



The Scout Uniform—Emblem of Community Service

"FROM the halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli, the uniform of our Marines stands for toughness, ability, bravery,—and for the United States."

That striking sentence fires the opening gun of an excellent article on uniform, which appeared in the March

Let's Wear It Proudly and Properly

issue of *Scouting* the American contemporary of *The Scout Leader*. What is said is equally applicable to Canada. Here are a few excerpts.

"Uniforms . . . come to stand for something special. Think what the red coat of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police represents 'way off in the wilderness. Many times one lone Mountie has gone into a hostile village and gotten his man. More than once he has been one against a hundred. But the wilderness people knew that uniform. They knew it represented the type of service and courage which they could not resist.

"The Boy Scout uniform has earned a similar distinction. Boys have worn it as they bravely did their part in all kinds of emergencies—floods, cyclones, hurricanes, fires and panics, earthquakes. Boys have worn it as they performed many less spectacular services—collecting tons of needed war materials, distributing vital government information. Yes, the Scout uniform stands for fine things.

"Your Scouts sure have something when they put on the Scout uniform. They are wearing one of the most colourful uniforms in the world. One of the most meaningful, too.

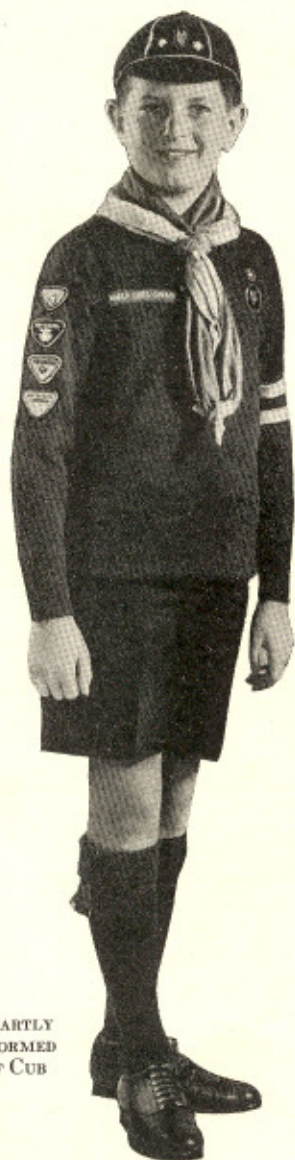
"The Scout uniform stands for . . . the boy who tried to Be Prepared for whatever might come. Yes, the spirit of Scouting has gone into that uniform, and it stands for something fine today."

Here in Canada, over the years, the uniform has been modified to meet climatic conditions. In the Canadian winter, it is not reasonable to expect boys to wear shorts in the open, and so official breeches were provided. There are cotton shirts for summer wear and flannel shirts for winter wear. So there

is really no reason why a Scout cannot be as neatly uniformed, whatever the season of the year.

Scouting adds this "Probably the two worst enemies of uniformity are the temptation to wear a mixture of uniform and civvies, and to camouflage the uniform by wearing non-uniform sweaters or jackets. The first problem can be solved by firm application of the rule—'All uniform or none of it' in the Troop. The second can be solved by the trick of wearing sweaters under the shirt. This is practical because the tight woven shirt acts as a wind-

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A SMARTLY UNIFORMED WOLF CUB



A CORRECTLY DRESSED BOY SCOUT

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Birthday Greetings to the Chief Scout

OUR Chief Scout, the Earl of Athlone, Governor-General of Canada, will celebrate his 70th birthday on April 14th, and the hearty good wishes of every Scout, Cub and Scouter will go out to him on that occasion. His Excellency has, during the year past, shown a great deal of interest in the Scout organization, despite the heavy calls upon him by reason of his official duties, and his associations with other organizations. He presided at the annual meeting of the Association and at the meeting of the Executive Committee. He has spoken over the radio on behalf of Scouting, has visited several Scout headquarters and has inspected Scouts at every opportunity.

Highlighting the Chief Scout's interest in the Movement was his invitation to the Scouts of Ottawa to camp overnight on the grounds of Government House in the nation's capital last summer. This gracious act was typical of the keen interest he has displayed in the Movement since becoming Chief Scout four years ago.

As an associate of Lord Baden-Powell in South Africa, and as Chief Scout for that Dominion for seven years, the Earl of Athlone has played a very real part in the affairs of Empire Scouting. Everyone connected with Scouting in Canada will wish His Excellency health, happiness and many more years of useful service on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Victory Loan

CANADA'S sixth Victory Loan campaign will open on April 24th, presenting once again an opportunity for Scouts to make themselves useful in a very important phase of the war effort.

The National War Finance Committee has come to depend upon the Scouts to do an important job in each

succeeding drive. Canada's Boy Scouts have earned an enviable reputation for the quality and quantity of the service they have rendered in the past.

The very fact that a Scouter is a Scouter is proof that he is service minded, so it will not take much urging on our part to get every Scouter to place the services of his Scouts at the disposal of his local War Finance Committee. There are many services Scouts can render, distribution of pamphlets, display cards and other material, acting as messenger boys, telephone boys, and taking part in

A Magistrate's Tribute to Scouting

SCOUTING is one of the finest forms of training offered to our future citizens. Many an outstanding citizen of Canada has publicly acknowledged his great indebtedness to what Scouting taught him in the early years of his life. Scores of boys who are overseas began the training which has fitted them for the magnificent work they are now doing when first they were invested as Boy Scouts. A recent letter from a former Sydney Scouter tells us that dozens of Boy Scout Troops have been formed among the soldiers who formerly belonged to the Movement. Scouting is one of the best answers to the question, "How can we prevent our boys from straying from the right path?" It is one real solution to the problem of juvenile delinquency. It is Scouting and the Scout's promise to "Obey the Scout Laws" that stands against juvenile gangs; it is Scouting against the young street corner habits; it is Scouting against that cesspool of iniquity, the poolroom. The Boy Scout Movement has justified beyond all doubt that it deserves the fullest support of every right thinking citizen in our community.

J. L. Dubinsky,
Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate,
Sydney, N.S.

Victory Loan parades and acting as ushers at Victory Loan rallies.

Need we add that the Hon. J. L. Hsley, the Minister of Finance, is well aware and fully appreciative of what Scouts have done in the past, and what they will do in the coming campaign.

Give your Scouts an opportunity to serve, and see that they serve as representatives of the Boy Scouts Association by doing all Victory Loan jobs in full uniform. It is a Scout's task to be useful and to be loyal. Here's an opportunity to be both.



To Higher Service

Cpl. Willis K. Addison, 29, CAO,
Cub, Scout, 2nd Winnipeg Group.

AB William R. Badour, 19, RCNVR,
Scout, Kingston, Ont.

FO Archibald N. Book, 23, RCAF,
Cub, Scout, CM, 47th Winnipeg Group.

Pte. Edward Boyd, 20, Perth Regt.,
Cub, PL, TL, ASM, 26th London
Group.

PO Lloyd L. B. Bradley, 23, RCAF,
Scout, 47th Winnipeg Troop.

LS Joseph T. Chippendale, 19, RC
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RCAF, Scout, ASM 42nd Toronto
Troop.

PO Marshall English, 28, RCAF,
Scout, 1st Virden, Man. Troop

PO Gowan V. Gibson, 31, RCAF,
Rover, 33rd Winnipeg Crew.

Sgt. Clarence W. Gugins, 21, CAO,
Cub, 15th Winnipeg Pack.

Gnr. Vincent Hadfield, 24, CAO,
Scout, 2nd Winnipeg Troop.

Sgt. Stanley Hunter, 28, CAO, Sixer,
15th Winnipeg Pack.

LS David Sheppard, 21, RCNVR,
Scout, 2nd Winnipeg Troop.

LAC William C. Thompson, 22, RC
AF, Scout, 47th Winnipeg Troop.

Flt. Sgt. Roy Walton, 22, RCAF,
Cub, 76th Winnipeg Pack.

Pte. Edward Waterfield, 21, Perth
Regt., Scout, 26th London Troop.

Pte. Norman Yates, 28, CAO, Scout,
1st Vancouver Troop.

War Decorations

Member the Order of the British Empire

Flt. Lieut. Norman Jones, 28, RCAF,
Cub, Scout, King's Scout, 1st Toronto
Group.

Distinguished Flying Medal

Sgt. Gordon Linklater, RCAF, PL,
1st Sudbury Troop. (Posthumous
award).

ON YOUR FEET

Adapted from an article in *Scouting* by

F. C. Mills

National Director, Health and Safety Service, Boy Scouts of America

THE most striking difference between a good army and a poor one," says a much-read military authority, "is the power to march long distances and arrive fit for battle."

Isn't that also a pretty good measure of a Scout's outdoor ability—to be able to hike far and to have plenty of "what it takes" left when he arrives at his destination.

Let's make no mistake about the importance of foot care and foot training for a maturing boy. Scouts are just coming into the real hiking season in Canada. Hiking, whether for fun or for war service requires Scouts to be sound of foot.

Three prime factors of insuring healthy feet are, (1) Shoes and stockings that fit, (2) Clean feet and socks, and (3) Freedom from infection.

Shoes That Fit

The army still uses the old method of putting on new shoes and then soaking the feet in water for five minutes, then walking around until the shoes are dry. This makes the shoe conform to the shape of the foot but it will not make narrow shoes wide, nor short shoes long. Hiking shoes must be wide enough to allow for the feet to swell a little and long enough so that when heavy socks are worn the toes won't be cramped.

Slipping at the heel can be corrected by putting a piece of felt or folded cloth under the tongue of the shoe.

Shoes that press against the toe joints can and should be stretched, if the trouble persists after the shoes have been soaked.

Clean Feet

The feet, which work all the time when we are not resting, either to move the body about, or carry its weight, perspire very freely. This, plus the fact that the feet are close to the dust at all times, makes it necessary to bath them frequently in order to keep them from becoming very tender from moisture. Frequent bathing not only rests and takes away the ache but

it is necessary in order to keep the feet healthy. Particular care should be taken to keep the spaces between the toes, the tendon above the heel, and the front of the foot across the instep thoroughly clean. Each daily soap and water bath should be accompanied by a period of rubbing the dead skin from the soles of the feet and between the toes. Clean socks should be put on every day.

Many authorities advise against rubbing the top of the foot too briskly. They seem to be convinced that this makes the feet tender.

Lots of foot powder between the toes, in the socks and even in the shoes is desirable. A quick dip of the feet in cold water in the middle of the day is refreshing. An Epsom salts bath at night is a luxury for tired, aching feet.

Infection

Because the feet are so difficult to keep clean they are easily infected. Any break of the skin must be cared for at once. Blisters should not be broken except by a doctor.

A great industrial surgeon has this to say: "Blister on heel—cleanse with soap and water and see the doctor. Do not pick blisters on heel, fingers or hand."

Another says: "To protect blister from being broken, cover, if small, with a strip of adhesive tape to prevent chafing. If large apply a piece of sterile gauze and hold in place with adhesive tape."

If the blister has been broken, treat as any wound with antiseptic and a sterile dressing and bring it to the attention of a doctor. Those small foot injuries are really dangerous and must not be neglected.

Athlete's foot, (ringworm of the

foot) is quite common. Well cared for feet resist it well. Many people who should know think that good foot hygiene will prevent it. Certainly those who cleanse their feet and change their stockings one or more times a day and who use plenty of foot powder, are less likely to contract it than those who do not.

Barefoot Hazard Great

The poet who wrote, "blessings on thee, little man, barefoot boy" probably didn't know much about tetanus. The danger from a puncture wound is too great to allow barefooted Scouts in Camp. Insist on covered feet.

Conditioning Exercises

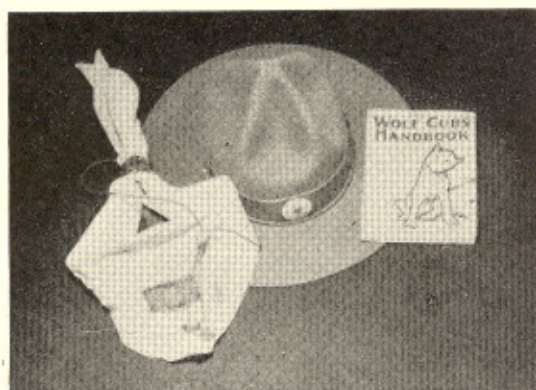
The best training for hiking is—hiking (provided it is properly done), but there are several leg and foot exercises that will help to develop that extra drive that makes fast, hard walking less exhausting. Here are three that have to do with the rear foot push. Have your Scouts practice them at home, or at the Troop meeting.

1. With feet parallel and slightly spread, rise on toes to full height 25 times, increase to 50. Hands may hang down or be placed in hip-firm position as desired. Add 20 pound pack when exercise becomes easy.

2. With one foot resting on seat of kitchen chair or bench, and body in forward position, push forward and up with other foot 25 times. Change feet and repeat. Increase gradually and eventually add pack.

3. Raise the whole weight of body on one foot while the knee of the opposite leg is raised, grasped with both hands and pulled close to the body. Repeat 25 times and change feet. Excellent for developing foot push and knee action, for stepping upon or over obstacles. Eventually add pack.





PRACTICAL CUBBING

Observation and Handicraft

6.30 Assembly of Pack. Sixes in lairs, Sixers marking Six books and collecting fees.

6.40 Grand Howl. Cub silence, Prayer. Announcements.

6.45 Sense Training—Indoor Hike. A large number of pictures pinned on den wall, hockey players, nature pictures, well known buildings, people, etc. Each Six in turn starts at No. 1 and hikes around the room within a time limit looking and observing same. When finished they go to their lairs and enter names of pictures on list opposite each number. Papers are collected and results checked and announced at end of meeting.

7.00 Inspection (Nails, claws, also teeth). Any boy who hasn't cleaned his has to do so in basin provided by Akela.

7.05 Game (Fun)—Fish Fanning—Sixes in relay formation. A circle in front of each in which is a tissue paper fish; about 15 ft. up room another circle is chalked in front of each Six. Each leading Cub has a piece of cardboard with which he fans the fish from the one circle up stream to the other. Leaving fan and fish there, he runs back to Six, touches second Cub who runs to far circle and fans fish to other circle. The game then proceeds until every Cub has had a turn.

7.15 Handicraft—Covering a Paper Box—(See page 27, *Handwork for Cubs*).

7.30 Jungle Story—Read pages 80 to 90, to end.

7.40 Game (Fun)—Jumping Bag—Pack in circle. Leader in centre swinging a rope with a soft weight on the end. Players in circle jump over it as it comes round. If hit put hand on head; if hit a second time, both hands on head; if a third time, they drop out. Pace should vary but rope should be swung from knees down.

7.45 Pack Instruction—Leap Frog—(See page 102 of *Wolf Cubs' Handbook*)—Pack in circle; explain how to do it and why. Usually Akela's main job is to smarten up the way the Cubs go over and land. The boy should leap in a smooth, graceful manner, land with his feet together, pause briefly, then take a step forward.

8.00 Play Leap Frog Relay—Sixes in relay formation. One player half way up the room forming a "back." Each leading player holding a bean bag or spool, etc. On GO he runs forward over back, touches far wall and runs back to rear of Six, handing spool to new leading player in passing. This continues until each player in turn has gone over the back. When the original rear player has touched the far wall he runs to the player making the back and hands him the spool. They change places and the original "back" runs to the front of

his file. In this way the game is continued until each player has made a "back" and the teams are in their original formation. If a player fails to get over a "back" he must return and try again. The Six to finish first wins. Akela watches for the Cubs who have difficulty and works with these at the end of the meeting.

8.10 Story—Hawk Eye saves his tribe—*Potted Stories*, page 131. (How an Indian boy, by using his ears and eyes, helped to save his tribe).

8.20 Grand Howl. Prayer. Wood and Water, Wind and Tree, Jungle Favour go with thee.

Try This Quiz

A FEW months ago we published a Scout Quiz in *The Leader*, which was quite widely used. Here is a sample one for a Pack. Once you get the idea you can make up your own easily. This one was sent out by Miss Lillian Poltrick, the new Cub Executive in Montreal.

Give each boy a number, cut from a calendar. Number your questions, and when the question number is called the boy holding that number answers.

1. Who brought Mowgli up as a Cub?
2. Why do you breathe through your nose?
3. What is the Cub promise?
4. What time does the 8.30 train get in the C.P.R. station?



HIS HONOUR,
LT. GOVERNOR
J. C. BOWEN,
OF ALBERTA,
PATRON OF THE
BOY SCOUTS
ASSOCIATION
IN THAT PROVINCE,
PRESENTS THE
CORNWELL BADGE
TO WOLF CUB
RALPH MOSES,
THE FIRST CUB
IN CANADA TO
RECEIVE THIS
SCOUT V.C.

5. What is the Cub motto?
 6. In the Grand Howl what does "We'll DOB" mean?
 7. What is our national anthem?
 8. What is the flag emblem for Scotland?
 9. Why do you tie a reef knot in a bandage?
 10. What does the Cub Salute remind you of?
 11. How long is a Chinaman? (Trick question).
 12. What is a Bowline used for?
- Use this one, and then make up some quizzes for yourself.

Imperfect Sympathies

THE following is taken from the column "Under My Hat" in *The Scouter* the magazine for Scout Leaders in Great Britain. It is from the pen of E. E. Reynolds, Acting Editor, and behind its whimsical humour will be found much food for provocative thought. Here it is.

Fellow devotees of that notable Cockney, Charles Lamb, will recall his essay on "Imperfect Sympathies" in which he set out to describe some of the groups of people he didn't like; he begins by saying, "I have been trying all my life to like Scotchmen," and then explains why he was "obliged to desist from the experience in despair." So he goes on to other kinds of people and finishes up with the Quakers. Lying here in the early stages of convalescence (Mr. Reynolds has been ill) I have found myself making notes of my "Imperfect Sympathies" or, more exactly, of "Scouters I do not like."

At this point I can see eyebrows going up, and hear someone say "What about the 4th Scout Law?" I have always admired the wording of that law. If words mean anything at all (and it is never wise to assume that B.-P. didn't know what he was saying) the phrase "and a brother to every other Scout" means that I am brotherly to Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7 etc. (or Nos. 2, 4, 6, etc.), and not so matey towards Nos. 2, 4, 6 etc. (or Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, etc.). That I regard as an attainable standard, whereas had the phrase been "a brother to all other Scouts," I should have despaired. It just can't be done.

So I feel safe in making a list of "Scouters I do not like" they in return

can make out their lists and put me at the top. As a matter of fact it would be interesting if other Scouters amused themselves in this way (no persons to be named) and sent me their lists so that we would print later on a catalogue of "Disliked Scouters" — we should probably all find ourselves on it somewhere.

My first is,

The Scouter who does not read The Scouter.

That is a legitimate dislike for an Editor (Acting or Real), for the one thing he dreads is to be NOT READ. Note the word "read." Taking *The Scouter* is no virtue of itself, since paper in these days has so many uses.

Next,

The Scouter who has no sense of proportion.

There is a certain type of Scouter who gleefully seizes an opportunity to write in this way—"On page 86 of the last issue, the Scout in the second row, fourth from the left, is not wearing his shoulder knot. This is disgraceful, etc." I notice that such critics can never send me a natural (not posed) photograph of their own wonderfully perfect Troop with all garters, etc., intact.

Or similarly,

The Scouter who has no sense of humour.

This means almost the same as the last but it needs emphasizing. Here is an example. On page 4 of an advance copy of the January *Scouter* (I have to write this before it is published), second paragraph, and three lines from the end occurs the term "Bolshie



COMMISSIONERS OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA PAUSE FOR A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH DURING THEIR MIDWINTER CONFERENCE IN JANUARY AT HIGH RIVER. ALBERTA'S PLANS FOR EXPANSION WERE DISCUSSED AT THE CONFERENCE.

Scouter." Now I am as certain as that I am at this moment in bed, that I shall get two letters about that expression. One will regard it as an insult to our gallant allies the Russians; the other will find it proof that I.H.Q. is the Citadel of Reaction and intent on suppressing free criticism.

That example may seem exaggerated, but not so many weeks ago a Local Association passed a resolution against me for some phrase I had light-heartedly used. This was the first time I had ever been resolutioned against, and I was sorry to have caused offence, but I could not help feeling that these worthy people had a somewhat grim outlook on life. So let us read in the spirit in which the writer sets down the words and not take banter too seriously.

Then there is,

The Scouter who says he keeps his senior boys when actually he has only three Scouts over 15 in a Troop of 30.

This man is dangerous; he simply refuses to face facts and lives in a dream world of his own. On the other hand I respect enormously the Scouter who really does keep a goodly proportion of his older boys—such men are not numerous, but they are the salt of the Movement.

So I go on to,

The Scouter who is Parish Minded.

I mean the fellow who can only think in terms of his own Group, or town conditions and cannot realize that in a Movement of our extent, directions must be framed on very broad lines, and much must (thank goodness!) be left to the imaginative

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CARRYING ON



MUCH OF THE SUCCESS OF THE FOOD INDUSTRY DRIVE FOR WAR SAVINGS STAMPS IN HAMILTON, ONT., WAS DUE THE EFFICIENT CO-OPERATION OF THE BOY SCOUTS. THE SCOUTS ARE PICTURED WITH MAYOR SAM LAWRENCE ON THE CITY HALL STEPS ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE DRIVE.

Scouters to the Rescue

WHEN the two year old daughter of a former Ottawa Scouter was taken seriously ill, a number of blood transfusions were necessary. The family could not afford to pay for the number needed. District Secretary Emile L. Callow appealed to the Cub Leaders of Ottawa. No less than 15 leaders volunteered to become donors for the little girl. Fortunately her health is improving, and it is unlikely that all will be needed. However it is a nice illustration of the "Brotherhood of Scouting."

Brentford Sea Scouts, Victoria, B.C., collected and delivered nearly 1,000 magazines for the forces in a recent drive.

Still Going Strong

Few districts in Canada have done as fine a salvage work as the Stratford, Ont., District, particularly in the waste paper division. In one day, early in February the Scouts went to work and brought in 20 tons of paper products, sufficient to fill a box car and send another four tons away by truck. About 65 Scouts and Cubs worked on the project, and the loading was done by six members of the Royal Rifles of Canada.

Scouts of Hamilton, Ont., were commended by Mayor Sam Lawrence for giving up their Saturday to aid in the Food Industry Stamp selling drive.

In the Capital City

In the annual report of the Ottawa District Association it was revealed that during the year Ottawa Scouts have assisted in A.R.P. work, Fat and Bone salvage, Ration Board, Victory Loans, Canadian Legion, Russian Relief and many spent the summer months farming. In addition they have aided the repatriation committee, have collected waste paper, thousands of medicine bottles, magazines, and a quantity of tinfoil. Other community services rendered included acting in various capacities for the National Museum, the Minto Follies, Kinsmen Club, Housing Survey, Choral Union, Veterans' Guard parade, Women's Canadian Club, League of Nations Society, the Welfare Bureau, Gyro Club, Rotary Club and Carleton College. Practically every Scout and Cub in the city has had some part in this work.

Wartime Village Troop

Ajax, Ontario, is a wartime village, built up around a great munitions factory, the site of which before the war was farmland. Ajax has a Scout Troop and it is wide-awake. A few weeks ago

they assisted the Kinsmen's Club by collecting 5,000 magazines for the boys overseas.

A Waste Paper Matinee

At Gananoque, the Salvage Committee staged a free matinee at the local theatre, with the admission a package of paper, cardboard or magazines, weighing at least five pounds. Boy Scouts took charge of the handling and reported a grand total of three and a half tons for the matinee.

Scout in the Forces Repays Scouting by Helping Others

THE following letter from LAC W. J. P. Robertson, No. 7, Det. R.C.A.F., Patricia Bay, B.C., speaks for itself:

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find a check for five dollars (\$5.00) to be used by the "Chins Up Fund" in supplying copies of *Scouting for Boys* to brother Scouts in other parts of the world. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to tender this small donation to what I feel is a really excellent "job of work."

Prior to my enlistment, in June of 1941, I had been active for several years in the Movement—as a Cub and Scout in the 84th Winnipeg Group, and as Assistant and finally Scoutmaster of the 8th Winnipeg Troop. During that time I received a great deal of benefit from *Scouting for Boys*, not only in my work in Scouting, but also in my everyday activities. All of this has doubtless been said before, but, in my estimation, it is something well worth repeating.

Unfortunately, I have been unable to carry on actively in Scouting during my Service career due to the fact that most of my time is spent on very isolated stations, and so this Fund provides a vehicle by which I may still feel that I am doing something to repay Scouting for the many benefits I received from the organization. I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the day when I will be able to resume a more active role.

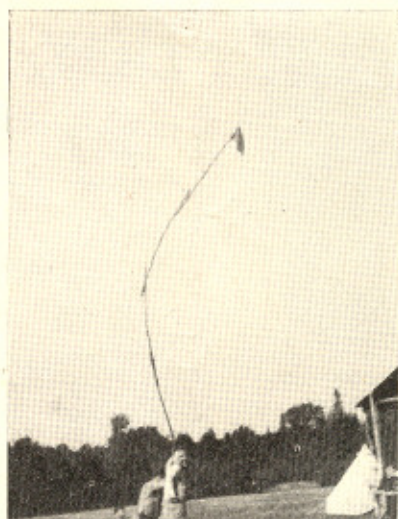
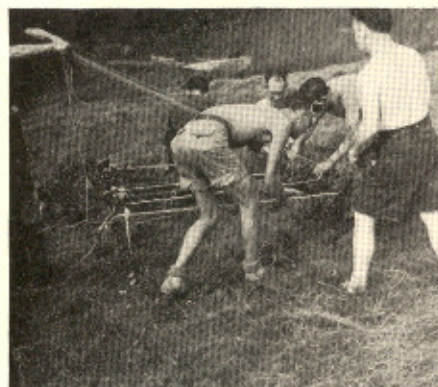
Until that day, then, when the gospel of brotherhood and good citizenship, as set forth in *Scouting for Boys*, may once again be taught freely throughout the world.

I remain, as ever,

A sincere believer in the Movement,

W. J. P. ROBERTSON.

LEADERS AT ONTARIO'S 1943 GILWELL COURSE AT BLUE SPRINGS WEAVE A CAMP MATTRESS AS A SPARE-TIME ACTIVITY. PLAN TO TAKE A COURSE THIS YEAR.



READY FOR THE BIG ADVENTURE, THE OVERNIGHT HIKE, AND CENTRE—A STAVE FLAG-POLE WHICH BENT IN THE MIDDLE—OH WELL!



Let's Train for Better Service

"IT is recognized now that beside the actual practise of Scouting with the boys themselves, more is required of the Scouter who wants to be a good leader to them. It is his duty to pick up as much experience and knowledge as he can and at the same time to secure that his boys do not suffer from his experiments. A Scouter should . . . avail himself of district courses and of the Wood Badge courses."

That is not something we have written just for this occasion. It was written by B.-P. a good many years ago, and you'll find it on page 323 of the latest edition of *Scouting for Boys*.

It is the old story—if a thing's worth doing, it's worth doing well. That is why Scouters who are able, should make it a point to take Gilwell Training. It makes a tremendous difference, as anyone who has taken such a course will tell you. Here is an outline of the courses planned for this coming summer. Plan your holidays now to take in one of these courses. They are re-creation in its truest sense.

GILWELL CAMP DATES

Akela

ALBERTA—Camp Woods—July 22nd to July 29th.

SASKATCHEWAN—Prince Albert—July 24th to 31st.

MANITOBA—Gimli, July 29th to Aug. 5th.

ONTARIO—Blue Springs—Dates to be decided.

QUEBEC—Camp Macaulay—Aug. 25th to Aug. 31st.

NOVA SCOTIA—Cape Breton Island—July 22nd to 29th.

Scout

ALBERTA—Camp Woods—July 30th to Aug. 8th.

WATERTON LAKES—Aug. 10th to Aug. 20th.

SASKATCHEWAN—Lebret—July 10th to 20th.

ONTARIO—Blue Springs—Dates to be decided.

QUEBEC—Tamaracouta—Aug. 5th to 13th.

MARITIMES—Sussex, N.B.—Aug. 15th to 25th.

CAPE BRETON—July 29th to Aug. 12th.

Junior Leaders

ALBERTA—Dates to be decided.

SASKATCHEWAN—Garner Park—July 3rd to 8th; Beaver Creek—Aug. 3rd to 10th.

MANITOBA—Gimli—July 19th to July 26th.

Flin Flon—July 6th to July 13th.

The Summer Camp Rationing Problem—How to Deal with It

THE camping season is approaching, and the problem of rationing will again be to the fore. Direct instructions as to procedure are not possible through *The Scout Leader* as the War-time Prices and Trade Board gives each local administrator the power to make decisions based on the special circumstances in his district. However last year little difficulty was experienced and Rationing Officials were most co-operative. Here generally is the procedure which was followed in 1943.

First, Scouters planning summer camps should approach the local ration administration, providing them with the approximate number of boys planning to attend camp, and the number

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HERE ARE SOME SCENES FROM THE MARITIME AKELA COURSE OF 1943 AT LONE CLOUD RESERVE NEAR HALIFAX. GOOD SWIMMING IN THE LAKE WAS ONE OF THE RELAXATIONS. TWO LADY CUBMASTERS FROM EDMUNSTON, N.B., IN FANCY DRESS FOR A CAMPFIRE STUNT. OF COURSE DISHES HAVE TO BE WASHED BUT ITS LOTS OF FUN WHEN THERE'S AN EXPERIENCED LADY CUBMASTER TO HELP. INCIDENTALLY TWO OF THE MEN IN THE PICTURE ARE R.A.F. PERSONNEL STATIONED IN CANADA AND ACTIVE IN MARITIME CUBBING.



A GROUP OF OTTAWA SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS BROADCASTING A BOY SCOUT WEEK PLAY OVER AN OTTAWA STATION.
—Photo by Stanley G. Metcalfe, S.M.



BOY SCOUTS OF PORT ARTHUR RAISE THE FLAG ON A DOMINION GOVERNMENT BUILDING AT THE LAKEHEAD CITY. DESPITE THE 5 BELOW ZERO WEATHER THE SCOUTS TURNED UP IN SHORTS.



THIS CARTOON CAPTIONED "THEIR RESPONSIBILITY" APPEARED DURING BOY SCOUT WEEK IN THE HALIFAX HERALD AND IS THE WORK OF ROBERT W. CHAMBERS WHOSE BOY SCOUT WEEK CARTOONS APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS ALL ACROSS CANADA THIS YEAR.

BOY SCOUT WEEK—

CANADA's third annual Boy Scout Week has passed into history, and this third successive attempt to publicise the Scout programme before the public, was again crowned with success. Through hundreds of press clippings, and through activity reports sent in by many local and district leaders we have been able to obtain a picture of the nation-wide observance of the week.

In such a vast undertaking, with so many hundreds of groups taking part, it is obviously impossible to record the Scout Week programmes of any group or district, much as we would like to. Some of the activities are pictured on this page.

Church Services

Perhaps the most impressive response was the memorial services to the Founder. All over Canada, in cities, towns and villages, hundreds of church services were held, at which the memory of B.-P. was kept green, and the Movement he founded explained in its relationship to the spiritual development of Canada's youth. At some of these services newly presented or purchased colours were dedicated, while some groups used the service as an opportunity to unveil honour rolls listing the names of Scouts serving with the Forces.

Flag Ceremonies

The flag raising ceremony, which was a new suggestion this year was widely used, and not only Dominion but Provincial and municipal officials all over the Dominion co-operated in making provision for Scouts to raise the flag during Scout Week on Government and municipal buildings.

Radio

The radio was more widely used this year than ever before. Highlighting the air programmes were the Governor-General's opening address on February 20th, and John Wickham Barnes' National Network programme "Once a Scout" on February 22nd. This latter dramatization was widely heard and was splendidly produced. Mr. Barnes, the Vancouver CBC producer and writer, is a Scoutmaster.

Commercial broadcasters were most generous in their co-operation, in many cases devoting their entire programme to the Scout movement. Many others, although under contract to give government announcements, found time to give Scouting a boost. Reports from the field reveal too that local stations co-operated handsomely and many districts and groups went on the air during the week.

In this connection both the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the privately owned radio stations gave the utmost in support, and the Movement is most grateful to them. Considerable radio material was supplied through Dominion Headquarters and our records show this was widely used in every part of Canada. One programme which used Boy Scout Week as its theme was Winston Curry's "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Mr. Curry was good enough to send us some of the letters received concerning the programme. They came from widely separated places in the Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario and illustrated how impressive and well received this splendid programme was.

Other Activities

To outline all the activities of Boy Scout Week would require far more space than we have at our disposal. However outstanding among them were two huge Patrol Leaders' gatherings (in Montreal and Toronto) and numerous district gather-

A GRAND SUCCESS

ings in other centres, which were largely attended not only by Scouts, Cubs and Scouters, but by the general public. There were scores of parents' nights and open nights in Packs and Troops. There were father and son banquets, hobby shows, a basketball tournament, training courses, Scouters' rallies, shows, conferences, concerts, ice shows, hobby shows and displays.

At hundreds of service clubs Scouting was the theme of the week and Scout speakers were guests. Some groups co-operated during the week by doing a good turn for the Food Industry stamp selling campaign, while we have another group which did a Scout Week good turn by entertaining the blind. In several places speakers appeared in the schools and told the story of Scouting, while in other areas appeals were made for leaders with good results.

While no attempt was made at recruitment, reports reveal that hundreds of new boys joined the Movement during Boy Scout Week. One novel Scout Week activity was a Moonlight Hike. In most centres Boy Scout display windows were used to good effect. During the course of the week, at Memorial Services and other functions, thousands of Scouts and Cubs re-affirmed their promises. United States Scouts joined in the festivities at several border points, and one of America's foremost Scout executives addressed large gatherings in Ontario.

Newspaper Publicity

Incomplete records show that the newspapers of Canada did a marvelous job for Scouting during that week. A great many featured editorials extolling the Movement and what it was doing in the building of good citizens. A number of prominent magazines, including *Maclean's*, gave editorial support, and church magazines were unstinting in supporting Scouting as a great organization working with the church in developing character.

Many will have seen *Canadian Heroes* magazine with its cartoon stories of B.-P., Scouting in Wartime, and John Travers Cornwell, V.C. Two great scrap books at Dominion Headquarters are filled with newspaper and magazine clippings, showing hundreds of columns of newspaper space given to publicizing the Movement during Scout Week.

The Basis of Success

Boy Scout Week was a success because Scouters all over Canada willed that it be a success. There could have been little point to the efforts of Dominion, Provincial and District staffs in the preparation of events had not the thousands of volunteer Scouters rallied behind them and put the event over. Boy Scout Week required a lot of extra effort on the part of Scouters, and the fact that it was such an outstanding success, proves that Scouters will not be backward in providing that extra energy.

To the volunteers who made possible the great success of Boy Scout Week goes the grateful thanks of the Canadian General Council and Executive Board, Dominion Headquarters Staff, and the Provincial and District Officials with whom they co-operated so heartily.

We regret that it has not been possible to give more detailed information about individual group and district programmes, but with approximately three thousand Packs and Troops taking part, it would be impossible to list them all, and unfair to give special mention, even to those good enough to send us very full and valuable reports of their activities.



A GUARD OF HONOUR OF KING'S SCOUTS AND SIXERS AT THE FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AT THE SKATING AND HOCKEY CARNIVAL STAGED BY WINNIPEG DISTRICT. THE CARNIVAL PROCEEDS, OVER \$100, GO TO THE CHINS UP FUND.



FIVE SCOUT TROOPS IN SCARBORO TOWNSHIP, ONT., FEATURED SCOUT WEEK BY PRESENTING A UNION JACK TO THE MUNICIPALITY. REEVE B. L. CLUTTERBUCK IS SEEN RECEIVING IT.



SOME GROUPS MADE SCOUT WEEK THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A GOOD TURN. BOB NESS OF THE 27TH HAMILTON TROOP IS SEEN DOING HIS GOOD TURN FOR THE RED CROSS.

The Scouter's Five Minutes

Scouting in Other Lands—No. 8—Free France

IN A famous London Square you will find a notice with this inscription:—"Eclaireurs Français En Grande Bretagne. Troupe de Londres."

This is the headquarters of the Free French Association in Great Britain. To it come French Scouts from all parts of London and the suburbs. The Troupe was in existence—in Soho Square—even before the war; in fact, most of the members were here before Hitler decided to occupy France.

The Scouts are nearly all French, although there are one or two English boys who have one French parent, and the meeting is conducted entirely in French. Of course, they all speak English—all except the Scoutmaster (or "Chef" as he is called), who is a Free French Army officer.

Just outside the entrance to the den is a huge glass case which contains a large photograph of General de Gaulle, who is the President d'Honneur of the Association, above the French Tricolor and the E.F.B.G. Association flag, and a copy of the French version of *Scouting for Boys*.

The first thing that struck me in the den was how "Scouty" the place was. Staff racks, well constructed Patrol corners, Indian and Scout signs round the walls, a giant painted compass, the Scout Law painted on the wall—all these and many more decorations combined to make the den more than just a basement.

There were three Patrol corners—one for each Patrol. The corners were decorated with the Patrol colours and the mottoes on the walls and sides. One of them—the Falcons—had a little gate and fence around it, while inside there were small painted barrels for seats. Their motto, "*Falcons en Chasse*" (Falcons in Hunt), was painted on the wall. The Lions, too, had a nice cosy corner with their motto, "*Lions toujours plus Forts*" (Lions always the Strongest) above it. "*Ecureuils toujours plus Vifs*" (Squirrels always lively) adorned the tidy corner of the Squirrel Patrol. These French Scouts are very artistic. One can see their "works of art" all around the den.

The members of the Troupe wear the uniform of the Free French Association. Grey shirt, blue shorts and a red and blue bordered scarf. Red and

blue are the colours of Paris. Their Tenderfoot badge is a red, white and blue fleur-de-lys without any lettering—they don't have "Boy Scouts" on it as we do. They also wear the E.F.B.G. badge. On the shoulder they have "France." All the Scouts, not only P.L.s as is our rule, wear a badge in their hats.

Besides the Troupe a very keen French Cub Pack also meets in the same H.Q.

A short time before the meeting began in earnest, the S.M. came in, to be greeted by salutes and handshakes from all the Scouts present. He began to demonstrate the art of camouflage net-making. The Scouts were very interested and were soon trying it themselves. These Scouts are keen on National Service.

The time had come for the meeting to begin. The Patrols lined up, and the S.M. called them to Alert, to which they replied with their Patrol mottoes. This was very impressive. Prayers were said. Then they sat round in a semi-circle and sang a song. I heard that these Scouts always open their meeting with a song. Brightens things up!

The S.M. had planned a stunt for the Troupe, and he gave each P.L. a cutting from a newspaper on which a message was secretly written—in invisible ink. When they had deciphered the message they set off in Patrols to follow up the next clue.

The message on the newspaper cutting told the Scouts to go to a local shop (the proprietor was "in the know") where each Patrol was presented with a packet of chewing gum already paid for. After the gum had quickly disappeared into the mouths of the Scouts, a message was found in each packet. This told them to go to a nearby French Church where a tiny note was observed on the notice-board. Their latest instructions were to go and look for messages in the 'phone kiosks of an underground station.

Here, after much searching, the concealed messages were found. They were in a hard form of written semaphore, so the "brains" got to work and found that their next destination was a Post Office in a certain London Street, to collect specially addressed letters which told them to go to the Left Luggage Office of another underground to collect some parcels. These con-

tained—among other things—notes telling the Scouts to make their way back to the den.

This was certainly a very enjoyable and cleverly devised stunt. It shows that when the S.M. of the T. de L. goes about preparing a stunt he certainly puts a lot of work into it—and he's in the Army, too.

After the usual cooling-down and the discussions which always follow a stunt, the Troupe sat down in a semi-circle once again—this time for a few games on observation and deduction, all of them with a little catch in them. The Scouts had to detect the catch.

It was nearly time to go home, so the S.M. read the notices. He also spoke about the B.P. Fund for which the Free French Scouts are working. Came prayers and a hymn. Alert, and the response from the Patrols, and then dismiss.

I came away feeling that the Troupe de Londres is a real good "Scouty" Troop. The Scouts are not only symbolic of the true France, but also of the spirit of Scouting which existed—and still exists, even if in secret—in France.

I salute the Troupe de Londres as a grand lot of Scouts. *Bon Fortune* to them. Good Luck.

—SIDNEY WEILAND.

A Booklet to Help Interest Boys in Nature Study

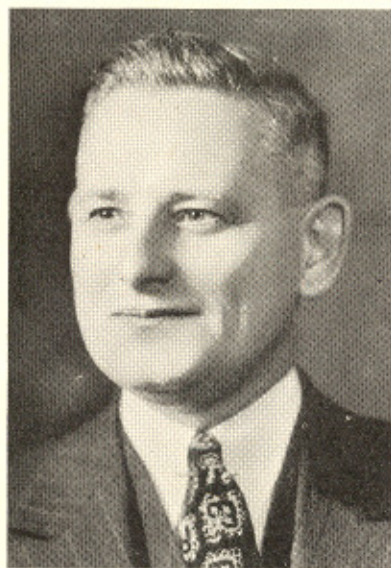
ONE of the more difficult tasks for many Scouters is to interest Scouts and Cubs in nature. Actually the study of nature is an absorbing subject, but many Scouters feel incapable of handling it through lack of knowledge or a good handbook on the subject.

Now such a small handbook is available. It is called "Nature Activities—Week by Week Throughout the Year." It is produced in the popular cartoon style and deals with happenings in nature from week to week—in animal, plant and bird life and covers such a wide variety of topics that it is not possible to list them here. The booklet is the work of J. A. Partridge and the very excellent cartoons by D. E. Farewell.

It is published by the Whittemore Publishing Co., Ltd., 177 Jarvis St., Toronto, publishers of *Canadian Nature*, and sells at 25 cents in single copies. 25 copies or more sell at 20 cents each and 50 copies or more at 15 cents each. We highly recommend this booklet as a simple and yet attractive way of introducing boys to the wonders of nature.



THIS series of stories inviting you to "Meet the Folks at D.H.Q." is completed this month with this introduction of the newest member of Dominion Headquarters staff, Albert Dawson Beattie, Assistant to the Chief Executive Commissioner. His particular task at Headquarters is to alleviate the burden of work which accumulates in the office of the Chief Executive Commissioner, and thus permit Mr. Stiles to give more time to travel and to the preparation of addresses for public presentation.



Albert D. Beattie

Mr. Beattie joined the staff last August, just in time to attend the Conference of Provincial Secretaries, Commissioners and Presidents, and thus had an early opportunity to meet the executives from every Province.

He is a native of Chesterville, Ont., and of pioneer ancestry. Graduating from the Chesterville Public and Secondary Schools, he attended Ottawa Normal School from which he graduated in 1923. For the past twenty years he taught public school and fifteen of those years he was principal of Billings Bridge Public School. Billings Bridge is a suburb adjoining Ottawa.

While continuing his teaching career he obtained his senior matriculation and professional First Class Teaching Certificate, with special certificates in Agriculture and Manual Training. He is now completing his Arts Degree with Queen's University.

Albert Beattie is a Past President of Carleton County Teachers' Association, the District Men's Teachers' Federation, and the Queen's Summer School Association.

He is an active member and an elder of Southminster United Church in Ottawa, where he also taught in the Sunday School, served as Cubmaster and also as a member of the Group Committee for six years. He took part in several Cub Leader training courses, and was an instructor at the Y.M.C.A. summer Stay-at-Home-Camp for boys in the city.

Shortly after joining D.H.Q. staff last fall, Mr. Beattie spent several weeks with Executive Commissioner W. A. Speed at Halifax, gaining experience of Scouting in the field.

Bert is a quiet, unassuming and very likeable chap. He is thorough and just revels in hard and exacting work. He may not be known to many Scouters outside of the Ottawa District, but in the years to come, as opportunities present themselves, he will be meeting people interested in Scouting all over Canada.

Thus comes to an end this series of brief biographies about people at D.H.Q. As a result of the appearance of these stories, we hope that Scouters in every part of Canada will now feel that they know the staff at D.H.Q. personally, and that in future correspondence they will feel they are addressing friends and not strangers.

The Scout Uniform

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breaker and the sweater underneath acts as an air-filled insulator."

The smartness of a Troop is completely lost when half the boys wear full uniform and the other half are gotten up in every conceivable kind of dress. Example by the Scouter and an insistence on full uniform will go a long way towards solving this problem.

And speaking of Scouters—isn't it true that he plays a key part in this matter. If he isn't willing to take the time to get into uniform when on Scout activities, his Scouts will show a similar lack of interest. We know the old argument that a lot of Troops cannot afford uniforms, yet strangely enough

in some of the poorest Troops it is often found that the Scouts are completely uniformed and very smart. Many a Troop has been uniformed in second hand uniforms and have made a smarter turnout than Troops where money is no particular object.

To a lot of people Scouting is judged by its smartness in public. A sloppy Troop, improperly uniformed in pants and shirts of all colours, some with hats and some without, gives a decidedly poor impression. In these days when work is plentiful, and wages comparatively high, there is little excuse for a Troop—or Pack for that matter—being improperly uniformed.

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The Summer Camp

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of meals to be served. The local Board will then issue permits to buy the required rationed foods.

The Scouter operating the camp will then be required to collect ration coupons from each Scout or Cub attending camp for one full week or more. Coupons covering the period in camp, one, two or three weeks as the case may be, must be turned over to the ration administration immediately after the camp.

The details may vary slightly in different districts, but the procedure outlined was that generally used last year.



AIDS TO EFFECTIVE SCOUTING

Gilcraft Night

(All contests and games found in Gilcraft's Book of Games).

7.30—Opening ceremonies. Flag break, Prayers, Inspection.

7.40—Period of Games. 1. *Weaver's Relay.* Two or more teams in circle, facing in, yard between each player. Teams placed concurrently, NOT muddled up. On GO first member of each team runs round circle to right, zig-zagging between other players; on regaining his place he touches No. 2 who does same, and so on. First team to finish all players wins.

2. *Bombing the Garrison.* 1 team in large marked circle, other team (or teams) outside. Those outside throw ball to hit those inside, who if hit, fall out. Any inside making clean full-pitch catch gets 1 extra life for each catch and may KICK the ball out as far as he likes. Inner team may KICK out a stationary ball. Outer team must always throw from where ball stops. 1 throw causes only 1 death. Teams go into circle in turn and the one that takes longest to wipe out wins.

3. *Storm the Castle.* Players form circle, hands joined, 1 team outside. Team getting all members in quickest wins.

8.00—Patrol corners. Call roll. Patrol business, etc.

8.10—Knotting Games. 1. *Pairs Knotting.* Players in pairs; each player, having piece of rope, puts one hand behind back. Pairs try to tie their 2 ropes together with whatever knot is desired. First pair correct wins.

2. *Knotting Race.* Teams of 6 in line. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, each have bit of rope; 6th player stands opposite centre of his team. No. 1 ties one end of his rope round himself (bowline). No. 2 ties his on to other end (reef). No. 3 ties his on to other end of No. 2's (sheetbend). No. 4 ties his on to other end of No. 3's (fisherman). No. 5 ties other end of No. 4's to his own leg (clove-

hitch). No. 6 ties a sheepshank in middle.

8.25—Compass Games. 1. *Compass General Post.* Players sit round room; each takes name of correct compass point according to position from centre of room. Game is played as General Post but leader calls out Compass Points instead of towns; players take on compass point of seat they move to.

2. *North, South, East or West?* Players form up in open ranks; leader points out N., S., E. and W. of room, then calls out a compass direction. All at once jump to face that way; players in error fall out or are executed.

8.45—First Aid Games. 1. *Ill-Fated Camp.* Teams sent in turn to a camp which they find in a state of wild disorder after an attack. There is a corpse, a man labelled "broken left thigh," tracks leading to another labelled "severe bleeding from wrist," and tracks of possible assailants. Teams act as they think best.

2. *Sudden Accidents.* One player for each team is labelled with his injury; teams then compete in making best first aid job of their patient.

9.10—Signalling Games. 1. *Fetch.* Teams in line facing leader who signals name of some article. First team to hand that article to leader wins. *Variation.* An order is signalled and first to obey correctly wins.

2. *Progression.* Players in straight line; leader mentions a letter and pauses a moment, then says GO. Each player at once signals that letter. Any player hesitating or sending wrong letter steps 1 foot forward, and so on. Player nearest starting line at end wins.

9.25—Closing. Prayers. Dismiss.

Easter Day is April 9th this year. Plan early for your Easter Community Good Turn.

What to Look for at Troop Inspections

THE Scout Uniform may not make the Scout, but it goes a long way in identifying a Scout, both as a member of the Movement and in smartness. This makes the weekly inspection at Troop meeting very important. It should not, of course, be long dragged out, and if a Scouter knows what he is looking for he can carry out this part of the programme with despatch, and at the same time ensure that his boys are always smartly uniformed. What do you look for when you are inspecting Scouts? Here are some suggestions.

Buttons undone; trousers when shorts or breeches should be worn; neckerchief improperly folded or dirty; absence of shoulder knot; proficiency, rank or services badges in wrong places; no garters, hat band buckle on wrong side; hat lace missing; sleeves not rolled, or improperly rolled; no Scout belt; Leaping Wolf badge on the wrong side; P.L. and Second stripes improperly worn; hat lace tied in the wrong place; shoulder knots or Troop shoulder badges on wrong arm; neckerchief point not centred at back.

For special inspection for extra points try alternately such things as these cleanliness tests for hands, nails, teeth, hair, shoes, etc. Also for special points question on Good Turn, war services, Sunday School, Church attendance. You'll find many other things to note at inspections, and these suggestions are just to start you thinking up more.

Light Naval Forces Were Engaged

EQUIPMENT needed. One old tennis ball, and half a dozen skittles or blocks of wood about 12 inches high, 1 piece of chalk.

At each end of the room, about a foot or so from the wall, draw the outline of a ship, three or four feet long. Place three skittles on each ship to represent the masts and funnel. Then draw a line across the room in front of the ship, about four feet in front of it. The space in the centre of the room between these lines is the open sea.

Troop is divided into two teams (navies). All being ready the teams take up their positions behind the straight lines and facing each other. The Scouter is in the middle of the ocean with the ball. He throws it in the air, and teams make a dash to secure the ball. The object is for the

two teams to see who can knock down the other team's skittles and thus sink the ship. The ball must be thrown underhand. A player with the ball may advance to the line in front of the opposing side's ship and may throw the ball from there but must not step on or over the line. If he does he is considered to have fallen overboard and is drowned, which puts him out of the game. The object of the other team is to prevent the team holding the ball from getting to the ship, and to secure the ball to make an attack themselves. The game can be fast and furious, and of course teamwork and passing, defence and attack are important.

—Richmond Parry in *The Scout*.

The Hiker's Handbook

HERE is another "must" book for Every Scouter's Library,—a practical discussion of hiking by a Canadian outdoor man of experience, Douglas Leechman, of the staff of the Victoria Museum at Ottawa. Happily avoiding conventional textbook treatment, Mr. Leechman has given *The Hiker's Handbook* a semi-biographical flavour that makes distinctly interesting reading. He frankly admits learning his hiking the hard way,—as when, one winter in British Columbia, he stuck snow-sodden shoes on sticks beside the campfire, expecting them to be "nice and dry" by morning. "Dry they were," he observes, "but not nice." In fact so hard and shrunken that he could hardly get a hand in, much less his feet. Offering a further tip out of the experience, he describes how he finished the trip with his feet in gunny



sacks, "which were surprisingly warm and comfortable."

Discussing woolen wear, he emphasizes the fact that clothing is not in itself warm, its value being its effectiveness in controlling dissipation of bodily heat and moisture. Speaking of woolen socks, he notes that these act as air pumps in the shoe, forcing air in and out as the foot is raised or put down, this helping to keep the feet dry.

Typical of miscellaneous hints is the suggestion that the hiker's pocket-knife have a magnetized blade. With this a pin can be magnetized, then waxed or greased lightly, placed on a small disc of paper in an aluminum cup of water, when it will become a reliable compass.

Hints of a similarly practical nature cover every phase of hiking and useful equipment,—clothing in detail, food, outdoor sleeping, hike tents, camp gadgets, bark utensils, rabbit snares, etc. In all, an ideal award or gift book

for a Scout or a Patrol.

The Hiker's Handbook, W. W. Norton & Co., New York; \$2.50; direct or through your local bookseller.

Lambs and Pigs Help Buy Scout Headquarters

HILL Spring (Alberta) Troop decided it was time they had a Troop Headquarters. Some money was collected toward the project, but the district was so small from a population standpoint that it seemed improbable that sufficient could be raised. About a year ago a five roomed log house was up for sale and the Group Committee decided it was just what the Scouts needed. A down payment was made, but that was only a part of the battle. With a payment of \$200 staring them in the face last fall, the Scouts prepared ahead of time. Each Scout secured a lamb or a pig in the spring and raised it during the summer, with the result the payment was met as scheduled. Mr. Weidman, chairman of the Group Committee offered a Scout uniform as a prize to the Scout whose animal brought the most money. It was won by LeVere Butler. There's just \$100 more to be paid on the Headquarters and you can be sure that that payment will be met on time. Scouts with the ingenuity of the Hill Spring Troop cannot be licked.

Salvation Army Officer Ranks

FOR the benefit of those Scouters in centres where frequent contacts are made with Salvation Army Scouts, this list of ranks in the Salvation Army will prove of value: Cadet (student), Pro. Lieutenant, Lieutenant, Captain, Adjutant, Major, Brigadier, Lt. Colonel, Colonel, Commissioner. It will be noted that the order of ranks differ somewhat from the military order.



HERE IS THE 8TH OTTAWA (HULL) TROOP ORCHESTRA, DIRECTED BY S.M. WILLENEGGER, WHICH HAS APPEARED AT NUMEROUS SERVICE CLUBS IN THE OTTAWA VALLEY, HAS ENTERTAINED THE BLIND AND ASSISTED AT CONCERTS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR NEW SCOUT GROUPS. IT WAS HEARD ON A BOY SCOUT WEEK RADIO PROGRAMME.

CHINS-UP FUND TOTAL

As of February 14th, 1944

\$44,003.47



I want to thank you for helping to give friendly shelter and assistance to our distressed refugee brothers

Radewell

IN one mail came these fine donations from Ontario. The proceeds of a B.-P. memorial service at Chatham, \$11.25; another \$25 from the 10th Brantford Troop to bring their total to \$140, with 41 boys in the Troop; a collection at a Scout Week event at Kingston, \$22.50; \$8.62 from the 11th Kitchener Group, their sixth donation; \$22.50 raised at a Father and Son gathering of the 1st Agincourt Group in Boy Scout Week; from Amherstburg

\$35.00, their first donation, and what a grand one; and \$3.00 from a Scout-Lions banquet at Strathroy. The mail also contained a donation of \$25 from the 1st Burlington Group, but without particulars as to how it was raised.

Donations to the Chins Up Fund received up to and including March 13th, 1944 (excluding Toronto which are sent direct) are:

Collingwood Troop, Ont.; Reception for G. R. Bryson, London, Ont.; 1st Hagersville Pack, Ont.; St. John's Scout Mothers' Auxiliaries, Peterborough, Ont.; St. John's Pack, Peterborough, Ont.; 4th Fort William Pack; Scouts and Cubs of Fort William Association; 7th Fort William Pack; 1st Fort William Troop.

6th Welland Troop, Ont.; 1st Richmond Hill Troop, Ont.; Wm. Copeland Finley, Montreal; 1st King Kirkland Pack, Ont.; 1st Niagara-on-the-Lake Group; 1st Blackstock Troop, Ont.; 1st Lantz Troop, N.S.; W. J. P. Robertson, RCAF (Winnipeg).

Alex Taylor, A.D.C., Hamilton; 12th Hamilton Pack; 14th Hamilton Pack; 40th Hamilton Pack; Hamilton Scout-

ers and Local Association Members; Chatham Boy Scouts Memorial Service; 1st Burlington Group; 10th Brantford Troop; Kingston Scout Week Demonstration; 11th Kitchener Group; 1st Agincourt Group.

1st Amherstburg Group; Strathroy Lions Club Scout Banquet; 42nd Winnipeg Group Committee; 62nd Winnipeg "C" Pack; 38th Winnipeg Pack and Troop; Brandon Local Association; 2nd New Glasgow Troop, N.S.; 3rd Ottawa Group; 6th Hamilton Pack; 27th Hamilton Troop; 27th Hamilton Ladies' Auxiliary; 1st Hamilton Pack.

St. Catharines District Local Association; 14th St. Catharines Pack; 11th St. Catharines Pack; 17th St. Catharines Pack; 2nd St. Catharines Troop; 17th St. Catharines Troop; 14th St. Catharines Pack; Mrs. Callaghan, St. Catharines; 2nd St. Catharines Pack, 9th Brant Troop; 1st Lakeview Troop.

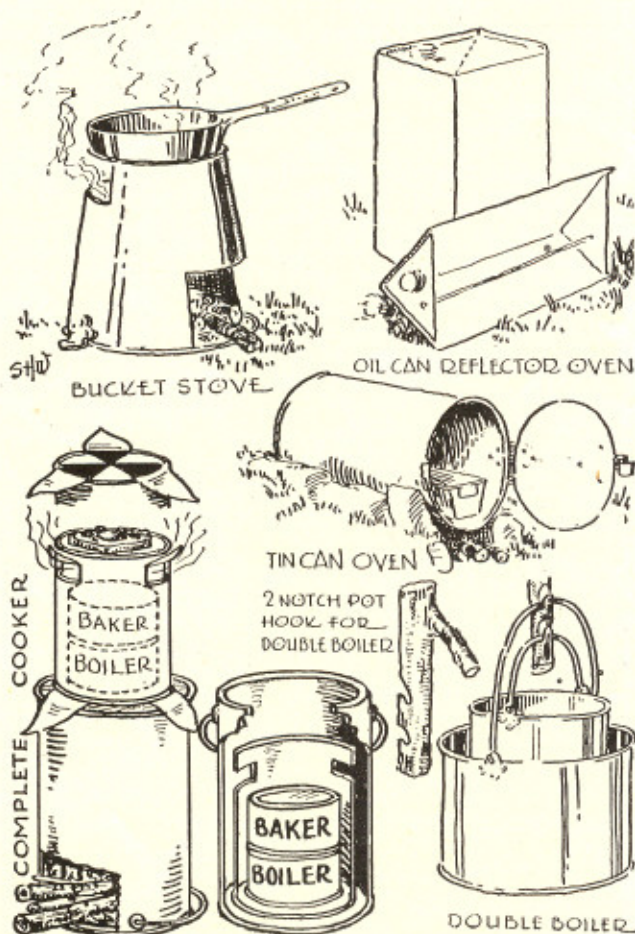
8th Windsor Troop, 21st Windsor Troop; 18th Windsor Troop; 8th Windsor Pack; 22nd Windsor Pack; 25th Windsor Troop; Windsor Cub and Scout Hobby and Handicraft Show.

Tin Can Cooking

BY THE time this magazine reaches you, your Troop will probably have had its first hike. Second and First Class Scouts will want to get ahead with their cooking tests, although some of the more hardy varieties of Scouts will have done this in zero weather during the winter. Why not experiment with Tin Can Cookers. The cooker illustrated here was designed by E. Laurence Palmer, and was described in the Cornell Rural School Leaflet. It is an all-purpose stove. It boils, and bakes and fries all in one operation, and thus uses a minimum amount of fuel. Dr. Palmer baked biscuits, cooked cocoa, bacon and French toast all at once in 22 minutes with this stove.

The boiling is done in the lower can; the baking in the second can, and above the two is the frying surface. The fuel consists of pencil-size sticks, enough to fill the larger can. This fuel was sufficient to boil four cups of cocoa, bake four biscuits, fry four strips of bacon, and one piece of French toast. On this basis, cooking for four boys could be readily handled on such a stove.

If the necessary cans cannot be secured to make the complete stove, Scouts might be encouraged to develop separate items of tin-can utensils. These would be more bulky to carry but would be helpful for week-end camp cooking. A word of warning—do not use gasoline cans or drums for this purpose. They can be very dangerous. Shortening cans, oil cans and properly cleaned paint cans may be used to good advantage. (Scouting—B.S.A.)



Headquarters Notices

THE following warrants have been signed by His Excellency the Chief Scout, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Athlone, K.G.

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Assistant Cubmaster

M. Ruth Woodward, Toronto, Ont.

Edwin C. Alexander, Toronto, Ont.

Imperfect Sympathies . . .

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common sense of the man on the spot. Don't forget B.-P.'s slogan "Look Wide."

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Then I don't like,

The Scouter who is a P.O.R. addict.

He knows P.O.R. backwards and is ready to drag out a rule against doing anything at any time, or he is constantly worrying I.H.Q. to interpret rules. If such men had come to the Movement in 1908 it would have strangled at birth.

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He is a cousin to,

The Scouter who prefers Committees and Conferences to Camps.

For there are such men! They imagine that after two or three hours of argument, they have done something. At some wartime conferences I have attended, I have felt strongly inclined to say "You keep on talking of the shortage of Scouters, etc., well, why waste time here? Why not spend it with the Scouts? What are they doing

while you're talking?" I think we've had enough conferences for a bit, let's do some Scouting.

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I could go on for some time, but in all fairness there should be some counterbalance. The list so far looks long, but really it refers to only a small percentage of Scouters. My list of "Scouters I Like" would be short

but would cover the great majority. At the top in letters of gold, I would print—

The Scouter Who Trains Boys on B.-P.'s Principles and Methods.

He's the one man who really matters; all the rest, Commissioners, Secretaries, etc., even the Chief Scout himself, are merely there to help that man train his boys.



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Greetings to Lord Somers

CHIEF Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles, on behalf of all Canadian Scouts and Scouters sent cabled greetings to Lord Somers, Chief Scout of the British Empire on the occasion of his birthday on March 20th. The cable read: "On behalf of Canadian Scouts and Scouters many happy returns and good wishes. Stiles."

Imperial Headquarters replied: "Chief Scout most grateful to you all for remembrance and good wishes. He is still laid up."

Down-Under Akelas Think Well of The Cubmaster's First Year

"I INTEND to circulate one copy among as many Cubmasters as possible in this State, for I feel sure it will be of great assistance to them," so writes Mollie J. (Beale) Croll, whose paper on "Music in Cubbing," read before a Cub Conference at Melbourne, Australia, provided the material for the chapter on that subject in *The Cubmaster's First Year*.

And from the Editor of *Scouting in New Zealand*:

"A perusal of the pages took me back to my own days as Akela. You certainly have a most valuable book here—one which should be of assistance not only to your own people in Canada, but I think it will also be used in other parts of the world. We here have asked the Quartermaster to secure copies for use in New Zealand."

Pamphlets Available

THE following pamphlets are available upon applications to your Provincial Headquarters.

Spiritual

Catholic Scouting (Cardinal Villeneuve).

Flag Dedication Ceremony.

Scouting and the Church.

The Spiritual Basis of Scouting.

Suggested Material for Scout Church Services (Protestant).

The Group

The Role of the Group Committee.

Ladies Auxiliaries.

Training

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A Tribute to the Y.M.C.A.



THIS year, the Young Men's Christian Association, will mark its centenary, and the Boy Scouts Association will join with a host of other admirers in extending most cordial congratulations and good wishes on this significant occasion.

The Y.M.C.A., has long been closely associated with Scouting. In many places it sponsors Troops and many Troops meet in Y.M.C.A. buildings. Back in the early days of Scouting a "Y" official brought back from England an enthusiasm for Scouting which was soon translated into action, and the "Y" had the privilege of introducing Scouting to many communities.

As a national movement concerned with the building of character and good citizenship, the Boy Scouts Association is proud to be associated with the Y.M.C.A., proud to have had this great international organization as one of its Godfathers in Canada; proud of the privilege of continuing to work with it; and proud to have the opportunity to extend warmest felicitations as it reaches the venerable age of one hundred years. Old though it may be in years of service, the Y.M.C.A. remains young, vigorous, and ever representative of the best that modern youth has to offer toward the building of a better world.

Easter Opportunity for Good Turns

APRIL 9TH is Easter Day, which brings to mind the opportunities for the annual Easter Good Turn. Many Groups undertake each Easter to do a community Good Turn, and the spread of this idea throughout the country would be a well worthwhile project.

Typical of these Easter Good Turns is that of the Wolf Cubs of London, Ontario, which annually takes the form of an Easter egg collection. In 1943 ten Packs participated and collected a total of 103½ dozen eggs or to put it another way 12,378 eggs. This was done in the week prior to Easter and on the Saturday before they were distributed to 14 civic institutions.

First Aiders on the Job

SCOUTS of Brooklyn, N.S., happened on the scene when a young girl, who had recently recovered from an operation, fell from a bicycle. The Scouts immediately improvised a stretcher and carried the girl to a home where she was given treatment.

Text Books for Sightless Boy Scouts

SCOUTMASTER Gordon Downey leads one of Canada's most unique Troops, a Troop of sightless boys at the School for the Blind in Halifax. Scouter Downey wasn't a bit dismayed because the Second and First Class Scout books were not available for the blind. He set out to make them available—in Braille. Now his 24 Scouts, some blind and some partly blind are able to study their tests like other Scouts. Some years ago *Scouting for Boys* was published in Braille.

Good Turn Enriches Fund

WHEN Scout Ronald Read of the 27th London Troop found a purse containing \$12, he did what any Scout would do, returned it to its owner. In this case it necessitated a walk to the other side of the city. There the owner offered Ronald a reward, but he turned it down. Under pressure however, he accepted for his Troop funds, so the Troop fund is now richer by reason of his Good Turn.