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## Scouting as Supplementary to Public School Education

THE practical value of Scouting's training in observation, its positive emphasis on friendliness, its encouragement of hobbies in a day of increasing leisure time, its development of the loyalties—"without which the individual is like a tree without a root"—all these were declared important auxiliary contributions to public school education in an important address on "Scouting and Education" by Prof. Watson Kirkconnell of Manitoba University before the recent provincial conference of Scouters at Winnipeg.

### Trained Seeing

Training in observation—through wild life study, tracking and observation games, Kim's games, etc.—was described by Prof. Kirkconnell as one of Scouting's most practically valuable contributions to youth education. "Trained seeing," he called it, and continued:

"There is an almost inconceivable difference between what the trained eye can see and what the untrained eye fails to see. The person with a trained eye cannot walk 50 feet in the woods without seeing something interesting, where the person with the untrained eye may be wondering how to put in the time. The trained eye, and mind, can be constantly active, and cognizant of the wonders of the world in which we live."

### Limitless Outdoor Opportunities

Young Canadians were especially fortunate in interesting outdoor-life opportunities. "In Canada we have a country almost the size of Europe. We are living merely on the fringe; far to the north stretches one of the great wildernesses of the world. And for some months of the year it becomes a glorious playground in which young Canada learns to travel by woodland trails, to canoe—to get back closer to that valuable primitive contact with Mother Nature.

"Western civilization tends to lose sight of the fact that we have this opportunity to get out into a world of nature which can be so interesting, whether our hobby be birds, or flowers, or the inconceivable world of insects."

### Its Emphasis on Friendliness

Another important contribution of Scouting to education was its emphasis on friendliness, including the international aspect. In this he felt Scouting came into the educational picture, not as a substitute, but as a supplementary force which in some measures made up for some inevitable limitations of school education due to the large scholar-units involved. "The ideal system for teaching would be schools divided into groups of six, each

with an instructor, to ensure contact between the instructor's mind and the student's mind. Under the large class system the school tends almost inevitably to become not so much instructive as impartial.

"Schools disregard differences of race, creed and social class, but in a somewhat negative way. The differences are simply disregarded. Scouting, on the other hand, achieves something positive,—the stressing of friendship between Scout and Scout, regardless of differences in racial, religious and social life. These are active principles of human relationships, and Scouting's contribution is fundamental and important."

### Badge Hobbies Fill Increased Leisure

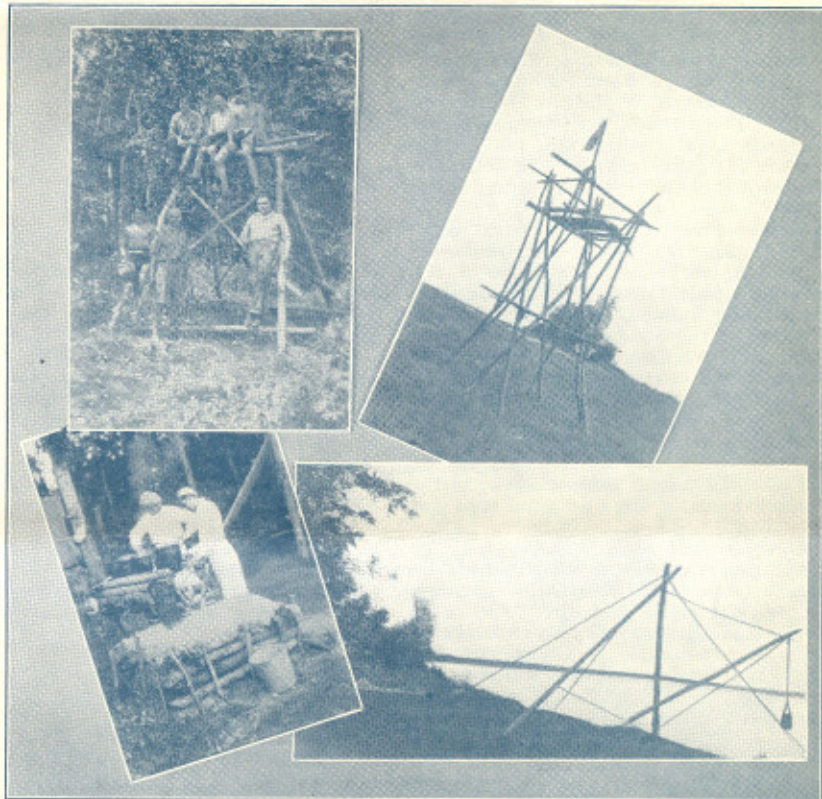
Scouting's encouragement of hobbies through its Proficiency Badge system Prof. Kirkconnell saw as a valuable contribution toward the safe use of the increasing margin of leisure of modern life. He referred to today's tendency to take the line of least resistance—radio, movies, etc.—"to indulge ourselves with

these delightful toys of modern life. And so far as developing character is concerned, I cannot see that there is any comparison between learning to play a musical instrument and merely turning the knob and letting a broadcasting corporation supply the programme. One learns by doing, and character and personality result from what one does one's self.

"The demand made on human character today is greater than in any previous period of civilization. There are constantly appearing man-made machines outdistancing man's moral capacity to make safe and proper use of them,—thus we have had it suggested that science take a holiday for fifty years, to allow human character and morals to catch up. In such circumstances character as an end in education cannot be stressed too emphatically.

"Character is more than mere mental training; and character and a well-trained will are of more importance than a highly educated mind.

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CARRYING out the idea that "Scouts are pioneers" at last summer's Manitoba Gitwell. 1.—Some stout single-lock bridge lashing. 2.—A signal tower, also made without nails. 3.—A convenient altar kitchen fire, and a "Dutch oven," where real pies were baked. 4.—A Scout version of ye old oaken bucket. It saved scrambling down the bank for water.

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### Undo The Good Turn Knot

AN example of the possibility of getting away from originally understood practices was offered in a recent discussion by a group of Scouters regarding the Scout neckerchief knot,—whether it was untied, or tied, upon the performance of the day's first good turn.

The Good Turn Knot was adopted by the Chief Scout as a reminder knot, similar to the reminder string tied about the finger. It was to be tied in the neckerchief in the morning, and taken out when the first good turn was performed.

In some troops the practice has developed of keeping the neckerchief constantly knotted, the reason offered (where one can be given) usually being that a Scout never ceases looking for good turns, so that the day's final good turn is never done.

One of the strong features of the Scouting code is the simplicity and definiteness of its working principles. The easily understandable and memorable "at least one good turn a day" is an example. There is definite danger of losing this strength of simplicity by speaking in a general way of "always looking for good turns." The taking-it-for-granted of "always" may soon become "seldom."

The concrete simplicity of the "Good Turn," and its proved effectiveness in developing the habit of thought for others, has commended itself to church leaders. Of necessity sermons from the pulpit and teaching in the Sunday-school are spread over the whole field of biblical study and spiritual and character training; and too often the effect upon the boy is a generalizing that fails to catch his definite interest in any one principle.

Let us stick to the simplicity of the old idea of the knot every morning in the neckerchief until the first good turn has been performed.

Some troops have incorporated the untying of the good turn knot into their meeting openings. The little ceremony follows flag-break and the "Silence"—"Knots out, in turn, all who remembered their good turn today!" Occasionally the boys are reminded that they will of course not untie their knot unless they have performed "a real one."

*Annual Quebec Scouters'  
Conference May 23-25  
at Granby.  
You are invited.*

### Site of 1937 World Jamboree

FOLLOWING earlier announcement of the acceptance of Holland's invitation for the holding in that country of the 1937 World Scout Jamboree, the International Bureau has announced the probable site as the village of Bloemendaal, near Haarlem and Amsterdam. The Bulletin reads:

According to a letter from the Dutch World Jamboree Committee to the Boy Scouts' International Bureau, a favourable decision was taken in the Municipal Council of Bloemendaal, a village about ten miles west of Amsterdam and two miles north of Haarlem, for the next Boy Scout World Jamboree, to be held there in August, 1937. The constitutional statute of the Jamboree has been passed before a notary, and negotiations are now taking place for Royal consent.

The Dutch Government has agreed to the issue of a special Jamboree postage stamp.

### KING EDWARD VIII OUR NEW PATRON

*His Majesty King  
Edward VIII has graciously  
consented to become  
Patron of the Boy Scouts  
Association, in succession  
to his father, the late  
King George V.*

### A Bit of Canada in N.Z.

*"So our link with Canada will be a maple, a photo of which I hope to send you some day."*

THE above conclusion of a letter from Metropolitan Commissioner Abbott of Auckland, N.Z., records the establishing of another symbolic Empire-Scouting bond,—the planting at New Zealand's Gilwell Park of a number of Canadian maple tree seeds. The seeds were planted in the training centre's "International Circle," which it is hoped will some day comprise trees from all sections of the Empire, and all other countries which have adopted Scouting.

The request for maple trees or seeds was brought from New Zealand last year by Lord Baden-Powell, and arrangements to meet the request were made for the Canadian General Council by British Columbia Provincial Headquarters with the province's Department of Lands and Forests.

### Scouts Demonstrate for Royal Life Saving Society

A SCOUT life-saving team from the Weredale House Troop, Montreal, demonstrated the land drill of the Royal Life Saving Society at the annual convention of the society at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal. The team holds the Provincial Clouston Trophy for swimming and life saving.

### Norway Scouts' Silver Jubilee

THE 7th National Jamboree of Norwegian Scouts, the Norsk Speidergutt Forbund, will be held at Jelyoa, on the sea shore near Oslo, July 6-15 inclusive. It will be of special interest, as the Silver Jubilee of the organization of Scouting in Norway. According to an official announcement from the Headquarters Commissioner for Overseas, the British Boy Scouts Association is invited to send a contingent of 50 Scouts.

Canadian Scouts and Scouters who may be interested are asked to write Dominion Headquarters for further information and instructions.

### School Rate Car Tickets for Scouts?

"EX-GUIDE," writing to the Editor of *The Vancouver Province*, suggested that the street railway company grant the "school rate" to Scouts and Guides in uniform going to and from meetings in the evening. "After all, they are going to school,—one that teaches them some of the things they fail to get at day school." The letter followed an incident in which her son, just turned 12, returning from a Scout meeting, was held up for full fare, she wrote, and "allowed to go with a warning that in future he must pay full fare."

### A Newspaper Donates a Scout Camp Site

THE Scouts of Stewart, British Columbia's farthest north troop, are happy possessors of a fine permanent camp site on Mezladin Lake, the gift of "The Northern Argonaut." According to that enterprising newspaper's announcement:

"The Northern Argonaut" looking some distance in the future, and recognizing the value of the Boy Scout movement, and the necessity of a permanent camp, has given the Boy Scouts a five-acre site on the river at the outlet of Mezladin Lake. This site the boys plan to make into a permanent camp for their annual outings."

The camp is located "over the Bear River Divide," and is reached by road and mountain trail.

### Annual Ontario Forestry Camp May 22-25

THE seventh annual Boy Scout Forestry Camp to be conducted under the joint auspices of the Ontario Forestry Branch and the Provincial Council for Ontario will be held at the Tree Seed Station, Angus, Ont., from Friday noon, May 22nd until Monday afternoon, May 25th. The camp fee as in other years will be \$2 per boy. Instruction will be given in the requirements for the Scout Forester's Proficiency Badge.

Boys attending the camp must be at least 14 years of age and hold the minimum rank of Second Class Scout. Scouters interested in having boys attend should advise Provincial Headquarters at once as further detailed information, application forms, and a special booklet on the Forester's Badge will only be sent to those who send for them.



THE week-end "finishing off" of an Edmunston, N.B., French-speaking District Training Course at Baker Lake Camp. Scouting has been thriving in this northern section of New Brunswick, following the taking of the Gilwell Part II Course at Sussex in '35 and '34 by a number of young French-Canadian priests.

### 1936 GILWELL Part II Courses

#### SCOUT

**British Columbia.**—Fruitvale, July 18—August 1. Camp Byng, last two weeks August. Vancouver Island, dates to be announced. D.C.C., W. Solway.

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

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

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

**Ontario.**—Ebor Park, July 14-25. D.C.C., F. C. Irwin. Eastern Ontario, near Ottawa, August 18-29, D.C.C., J. N. Blow (if sufficient registrations).

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

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

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

#### AKELA

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

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

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

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

**P. E. I.**—Maritime, near Charlottetown, July 25-31 (if sufficient registrations). Ak. L., Prof. Robert Pugh.

### Training Items

DISTRICT Training Courses have recently been completed or started in Toronto, London, Stratford, Galt, Brantford, Windsor and Niagara Falls. A course for French-speaking Scouters is under way at Ottawa.

In addition to the annual Gilwell Course at Ebor Park set for July 14-25, plans are being made for an Eastern

Ontario Course, Aug. 18-29, probably near Ottawa, provided a sufficient number of registrations are received.

A class of instruction for the Starman Badge conducted on four Saturday nights at Montreal Headquarters was attended by 50 keenly interested Scouts.

A Montreal experiment in Proficiency Badge instruction was a series of "Athlete," "Healthy Man" and "Master-at-Arms" lectures and movies by Head Coach H. M. VanWagner and Boxing Coach Bert Light, of McGill University. The lectures were attended on three Monday evenings two weeks apart by about 100 Scouts and Scouters. On the intervening Monday evenings a special class in coaching was conducted by the same instructors for Rovers and A.S.M.'s desirous of becoming efficient instructors in the subjects. "The experiment met with fair success, but is open to criticism for taking boys away from their studies on week-nights."

An Akela Course at Quebec was concluded by a week-end of three sessions under Mr. H. M. Jockel, the Provincial Commissioner for Wolf Cubs. A Quebec District Preliminary, Scout, under Field Secretary F. G. Hicks had an enrolment of 19 Scouters.

A Sphinx Honour Patrol Training Course and P.L.'s and a Sixer Training Rally concluded Montreal's training for boy leaders for the winter-spring season.

The enthusiastic group of 28 Scouters who took the recent Preliminary Training Course at Saint John, N.B., decided to keep together and meet one evening a month in order to "continue their training." The course was conducted by District Commissioner George Scott, assisted by A.D.C. Scouts Joseph Guss, D.C.M. Bernard McCarthy and A.D.C. Rovers, L.L. Johnson. At the closing session a number of Group Committeemen took the Scout Promise, these including two from a Syrian Troop.

At the regular March monthly meeting of the Montreal Scouters' Club "Demonstrations were given of various competitions suitable for use of troops and packs for the purpose of reviewing technical work, these demonstrations being put on by patrols and sixes of Scouters."

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### "The Best Vacation I Ever Had"

This has been repeated many times at closing Gilwell camp fires. Ask anyone who has been there.

Why? It's the ideal "complete change" combination—"back to nature" under the best conditions; the jolliest of good company; the learning of many interesting woodcrafty things by doing; the playing of games with the recaptured vim and laughter of boy days; your patrol "gang" competing with other patrol "gangs"—all this plus the satisfaction of knowing you are doing something with the purpose of service. It's a tie-up that can't be beaten!



Look at the Gilwell Camp dates for your Province. Plan to go!

## Awarded for Organizing a New Group



Felt cloth, 24" x 48"; colours, red, green and yellow. The lion is taken from the Coat of Arms of the World Chief Scout.

- 10 Cub Packs
- 23 Scout Troops
- 2 Rover Crews
- 23 Group Committees

ABOVE are the new units added to our numbers by established Groups in qualifying for the Baden-Powell Honour Standard as at May 1st. In addition to the new leaders and Group committeemen, they represent between 600 and 700 boys now enjoying the fun and character-shaping benefits of Scouting. And the number shortly will be increased by the reports of troops and crews in various parts of the Dominion whose proteges are nearing completion of the required six months' period of successfully carrying-on.

The enterprising Scouters, Rovers and Scouts concerned are to be complimented upon their part in a Scouting-missionary achievement that undoubtedly, for many of the boys, will have very far-reaching significance. For some it is certain that the taking of the Scout Promise has represented the deciding factor in shaping their lives into paths of usefulness. This is no small thing.

### Some Honour Standard Stories

As with so many Scouting reports, few of the applications for the Standard carried more than the bare statement of particulars and signatures required. In a few cases details were added, and were of much interest.

An outstanding instance of district enterprise was the winning of the Standard by two troops of Picton, Ont.—the 2nd and 3rd. Both cases also offer examples of good organization procedure and of sustained assistance in assuring their proteges a well-founded start.

As a preliminary step toward establishing a troop at the village of Bloomfield, some seven miles from Picton, Scoutmaster Gordon Smith of the 2nd Picton Troop, accompanied by District Commissioner Dr. C. E. Stothers, arranged to address a group of boys in the Sunday-school hall of the United Church. A Group Committee was named, and a leader selected. A month later Scoutmaster Smith, a number of his Scouts, and Scoutmaster Vancott of the 3rd Picton Troop, travelled to Bloomfield and invested Scoutmaster Hicks. The latter in turn invested the Patrol Leaders, who

### 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:

**14th Winnipeg (All Saints') Troop**  
for organization of the 39th Winnipeg Troop and Group Committee.

**4th Calgary (Elks' Own) Troop**  
for organization of 23rd Calgary Pack, Troop and Group Committee.

**6th Yarmouth, N.S., Troop**  
for organization of 1st Port Maitland Troop and Group Committee.

**2nd Picton, Ont., Troop**  
for organization of 1st Bloomfield Troop and Group Committee.

**3rd Picton, Ont., Troop**  
for organization of 4th Picton (United Church Mission) Troop.

**1st Ridgeway, Ont., Troop**  
for organization of 1st Sherkston Troop and Group Committee.

had in the interval been selected and trained,—"and the troop has been meeting regularly ever since."

The 3rd Picton Troop (of the Picton United Church) found its opportunity at a Mission conducted by the church in an outlying section of the town. Scoutmaster Vancott called a group of the Mission boys together, and using two of his P.L.'s "demonstrated a regular Scout meeting." The demonstration "took," and from then on weekly meetings were

held, the two P.L.'s continuing to assist, until an S.M. and A.S.M. were secured and duly invested. To finish off, the 3rd took the new troop with them to their summer camp.

A not dissimilar story was that of the 1st Ridgeway Troop, Ont., in launching a Group at Sherkston, a village six miles distant. Partly as a result of the good impression made by Ridgeway Scouts, a request for information concerning Scouting came from a group of Sherkston boys, Trail Rangers, who felt they wanted something new. In response to the request Scoutmaster Connibear and his boys travelled to Sherkston in March, 1935, and gave a talk and demonstrations of Scout work. At their next meeting the Trail Rangers decided to become a Scout troop, and the required Group Committee was formed. In May the new troop, now on Second Class work, hiked the six miles to Ridgeway to take part with the Ridgeway Scouts in the local celebration of the King's Silver Jubilee. The Ridgeway troop continued to give assistance in various ways, and the 1st Sherkston is now a thriving, enterprising and well supported troop, with a number of boys on their First Class work and wearing a good number of Proficiency badges.

Organization of the 19th Hamilton Group by the 4th Hamilton (Canon Scott's Own) Rover Crew offers a good example of seizing an opportunity in a city district. Rev. P. A. Dunn of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, becoming Padre of the Canon Scott Crew, asked the Crew to help develop a troop in connection with his Sunday-school, as a means of increasing its membership. The Crew at once agreed, and shortly rounded up two prospective leaders. Several members of the Crew addressed the Sunday-school classes, an almost defunct boys' club and the church Men's Association. The father of one of the Rovers took on the scout-mastership, with his son and another Rover as A.S.M.'s. Another Rover took on the job of organizing a Pack.

For its help in increasing interest, the District was asked to hold the annual fall church parade at the church. The result today is a thriving pack and troop, well sponsored by the church Men's Association and backed by a Group Committee.

### Qualifications for the Standard

Emphasis is laid on the fact that the B.-P. Honour Standard is not awarded merely for friendly and helpful interest shown by an established Group in a new Group, steps toward the organization of which already have been made. All established Groups are expected to render any aid possible to new units.

The Standard is awarded for actual responsibility in bringing a new Group into existence,—if necessary, selling the idea to the church, school or other prospective sponsors; help in forming a Group Committee, in the selection or finding of suitable leaders, and the lending of quite considerable aid until the new Group is an established and going concern.

The only modification of the requirements accepted to date concerned the Committee for a church mission troop, where the parent church required that its own Group Committee be permitted to act also as a Committee for the Mission Group.

### Help from Provincial H.Q.

Troops, Crews and Scouters considering the taking on of this "man-sized" Scout

missionary project, and incidentally earning the fine large and very attractive wall trophy as a permanent record, should secure from Provincial Headquarters the latest free leaflets and pamphlets explanatory of the several branches of the Movement. The list includes the introductory leaflets "What Scouting Is and Does," "You Have Heard of the Boy Scouts?" (re Cubbing) and the booklet "Scouting as Practical Training for Citizenship"; and these booklets on sound organization: "How to Organize a Wolf Cub Pack," "How to Organize a Boy Scout Troop," "Rover Scouts, What They Are," "The Scout Group Committee," "Dominion Scout Registration," and "Training in Scout, Cub and Rover Leadership."

Honour Standard application forms may be secured from Dominion Headquarters.

**How About Your Troop?**

Or Crew?

Are there not boys needing Scouting in your neighborhood?

Or district?

Or in some outlying section of your town or city, where there is a church, mission, school or lodge hall which might provide a meeting place?

Or in some village within hiking, biking or motoring distance?

Not only in its possibilities for other boys, but in its spiritual good for a troop or crew, there is no finer project.

Discuss it at your next Court of Honour.

Or at the next talkfest in your Den.

**Toward That 100,000**

ALBERTA Scout census for 1935 shows 7,156 Scouts, Cubs and Rovers and 736 leaders. Seventy-two summer camps were held.

To the middle of March five new Groups had been reported for Manitoba: 1st Beulah, 81st Winnipeg (St. Nicholas R.C.), 1st Winnipegosis, 1st Arbord, 1st Keewatin. The two last named included a pack and troop each, and the three first named a Scout troop. Inquiries regarding organization came from six other centres.

Nineteen new Groups were started in British Columbia in 1935.

New Groups registered at Ontario Headquarters during January: 1st Kemptville, 1st Bloomfield, 6th North Bay, 1st Tomstown, 51st Ottawa, 7th Guelph, 4th Cornwall.

Dalhousie, N.B., now has a French-Canadian Scout troop.

The 4th Wallaceburg Cub Pack was used for training demonstration at the concluding evening of a Cubbing course, under Field Secretary Arthur Paddon. The course were supper guests of District Commissioner Chester Young.

The new 5th Laurentian Troop was launched at the Town Hall of Campbell's Bay, Que., by the formation of a local Association with His Honour Mayor E. C. Lawn, M.L.A., as President. Other officers included clergymen of several denominations and other prominent citizens.

Scoutmaster Warner of the new Slovan City, B.C., Troop, came in for investiture at a meeting of the 2nd Nelson Troop by District Commissioner James Dronsheld.



THE summer camp and "fleet" of the 1st Wolfville, N.S., Troop, one of the permanent visible results of the outstanding leadership given that troop for twenty-five years by Scoutmaster E. Percy Brown. His recent retirement was marked by a memorable gathering of Scouts, old boys and citizens prominent locally and provincially, and by announcement of the award of the Honorary Silver Wolf, to be presented by His Excellency Lord Tweedsmuir in person during a visit to Nova Scotia this summer.

New Quebec units: Cub Pack at Church of the Advent, Westmount; 1st Thurso Group (attached to Ottawa district by request).

Assistant Provincial Commissioner Johnson of Alberta has been holding a series of Preliminary Training and Junior Leaders' courses in the southern part of the province.

"The leaders of the Scout troops have been registering a fine attendance at the various lectures and demonstrations and there is every reason to believe that this course will be the best in the history of Boy Scouting in Kent County." Wallaceburg, Ont., item in *Chatham News*.

With six new Groups formed since October last, to a total of 51 units and a total membership of 1,250, North Winnipeg headed the district increases in Greater Winnipeg for 1935. The district, headed by D.C. W. J. Rowe, and an enterprising group of assistants in each branch, holds several annual inter-troop events. Its roll includes 21 packs, 26 troops and 4 crews.

Following a very successful Course for Cub leaders, Peterborough has organized several new Cub packs.

A Sea Scout Troop is being formed in connection with the Y.M.C.A. at Stratford, Ont.

District Commissioner Lang of Waterloo County, Ontario, states that his objective of "1,000 Scouts for Waterloo County" set a year ago has now been achieved, and that a new objective of 2,000 Scouts has been set.

To bring up to full strength the 8th Brandon Troop each boy was asked to bring in one new member within three months, until a membership of 25 was attained.

With the very active co-operation of the 1st Alexandria, Ont., Group, of French-Canadian Catholic Scouts, the new 2nd Alexandria Group, for English-speaking

Protestant boys, has been launched. The Charter was presented in behalf of Provincial Headquarters by the French-Canadian Scoutmaster of the 1st Group.

Brantford has two interesting projects under way,—a troop of Indian boys at the Mohawk Institute, and the revival of a troop at the Ontario school for the Blind.

Saint John has an all-Syrian Scout Troop, the Scouters and Group Committeemen of which recently completed a District Preliminary Course, and are very keen.

Some new troops announced: Armdale (St. James Church), Halifax. St. Mary's Troop, Calgary, sponsored by Holy Name Society, whose Vice-President F. J. Trainor is chairman of Committee. Rev. Fr. Lyons S.M. District Commissioner W. J. Steel gave the boys a start on their work, and some games.

The first annual meeting of the South Waterloo Association, held in Knox Church, Galt, was attended by upwards of 600 Scouts and visitors. There are now eight troops in the district, with a membership of 451, an increase over 1934 of 120.

At the middle of April Ontario's three Field Secretaries were working on nearly 50 live prospects for new Group organizations; these exclusive of new Groups being developed by local and district associations and established Groups.

**A Ladies' Auxiliary Study Group**

SO successful were the series of meetings held during the spring by the Toronto Scout Ladies' Auxiliary Study Group that it was decided to hold classes next fall throughout the city. The organization method frequently used at Scout conferences was followed, the ladies being divided into patrols, under leaders. Each patrol was made responsible for securing and presenting information regarding particular phases of Scouting.

## Tales for the Council Fire

### A Lifeboat Rescue

THE British lifeboat service has produced many tales of rare persistence and dogged courage in saving the lives of shipwrecked persons along Britain's coasts. Here is a story of 1933.

Early in the morning of December 13th of that year, during a sudden and very severe easterly gale in the North Sea, the barge *Sepoy*, lying a mile and a half off Cromer Pier, dragged her anchors and finally grounded a quarter-mile from shore. There were two men aboard.

The Cromer sailing lifeboat *Alexandra* was called, and a large number of men came down to the beach to help launch her. They got her off, but the seas were so tremendous that she was thrown back, and flung broadside on the beach. Again the sturdy fishermen lifted her on to her carriage, and rushed her into the pounding surf. The crew, pulling desperately, held her for 20 minutes, but the howling wind was too much for human muscle, and once more she was flung back on the sand.

It was daylight now, and to make matters worse the tide was turning. The crowd of anxious watchers saw that the great seas were breaking completely over the barge, and that the two men aboard had taken to the rigging.

Again the lifeboat was mounted on her wheel carriage, and dragged half a mile along the beach, to windward of the wreck. She was launched for the third time. Once more her hardy crew fought desperately to pull out to the wreck. It was hopeless. The lifeboat swept passed the barge, and was again thrown ashore.

Meantime a call had been sent to the Cromer motor lifeboat, which had been many hours away on another rescue. The power boat headed back through the mountainous seas, and finally reached the scene.

The barge was now only 200 yards off shore, her deck was under water and the sea around her was a boiling cauldron. The two men were still clinging desperately to the rigging.

The natural way of approaching the wreck was for the lifeboat to anchor to windward and drop down slowly, but the coxswain saw at once that owing to the positions of the barge's anchors and cables, this was out of the question. He told his men that they would have to come round the barge's stern and get in on the leeward side, between the barge and shore.

He tried this manoeuvre. As with the first lifeboat, the howling gale and mountainous seas rushed the motorboat past the wreck. Again the boat circled, and again, with the same result. At the fourth attempt the coxswain got near enough to throw a grapnel into the barge's rigging. Another roaring comber caught the boat, flung her against the sunken hull, and with a loud twang the grapnel-line parted.

The coxswain was aware that the two poor fellows in the rigging had been clinging there for hours. They were soaked and frozen with the bitter wind. At any minute their numbed fingers might weaken, and that would be the end. He took a desperate resolve. Once more circling, he boldly drove his boat right on top of the wreck. The lifeboat struck with a crash, and drove through the barge's bulwarks. There she stuck for a few moments,—long enough for a member

of her crew to reach and haul one of the almost helpless men out of the rigging. Then a sea caught the lifeboat and swept her away.

Once more the lifeboat circled and charged. Again the crash, again the momentary pause, and the lifeboat's men had just time to grasp the second man and haul him aboard.

And that was not the end of the story. The roaring gale and the mountainous seas made it out of the question to try to get the lifeboat back to the landing stage. There appeared to be nothing for it but to turn and drive out to sea again in the teeth of the storm, and make for another harbour 28 miles distant. But both of the rescued men were in a bad way and it was doubtful if either would survive the four hours' voyage. The lifeboat crew too were chilled to the bone, and very weary after 12 hours out in the bitter winter storm.

"We'll beach her," said Coxswain Blogg curtly. Forthwith he turned the lifeboat and headed straight through the thundering surf for the shore. Fortunately he made it on the crest of a comber. Willing watchers rushed in, and as the lifeboat struck dozens of hands seized her and ran her safely up the beach.

Thus were two additional lives added to a total of 298 saved during the years of service of Coxswain Blogg at this life saving station.

## Tales for the Pack Circle

### Mr. Squirrel Greets Spring

FOR the past three months Mr. Squirrel has been snoozing comfortably in his snug quarters; the snow blew past him; storms howled, rain and sleet fell, but not a whit cared he. He slept most soundly, his warm fur coat keeping him cozy in his hole in the hollow tree.

Now that it is warm and there are signs of spring in the air, Mr. Squirrel, too, is showing signs of life. The sun has been shining in a cloudless sky for hours; the warmth penetrates the thick covering of his home, causing him to bestir himself.

Slowly he unrolls, for during his long sleep he has remained in a tight ball with his warm brush curled over his face, which itself was well hidden in his thick fur. Stretching his limbs somewhat deliberately, he dreamily opens his eyes; perchance

gives a long sigh, and appears almost as if he would go back to sleep again, but he recovers and stretches some more.

Twenty minutes later Mr. Squirrel is awake, but it is a weary little mammal that creeps out of the tree top and blinks at the bright, warm sun. He descends from the thin branches and seats himself on a thick bough below. His long tail is hanging limp. As he waits there and gazes about, it looks as if he were trying to recover a lost memory, to recall what he wanted to do, or to discover where he is.

From a neighboring tree there is a short, sharp bark. The squirrel jumps up, instantly on the alert; his limp tail is raised and curled over his back. The bark is repeated, and this seems to bring him to himself, for with an answering cry he leaps forward along the bough, jumps from this to the thin branches of the next tree, runs nimbly along, and then suddenly pulls up short. A moment before when he started to run, another brown squirrel was sitting there. Now he is gone.

He gives a sudden jerk of his tail, barks twice, then sees two bright eyes peering saucily at him from behind the main trunk of the tree. Again Mr. Squirrel makes a leap, lands at the side of those black beads, and in an instant their owner is off and away. Round and round the tree they race, the fugitive appearing to be as elusive as the dancing shadows that play on the ground beneath.

At last they meet. It is on the thick bough, and each goes gingerly towards the other, their tails stretched behind, and each ready to spring at a moment's notice. Their small noses meet, for a couple of seconds they sniff, then sit up side by side. The truce has been made, play is over, and the woodland sprites start looking for food.

Last fall the squirrels had collected large supplies of nuts and acorns. They have been hidden in all sorts of unlikely places, such well-concealed spots that even a human being would have to be gifted with a good memory to remember them all. Place after place is searched without success, but at last a store is found. It has been raided by hungry mice. The search is continued until a goodly store of food is discovered.

Now the squirrels are happy as larks, and how they chitter as they race around the forest, eager for the summer season to come!

—EARLE W. GAGE,  
in *Our Dumb Animals*.



ON one of Canada's important reforestation projects. Scouts from 22 Ontario centres at last year's May-24th Silver Jubilee Scout Forestry Camp, Angus, Ont. They planted 70,000 trees, bringing the total since 1929 to 450,000. The camp qualifies for a Forestry Camp Toggle, of wooden buttons of the kinds of trees planted. Mr. A. H. Richardson, of the Ontario Dept. of Lands and Forests, originator of the project, is the camp director. The boys pay their own way.

## Ideas for the Scouts' Own

THERE are two types of Scouts' Own. There is, firstly, the "Parade Service" type which is used on Armistice Day, St. George's Day, in camp, and often at the monthly Group Service. All these and many other occasions are well catered for in Pat Leonard's book "Scouts' Owns."

The other type is more intimate. At it you will have only the Troop, or only the Crew, and your object there is to make definite progress on the understanding of duty to God. Too often we depart from our Scout method of character training in this Service, and are content with either another "Parade Service" or with reading, praying and talking at the boys, and then sending them home—a pound of precept and not even an ounce of practice!

The ideas that follow are attempts to provide that practice in doing something yourself which should follow on precept.

1. A practice in prayer for young Scouts.—After the precept the Scouter asks the Scouts to suggest some subjects for which the Troop ought to pray. You get some unexpected subjects, and a host of things you have forgotten yourself; "animals" and "Boys' Brigades" were two that surprised me. When you have thus collected subjects, you ask each Scout to choose one of them. You then allot about five minutes during which each Scout either finds a prayer in one or other of the Scout (or other) collections provided, or composes one himself on his subject. When all are ready, each in turn prays his prayer, thus making a sort of Troop litany.

2. Committee work for a Troop of mixed ages.—After the reading by the Scouter of a passage from the Bible, two or three committees are formed (either one per Patrol or a division of the Troop roughly by ages), each with a chairman. One or two questions bearing on the reading are given to each committee to discuss during the next fifteen or twenty minutes. At the end of this time the Troop reassembles, and each chairman reports briefly for his committee.

For example: Reading, Luke x. 1-20—the sending out of the Seventy.

Questions:

Does Christ send us out today?

To whom?

With what message? With what equipment?

Are we conscious of joy in this Service?

Are we conscious of the danger of being too pleased with ourselves when we have done some job for Him?

3. Every man his own preacher (for Rovers).—After a prayer for God's presence, a passage of the Bible is read. Each Rover has a pencil and paper. The leader reads out a question bearing on the passage, and the Rovers write their own answers to it. After all have stopped writing, the leader reads the next question, and so on.

When the questions are over, the leader announces a topic of prayer bearing on the first question. All pray silently, and the leader sums up with a short collect. Then follows a topic on the second question, and so on, ending with the Lord's Prayer. Each Rover then pockets his writing, he later takes it home or throws it away, no one else knowing what particular message God had for him.

For example: Reading, John iv. 5-30—The woman at the well of Samaria.

Question 1.—On speaking to a Sama-

*The 27-ft. whaler built by the Sea Scouts of the 2nd Edmonton Group to plans supplied by Dominion H.Q.*

*The boys are now making models of the "Bounty" and the famous clipper the "Cutty Sark."*



ritan, Our Lord was breaking through a social prejudice of His time. What prejudices are we conscious of today in our intercourse with others?

Question 2.—Our Lord promises the woman that He will satisfy her inmost spiritual needs. In what do I most need Him today?

Question 3.—Our Lord shows that He knows the whole of the woman's life. Is there any part of my life I would like to keep hidden from Him?

Question 4.—Christ tells us that we must worship Him in spirit and in truth. Is our church-going sincere? Do we try to get behind the externals of worship?

Question 5.—The woman goes away and tells others of her meeting with Christ. Have I ever tried to bring anyone else to Him?

The topics of prayer might be: (a) For help to keep the Fourth Scout Law; (b) For help in our special needs; (c) For forgiveness; (d) For sincerity; and (e) For moral courage.

These three Scouts' Owns all make the Scouts think and do something themselves. They have all proved successful in practice.

—A. C. HEATH,  
in *The Scouter*.

## A Kipling Hymn for Scouts

WHO knows says the *Saint John Telegraph-Journal* but that Kipling had the Scouts and Cubs particularly in mind when he wrote his "Children's Song?" It certainly smacks of Scout and Cub principles, and it would do no harm if a copy of it was hung in every Scout room and was frequently recited to the troop or pack. It reads:

*"Father in Heaven who lovest all,  
Oh, help Thy Children when they call  
That they may build from age to age,  
An undefiled heritage.*

*Teach us the strength that cannot seek,  
By deed or thought to hurt the weak;  
That, under Thee, we may possess  
Man's strength to comfort man's distress.*

*Teach us Delight in simple things  
And Mirth that has no bitter springs,  
Forgiveness free of evil done  
And Love to all men 'neath the sun!"*

## How You "Say It!"

*(In which a Scoutmaster learns something, and from his newest Tenderfoot, of all people!)*

IT all happened on a Troop hike. As Scoutmaster of a typical herd of youngsters, I was seated on a stump watching the preparations for the evening meal. Something in the smell of wood smoke had put me in a reflective mood. The odor of sizzling bacon brought me back to earth, and I noted that while most of the boys were eating, a few still huddled over the embers of their Patrol fires.

Then I saw him approaching,—my newest Tenderfoot.

His brand new uniform had a couple of smudges on it, and he looked a bit worse for wear, but what riveted my attention was what he held in his extended hands. Two charred potatoes, and something that resembled a project in leathercraft, but instinct told me it was the "quarter of a pound of meat" which launches rookies into the realm of cookcraft. There was an eager, fearful look in his eyes which I find it hard to describe.

"Hello, son, how's the old pioneer?" "Swell," and he grinned a little. "I cooked my meat and potatoes for Second Class cooking. Are they good enough to pass?"

I was on the spot. If I said "Yes," this lad would be disappointed in me. If I said "No," he might be pretty badly discouraged. It all depends, I reflected to myself, on how I say it.

With a great show of interest, I took one of the potatoes. It was burned to a crisp on the outside, and doubtless raw in the centre. I studied it for a moment. "Looks a wee bit overdone to me. What do you think?"

"Yes, sir. I think so too." He was nothing if not honest.

"Let's see the meat." He handed it over. Now if I had been a rookie at the game I might have decided that it was pretty well doused with salt and pepper. After several years, however, I flatter myself that I know wood ashes when I see them. The sticks on his broiler had been

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Along  
the  
Trail



2nd Fredericton and 1st Prince William Cubs combine for a picnic hike.

A BOY SCOUT choir is being organized at Moose Jaw, Sask. Concerts will be given in aid of Scout work funds, and it is likely that the choir will compete in the annual Provincial Musical Festival.

Scouts of the 7th Charlottetown (St. Paul's) have been performing the duties of sidesmen at the early morning celebrations of Holy Communion.

A New Glasgow Troop has been running a series of special short competitions covering a period of two or three weeks, with some small special prize awarded the winner, along with points to the patrol of every Scout handing in an entry. The first was the making of the best Turk's Head.

Buildings in Regina announced as exempted from taxes for 1936 include "two Boy Scout huts."

A novel service came the way of Lethbridge Scouts in connection with the annual spring auction of horses by the Lethbridge Exhibition Board. The Scouts were invited to provide and sell light lunches on the Exhibition Grounds, in order that the sale of horses might continue without interruption.

Two Scouts are guests each week at the dinner of the Sherbrooke Rotary Club.

A thrilling March meeting for the small boys of the 30th Ottawa Cub Pack was a "pirate's night." Uniforms were dispensed with in favour of "pirate clothes," there were "Pieces of Eight" and other pirate games, and a big pirate's treasure hunt. The "chest of gold" when finally discovered proved to contain a bushel of juicy red apples.

Thirteen Scouts of the 9th Winnipeg completed Junior St. John's Ambulance with an average mark of 87 per cent.

The Westview, B.C., Group Committee is raising funds toward the erection of a Scout and Guide headquarters by asking the support of citizens to the extent of a 25 cent donation monthly throughout the year. The appeal was sent out in the form of a card.

The making of miniature campfires was one week's patrol competition feature for the 4th Guelph (Trinity) Scout Troop.

The dance of Shere Khan, performed under dimmed lights, with a real-tiger-skin tiger, was the high spot of the annual Parents' Night of the 91st "B" Toronto

(Glenmount United) Pack. Another new item was "an exhibition of potato peeling." There was some first-aid work, a skit on St. George and the Dragon, and presentation of stars and badges.

Sixteen Scouts of the 3rd Guelph Troop are going in for fencing as part of the qualifications for the Master-at-Arms badge.

It was decided at a Court of Honour of the 15th Saskatoon Troop that all patrol competitive games should introduce some phase of Scout test work, "to give the older members an opportunity to brush up and the new boys an opportunity to pass tests given in the form of interesting and exciting games."

A "monkey bridge," made of rope and Scout staves, was built across their hall by the boys of the 1st Hespeler Troop. The members of the troop proved the strength of the bridge by crossing over it.

Inter-city Scout visiting is again in full swing. Some 40 Scouts, leaders and committeemen of the 18th and 20th London Scout Troops paid a visit to the 5th St. Thomas (Trinity) Group, for an evening of games, entertainment, and refreshments. The Scouts of the St. Luke's and Central United Groups joined the Trinity boys in the entertainment of the Londoners.

Another of those little international Scout fraternizing affairs brought the 22nd Newfane, N.Y. Troop and the 9th Niagara Falls, Ont., Troop together for an evening of games and refreshments in St. Andrew's United Church gymnasium.

A corner of the headquarters of the 1st Quebec City (Chalmers Wesley) Headquarters has been fitted up for model making and other woodwork. Only those whose attendance meets the requirements of the Scoutmaster may use this.

A Bicycle Patrol has been organized by the 1st Port Dalhousie Troop, and plans made for a summer of bike hikes.

A combined meeting of the 17th Hamilton (St. Alban's) Troop and Pack in the church hall gave visiting parents an opportunity of observing the boys at work and play. After the opening ceremony the pack in a series of tableaux demonstrated "The Life of a Cub," through all stages to the ceremony of "Going Up" into the Scout troop. Proficiency badges were presented and refreshments served at the campfire.

The 1st Acton Troop, Ont., had their curiosity regarding the making of a newspaper well satisfied during a tour through the plant of the *Acton Free Press*. Each Scout was given a linotype slug bearing his name.

Sherbrooke Scouts repeated their annual Easter egg collection.

Scouts and Cubs of Upper Canada College gave their annual entertainment at the Little Theatre, Toronto, presenting "The Coming of the Romans" and an amusing pirate play, "Under the Skull and Bones." During the play "Captain Cutlass" acted as auctioneer for the sale of birdhouses and book-ends made by the boys of the troop.

A Wolf Cub totem pole, the gift of Rev. W. H. Townley-Tilson of Gray Abbey, Ireland, was an appreciated gift to the 118th Toronto "B" Cub Pack.

A new 100-acre camp site within hiking distance from the end of the eastern Toronto street car line will be the hiking and camping mecca of many of Toronto's 9,000 Scouts and Cubs this summer. The size and topographical features of the site will permit of numerous individual troop camps.

The listing of ten books on Scouting—for Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Rovers—was announced by the Wallaceburg, Ont., Public Library.

The 6th North Bay Troop hiked on a Saturday to Trout Mills where they were guests of the City Pumping Engineer. They were shown through the pumping plant, and the operation of the municipal water supply service explained to them.

At a whole-Group get-together of the 84th Toronto (Sherbourne United) moving pictures of the manufacture of a motor car were shown, followed by a comedy; and a new flag was presented to the pack by Mr. John Tory.

More than 100 Catholic Boy Scouts from Galt, Preston and Kitchener participated in the service of dedication of the colours of the 4th Kitchener Troop Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's Church, Kitchener.

Cub atmosphere hints from a London Scout News column: "The honour bone was won by the Browns of the 18th Pack, under Sixer McKerlie." . . . "The moon rose over the 27th Pack meeting, and Akela opened with prayers."

Special Lenten services for Scouts and Guides were held in Christ Church, Fredericton, by Ven. Archdeacon A. F. Bate.

At the annual banquet and parents' night of the 107th Toronto (Grace Church on the Hill) "two Cubs learned Jungle names. After the burning of their own name at the camp fire, Gordon Mulhall became known as Sugeema and Teddy Enright as Tawny Fur."

A "Model City of the Future", planned and built by Scout James Murray of the 84th Toronto (Sherbourne United Church) Troop, attracted much attention at the recent Toronto District Scouters' Conference. It was photographed and reproduced in Toronto papers.



The 23rd Hamilton, which last year had 12 Scouts out under canvas over the 24th of May, this year will have 20 Scouts and 3 leaders, the Scouts including the "Viking" Sea Scout patrol. The Vikings will take along a boat which they have recently acquired.

An abandoned school house placed at its service by the Public School Board is now the meeting place of the 1st Gleichen Troop, Alta.

A Toronto North-West District P.L.'s Conference brought nearly 50 junior leaders to the headquarters of the 149th Toronto (St. Clare's Roman Catholic) Group. Six conference patrols discussed assigned topics, and reported their "findings." A.D.C. for Badges, F. A. Willet, spoke on the value of Proficiency Badge work, and R.L. G. L. Ambrust on "What Rovering Really Is." Games, a camp-fire singsong and refreshments by the 149th "Mothers" rounded out a most successful gathering. It was planned by D.S.M. A. Mundy.

As their "Annual Easter Thank Offering," the 1st St. Johns Troop, Que., collected 1,480 eggs and distributed them among needy families.

The possibility of maintaining contact with Old Scouts was demonstrated by the attendance of over 150 former members at the 21st anniversary banquet of the Vickers Troop, Montreal. As a unique programme arrangement, the banquet music was supplied by the well known Vickers Troop band by radio from Station CFCF.

The Scout Troop of the Canadian Academy, Kobe, Japan, includes in its membership boys from Canada, the United States, England, Austria, Guatemala, Holland, Spain, Denmark, Iceland, the Channel Islands, and a Jewish boy of a family exiled from Germany.

A contingent of Boy Scouts under leadership of the Headmaster of Harrow County School, will represent Great Britain this summer at a large Scout camp to be held near Colmar, Alsace, to celebrate the Jubilee of the Eclaireurs Unions de France.

### A Sugar-Bag Uniform

A COMPLETE Scout uniform made from old sugar bags dyed blue more than won the Scout Tailor's Proficiency badge for Scout N. Spevak of the University Settlement Troop, Montreal. Inspecting Scout officials declared the suit "equal to any official uniform which less ingenious Scouts purchase."

### From a Canadian Troop to an English "Opposite"

A COLLECTION of samples of wood of trees growing in Ontario sent by the Boy Scouts of Acton, Ontario, to the Boy Scouts of Acton, England, was acknowledged by a letter from J. Ewart Smart, Director of Education of the Borough of Acton. The collection was shown to boys in attendance at the various school handicraft centres of the borough before being handed over to the Scouts for permanent display in their headquarters.

### Books and Games for Indian Children

A NEW form of Scout service being developed in Ontario is the collection and sending of books and games to the boys and girls of Cree and Ojibway Indian villages scattered throughout Patricia, the great barrens territory on James Bay and Hudson's Bay. Similar conditions among the Indians in other provinces may suggest the possibility of similar helpful service, if not already being carried out.

Throughout Patricia, which is three times larger than Old Ontario, there are some 25 Indian communities, with a total population of just over 4,000. Of these about 1,500 are children of school age, for whom there are but six small schools. A limited number are able to attend four Indian residential schools outside the territory.

According to a circular on the subject, living conditions generally are still very primitive, with many Indian families still using teepees and huts of birch bark. They live on fish, rabbit and venison, and trade furs for other necessities at the few widely scattered trading posts. There are no hospitals, doctors or nurses, except on the coast, where there is hospital accommodation for 18 patients.

The Scout project is to bring new and helpful interests into the lives of the children. Few of them can read, and the vast majority have nothing to read or look at, to while away the long hours of the semi-arctic nights; for during winter the sun rises about 9 and sets about 3. In the daytime the boys can hunt rabbits and ptarmigan with bow and arrow; but they know nothing about good healthy games such as hockey and baseball. After the evening meal there are no "funnies" or picture books to look at, story books to read, or checkers, dominoes or jig-saw puzzles or other games to play.

To bring these things into their lives the Cubs and Scouts of Ontario are being asked to collect picture books, or other books with lots of illustrations, old games of all kinds, and baseballs and hockey pucks.

With the latter pictures of baseball bats and hockey sticks are asked, from which the boys or their Indian fathers may fashion them. Directions for playing the games would be secured from the fur traders or other white men.

It is suggested that a few things be sent each year by the same Group to the same place, in order to establish a sort of permanent "games missionary" contact with the Indian children.

Associations or individual Groups desiring to so "adopt" an Indian village are asked to write Ontario Provincial Headquarters for particulars. It is noted that some village shipments could be made but once a year—some by the Hudson's Bay Company's supply ship "Nascopie", which sails on its annual northern trip in August. Others are reached by airplane, and parcels to still others must go long distances in the winter by toboggan.

### SCOUTING AS SUPPLEMENTARY

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#### Builds Moral Qualities into Character

"Scouting lays stress on moral qualities, and seeks to build these up by activities of useful sorts, whether in a spirit of play or of achievement. The ten Scout Laws lay individual stress on the moral qualities of life, and they seek to achieve this through building them into life.

"The future, national and international, tends more and more to depend upon the individual character of people. We can be confident of the future in proportion as we feel that within the country there is growing up a generation which respects discipline, and is learning the great importance of helpfulness and kindness and loyalty in life.

**"The individual without loyalty of some sort is like a tree without a root.**

"The object of Scouting is to create in boyhood a warm central core of moral activity and purposefulness. It will live in this country, and all countries. For these reasons I would say that the contribution Scouting is making to education is of the highest importance."



SCOUT SPORTSMEN. Pembroke's Scout hockey team, four year local champions, who this year contributed six players to the "Little Lumber Kings," Eastern Canada Junior semi-finalists; universally declared one of the most sportsmanlike teams that ever played the national game. Had no kicks on rough work by heavier teams (in first semi-final with Toronto Nationals one man was on his back for several minutes after being thrown over a defense man's shoulder; another was out several seconds from a blow on the head; they refused to support a protest against the age of several Toronto players). Players, Goal, McQuirter, first, standing. Front row, Scouts Bailey, Doran, Garrow, Dixon, Levoy. Scoutmaster W. C. Wright, and Manager P. C. Doran, standing.

## The Failures of Rovering

**R**OVERING is one of those movements from which we should ask the impossible, and then set to work to get it. The movements that have swept the world have been those that aimed high, and under the wise leadership of men of vision, refused to be discouraged, but pressed on unflinchingly towards their goal. We need leaders who are dissatisfied, men who know the value of divine discontent, who are continually on the look out for improvement, who regard present achievements as merely an aid to future effort.

Rovering, like every other great movement, has known its failures. By frankly acknowledging them, they can be overcome, and may even be utilized as stepping-stones to ultimate success. The failures of Rovering fall into three groups: failures with regard to personnel, aims, and leadership. Each has its importance, but failures of personnel should be the first to be tackled, for if our material is wrong to start with, neither aims nor leadership can set things right.

Will Crooks, the Labour leader, once divided mankind into two classes: those willing to work and those willing to let them. We have met both classes in Rovering, but really we have room only for Class 1. If our Crews consist mainly of Class 2, our Rovering has failed. That applies especially to a Crew with a Class 1 leader and Class 2 Rovers, both content to carry on. The Crew will give evidence of efficiency while the leader functions, but if for any reason he should go, or even be temporarily laid aside, the whole structure will collapse. By Rovering standards that Crew has failed.

We need Class 1 men as Rovers. But that does not mean that we should choose our members exclusively from Class 1, rejecting all who do not come up to our standard. Our task is to take the Class 2 men, those at present willing to let others work for them, and turn them into Class 1 Rovers, capable of taking their place anywhere in the Rover brotherhood.

Rovering should include men of all types. As soon as it becomes selective it fails. Not that every Crew should necessarily be a cross-section of society, embracing every class from the 'Varsity youth to the coal-heaver. But if the 'Varsity youth or the coal-heaver comes to your Crew, he is not to be frozen out merely because he is the one or the other. Rovering should cater for all, and should be ready to accept anyone regardless of rank or station, confident that it can show him the way to decent citizenship.

Closely bound up with this aspect is the question, how far Rovering is to be regarded as a school for Scouters. In my opinion, if ever it devotes itself exclusively, or even primarily, to any one such pursuit, it will have failed in its main object. Considered merely as a training school, Rovering is a clumsy device, because its main aim is to turn out men, and not merely to turn them out as Scouters.

Do not misunderstand me. Scouters are an important by-product of Rovering, and always will be. For in their own movement Rovers will always find their greatest opportunities for service. There they will be best acquainted with the need; the work will be that for which they have been trained and are likely to be fitted; and it will be of a type that has already made its appeal to them. So the bigger the Rover movement, the more steady will be the supply of new Scouters.

But that is a vastly different matter from aiming exclusively at Scouter training, and subordinating all your activities to that aim. Once you do that, you are logically bound to exclude or neglect all who are not prepared to take up warrants. These are probably the men most in need of what Rovering alone can give them—comradeship with lads of similar outlook, and training and guidance suitable to fellows of their age and temperament, from sympathetic experienced leaders.

Our duty towards the weaker member is one of the rocks on which many a Crew is in danger of foundering. The service ideal applied to Rovering as a whole, as distinct from that applying to the individual, demands that the movement shall serve its members, even to the point of sacrifice.

Consider what that means when we are weighing up the application of a new candidate for admission to the Crew. As a rule, our first thought is, "Will he be useful? Can he pull his weight?" It ought to be, "Does he need Rovering, and can we help him in the game of life?" If



*A* **NO**THER Scout Rhodes Scholar, Allan Findlay,—a Cub in the United Church Pack and later a 1st Class Scout of the 5th Owen Sound, Ont. Moved to Nova Scotia, and nominated from Dalhousie.

he needs us, we should be very reluctant to refuse him.

But do not fall into the opposite error of making it too easy for men to join the Rover brotherhood. We must not lower the ideals, but merely consider them from a new standpoint. Henceforth we must measure achievement against capacity. We shall expect each man to give of his best, but no man will be condemned or rejected because he is not capable of giving more than his best.

If our candidate is willing to accept the Rover ideal, and live up to it to the best of his ability, then, even if we know that he will take more out of Rovering than he can possibly put into it, we must accept him. He is one of those brothers whom it is our duty to serve, and it should be a pleasure for us to lead him step by step on the Rovering way. If we eventually succeed in bringing him into the fold as a hundred-per-cent. Rover, that modest success will outweigh many failures in other directions.

—ERNEST RILEY,  
in *The Rover World*.

## The Story of an "Older Rover" Crew

**O**NE of the interesting Scouting monthlies regularly reaching the Editor's desk is "Wood-Smoke," the "Official Organ of The Boy Scouts Association, Southern Rhodesia." A fine "older Rover" story lies behind its origin, and its continuing success, financially as well as editorially. Here is the story, garnered from an exchange of correspondence between a Canadian and a Rhodesian Rover:

In 1933 there were two Crews in Salisbury, both composed of young single men. They went in for considerable week-end camping,—an activity for which the married men were not so foot-free, and which had caused a number to drop out.

A few of the "older Rovers" got together, and decided to form a new Crew, of those who would like to rejoin a Crew of men of their own circumstances.

The new Crew, known as the 11th Salisbury, started with a membership of five, and soon grew to twelve. Looking about for some "service reason for being," the courageous project of a Scout magazine for the Colony was decided upon. Thus "Wood-Smoke" came into existence in January, 1934, and is still issuing regularly in a 1,500 monthly edition, and a little better than paying its own way. Last year it showed a profit of just over £16.

One of the rules is that "Every member of the Crew has to do his bit towards collecting material and securing advertisements."

A similar rule of this enterprising Crew, applied to its meetings, is that every member must take his turn in running a meeting, including the arranging of the programme. "No member is allowed to run two meetings in succession. This permits of a greater variety of programme, and gives everyone a chance."

The Crew meets twice a month, the first meeting, on the "second Thursday," being purely a business meeting to deal with "Wood-Smoke, Child Welfare and Children's Home affairs." This meeting is held at the Den at 5.45 p.m. The second meeting, "where no business whatsoever is done," is held at 8 p.m. every third Thursday.

### Another Fine Rover Service Job

The correspondent does not overlook mention of the activities of other local crews. The 7th Salisbury Crew, he tells, have built a first aid hut at Hunyani, a popular picnicking place some 12 miles from the city. On Christmas of 1934 a sad drowning accident occurred there, and the 7th Rovers decided to establish a first aid station and have guards on duty every Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

"They started in a small way, but within the year, they have a fine hut fully equipped, and there are always two Rovers on duty—a life guard and a first aid man." (Most of the Crew have the Senior St. John badge, and the others are going in for it; and similarly, those who have not qualified in life saving are working at that,—so that ultimately every member of the Crew will have both certificates.)

Last year this life saving and first aid unit "attended to over 500 cases and saved about 12 lives." The third Salisbury Crew as their chief service job have been running the Colony "Scout Shop."

The personnel of the 11th Salisbury "older Rovers" Crew includes several Commissioners and a number of Scout-

masters, Cubmasters and Assistants. One of the Mates "represents the Scout Movement" on the Childs' Welfare Council, and another on the Childrens' Home Council."

The R.L. is the District Commissioner for Mashonaland. The very interesting letter came from C. W. H. Caple, Scoutmaster of the 8th Salisbury Troop, and Business Manager of "Wood-Smoke."

## Roverings

**M**ARCH was made a "Rover Month" for Saskatoon, Sask. Rovers of all Crews, those not connected with any crew, visiting Rovers and all Senior Scout patrols, Squire patrols and senior Scouts of the city were invited to take part in a month of "special Rover activities." All were invited to "visit each other's meetings, join in the discussions which most certainly will take place, and last but by no means least, enjoy a combined hike, the big wind-up."

As explained: "The purpose of these meetings is to get a broader viewpoint of the aims and methods of our Movement. The Rover Movement is by no means perfect, and the only way to improve it is by discussing ideas and methods. At the same time it is hoped to have those Scouts who in a short space of time will be Rovers themselves (or should be) take an active interest and a definite stand in this direction. The need for Rovering is great in Saskatoon, and we who are Rovers are bound to further its cause."

Former mayor Norris of Mimico, Ont., in lieu of the business affairs of the community has taken on leadership of the 3rd Mimico Rover Crew.

Here's the Scouting service carried on by the 3rd Fredericton (St. Ann's) Crew: Two Rovers organized and are running a local Baptist church troop; two are running a troop at Devon (across the St. John river); two are running a troop and two a pack at Wilnot; two are working to revive a local lapsed troop; six are working with St. Ann's troop and pack (of 42 Scouts and 30 Cubs).

A Crew service taken on by the 125th Torontos is weekly visiting at the Home for Incurables.

While the Group Parents' Night programme was going on, Rovers of the 112th Torontos prepared tables and refreshments in an adjoining room.

Another new Toronto Crew, the 33rd, has organized a St. Johns Ambulance Corps, under an experienced first aid leader, Dr. East.

That Rover Scout training had proved a valuable foundation for other study by theological students at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, was the tribute paid by the Rt. Rev. Phillip Carrington, Lord Bishop of Quebec.

The 9th Rover Crew, Niagara Falls, Ont., has taken on the responsibility of collecting the news for the weekly Scout column in the *Niagara Falls Review*.

The 124th Toronto Crew, "a new crew of about five fellows, who are meeting together and reading Rovering to Success,

## The Q.M.'s Chat

Brother Scouters:

*I must apologize to you fellows for the non-appearance of my "chat" in the last issue. I was forced into temporary retirement due to my inner gear getting out of function. However, after a lay-up of some six weeks I am back again on the job, minus perhaps some of my former pep, but am assured that in the course of time both pep and health will be back to normal. So that's that.*

*You will remember in my March "chat" that I intended to discuss one or two new items found in Catalogue No. 17, but it would seem a bit late to do so now since the new list will have been so thoroughly digested. However, mention should be made of the improved headgear for Cubs, Scouts and Rovers at a shaving-off of former costs, also the fact that Garter Tabs are now procurable in lieu of regulation Garters.*

*On page 13 we feature the new SWIM TRUNKS, a garment that should be in great demand prior to camp time.*

*By the way, I have received no complaints regarding the lower cost of Scout DRILL SHIRTS so I assume such a move to be quite in order.*

*Since the new Catalogue was printed a splendid photo of King Edward VIII has been received, showing His Majesty in Scout Uniform. It's a dandy picture for your Headquarters or home, size 20 x 15 inches, and can now be procured at 50 cents postpaid.*

*A new book is also available, "The Scout Book of Stunts and Ideas," which is very highly recommended, at 75 cents per copy.*

*Some of you chaps I understand are passing my "smile" on to your boys. That's splendid, so here's another:—*

*Teacher: "What four words do pupils use most?"*

*Tommy: "I don't know, sir".*

*Teacher: "Correct".*

*Yours for better Scouting,*

*George Ferguson*  
G.H.

are working on the project of a permanent camp just north of Bobcaygeon . . . They hope to have it ready for habitation by July 1st, when the Troop is coming out."

## Patrol Points for Friction Fire

**S**UBSTANTIAL patrol competition points are awarded in the 1st Ste. Anne de Bellevue Troop, Que., for the first success in making fire with the fire-bow,—20 points for securing fire at a regular troop meeting, and 50 points for getting fire when on a hike in the bush. For the latter test the only accessories permitted are an axe, a knife and a leather lace. Each boy must find his own wood and tinder.

## TRAINING ITEMS

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A district training course for Cub leaders at Guelph, Ont., was put on by two Toronto A.D.C.'s, J. H. Caldwell and Wm. Speed. It was concluded by a dinner, followed by Cub work demonstrations at which the class was joined by members of the Local Association, and the various Group Committees of the city.

Sixty Montreal Cub leaders spent an evening's pow-wow on practical demonstrations of methods of teaching First Star work.

Four mid-winter week-end camps, by patrols in turn, provided some of the "practical experience" of a largely attended District Course at Fredericton, N.B., under D.C.C. Robert Pugh. The 46 candidates included representatives of all religious denominations. Twenty-six different games were played. There was good singing "at the later meetings," using "Songs for Canadian Boys," with several rounds and action songs added." There was a charge of 35 cents to cover rations for the camps; which were held at a hut of the 3rd Fredericton Rovers.

## HOW YOU "SAY IT"

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too far apart for that midget steak. Gravity did the rest. I handed it back to him.

"You know, son, I believe you can do better than that. Now mind you, some fellows might get by with that sort of cooking, but I have an idea that you're a little too good for that. You can do better, can't you?"

"Yes, sir. I never tried it before, and I guess you got burnt a little."

"Fine. You look in the old Handbook and see what it says about cooking potatoes. It's possible to cook them without burning them a bit, and I believe you can do it. How about trying again next Saturday?"

"All right. I bet I'll pass it next time." He started away, then turned around and gave me his very best Tenderfoot salute. "Thank you, sir," he said.

That "Thank you" still rings in my ears. I learned something today!

—H. M. McMASTERS,  
in Scouting.

Success in work for boys cannot be accomplished by ordering this way and that way. It must come about by invitation and through offers that a boy will be eager to accept.

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.

### Wheels for a Trek Cart?

THE troop intends building a trek cart for use in hiking, and are on the lookout for a pair of waggon or buggy wheels about 3 or 4 feet in diameter. Anyone knowing where these may be procured are asked to phone the Scoutmaster.—6th Moose Jaw Troop in *Moose Jaw Times-Herald*.

### About Hiking, Remember—

TO quote a good reminder of "Grey Wolf" in the *Charlottetown Guardian*: "Remember that hiking means more than merely walking. To make a hike worth while, go out with some definite object in view. Keep a log. Make sketches. Practice judging distances. Look out for good camp sites. Locate springs. Note and report on wild life—birds, animals, insects. And look for an opportunity to do a good turn."

### An Underprivileged Troop Uniforming Idea

THE 2nd Sarnia, Ont., Troop, sponsored by the Kinsmen's Club, has been using a novel competition-award idea, to help individual members in securing items of uniform and equipment. At the end of each month the Scout earning the highest total of inspection points at the weekly meetings is allowed 1 cent per point,—provided the money is used to purchase items of uniform or equipment from Headquarters.

### Have You These Committees?

AT the annual meeting of the Niagara Falls and District Scout Association these committees were appointed, and names published in the local papers, in addition to usual list of officers and Commissioners: General Executive Committee. Badges and Examining Board. Development and Scouting. Finances. Membership. Camp-site Development and Equipment. Field Day Rally. Health and Camp Sanitation. Local Board of Honour.

### A Good Camp-Funds Announcement

THE Cannington Scouts are instituting a waste paper drive during this coming spring and summer, the proceeds of which will go towards Group and Camp funds. The people of Cannington are asked to save all their waste paper, magazines, etc., and the boys will collect them periodically. In addition to this the boys will undertake to rake up your lawn and generally clean up after the snow is all gone. It is not a Scout policy to ask for funds, but to earn them, so the citizens of this town are asked to help the boys by providing work as suggested, and saving up all available waste paper.

—Cannington Gleaner.

### A "CQ" for Scout Radio Amateurs

SCOUTER, Rover and Scout radio amateurs interested in the formation of a Scout radio amateur network are invited to communicate with Scouter H. W. Northover, 97 Marion Street, Toronto. Particulars should be given regarding station equipment, other stations worked two ways, hours on, and whether in possession of a transmitting station license. It is hoped to develop a chain of Scout radio stations such as that operating in United States, which has proved a useful means of communication during storm emergencies.

### Friend of the Scouts—the Caretaker!

A NOVEL new detail of the annual Birthday Party and Parents' Night of the 112th Toronto Group (St. Barnabas') concerned the cutting of the cake "by the friend of the Scouts, the caretaker." Possibly there is a relation between the happy situation indicated and the fact that the Rector, Rev. Burgess Browne, is Chairman of the Group Committee? During the evening the Dads and Mothers learned through an address by D.S.M. Northover "What Parents Can Do to Help the Scoutmaster."

### Experts for Safety Man Classes

OVER 100 Scouts attended the Safety Man's Class sponsored by the Windsor Scouters' Club, "double that expected" (quoting the Windsor Leaders' Monthly Bulletin). "The officials of the Essex-Kent Division of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association have taken active leadership of the course, securing as lecturers experts in the different branches of safety." The sessions were held at the Assembly Room of the Windsor Hydro Electric System.

### A Guelph "Going-Up"

AN impressive Wolf Cub "Going-Up" was a feature of the birthday banquet and parents' night of the 3rd Guelph Group. It opened with the Grand Howl, after which the four Cubs concerned, their left hands on the pack totem pole, repeated the Cub Promise. They shook hands around the pack circle, then Akela Griggs led them from the circle to the troop horseshoe, where Scouter Wallberg and their future patrol leaders were awaiting them. Forming a line, the group took ten steps toward front of the horseshoe, at each step repeating one of the ten Scout Laws. At the conclusion they were welcomed to the troop by a yell.

### Two Australian "Lair" Ideas

ATTACH two cup-hooks about four feet out from a corner, and about five feet from the floor. Hemstitch a sheet of hessian onto a length of cord and hang it across the corner, from the hooks. Cut a three-foot slit in the centre. This is the door, through which the Cubs crawl.

How shall we decorate the curtain? Some will say it should be done by one who can paint a jungle scene; others, like myself, say, let the Cubs do it! The result, to your eyes, may not be all that is desirable; but imagine the pride of the Sixer when telling a visiting Old Wolf, "Our Six painted that!"

The other idea is on the same lines, but instead of stringing the hessian across the corner it is affixed by drawing-pins around a barricade of forms or benches. This is quite a good idea, as the Cubs will love wriggling through them to get to their Lairs.

### CAMP COOKING TESTS

To be passed before June 1, 1936

Article	Cooked O.K.	Signed
1-OATMEAL.....		
2-HUNTERS' STEW.....		
3-POTATOES (2 STYLES).....		
4-EGGS (2 STYLES).....		
5-BACON.....		
6-BEANS.....		
7-BANNOCK.....		
8-STEAK.....		
9-SAUSAGE.....		
10-FISH.....		
11-ROAST, OR POT ROAST.....		
12-PRUNES, APRICOTS, OR DRIED APPLES.....		
13-TEA.....		
14-COCOA.....		
15-COFFEE.....		

### Camp Equipment Patrol Prizes

THE fact that three boys in the troop are King's Scouts and possessors of All Round Cords has had a wonderfully stimulating effect. The boys are going at badge work with renewed vigour... Another reason for renewed enthusiasm is the fact that the Group Committee has offered a yearly prize for the boy making the greatest advancement, but not necessarily qualifying for the greatest number of badges... They have offered a prize to the patrol making the greatest advancement this year, and a prize of camping equipment will be given three times a year at the end of each patrol competition.—3rd Guelph Troop.