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*IN the development of Scouting in rural areas (where, figures show, our greatest growth should now occur) New Brunswick has been notably successful. The reason: several Gilwellians with a fine, steadfast spirit of service, and training courses such as the above. Top pictures—Glimpses of a large course organized by District Commissioner Rev. W. J. Clarke, at Plaster Rock; lower, a course for French-Canadian Scouters conducted by Field Commissioner Robert Pugh at Baker Lake, near Edmunston.*

## The Chief Scout's Outlook

OUR Movement has now been in existence for 27 years. In that period it has proved its organization and training to be on right lines for further development of national and international value. For success, the Movement must be more fully understood by the public than at present is the case. This is how I "put it to them" whenever and wherever I get the chance.

The number of Boy Scouts in the world is approximately 2,300,000, and the number of Girl Guides, 1,300,000, making

a total of about 3,600,000. Briefly stated, the aim of the Movement is to help the normal education of the country to produce citizens of character who are healthy, helpful and happy. We try to train the boys and girls, not through instruction by book work and precept, but by self-education through the active doing of that which appeals to them, e.g. the practice of adventure, backwoodsmanship, seamanship, handcraft, service for others, etc.

As to results, the fact that hundreds of thousands join the Movement voluntarily

year by year shows the popularity of the method, and the spirit of service which they display later speaks for itself. The outstanding need in the upbringing of youth today is an adequate system of health culture.

Mussolini has shown how, by proper organization, it is possible within a generation completely to alter for the better the health and stamina of a nation. Hitler is organizing the training of the German youth with the same intent. In both cases the training is imposed obligatorily and with military aims. In this direction the Scout and Guide Movement has steadily practised open-air culture and is now "exploring fresh avenues" for further development, our aim being non-military, but to make healthy citizens.

One of the first duties impressed on Scouts and Guides is Service for Others through Good Turns, and the curious thing is that it is the one they rise to with the fullest alacrity. On this seemingly small foundation (the giving up of small personal conveniences or pleasures in order to render service) is built the character of self-sacrifice for others.

My belief is that we were put into this world, with all its wonders and beauties and opportunities, to be happy and enjoy the life we have. It is easy enough to give the youngsters pleasure by taking them to cinemas or tea-and-bun parties, but that is merely giving them pleasure, a momentary enjoyment; it is not happiness. To take them out to live with Nature and to see something of the rest of the world, to give them individually the insight to appreciate the beauties and wonders around them, to give them health and happy companionship, to introduce to them the satisfaction gained from helping others, these and other activities contribute to bring happiness and content as an integral part of their character.

The international aspect of our work has developed entirely automatically, and holds a wonderful promise of possibilities for the future. The policy of the Movement is to disregard differences of class, creed, colour or country. All are welcomed into our Brotherhood. Super-nationalism, party politics, sectarian differences, class war, etc., are such patent dangers to the welfare of a country. Part of our aim, therefore, is to widen the outlook of our future citizens, so that they may see beyond such narrowmindedness, and aim for the good of the country and their fellowmen rather than for one mere section of the community.

It is in pursuance of the idea of promoting imperial and international goodwill through the personal touch that the Chief Guide and I are on tour.

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## Whither Scouting?

A RECENT series of wireless talks on the subject of "Whither Britain?" may perhaps have caused some of us to apply the same question to our Scouting life.

As one who has been Scouting for the past eighteen years and has therefore known the Movement since its fairly early days, I sometimes wonder if we are losing sight of its essentials.

For example: The Daily Good Turn was probably one of the greatest factors in focussing public attention on Scouting in its infancy. And it was certainly one of the main points of Scout training at that time.

I wonder if, in general, Scouts of today really think of their Good Turn as some thing which it behooves them to see to at the earliest opportunity each morning? Do they make it a Daily Quest of Service? Or do they think about it in a vague manner as something which they know to be part of Scouting and yet a part which carries no real meaning to them? Yet this Daily Good Turn forms one of the easiest means of instilling the idea of service for others into the mind of the young boy, and is a method which appeals to all his latent feelings of chivalry.

Years ago troops were run on the foundation of Scouting and on the principles of the Scout Law, which was a vital living force in the life of the average Scout. I am not suggesting that the Scout of today is any less keen in his perception of the obligations of the Scout Law which he promises to obey than his predecessors of twenty years ago, but are the Laws kept before him in the same manner?

In the midst of the multifarious activities into which the Movement has now blossomed, are we perchance losing sight of the very first objects of Scouting? The turning-out of useful citizens is impossible without correct training of character. Yet perhaps we sometimes forget this in our eagerness to get our boys through badge examinations and to win competitions, which, though a means to an end, are not the end itself.

To my mind, a troop of boys without a single Proficiency Badge amongst them, but imbued with the true Scout Spirit of Loyalty, Helpfulness and Purity, is infinitely preferable to a troop plastered with badges but lacking the true essentials of Scouting. That this danger of losing sight of the primary objectives of Scouting does exist, is, alas, only too obvious.

Have we a remedy? If not, should we not find one and carry on our work on

the sure foundation laid down by the Chief in "Scouting for Boys" before branching out into side issues which nowadays seem to take up so much of the average troop's time?

As I have heard it remarked: "What with Parents' Nights, concerts, jumble sales, competitions and rallies, we get no time for Scouting."

This, surely, is not right. How many troops confine their outdoor Scouting to the summer camp and perhaps a couple of week-ends under canvas! Yet, in the old days, Scouting was very largely a Saturday afternoon affair. In the Association to which I belong no troop holds a parade on a Saturday afternoon. It will be argued that city troops are up against great difficulties in this connection; but what has been done once can be done again. Saturday Scouting, out of doors, took place before the war; why not now?

Do we not need to retrace our steps a little in order to get a clear view of our real objective? I sometimes feel that we are inclined to put first things second nowadays, to the detriment of our real

### B.-P. Standard Honour List

THE following additional Scouting units have joined the membership expansion Honour Roll by organizing at least one unit and the Group Committee of a new Group, the new unit and Committee having carried on successfully for six months, as reported by Provincial Headquarters:

#### 6th Edmonton Rover Crew

organized 30th Edmonton (P.S.U.)  
Pack, Troop and Group Committee.

#### 49th Toronto Troop

organized 149th Toronto Troop  
and Group Committee.

purpose, and to make our Scouting a maze of intersecting activities and exertions rather than a process of moulding youthful character into useful citizenship.

—A. D. Sarratt,  
in Scouting.

## Safety With Firearms

THE annual heavy list of hunting season fatalities once more reminds of the wisdom of boys being taught the safe handling of firearms,—Scouts through the requirements for the Marksman's Badge. One of the boy hunters killed had his face practically blown away by a shot gun he was pulling through a fence. The horror of such an accident helps one to realize the possibilities of uncorrected ignorance of firearms.

On the other hand, it has been stated that there are fewer accidents in organized shooting, i.e., target shooting, than in any other active sport,—swimming and diving, football, hockey and other winter sports.

Every boy sooner or later is liable to have firearms of some kind in his hands. Are you safeguarding your boys by Marksman's Badge instruction, or some effective equivalent?

## Ontario Scouting's Silver Anniversary

THE presence of nine men who participated in the inaugural meeting in the same room on December 21st, 1910, the reading of the original minutes by the secretary who inscribed them, Lt. Col. R. S. Wilson, and an invocation by another member of the original group, Rev. G. W. Tebbs, were unusually interesting features of a gathering in the City Hall Council Chamber, Toronto, December 21st, 1935, to mark the 25th anniversary of the organization of the Provincial Council of The Boy Scouts Association of Ontario,—or as first described, the "Ontario Council of Baden-Powell Scouts."

The original meeting was presided over by His Honour the then Lieut.-Governor, Sir John M. Gibson. The anniversary meeting likewise was distinguished by the presence of His Honour Dr. H. A. Bruce, the present Lieutenant-Governor; also by that of Col. G. R. Geary, K.C., who was present at the 1910 meeting as the then Mayor of Toronto, and by His Worship Mayor James Simpson.

President J. W. Mitchell came from a sick bed to preside, and to introduce Lieut.-Governor Bruce. In his remarks President Mitchell drew attention to the fact that practically all those present at the 1910 meeting, and who are now living, have been honoured in some way by His Majesty the King.

Provincial Commissioner W. J. Cairns in retrospect noted that the membership of the Movement in 1914, the earliest figures, was 7,456; that today the total was 30,045, and that since the inaugural meeting of the Council over 175,000 Ontario boys had received Scout training.

A resolution expressing appreciation of the public spirit of those who organized the Council, and of the volunteer Scouters who had given their services during the succeeding quarter century, was moved by Mayor Simpson and seconded by Ford S. Kumpf, a prominent business man of Waterloo, and unanimously adopted.

A printed list of those at the 1910 meeting was headed by His Excellency Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada. The nine "originals" present at the anniversary were: Rev. W. G. Tebbs, Lt.-Col. R. S. Wilson, Charles W. Heming, Robert Davids, N. K. McKechnie, H. G. Hammond, Col. D. M. Robertson, G. R. Geary, K.C., and Colin J. Stalker.

Dominion Headquarters was represented by Executive Chief Commissioner John A. Stiles.

In the course of his address Lieut.-Gov. Bruce expressed his satisfaction in the fact that it was a predecessor in office, Sir John Gibson, who had presided at the original meeting. Dr. Bruce urged Scouters to live up to the principles laid down by the founder of the Movement, and particularly stressed brotherhood and friendliness. "It is good citizenship for every man to help break down barriers of class and creed, of cities and provinces," he declared, "and to aim for a united nation, and after that for a united world of peace and good will. The first step is for every individual to make himself a good citizen. That is the aim of Scout training."

Prior to the gathering in the Council Chamber the Lieutenant-Governor inspected a Guard of Honour of King's Scouts.



SIDNEY B. McMICAL  
Dominion Commissioner for Training

ONE of the most important appointments made at the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council in connection with our continuing project of expansion was the naming of Sidney B. McMichael of Toronto as Commissioner for Training. Scouters throughout the Dominion will be interested to learn something of the background from which Mr. McMichael takes a position so vital to the future of Scouting in Canada.

The new Commissioner comes of Scottish stock, as the great grandson of James McMichael, who came from Ayreshire in 1792 and settled in Norfolk, Ontario. James McMichael's grandson moved to the United States, and Sidney McMichael was born in St. Louis, Mo. Later the family moved to Minneapolis, Minn., where the son received most of his education.

Sidney B. McMichael came to Toronto in 1905, and became associated with the Dominion Electric Protection Company, at that time a new enterprise in Canada. Subsequently the company developed into one of the three leading organizations of its kind in North America, and Mr. McMichael became its President. He still occupies that position.

Mr. McMichael's connection with Scouting dates from 1921, when he became a member of the Toronto Executive Committee. Later he was elected to the Provincial Executive Committee, and in May of 1929, on the resignation of Mr. W. K. George, he was appointed District Commissioner. He filled this exacting post with notable enterprise and success until May, 1935.

Upon the organization of the Dominion Executive Board following the death of Dr. James W. Robertson, Chief Commissioner, in 1930, Mr. McMichael was one of the two Ontario members of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council appointed to serve on the Executive Board. He is still a member.

In connection with the Earl of Bessborough's 100,000 membership expansion campaign in 1935 Mr. McMichael was made a member of the Executive Board's Expansion and Improvement Committee.

Mr. McMichael's unusual ability as a leader and an organizer is reflected in a long list of special activities and out-

standing successes as a member of the Toronto Rotary Club. In 1922 he was chairman of Toronto's first "Boys' Week," which included organization of a parade in which some 17,000 boys took part. In 1923 he was Vice-Chairman of the Host Club Executive Committee when 1,400 Rotarians of the 27th District gathered in Toronto for the annual conference; and in 1924 he was Chairman of the Host Committee which made an outstanding success of arranging accommodation for and otherwise entertaining 9,200 Rotary visitors to the Annual Convention of Rotary International at Toronto,—a task which involved such details as registration, housing (including the placing of 2,500 Rotarians and their wives in private homes and university residences, necessitated by shortage of hotel accommodation); the President's Ball, attended by many thousands; an evening's entertainment in front of the Exhibition grand stand attended by some 22,000; the securing of four square miles of car parking space, and an afternoon drive for the ladies requiring the assembly of a fleet of nearly a thousand automobiles.

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*Sir Edward Beatty and the Canadian General Council have honoured me with the appointment of Dominion Commissioner in Charge of Training.*

*My first official act is to wish every Gilwellian in Canada*

**A Happy New Year**

*I am suggesting for 1936 training, more training, and still more training. I am counting on you and every other Gilwell leader to back me up in making this 1936 programme effective.*

*Sidney B. McMichael  
Dominion Commissioner  
in Charge of Training*

## Our Training Set-Up

OUR training organization, now under the direction of the Commissioner for Training, includes, in addition to the Commissioner, a number of Deputy Camp Chiefs and Akela Leaders, and at Dominion Headquarters a "Reader," dealing with the Correspondence Courses.

The Deputy Camp Chiefs and Akela Leaders, whose appointments are for one year, subject to renewal, are authorized to hold "Recognized Gilwell Training Camps,"—the "Practical" sections of the complete training courses for Scoutmasters, Cubmasters and Rover Leaders.

District or Preliminary Training Courses are put on by experienced Scouters approved by Provincial Headquarters, preferably by those holding a Part II Certificate in the branch in which they propose to instruct.

### The Correspondence Courses

The Part I (Theoretical) or Correspondence Courses cover the theory of Scouting in the four Branches—Cub, Scout, Sea Scout and Rover—and are based on specified reading of standard

*During the Winter*

## Make Scouting Easier and More Interesting

*by taking one of the*

### Part I. Gilwell Courses for Scouters

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

**ENROLL NOW**—by sending 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.

textbooks of those Branches, preferably, but not necessarily, plus active leadership. The object is to ensure that the candidate is actually devoting his mind to Scouting, reading suitable literature and thinking out the problems that arise.

Sea Scout leaders take the standard Part I before taking the study of Sea Scouting.

These courses are conducted by the Training Department at Dominion Headquarters. Each calls for a registration fee of 50 cents, this covering a special notebook, mailing envelopes and one-way postage.

Upon receipt of registration, a printed outline of the course and Study No. 1 are sent out, along with the special notebook. The answers to the first set of questions are written in the book and returned to Ottawa; they are read, and sent back with comments, along with Study 2. When all three studies have been completed, and provided the answers have indicated a grasp of the principles and working methods of Scouting in the Branch concerned, the candidate is issued a Part I Certificate.

The Part I (Theoretical) may be taken as a separate entity (and to very practical advantage) where there is no prospect of a Scouter being able to take the Part II (Practical). Part I is necessary, however, along with Part II and Part III (practical application of the training) in order to qualify for the Wood Badge, Akela Badge or Rover Wood Badge. Part I may be taken after Part II. It may be noted, however, that Part I courses written after taking the Part II invariably are of a much higher standard than those written before, especially in the reflected understanding of the fundamental spirit of good Scouting.

#### The Part II (Practical)

Part II courses, the camp courses, provide the "high spots" of all Scouter training,—the actual living for a week of Cubbing, or ten days of woodcraft Scouting, under ideal conditions and in the best of company, of men of like interest.

The dates of such camps are announced by Provincial Headquarters well ahead of time.

**Part II Cub.**—This course is given at a 7-day camp. It deals with the ordinary running of a Pack and methods by which instruction may be made clear and interesting. "Star" badge subjects are dealt with in detail together with a number of indoor and outdoor subjects which should be studied in their beginnings by the Pack as a whole. The aims and principles of Scouting are also mentioned and the necessity for co-operation amongst Scouters stressed. Cub camping is dealt with in a practical way and games are demonstrated at every opportunity.

**Part II Scout.**—This course involves ten consecutive days, and is conducted as a troop in camp, with all the ordinary activities plus a number of lecture sessions.

The subjects taken centre round the general running and well-being of a Scout Troop, with special stress on the various First Class Badge subjects.

**Part II Rover.**—This course is run over a period of eight consecutive days under canvas. Since Patrols do not enter into Rover Scout work to the same extent as in Scout work, the class is divided into pairs. This course is not for Rover Scouts themselves, and no one should be admitted to it who is not concerned, or

expecting to be concerned, with the active leadership of a Rover Crew.

The subjects dealt with are: Aims and Ideals; the Rover Trail; Organization and Programmes; Use of Leisure; Citizenship; Hiking Purposes; Health; Camping; Cooking; Games—Indoor and Outdoor; Forestry; Pioneering; Exploring; Log-making, etc.

The practical work is treated in a different way to that of the Scout course, being aimed to help leaders in their work with young men rather than with boys.

**Part III (Application).**—Subsequent to the successful completion of Parts I and II, a candidate is expected to demonstrate during a continuous six-month period of active leadership his ability to apply the training successfully. Upon receipt of a certificate to this effect from the candidate's District Commissioner, the Commissioner for Training will then recommend to the Chief Scout for Canada that the Wood Badge be granted.

#### Not a Proficiency Badge

It is emphasized that the Wood Badge is not a kind of Super-Proficiency Badge. Chiefly it is visible evidence that the wearer has been intent on and has been able to fit himself for his Scout leadership by every means available.

*Full particulars regarding any of the above-mentioned Courses may be had from your Provincial Headquarters.*

## Part II Courses

1936

### SCOUT

**British Columbia.**—Trail, first two weeks July. Camp Byng, last two weeks August. Vancouver Island, dates to be announced.

**Alberta.**—Camp Woods, August 1-10.  
**Saskatchewan.**—Lebret, July, dates to be announced.

**Manitoba.**—Gimli, July 25—August 2.  
**Ontario.**—Ebor Park, July 14-25.

**Quebec.**—Place and dates to be announced.

**New Brunswick.**—French, Baker Lake, July 4-14.

**New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, P.E.I.**—Sussex, N.B., July 7-17.

### AKELA

**Manitoba.**—Gimli, July 18-22.  
**Ontario.**—Ebor Park, July 4-11.

## Annual Report Publicity

**MAKE** sure that a story of your annual meeting and a copy of reports is supplied your local papers. Do not overlook thanks for all those who have helped in various ways during 1935, including the press.

## About "Personal" Letters

**SCOUTERS** writing Local, Provincial or Dominion Headquarters are advised not to mark their letters "Personal" unless these actually concern personal matters. Considerable delay has occurred in dealing with some simple office matters because the staff member addressed was traveling, or for some other reason could not be reached. Recently a provincial Field Secretary drove some miles out of his way to obtain a "Personal" letter which proved to be an order for books, fillable by anyone in the office.

## Our Christmas Happifying, 1935

**ONCE** again a coast-to-coast chain of Christmas Toy Repair Shops, headed by Scouters to whom the Promise to "help others at all times" is not an academic, but a working principle, carried through a Good Turn job that meant Christmas morning happiness for many thousands of kiddies in all parts of Canada,—probably around a hundred thousand, in city, town and country.

As with all worth while things, it meant a lot of work and considerable worry; but every Scouter who took part must on Christmas morning have felt it to have been worth while; and every Scout who brought in toys, repaired or distributed, must have received a new sense of the happifying actuality and possibilities of the Good Turn.

Incidentally, many thousands of the general public must once more have been reminded that the Scout training for good citizenship does not consist of talking, but—DOING.

We are again deeply indebted to our sister Guides and Guiders for their invaluable work in the doll departments. In one instance when failure of Scout leadership left the prospect of a Scout shop in doubt, they turned in and organized a shop themselves. In many places the Brownies made splendid contributions of animal dolls and other things that they could make, in addition to their own donations of playthings.

The press gave us their accustomed generous support, school inspectors and principals in many places helped greatly by school "Toy Showers," and moving picture theatre managers in all parts of the Dominion gave Saturday morning "Toy Shop Matinees" that in total result must have represented carloads of used and new playthings. In this connection the frequent mention of "Capitol" theatres must be acknowledged; presumably following the example of the Capitol Theatre, Calgary, the originator of the Toy Matinee idea.

One of the notable articles in the Christmas number of Maclean's Magazine, December 15, was a story of our toy shops, "Scouting for Santa", by F. Leslie Sara of Calgary. The use of the article by Macleans' incidentally was a distinction for the writer—and to no one more appropriately. No one Scouter has put more hard personal effort and enterprise into the Toy Shop work from the first and the attention-arresting photographs of the Calgary shop and working ideas developed there during the early years played a most important part, through The Scout Leader, in selling the idea to Scouters in other parts of Canada.

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## Scout Spirit Along the Toy Shop Chain

The Virden, Man., Scouts wound up their Santa Claus job "hundred per cent" by delivering their toy shop parcels real Santa Claus fashion late Christmas eve, notwithstanding a freezing blizzard, and two cases of frozen faces. Stout boys, stout scouting!

Reference on the Toy Shop Announcement Form to letters from western mothers appealing for clothing brought a number of responses. Some troops unable to send toys offered to forward good used clothing for several boys. One Ontario small town Group offered clothing for 10 boys and 10 girls, 8 to 14, in addition to toys for 20. The Perth Guides proved their steadfastness in well-doing by repeating with a large carton of beautifully knitted things for older girls, and numerous dolls, each tastily wrapped and marked for age.

"We are hard up for cash and cannot afford too much for mailing, but will do our best," wrote one Ontario Scouter, when asking the names of five farm kiddies to whom his troop might play Santa.

Sherbrooke, Que., provided a new Toy Shop story. For some reason, (and the first instance on record), the editor of the local daily declined to give the Scouts' Christmas effort his support. One of the

One of the really fine jobs was London's, in offering gifts for 500 needy western kiddies, and making it over 600, — in two bulk shipments of 30 cartons and packing cases to the toy shops at Saskatoon and Moose Jaw. Natural gratification in a scouty job well done was thus expressed by one of the Scouters concerned: "It was a grand sight to see a team of horses drawing away the full load of cases and cartons to the C. P. R. freight sheds."

In addition the Londoners supplied every child at the Protestant Orphans' Home, the Ronald Gray Salvation Army Boys' Home and the Thomas Alway Children's Shelter.

A rapidly accumulated direct-letter call from 65 foreign-born families in northern Manitoba that presented a problem for the Toy Shop Secretary was taken care of in its entirety by Winnipeg. This meant some extra hustling on the eve of the shop's closing, and additional

who are doubtful about the coming of Santa get in touch with Scoutmaster Dave Rodger as soon as possible."

Montreal Scouts and Scouters did their usual outstanding job with a shop of model organization at the Bishop Street Headquarters. The objective of gifts for 17,000 children was passed, and these distributed among children's institutions of all races and denominations. The project was directed by a Scouters' committee under F. Roberts Walker, and to show their interest the shop was visited and inspected by Provincial President W. C. Finley, President R. C. Stevenson and Vice-President Jackson Dodds and other members of the District Council. Excellent newspaper support included another special cartoon by A. C. Racey of the *Montreal Star*.

"To see that no child in Whitby goes without a visit from Santa Claus" was the stated object of the Whitby, Ont., Toy Shop Scouts and members of the Group Committee.

Co-operation of Dr. J. H. Putman and the Public School Board in arranging toy showers in each of the public schools, and toy matinees at the Capitol and Regent theatres gave the support that enabled Ottawa to ship gifts for 500 kiddies in good time, to help out Regina in its heavy problem, and later to mail parcels direct to nearly 300 children. Locally gifts for some 3,000 children were distributed in co-operation with the Lions' Club.

A Toy Shop Dance was held by the 1st Chesterville Troop in the Town Hall, admission a toy or a donation toward the toy shop expense fund.

The Saint John shop was given the wholehearted public support that year-after-year good Scouting has established at the Winter Port. A toy matinee at the Strand Theatre produced 1,000 gifts, and the Capitol co-operated by permitting an overflow of some 800 children to attend their regular show at the same "toy price." The Mayfair Theatre also gave a matinee.

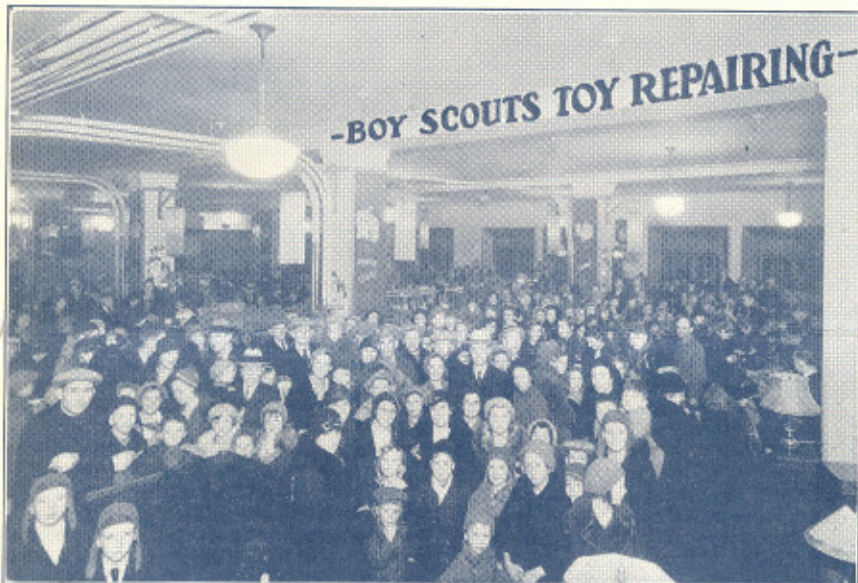
Constable L. M. Poole took on the direction of the toy shop at Prince Albert, Sask. Calls for a visit of the Scout Santa Claus came from mothers in a number of outside districts.

The arrival at the Saskatoon central toy shop of a "supply train" of sleighs pulled by fifty prancing Cubs of the 5th (Christ Church) Pack was one of the jolly incidents. And it was a real supply train. When the Cubs had finished bringing them in, there were 600 toys. Then came the St. James Brownies, with a contribution of dolls, and, as a cash contribution, their weekly meeting dues.

Hamilton operated eight toy shops in different parts of the city.

One of the little human interest stories (of which there must be many unrecorded) came from Port Arthur. It told of the bringing to the shop by a mother of a number of toys of a little daughter she had recently lost—little playthings that must have meant a great deal to her, sacrificed that they might, through the Scouts, carry some happiness to some other mother's child.

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THE interest of the general public in Scout and Guide Christmas Toy Shops is indicated in the above picture of a portion of over three thousand persons who visited the toy department of Eton's, Calgary, to watch Scouts at their work in a demonstration toy repair shop.—Courtesy Calgary Herald.

young Scouters in charge of the shop, not to be discouraged, called on the publisher and explained the toy shop work and its results, both for needy kiddies and the Scouts themselves, and with such effectiveness that the editor became a 100 per cent. backer of the project. Incidentally in an editorial asking public support, he paid a high compliment to the enthusiasm and enterprise of the young Scouter who had called on him, and predicted that he would not long be looking for a job.

A few days later appeared a second editorial, in part as follows:

"Some of my pessimistic readers may have laughed when they read of the hustling Boy Scout who organized the Scouts' Toy Shop this winter, and my prophecy that an important position awaited boys of that calibre.

"He was picked up next day and started in a position where he is on the ladder that climbs to the top of the greatest business in America today. You will find him at the place where they sell Ford motors."

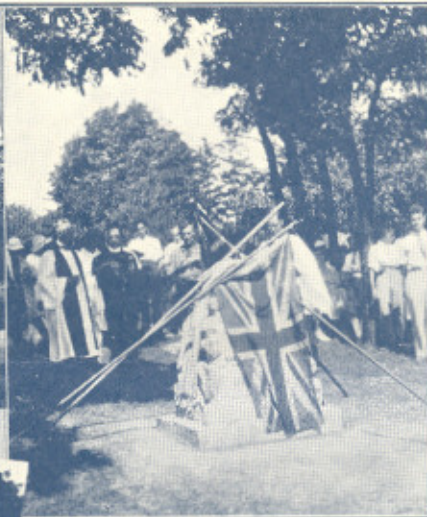
and unexpected expense, but was seen through with the true Christmas spirit that always has characterized the 'Peg' toy shop Scouters. Rovers directed the shop on scheduled days, and Brownies and Guides made their usual generous contribution of dolls.

Possibly the outstanding Group Toy Shop was that of the 123rd Toronto (Deer Park United Church). This enthusiastic crowd reconditioned no less than 1,000 toys, for distribution through the Children's Aid Society, the Neighborhood Workers, Poppy Fund and other relief bodies.

When the Dundas, Ont., Scouts, through loss of leadership failed to open a toy shop, the Girl Guides took on the task, and did a fine job, in co-operation with the Lions' Club.

A Melfort, Sask., press announcement read:

"And it is requested that all parents



A SCOUTY tribute to a departed farm friend of the 5th St. Thomas Group, Ont., upon whose land the troop had been welcome and generously-treated summer camp visitors for a number of years. 1. The rock and concrete cairn nearing completion. 2. The impressive and largely attended unveiling. Troop in horseshoe in foreground, not showing.

## A First Aid Story from India

I HAD been instructing a few of my boys in first aid for their Second Class test, dealing mainly with snake bite, dog bite, and stings by scorpions and centipedes. I little thought that before the night was out they were to have a practical examination for scorpion sting.

At the close of the meeting my European assistant and I had an invitation to a party given by one of my Scouts. For the occasion, we donned Indian attire, much to their amusement. Leaving Headquarters, we had to pass through the Indian quarter of the town. We had not proceeded far when our attention was attracted to an old Indian woman sitting by the roadside who was crying in a most unearthly way. Her old husband stood by her, wringing his hands and not knowing what to do. I asked what was the matter with her; he replied in the vernacular that she had trodden on a scorpion and been stung. He added that the scorpion had been killed—which in popular opinion lessens the pain of the person stung.

We promptly applied a tourniquet to the limb, and carried her to the Scout headquarters. Here the wound was cut open, and the blood was sucked out. Meanwhile, two Scouts on their own initiative lit a fire and boiled water. The first-aid set was got out, and all worked with a will, for the poison might easily prove fatal to the old woman who could not stand the strain.

At the end of three hours' fomenting, she told us that the pain was not moving up the leg, which proved to us that the poison had been overcome. The wound

was then bandaged; final instructions were given to the old man to keep the wound clean, and the pair left for home, thanking us for what we had done. They offered a small reward, and were surprised when they were told that Scouts never accepted a reward for services rendered. They could not understand anyone saving life, and not accepting a reward.

A few days later a small boy came to Scout headquarters with a small parcel, which he gave to a Scout with the message that his grandmother was quite well again. Before anyone could stop him, he took to his heels and was lost to sight. Thus we lost a likely recruit, alas! The parcel contained an assortment of Indian sweetmeats very much liked by boys.

So did the Troop perform its first Good Turn, which has been recorded in the Log of the Local Association.

—By Corporal W. C. Burnett, D.R.S.L. and G.S.M., 1st Submata Sinic Dhal.

## Cubs Want Games

ASKED to submit what they term an ideal program for the weekly Pack meeting, one of the Sixers of the 40th Pack Toronto (Church of the Redeemer) submitted the following: 1, Grand Howl; 2, Inspection; 3, Good Deeds; 4, Collection of Dues; 5, Game of Statues; 6, Game of Clock in the Steeple; 7, Balloon Game; 8, Game of Puppy Dog's Tails; 9, Story; 10, Sing-Song; 11, Prayers; 12, Grand Howl; 13, Sixers' Council. Note the absence of instruction and the demand for "play" all through the main part of the program. Cubs must, however, learn to "do things" with their hands, feet and minds, and instruction through play will give the Cubs the fun they demand.

The Polish Scout Jamboree held in the forests of Scala last summer was attended by some 30,000 Scouts. Of these, 3,500 were from other countries. The Jamboree was opened by the President of Poland.

## Games Old and New

**Knot Signals.**—Patrols in any group formation at one end of room, rope-length on floor in front. Scoutmaster, at other end signals (Morse or Semaphore) a certain patrol number, then the name of a knot. The boys called catch up rope, run to the Scoutmaster and tie the knot. Patrol point for first correct knot correctly tied. Each boy must read the signals for himself, and must not run before the word is completed. For variation, knot names may be spelled backwards.

**Compass Ball.**—Troop in circle. Each Scout represents a compass point. Scoutmaster starts game by throwing a ball to a certain Scout, at the same time calling out a compass point other than that held by the catcher,—as "North North-East!" The Scout catching the ball at once throws it to Scout North North-East, at the same time calling out another compass point, and so on. May be made a patrol competition by deducting point for mistakes.

**Compass Race.**—With chalk draw on the floor a 20-foot circle. Around this circle, inside, draw 16 smaller circles, representing 16 points of the compass. Mark North. Line patrols 25 or 30 feet distant. Leader calls out a patrol individual number, as "Numbers Three," and a compass point, whereupon the No. 3's race to reach the point, the first arriving and remaining winning for his patrol. Good runners are not always winners; they gather so much speed that they slide beyond the circle. The confusion in getting on the correct circle makes it a good fun game.

**Plate and Ball Relay.**—Patrols line up in file, each No. 1 carrying an enamelled plate and tennis ball. Some 20 to 30 feet away a rope is fixed  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet above the ground. Leaders run either forwards or backwards to rope, carrying the tennis ball on a plate. On reaching the rope, the ball is tossed over it and caught on far side in the plate; failure requires another effort at the rope. Successful runners hand plate and ball on their return to next member of patrol.

**Circle Knot Tag.**—Troop in extended circle, hands behind backs. One Scout designated as IT, and given a suitable rope. IT runs around the circle, drops rope behind someone and calls a knot. IT endeavours to run on around the circle and tag the boy with the rope before the latter can tie the knot. May be made a patrol competition, the rope being dropped consecutively behind patrols. One point for each knot correctly tied before the tier is tagged.

**Difference Kim's.**—Arrange two sets of about ten articles so that there is a point of difference between corresponding articles in each set. For example, in one set there is a coin dated 1919, in the other a similar coin dated 1929; in one set a 6 in. length of cord, in the other a 12 in. length. Scouts are paired off, and one goes to each set; they have about two minutes to observe details, then jointly make out lists, noting the differences between the corresponding articles. Allow about five minutes for this. Winners are those with the largest number of "differences."

A VALUABLE IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTER CARD GOES WITH SCOUT REGISTRATION.

## A Delhi Rally

*This story of a Scout Rally in India will have added interest to Canadian Scouts because of its mention of Lord Willingdon, former Governor General and Chief Scout of Canada.*

ON a recent Saturday afternoon hundreds of Indian Boy Scouts suddenly emerged from the ancient ruins of the Kotila of Firoz Shah outside the walls of old Delhi and swarmed in a human tide to form a semi-circle in front of Lord Willingdon, the Viceroy and Chief Scout of India. The occasion was the annual rally of the Boy Scouts of the Delhi district, and the rally ground was the greensward which now adorns the citadel of the old city of Firozabad, which was founded by the Emperor Firoz Shah (1351-88).

The boys, with their many-coloured neckerchiefs, made a picturesque and dramatic group among the crumbling ruins. They carried out their Scoutcraft in bridge-building, first aid, sporing, archery and the games which are common to Scout rallies everywhere, in front of the lofty platform on the top of which rises the second Lat of Asoka, which bears a portion of an edict of that monarch dating from the middle of the third century B.C.

The Asoka Pillar was brought by Firoz Shah from a site on the banks of the River Jumna and erected in his then new city. It has been an enduring monument in a changing Indian scene. When the Kotila of Firoz Shah was swarming with a king's soldiers the tall pillar rose above glamorous courtly scenes; and when the old Delhi of to-day was running with blood during the mutiny the pillar still stood, a sentinel memorial that had been standing where it now is for over 500 years.

As the Boy Scouts went through their programme the thoughtful observer of the scene suddenly realized that Asoka, whatever kind of monarch he may have been, left in the edict still borne aloft ideas not inappropriate for Boy Scouts of today. These edicts on monolithic columns and lats outlined the moral codes of Buddhism. They recommended obedience to parents, kindness to all living things, respect for religion, submission to teachers, the virtues of charity, and inculcated the ideals of service to all mankind, which have in them something of the Boy Scouts' code which insists on a daily good turn.

Whatever kind of entourage Firoz Shah may have had in his handsome citadel he had no Boy Scouts; nor did a Wolf Cub slip out of the ranks of his pack to focus a camera, as one eight-year-old Delhi lad did for the sake of obtaining a picture of the Viceroy. It is doubtful, also, if any Emperor of those ancient days mingled with such jollity among the boys of the neighbourhood as did the representative of the present King-Emperor on this occasion.

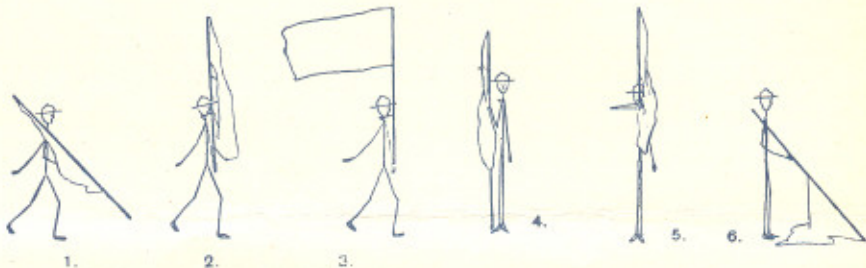
Nor do Delhi Boy Scouts need lessons in staging a rally. It is a moot point whether a London Boy Scout could cut a string with an arrow shot in such a way that a suspended floral garland would fall over the neck of a brother Scout. This was done by a Delhi boy at his first shot. Scouts of Scotland might do a sword dance that would leave their Sassenach brethren green with envy; but the Moslem lads who did the Pathhani Dance with all the throb

of a frontier tribal ceremony could give the dancers of Scotland lessons in the art of dancing with swords. To hear an Indian boy emitting the call of a peacock is to fancy that that bird stirring in the neighbouring jungle has found an imitator more real than the real thing.

But the great moment of the rally arrived when the Boy Scouts presented a tableau against the very pillar that Asoka raised more than 2,000 years ago. By a clever manipulation of coloured cloths these Indian lads produced, seemingly from nowhere, a great Union Jack, which made a brilliant gleam of colour against the grey background of the ruins of Firozabad. It was greeted with a cheer by thousands of Indian spectators who squatted or stood around; and the symbol of Empire stood out with new significance among the ruins of one of the long-dead seven cities of Delhi.

*"The Times," in JAMBOREE.*

The local Masonic Lodge is sponsoring the 1st Oyen, one of Alberta's promising new Scout Groups.



## Flag Carrying

### A. On the March

1. Slope, fig. 1. Sloped over right shoulder, flag gathered in right hand, left arm swinging free.
2. Carry, fig. 2. Pole vertical, butt in carrier, held in right hand, back of hand to front, level with mouth; elbow square and level with hand; flag gathered in; left arm swinging free.
3. Carry, flying free, fig. 3. Same as 2, but flag not gathered in.

**Use.** The slope is the normal method. The 'carry' is used when marching past or when specially ordered. The 'carry flying free' is the salute at the actual moment of passing the saluting point. Flags are never 'lowered' on the march.

**Note.** The attitude of the 'carry' is tiring and should be used sparingly.

### B. At the Halt

4. Order, fig. 4. Flag held vertically at right side, butt on ground, gathered in right hand.
5. Carry, fig. 5. As on the march but left arm to side.
6. Carry, free. As on the march but left arm to side.
7. Lower, fig. 6. Point of pole on ground, pole under right arm.

**Use.** The 'order' is the normal position. The 'carry' or 'carry free' on occasions, such as inspection, when ordered. The flag is lowered as a salute in accordance with P.O.R. 349. At a salute to the Chief it would be correct to lower Scout flags but not Union Jacks.

**Note.** When parading with other bodies common sense should be used in departing from these rules. For example:—on Armistice Day in many places the Legion lower flags during the sounding of the Last Post—Scouts should conform.

At the International Conference of 1935 it was decided that at International parades each nation should conform to its national practice.

## An English Pack Birthday

A FORTNIGHT ago we (the 6th Sheffield, St. Luke's) celebrated our pack birthday. It began with a most interesting talk on "Totems" by Mr. Muirhead, and then we all turned into Red Indians, and chalked our wigwams, on the floor, and made ourselves head-dresses. Sixers and Seconds and 1st and 2nd Star Cubs were entitled to wear different coloured feathers—Sixer two yellow ones, Second one yellow one, Akela a green one, and so on. Miss Deakin chose Whites as the best tribe—they were of the strong silent type—at first. When we'd played several jolly games, we retired to our respective wigwams for the feast, and then came the tribal games. There were six events, and each tribe could enter one Brave for each event, but nobody could go more than once. In each case, the winner gained a coloured feather for his head-dress and a sweet for each of his tribe. Whites won so many times, we began to get anxious about their sweet-eating capacity!

—Sheffield Woodsmoke.

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



The 33rd  
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Ay Cubs  
get a "bite"  
of winter  
hiking.

MR. C. K. Calhoun, for a long period General Secretary of Montreal Central Y.M.C.A., and recently retired from a similar position at Bridgeport, Conn., has accepted appointment as Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Rovers for Quebec.

Chief Justice J. B. M. Baxter was elected President of the New Brunswick Council of the Boy Scouts Association at the recent provincial annual meeting.

### A Unique Christmas Card

An unusual Christmas Greeting received by Mr. Jackson Dodds, Vice-President of the Montreal District Association, and Mrs. Dodds, carried the signatures of the Scoutmaster and every Scout and Cub of the 1st Bathurst, N.B., Group. The boys took this means of expressing appreciation for the practical interest shown in their then new troop by Mr. and Mrs. Dodds while summering last August.

A number of Scout troops in the smaller communities in various parts of the Dominion are again this winter operating public skating rinks.

Basketball and other games, refreshments, and finally an indoor camp fire made up an enjoyable visit meeting of the 26th Hamilton Troop to the 27th.

### That Extra Edge to Patrol Contests

"The Hound Patrol was the winner of the patrol competition covering a period of six weeks, and were the guests of the Wild Goose Patrol, who supplied the refreshments, these being enjoyed by all."—1st Lethbridge.

A member of the Fire Department attended a number of meetings of the 5th Stratford Troop to instruct for the Fireman's Badge.

### Cub-Brownie Shows are Popular

A combination of Brownie and Wolf Cub entertainment given at St. Paul's Parish Hall, North Battleford, Sask., was a popular success. The programme comprised a Cub campfire scene, a pirate play, first aider work and a marshmallow eating contest by the Cubs, and songs and costume dances by the Brownies.

The Halifax Scout Hockey League consists of three divisions—a Junior League for Scouts up to 15, a Senior League for Scouts up to 18, and a Rover League.

4th Stratford Troop was shown through the local Post Office and the handling of mail explained.

### Lecturers from Provincial Dep'ts

A picture lecture on "Trees" by a representative of the Ontario Forestry Department was a popular programme item of the Christmas party of the 40th Toronto (Church of the Redeemer) Troop, sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

"Anyone wishing to give away or sell uniforms or parts thereof are asked to let Acting Scoutmaster Shaw know as soon as possible."—*The Acadian*, Wolfville, N.S.

For the current Wallaceburg, Ont., district proficiency competition, shields will be awarded for troops in first and second place and Scout statuettes for individual prizes.

### A District General Proficiency Cup

The General Proficiency Cup competed for annually by Cub Packs of Quebec City was won for 1934-35 by the 4th Quebec Pack. It previously had been held for four years by the 2nd Pack. The cup is awarded on the basis of attendance, tests passed and badges gained.

"Quite a lot of interest was shown on Thursday night by the Latter Day Saints' Troop when Scoutmaster Pratt hung up their new Progress Chart, which is now right up to date."—1st Lethbridge.

"Due to the advance in the price of paper the Scouts will collect paper on Saturday morning, weather permitting. The price has reached \$4.00 a ton."—1st Ridgetown, Ont.

### A Commissioner's Presence Adds

Assistant Provincial Commissioner Jockel was present to award ten Leaping Wolf badges to ten two-star Cubs of the pack of the Church of All Nations, Montreal, following their going-up to the troop. T. L. Woynovitch, the original first member of the troop, was invested as Junior A.C.M. The occasion was marked by the serving of a buffet supper by the Women's Union of the United Church. This interesting pack of boys of many nations is headed by Mrs. Hughes-Jones, wife of the Scouter directing the troop.

"The boys are to be congratulated on the enthusiasm with which they have adopted complete Scout uniform for dress on meeting nights. The 5th Troop deserves special mention in this respect." D.S.M. Laing, reporting at meeting of Wallaceburg, Ont., Local Association.

Scouts of Barrie, Ont., co-operated in the local Red Cross Society campaign in December by distributing a window card to merchants.

Scouts of Fort Frances, Ont., put on the play "The Country Store" under the auspices of the Community Club.

### A "Pickwick Trophy"

The Halifax "Pickwick Trophy," awarded annually to the district's best all round troop, went for 1935 to the 14th Halifax Troop. The same troop took the cup in '34 and '33.

The Seal Cove Troop, N.B., put on a "Lobster Stew" to raise funds for Scout registration and items of equipment.

### A Nine Member Badge Board

A Badge Board of nine members, including two Scouters, has been organized by the North Waterloo Boy Scouts Association,—covering the districts of Kitchener and Waterloo.

"In the knot tying competition the Rattlesnakes came out on top, while the Owls made a clean sweep when it came to the Laws."—2nd Lethbridge.

Amherst, N.S., Scouts had charge of the house-to-house distribution of Christmas seals for the local Tuberculosis Council.

### That Big Clothing Collection Good Turn

Toronto Scouts and Cubs will on January 18th repeat their big city-wide collection of used clothing for the various city relief agencies. Last year the collection of clothing and shoes made by the organized effort of the Scouts in one day far surpassed previous total collections throughout the year.

At a special United Church service the 1st Mervin, Sask., Scouts and Cubs were presented with flags respectively by the Mervin branches of the Canadian Legion and the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Hamilton Scout troops are organizing a water basketball league. The announcement noted that it was not necessary to be able to swim to play this interesting game.

### Smart Uniforms and Efficiency Get Such Jobs

Winnipeg Scouts assisted the Department of Public Works in connection with special moving picture shows held to provide clothing for distressed prairie families. Appreciation for the service was expressed by Assistant Deputy Minister MacNamara of Public Works for the province.

Some 175 guests attended the first anniversary banquet of the Milton, Ont., Local Association, held in the Town Hall. "The success of this banquet was due largely to the mothers of the Scouts and Cubs."

### 13 Clergymen Want More Scouts

Thirteen clergymen of as many churches of different denominations in Kitchener and Waterloo met the Executive of the North Waterloo Scout Association to discuss extension of the Movement in those cities. District Commissioner L. L. Laing cautioned against the creation of new packs and troops before suitable leaders had been secured.



Over sixty Halifax Patrol Leaders attended a very successful Saturday afternoon conference at St. Andrew's Church Hall. The programme comprised demonstration patrol games and discussions, a supper and moving pictures.

Brownies and Guides and a large number of parents and friends gathered with the Scouts and Cubs at Connaught Hall, Mimico, for an open night of the 1st Mimico Scout Group and the presentation of badges. The troop also was presented with a trophy as winner of the Lake Shore Scout Softball League.

#### Taking a Hobby Show Seriously

"Lengthy discussion was held on the proposed Hobby and Handicraft Exhibition to be held next April, and it was decided that the Local Association would send leaders from all the Rover, Scout and Cub units to training courses to be held in Chatham during January."—Wallaceburg, Ont.

An indoor council fire and programme was the appreciated climax of a Parents' Night of work and play of the 83rd Toronto. "Interest was maintained from the unique opening ceremony to the flag lowering by flashlight."

#### A Snapshot Tea

Something new in entertainments was the "Snapshot Tea" given by the Scouts of Timmins, Ont. Each table was covered with "snaps" of local Scouts, camping, cooking and just looking. Smartly uniformed boys waited on tables.

The 17th Winnipeg (St. Matthew's) Scout Group celebrated its 21st birthday with a banquet which was attended by 265 parents and friends and 75 former Scouts of the troop. Rabbi Solomon Frank, President of the Centre-East District Scout Association, was guest speaker.

#### Patrol Competition Awards

"Patrol Competition for November concluded with Bob Bird and his Panther Patrol winning the coveted honour. This patrol will have the choice of several items of equipment for patrol use. The Wolf Patrol, winners of the competition in October, selected a patrol flag."—1st Bowmanville, Ont.

At the annual meeting of the Ridgeway, Ont., Scouts, held in Municipal Hall, Mayor Fred Kennedy was elected President of the Local Association to succeed ex-Mayor and Commissioner Andrew T. Ward, recently moved to Chatham.

#### A Good Cabin on a Good Site

Scouts of the North Head Troop, on the Island of Grand Manan, N.B., in the Bay of Fundy, are building a headquarters lodge at Ashburton Head, overlooking the sea. The cabin is being constructed of unpeeled logs placed upright, and chinked with moss. "The log cabin is on an historic and scenic location, an ideal spot for Scouts to learn to appreciate nature and local legend."

The highly successful 8th annual Scout minstrel show of the 30th Toronto Scout Group was given three nights before packed audiences. Programme items in-

cluded comic impersonations, a skit "School Daze," and the usual minstrel end men jokes, solos and choruses.

#### 2nd Border Cities' "Silver" Programme

The Silver Anniversary of the 2nd Border Cities Troop, which has had a continuous existence since 1910, was marked by a largely attended Scouts' Own service at All Saints' Church on Sunday and an anniversary banquet on Monday evening. The banquet was attended by over 150 present and former members. The troop developed from the 1st Windsor Troop organized in 1910 by Col. E. S. Wigle, who still is District Commissioner.

The monthly meeting of the Mothers' Auxiliary of the 17th Toronto Troop was held as a surprise party at the home of Mrs. A. Howard, "when a jolly fish pond sale was held. Plans were made for a party for the boys early in the new year."

#### Not Overlooking "Thanks"

"The regular meeting was adjourned, making way for the public picture show presented by the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association in aid of the Scout funds. . . . A generous crowd was in

An appreciated announcement at the annual banquet of Trinity Troop, Saint John, was the presentation to the troop of a fine campsite at Golden Grove, three miles from the end of the street car line. It was made by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Northrup, in memory of their late son, a member of the troop.

#### A School Janitor as Group Chairman!

Lucky is the Earl Haig School Troop of Toronto. The school janitor is Chairman of the Group Committee, and interested to the extent of giving cups for patrol competition! Another Toronto janitor appeared before the School Board to say that Scout troops should be in all schools.

Some 30 British Columbia Scouts attended the 16th annual Pacific Coast Patrol Leaders' Conference held at Aberdeen, Wash.

#### The Winnipeg First-aider Competition

The 24th semi-annual Greater Winnipeg first-aider competition for the Hesketh Flag (teams of five two-star Cubs) was won by the 16th Winnipeg (St. Luke's) Pack, with the 62nd (Tabernacle) runners-up. Nine teams competed.



*TIN can craft is an attractive and useful hobby activity overlooked by many of our troops. Above, a Parents' Night display of St. Ignatius' Troop of Montreal.*

attendance and a very substantial amount realized. We wish to thank both the company which made this show possible and the capacity crowd for their kind donations."—1st Port Alberni, B.C.

A beautiful Japanese Scout statuette was received by a member of the 7th North Vancouver Troop, several of whose boys carry on correspondence with foreign Scout friends, toward the World Friendship Badge.

#### A Scout Show at a Kiwanis Luncheon

Displays of physical exercises, including tumbling, pyramid building, and boxing, were given by members of the Eighth Calgary Scout Troop as part of the programme of a regular weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club.

Calgary Scouts are again going in for boxing. A series of classes is being conducted at St. Stephen's Hall under the direction of a physical instructor and an amateur boxer.

#### Scoutings' World Boy Appeal

"SCOUTING has done an immense amount of good all over the world, among races of every colour. When I was Governor of Ceylon I saw little brown boys, too poor to buy any sort of uniform—they just had staves—organizing themselves into Scout troops and obeying the Scout Law. It had a wonderful effect on them."—Sir Herbert Stanley, G.C.M.G., Governor and Chief Scout for Southern Rhodesia.

#### For Scout Stamp Clubs

A TORONTO friend of Scouting who as a hobby carries on an exchange of Canadian stamps with Scout troops in other lands, has a quantity of these foreign stamps which he is prepared to pass on to Canadian Scout Stamp Clubs. Scoutmasters of boys interested may write direct to Mr. R. S. Soanes, P.O. Box 2760, Toronto.

## Roverings

**A** TREE-SHELTERED nook on Mount Newton, and an altar of moss-covered rocks provided the non-forgettable setting for the investiture of Rover Leader Slater and four new members of the North Quadra Crew of Victoria. The ceremony was carried out by Rover Commissioner Freeman King and Ray Byres.

The Col. Wm. Wood Rover Crew of Quebec City "intend to have prominent men invited to attend the meetings at different times throughout the year."

"Action" is the keynote and motto of the junior patrol of the 2nd Edmonton (St. Faith's) Rover Crew. They have been carrying out a programme of social events, basket ball, a moonlight hike, hockey and bobsleigh parties. As well all are in some way assisting other troops and packs. So they are not forgetting "service."

In an invitation address on "Scouting as a World Peace Movement" before the A.Y.P.A. of St. John's Cathedral, Saskatoon, Rover Squire Shrade of the 8th Saskatoon Crew pressed the point of individual responsibility to show friendliness.

The R. L. and two members of the Ross Rover Crew of Quebec City "assisted with instruction and examination of tests at the last meeting of the 2nd Quebec Cub Pack."

That the Rover branch is rapidly growing in Toronto is indicated by a list of new crews recently formed in the district. Most of them are connected with churches. The list: 5th Toronto Rovers, Riverdale Presbyterian Church; 22nd, St. Paul's Anglican; 24th, Queen St. East Presbyterian; 30th, St. Columba United; 46th, Humewood School; 112th, St. Barnabas' Anglican; 119th, Church of the Messiah, and 124th, Eaton Memorial Church.

Rover Albert Jones of the 14th Halifax Rovers has been appointed for a year to the life saving station at Sable Island.

Here's a good example evening, offered by the 1st Barrie, Ont., Crew: A venison supper, followed by a round table chat and presentation of a Rover ring to the guest of honour; break up and reassembly with ladies, at the Market Square at 8 o'clock for a treasure hunt. "After running all over town and having a few minor accidents the gold brick—a suitably ample box of chocolates—was found by one of the couples. Then the whole party to a show, and an assembly afterwards for an evening lunch and farewells."

The 14th Halifax (Cornwallis) Rovers with due ceremony opened a fine den in quarters formerly used as an office by the Halifax (Explosion) Relief Commission.

"The Rovers (St. Vital, Winnipeg) held their first winter hike last week-end. Tums and Fuzz decided to make it different, and they sure succeeded. A trail of red wool was laid (a six-inch piece scattered here and there about a hundred yards apart), the idea being to follow it and explain what the two trail-makers' actions were. Some job! Nevertheless it

was great fun, and plans for another next month were made."

Evergreens decorated the hall and a large picture of the Chief Scout hung over the mantle for the supper and dance of St. John's Rovers of North Vancouver. The large attendance included officers from the s.s. Frederica Larsen.

## A Caution re Crew Names

**I**T is requested that no application be made by Rovers direct to His Excellency Lord Tweedsmuir for the honour of naming their Crew after him.

The request is made by Dominion Headquarters, and for practical reasons out of past experiences. Chiefly these have involved the securing of such permission from a distinguished living person, the naming of the Crew and hanging of a photograph with due formality, the advising of the person honoured of this ceremony,—then "dead silence," and ultimate impression that the honour after all meant very little to the young men concerned. In some cases the Crew has gone out of existence, for one reason and another, including the natural dispersal of young men; and the picture of a distinguished sponsor hangs in an unused den.

Against these possibilities it is not wise to ask any living person, nor the widow of a distinguished man, for the use of their name by a Crew.

## Dominion Commissioner for Training

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As a result of his notable success with the above task Mr. McMichael was made a member of the Convention Committee of Rotary International which the following year supervised a world-wide gathering of Rotarians at Cleveland, Ohio; and in 1925 he was made Governor of the 27th District, which comprises over fifty clubs in Ontario, northern New York and Pennsylvania. Again in 1927 he was made a member of the Convention Committee for the Rotary International gathering in Minneapolis in 1928; in that year was appointed Chairman of the Canadian Advisory Committee of Rotary International, and in 1930 Canadian Representative on the North American Economic Advisory Committee of Rotary International.

In 1927 he attended the Rotary Annual Convention in Ostend, Belgium, as an official delegate of the Toronto Rotary Club, and again as a delegate in 1931 to the convention in Vienna.

Not as frequently mentioned as should be, but of well understood importance to success in such good works, is the sympathetic interest of "the partner at home." Scouting is doubly fortunate in that Mrs. McMichael is as keenly concerned in the success of Scouting as is her husband.



THE boom derrick run up by the Rockyford Rovers at the Calgary Baden-Powell rally. It proved itself by lifting two Rovers and a pair of Wolf Cubs.

## Towards That 100,000

**B** RITISH COLUMBIA now has a "Scottish" Troop,—the re-organized 1st Chilliwack, "wi' kilts an a'," under Scoutmaster A. Macdonald of the local high school.

Another Ontario Lone Scout patrol has "grown up" into a troop—the 1st Cobden.

The Boy Scouts (United Church) and Trail Rangers (Baptist Church) of Canning, N.S., have combined to form a community troop under Principal Mills of the Canning school, with Rev. R. C. Chalmers and Rev. A. D. MacPherson as A.S.M.'s, and a strong Group Committee of prominent citizens.

As part of his summer vacation "outing" District Rover Leader Frank Foulds of Winnipeg visited troops, packs, crews and committees of eleven different active, formerly active or prospective Scouting centres in the province. As the result of one visit plans are being made to send new leaders to next year's provincial Gilwell.

Scouters LeLong and Steeves of Highfield Baptist Troop, Moncton, visited Lakeville, addressed a gathering of boys, and now there's a Lakeville troop.

The gratifying report presented at New Brunswick's annual meeting recorded a year of outstanding progress, with an addition of 34 new Groups, these including 4 new packs and 31 troops.

## Scout Spirit Along the Toy Shop Chain

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The announcement of one western shop which was providing toys for needy families in the district and elsewhere, also carried the notation, "A parcel of used clothing and shoes would be very welcome here."

Sarnia Rovers gave their particular attention to the repair of mechanical playthings.

This effective appeal for additional discarded toys was made in the *Medicine Hat News*:

"Every day a few more badly spelled, pathetic little notes arrive at the Toy Shop, each with a different tale of hardships, but each with the same implicit faith in the all-powerful 'Santa Claus, c/o Boy Scouts.'"

A few years back Scout Christmas parcels went regularly to a number of pioneer families in "the Peace country," northwest of Edmonton, including families at Grande Prairie. This year the Farthest North Toy Shop was operated by the 1st Grande Prairie Troop. And they did a real job, securing two jig-saws and making wooden toys; and were given a toy matinee at the local Capitol Theatre.

The Lethbridge toys were turned over to the Nursing Mission for distribution.

"A toy for every needy child in New Westminster" was the objective of the Scout and Guide shop of that B. C. city, sponsored by Mayor J. F. and Mrs. Hume, and co-operating with the local Elks. Help was given through teas and bridges by practically every women's organization in the city, and in the shop itself by Tech. School students.

### Other Christmas Opportunities

THE 1st Stewart, B.C., Group collected books for Tranquille Sanatorium, the Old Men's Home and the Shaughnessy Hospital.

The 1st Chesterville, Ont., appealed through the local paper for fuel, and for used clothing for western families. The latter was collected by a Saturday canvas.

From their own homes, the Cubs, Scouts and Sea Scouts of the 1st Niagara-on-the-Lake contributed a fruit shower to the local hospital.

Scout News columns in the Hamilton papers carried the announcement that during the Christmas shopping rush hours uniformed Scouts and Cubs would be stationed at the main and branch post offices and at busy up-town points to assist people with Christmas parcels.

By a series of broadcasts, through the co-operation of station RJCS and a number of local artists, Stratford Scouts raised a Christmas Fund of \$105.72 toward Christmas baskets for local needy.

Winnipeg Scouts helped with the Winnipeg Tribune's Empty Stocking Fund project. Their big job was the bagging of peanuts for several thousand Christmas stockings. To complete the task quickly

## The Q.M.'s Chat

Brother Scouters:

Our mutual friend "The Editor" has just advised me that the first issue of the magazine for 1936 is about to go to press, and my first reaction is to take this means of extending to you all my best wishes for the New Year, and to thank the many Scouters for remembering me during the festive season.

The year just closed has been a remarkable one for Scouting and will perhaps be best remembered as the "re-birth" year of our Movement. Certainly insofar as my Department is concerned 1935 has witnessed its expansion far in excess of what was anticipated, and its improved financial showing will help in large measure the expansion programme undertaken by the Canadian General Council.

Finance, however, will not in itself assure the success of such a programme unless it has the active support of each and every volunteer leader. Let us then one and all, pull together for an early realization of a 100,000 membership. The foundation has been well and truly laid; let us see that the building will be a just return for the efforts already made.

In my next "chal" I hope to be able to give you some idea as to when the new catalogue will be ready. Until then I quote you from a greeting card sent me by Scouter H. B. Holloway of Edmonton:—

Dear Fergie:  
for the coming year my best wishes follow here:

May your shirts and shorts grow wide,  
As the Scouts grow fat inside;  
May your leather belts grow stronger,  
And your hats be green no longer;  
May your stockings not shrink smaller  
While our Rovers grow the taller,  
So that when you next come West  
You will see us look our best,  
And we'll then no longer knock  
At the stuff you keep in stock  
In your Quartermaster's stores;  
Till then, I'm sincerely yours.

*Charles L. ...*  
P. E. I.

arrangements were made for 30 boys per night for five nights. So rapidly did the first night's contingent work that the job was completed in the one evening. The Scouts' contribution represented a saving to the Fund of \$200.

Scouts distributed Anti-Tuberculosis League Christmas Seals to every house in Wolfville on a Saturday and collected on the following Wednesday.

Scout Relief Barrels were again placed in a number of Quebec City stores on the two Saturdays of December preceding Christmas. Uniformed Scouts attended the barrels, and Rovers supervised the project and arranged distribution of the food amongst needy families.

### The Santa Claus Chain

The chain, as reported to December 31, numbered just 168 towns and cities. This compared with 126 reported at the same date in 1934. Most of the larger centres operated several district or Group shops, but these all are counted as one.

**British Columbia.**—Burnaby, Chilliwack, Duncan and Quamichan, Fernie, Kamloops, Kitsilano, Merritt, New Westminster, Nelson, North Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Revelstoke, Rossland, Sidney, Trail, Vancouver, Vernon, Victoria.—18.

**Alberta.**—Calgary, Carstairs, Castor, Drumheller, Edmonton, Elk Point, Gleichen, Grande Prairie, Hanna, High River, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Nanton, Provost, Red Deer, Standard, Sylvan Lake, Three Hills, Trochu, Vegreville, Okotoks, Ft. Saskatchewan, Tofield.—23.

**Saskatchewan.**—Alameda, Arcola, Balcarres, Battleford, Climax, Cut Knife, Elbow, Grenfell, Humboldt, Kamsack, Lashburn, LaFleche, Lloydminster, Loverna, Melfort, Meota, Moose Jaw, Mervin, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Punnichy, Rocanville, Radville, Regina, Rosetown, Saskatoon, Superb, Tugaska, Wadena, Watrous, Wolseley, Wynyard, Yorkton.—33.

**Manitoba.**—Brandon, Glenboro, Minnedosa, Stonewall, Swan River, The Pas, Virden, Winnipeg.—8.

**Ontario.**—Almonte Guides, Alliston, Arthur, Burlington, Blenheim, Barrie, Bowmanville, Brantford (7th Pack), Chatham, Cornwall, Comber Guides, Chesterville, Cannington, Cobden, Dundas Guides, Elmira, Fort Frances, Fort William, Guelph, Hamilton, Hamilton Beach, Kincardine, Kingsville, Kirkland Lake, Lakeview, London, Listowel, Mimico, Midland, Milton, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Oakville, Owen Sound, Ottawa, Paris, Port Credit, Pembroke, Port Arthur, Peterboro, Penetanguishene, Port Hope, Queenston, Stratford, Smiths Falls, South Porcupine, Smooth Rock Falls, Sarnia, St. Catharines, Toronto, (34th, 58th, 123rd Troops), Unionville, Watford, Welland, Wallaceburg, Waterloo, Windsor, Wellington, Woodbridge, Whitby, St. Thomas.—59.

**Quebec.**—Granby, Huntingdon, Lachute, Lachine, Montreal, Pointe Claire, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, St. Lambert, Valois.—11.

**New Brunswick.**—Campbellton, Edmundston, Fredericton, Moncton, North Head, Perth, Saint John.—7.

**Nova Scotia.**—Halifax, Imperial, New Glasgow, North Sydney, Truro, Wolfville.—6.

P. E. I.—Charlottetown, Summerside.—2.

Total, reported December 31, 168.

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 District Jungle Night

CUBS from all sections of Moose Jaw staged a "Jungle Night" in the Central Collegiate gymnasium. Each of the ten packs put on some feature of Cub training, with first prize going to the 9th Pack for exemplification of the "Laws of the Jungle" by action and story telling. The 5th Pack secured second place with their "Dance of Bagherra," and the 3rd Pack next for "the use of the whistle." Doughnuts and cocoa provided the appreciated gastronomic conclusion.

### A Saturday Inter-troop Affair

A VERY successful inter-troop competition held on Saturday afternoon in Point Pleasant Park between the 9th and 18th Halifax Troops covered nine Scouting tests, including Semaphore, first aid, distance judging, compass, choosing camp site, and general practical Scouting knowledge. The two troops assembled for a banquet at St. Luke's Hall, following which the Scouters in charge discussed the way in which various tests were carried out, and awarded the contest to the 9th Troop, on a point basis—125 to 118.

### A Winter Outdoor Meeting

THE troop journeyed down to the island just below the city in two parties, the first getting the camp fire ready and then trying to catch the second party before they could reach their goal. We are glad to report that only three of the attacking party were able to get in without being caught, as their strength was just double that of the defending party... After the opening of the camp fire Scout Morris was presented with his Second Class Badge.... An enjoyable time was had playing hockey on the edge of the river, then the time rolled around for the closing of the outdoor meeting, and the boys trudged their way home shortly after ten o'clock on a wonderful moonlight night.—2nd Lethbridge.

### A Meeting-Night Invitation to Casual Scouter Visitors?

FROM a friend of Scouting who travels extensively in the Prairie Provinces comes the suggestion that Scout Groups of smaller communities in some way make their existence known to visitors interested in Scouting. A method mentioned was a small card announcement in hotels, such as that used by churches; the card giving the day, time and place of meeting, and extending a visit invitation to traveling Scouters and others in some way connected with the Movement. It was the traveling man's belief that such an announcement would from time to time result in a call upon pack or troop that would be appreciated both by boys and leaders, and by the caller himself.

¶ (If anything of this kind has been done, the Editor would be glad to learn of the method of invitation used, and the results.)

### That Troop Log

DURING the council fire Troop Historian Walter Beach carried the minds of the Scouts back four years to the opening night of the troop, December 2nd, 1931, and read extracts from the Troop Record. This proved extremely interesting, with the names mentioned bringing back many happy memories.—1st Revelstoke, B.C.

### About a Scout Museum

OVER in Coldwater the idea of a local museum is being worked out by the Boy Scouts. Already sufficient material including many Indian relics has been got together to make an exhibit at the village fair that was not only attractive, but interesting. This is a good work that might be taken up in other centres. It brings the young people into touch with the history of their locality and must create a desire to learn the story of the past.—Collingwood Enterprise.



GOOD sending against a perfect background. They're obviously-well-trained members of the 2nd North Battleford Troop, Sask.

### Some King's Scout Publicity

A STRIKING three-column picture of five newly-made King's Scouts of the 14th Winnipeg (All Saints') Troop published in *The Winnipeg Free Press* draws attention to a form of publicity which could be given more attention, with profit. The attaining of King's Scout rank is a highly desirable achievement in Scout training; and the percentage of Scouts passing the tests is below what it should be, and could be.

The practice of publishing the pictures of new King's Scouts in local newspapers undoubtedly would help to draw the attention of numbers of boys, and their parents, to the honour and desirability of the attainment. Incidentally this would from time to time draw public attention to the higher degrees of Scout training.

Troops might consider meeting the cost of a suitable photograph if necessary, and also of the halftone reproduction, where editors did not feel warranted in covering the expense. The necessary "newspaper screen" cut should not cost more than \$2.50, for a one-column bust reproduction.

### Patrol Meetings Speed Up Badge Work

A SCHEDULE of patrol meetings published in the local Scout News column by the 1st Vegreville Troop, "owing to increasing numbers joining the troop," covered the dates Nov. 1st to March 21st. The six patrols are meeting in changing groups of three, alternating with "All Patrols Council Fire" evenings. "A considerable amount of work on badges and tests is being done" at the meetings.

### A Community Scouts' Own Bible Class

IN a Scout's promise, among other things he promises to "do his duty to God." To help him to do this the "Scouts' Own Bible Class" meets each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, and closes at 10.45, leaving the members ample time to get to their own churches for the morning service. The boys have a good time together each Sunday, and take turns in introducing the subject. The leader is Mr. John Speers.

—1st Lloydminster, Sask.

### Mowgli's Hunting

THIS is a game for a wet day, when shoes and stockings are drying and the Cubs are gambolling in the limited floor space of the Jungle. One boy is approached and told that Akela wants him. He replies, "For what?"

"To give you a bone."

"Where is it?" he asks.

He is then blindfolded, turned round three times, and told to "find it." Moving about on his knees, he tries to snatch a leg, and guess whose it is. If he guesses correctly, the boy caught becomes the blindfolded hunter, and the same questions and answers are given. Occasionally the "tasty morsels" join hands and dance about, singing, "Windy, windy weather; we all go together." The game may also be played in a corner of a large Jungle.

—The Scouter.

### Special Open Night Patrol Corners

A UNIQUE patrol competition of the 1st Radville Troop, Sask., calls for a special Open Night patrol corners display at Memorial Hall. For this year the Wolf Patrol won first prize with a "Boy Scout Fair," their corner displaying chickens, pigeons, a turkey, a cat, a dog and a calf. The Beavers took second place with a model farm, of fenced fields and painted buildings; and the Panthers third with their "Track of Destiny," this being a portrayal of the building of the C.P.R. The Lions' theme was "Flanders' Field" and the Hawks' a Hudson Bay Trading Post. For "best attendance, punctuality and discipline" the Wolf Patrol was presented with a Scout statuette.