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## Our Coronation Gift for Our Scout King

MANY tributes of loyal and affectionate regard will be paid King Edward VIII at the time of his Coronation, May 12th of next year. And no tribute will be more spontaneous than that of his "brother Scouts" throughout the empire.

We of Canada have felt we had a special kinship claim upon the former Prince of Wales; that as a Canadian rancher, he was one of us. Therefore all will agree that we should mark the occasion of his Coronation in an especially effective and fitting way.

How?

Lord Baden-Powell has offered an answer,—and one that obviously would please a King who has consistently shown himself interested in "helping other people at all times."

It is this: That we make a "Coronation gift" of a greatly increased number of King's Scouts,—specially qualified for

special service, as all King's Scouts are,—between now and the Coronation.

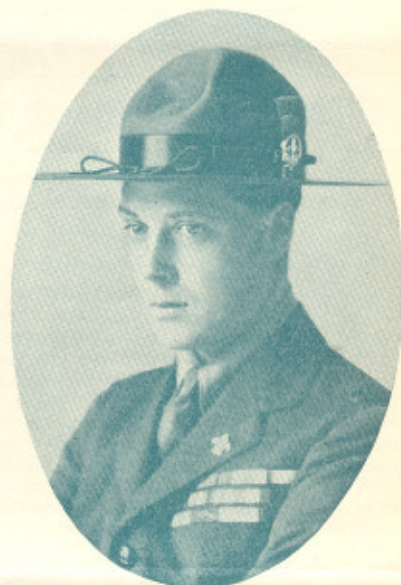
The opportunity incidentally is a timely one for a needed step forward. In his last "Outlook" the Chief Scout referred to the small percentage of First Class and King's Scouts in the average Troop; and that this applies to Canada is evident in the census figures of 1935. These show that of a total of 42,116 Scouts and Sea Scouts, but 969 new First Class were recorded and 454 new King's Scouts. The number should at least be trebled.

Declared the Chief Scout:

"With the Coronation of our Scout-King before us, the opportunity presents itself for giving the long-needed impulse to Scouts to become King's Scouts."

Scoutmasters throughout the Dominion, as they are doing throughout the Empire, will respond loyally to this appeal.

How can we go about it?



The logical start is to call a special meeting of your Court of Honour and discuss the matter thoroughly.

First, make it clear that there is to be no "hot-housing" or "railroading" in order to show results; that the minimum age of 14 for a First Class Scout when awarded the badge will be adhered to; that the standard of test passing will ensure that each new King's Scout is a genuine *First Class Scout*, and King's Scout.

Following are a number of suggestions for discussion:—

Study the Troop roll, ages, length of service, rank, and progress.

Try working out a time table for 2nd and 1st Class test work and King badge study for individual boys, or groups of boys.

Post this as a Special Progress Chart on the wall.

If necessary arrange for additional help in 1st Class test and King's Scout badge instruction and examination.

Plan to make sure that tests can be given as soon as boys are ready. This will be most important. Otherwise some will be discouraged by being put off repeatedly, after working enthusiastically in preparation.

Increase practical outdoor work. Plan more week-end camps and test-passing hikes, on a graduated scale working up to 1st Class standards.

Impress on the Troop the necessity of individual effort and practice between Troop meetings.

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Doing their bit toward raising \$1,500 for charitable purposes. The Saskatoon Exhibition Troop (named from its original connection with the annual Saskatoon Exhibition) assisting at a Community Radio Auction of the Young Men's Section of the Saskatoon Board of Trade and the STAR-PHOENIX. The boys are nominated to the special service troop by the members of their own troop. When on Exhibition Troop duty a distinctive scarf is worn; otherwise the boys retain their own troop identity. Most of them are King's Scouts or First Class.

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## Thought for the Month

*Nothing is so contagious as example.*  
—ROCHEFOUCAULD.

### Is Our First Aid Slipping?

ON its face, the report of the St. John Ambulance Association on the 1936 first aid trophy competitions is disappointing from a Scouting point of view. In the Provincial Leonard Shield contests (held in all provinces save Quebec and P.E.I.) only Manitoba showed a Scout team in first place, the 84th Winnipeg. In the Wallace Nesbitt Junior Dominion competition the same Winnipeg Scout team took second place, the 4th Calgary seventh, the 21st Vancouver ninth and the 10th Brantford tenth.

While standing in the St. John Ambulance Association competitions does not necessarily indicate the average quality of Scout first aid, it cannot be overlooked that until recently Scout ambulance teams practically dominated these contests. The natural question is, Why?

Fewer Scout teams may be entering, for whatever reason. The St. John report does not record the number. At least one of our larger centres has dropped out, in favour of a district competition along lines felt to be more in conformity with general Scouting standards,—i.e., emphasizing resourcefulness with a minimum of working material.

Occasional leaders of other districts and provinces have suggested that the St. John contest standards have become "over professional," and of the "factory type" of first aid, with emphasis on technique, rather than the impromptu first aid of the street and the highway,—the Scouting field of application.

The Editor would welcome letters on the subject.

Three western Rover teams appear in Intermediate and Senior first aid contests, continuing their good work of last year. Eastern Rovers have not yet apparently gone into this very appropriate Rover field.

For the Gaunt Intermediate Dominion Trophy the 2nd Edmonton (St. Faith's) Rovers landed second place, and the 4th Calgary came but 2 points behind for third place. In the Montizambert Senior Provincial, St. Mary's Rovers of Victoria, B.C., won a very creditable showing against the stiff competition of experienced teams of policemen, firemen, miners and electrical workers. We will watch this team next year.

## The New Boys

THIS is the time of year for enrolling in the troop the new crop of twelve-year old boys, many of whom, as Cubs, have literally been counting the years, and finally the days until they could become Scouts. These boys will come to you full of expectations of a wonderful time at troop meetings and on week-end hikes. Make sure that they are not disappointed.

In assigning new boys to places in the troop there is some diversity of practice, depending on the size of the troop, vacancies to be filled, number of new boys, etc. Some troops have successfully used the "Candidate Patrol." This is a temporary patrol, with a temporary P.L. (usually a Second), to which all newcomers are assigned until they have passed their Tenderfoot tests. Then they are passed on to the regular patrols, by mutual choice, or by each patrol voting (secret ballot) and presenting a list indicating their order of preference of the entire group of candidates. The Court of Honour, however, makes the final disposition.

In some troops new boys are immediately placed in patrols having vacancies,

### A PROCLAMATION!

EXTRACT from a Proclamation published in THE CANADA GAZETTE designating the week of October 4-10 as a National Fire Prevention Week:

6. Boy Scout leaders give instructions to the troops under their control as to the best means of co-operating with municipal fire departments in the prevention and extinguishment of fires, and especially as to the desirability of qualifying for the Fireman's Badge.

and the Patrol Leader begins their training.

Until formally accepted into the troop, newcomers should not be allowed to participate in the regular troop meeting proceedings, or games in which patrol competition points are awarded; they should look on as observers. Similarly full privileges of a Scout in the troop should not be accorded probationers until they have been invested. Nothing will be lost in this way, in fact the restrictions provide an effective incentive for progress in the Tenderfoot test work.

The question of troop fees to be paid by candidates is a difficult one, since they are not allowed to participate in troop business matters. One solution is to charge but half the regular fee, with a time limit set within which the candidate must qualify as a Tenderfoot Scout.

Make it a point to meet personally the parents of all your new boys, to ensure that they understand just what is done at troop meetings, and what Scouting aims to do for the boys.

As a part of plans to beautify the streets of Lafèche, Sask., Scouts last spring assisted the Lafèche Board of Trade in the planting of over 1,000 trees.



## WIDE GAMES

By Gilcraft

IT is not too much to say that if every Scoutmaster in Canada had a copy of this book, and regularly incorporated its games into his troop programme, the fresh, keen enjoyment of our boys would give a new impetus to Scouting everywhere.

Briefly *Wide Games* offers for boys the things for which they come into Scouting,—the fun of it—something adventurous, something strenuous, out in spacious surroundings—something calling for the use of ears, eyes and wits,—stalking, lying immovable holding one's breath to escape discovery,—hiking, climbing, running.

In a word,—*Wide games! Adventure games!*

While summer camp naturally offers the best opportunity for such field Scouting, Saturdays and holidays, with some Court of Honour planning and exploring, also could be turned into real Scouting days for many troops not now enjoying them.

Here is a list of specimen wide games described in the book: The Viking Invasion, raid type. The Wreckers, raid type. A Polar Dash, cordon-breaking type. Border Raiders, cordon-breaking type. Compass Trail, treasure hunt. Lost Leaders, man hunt. Gold Standard, combination raid and cordon-breaking.

Two specimens of actual instructions issued for a district wide game are given.

If you haven't this book, get it. Its cost from the Stores Department is 50 cents, postpaid.

## Girl Guide Week

OUR sister organization the Girl Guides Association is holding a "Canadian Girl Guide week" October 17-24 inclusive. The programme opens with a Dominion-wide broadcast by Her Excellency Lady Tweedsmuir and the Chief Guide Commissioner Mrs. H. D. Warren on Saturday evening, October 17. There will be special services on Sunday the 18th, and a programme of varied activities through out the week. Needless to say, Scouters will gladly give any possible assistance, such as supplying Scout ushers, distributing orders of service, etc., if called upon.

## OUR CORONATION GIFT

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Encourage boys to work in pairs.

Give good points in Patrol Competition for each test passed, high points for attaining First Class, and higher still for King's Scout.

Establish the idea in the Troop that every test taken, beginning with Tenderfoot, is a step nearer First Class.

Include some First Class and King's Scout work in every meeting programme.

Emphasize that it is not really difficult for a Scout to become First Class; then a "King"; that it is chiefly a matter of application.

Plan that the programme worked out shall become a permanent annual programme of Troop progress.



At the Northern New Brunswick French-Canadian Gilwell

## First French-Canadian Gilwell

ONE of the most interesting of the 1936 Gilwell Camps was that held at Lac Unique, in the Edmundston District of northern New Brunswick. It was our first all French-Canadian Course. Making it notable in other respects was its large enrolment of 39 candidates, 17 of whom were priests and young seminarians.

The troop was divided into five patrols,—les Hiboux (Owls), Castors (Beavers), Orignaux (Moose), Renards (Foxes), Daims (Deer).

The course was given by Prof. Robert Pugh, assisted by two Maritime Gilwellians, Rev. Fr. Walter Savoie and Henri Albert.

It may not be generally known that the French of northern New Brunswick are largely of Arcadian origin. This explains No. 2 of the pictures above—the outdoor stone oven, a traditional Arcadian type.

Snap-shot No. 3 shows the interesting approach to the Owls' nest, with some further ingenious "S.T.A." in progress. No. 4, a signal tower almost completed, was guaranteed to stand any north-easter; and 5 shows the building of an equally substantial bridge.

No. 1 was taken during the Sunday morning Mass.

All the activities of the camp were entered into with the greatest enthusiasm. Being practically all born woodsmen, it was to be expected that the pioneering work would be outstanding. Every patrol site was an interesting museum of gadgets. Numerous types of cooking fires were made and used, including altar fires of heavy logs and stone. The latter were left for the use of future campers.

Appropriately the Journey problem included estimation of uncut, and cut and stacked pulpwood.

An unusual feature of the course personnel was a father and son combination,—J. L. St. Onge, Divisional Superintendent of the C. N. R., and his son Pierre.

Four Quebec Scouters were present, one each from Quebec City, Three Rivers, St. Lambert and Montreal.

## Year's Training Nearly Doubled

TO August 31st, the Department of Training at Dominion Headquarters issued 1,111 certificates covering courses in Scout, Cub and Rover leadership. This compares with 586 for the same period of last year.

## Our First Gilwell Course for Commissioners

ANOTHER important milestone in our programme of "training for everyone," our first Canadian Gilwell Course for Commissioners, was held Sept. 25-26 in Halifax, under the leadership of Chief Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles. By the ten Commissioners and A.C.'s who attended, the course was voted most interesting and practical. A feature was a question period following each lecture.

The sessions were held at the Lord Nelson Hotel, which was decorated for the occasion with Scouting pictures and posters. A Saturday round-table dinner party was a lively and profitable affair.

Plans are under way for a similar course for Ontario Commissioners, to be held at an early date in Toronto.

## The "D.C. Training" in England

AT the big 16th Gilwell reunion, held Sept. 12th at Gilwell Park, England, and attended by some 400 Gilwellian Scouters, including the Chief Scout, Canada was represented by the Dominion Commissioner for Training, Mr. S. B. McMichael. The "D.C. Training" spent several weeks of the summer in England, and met and talked training with Sir Percy Everett, the Chief Scout's deputy; Lord Hampton, Sir Alfred Pickford, Camp Chief J. S. Wilson, and other well known Old Country leaders.

## The Head of A.O.C. on Scouting

A GOOD Scout is a good Canadian. It is my experience that since Scouts and Cubs have been established on this side of the river there is a different attitude on the part of the boys. No one thing does more to put growing boys on the right path than the Scout Movement."—Dr. G. I. Christie, President of Ontario Agriculture College.

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

## More About Scout Mothers' Auxiliaries

*Mr. Scouter: Don't read this if you have no problems! If you have your occasional worries, however,—concerning the yearly banquet, costumes for the annual display, a supply of signalling flags or first-aid bandages, new Pack or Troop colours, camp equipment, camp finances,—read this article carefully. Particularly the sample annual reports. You will wonder why you have been wasting "worry energy."*

"THE Ladies' Scout Group Auxiliary,"—its organization, its field of activities as distinguished from that of the Group Committee and Scouters, examples of its practical helpfulness, etc.—was discussed at some length in *The Scout Leader* for February, 1934.

The following further paragraphs on the subject, from a paper read by Mrs. J. H. Imrie, Honorary Field Secretary of Ladies' Auxiliaries, before the last Ontario Conference, are offered similarly for their possible interest elsewhere. While particularly applicable to larger centres, certain details may contain suggestions of value in the developing of Auxiliary activities in smaller communities.

The present notable growth of Ladies' Auxiliaries in the Toronto area originated in the valuable contribution made by teams of Scout mothers during the province's first financial campaign in 1932. Shortly thereafter Scouters began asking Headquarters for help in forming Scout Mothers' clubs. In the autumn Mrs. Imrie was made Honorary Field Secretary to assist in Auxiliary organization; a district body was formed, and today more than 2,000 Scout mothers are members of some 70 registered auxiliaries. These include one of Jewish mothers, one of coloured mothers, and a special service "Baden-Powell Auxiliary"—a "roving" body for assisting troops and packs lacking an Auxiliary.

### Procedure in Organizing

A definite procedure in organizing auxiliaries has been evolved. The first step taken is to get in contact with Scout mothers of a Group, and to arrange a meeting with as large an attendance as possible. The aims and objects of an Auxiliary are explained and the scope of its relationship with the Group. If the meeting is well attended the ladies are asked to elect officers.

In addition to the usual President, Secretary and Treasurer, there is a Sewing Convener, a Social Convener and a Welfare Convener,—so that every form of assistance which an Auxiliary may be called upon to provide will have specific leadership.

The next step is to arrange to have the Auxiliary as completely as possible representative of the Group membership. The new Auxiliary is encouraged to invite every Scout and Cub mother to become a member. When a new boy joins the Pack or Troop, his mother automatically becomes eligible for Auxiliary membership, and is invited to attend meetings.

### Regular Monthly Meetings

The third step is securing the decision of the new Auxiliary to meet regularly once a month, except during summer; to adopt a simple, standard form of procedure at meetings; and to plan meeting programmes that will be informative to the mothers as well as dealing with practical help for the Scout Group.

It has been found that an Auxiliary organized on these lines has the capacity to develop the maximum support and enthusiasm of its entire membership. Each mother is made to feel that her contribution toward the welfare of the Group is important; the work of the year is shared by all, and is accomplished in a spirit of friendly co-operation.

### Launching Requires Three Visits

Experience has shown that the launching of a new Auxiliary requires at least three visits: one to organize, one to follow up, and a later courtesy call, the last usually in response to the new Auxiliary's invitation. Established auxiliaries are visited once a year.

In addition to these routine visits there are special visits, more frequently to new auxiliaries, to give a talk on some phase of Auxiliary work, or on some angle of Scouting. Occasionally an "ailing" Auxiliary, or one weakening in initiative, may require two or three consecutive monthly visits to put it back on its feet.

### Sample Auxiliary Activities

These vary. A representative list would include: making neckerchiefs, first aid bandages, signalling flags; re-conditioning old uniforms; providing funds for Group equipment and camp expenses; providing banquets, parties, picnics; sending hampers to the needy within the Group family; visiting the sick, sending gifts of fruit, books, games, etc.

Here is a summary of activities as reflected in one average Auxiliary's financial report: Receipts for the year, \$192.28. Disbursements: Donation toward camp, \$80.00. Material for neckerchiefs, \$7.50. Parties, \$21.30. Donations for welfare, \$10.00. Wedding gift for Scoutmaster, \$10.75. Picnic for Scouts and Cubs, \$8.58. Closing banquet, \$17.60. Miscellaneous, including meetings, prizes, tickets, postage, etc., \$19.76. Total expenditure, \$175.49. Balance on hand, \$16.79.

Another report contained these items: Total receipts, \$196.53. Expenditures: Donation toward camp, \$40.00. Supplying scarves, \$16.00. Troop flags, \$15.00. Sick and welfare, \$15.00. Parents' Night and banquet, \$28.00. Miscellaneous, including prizes for parties, rental of flags for troop display, dishes, Scouters' meeting, stationery, \$55.00. Total, \$169.00. Balance on hand, \$27.53.

### How They Raise Their Funds

Their financing schemes are often humorously referred to by the mothers as "painless methods." A common means is the holding of bridge and euchre parties at the homes of members. Other successful means used have included the sale of home-cooking and candy, making and selling quilts and afghans, holding garden parties, conducting concerts and plays. In undertakings such as these any mother feels quite at home, and any group of mothers easily can carry them to a successful conclusion.

### Necessary Co-operation of Scouters

Since much of an Auxiliary's work must be planned in advance, it should be informed well ahead of time by the Group Committee and Scouters regarding ways in which it may help. In many cases there could be much more effective co-operation here.

It is suggested that at the outset of each season Group Committees and Scouters arrange a meeting to which representatives of the Ladies' Auxiliary are invited, and a tentative outline of the year's requirements placed before them. This would permit the Auxiliary to plan with a greater prospect of satisfactory results.

## For the Council Fire

### A Wrecked Aircraft

AS in other accident situations, Boy Scouts are expected to know what to do at the scene of an airplane crash. Here are the steps to remember:

- 1.—Render the necessary first aid.
- 2.—By telephone, telegraph or other means send word of the crash, with the plane wing markings, to the nearest flying field, or direct to the Minister of National Defence, Ottawa.

- 3.—Prevent any disturbance of the wreckage.

It is always of great importance that the causes of such accidents be ascertained, and examination of the wreckage or parts usually is depended upon to provide this information. Hence such wreckage should in no way be disturbed, except as may be necessary in order to extricate injured persons, to remove mail bags, to prevent the wreckage burning or to prevent it in any other way becoming a danger to persons or property.

Broken pieces lying some distance away also should be left undisturbed. Their condition, and their location with relation to broken tree tops or fences and marks on the ground may provide important clues to the cause of the accident. As an example, the explanation of a 'plane crash in England was arrived at only after a broadcast appeal by the Air Ministry had brought in a number of widely scattered bits of metal from people who had picked them up.

If necessary, guards should be placed over fragments, since it is a common impulse of finders of such pieces, if these be of portable size, to carry them away as souvenirs.

The Canadian law regarding airplane wreckage reads:

"No aircraft involved in any accident causing death or injury to any person shall be removed or otherwise interfered with without permission from the Minister of National Defence.

"Provided, however, that the aircraft or any part thereof may be displaced or removed as may be necessary to extricate persons, to remove mail, to prevent destruction by fire or other cause, or to avoid danger to persons or property."

### A Chat on the 8th Law

BROTHER SCOUTS, I am going to speak to you for a few minutes about the Eighth Scout Law. By the way, will some one volunteer to recite it? Yes, "A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties." For your amusement may

I say that this Law once read: "A Scout smiles and whistles under all circumstances". However, when the Chief Scout found boys giggling in church, and laughing at other times when they should have serious faces, he realized that he had been misunderstood and decided to change the Law.

In *Scouting for Boys* the Chief Scout says: "When a Scout gets an order he should obey it cheerfully and readily, not in a slow, hang-dog sort of way. Scouts never grouse at hardships, nor whine at each other nor grumble when put out, but go on whistling and smiling."

Did you ever notice that the people you like the best are those who smile the most? There is sunshine in a smile, and one hearty laugh seems to start other people laughing.

The late Roland Phillips in his *Letters to a Patrol Leader* says: "The funny thing about smiling is that if you give away most things, you have less, while if you give away a smile you have more." He tells the story of a clerk in an office who was surprised one day when an old woman seized his hand and thanked him for all he had done for her. "But," said the clerk, "I haven't done anything for you." "Oh, yes you have," she replied, "you have had a merry smile on your face in all weathers, and it does an old lady like me a power of good just to see it."

You must all have heard the saying, "Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone."

The British people as a race seem to have the peculiar ability to laugh even at their own misfortunes. It's not a bad idea that,—to learn to laugh at yourself. Never take yourself too seriously.

There is a badge, really a medal, in Scouting called the Cornwell Badge, which is given to Scouts who endure intense suffering heroically. The records of these awards, and there are but few of them in Canada, always mention that the Scout kept smiling all through his difficulties.

It is a great thing to be able to endure defeats, disappointments, misfortune and pain, meeting them all with a smile. The difference between the successful man and the man who fails lies mostly in the single element of staying power. How much can you endure and come up smiling? Don't spend time grumbling over your defeats, but rather see what you can learn from them. One of Canada's greatest athletes, Alex Cameron, one time champion pole vaulter, said that it did him more good to lose than to win.

Don't whine. It is not the number of times you fall but the number of times you get up and run on which counts. Never mind how you feel. Stop pitying yourself. Remember rough weather makes strong bodies.

In his book on *The Scout and His Law* Barry Chalmers refers to an old saying among woodsmen: "Don't fight your pack." He also quotes Dan Beard as saying, "Strange to say, the mind has as much to do with carrying a load as the muscles." Dan Beard then goes on to tell the story of a friend whose shoulders were scarred by his pack straps. He said: "When I asked how he managed to endure the torture of such a load, he replied with a grin that as soon as he found out that to 'fight his pack' meant death, he made up his mind to forget the blamed thing. So when the pack wearied him and the straps rubbed the skin off his body he forced himself to think of the good dinners



Once again manufacturing Christmas happiness for kiddies. One of our finest examples of annual Good Turn enterprise, the Christmas Toy-making Shop of the 1st Rosetown, Sask., Group. Nearly 1,000 children have been provided attractive, stoutly-made wooden toys since 1930. And there is no locally grown work material. For this, wooden packing cases, fruit boxes, barrels, etc., are collected from merchants throughout the year.

he had had."

How true it is that healthy people are more cheerful than others. They laugh quite easily because they are well. So take care of your health, for health is wealth. Some wise man, whose name I don't know, said, "Give me health and a day and I'll make the pomp of Emperors look ridiculous." If you have good blood you should have a good disposition, and good blood comes from good food, fresh air, exercise and plenty of sleep.

This smiling and whistling business also means that you are going to control your temper. Some boys seek to get their own way by becoming ill-tempered or cross when they meet resistance. A strong temper is a good thing to have, but it must be kept in perfect control. On the other hand, a bad temper is as dangerous as a car out of control. In a moment of lost temper you may make a mistake which you will regret all the rest of your life. It has been said that unkind words never die. So make up your mind that little if anything is ever gained by getting ill-tempered.

I suppose there is no Scout here but who in his heart of hearts would like to be popular and friendly with both men and boys. Well, you can be popular by developing a talent or capacity for real friendship. One cannot help smiling when he sees a friend coming towards him. All you have to do is to be natural and sincere; but, above everything else, cultivate the habit of looking for good things in other people, and be kind. The habit of being kind, even to those who are

unkind to you, has made many a man great. Don't wear your heart on your sleeve. Don't allow yourself to be easily offended. Some people have a wonderful capacity for friendship and seem able to find and spread joy everywhere they go.

One very good way of developing the smile that won't come off is to seek opportunities for doing Good Turns every day,—and not telling anybody about them. The thought that you have done something to help someone will make you glow inwardly with a satisfaction that can hardly be described.

So make up your mind that you will smile and whistle under all difficulties, and at other times as well.

### New Calgary District H.Q. Includes All-Year Toy Shop

A FINE new central headquarters has been made available to Calgary Boy Scouts in the large basement of the Jubilee Block, through the kindness of Albert Johnson. His Honour Mayor Andrew Davidson, Provincial Commissioner J. H. Woods and other prominent citizens, and representatives of all the Scout troops of the district were present at a gala opening. The new headquarters will be the centre for proficiency badge examinations, for the holding of inter-troop competitions of various kinds, and provide offices for the District Secretary and a place of meeting for the Calgary Scouters' Club. It is planned also to carry on Christmas Toy Shop toy making or repair work throughout the year.

## Random Thoughts on Cub Badges

MUCH has been said from time to time upon the subject of badges, but I think we still fail to give the Cubs the fun and interest in them that they might have, because we do not "look wide" and realize that the object of badge work is to encourage "all-round development" and to awaken interest. We stick so tightly to the letter of the law and go blindly from subject to subject, just helping our Cubs to gain the little knowledge necessary to obtain a badge, and missing all the fun.

We understand that our aim ought to be "all-round development", and that badge work encourages the dull or physically slow child, giving him opportunities and outlet and that a fair standard of work should be expected. But don't overdo the homework. The subject chosen may be one that the boy wants to carry on with at home; but do not expect too much progress from week to week. Remember the Cubs have other interests, even if it is only that of "mucking about," and we do not want to organize all their time.

If we sit down and think about some of the badge subjects, one should be struck by the amount of fun and possibilities that can be got from them and worked into the Pack programme. "Badge work" can be taken in the pack meeting, although any special help to be given to those actually entering for a badge would be taken at some other time.

Taking some of the badges, I offer the following random notes:

**Collector.**—Subject can be started at any time, by any number, but call for volunteers from the pack to enter for the badge, and try to get at least two to enter together, as two or more are keener than one, and there are chances for comparisons and swaps.

**Stamps; Matchboxes.**—Provide an Atlas. Two or three Cubs in a lair with an Atlas will amuse and interest themselves searching for the countries concerned, possibly tracing the steamship route to it from home.

If the Cubs are using a home-made album, suggest that they group their matchbox lids, etc., into continents. Hunt up information about the people in those countries, i.e., colour, what they wear, how they live, chief products of the country, etc., etc. Each Cub may contribute some item of interest, and, left to themselves, will work happily if the way is pointed out.

Bearing in mind that a fair standard of work is to be aimed at, be firm in expecting care to be taken over the arrangement of the collection. Let them plan it out before sticking anything. Printing the names underneath in white paint with a mapping pen, adds to the appearance.

Speak to the pack generally about collections. Tell them of some interesting "adult" collection.

Call for suggestions. I have seen an excellent collection of seeds that might be made by Sixes of a country pack. Each Six might undertake to collect the seeds of six or more different trees. They provide themselves with an egg box, cotton wool is placed at the bottom of each division, and the seeds thus divided and

labelled. The collection that I saw had fruits from the plane, horse-chestnut, beech, sycamore, alder, oak, sweet chestnut, and the whole thing was very neatly arranged and would have been an asset to any den.

Collections that are lasting may be best, but short seasonal collections are also good, e.g., wild flowers.

A pack collection in the form of newspaper cuttings for a scrap- or log-book of events may be of real interest.

Do not leave the fun of collecting to individuals, but explore its possibilities with the pack.

**Observer.**—Difficult, but remember opportunity for general talks upon kindness to animals. Unkindness is often due to ignorance. Enlarge upon this point. Stories and anecdotes about animals to encourage Cubs to think.

With this badge much can be done with photographs and pictures to awaken Cubs' appreciation of their duty to the countryside—anti-litter. Town boys do not realize the harm they do when they pull up wildflowers by the roots, swing on gates, push through hedges and so leave gaping holes, and commit many other offences due to ignorance. One may say this has little to do with the Observer

*Lucky Cub! His birthday fell on meeting night. Don brought his cake, Pack supplied orange-ade. He blows and they sing "He's a jolly good fellow."*

*Note Six lair corner curtain. Unbleached cotton, 4x2 yds.; wolf head in colour of Six. It's St. Luke's (United), Montreal.*



Badge, but a Cub should be an Observer in a wide sense; and observation and knowledge go together to teach "consideration." In this sense observation is one of the most valuable qualities that one can acquire.

**Artist.**—Get pencils into the Cubs' hands more frequently. Show a few match-stick figures. Let each Six suggest a figure running, walking, sitting, rowing, etc., and all draw the figures selected. The best are then "hung on the line." Get all the Cubs drawing in this way. Ask for action. Watch for possible "artists," and suggest to them that they enter for the badge.

**Gardener.**—Interest may be aroused at any time and much may be done with the Pack generally, whether Tenderpads or Second Star Cubs.

Besides the more obvious suggestions, I offer the following ideas:

**Outdoors.**—If the pack is in a neighbourhood where wild flowers can be obtained, a wild flower picnic might be tried. It is not intended that Cubs should be allowed to pick masses of bluebells or primroses, but they are urged to find flowers, grasses, etc., sufficient to make a reasonable-sized bunch. Each three Cubs will have brought with them one jam-jar in which they are told they

will have to arrange their bunch. They are to pick with this idea in view. At a given time the Cubs return to the base and arrange their flowers. Winners of the competition will be those whose "vase" is the most attractive. Naming the flowers will also add to the interest. If no water is available, this competition should be set immediately before the homeward journey, and the bunches may be taken home.

**Indoors.**—Get hold of some garden seed catalogues. Learn to recognize the names and uses of garden tools. Recognize plants and vegetables and some flowers, although the names of the latter are hard.

A Six may make out imaginary orders for a flower bed. With a little help a Six will work away in its den, looking up the flowers they want, noting colour and height (important in arranging the bed), and if the catalogue used is helpful, it will give the month to plant and when to expect the bloom.

A small pack or a Six might make a flower calendar. Each Cub may choose a month and print the name of the month in coloured chalk on a piece of stiff dark paper. Then he must hunt up four to six flowers that bloom in that month.

Cut them out of the catalogue and paste neatly on the paper. Underneath each flower he will print the month in which it must be sown or planted. The sheets when finished are threaded with cord and hung in the lair.

**Toymaker.**—Popular with Cubs. Collect easy and bright toys for the pack to see and play with. Eager to make their own. Cubs love paint. (Small cans of enamel may be bought for 5 or 10 cents.)

Again, much can be done before entering for the badge. Work up to it by easy stages. Expect a good standard. Get the Cubs to understand the need for care of tools and thrift with materials. Brushes must be put away clean, etc., etc. The importance of fostering good habits cannot be over-emphasized. Too often Akela, like Cubs, thinks only of the badge and loses the opportunity for training that the badge affords.

**Swimmer.**—Make friends with the school instructor. See that he has a paper of the items for the test that he may give the Cubs practice. Some districts have had great help from the Rovers, who have voluntarily given their services one night a week at the swimming bath helping Cubs.

**First Aider.**—Look wide again. The person who is most valuable is that person who keeps his head in an emergency. Talk to the pack. Suggest different emergencies,—accident in the pack den; overturned lamp; child on fire; fire in a movie,—and ask "What would you do?" This gives opportunity for suggestions and talk that in a real emergency may prove valuable.

In one case of an accident in the den, the pack were able to give far greater assistance by their own quiet behaviour and prompt obedience to orders than by attempting actual first aid.

The items for this badge should be carefully and simply taught that they may be thoroughly understood. The chief thing to remember about badges is that they are all an opportunity for training, and need a wide vision on the part of the teacher. They are intended to attract a Cub to attempt them, and so increase, unconsciously, his power for being interested in everything.

With the test itself, avoid the attitude of the exam.; rather "Let's see what we know about this." Interesting talk with the whole pack will often bring out the boys' own knowledge and ideas.

Gently but firmly insist upon a good standard. The pack will accept the idea of sound work.

For those who say they never get badges because their Cubs cannot get their Second Stars, let them try out some of this "general" badge work in the pack, and help the would-be Second Star Cubs to learn and revise their knowledge by teaching the others.

Finally to the Akela who says there is no time in pack meeting for individual tuition in badge subjects, let him try offering a Six some ideas (see Collector) and leave them to work and chatter under their own steam.

Keep the aim of getting Second Star and badges before pack. Help and encourage them to get an easy badge,—something harder later.

Not merely a matter of time, but of pack tradition. Let the Cubs realize badges won't fall into their laps. Akela will help—but only help; and most Cubs will tackle the job.

—Miss M. S. Neame,  
Assistant H.Q. Commissioner  
for Wolf Cubs in THE  
SCOUTER.

## A New Fire-Making Stunt

HERE is a new method of fire making without matches, developed by P.L. Harry Honey of the 14th Edmonton "Bulldogs," and described by Scoutmaster P. D. Fowler. Although similar to the time-honoured flint-and-steel method, it is surer and quicker, and is a thoroughly scouty way of lighting the cooking fire, or the evening's council fire.

The equipment is easily procurable, light in weight, compact in form, and costs nothing. It comprises a handful of mechanics' cotton waste, a piece of broken file, a bit of stone of a "flinty" nature, and some dried grass, shredded bark or other tinder material suitable for a "bird's-nest."

How you go about it: Take the cotton waste outside and set it alight with a match, gently tumbling it about to make

sure that it all becomes burned to a blackish sort of ash. When it has reached this stage parts will begin to glow—now is the time to press out all the fire with a tin lid or piece of board. This black "mess" is your tinder, and must be carefully gathered up and stored in a tin box for future use.

Now find a piece of broken file, or an old file that has been discarded; and by trying out different kinds of stones along the nearest lake or stream, choose a piece which throws off a good number of sparks when struck against the edge of the file.

At this juncture, if you are unable on your hike to get some dried grass or dry shredded bark for your bird's-nest, just procure a bunch of excelsior, which can be had at almost any store.

Now for action. Take a pinch of your tinder about the size of a twenty-five cent piece, and about one quarter inch thick. Place it on the ground, or on a piece of wood. Hold the file in your left hand, with the opposite end of it held solidly against the ground at an angle of



A piece of old file and a stone, and a fire in 25 seconds. A new fire-making stunt that will interest your Scouts.

about 45 degrees, the bit of tinder just behind it to catch the sparks. Now with your stone, or "flint", in the right hand, strike sharply against the edge of the file with a downward stroke, until a spark has landed in the tinder, and the tinder begins to glow. Quickly place the tinder in your bird's-nest and holding it loosely in your hand, swing it about, steadily, until the blaze flares up.

Perhaps all this sounds complicated; in reality it is very simple indeed, and the more you try, the more adept you will become, and will even surprise yourself how quickly you can get a blaze. P.L. Honey repeatedly got his blaze in 20 to 25 seconds from the time of his first stroke of the flint.

A careful study of the accompanying picture will show you how it is done.

When going on hikes, a tiny tin box can be crammed full of sufficient tinder to start umpteen fires, and tucked in your haversack with your file. If not going in a direction where flinty stones may be found, your pet flint can be taken along; and almost any part of the country can provide something suitable for your bird's-nest.

## Hints for Your First Aid Team

### St. John Ambulance Observations Suggested by the 1936 First Aid Competitions

1. Do not start on the problem before sufficient time has been taken thoroughly to appreciate the situation and to decide upon a definite plan of treatment under conditions that may not be the usual.

2. A certain number apparently had not read the instructions re competitions wherein it was laid down for this year, for the first time, that five men would compose a team. It might be stated it was decided to count the fifth man or patient as part of the team, in order to provide an extra man in case, through illness, a regular member would not be available. The patient could then take his place on the team and an outsider act as patient, the regular member who was absent to qualify for any awards. The patient must have a certificate and be as well trained as the other members.

3. Haemorrhage must be arrested at once and not delayed until conditions of less urgency have been discussed.

4. Properly steady and support at once suspected fracture.

5. A patient suffering from severe shock must be given the best treatment allowable by the conditions under which you have to work.

6. A patient suffering from several injuries must have these injuries attended to in the proper sequence, judged by the seriousness of each.

7. In resuscitation from whatever cause don't forget to clear the mouth, and in the case of drowning to drain the water from the lungs, before beginning artificial respiration.

8. In the case of two patients, the Captain should personally attend to the more serious one, detailing one or two members of the team to care for the other patient.

9. Several good teams were rather heavily penalized by one or even two members falling down somewhat on the individual questions. There may be an element of luck in these individual questions, as a member may feel that he could have done much better on one of the others.

10. While the *Manual on First Aid* states that stretcher drill is not expected from teams composed of women or girls, nevertheless we do expect the members of both Junior and Senior First Aid and Home Nursing teams to be able to place a patient on the stretcher, and from a stretcher on to a bed, also to carry a patient into a house or load him on to an ambulance or a truck; or at least to be able to instruct men or boys to do this part of the problem. In the recent competitions one or two Junior girls teams in first aid did not provide themselves with a stretcher either regular or improvised, believing that they were not required to do stretcher drill.

11. When dealing with a poison introduced into the circulation by a bite of an animal or sting of a snake, remember that a life probably depends upon the immediate application of a constriction placed around the affected limb, as close to the body as possible, thus giving time to cauterize the part and neutralize the poison.

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### Here's the Summer's 100% Scout Hike

A seven mile hike over a trail across Mount Becher, an elevation of 4,400 feet, to secure a doctor for a woman who was dangerously ill, was a summer vacation good turn of Scout George E. Harris of a Victoria, B.C., Troop. Driven by the urgency of the case, Scout Harris covered the mountain trail, which was new to him, in an hour under the usual time taken for the crossing. He located the doctor at a camp, and the latter was able to reach his patient in time.

One hundred Calgary Scouts were called upon to augment the regular staff of caddies of the Banff golf links during the week's competition for the Prince of Wales Trophy. Each Calgary Scout Troop was asked to nominate six boys.

### Convention Jobs and a Scout Lunch Counter

For the benefit of visitors attending the two days' session of the Maritime Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., Windsor, N.S., Scouts operated an information booth, centrally located, assisted arriving delegates at the railway station and generally gave visitors all the help possible. The Scouts also operated a lunch counter, the proceeds of which went toward a new headquarters fund.

A group of Scouts of the 8th Calgary under P.L. Ainley constructed and are now operating a Morse radio station VE4LO.

### Scout Sunshine for an Invalid Country Boy

The investiture as a Scout of Clifford Pike, who had been lying on his back in a plaster cast for over 14 months, and who during that period "had certainly kept the 8th Scout Law" of cheerfulness under difficulty, was made a memorable occasion by the boys of the 1st Carbonear Troop, Nfld. The entire troop hiked out in the evening to the little country home of the family, and Clifford, along with three other neighbourhood boys, was impressively invested as a Scout. Refreshments and a sing-song and Scout cheers wound up a memorable evening for the invalid lad, and the troop hiked back home.

### Pigeon Post News from Scout Camp

"Scout Camp Doings by Pigeon Post" was a novel caption in *The Galt Reporter*. The camp was the annual outing for underprivileged boys operated by the Rover Scouts of Galt and Preston. The

Scout pigeon messengers were released at the camp at 7.50 a.m. and arrived in Galt at 8.20, covering a distance of 17 miles in an even half hour.

### The Sharks Win an "Outboard"

The Shark Patrol of the 118th Toronto Group Sea Scouts won first prize of a \$100 outboard motor in a Canadian Pleasure Craft Register competition. The register is a "Who's Who" of Canadian pleasure craft, from outboards and dinghies to steam yachts, and contains information on navigation and seamanship.

Some 700 people attended a camp-fire given by Scouts of several Welland, Ont., troops at Stop 19, said to have been the biggest event of the kind ever held in the district. The programme included a Scout investiture.

### They've Got the G.T. Idea

While an elderly woman was moving into an old cottage near their summer camp, two boys of the 14th Toronto Life Saving Scouts noted that she was lame. They called to learn whether they could be of help, and found enough to keep the whole troop employed for some time. They cut and carried into the cottage a cord of wood, scrubbed floors, fixed up doors, put on bolts, put up blinds; arranged for calls by the milkman, baker and butcher; hiked to town for groceries, etc. Since returning certain boys have been hiking out each Saturday to make sure the old lady is "getting along O.K."

The bow of the yacht "Patches" and the evening previous to the sailing of the Saint John Rover Sea Scouts on their first cruise, was the place and time chosen for the investiture of two new members of the Crew.

### Bronze Cross for French-Canadian Rover

The Bronze Cross, for "special heroism" at very serious personal risk, was presented to Rover Scout Charles Maltais, of La Tuque, Que., by His Honour Lieut.-Governor Patenaude. The medal, the first Bronze Cross to be earned by a French-Canadian Scout, was awarded in recognition of the rescue by Scout Maltais of a baby brother when the Maltais home was destroyed by fire in April last. The rescuer, who had himself escaped, upon learning that his brother was still inside, plunged back into the flames and blinding smoke, found the child, and with it in his arms leaped from a window. Scout Maltais was so severely burned that for a time it was feared he would not survive.

### A Real First-Aid Team Patient

A Scout first aid team "patient" who became a real one provided a dramatic incident at the presentation of a first aid trophy to the 3rd St. Catharines Troop. While the first aiders were receiving the district Oneida Trophy, in the presence of a large crowd, the team patient suddenly toppled in a genuine faint. The opportunity of a real demonstration was promptly met, and the patient efficiently taken care of.

### Scout Tracking Finds Lost Child

Boy Scout training in track reading brought a happy ending to an eighteen hour search by police and some 200 people at Emma Lake, Sask., this summer, when a three year old boy wandered off into the bush and was lost. The sharp eyes of a member of a troop of 30 Scouts who had joined the search picked up the trail of a small foot. This quickly led to the discovery of the child, reclining under a bush, covered with mosquito bites and tired but otherwise little the worse for his wanderings.

Lone Scouts of the 2nd Ontario Lone Scout Troop, answering the call of Scoutmaster Royal F. Moulton, enjoyed a Saturday get-together at the Canadian National Exhibition. After the becoming acquainted period the boys "did the Ex." in pairs, re-uniting for supper and to hear brief talks by their Scoutmaster and Field Secretary Edgar Jones.

### Thistleton Hospital's First King's Scout

Although never able to leave his bed since entering the Hospital for Sick Children, Thistleton, Ont., four years ago, 14 year old Allan Chase, a member of the hospital Scout Group, has passed all his tests from Tenderpad Cub to First Class Scout, and finally has qualified as a King's Scout. He is the first Scout of this "special test" troop to attain such high rank in Scouting. He joined the Group soon after entering the hospital.

A vegetable garden planted and cared for by Scouts of Kamsack, Sask., on vacant lots loaned by the Town Council, will this winter help relief recipients of the district. Vegetables left after local distribution will be distributed by the Scouts in the dried out area.

### Scouts Star in "Lonesome Trail" Broadcast

Scout minstrel shows proved the step into radio for Wolf Cub Don Harron and Scout Leonard Robinson, who are playing leading roles in "Lonesome Trail," a safety-promotion broadcast of the Motor Vehicles Branch of the Ontario Department of Highways. Both boys are members of the 30th Toronto (St. Columba United Church) Group. Don was noticed during a Scout show by a radio executive, and invited to take an audition. Leonard had been in Scout minstrels for some eight years. "Lonesome Trail" depicts the adventures of two boys in the Northern Ontario woods, and is on the air from CRCT at 6.30 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. It aims to interest children in greater safety precautions on the street.



### A 750 Mile Bike Hike

A 750-mile "bike hike," or cruise, around southwestern Ontario, with pup tent and cooking kit, was the summer vacation of Sea Scout Ted Horton of Owen Sound and Scout Keith Solomon of Meaford. They averaged about 70 miles a day, had no accidents, and "arrived back healthy as a pair of boys could possibly be." We should hear of more such scoutly ventures, and less of hitch-hiking.

### Another Scouty Job at C.N.E.

At the Canadian National Exhibition, as for some years past, smartly uniformed King's Scouts and First Class Scouts looked after the ushering for the grand stand performances and during the horse-show in the Coliseum. They also ushered at the Rudy Vallee concerts. In recognition of such annual service all Cubs and Scouts in uniform, from Toronto and elsewhere, are admitted free on any day of the Exhibition.

### Rope-fuls of Orphans

One of the jobs of Toronto Scouts on duty this year at the Canadian National Exhibition was showing the sights to a large number of orphans enjoying the annual Shriners' treat. To prevent them getting lost, the children were taken about in batches of twenty or more on a rope, a Scout at either end.

### Quebec Scouts Share Bird Guardianship with R.C.M.P.

Boy Scouts and Royal Canadian Mounted Police share the guardianship of a new bird sanctuary on Montreal Island established by the Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds, with the authorization of the Dominion Government. The sanctuary is situated between the villages of Senneville and Ste. Anne's, and consists of 1,400 acres of woods and lake shore. It is the sixth such sanctuary to be created in the province.

### 64 Underprivileged at Rover Free Camp

The annual good turn camp of Galt and Preston Rovers for underprivileged boys, non-Scouts, was this summer attended by a total of sixty-four boys, 43 from Galt and 21 from Preston. The camp equipment of the Galt Scout Association was used, and the expenses covered by public subscriptions secured by the Rovers.

### Orphan Home Troop Prove Stout Fire Fighters

A most creditable five hours' bush fire fight with wet sacks and water by the Scout Troop of Wood's Christian Home was credited with saving Bowness Park, near Calgary, from a serious conflagration. But for their action, the fire, caused by a camper who left his fire smouldering, might have endangered the Park section and the timbered hillsides along the Bow Valley. The fight was largely directed by the Patrol Leaders and other older boys.

Two Boy Scouts at Leominster, Mass., gave a demonstration of quick thinking when a heavily charged wire parted and fell across a much travelled street.

The boys, coming from a Scout church service, instantly ran to the centre of the street and halted all traffic. They kept it halted until repair men reached the scene.

Carrying on well planned publicity of things accomplished in Winnipeg Scouting, when P.L.'s Stevenson and Fisher of the 44th (St. Margaret's) Winnipeg Troop won the Bushman's Thong their pictures were supplied and used in the *Winnipeg Tribune*.

### Government Honour for N.S. President

One of the appointees on the Youth Employment Committee announced in September by Hon. Norman Rogers, Minister of Labour, was Mr. W. C. Nickerson, President of the Boy Scouts Association of Nova Scotia, and a member of the Canadian General Council. The Youth Employment Committee, an honorary body, will assist the National Employment Commission in its efforts to solve the problem of youth employment and to improve facilities for vocational guidance.

### For Fall "Apple Days"

**D**ISTRICTS contemplating the holding of Fall "Scout Apple Days" are reminded of the textbook on the subject, "THE BOYSCOUT APPLE DAY." Copies may be had from Provincial Headquarters.

### George Zellas, Cornwell Scout

**O**UTSTANDING heroism has won for Lone Scout George Zellas, a patient in the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium, London, Ont., and a member of the 1st Ontario Lone Scout Troop, the Cornwell Decoration. The award was made in recognition of consistent progress in Scouting and exceptional courage and cheerfulness during eight years of suffering in a losing fight against a tubercular malady. During the period Scout Zellas worked his way through all the Cubbing and Scout tests, and at the same time assisted other boys in the ward in similar work, and in other helpful ways.

The decoration was presented September 10th by District Commissioner R.L. Stratton of London, as Scout Zellas lay on his hospital cot.

Scout Zellas is still carrying on, with his waning strength, in an endeavour to attain King's Scout rank before he faces the inevitable end.

### The Economy of Scouting

**A**CCORDING to President Walter W. A. Head, of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the cost of maintaining the local Scout organization in the city of St. Louis, Mo., is 2 cents per day per Scout. This compares with \$150 per day spent for the arrest and conviction of each boy charged with juvenile delinquency.

### Policemen as Scouters

*Whilst conditions may not be quite similar as between Canada and Australia, the following discussion of Scouting and local police officers in The Victorian Scout may offer suggestions well worth consideration by some of our Local Associations.*

**H**AVE you Scouters and Committee-men gone out of your way to win the active assistance of the policemen in your town or suburb? The ideal is to have a boy-loving policeman as a warranted Scouter. Two, if not more, policemen-Scouters have already demonstrated that. Jim Draper and Don Jackson are too widely known throughout the Association to need further introduction.

An enterprising experiment has been planned in New South Wales. Writes the Sydney correspondent of the *Star*: "Behind a recent announcement that it is the desire of the Commissioner of Police that both in city and country centres, constables make an effort to interest themselves in the Boy Scout Movement by becoming Scoutmasters, and that where possible the local police station should be used as a Scout headquarters, is one of the most remarkable changes of viewpoint ever given expression in police administration. The effect of it should be to give the youth of the community a new attitude toward the police, and a new realization of the purpose of police work."

Whether we go as far as turning police stations into Scout dens and policemen into Scouters or not, we can at least suggest to officers of the law definite directions of service, and make them feel we are genuinely anxious to have them take an active part. Some troops already have a working arrangement with the local constable that he will not be perturbed if a small boy turns up to ask his registered number, or find out some other point in a potted competition.

Policemen have a good all round practical training. Many of them are or have been outstanding swimmers and athletes and horsemen. Have you thought of "co-opting the cop" as an instructor or examiner? Have you asked him to become a member of your Group Committee or Local Association?

What office the policeman holds matters less than his attitude toward the local Troop. Show him every courtesy, assume he is interested, and see that the Scouts by their conduct deserve his blessing, and the constable will become a pillar of Scouting in your town.

### He Had Learned First Aid "in the Scouts"

**B**OY Scout training in reviving the apparently drowned enabled Eric Robinson, a University of Alberta student, to bring back to consciousness a woman pulled from the Saskatchewan river by workmen on a gravel dredger. Said the *Edmonton Journal*, referring to the incident: "A woman's life has been saved because a young man had learned first aid principles in the Boy Scouts. All organizations that teach young people 'what to do before the doctor comes' are engaged in valuable community service. Many lives have been saved by first aid, and unfortunately, too many have been lost because none of those present just after an accident knew the proper things to do."

## Sitting Where They Sit for Rover Discussion

MANY centuries before the Christian era a large contingent of the Jewish people were compelled to live in exile in the land of the Euphrates. Ezekiel the preacher conceived the idea that he was divinely commissioned to visit his fellow countrymen and denounce them for their apostasy from the national and religious traditions of the Israelitish people. He gives us a glimpse into his soul as he sets out on his mission by recording that he set out in "the bitterness and heat of his spirit." We do not think less of Ezekiel for that. We cannot expect very much from any reformer who has not sufficient red blood in his veins to grow hot when the occasion requires it.

But a remarkable change came over this man after he visited a time with his fellow countrymen in exile by the banks of the river Chebar in Mesopotamia. The long journey, the delay in getting an audience and above all a better understanding of their difficulties and struggles brought him to see things from a different point of view. He had time to cool down, he was not quite sure of himself when he had some practical experience of the conditions under which his fellow countrymen were compelled to live. They were living in slavery, enduring the intolerable heat of a subtropical climate before the days of science and hygiene. When he saw the actual human beings upon whom he was preparing to let loose his "bitterness and heat" on a "hard-necked and rebellious people", he did not denounce them with slashing words as he had intended. He sat where they sat, saw with his own eyes, experienced in his own soul all their misery and distress of mind and body, and became a sympathizing comforter to them. He abandoned all his old arguments and found new ideas for a new situation.

Any person who sets out to improve the social, religious or educational conditions of life would be well advised to take a leaf from the experience of this ancient prophet. No man can hope to do much good to others who does not learn to sit mentally and spiritually along side of them to get their point of view. He may write and say things that he has said elsewhere, he may approach them in the heat and bitterness of his soul as did this ancient prophet, and give them a bit of his mind. It is easy to see things from our own point of view. It is so natural and agreeable to cultivate our own point of view. We may come to believe there is no other side to the question. We may imagine that we are rendering great service to the world when we are speaking and writing in defence of our point of view concerning some questions, but when we sit where the other fellow sits we some times discover that what we were defending was merely prejudice. It is when we get his point of view, hear his accusations against society and the existing order of things that we are in a position to render real service to our fellow men.

The experience of this old prophet suggests a formula that might well be applied to heal a breach that sometimes exists between individuals and classes in all ranks of society. People should learn to sit where others sit. We criticize churches, governments, boards of education, and teachers' organizations, whereas,

if we sat where they sit, in all probability we would do exactly as they did. It would be well if the rural and urban population of the country could exchange seats for a while and if the professional and artisan classes could see things from each others' point of view. If the teachers could see school problems from the point of view of school board members and the trustee see educational problems from the viewpoint of the teacher, the inspector and the Department of Education, there would be less criticism voiced in the letters to the public press.

When the late Principal Grant of Queen's University was pastor of a congregation in Kingston, a deputation from the Session of the church waited on him, presenting a request that he not participate so much in the political life of the country. Perhaps those who protested did not belong to the same political party as he did. The reverend gentleman received the deputation most cordially, listened politely to their complaint and promised a reply from the pulpit Sunday morning. During the course of his remarks on Sunday morning he reviewed the situation from every angle, and replied that possibly he suited the congregation as well as the congregation suited him. The example of Principal Grant might well be followed by many others. It is well if each individual would perform his or her own duties faithfully and well

## Saskatoon's Rover Month

ROVER Month has come and gone, at least as far as the combined meetings are concerned, but the Crews of the city will furnish Rover Month individually in their own meeting on the last Sunday.

Just what has this series of meetings done to further the aims and objects of Rovering in this city? First of all it has brought the Rovers of the city together and now when one meets the other on the street they know each other.

Secondly it has given impetus to a new Rover Crew being formed within a short time. To those Senior Scouts who were present it gave a first hand idea of how to organize a Rover Crew, the things to guard against, the weak spots in a Crew's life, and all the things that make Rovering something to work for. Despite the fact that Rovering is in its eighteenth year of organization, it is by no means complete, and it is the duty of every Rover to improve and to continually improve his movement.

For those who are now Rovers, this month has meant a fact-facing, self-examination of the methods now in use in Saskatoon. Ideas have been exchanged, new ones have been offered, and old ones have been brought forth.

Yes! Rover Month has been successful, it has accomplished its object. It is destined to become an annual event. We



"Believe it or not,"—the end of two old freight cars, and possibly the finest Rover den in eastern Canada. The home, and the work, of the 1st St. Johns, Que., Kenneth Murray Crew. (See story on opposite page.)

under the assumption that perhaps others suit him about as well as he suits them. We are all tempted to voice our criticism of things by letters to the public press and speeches from the platform, whereas if we could sit where they sit and see things from their point of view we would not waste so much energy in pointing out other people's faults, but expend it in the service of our fellow men.

Representatives of the School Trustees and Teacher organizations held a conference recently upon the question of contracts between boards of education and teachers, and everyone present was amazed at the unanimity arrived at on questions that were supposed to create a cleavage.

Every effort to enable people to see things from the point of view of those from whom they differ, let it be the conference around the village pump or the League of Nations' Society for the world, is a worthy contribution to the welfare of mankind.

—Canadian School Board Journal.

know that there were a good many who missed attending, but whatever their reason was, we are sure they would have derived much benefit from the meetings.

One inter-Crew basketball game was played, with the honors going to the 1st Crew, and there is to be a joint "bun feed" in the near future.

And now for last Sunday's meeting. Three important resolutions were slated to be discussed. The first one dealt with the advisability of Rovers who have been King's Scouts being allowed to wear a small crown on their Rover uniform. The meeting was very nearly equally divided, for and against, and after much discussion a committee was appointed to go into the matter.

The second resolution dealt with introducing a district standard of training for Rovers and Squires. Most districts have their own requirements for the training of the Squire, but it was thought that this should be left to the separate Crews to work for themselves, despite the fact that a standard training would go to make for

better Rovers and in turn be setting a definite object in the Saskatoon district.

The third resolution received almost unanimous support. The meeting went on record as being in favor of the old system of wearing service stars, namely one service star for each year of service, with special stars for five, ten, fifteen, twenty and twenty-five years.

Pamphlets dealing with the Rover Vigil, the Investiture, the Scout Law interpreted for Rovers, the aims and objects of the movement, were distributed to those who had not previously read them.

The committee in charge wishes to thank all those who attended so regularly, and those who prepared such splendid papers.

—M. G. E.

## A Freight-Car Rover Den

THE building of the Rover den of the 1st St. Johns, Que., (Kenneth Murray) Crew offers a splendid example of enterprise and resourcefulness,—also of the co-operation which usually is forthcoming following some years of good Scouting and public service; notably, in this case, Christmas Toy Shop work of an outstanding kind, and an annual Easter Egg collection.

When it was decided to build, in August, 1935, the St. Johns City Council was approached and asked for the use of a site of 300 x 30 ft., an unimproved lot near the station on the south side of the city, bordering open fields. The Rovers engaged to beautify the grounds, with lawn, flowers, bird houses, etc. The request was readily granted, and the site was given free of taxes. A free building permit also was issued.

A request for an old C.P.R. freight car was then made, through Sir Edward Beatty, and for an old C.N.R. car through Mr. E. Savron, K.C., a member of the local Scout Association. The C.P. car was shortly delivered, off its wheels, on a flat car. The C.N. car came on its wheels, and the Rovers were asked to come and take it from the siding. This meant taking it apart, and proved no small task. At times the boys were nearly "stumped", but carried on. They were unable to pull the heavy, rusted floor spikes, and finally were compelled to chisel off the heads, and practically lost the floor. The sides, ends and roof of wood and zinc were secured intact. The five main under-beams proved another proposition. They were cut with a crosscut saw and split with wedges and sledge hammers.

In preparation for the building, 27 foundation posts were sunk, each four feet below frost line. With the aid of a building contractor the C.P. car was moved intact and placed upon the posts. The sections of the C.N. car were then used, with one side and end of the C.P. car for the rear wall and widened ends and roof.

To complete the outside, the front and ends were faced with half-logs, sawn in a local mill. The timbers had been cut and brought from the woods by the Rovers.

In completing the interior, the lower half walls were wainscotted, and the upper half panelled, 15 x 18. The veneer panels were made from packing cases secured from a shirt factory. They were painted jade green; the wainscoting brown. Wainscoting and panelling also

## The Q.M.'s Chat

Brother Scouters:—

*I promised in my last "Chat" to say something more about next year's SCOUT DIARY, the "Big" Little Book that so many of us look for on its annual appearance. Well, the 1937 edition is now available, and many copies have already found their way into Boy Scout pockets.*

*I haven't, so far, had the opportunity of making myself very well acquainted with the new Diary's contents, but from a casual glance through its numerous pages I can say that the Editorial Dept. has seen to it that it's another "Better than Ever" edition, and that you in turn will find it to be likewise.*

*The price remains as in former years at 20 cents per copy; and I shall be obliged if you will acquaint your boys with the fact that copies can now be obtained.*

*The month of October, as you know, witnesses many Scout Apple Days, by means of which many Troops and Packs have solved the financial end of Scouting. In the September number of this magazine much space was given to the Success of Apple Days,—How to organize them, etc, etc. I do, however, want to stress the point of adequate advertising, and for this purpose the Stores Dept. offers on page 46 of its catalogue, TAGS AND WINDOW DISPLAY CARDS. We are all convinced that "It pays to Advertise" and certainly it will pay you to do so on your Apple Day.*

*I suppose by now the majority of you chaps have completed your Autumn re-organization, and that your boys have settled down to the Fall and Winter routine of Scouting. But although time flies on, and with reports of snow in some sections, many enjoyable week-end hikes may still be undertaken to the benefit of all concerned. For these outings make sure each boy is properly equipped, both for comfort and good Scouting. Use your copy of the Catalogue to check up.*

*Next month I shall tell you about this year's Christmas Cards. In the meantime here's the "Smile":*

*Three weeks after Jessie reached boarding school she began signing her letters "Jessica".*

*Brother Tom didn't like it. He replied:*

*"Dear Jessica: Dadica and Momicca have gone to visit Aunt Lizzica. Uncle Samica is buying a new machinica, but he doesn't know whether to get a Chevica or a Fordica. The old Cowica had a Calfica, and I was going to call it Nellica, but changed it to Jimica because it was a Bullica.*

*Your loving Tomica."*

*Yours for Better Scouting*

*Charles L. [Signature]*  
9.11.

was used to partition off in one corner a washroom, and across the opposite end a kitchenette and pantry.

The furnishings of a most attractive and roomy Rover home include big chairs, couches, several tables, bookshelves, pictures, a radio. Most of the furniture was donated by a St. Johns merchant. The rug was donated by "a friend." The wash room set was given by Canadian Potteries, through their local manager, Mr. R. E. Elliot.

The finishing lumber and hardware cost \$320. A small grant was received from the district Scout Association, the balance raised by a dance and several card parties. Sherwin-Williams donated the paint, and the contractor who moved the C.P. car sent a bill for \$45.00, marked paid. It sounds like a "Believe It Or Not" to say that when the Crew of ten members decided to build they had in their treasury but 15 cents!

Three thousand man-working hours were spent on the job, which was begun Sept. 5th, and carried on throughout the winter. The den was officially opened May 20th, by His Honour Mayor St. Germain, in the presence of a notable gathering, including prominent Rover and Scout leaders. The mayor marked the occasion by the presentation of a handsome plaque of King Edward and a copy of the *Commercial Register of Canada*, with his name on the fly-leaf.

The 1st St. Johns Crew is named in memory of Kenneth Murray, Scoutmaster of the 1st St. Johns Scout Troop, son of Canon Murray of Three Rivers, who gave his life overseas during the Great War. The Rover Leader is A. Willcocks.

## An Indian Emphasis on Scout Brotherhood

IF you join us in the true spirit of a Scout you become a member of a great brotherhood which knows no distinction of race, religion or country. An Indian Scout will forget that his brother Scout is Indian or English, Hindu or Moslem, Christian or Parsi, Canadian or Australian. A true Scout in our Movement regards himself as a member of a great international brotherhood and feels pride in his connection with a world-wide fraternity. The spirit that our Movement is out to spread in this country will in a large measure combat all narrowness and pettiness and encourage and develop a broader outlook and larger sympathies. —Hon. Mr. Justice Iqbal Ahmad, Provincial Commissioner, Boy Scouts Association of the Upper Punjab, to students at Aligarh University.

## Quebec's 6th Moot Oct. 10-12

ROVERS of Quebec will meet for their 6th Annual Provincial Moot at the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, over Thanksgiving week-end, October 10-12. This is Columbus Day week-end south of the border, and a good number of American Rovers are expected. Rovers from the other provinces are heartily invited to "drop in."

The Hudson, Ont., Wolf Cub Pack was presented by D. H. Learmonth of the Hudson's Bay Company with a beautiful timber wolf skin for their "council rock."

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.

### Camp Site "Shares"

AS a means of financing their summer camp and maintaining Deer Lodge, a cabin camp site, the Sussex, N.B., Scout Association has been selling \$1.00 shares to the public. The shares entitle holders to camping rights and picnic facilities on the Deer Lodge grounds.

### A P.L.'s Mystery Camp

THE 1st Smiths Falls Troop started autumn activities with a "Patrol Leaders' Mystery Camp." The boys received letters with all the necessary information, except where they were to camp. This the boys discovered only upon arrival at the site. The camp was a school of instruction, a conference on the season's activities of the troop and a "pep" rally all in one.

### A Cub Camp Fund Scheme

TWO years ago this fall we had a Camp Fund which started in September and carried on until the boy had paid his registration fee for camp. This year we are going to carry out the idea in a more advanced way. A leader will be in sole charge of the Camp Fund. The camp fee will be \$1.50 for seven days. Cubs will bring 10 cents a week—5 cents for Cub dues and 5 cents for camp fund.—3rd Ingersoll Pack.

### Firemen as First Aid Instructors and Examiners

FIRE Chief Kenny Martin of Rossland, B.C., is an instructor and examiner in Scout first aid. He is able, fires permitting, to give examinations on Saturday mornings and at other times convenient to boys. Is this not an idea for looking into elsewhere? In connection with Scouting we have chiefly thought of fire chiefs and firemen as instructors and examiners for the Fireman's Badge. Many of them could equally well handle a number of other subjects, including first aid. They probably would be interested to do so.

### Witch Doctors— A Cub Game

SEVERAL players are chosen for "witch doctors"—about every fourth person. These run about putting spells on all the Cubs they can, by touching them. A Cub who has been "bewitched" remains transfixed and still until the spell has been taken off by the touch of a Cub who is still free. The game thus becomes a race between the "witch doctors," who are putting on the spells, and the others who are taking them off. A time limit should be fixed. If the "witch doctors" have not in that time succeeded in bewitching all their opponents, they have lost the game. Distinguish the "witch doctors" somehow, and make sure that the game is properly explained before starting it.

### A Lively Show for Dads and Mothers

THE interest of parents of boys of the 8th Calgary Troop was successfully maintained last season by "Father and Son" and "Mother and Son" nights arranged "strictly on the Patrol System," and using the following programme:

Demonstration of "What to take and how to carry equipment on a hike."—Spare time activities such as Archery, Wood Work, Radio.—Service Badge work in form of First Aid and Stretcher.—A real Scout camp bed.—Gymnastics and Pyramid Building.—Boxing and Quarter Staff.—Inter-patrol contests, Dads Vs. Sons, and Mother Vs. Sons.—Motion pictures of Scout activities.—Music by Troop orchestra.—Eats made and served by the boys.—A good indoor camp fire.

Three hour shows and not a dull minute!



A Lloydminster, Sask., Scout makes sure of the shore line details of his Journey map, with a prismatic compass.

### A Turk's Head and a Canteen

SCOUTMASTER Viel of the 1st St. Basil, N.B., Troop, contributes these hints on the making of a smart turk's-head of bone, and an improvised canteen:

I made a fine substitute for a turk's-head by cutting with a coping saw from a bone a fleur de lis  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. long, then polishing it. The bar was made of an old gold-filled watch-case, and was secured on the centre leaf. A small wire loop underneath holds a leather band through which the scarf passes.

A serviceable hike canteen can be made by placing two tin pie-plates face to face and soldering all round. For the mouth a hole is drilled at some point in the joint, and the screw cap from a small oil can is soldered in place. The bottle is then covered with duck, and with the addition of a strap is complete.

### A VALUABLE IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTER CARD GOES WITH SCOUT REGISTRATION

### Correspondents Desired by—

An Australian Jewish Scout.  
An Australian Scout interested in stamps and photography.  
An Australian Rover Mate.  
A Scoutmaster in England.  
A Liverpool Rover Crew.

### Keeping the Laws a Live Issue

HERE is a successful method used by a Quebec Scouter to keep the Scout Laws a live issue with his boys: At each meeting the P.L. of the Duty Patrol reads one of the Laws, and speaks to it himself, or requests the Scoutmaster to do so. A formula followed is: "I understand this Law to mean," etc. "Is this troop doing it?"

### The Unknown Half Mile

SLOCAN CITY, B.C., Scouts got a lot of fun out of a three-mile hike of which the final half mile was unknown ground, with Scout trail signs. The trail terminated under a hill where an advance party had a fire, potatoes, weiners and tea ready for the troop cooks. While the potatoes were baking there were stalking and tree naming games. A camp fire topped off the outing at dusk.

### A Camp-Hike Troop Trailer

THE summer's outing of the 1st Port Burwell, Ont., Troop took the form of an historic sites tour, by means of an automobile trailer which the boys themselves had built. The tour included the Thomas Jones Bird Sanctuary, the graves of Col. Mahlon Burwell, founder of Port Burwell, and of Thomas Talbot; the Court House and old Anglican Church at St. Thomas. One night was spent in camp beside the ancient Indian fort at Southwold. The boys had raised the money for the building of the trailer by a Scout Apple Day, a rummage sale and other enterprises. For short hikes the trailer can be pulled by hand.

### Avoiding a "Stale" Pack Programme

ONE of the greatest dangers that a Group may fall into is that its programme may go "stale". In our two packs we have attempted to avoid this by as much variety as possible. We frequently have special nights when the whole pack is a "tribe of Indians," a "shipload of sailors," "firemen," or something else romantic. Then we have "Full Moon" meetings, that call for a special jungle atmosphere, and a council round the "Red Flower."

We also have tried to vary our games to the greatest extent, playing many only once, a few twice, and the occasional one three times in a year. We also have found useful, Saturday morning meetings during the winter, when we may do basketing or leatherwork.—C.M. Donald H. Rochester, 93rd Toronto "B."

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# FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 4th TO 10th, 1936

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## SCOUTERS ALL,—

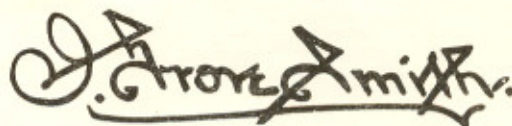
This is **Fire Prevention Week!** A Royal Proclamation issued by the Dominion Government under the authority of His Excellency the Governor General, calls upon every good Canadian citizen to use every effort to combat our tremendous loss by fire.

During the past fifteen years, no less than 640,683 fires have taken place in Canada. Property valued at over \$630,000,000 has been destroyed and almost 7,000 lives have been sacrificed to the flames. Sixty per cent of those burned to death were boys and girls under fifteen years of age. Of the total number of fires, over 300,000 occurred in homes. Every ten minutes, day and night, a fire breaks out somewhere in Canada; every minute property worth \$76 is destroyed by fire and, on the average, one person is burned to death and four are seriously injured by fire every day in every year.

Now the outstanding cause of this tremendous loss of life and property is sheer carelessness. Last year, 11,700 fires were started by lighted cigarettes and matches thrown on flammable materials; 8,200 fires were caused by dirty furnaces, overheated stoves and defective pipes and flues; 6,500 fires occurred from hot ashes and coals setting fire to rubbish in cellars and basements; over 5,000 fires originated in attics, closets and amongst accumulations of old boxes, papers and rubbish in back yards; 2,700 fires were started by persons using coal oil and gasoline in kindling fires in stoves and ranges; 1,800 fires were caused by careless persons handling lamps, lanterns and candles and 1,300 arose from sparks from bonfires and fireworks.

To measurably reduce this tremendous waste of life and property from carelessness, the interest and assistance of every good Canadian is needed. Scouts, in particular, are mentioned in the Proclamation of Fire Prevention Week as constituting one of our most valuable allies in the fight against fire. The Scout motto "BE PREPARED" is fundamental to all successful fire prevention work. If every individual Scout will undertake to see that his own home is cleaned up and made fire-safe and if every Scout troop through their leader will volunteer to bring to the attention of the local Fire Chief or other authorities any dangerous condition in their district that they may observe, such co-operation will be eminently practical. Lives and property will unquestionably be saved and a worth-while work for Canada will have been effected.

Fraternally yours,



*Dominion Fire Commissioner.*

*Note: Scouters will please read this message to all Groups during the week of October 4th-10th.*