, in the case of employed boys, from their employers.

(e) Each Scout must be nominated by his Scoutmaster and have a good record for diligence and efficiency.

(f) Scouts will be asked to carry Dominion Registration Cards.

(g) Scouts will be expected to be in good physical condition and to obtain a doctor's certificate to that effect.

What uniform will be worn?

Scouts will wear their own troop uniforms and will be expected to purchase a complete troop uniform for the wearing on parade. (See list of kit).

What will be the cost?

Transportation (including meals, sleeper, etc.) to Montreal and from point of debarkation returning..... \$
Ocean voyage Montreal to London and Southampton to Montreal.
Third Class..... \$154.50 \$
Tourist Class..... 220.00
Third Class Rail
Fare London to
Southampton..... 2.40

5 days in London sleeping in Scout Halls, cooking own food, tour of London, Eton, Windsor and Shakespeare's country £3/12/0. (approximately)..... \$ 20.00
Subject to modification if necessary and does not include: passport and visa, incidentals, tips, taxis, etc.
London to Vogelensang including cost of Jamboree Camp £6 (estimated by I.H.Q.)..... \$ 30.00
Uniform (for cost see list of kit) say..... \$ 10.95
Total..... \$

How payable?

As arranged with Canadian National Railways or Cunard White Star Company, except for kit.

May Scout Leaders Go?

Upon the approval of the Provincial Council, Scout Leaders may attend. Leaders must understand, however, that, unless it is possible to attach them to the British Contingent, they will have to make their own arrangements to visit the Jamboree.

May Rovers Go?

It has been decided by Imperial Headquarters that Rover Scouts not holding Warrants are not eligible to attend the Jamboree. The Jamboree is a Scout affair. Rovers have their own Rover Moots.

Passports

Each Scout will have to arrange for a proper passport. Consult your nearest Railway or Steamship Agent.

Equipment

See list of kit below.

Applications to attend

Applications to attend must be made on the official form supplied by Provincial Headquarters and must be returned to Dominion Headquarters, 306 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, by May 1st, 1937.

Further Information—

Apply to the Boy Scouts Association, 306 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, or to your nearest Canadian National Railway or Cunard White Star Agent.

KIT TO BE TAKEN OVERSEAS

The official parade uniform:

Hat—Green shirt—Shorts, blue—Belt—Two pairs of stockings—Garter tabs—Two special neckerchiefs (supplied by Hdqts.)—Turk's-head—Official rucksack—Shoes.

In addition to the above:

Scout staff—Shoes (extra pair)—Slicker—Coat sweater—Own troop neckerchief—Scout shirt—Shorts—Two pairs of stockings—Two extra suits of underwear—Two pairs of pyjamas—Extra pair of shoe laces—Pair of rubbers—Half dozen handkerchiefs—Bathing suit—One hand towel—One medium sized bath towel—Comb, brush and metal mirror—Soap in metal container—Small sewing kit—Six blanket pins—Scout pocket knife—Notebook and pencil—Canadian Scout Diary—Two blankets—One ground sheet—Knife—Fork—Spoon—Two plates—One mug—Small tent—Cooking equipment.

Add if owned:

Small folding camera—Flashlight—Small pair of field glasses—Harmonica, Key of C.

To Head the Jamboree Contingent

THE Dominion's contingent to next summer's World Scout Jamboree in Holland will be headed officially by Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Canadian General Council. The appointment was made at the meeting of the Executive Committee in Ottawa on November 19. Mr. Stewart also will represent Canada at the Empire Conference to be held in England prior to the Jamboree.

THE MARITIME AKELA GILWELL

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275½; Browns, 265¼; Blacks, 261¼; Reds, 258.

A "dressing up" contest was won by the Browns.

Camp inspection for one day was carried out by the Sixers.

Cub camp style central cooking was used, with a paid cook.

The Pack make-up as to occupation showed: Housewives, 4; teachers, 3; students, 7; clergymen, 6; and a fox rancher, an agent, a salesman, a news dealer and an immigration inspector. The ladies numbered 2 teachers, 2 students and 4 housewives.

The scoutily (or cubbily?) diversified religious representation comprised 1 Anglican, 1 Baptist, 5 Presbyterian, 4 United and 18 Roman Catholic. The majority of the latter were priests or seminarians.

The cost of the camp, \$199.81, was reported by Akela Pugh as well covered by a fee of \$7. In consequence, since a fee of \$8 had been paid, the candidates enjoyed the experience of receiving each a \$1 rebate from Provincial Secretary Bob Parent.

The camp equipment was loaned by the P.E.I. Provincial Association.

Scoutmaster F. J. B. Zapotoczny of the 53rd St. John Cantius Troop of Winnipeg, recently returned from a visit to Poland where he took a Polish Gilwell Course at Poland's fine training centre at Breena, in Silesia.

P. L. Training

FORTY Patrol Leaders from ten different Groups attended the Junior Leaders' Conference held at Smiths Falls, Ont., with P.L. Gilling Goddard presiding and Field Secretary Edgar Jones guiding. The banquet speaker was Mr. M. L. Douglas of the Provincial Executive Committee.

A Patrol Leaders' week-end get-together at Pembroke was attended by 45 young leaders from Arnprior, Renfrew, Braeside, Cobden, Eganville and Pembroke. One of the banquet speakers was President E. B. Christiansen of the Pembroke Kiwanis Club.

Seventy-five P.L.'s and Seconds from Sarnia, Parkhill, Forest, Petrolia, Alvinston, Thedford and Watford gathered for a week-end conference at Watford under Field Secretary William Speed of London. The opening was a banquet served by the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church, presided over by Reeve R. E. Dick and addressed by Rev. E. W. Hart.

"THE GILWELLIAN"

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character training as its great objective! But the leader who sees Scouting in its finest perspective is the leader who belongs to that group who gathered around the camp fire in Gilwell Park last September—the "Gilwellian."

Every Scout Leader has the chance to be a Gilwellian. The Correspondence Course is the first step, the District Indoor Course the second step, the outdoor practical course at a Gilwell Camp the third step, and the practical application of the training in the leadership of a Scout, Cub or Rover unit the final step.

Now is the time to plan all four steps for 1936 and 1937. Start on your Correspondence Course now. Take the Indoor Course during the Winter or Spring, and the practical course at a Gilwell Camp next Summer.

Come ye, come ye, come ye, Scout Leaders of Canada! Decide now—today—that you will be a Gilwellian.

SIDNEY B. McMICHAEL,
Dominion Commissioner for Training.

Good Things from the Correspondence Course Notebooks

I HEARD a very real example of the actual working of the Scout Law. In our recent Apple Day each territory for individual troops was divided down the middle of an east to west street. The Scout of one troop was stationed on one corner. A lady came out of a house across the road and offered to buy an apple. He refused to sell because it was not his troop's territory, and went out of his way to find a Scout of the other troop. One such incident repays a year's work.

We give our A.S.M.'s and P.L.'s a copy of the programme for one month in advance. We go over the programme with the P.L.'s and give them any necessary information and assistance.

At one of my camps, in place of troop prayers around the campfire I told the P.L.'s that five minutes before lights out I would give one blast on the whistle, when they were to be ready to take the prayers for their patrols. Nothing has so thrilled me as when I stood in front of my tent and heard each P.L. say, "Patrol silence for prayers," and then each P.L. leading in prayer. That is real courage. That is the Patrol System.

Note for Next Hallowe'en

A HALLOWE'EN party to which all the children of the city were invited was a big event successfully carried out October 31st, by the Scouts of Chatham Ont. It was held in Tecumseh Park, round a huge camp fire, with a programme of Scout council fire games and skits and community singing. The large gathering of young people found the party an attractive alternative to pranks, and as a result these were reduced to a "new low" throughout the city.

Western Ont.'s New District Set-up a Promising Success

SOMETHING new in Ontario's provincial organization that has brought promising success in the western part of the province under Field Secretary William Speed has been the grouping of four towns—Listowel, Mount Forest, Arthur and Maitland—under a District Committee, with a District Commissioner. The set-up has brought these places together in a stimulating social way, and has made possible the planning of district field days, well attended training courses, etc. Another result has been the development of a fine Scouting missionary spirit, expressed in the slogan, "Every Group of the Maitland District to earn a B.-P. Honour Standard," by organizing another Group. Already Mount Forest has brought in a new Group at Holstein, Listowel is working on one at Attwood, and Arthur on a Group at Clifford.

As a result of the Maitland success, steps were taken at an enthusiastic meeting at Delhi, in the southern area, to organize the "Big Creek District," to take in Delhi, Tillsonburg, Port Burwell, Port Dover, Simcoe and Waterford. The District will be headed by two of the area's outstanding Scouters, Walter H. Gibson of Tillsonburg, as District Commissioner, and Harold Taylor of Delhi, as A.D.C.

Giving the Right "Lead" at the Right Time

YOU will agree with the Scouter telling the following story that the experience was one of those that "make Scouting really worthwhile." It illustrates the effectiveness of the right word at the right time,—which most often is the council

fire, following an afternoon or evening of the outdoor-Scouting that the boys come into Scouting for. In other words, the Scoutmaster has "played the game," figuratively and literally, with his boys; and they, in consequence, are equally ready to "play the game" with him, when he gives them a lead in more serious things.

"On a recent October evening," relates this Manitoba Scouter, "I took my troop for a hike into the woods. We played Scout games, cooked a meal, and had a real scouty night.

"During a brief talk around our camp fire I commented on the splendid turnout,—34 boys. 'But had this been a church parade,' I said, 'or a parade in connection with some welfare activity in the district, I am afraid the attendance might have been smaller.'

"Upon checking the attendance at the following Sunday morning's Scouts' Own I found 28 boys present. One of the P.L.'s stood up and asked, 'What church do you attend, sir, and do you go to the evening service?' I told him I attended St. Stephen's, and was on duty at the evening services.

"On my way to church the following Sunday evening I noticed a large gathering of boys on a nearby highway. Upon approaching, I discovered that they were members of my own troop. I asked them in some wonder why they had gathered there. The answer was:

"We are going to church with you, sir. Is it O. K.? If it is, some of us want to go with you every Sunday.'

"Needless to say this was almost too much for me, and all I could reply was, 'Thanks, chaps.'

"The incident affected me more than any other in my Scouting experience. I thought you would be interested to hear of it."

We were. And aren't you?



Lone Scout George Zellas of the Royal Alexandra Sanatorium Post Group receiving the Cornell Decoration from District Commissioner R. L. Stratton of London, Ont. Details of Scout Zellas' heroic fight, his continuous helpfulness to younger boys of the sanatorium and his steady progress in Scouting were related in the October "Scout Leader". With Mr. Stratton is Cubmaster J. W. Lawton, who for six years has been largely responsible for the success and general helpfulness of Cubbing and Scouting in the institution.

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



Held
one of these
winter
high-spots
yet?

ACCORDING to the Bridgetown, N.S. *Monitor*, the local Boy Scouts made a raid on the orchard of A. B. Clarke of Paradise on a Monday afternoon and stripped his trees of apples. The apples, however, were carefully packed in barrels—60 of them—and the owner, who was convalescing from typhoid fever, was most grateful for the "raid."

Five Scouts of the 110th Toronto completed a First Class Journey of 56 miles. These husky hikers were Scouts George Mehon, Clarence Defoe, Alfred Gerkin, Jack Mason and Donald Fletcher.

Fire Instructions with a Thrill

Boy Scouts of the 6th Timmins, Ont., Group enjoyed a real thrill during a visit to the local fire hall for instruction in fire prevention methods. An alarm came in and the firemen dropped their instruction, sprang aboard their apparatus and sped away to the fire.

A large "paper gathering squad" of Granby, Que., Scouts has been making Saturday collections of waste paper since the early Fall.

The 88th 'Peg a Going Concern

News notes of the 88th Winnipeg Troop record a hike to the woods in North Kildonan, games, a meal prepared by the P.L.'s and a camp fire.—Good progress with First Class and Proficiency Badge work.—Fourteen Second Class Scouts taking a St. John's Ambulance Course.—A Scouts' Own every Sunday at Gordon United Hall, with an average attendance of 25.

As in previous years, Toronto Scouts acted as messengers in connection with the Information Booth at the Royal Winter Fair.

Another Scouty Display by Quebec City Groups

A lively programme of Cubbing games and dances, demonstrations of practical Scout woodcraft, example games for the teaching of mental alertness, a display of boat work by the Rover Sea Scouts and an exhibition of hobby craft, made up an evening of Scouting at the Armory by the various Quebec City Scout Association units that impressed a large gathering. The rally was under the distinguished patronage of His Hon. E. L. Patenaude, Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, and was attended by prominent provincial and district Scout Association leaders, and representatives of the Scouts

Catholiques. The rally was impressively opened by a parade of Cub, Scout and Rover Sea Scouts and a ceremonial flag-break, with music by the famous band of the 22nd French-Canadian Regiment.

The Sea Scouts Lay Up

"Two strenuous hours were spent last Saturday afternoon" by the 3rd North Vancouver Sea Scouts when their gig was removed from the water and laid up for the winter season. "Our winter programme is getting under way. We hope that a few badges will be acquired before we again take to the boat." The census of the 3rd shows a membership of 18.

Special street cars carried 350 Ottawa District Wolf Cubs to suburban Britannia Park for their annual autumn field day. Following the afternoon of games and competitions the Cubs ate their supper around campfires that dotted the wooded slopes of the park.

Windsor's Inter-denominational Scouts' Own

"How Much Better are Scouts than Sheep?" was the title of a talk by Rev. M. C. MacKinnon of Chalmers United Church, Windsor, Ont., at the district's first inter-denominational Scouts' Own, at Memorial Park. Other speakers were District Commissioner E. S. Wigle, K.C., and Mayor W. Steward. Scouters conducted the prayers, read the Lesson and presided at the portable organ.

The Editor of the Troop 3 Pioneer, published at 250 Sheridan Ave., Piedmont, California, Phil Knox, would like to exchange with Canadian Troop publications.

I.O.D.E. Colours for Another B.C. Group

With due ceremony a stand of colours was presented in November to the Salt-spring Island Group, B.C., by Mrs. Desmond Crofton, Regent of the Ganges Chapter, I.O.D.E. The colours were dedicated the following Sunday at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Ganges. A substantial list of Scout Groups throughout the Dominion carry colours presented to them by local chapters of the I.O.D.E.

"Fight Tuberculosis" Christmas seal placards, in support of the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium at London, were distributed by Scouts in practically every community of Western Ontario.

Scout Fire Fighters Lose Their Town Hall

The Scouts of Wayne, Alta., 64 miles northeast of Calgary, lost their Scout hall in a fire which destroyed the largest block of buildings in the town. The Scouts had been called out of school to assist in fighting the fire, and were unable to save their own building.

A feature of the annual "fair" of the 1st Moose Jaw Troop was an Indian Village in which Princess Isca personally superintended a collection of Indian relics.

A "Chair Chat"

"Each week we spend a few minutes together in what is called the "chair chat." This is the time when all announcements are made, progress in hobbies reported, plans for future festivities made. It is proving a popular period for here is where everyone can express his opinion."
—10th Saskatoon Troop.

Competitions between fathers and sons added enjoyed hilarity to the "Day in Camp" parents' night of the 93rd Toronto (St. George's United) Troop.

Raised by the Group and the Ladies

The completed conversion of a box car has provided the Scouts of Watrous, Sask., with a Headquarters which they declare to be one of the finest in the province. The necessary funds were raised by the Group Association and Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Three Hills, Alta., Troop helped collect apples for the annual carload of fruit and vegetables sent by the community to the Woods Christian Home (for orphans) at Calgary.

An Unsolicited \$100 for Drumheller Scouting

Donations toward the funds of the Drumheller, Alta., Scout Association sponsored by the local Rotary Club, were gratifyingly successful. The contributions included an unsolicited cheque for \$100, which was regarded as "a striking evidence of appreciation of the good work being done for boys by those interested in this world wide movement."

Adopting Indian Villages

In connection with Ontario's project of regularly supplying books and games materials to Indian children of the widely scattered villages in the Patricia District, west of Hudson's Bay, villages have been announced as "adopted" by Hamilton, South Porcupine, Tillsonburg, St. Catharines, Peterborough and Kincardine. As was necessary, packages were shipped from these points during the summer.

Radville, Sask., Scouts have a new library of 40 Scout books, with a Scout "librarian."

Then All Hands Were Piped to Supper

"At a well-attended meeting presided over by the President, James Turner, the Moose Jaw Sea Scouts, Cubs, mothers and fathers, got together on Friday night aboard the good ship 'King Edward', and from the moment the colours were

hoisted until all hands were piped to supper, a continual display of Scout and Cub work and play occupied the 'quarter deck.'"

A fine Crew of 24 gathered for a social evening at the Outlook, Sask., Scout hall, for games, a lunch and an address by Rover Leader the Rev. W. J. B. Tate. Hockey and archery were included in the winter programme items discussed.

50% of the 98th Toronto Now 1st Class

It is not often that a Scoutmaster can report 50 per cent of his troop as having attained First Class. This has been recorded by Scoutmaster Murray David of the 98th Toronto (St. Paul's Presbyterian) Troop. He is to be heartily congratulated on the achievement.

A winter series of inter-Crew visits is being carried out by Regina Rovers.

1st Calgary to Conduct

Boxing A.A.U. Tournament

A high compliment has been paid the 1st Calgary Scout Troop by the Alberta Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union. The Branch has asked the troop to conduct this winter not only the district eliminations, but the provincial championship boxing finals. The honour was earned by the satisfactory manner in which the troop last winter conducted the district boxing competitions. The venture grew out of the attention given to boxing by the 1st and several other Calgary troops, for a number of years.

More than 400 persons attended the annual dance of the 1st Oakville, Ont., Troop in Victoria Hall. During the intermission Scouts from Oakville, Acton and Mimico gave a demonstration of knot work, first aid and fire-making. Refreshments were served by the Guides.

1st Revelstokes Travel to Invest "Lones"

The 1st Revelstoke (St. Peter's), B.C., led by Scoutmaster Frank Burton, visited Craigellachie, assisted in the investiture of 8 Lone Scouts, and presented each new member of the brotherhood with a neckerchief and shoulder-knot. Preceding the ceremony there were Scouting games, a noon lunch, and baseball. After, there was an hour's singing, led by the Revelstoke Scout orchestra, and the "National Anthem brought the afternoon affair to a close. And it was the ending of a perfect day for all."

An "Audition Dance" in the local gym., "the best talent of the whole South District contesting in four divisions, with prizes for winners," the finals "broadcast over Woslyng's Amplifier," produced funds for the Toy Shop at Cardston, Alta.

In addition to working for a total Toy Shop production of 12,000 new or renovated toys, dolls, books and games, Victoria, B.C., Scouts are co-operating in a campaign of the City Clothing Department by collecting used clothing. For the collection both of toys and clothing the city has been divided into four districts, the troops of each being responsible for collections, which must be undertaken after school hours. Heavy bundles are collected on Saturday by cars.

For the Council Fire What Becomes of Antlers?

By S. Leslie Sara

WHEN it is realized that deer, moose and cariboo shed their antlers annually, it is remarkable how few of their horns are found along the forest trails. How they disappear is one of the mysteries of the woods, for rarely do hunters or forest wardens find them in any quantity.

Antlers found often show teeth marks, signs that they have been gnawed. One theory credits this to other members of the deer family, chewing them up for the calcium needed for the growing of new antlers. Other theories are that timber wolves, coyotes and other carnivorous animals driven to by hunger, and finding the horns softer than bones, chew them up as an emergency ration.

Each year the antlers are shed soon after the mating season, when the need for them apparently ceases. For while they are magnificent as ornaments, giving a wild dignity to these lords of the forest and plain, the purpose of antlers would appear to be less for defence against natural enemies than somewhat clumsy weapons with which to battle other males of their own species or wolves or other animals. During many months of the year horns are either absent, or in a velvet stage and so of no value for fighting. Does, when defending their young at this season rely upon slashing blows of their sharp cloven hoofs.

Antlers are provided by Mother Nature for another purpose than fighting however. Can you say what this is? . . . Camouflage. And what kind of camouflage?

It is possible for a bull moose to stand motionless in bushes on the edge of a clearing, head and antlers protruding, and watch a hunter pass by at close range without being discovered. His spreading horns have the appearance of an uprooted tree stump. Deer, seeking the cover of a willow thicket have only to "freeze" to become practically invisible against the natural background,—and their horns add the illusion of dead willow sticks.



Looking for a Good Play?

SAYS H. L. Davis in his Foreword to *Concert Items for Scouts and Cubs*: "A concert is unquestionably an annual right of the Scout Troop and the Cub Pack, and is one of those things due to the parents of the children under our command. In the first place, we must remember that the desire to act is innate in every child Secondly, few parents can have greater joy than in attending a concert in which their children take part."

Our Stores Department Catalogue offers an excellent list of books of plays, of which the following are a selection:

Plays and Displays for Scout Entertainments, comprising seven long plays and a selection of recitations.

Plays and Displays, Second Series, featuring two Scout Law Plays and "Living Waxworks."

More Plays and Other Amusing Items, including "Robin Hood, or The Outlaws of Sherwood," with Songs.

Five Plays for Scouts, with such intriguing titles as "The Cannibal Island" and the "Kidnappers."

Concert Items for Scouts and Cubs, and *More Concert Items*—the last-named containing an excellent chapter on "Stage Props."

New Plays for Wolf Cubs—in which Cubs may be Indians, Knights, Arabs, Robin Hood's Merry Men, etc.

Twelve Selected Plays for Scouts and Schoolboys, by E. Stuart Monro, Dramatic Adviser to the Boy Scouts Association. This is an outstanding selection of plays of wide variety and appeal, chosen from some two hundred manuscripts submitted by writers in different parts of the Empire. Canada is represented by "An Old Red Indian Legend."

Price of each book, 50 cents postpaid.



The 1st Melville Troop, Sask., becomes "Robin Hood and His Merry Men," make a fine success of it, have a lot of fun, attract a large crowd, and raise a substantial sum for the Group bank account. Reminding that there is good publicity in a good Scout show well prepared, advertised, and well put on.

Lord Shaftsbury

A Suggested Talk to Rovers

IT is the duty of every Rover Scout who would make the most of his life to read a number of biographies. Tonight I am going to speak to you briefly about an Englishman who was able to do some amazing things because he consecrated his life to the service of God and his Country. He met opposition every step of the way, but he began in each instance by justifying what he wished to do before the bar of his own conscience. After that he simply would not accept defeat.

Anthony Ashley Cooper, afterwards the seventh Earl of Shaftsbury, was born in 1801, and although his life was many times in danger and he lived strenuously, he lived to the ripe old age of 84.

Shaftsbury's father was a hard man, and almost useless as a parent. The mother spent most of her waking hours hunting for excitement and position in society. But England owes a great deal to an old servant in the house named Maria Millis.

This woman was in truth a Godsend in the boy's life; for while his mother was rushing here and there in the social whirl, this servant was moulding the character of the lad, destined to change the social outlook of the English-speaking world. She fed his starving affection.

She did a great deal more than that. She taught him to love and to develop an intense loyalty to God. Later this grew into a consuming ambition, lasting all his life, to serve God and England.

His first great struggle was on behalf of the lunatics. As late as 1840, lunacy was still interpreted as a form of demon possession. Patients were tortured, to drive out the "evil spirits." Cages, chains, prison, floggings, strait-jackets, darkness, and semi-starvation were common treatments. On the other hand, the harmless lunatic was allowed to roam about the country, making sport for the people.

After a vigorous and tenacious fight lasting years, Shaftsbury was able to get through the British Parliament two bills which have frequently been spoken of as the Magna Charta of the Insane.

His next great fight was against landlords earning thirty and forty per cent on old lodging houses. In the course of his revelations, Lord Shaftsbury reminded the House of Commons that in one of the best parishes in London, nearly one thousand families were living one family to a room. He was able to prove that in some quarters of London as many as two, three, four, and even five families were existing in a single room. He showed that nine-tenths of the great crimes, burglaries and murders committed, were conceived and hatched in such places.

He reported such cases as a room thirty-four feet long, twenty feet wide and seven feet high, in which as many as one hundred men slept. The result was frequently the outbreak of epidemics. In connection with his lodging house fight, he told the Government what he thought of them for charging exorbitant taxes on windows. Imagine being compelled to pay as much as two hundred dollars a year to be allowed to have windows in one's house!

Shaftsbury next declared war on behalf of children compelled to work long hours in brick yards, factories and on farms. Children were taken from school and put

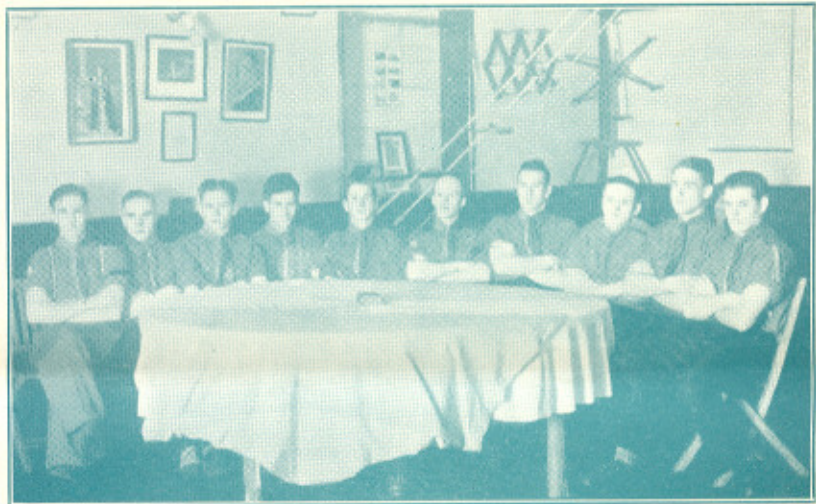
to work at seven or eight years of age, and by the time they were sixteen they had forgotten even the letters of the alphabet.

He won his fight against the lodging houses, and he was able to do something on behalf of the children.

His next fight was to start schools—called "ragged schools"—for poor children. For this effort he received jeers and much written abuse, but he was able to bring education of a sort to more than three hundred thousand neglected children.

Then he began a fight for a ten-hour work day. He succeeded in a measure, for an Act was passed limiting the work of children under thirteen years of age to nine hours per day, and preventing youths under eighteen from being employed over twelve hours a day, or sixty-nine hours a week.

In those days people used to say, "Never allow your children to learn to play, or they will refuse to work."



Qualifying and acting as a relief fire department, providing bathing beach life guards, turning an old school into a Group Hall, doing a major job at the Christmas Toy Shop for some eight consecutive years; annually collecting and shipping several generous boxes of food, clothing and toys to several large western families; maintaining a free blood transfusion service of every member of the Crew (duly tested); providing leaders for the Pack and Troop,—these represent the programme and service activities found by the above Ontario Crew, the 1st Kincardines. They are definitely credited with saving one life by transfusion, and one by rescue from drowning. Their den is a museum of pioneer contrivances gathered during rambles in the district. The picture is a flashlight secured and sent in by a visitor.

But perhaps Shaftsbury's greatest and most bitter struggle was on behalf of children working in the mines. He was able to force Parliament, after many failures, to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the situation, and the disclosures made normal men's blood run cold. Little children as young as eight years were being sent down into the bowels of the earth and made to stay there from twelve to thirteen hours a day. Their job was to crawl up the narrow passages, often not more than twenty-four inches high, and drag back baskets of coal.

Frequently these children wore no clothing, or but one garment. In many instances they were working in water. These little people never saw the light of day, and became little more than beasts.

The most pathetic part of the whole story was the fact that parents took their little ones into the mines, in order that they might earn money to help keep the family. One small boy said his father was very good to him, because he would allow him to sleep when he fell down exhausted.

The outstanding impression which one gets in reading the life of the seventh Earl of Shaftsbury is the tremendous power of a life consecrated to service. Apparently the great steps in the mountain of human progress are not as a rule carved by committees, but by outstanding personalities, such as those of Shaftsbury, Baden-Powell, General Booth and others.

—Rambler.

The spade work and final organization of the 4th Trail Group Committee and Pack is attributed largely to the enthusiasm and stick-to-itiveness of one particular Rover of the 2nd Trail Crew. An admirable "Quest"!

The boy's most ready leaders are the idle gangsters, but he is ever ready to follow good leadership when it is directed parallel to his natural proclivities for good.

Another Good Cemetery Job

"SINCE they started the work three weeks ago"—the *Merritt Herald*, B.C., referring to the tidying up of the local cemetery by the Scouts under S.M. the Rev. J. E. Barrett—"a considerable difference in the appearance of the graves has been brought about. Weeds have been cut, and burned, and at least half of the cemetery has been raked over thoroughly. The real benefits of this work will be shown next spring, when the new grass appears."

Finnish Y.M.C.A. Scout Association will hold an International Jamboree next July in South Finland.

Eighteen Papuan (New Guinea) native medical students before leaving for home after completing their course at Sydney University formed themselves into the world's first Scout Medical Troop. As "certified native medical assistants" they will carry on their work in Scout uniform throughout wild territory of New Guinea.

THE XMAS TOY SHOPS

(Continued from first page)

Kincardine, Ont., Scout and Cubs, and Rovers, are dividing their work this year. The Rovers are providing gifts for the needy children of the town, plus one large family elsewhere; and the troop and pack are sending gifts to 25 children in the west.

Last Christmas two generous bulk shipments of toys from Montreal and London, handled free by the C. N. R. and C. P. R., not only helped greatly in filling the Saskatoon lists, but wonderfully "bucked up everybody" at the Saskatoon shop. London Scouts and Scouters are working busily on toys for a duplication of their shipment.

CALLING WEST ONT. SHOPS!

Western Ontario Toy Shops desiring to contribute to London's bulk shipment to Northern Saskatchewan should drop an early line to the Scout Toy Shop Director, 314 Dundas Bldg. London, stating what they can contribute, and asking the date for shipping in. Parcels must be sent prepaid to London.

The Radville, Sask., Shop was financed by a special Scout Apple Day.

One of the first Annual Scout Toy Shop Matinees was given on Saturday, October 17, by Manager A. W. Shackelford and staff of the Capitol Theatre, Lethbridge. This Toy Shop will repeat its customary arrangement to distribute in co-operation with the district Nursing Mission.

The Toy Shop announcement in the *Lethbridge Herald* contained the advice:

"Children bringing toys must not wrap them, and broken or damaged toys should be such as can be repaired. Parents are asked to co-operate with Scout officials in this matter."

TOYS FROM SCHOOLS

Announcements made in schools inviting contributions of toys by pupils should stipulate toys, dolls and books in good or repairable condition.

In the east the appeal will be most effective if it calls for gifts for children of the dried out districts of the west. That is, a specific rather than a general appeal.

Manager John Hazza of the Capitol Theatre, Calgary, originator of the Toy Shop Matinee idea, once again provided an attraction that filled his big playhouse to capacity for the benefit of this year's Scout-Guide Herald-Sunshine effort. The shop will again be located in the old Merchants' Bank building, made available by the Bank of Montreal.

The plan of Moncton, N.B., Scouts to manufacture a portion of their toys, "in view of the demand likely being much greater this year," was announced in the *Daily Times* of September 10.

Tillsonburg, Ont., Scouts were out October 1st with their first Toy Shop publicity in the *Tillsonburg News*. Definite contributions were invited of toys, story books, games, puzzles and dolls.

The Q.M.'s Chat

Brother Scouters:—

You will recollect in the last issue of this magazine that I drew your attention to this year's Christmas and New Year greeting cards and enclosed a loose-leaf announcement. This is enclosed again for your convenience, and I would urge you who intend to purchase cards for the festive season to order at once. The supply is limited; in fact we were completely sold out of one particular card within a short time. Fortunately, however, I was able to cable and secure more stock, but this can't be done again, so I repeat—ORDER NOW!

For some reason or other there has been an abnormal demand for the winter Mackinaw Coat, Breeches and Toque which comprise the "Official" Winter Uniform. Whether this is due to the really good value the uniform offers, its two-fold purpose of "Scouting and Schooling," or its comparative low cost, I am unable to say. In any event I am very pleased, so that's that.

By the way, you won't forget that the *BOY SCOUT DIARY* is a dandy gift for your boys. The 1937 issue is a particularly fine edition,—one that most any boy will appreciate, and from which he will learn numbers of useful things.

My, my, how time does fly! It seems only yesterday that I was wishing all you fine chaps "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," and now it's time again for my yearly felicitations. Well, I do sincerely wish you all the very best ever.

Next month I hope to give you some word about the 1937 Catalogue. As you know, His Majesty's coronation occurs next year, when he will be crowned King, not only of the British Isles, but of Canada and the other Dominions as well. And a special effort will be made to produce a Catalogue in keeping with such an historic event.

I am afraid Mr. Editor will be unable to find room for the usual "Smile," so this will have to keep until the next issue.

Yours for better Scouting,



The expected need of gifts for 5,000 kiddies was the figure made known to northern Saskatchewan readers of the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix*, Oct. 14, on behalf of the Saskatoon Toy Shop. Under the capable direction of Scouter Linton Tooley, work benches and shelves already were up in quarters in the MacKenzie Auto Equipment building.

A DOLL MATINEE?

One of our western shops was discussing a special "doll matinee." Our good friends the Girl Guides might consider this.

According to the *Ingersoll Tribune*, following a visit to the 3rd Ingersoll Troop by Scoutmaster William Hills of the 10th Toronto (formerly of the 1st Ingersoll, and just returned from a visit to the Peace district of northern Alberta)—

The Scouts and Cubs of Ingersoll are joining hands with the Tenth Toronto Troop to play Santa Claus to the settlers of this new part of our great country. If anyone has any toys, clothing, etc., will they please get in touch with some of the Scouts.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT CARDS

Acknowledgment cards attached to toys or placed in individually mailed family parcels should bear full return postage. Many of the recipients cannot secure stamps.

And addressing the 3rd Ingersoll Pack in particular:

Cubs, we want to keep our good work progressing, so you Cubs who have toys, books, clothing, anything that you do not need, ask mother if you can bring them to the Toy Shop, so you may be able to help some other boy or girl to be happy. The Scouts are all ready to tackle the job of rebuilding, the painting and packing of toys. Come on Cubs, we don't want to disappoint Scoutmaster "Kim" Hills or those boys and girls out in the great Peace River District. Let us all bring a toy this Thursday or some books.

DOLLS BADLY NEEDED

One of the Toy Shop problems is securing a sufficient supply of good dolls,—either new or old dolls well cleaned, and newly dressed.

In several places laundries have been sterilizing and cleaning soft dolls free of charge for the Girl Guide Doll Departments.

The possibility of marshalling full community support and of "educating the public not to send disreputable toys or torn books," was well demonstrated last Christmas by the Duncan-Quamichan Toy Shop, Vancouver Island. Fine contributions from Children's Christmas Gift Services at St. John's Church, Duncan, and St. Peter's, Quamichan; from Queen Margaret's Girl's School, and from the general public, received at the office of *The Cowichan Leader*, resulted in the receipt of over 1,000 toys, games, dolls and books, and permitted the providing of large boxes of gifts for the 45 kiddies at the Fairbridge Farm School, the Cowichan Christmas Cheer and Legion hampers and the Salvation Army at Victoria.

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

Who's Missing?

HERE'S a good Cub game popular in London. In preparation Akela has provided himself with a motor rug. The lights are turned out, and the Cubs wander round the room. Akela feels for and finds a Cub, throws the motor rug completely over him, and the Cub squats on the floor. The lights are turned up, and the game goes to the Six first correctly naming the "missing Cub."

Wooden Books for Cub "Balancing"

AFTER some years of experience with real books,—the breaking of backs, and sometimes destroying of church books,—Winnipeg packs are adopting a realistic "wooden book" designed by Akela Frank W. Thompson. It is of the size and weight of the book usually used for the Cub balancing test, with a rounded back, etc., and is deceptively painted.

Catch the Donkey

HERE'S a knot game that has been popular at the Western Ontario training courses. Each patrol nominates a "donkey," and turns him loose in the "field." Patrols line up at end of hall, and each member is given a rope length. A knot is named, and as soon as the lengths are tied together, the P. L. and Second run to catch, tie and drag home one of the loose donkeys of another patrol. Lots of fun, even for grown-ups.

Ever Match Wits With Your Scouts in a Disguise Game?

IN an outdoor meeting disguise game the 50 Scouts of the 1st Granby Troop were completely bested by A.S.M. Heelis. At an agreed time the A.S.M. left Notre Dame Church, heading for the Scout Hall, and the troop set out to prevent him reaching there. As a disguise the A.S.M. had donned a fedora and winter overcoat, and put on eye glasses, and walked with a limp. He proceeded direct along Main Street without being recognized, passing sufficiently close to several Scouts on that street to overhear their conversation.

Your Job—

"Teaching Your Boys to be Better Men Than You Are"

ADDRESSING a large gathering of Western Ontario Rotarians at Amherstburg, Mr. W. J. Cairns, Canadian Director of International Rotary, during an impressive address on service principles, paid a tribute to the local Boy Scouts who had acted as guides to visiting Rotarians. Said he: "They were guiding us on the way we should go. You as men can never turn aside from your daily tasks to guide one of these boys without a feeling of satisfaction. Your biggest job is to teach these young fellows to be better men than you are. They can learn something from you that will help them do a better job."

A Free H.Q. for Scouts in Delhi's New Town Hall

FROM Delhi, Ont., comes an impressive addition to the "signs of the times" concerning Scouting, and the place it is establishing for itself in public estimation,—where there is consistently good Scouting, and good leadership. In the planning of a fine new municipal building, to house the Post Office, the Fire Department, the meeting place of the Town Council, the Women's Institute, etc., one half of the large divided basement was assigned, rent free, light free, heat free, to the Boy Scouts. This was stipulated in the implementing by-law, voted upon and carried. The several years of consistently good leadership which won this practical commendation was that of Scoutmaster (and Gilwellian) Harold Taylor.

Correspondents desired by—

An Australian Scout.
A Rover Scout in South Africa.



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A number of inquiries were received as to which of the above wood carvings, published in November, was the model, and which the Scout's first effort. Have you shown it to your boys?

A Sask. Example of French-English Scout Co-operation

TWO Scout plays, one in French and one in English, were programme numbers of an entertainment of the La Fleche, Sask., Catholic Scout Troop, which attracted a large attendance. After referring to the above, the La Fleche correspondent of the Moose Jaw *Times-Herald*, made this gratifying reference to the friendly co-operation of the local Protestant and Catholic Scouts and Scouters:

The two local Scout organizations—the International and Catholic Boy Scouts—work together well, and include each other in their activities at different times. Recently 27 boys and their respective leaders, A. S. Humphries and E. H. Bilodeau, together with Rev. W. E. Bannerman, went on a wiener roast at Piche Grove on Wood River, north of the town. Around a big camp fire Scouting night games and songs were given by both troops. Talks were given by the three men, the true spirit of co-operation in work and play existing throughout the evening.

A Follow-the-Trail Hike

A FRIDAY evening follow-the-trail hike of the 1st Granby, Que., led to a camp fire and hot drinks. The boys took their own "eats." The trail was not easy, and those who lost it just didn't get there in time.

Competition Points For Outgrown Uniforms

S. T. MATTHIAS' Scout Troop of Westmount, Que., is awarding weekly patrol competition points for discarded or outgrown items of uniform and equipment turned in at meetings for the use of less fortunate Scouts. The uniforms are sent to headquarters, where they are available to boys unable to purchase uniforms.

Building a Castle

WITH wood from apple boxes, boys of the 5th Regina have been constructing a miniature "castle," all complete with turrets, drawbridges and dungeons. As they work, along with Scoutmaster Knowles, they discuss historical incidents suggested by architectural features, the everyday lives of those who lived in ancient castles, the adventures of the Knights of the Round Table and other historic figures, and their code of honour. The project has been a "discovery" from several angles.

A "Remembrance Hall"

ONE can easily imagine that the prospective use of a "Remembrance Hall" by Boy Scouts would have had the approval of Moose Jaw men of the R.A.F. who lost their lives in the Great War. This was the thought behind the project that has materialized in a carload of logs from the Cypress Hills of Saskatchewan shipped in to Moose Jaw by the Mayor, Chamber of Commerce and other citizens of Maple Creek, for the building of a log cabin for the 1st Moose Jaw Group. The logs have been stored in the large Community Scout Hall, and during the winter will be notched and otherwise prepared for building in the spring.

A "No Orders" Programme

A MEETING ran off entirely "by the clock"—or by the wrist-watch—is an occasional and popular variation used by Scoutmaster Norman Neuman of the 12th Vancouver (Christ Church Cathedral) Troop. Each P.L. has a watch and a copy of the evening's programme-time-table, and starts or lines his patrol up "on the dot" for each succeeding activity. Similarly, without awaiting word or signal from the Scoutmaster, he "breaks off," even in the middle of a game, when the allotted time has expired. Watches are previously checked, and at "zero" for flag break the meeting is on. This looks good! Learning, while playing, to be on time!