

# THE SCOUT LEADER

Published Monthly by THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION IN CANADA

VOLUME 22—No. 4

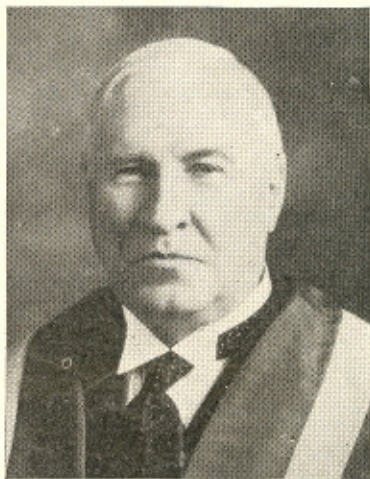
DECEMBER, 1944

## The President's Christmas Message

AT THE Annual Meeting of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association held last June, I was nominated by His Excellency, the Chief Scout for Canada, as President in succession to the late Sir Edward Beatty, a fellow-graduate of the University of Toronto and in his college days a mighty player of football. This is, therefore, my first opportunity of sending you a Christmas message. I cannot choose a better one than an application of the family motto of Sir Edward Beatty—*Qui beat beatus*. These Latin words mean: *He who blesses others is himself blest*. Is not this the very spirit of the Scout Movement? He who spends himself for others is really himself enriched in mind and soul. This is the reward which comes to you as Scout Leaders. You are giving yourselves, your time, your money, your energy, to the great cause of training younger boys to be better boys, better men, better citizens. There is no investment which brings a greater return than an investment in boys.

Indeed I do not know a better statement of the purpose of education than to say that it seeks to make everyone as complete a human being as possible. Education prepares us—the motto “Be Prepared” really might be varied “be educated”—for the three main sides of life. (a) We all have to earn our living, to be resourceful, adaptable, but not afraid of hard work. (b) We all are citizens in a democracy. No form of government lays so much responsibility on the individual citizen. It will not work, it will not last, unless the individuals who live under it are upright and intelligent and interested enough to care about the welfare of their country. (c) Each of us is an individual with his own thoughts and his own infinite value in the sight of God.

You, Scout Leaders, are really dealing with all these aspects of life. You are training boys to be useful, independent and productive; you are presenting to them the responsibility of citizenship; you are leading and inspiring them as individuals.



DR. H. J. CODY, C.M.G., D.D.

You are doing this by example as well as by precept. What we are and do speaks more loudly and effectively than what we say.

The Christmas message has, like a jewel, many facets. It proclaims goodwill among men; it foretells the peace that will grow out of that goodwill, and it bases all on God, whose glory is manifested in the creation of goodwill. But perhaps its weightiest message is the intrinsic value of the individual. God took upon Him our humanity. This thought of the value in God's sight of even one individual will be an encouragement to you when you are disappointed with the progress you are making in influencing others.

You sometimes may be tempted to say that it is not worth while to continue; but I pray you, keep on. Nothing is of more value in God's sight than an individual, especially a boy, who may grow and become something of vast power and help to the world.

No democracy based only on the “rights of man” is permanent or safe; it must be based at last on the worth of the individual before God. Therefore think highly of your opportunity of leadership and use it to the full.

At this critical time in the history of the world, we need good citizens, good workers, good men. Your Scouting activities are among the best means of producing such. “Give us the young,” it has been said, “and we will create a new mind and a new earth in a single generation.”

The Christmas spirit shows itself specially at one season of the year in kindness, helpfulness, brotherliness. If we can keep Christmas on one day, we can keep the Christmas spirit the whole year through. That is really what the Scout Law means and that is what you are constantly seeking to teach.

God bless you and your charges and help you to teach and to live out the spirit of Christmas! You will be blessed as you seek to bless others.

H. J. Cody



# The Scout Leader

PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER TO JUNE

The Canadian General Council of  
The Boy Scouts Association

Chief Scout for Canada

His Excellency, the Earl of Athlone, K.G.  
Governor-General of Canada

F. E. L. Coombs : : : : Associate Editor  
B. H. Mortlock : : : : Associate Editor

DOMINION HEADQUARTERS

Cor. Metcalfe and Waverley Streets,  
Ottawa, Canada

Sent free to Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Rover  
Leaders and Commissioners.  
To others 50 cents per year.

OTTAWA, DECEMBER, 1944

## "Root Out the Inefficient"

OF ONE thing I am sure: that we must root out the inefficient, milk-and-water Groups in fairness to the Movement as a whole, to the community, and to the boys who are being given a mockery of Scouting, and are being cheated of all the heritage that is their right."

That challenging statement comes from the pen of Rex Hazelwood, the newly appointed editor of *The Scouter*, our British contemporary. It is but one of many inspiring statements which appears in this, his first editorial since assuming his new and important post. We believe that Scouters in Canada will want to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Mr. Hazelwood's initial comment. We reproduce it in full.

The way lies ahead: although "you cannot," wrote Jan Struthers, "successfully navigate the future unless you keep always framed beside it a small clear image of the past": true enough, so long as the image remains both small and clear, and so long as you do use it to navigate the future.

The way of the Scout Movement lies ahead. What is Scouting? "Six different things to six different people," said one of my wisest colleagues.

For me?

It is comradeship and friendliness; it is adventures illustrating the theme that life is an adventure, one to cherish and enjoy every day; it is laughter and high spirits, a Chester-tonian exuberance and delight in life (as with him) can permeate and adorn a high purpose and a deep seriousness; it is the contribution of the outdoor life to the art of living; it is a desire to serve others and to grow in charity and courage and clean-living; it is a constant apprehension that we are children of God.

Is it?

At its best, in its rarest moments, certainly it is; and it is some of those things all of the time, and all of those things some of the time. But at many moments and in many places (let us face it) it has become shoddy, fourth-rate, uninspired, a sorrow to our friends, a gladness to those who dislike and fear all we stand for; to those who are ever ready to deprecate us, to those whose fingers are itching to get all young people dragooned into a single all-embracing movement for youth.

And when I look at the way ahead, of one thing I am sure; that we must root out the inefficient, milk-and-water Groups in fairness to the Movement as a whole, to the community, and to the boys who are being given a mockery of Scouting, and are being cheated of all the heritage that is their right.

As I look into the mirror of the past do I see there, in the earlier days, a ruggedness, a cheerful this-is-a-fine-way-of-life-and-we-like-it-and-be-damned-to-you spirit which has gone from us? Had we until our beloved late Chief showed us his own courage become doubtful and afraid? Had we wondered whether we oughtn't to become something else: Had we become complacent and self-satisfied: Had we allowed tradition to take the place of creation? Had we forgotten that our future lies in being—more strongly, more thoughtfully, more sincerely—ourselves.

Ourselves. The gang of boys called a Scout Troop ought to be (and sometimes is) an uproarious joy (I would like to write an outrageous joy) to the neighbourhood, noisy, happy, sincere, straight, dependable, helpful—boyhood at its shining best. Loving the open air, they go and live in it when they can, not to be back-woodsmen and pioneers particularly, things in these days most of them are unlikely to become often, but to be able to fend for themselves, as adventurers of all ages have had to do, decently and adroitly, to be able to climb a tree and swim a stream, and man a boat—and if a pal falls from a branch he can be tended with knowledge and skill, and when cramp clutches him in the stream he can be quickly rescued.

One of my favourite verses in the Old Testament comes in Genesis and is about Abraham and his family: "And they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came." Well, we've



## To Higher Service

★  
Pte. Albert Clare Collins, 21, Canadian Army, 6th Brandon Group.

★  
Major Ronald Rennie Counsell, 29, Cameron Highlanders, Cub and Scout, 27th Winnipeg Group.

★  
Sgt. AG Lawrence Eddie, 28, RC AF, Cub, Scout, Rover, 37th Winnipeg, Cubmaster, 76th Winnipeg.

★  
WO W. R. Halloran, Scout, 15th Winnipeg Troop.

★  
Flt. Sgt. Elmer N. Kullberg, 23, RCAF, King's Scout, Rover, CM and Asst. SM, 6th Brandon, Man.

★  
LS Robert M. Guthrie, 20, RCNVR, Scout, 6th Brandon, Man.

★  
Lt. W. J. Kotchaw, 20, Can. Infantry, Cub and Scout, 27th Winnipeg.

★  
Lt. R. G. Manton, 24, CA, PL, ACM, ASM, 103rd Toronto Group, SM 82nd Toronto Troop.

★  
Capt. T. W. Moore, 23, RCA, Cub, Scout, Rover, 27th Winnipeg.

★  
Gnr. Hugh A. Munro, 24, RCA, Scout, 6th Brandon, Man.

★  
Wing Com. Gordon McMurdy, 25, RCAF, Cub, Scout, 31st Winnipeg.

★  
Flt. Sgt. Patrick Power, 19, RCAF, Scout, 1st Virden, Man.

★  
Sgt. Harland Steeves, 24, CA, 8th Moncton, N.B., Troop.

★  
FO Edward R. Shaw, 22, RCAF, PL, TL, Rover, ASM, 33rd Toronto Group.

★  
Lt. William G. R. Wedd, 28, CA, Cub, Scout, ASM, 86th Toronto Group, Rover, 33rd Toronto Crew.

★  
Pte. Robt. H. Gray, 21, Armoured Div. Sixer, Patrol Second, 9th Winnipeg Group.

set forth for our Canaan; we've been going for some time but for us the way still lies ahead, and it's our way, so let's follow it, the strong helping the weak, and the swift helping the slow, being courageous and determined when we have been lukewarm and unsure, and above all things, being true to ourselves.

—REX HAZLEWOOD.



## A Pack or Troop Good Turn

DISTRICT Cubmaster Phil Cowan, who is Cubmaster of the 24th Ottawa Pack has a unique way of doing a Pack Good Turn each year. During the summer recess the Cubs of both the Tuesday and Friday sections of the Pack agree to save their weekly fees and turn them in in the fall. In this way about \$20.00 is turned in each fall, and is then distributed to various charities. The Chins-Up Fund, the Milk for Britain Fund, the Red Cross and other charities have benefited. You might try this out if you have a one week or two week holiday over the Christmas season.

## ❖ War Decorations ❖

### Distinguished Service Order

Major Gen. Daniel C. Spry, 31, CA, Scout, 2nd Calgary; King's Scout, Rover, 9th Halifax.

### U.S. Silver Star

Pte. William J. F. E. Magee, 21, American Army, Scout, 3rd Toronto Troop.

### Mentioned in Despatches

PO Earl H. Monture, 24, RCAF, Cub, Scout, 6th London Group.

## Headquarters Notices

HIS Excellency the Chief Scout has been pleased to approve of the following warrants of appointment.

### District Commissioner

Frederick J. Gilmour, Moose Jaw, Sask.

### Asst. District Commissioner

Leonard S. Bowman, Prince Albert, Sask.

Alan Pardue, Prince Albert, Sask.

W. Batting, Calgary, Alta.

### District Scoutmaster

L. F. C. Pilcher, Edmonton, Alta.

### Scoutmaster

Peter R. Mudery, Arborg, Man.

### Cubmaster

W. T. Currie, Turner Valley, Alta.

Nellie Maud Eadie, Brandon, Man.

Norma Nunn, Winnipeg, Man.

Elmer Ross McKnight, Winnipeg, Man.

Patricia E. O'Kelly, Winnipeg, Man.

### Assistant Cubmaster

Eda L. Mitchell, Winnipeg, Man.

Allan Ratcliffe, Vancouver, B.C.

Fred C. Hubbard, Winnipeg, Man.

Gladys R. Essery, Winnipeg, Man.

J. M. Keith, Turner Valley, Alta.

Marie de Groesbriand, Winnipeg, Man.

## Boy Scout Week — Its Purposes

AS announced in the November Scout Leader, Boy Scout Week for 1945 will be observed in Canada February 18th-24th. The celebration of our brother Scouts south of the Border, marking the 35th anniversary of the organization of the Boy Scouts of America, will be extended from the actual American Scouts' birthday, February 8th, to Baden-Powell's birthday, February 22nd, so that for the first time Scouts of Canada and the United States will be celebrating several days simultaneously, giving new interest and significance to Scout Week.

### A SCOUT WEEK SLOGAN?

It has been suggested that a specific Scout Week slogan be selected and publicized for 1945. It is questionable, however, whether a Dominion-wide slogan or theme would contribute further to the success of Scout Week,—which has been a phenomenal success since its inauguration. It is questionable in fact, whether a single dominating slogan might not limit the Week's success in certain districts, through limiting its scope and emphasis.

In other words, whether districts could not to greater advantage select their own slogan or objective. Thus, a district in need of leaders would choose an objective theme aimed to secure new Leaders.

### PURPOSES OF SCOUT WEEK

One of our widely known and experienced western Scouters offered these comments on the "Slogan" idea:

What we are after all the time, and especially during Scout Week, is:

1. More and better Scouting.
2. More information for and support from the public.
3. More active participation by the public in Association and Group activities.
4. More impress upon Scouters of the importance of their job.
5. Instilling "Pride of Belonging" amongst Cubs and Scouts.

To these five purposes, which we believe the vast majority of Scouters will endorse, might be added the important purpose of making the week a Memorial to the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, and an opportunity for re-examining and re-affirming the Scout and Cub promises.

When the real purposes are firmly fixed in the minds of Scouters, they should have no difficulty in taking them one by one and incorporating them into their Boy Scout Week programmes, so that the purposes will broaden into realities.

- (1) More and better Scouting, simply means giving Scouting to more boys, and giving them real B.-P. Scouting and not a mockery of it.
- (2) More information for, and support from the public rightly assumes that support will come from a fully informed public.
- (3) When the public is fully aware of what Scouting seeks to accomplish for Canada's youth, its active participation in group and Association activities will follow—but people like to be asked.
- (4) This purpose needs continuing application, and perhaps The Scout Leader in co-operation with Executive Scouters, Commissioners and other officials might take on the task of frequently impressing upon Scouters the national importance of the task they have undertaken.
- (5) Every boy wearing the Scout or Cub uniform should have pride in saying "I am a Scout" or "I am a Cub." This can be accomplished by inculcating pride in the Movement, its programme, its record of performance, its international fellowship, and in the quality of the citizens it has helped produce in every walk of life.
- (6) The final purpose is obvious. Today, more than ever before, B.-P. is recognized as a genius. Surely we must never let the light, which his name and personality give to the Movement, fade.

Boy Scout Week presents an annual opportunity to pay tribute to our Founder, and repledge ourselves to the ideals he set before us, by renewing and reaffirming the promise, upon which is based the whole structure and spiritual inspiration of our great Movement.

Within the coming weeks you will be planning your Boy Scout Week programme. You are urged to plan it with these purposes and these thoughts in mind. Scout Week must never be permitted to degenerate into a mere flag waving, slogan shouting, theme thumping, publicity stunt. It must have a purpose worthy of the greatness of Scouting.



## CARRYING ON



WINDSOR'S 90 PACKS AND TROOPS PUT ON A FOUR HOUR SATURDAY DRIVE RECENTLY TO COLLECT CLOTHING FOR DESTITUTE GREEK CHILDREN. 65,000 GARMENTS AND 1,500 PAIRS OF SHOES WERE COLLECTED IN THE CAMPAIGN, ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER STAGED IN WINDSOR.

## Collect Nearly 5,000 Magazines

Greenfield Park Scouts, Montreal, under the direction of Scoutmaster Harry Wells, recently collected in one day between 4,000 and 5,000 magazines for shipment to the Book and Magazine depot of Military District No. 4. There is a continuing need for books and magazines for the armed forces. Follow this splendid example of the Greenfield Park Troop. It is not a hard task, and the results mean so much to the men on active service.

\* \* \*

## A Patriotic Cub

Cub Teddy Pazder, nine years old, has been saving ever since he was a very small boy to buy a bicycle. Recently his savings reached the sum of \$50 and he was all set to buy the long awaited bicycle. Instead he decided to invest his \$50 in a Victory Bond and thus help the war effort. Teddy is a member of the Mount Carmel School Pack.

\* \* \*

## Guelph Cubs Collect Rags

Wolf Cubs of Guelph, Ont., recently conducted a city wide house to house canvass for old rags. The proceeds from the drive have been earmarked for the Chins-Up Fund. Old rags are very useful in helping out the paper shortage, being used for the manufacture of various grades of paper.

## Collect Maple Seeds

Saskatoon's famous Exhibition Troop recently undertook to collect maple seeds for the Saskatchewan Forestry Department. The finances of the Troop were enriched by the effort to the extent of \$200. However more important than the monetary returns was the service rendered, which will enable the Forestry Department to plant hundreds of thousands of maple trees on the Prairies. To speed the work and overcome some of the difficulties of collecting the seed the Scouts borrowed extension ladder trucks from the local electric company.

\* \* \*

## Give Old Folks a Treat

Boy Scouts of Moose Jaw recently did a Good Turn for the old people at St. Anthony's Home, by providing them with a treat—a box of fine eating apples.

\* \* \*

## Help Military Authorities

When C Company of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment wanted a spot for a week-end training course the Boy Scouts of Fort Erie offered them the facilities of their cabin and week-end campsite, which was gratefully accepted by the military authorities. Fort Erie Scouts have a very fine cabin, built by the Rovers, about five miles from the town.

## Assist Milk Fund

The 9th Park Hill Troop at Peterboro recently contributed \$110.97 to the Kinsmen Milk for Britain Fund, being half the proceeds of a fair conducted by the Troop. The 9th Troop is a Troop which was organized a couple of years ago in the Wartime Housing area. Another \$100 was donated to the Park Hill Road Junior Council and \$10 went to their own hut fund.

\* \* \*

## Assist Service Centre

Scouts and Cubs of Peterborough have been conducting a campaign to secure coat hangers and phonograph records for the service centre in that city.

## Canadian Scouter Assists Italian Rovers

IN A letter to C. V. "Lumpy" Nunn, former Assistant Commissioner for London, Ont., Lt. W. M. Bennett, pre-war Akela of the 12th London Pack, tells this interesting story of Rovering in Italy. The letter incidentally was written from a hospital bed. It says in part:

"I've got myself mixed up in Scouting again, being associated with the First C..... Service Rover Scout Crew, and we're trying to assist Italian Rovers to get on their feet. I believe that the setting up of a Scout Movement can help in the reconstruction of Italy and help her to be worthy of taking her place in the world brotherhood of Scouting.

"The crew was started by local service-men, ex-Rovers, mostly from London, England. They have an Italian Rover brother for each crew member. All instruction is in English as well as the games, but discussion groups are in Italian and English. In the sing-songs we sing our English songs and they sing theirs. The meeting is opened and closed with the Promise, both in Italian and English. The Italians are as keen as mustard and take everything very seriously—but no uniforms or equipment. At the present time there are four fathers of the Roman Catholic Church as members of the Crew. One of them is translating parts of *Scouting for Boys* into Italian for their use. It's wonderful to see Scouting working like this. I'm more for it than ever before."

A big job for Canadian Scouts and Cubs—Send Seeds for British Victory Gardens.



## The Scout Salute and Sign

THERE is no such thing as the Half Salute. A reference to the "Half Salute" in *The Scoutmaster's First Year* will be corrected in the next revision. There is a Scout Salute and a Scout Sign (previously called the half salute).

Section 117 P.O. & R., relating to Salutes and the Scout Sign reads as follows:—

(A) The Scout sign (fig. 1) is used only by the Scoutmaster while administering, and the Recruit while making his Scout Promise, or by Scouts when renewing the Promise. Scouts carrying staves while renewing the Promise should salute as in Fig. 4. The Scout Sign is not used by Cubs.

(B) Salutes are given on the following occasions:—

(1) As a greeting. All members of the Association meeting for the first time in the day salute each other. *Scouts* salute with or without their hats. The first to see the other should be the first to salute, irrespective of rank. *Scouts* and *Guides* salute one another when in uniform.

(2) As a token of respect. At the hoisting of the National Flag (at the alert with no salute when it is lowered), at the playing of the National Anthem, to uncased colours, to Scout Flags and to funerals.

(3) When present during the making or re-affirmation by others of the Scout Promise.

(C) The following are the methods of saluting:—

(1) Cubs salute as in fig. 2.

(2) All others salute as in fig. 3, Scouters and Rovers passing stick or thumbstick into left hand.

(3) Scouts, when carrying staves salute as in Fig. 4, when standing or as in Fig. 5 when in motion.

(4) If the hands are occupied, the salute is given by turning the head and eyes to the right or left as the case may be.

(5) In church, the salute is always by standing at the alert.

(6) On parades, the leader calls the *Scouts* to the alert and he alone salutes.

Are your Patrols having a weekly Patrol Meeting. Encourage them to meet as Patrols and use the ideas in *The Junior Leader*.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5

## Ottawa Troop Sends First Seed Order

THE 17th Ottawa (Southminster) Troop is the first Scout unit in Canada to contribute to the 1944-45 Seeds for Britain Campaign. Just before *The Scout Leader* went to press word was received that this Troop would send \$5.00 worth of garden seeds to the Boy Scouts of Great Britain for next year's Victory Gardens.

Several other Groups have intimated they will be supporting the campaign, and it is hoped that the drive will result in a much larger supply of seeds going to Britain that was the case in the past year.

To make it easier for Scouters, *The Scout Leader* will be happy to forward

orders for seeds to seed houses on receipt of the cash, also arranging for proper acknowledgment.

If any other Group has already ordered seeds to be forwarded to Britain, we would be happy to hear of it, so that proper acknowledgment may be made in *The Scout Leader*.

For full details as to seed houses handling Seeds for Britain, and method of forwarding them, see the November issue of *The Scout Leader*.

*The Scout Leader* would like to have sharp glossy pictures of Troop and Pack activities for use in this magazine. Please do not send negatives.



AGAIN THE "OUT" IN SCOUTING THAT BROUGHT HUNDREDS OF BOYS INTO THE MOVEMENT. PLAN THROUGH THE WINTER MONTHS FOR NEXT SEASON'S SCOUT OUTINGS. THIS IS THE 11TH OTTAWA SEA SCOUTS ON A SUMMER CRUISE.







## PRACTICAL CUBBING

### A "Going Up" Ceremony

HERE'S a "going up ceremony" used by an Australian Group quite successfully. While it differs from the ceremony outlined in the *Wolf Cubs Handbook* it loses none of the essential features.

(Troop assembles in horseshoe formation. Pack assembles in a circle at the open side of the horseshoe, and a few yards distant therefrom Cubmaster stands in circle, and Scouters stand at the open side of the horseshoe with the T.L., who holds the flag).

Cubmaster: (or could be read or recited by a Cub, or three Cubs, taking a paragraph each):

Mowgli was the son of an Indian father and mother. As a baby he was lost in the jungle, and was brought up by a wolf as one of her own cubs. Mowgli learned many lessons from the wise old wolf—to walk softly through the jungle, to be a friend to the animals and to be able to take care of himself.

But Mowgli was growing up, and the time came for him to leave the jungle, for he had a man's work to do. His friends gathered round him at the Council Rock and said farewell to him.

Like Mowgli, some of our Cubs are to leave the jungle paths today to follow the ways of men. Before they go, let us remind them that they must always keep the Law of the Wolf Cub Pack, for they will always be our friends.

(All repeat promise).

Cubmaster: Those who are leaving the jungle would like to say good-bye to those who remain. (Leads Cubs to their Sixes, where they shake hands, then conducts them, accompanied by a smaller Cub carrying the Totem Pole, to the entrance of the horseshoe).

#### Grand Howl

(Cubmaster and Scoutmaster shake hands on meeting).

Scoutmaster: Who are these that come from the jungle?

Cubmaster: These are the sons of men, who have learned the lore of the jungle and now come to learn the way of their fathers.

Scoutmaster: They have learned their jungle lessons well. They come to us as friends and brothers, and as brothers our Scouts will teach them the ways of men. (Turning to Scouts) Let us give them welcome. P.L.'s (Scouts respond; P.L.'s come forward; Scoutmaster introduces recruits to P.L.'s, who take them to their Patrols in accordance with prior arrangements).

#### Troop Yell

Scoutmaster (or Selected Scout): The Scouts are brothers to Wolf Cubs.

Cubmaster (or Selected Cub): The Wolf Cubs are brothers to the Scouts.

(S.M. and C.M. shake hands on parting; C.M. dismisses Pack; S.M. then dismisses Troop).

See also *Wolf Cub Handbook* and *Cubmaster's First Year*.

### A Sample Programme

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

6.40 *Grand Howl*—Cub silence, Prayer—Announcements.

6.50 *Inspection* (Teeth or "Fangs")—If any boys haven't cleaned their teeth, next week they will have to do so before the Pack. (Akela brings tooth brushes, water, paste for next meeting).

6.55 *Game (Fun) Buckets and Grabbers*—Pack divided into 2 lines, sitting on floor 6 or 8 ft. apart, facing each other. Cubs are numbered. Beside No. 1 of each line a pile of beans. Even numbers all sit with hands cupped in front of them to form a bucket. On GO No. 1 takes a bean and puts it in the hands of 2; No. 3 takes it out and puts bean in hands of 4, and so on. Bean travels to end of line where it is put

on floor by end Cub. Meanwhile, No. 1 is putting beans in No. 2's hands, and 3 is passing same on to 4. Game being to see which line can get most beans at other end in given time.

7.05 *Jungle Story*—Read pages 68 to 80, *Jungle Book*. Stop at "The big black panther asking for help."

7.15 *Game—Dodge Ball*, played before Dance of Kaa. Cubs in circle representing Kaa's body. One Six in centre as the Bandar-Log. The ball used is Kaa's Fang that darts out. The Cubs in the circle throw the ball, a football, and try to hit the Cubs in centre below the knee. If hit, that Cub drops out as dead. The idea being to see which Six can keep the most number of Cubs in circle for a limited time.

7.25 *Dance of Kaa*—Page 52, *Wolf Cub's Handbook*.

7.40 *Games (Sense Training)*—"Colour, Kim's"—Different coloured wools, etc., are put on table. After a good look the Cubs, with paper and pencil, make a list from memory stating colours, etc.

*Noise Detection*—Akela behind a screen making following sounds—dropping coins, rattling paper, pouring water, bouncing a ball, tearing paper, hitting table with a stick, striking a match. The Cubs in front with pencil and paper try to distinguish the sound and write same on the paper, to be checked against Akela's list.

7.55 *Pack Instruction—Somersault*—Pack in circle. Akela explains proper way to somersault. Have a Cub that can somersault well demonstrate or do it yourself. The proper way to turn over is to keep shoulders rounded, chin tucked in, and place back of head on the floor and then roll forward, coming up to a standing position. A lot of boys put top of head on floor and try to roll. This causes them to make a head stand and then they fall on their back. Use a cushion to place under boy's head. Have Pack somersault in turn once. Pick out the boys who haven't got the idea and keep them after the meeting so that you can coach them.

8.10 *Story—Helping a King—Potted Stories*, page 132. (Story is about a boy who used his mind to satisfy the wants of his mind).

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



## Cub Games

### A Good Colour Test

Secure a number of cards 2 by 3 inches in numerous colours. Your local printer can help you. Get several shades of blues, greens, yellows, reds, etc. Give each Six enough cards for each Cub and put all remaining cards mixed together on a table. On a signal, the Sixers of each Six come forward and select a card to match their own from the table. They return and the Second comes to match his, and so on until the whole Pack has matched cards. The Six matching the complete number first wins. This is a good colour test, and will show if any Cub is afflicted with colour blindness.

### Indian Club Relay

Place an Indian Club about 30 feet in front of each Six. Provide each Sixer with a tennis ball. On the signal all Sixers bowl the ball and try to hit the Club in front of his own Six. Hit or miss the next Cub goes ahead and tries, the winning Six being the Six which hits the club the greatest number of times. If two Sixes manage to hit the Club every time, the Six which completes the race first is winner.

### Try This Old Timer

Place before each Six a pint or quart milk bottle. Give the Sixer of each Six a clothes pin. The object is to drop the clothes pin into the neck of the bottle. As each Cub manages to get it into the bottle he goes to the back of the Six and the next Cub tries. This is also good training for the eyes, and it is not as easy as it sounds.

### An Idea To Help New Cubs

**N**EW Cubs enrolling with the 36th Windsor, Ont., Pack are provided with two sheets explaining the basic principles of Cubbing. The first sheet carries the Cub motto, the Law, the Promise and the Cub Prayer, together with an explanation of what the Grand Howl is, and how it is done. The second sheet explains the composition of the Union Jack. The page carries five flag drawings, St. George's and St. Andrew's Crosses, the combination of the two; St. Patrick's Cross, and finally the completed flag. The boys are required to colour them all with crayons. This plan would be particularly helpful to younger Cubs. In the 36th Windsor Pack many of the Cubs are from new Canadian families.

## HE WANTED TO QUIT

### A Christmas Story

**T**HE Man was manifestly unhappy. Practically everyone in the crowded rear of the street car had noticed the gloomy cast on his face. It seemed out of place in the Christmas-time atmosphere. Bundle-laden folks were smiling at each other as if to say, "So you've got Christmas presents, too." The Man had enough bundles, but he didn't smile.

The Man got off at his street corner and walked the short block home. Flinging his coat and bundles into a chair, he sat for a moment in the dark before the living room desk. Then he switched on the desk light. From his pocket he drew out a letter and read it. He had evidently read it many times before, judging by the creases. It was a resignation. The Man was quitting. The letter was addressed to the Chairman of a Group Committee, and it was signed by the Man as Scoutmaster.

The letter should have been posted days ago, for tonight was the Troop meeting night and the Scouts were to be told just before dismissal. The Man had made up his mind about that; but somehow he had kept putting off the posting of the letter. He told himself it wasn't really quitting. It was for the good of the Troop. The Man sat there until a call from the kitchen revealed his wife had discovered his presence.

The Troop meeting was almost over, and the Patrol Leaders had brought over the hats filled with nickels and dimes which the Patrol members had been saving for an extra Christmas Good Turn. A widow and her little children were to be provided with coal and warm clothing.

The Man sat at a table, helping the Scribe count the money. Among the coins from the Beavers, the Man noted a slip of paper. He unfolded it. "I can't give any money," the slip read. "We need it ourselves. But I'll give time. I'll go over to her house every night after my paper route. Maybe I can help her somehow." the note was signed by a Boy. The Man lost count.

The Troop was in line for dismissal. The words he had framed to himself so many times were on the Man's lips. (I'm sorry, boys, but I'm so busy I find I must give up the Troop) . . . but they didn't come.

The Man's eyes followed down the line—Foxes, Eagles, Beavers. There stood the Boy. The Man's lips moved. He said, "A Merry Christmas, Scouts. Troop Dismissed."

Outside, the Man tore up the letter.

AMOS R. SHIELDS,  
Scout Executive,  
Detroit, Mich.

### American Scouter Tours Canada

**T**HOUSANDS of Scouters and Junior Leaders have had the opportunity during October and early November to hear J. Harold Williams, Scout Executive for Narragansett Council, of the Boy Scouts of America, Rhode Island. Mr. Williams has toured Canada from coast to coast speaking to junior leaders, Scouters, Group Committees and Local Associations, service clubs and other groups. His six week tour was sponsored by the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association.

An extremely able speaker, story teller and mimic Mr. Williams drew capacity audiences in every part of the country, and from reports reaching Dominion Headquarters his tour was much appreciated. Before returning to the United States Mr. Williams appeared at the meeting of the Dominion Executive Board in Montreal on November 6th where he was formally thanked for his fine contribution to Canadian Scouting.



W. J. F. E. MAGEE, OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, FORMERLY A SCOUT IN THE 3RD TORONTO TROOP, WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED THE U.S. SILVER STAR.



# WHO-WHAT-WHY-WHERE-WHEN-HOW

FOR many years—since the Scout Christmas Toy Shops first sold to hard-headed newspaper editors the practical community service value of Scout training—the press of Canada has given generous space to Scout doings. With the launching of our annual Scout Week this support has become almost remarkable, both as to news coverage and favourable editorial comment.

However, the publication of Scout news in local papers is a matter which cuts both ways, that is, involves mutual obligations, a fact sometimes overlooked by Scouters. There are several important factors that should be borne in mind. These are covered in the following suggestions offered for the benefit of Scouters or Scout "reporters."

## The Approach to the Editor

The approach to the editor should be on the basis of the news value of the Scout Movement in the community,—never on the basis of a mere desire to secure free publicity. If what you seek to have published is newsy, it will invariably get the attention of the editor. If it is material for an editorial, it should be factual and accurate, so that the editor may readily comment upon it.

Remember too, the editor is interested only in news,—and news is just a brief account of a new happening. Go out of your way to get the facts, get them correct, and get them to your editor quickly.

Newspapers throughout Canada have shown a lively sympathy with the objects and aims of Scouting. They are well aware of the usefulness of the movement in producing good citizens, and they will co-operate with you—providing you co-operate with them.

## Newspaper Style

There is no set newspaper style. Study the style of your local newspaper and try to follow it.

## You and Your Editor

Never attempt to tell the editor that he "must" publish a Scout news item in any particular place in the paper. He knows its relative value as news and will place it where he thinks best. Let him write the heading. He knows how. Don't fret if he edits your copy. It is his paper, and it is his privilege as editor to exercise his right to edit.

Where there are two or more newspapers in the community, be completely impartial. It would be both

unfair and very poor policy to offer a news item to one paper and not the others.

For important Scouting events newspapers will often send a reporter to cover them. How the news is then featured is entirely up to the newspaper editor. Be ready at all times to help reporters assigned to cover Scout events. And this is important,—it is common courtesy to send complimentary tickets to the newspapers for any

## A Gilwell Trained District Commissioner Says

*"THE public should be as fully informed as possible concerning all activities, meetings and decisions through the press. In this connection particular attention should be given to publishing names when individuals have accomplished something, including boys winning badges and promotion. I believe the public is more interested in names and detail of something accomplished than they are in something proposed—the latter only needs sufficient writing to be informative and encourage interest. I really feel that our preswork on the whole is sadly neglected, and when tried, not consistently and thoroughly done. If we had intelligent and consistent press reports we would have less worry regarding membership and financial support."*

Scout event for which a charge is made.

## Preparing Copy

News copy should be clearly typed or written, on one side of the paper only, and should be double or triple spaced. The ideal size of paper to fit the linotype copyholder is letterhead size, 8½ by 11 inches, which can be folded, or size 8½ by 5½ inches, which will just fit perfectly. This latter size is known as note size and should be used across the 8½ inch width.

Leave wide margins, and plenty of space at the top of the page for the heading. Make your paragraphs short. The name of the writer, his Troop or

Local Association should appear on the top left hand corner of the copy, as a mark of good faith. The newspaper sign "30" may be used to denote the end of a story.

The editor will write the headings. Heading types vary in size, and he will select the type best suited for the story and his make-up.

Remember that news is news. It is intended to furnish information. It is a violation of news writing technique to include personal comment, except where it is directly quoted, and appears between quotation marks.

## Your Story

A good news story answers six questions. It tells Who, Where, When, What, Why, and How. Usually the answer to all these questions can be included in the first paragraph. The reasons why an attempt is made to tell all these facts in the first paragraph are, first, to arouse the reader's interest, and second, to permit the story to be drastically shortened if necessary, and still contain the essential details.

Here is an imaginary first paragraph.

WHO—Patrol Leader Bill James, and Scout Tom Gatchell of the 1st Tyrone Troop,

WHAT—were awarded their King's Scout badges,

WHY—after completing the difficult qualifications,

WHERE—at the annual Troop banquet at St. John's Parish Hall,

WHEN—on Tuesday evening.

HOW—The presentations were made by District Commissioner Ross Strike.

It is not necessary to write all the facts in a single sentence, this may make your opening unwieldy and hard to read. Everything written after the first paragraph simply amplifies the facts,—how many others were present, who took part in the programme, what other presentations were made, etc.

There are times when the amount of space available is known, but the custom of giving the basic facts in the first paragraph remains the same.

## The Feature Story

The special feature story is always good publicity. If your newspaper editor asked you for a history of your Troop or Local Association, or the origin of Scouting, or a story about Lord Baden-Powell, that would be a feature story. Features usually occupy more space than news stories and are



used for special purposes and occasions, or to mark special events.

Feature stories are usually read more leisurely than news stories, and therefore the writer may indulge his imagination in their writing. The important thing here is a strong opening, which will at once awaken the interest of the reader, and then retain it. A feature story must never be a dull recital of facts. Study of the style and methods of the feature writers of the popular weeklies, like the *Star* and *Standard*.

Names and local connections are invariably important details of a feature story.

#### Use of Pictures

Larger newspapers have facilities for reproducing pictures; that is, they make their own engravings. Smaller newspapers have their cuts made by commercial engravers and this involves a considerable expense.

Pictures should always be glossy prints, larger than snapshots if possible. They should be exceptionally clear and sharp. Daily newspapers frequently employ their own photographers. They remember that a picture tells a story more graphically than words.

If you have a Scout in your Troop

who is a camera fan, use him to take pictures of important Scout events for possible newspaper use. If he is put to any considerable expense be sure to reimburse him.

This is very important: Be sure that Scouts appearing in pictures (likely to appear in newspapers) are properly and fully uniformed. Remember they are representing the Movement.

#### Newspaper Mats

Most Scouters have heard of a newspaper "mat," or its plural, "matrices." These are papier-mache boards carrying the impression of a halftone, line cut, or type. The impression is conveyed to the face of the mat by means of direct pressure or by rolling under very heavy pressure. A lead "stereo-

**Surplus Military Stores**  
**SCOUT Groups wishing Dominion Headquarters to secure priority for them to purchase surplus military stores as available, must apply to their Local and Provincial Scout Office, from where, after approval the application will be forwarded to Dominion Headquarters. Applications forwarded direct to Ottawa will be subject to considerable delay while being returned to the Provincial Office for approval.**

type" is taken from a mat and used to reproduce a copy of the original halftone in the newspaper. Dominion Headquarters when sending pictures to a number of newspapers sends mats rolled from the original engraving.

#### Abbreviations

Avoid abbreviations where possible, and particularly Scout abbreviations. You may know that P.L. stands for Patrol Leader, and S.M. for Scoutmaster, but the public does not know it. Always write copy as though you were explaining for the benefit of someone unacquainted with Scouting beyond its name and general objects.

#### Don't Be Greedy

Remember that the Boy Scouts Association is one of many organizations in the community. The churches, service clubs, schools, fraternal organizations, and women's groups all need publicity. Don't ask or expect preferred treatment from your editor. Remember that the publicity he gives is a gift. Never forget to thank him for it. Remember too that when you have

#### A SCOUT HERO



PO EARL HOWARD MONTURE, R.C.A.F., FORMER CUB AND SCOUT OF THE 6TH LONDON, ONT., GROUP, WHO WAS RECENTLY MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

printing or advertising to be done, try and repay his kindness. That is not only sound business practice, but it is good Scouting too.

#### Headquarters News Service

Dominion Headquarters issues twice monthly, a Scout News Service, featuring small items of Scout news from all over the world, for use as fillers. This is quite widely used. Special stories are sent out to the press over the wires of Canadian Press.

We prefer to send these News Services direct to the editor, rather than to Scout reporters, because of the constant change in the latter. However if your newspaper editor asks for a Scout column, he would doubtless be glad to turn over the News Service so that items could be inserted in with local news. If for any reason your editor does not receive this service, and would care to have it, please notify the Editorial Department, Dominion Headquarters, the Boy Scouts Association, Ottawa.

*Note*—This article will appear in pamphlet form shortly and will be available through your provincial office.

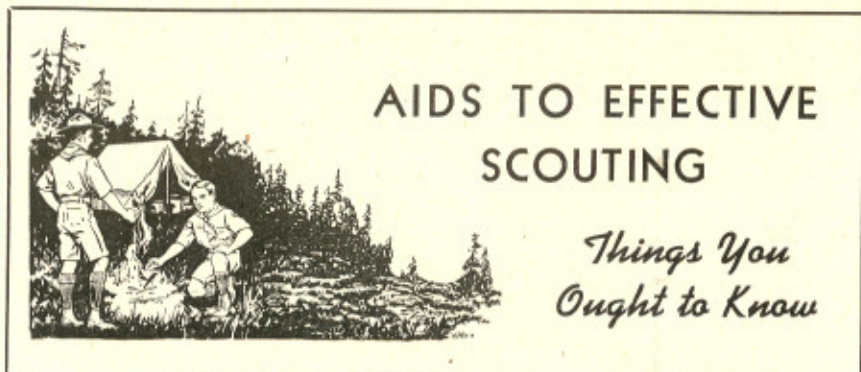
#### Cubbing in India and Canada

The 40th Hamilton Pack recently welcomed as a new member, Cub Donald Corbett, from the 1st Nilgiris Pack, Ootacamund, near Mysore in Southern India. This was his first Pack meeting in Canada.



DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE MARITIMES, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CHIEF SCOUT FOR CANADA, VISITED SCOUTS IN SEVERAL PLACES. HERE HE IS SEEN DURING HIS VISIT TO SAINT JOHN, N.B., PINNING THE LONG SERVICE MEDAL ON THE TUNIC OF ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER ELI BOYANER.





## AIDS TO EFFECTIVE SCOUTING

*Things You  
Ought to Know*

AT THE recent sessions of the Chief Scout's Commission in Montreal, representatives from various sections of Canada asked *The Scout Leader* to draw to the attention of Scouters a few facts over which there appears to be some confusion. To clarify these things the following suggestions are offered.

### The Flag at Half Mast

The way to fly a flag at half mast has always been a bothersome problem. Not even National Defence Headquarters will give a definite ruling. Militia rules provide: "The practice to be followed generally is that which produces the best result."

On a short flag pole, when the length of the pole is about three times the width of the flag, (as in the case of the jack-staff on a ship), the flag should be lowered the width of the flag which would bring it exactly to half mast. On a very tall mast however it would look better to lower the flag about one third down. If on the other hand the mast is on the roof of the building, it would not be wise to lower it to the technical half mast, but to a point which would be half way down the portion of the mast visible from the ground. If the general policy of seeking the best result is followed there can be little criticism.

One important thing to remember is that the flag must first be raised to the masthead before lowering to half mast position, and when lowering the flag at night, it should first be hoisted to the masthead, and then lowered.

### Let's Say Neckerchief

There is some confusion as to the proper term "Neckerchief" or "Scarf." We added a bit to the confusion last year when we published "The Custom of the House" which outlined the British system of terms. It called for the use of the word Scarf and not Neckerchief. Just to set the record right we explain that in Canada the term Neckerchief is more acceptable, and is considered official.

### Birch Bark?

Some Scouters have asked why in Scout literature we do not urge the use of birch bark as a tinder for lighting fires, when it is one of the best tinders available. The reason is simply this, that to advise such a thing would be to encourage boys to strip trees of their bark for fire lighting purposes. Bark should not be stripped from any live tree, but only from fallen or cut trees. We do not stress birch bark, so as to avoid the temptation to strip live trees to secure an easy tinder.

### Revised Tests

Many enquiries have been made as to when the revised tests for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class are likely to become official. These tests which were published in the June issue of *The Scout Leader* have been studied carefully by the Chief Scout's Commission, and all letters and suggestions pertaining to the tests have been submitted through Provincial Headquarters to the Commission. The final revision will be made within the next few weeks and we hope to publish the new tests as accepted in the January issue of *The Leader* together with the date upon which they will officially replace present tests.

### A Signals Programme

7.30 Corners for marking roll book, collecting dues and other Patrol business.

7.50 Opening ceremonies.

7.55 Period of struggle games.

1. *Mount Ball*—(See programme September, 1942).

2. *Hare and Hounds*—(See programme October, 1942).

3. *Five Clubs*—Players form as large a circle as room allows. One player in centre has five Indian clubs, ninepins or stone ginger-beer bottles, standing up on given points. Football is thrown by players as fast and as often as possible to knock over clubs. Centre player tries to get all five standing up again. If he succeeds he has won and can choose another player to take his place.

8.10—Mass instruction period—all boys—Semaphore signalling under Scout.

8.30—Signalling games.

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

2. *Indian File Relay*—Teams of equal numbers are seated on floor in two rows in Indian file facing the Umpire, who stands at one end of room. At the Umpire's end of each line two small circles are drawn close together and in each circle is an Indian club (or bottle) standing on end. Beginning with the player of each team nearest the circles they are allotted a letter of the alphabet each; the first "A", the second "B" and so on. (When there are 13 players, or less, in either team, they may be allotted two letters each). The Umpire signals any letter. The player on each side who has been given that letter



REMEMBER WHEN  
YOU HAD TO  
PEEL SPUDS  
AT CAMP?  
HERE ARE  
SOME SCOUTS  
AT THE ETON  
COLLEGE CAMP  
IN ENGLAND  
BUSY AT KITCHEN  
DUTY. NOTE THE  
LASHED TABLE,  
THE TWIG BROOM.  
THE BOYS WEAR  
A MOURNING BAND  
FOR LORD SOMERS.



must immediately rise, sprint to his circles, reverse the positions of the Indian clubs (or bottles) and resume his seat in his original position. The player who completes the course first counts one point to his side. A point cannot be scored by player if a club falls down or is not placed wholly within a circle. After inspecting circles the Umpire signals another letter and so on. The team scoring highest total of points wins.

8.50 Patrol Leaders' instruction period as arranged by Court of Honour.

9.05 Physical Exercises—(Read pages 190 to 197 in *Scouting for Boys*).—  
1. The Head; 2. The Chest; 3. The Stomach; 4. The Trunk; 5. The Lower Body; 6. The Legs and Toes.

9.15 Period of games.

1. *Stride Stand Passing Relay*—All players stand with feet apart and pass an object between their legs from front to rear. Player at end of file carries object to goal line and returns, starting the pass between his own legs. Each player in turn repeats performance of the first.

2. *Goat Butting Relay*—Each player butts a dumbell or ball to goal line and then runs back and passes it to next player.

9.30 Closing.

### Visits Belgian Scouts

FURTHER light on Scouting in the liberated countries is given in this extract from a letter from L/Cpl. N. A. McTaggart, a former Winnipeg Rover Scout, serving with the Royal Canadian Engineers in Western Europe. He writes:—

"When passing through a French town, the boys and girls waved to us and we waved back and I gave the Scout sign and it was given back with much excited interest by a boy about sixteen, with the armband of the Maquis, and carrying a rifle.

"In this town in Belgium, near which we are billeted, there are many Scouts. One of the strangest things that I have come across is the fact that the Germans did not ban Scouting when they were here. They said that the Scouts must not wear their uniforms and that they must not camp in tents; but otherwise they were permitted to carry on. Yet in France and in Holland, Scouting was absolutely banned.

"I have been visiting the Scouts here when the occasion permitted and I have found that they are very friendly. They seem to find that nothing

is too much for them to do to increase the enjoyment of our stay.

"Whereas in Winnipeg the St. George's Scouts meet in the Church hall as their headquarters, here the Troop meet in their own Lokaal which is a big room of a school, and so with all the troops of the town. This room has Patrol Corners built at one end. These are all built by the boys themselves, and some of them are very nicely decorated.

"They are all Catholics here, as Belgium is a Catholic country. They call it the V.V.K.S. here. That is, Vlaamsch Verbond Der Katholieke Scouts."

### An Investiture in a Garden

A CERTAIN Vancouver Scout Troop likes to invite parents of the boys concerned to be present at their Investiture. Recently two recruits were to be invested. One lad's parents could not come. His mother was at home convalescing from a serious illness, and his father did not care to leave her alone.

"All right, we can fix that," said the SM.

The boy whose parents were present was invested. Then all the members of the Troop, some biking, some walking, proceeded to the second boy's home. The Troop Chaplain came along too. And in the boy's garden the Investiture was held, the father and mother witnessing the ceremony.



WHY ALL THE SMILES? WELL WHO WOULDN'T SMILE WHEN YOU HOLD THE RECORD OF BEING THE ONLY TRIPLET BOY SCOUTS IN CANADA. HERE ARE CHARLES, EDWARD AND HENRY MANSELL, THE PRIDE OF THE 44TH WINDSOR TROOP AT ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, TECUMSEH. THEY ARE THE SONS OF MR. AND MRS. LEO MANSELL AND WERE BORN IN 1932.

The parents were most appreciative. And the father produced a document of which he was very proud,—a Certificate of Merit which had been presented to him personally by Baden-Powell when in Canada in 1922. The Certificate was in recognition of the work the father had rendered as a Scout during a big fire in Portage la Prairie. So altogether it was a very nice happening.

### Signalling Procedure for Scouts

FROM time to time suggestions are made that the miscellaneous signalling procedure suggested by Baden-Powell in *Scouting for Boys* should be changed to follow the latest Army, Navy or Air Force signals. At the close of the last war B.-P. himself felt that as the Armed Forces were continually changing their methods and that the signals used by the Armed Forces were too complicated for boys, we should have our own simple, workable scheme for Scouts. His suggestion has again shown his wisdom. Scouts learn our simple procedure and can do boy size signalling. It is very easy from this basis to pick up the latest method used in any branch of the armed forces which they may enter. So Scouters are urged to stick to the Scout Miscellaneous Signals for Scouting use.

Has your Troop helped give Scouting back to Europe by donating to the Chins-Up Fund.



## WHAT SCOUTERS ARE SAYING

AN OPEN FORUM WHERE SCOUTERS DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS

The Editor,  
*The Scout Leader*

Dear Sir:

Now that the long winter evenings are with us again let us indulge in the new indoor activity of writing to the press on the vital question, "Shall I or shall I not wear shorts in summer and breeches in winter" or "Why I prefer longs."

According to the letter in the October *Scout Leader* the Scout uniform "Is a handicap—it has no appeal." Ask any of the boys in the armed forces if their Scout uniform was a handicap. I am reasonably sure their answer will be an emphatic "No."

To quote that letter again: "After all B.-P. spent practically all his life in tropical or sub-tropical climes, where the wearing of shorts was not only an accepted custom but almost necessary for comfort. Had he spent an equal length of time in Canada, I doubt that he would have made the same choice."

Evidently the writer thinks there are no mosquitoes in the tropics. It is a good job B.-P. didn't serve an equal time in the Arctic, or we would all be eating blubber.

I have yet to see anybody who looks worse than in Scout shirt and long pants. No crease, muddy, and all the colours of the rainbow. I started to Scout in 1910, and admitting I am away out of date, I still like to be smart in Scout uniform which in my humble opinion means shorts in summer and breeches in winter, and I expect my Troop to do the same. I believe it is impossible to have a smart looking troop in long pants.

I believe that the Chief in his wisdom chose the uniform as worn today for health reasons and I am of the opinion he knew what he was doing.

We hear a lot today about the competition we are getting from the Sea and Air Cadets. If we are it seems to me it is because we are not taking full advantage of the programme as laid down by the Chief, including uniform. Run a smart Troop with a full active programme, and we'll have more boys than we can handle.

To conclude, why not cut out the discussion about uniforms. Most Scouters are having a tough enough time getting their Troops into full uniform without having Scouters selling them off the idea. How about encouraging would-be poets instead. I

humbly submit the following:

Progress is our motto,  
Modern ways have come to stay,  
But thank God we still do Scouting,  
In the good old fashioned way.

GEO. F. CHALLONER,  
S.M., 40th Winnipeg Troop.



THIS PICTURE IS NOT PUBLISHED WITH THE IDEA OF EMBARRASSING ANYONE, BUT JUST TO SHOW WHAT A BAD IMPRESSION THE PUBLIC CAN RECEIVE OF SCOUTING WHEN SCOUTERS DO NOT INSIST ON FULL UNIFORM, SMARTLY WORN. THIS PICTURE ACTUALLY APPEARED IN AN ONTARIO DAILY NEWSPAPER JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO. THE FACE HAS BEEN PURPOSELY MASKED TO ADD POINT TO THE FACT THAT THE CRITICISM IS NOT OF THE BOY BUT OF A WIDESPREAD LAXITY IN THIS MATTER.

The Editor,  
*The Scout Leader*  
Dear Sir:

We are continually reminded as to "uniformity of the uniform." How, sir, is this possible when the Scouts of Canada have at least three different choices of uniform

As I see it the Canadian Scout uniform is wrong. Considering the whole Dominion, I truly believe that "shorts" are not the sensible thing. The climatic conditions will not permit year round wear of this type of pant. Do you not agree? Why then do we not choose a pant that will be of service, look neat—and above all, be the same in every Troop? In South Africa, a country that had a great influence upon our uniform, "shorts" are, I agree very sensible.

Would breeches not be the better style of pant for Canada? How about a uniform that is Canadian? Let's get together on it and don't forget the Leader's uniform.

Yours very truly,  
D. W. PETTIT, A.S.M.,  
First Grimsby Troop.

\* \* \*

The Editor,  
*The Scout Leader*

Dear Sir:

May I add my two cent's worth to the opinions of other Scouters on the subject of Scouter's uniforms. First let me ask you a couple of questions. Did you ever get an eyeful of the very tall thin leader in shorts, or the short extremely stout man in them? If you have, you may agree that shorts are a thing that is simply impossible for these two types of men. The men themselves may be proud of the uniform they are wearing, but they look ridiculous in the public eye, and that doesn't take very long to be catching to the boys in their charge. Once a leader loses face to the boys, that leader is washed up. Leaders of the above mentioned types could be put in the category of a person with B.O., they have it, but even their best friends won't tell them.

Times and seasons change and we as Scouters must make our changes for the better. The writer was once a Boy Scout in a Troop under a S.M. who was a stickler for shorts on the boys and on himself. His favorite saying was, what's good enough for the Prince of Wales, should be good enough for you fellows. But the same man has a different opinion now.

The writer agrees that shorts are the thing for a boy until 16 years of age. After that I would suggest he go



into a Rover Patrol and wear breeches. As for S.M.'s who are supposed to be men mentally and boys in their hearts, I believe khaki breeches in winter and khaki slacks in the summer would fit the bill. Shorts for S.M.'s could be used at summer camps where more freedom of leg movement may be needed or necessary.

A great many men who like boys and the work which Scouting does, have been scared off on account of the shorts. Can you imagine an undertaker wearing tails for most of a week at funerals, parading in full view of his native villagers in shorts, how do you think it would impress those people who have no real insight in Scouting.

In conclusion let me say, if Scouting is to go ahead of all other boy's work in Canada, let's get our ideas out of the mothballs and submit them to the Editor.

CHAS. ELLMES,  
Acting S.M.,  
133rd Toronto Troop.

*Editor's Note:* The uniform question seems to have been adequately debated now, and every point of view seems to have been aired. May we suggest that Scouters open discussion on another subject in the January issue.

### Mothers' Club Buys Scout Hall

THROUGH the efforts of the Troop Mothers' Club, the 3rd Fort Erie Troop is now the proud owner of a Scout Hall. The hall was purchased by the mothers from funds earned at numerous events staged over the past couple of years. Recently the new Headquarters was officially opened by Field Commissioner A. S. Fleming of Hamilton, who was accompanied by several district leaders. Mrs. Kenney, president of the Mothers' Club presented the deed to Mr. Fleming so that the property might be held in trust by the Provincial Council of Ontario. The purchase of the hall was a tribute to Scoutmaster Ed Hayton's fine work with this comparatively new Troop in one of the keenest Scouting centres in Ontario.

### An Ontario Troop's Good Turn

WHEN the Parish Hall of St. Agnes Church, Long Branch, Ont., home of the 1st Long Branch Troop, recently was destroyed by fire, the Troop did something about it. Not only did they spend several afternoons cleaning up the debris, but they also turned over \$60 from the proceeds of their Apple Day to the new Building Fund.

### Troop Colours Back Civilian Badge

MEMBERS of the 17th Saint John, N.B., Troop have adopted the system of wearing a small piece of coloured felt under the Scout badge worn with civilian clothes. The felt matches the Troop neckerchief in colour, and is very attractive, Acting A.S.M. Ernest Taylor writes. The 17th colour happens to be maroon. It has the additional advantage of preventing the badge from slipping around. The felt is cut in a one inch diamond.

### Observe Fire Prevention Week

SCOUTS in many parts of Canada observed Fire Prevention Week, visiting fire stations and hearing lec-

tures on fire prevention. At Victoria, B.C., several groups took part in a demonstration of Fire Fighting under Chief Fire Warden A. B. Elliott. Manning a bucket brigade, putting out a fire with a fog nozzle and stirrup pumps and rescuing a dummy from a fire were all a part of the afternoon's work.

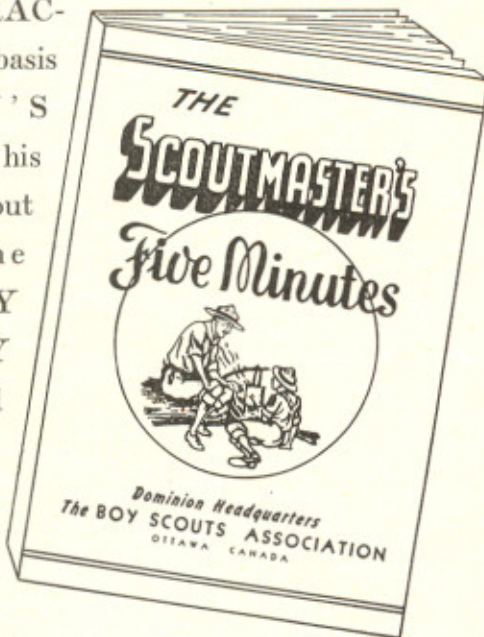
### Scouts Escort Speaker of the House

FOR the second successive year Boy Scouts of Regina were given the high honour of forming the Guard of Honour at the opening of the Saskatchewan Legislature. Two Scouts had the honour too of conducting the Speaker to the Legislative Chamber.

## YOUR MOST IMPORTANT JOB

### Mr. Scoutmaster, or "Skipper"?

Getting over to EVERY ONE of YOUR BOYS the meaning of HONOUR—as the MOST IMPORTANT ingredient of CHARACTER! Also as the basis of EACH BOY'S PROMISE to do his best to live the Scout Laws. HOW? The EXAMPLE WAY plus the STORY WAY. You will find in this book the right kind of stories—60 of them—covering each of the Ten Scout Laws and additional associated subjects.



POCKET SIZE, 3½" x 5", PLIABLE CLOTH COVER, 35 CENTS

THE STORES DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA



## CHINS-UP FUND TOTAL

As of November 17th, 1944

\$50,617.11



Sorrowful interest attaches to one of this month's acknowledgments. It came from contributions suggested in lieu of flowers for the funeral of the late Miss May Hickling, for many years Cubmaster at Hawarden, Sask. In addition to her work with the Pack, a Sunday School class, and numerous other charitable activities, Miss Hickling found time during the war to make some ten or more large knitted afghans for Cub and Scout blitz victims in England, these coming to Dominion Scout Headquarters, for passing on, at regular intervals.

It may not be amiss to mention that Miss Hickling came from Worcester, England, in 1920, to become foster mother to the baby daughter of a sister who had died "out in Canada"; and that this spirit of service—which is the essence of the true spirit of Scouting—had characterized the intervening years of a little woman "of a quiet and reserved disposition." The feeling tribute of *The Hawarden Pioneer* concluded: "We say goodbye, knowing 'she hath done what she could.' What more can we say." She was buried beside her sister in the little prairie village cemetery.

The remembrances of her funeral will find final expression in a generous number of Wolf Cub books to be used in the restoration of Cubbing for the small boys of martyred Holland. So will her good works live after her.

A parents' night collection by the 1st Scarborough Junction Troop, Ont., netted \$7.00 for the Fund.

Several Groups remembered the Fund from their Apple Day proceeds. The 1st Orillia Troop sent along \$250, which represented nearly one half of their total proceeds of \$540, while the Pickering, Ont., Lone Scouts sent along \$25.00 which was likewise nearly half of their \$51.50 proceeds.

The Group Committee at Weston, Ont., sent a handsome donation of \$50, and \$3.00 came from the collection taken up at the Lord Somers Memorial Service held at Holy Trinity Church, by the Yarmouth, N.S., Local Association.

At the Quebec Akela Gilwell this past summer it was decided that every Scouter should be called by a Jungle Name, and any on the course using any other but the Jungle Name would pay a five cent fine. Akela Evan McCormick promised to pay double that amount if he should make a mistake. He and everyone else made the mistake several times as may be witnessed to by the \$10 donation that came from the course to the Chins-Up Fund.

14th Ottawa Cub Pack; Scouts and Cubs of Montreal; South Winnipeg Local Association; 9th Winnipeg Scout Group; Mrs. Rex Lester, Victoria Beach, Man.; 62nd "A" and "B" Pack Winnipeg; Pickering Lone Scouts, Ont.; 1st Orillia Troop, Ont.

Weston Boy Scouts Group Committee, Ont.; Smiths Falls Groups, Ont.; 1st Salisbury Road Group, New Brunswick; Memorial Service for Lord Somers, Yarmouth, N.S.; 40th Winnipeg Troop; 9th Winnipeg Group; 1st Ninette Troop, Man.; Anonymous.

27th Winnipeg Pack—in memory of Sandy O'Hara; 22nd Winnipeg Troop; Victoria Beach Club, Winnipeg; Sault Ste. Marie Local Association; 6th Hamilton Troop; 31st Hamilton Pack;

39th Hamilton Group; 10th Hamilton Ladies Auxiliary; 6th Hamilton Pack.

9th Timmins Troop, Ont.; Lone Scout Kenneth Kerr, Toronto, Ont.; 1st Timmins Pack; 1st Woodbridge Group, Ont.; In Memory of Alice May Hickling, Hawarden, Sask.; 1st Nakina Group, Ont.; 14th Windsor Cub Pack; 8th Windsor Cub Pack; 8th Windsor Scout Troop.

24th Windsor Cub Pack; 11th Windsor Scout Troop; 15th Windsor Scout Group; 25th Windsor Cub Pack; Camp Falmouth, Mt. Denson and Hantsport, N.S.; Truro Local Association, N.S.; Fort Erie Local Association, Ont.

## Cadet-Scout Relations

SOME Scouters who have perhaps worried a little about the relationships between the Boy Scouts and the Army Cadets will be glad to read this section of the "Hints to Instructors and Officers" in the training programme published by the Royal Canadian Army Cadets.

"Other Organizations: Members of your Corps may belong to other organizations such as the Boy Scouts: encourage them in this kind of work. Give credit in your cadet work for any part of the syllabus done by the Boy Scouts. Offer your services to the Scout authorities in examining and certifying tests for Scout qualifications and badges. Encourage their reciprocation."

## A Chance to Help a Netherlands Wolf Cub

CUBS of Canada have a special job to do for the Netherlands which is fast being liberated from enemy occupation. It is to supply the *Wolf Cub's Book*, pictured on the left, so that the Wolf Cubs of the Netherlands may get going again. All Cub subscriptions to the Chins-Up Fund are used for this purpose. Give your Cubs an opportunity to share in this great international "Good Turn." Imprinted on every book appears the legend, "Van de Welpen Van Canada aan die Van Nederland," which translated means, "A gift from the Wolf Cubs of Canada to the Wolf Cubs of the Netherlands."



Van de Welpen van Canada aan die van Nederland



## Time Your Toy Shop Was Under Way

HAVE you started work on your Scout Toyshop yet? Time is getting short and if you are going to make your Toyshop play a worthwhile role in your community this Christmas your Scouts should be busy now collecting, repairing and painting toys, and planning their distribution.

There are several reasons why the Toyshops should be operated this year. Despite the fact that there are plenty of jobs around and money is more plentiful than before the war, there are still thousands of youngsters in orphan institutions who are looking to the Scouts to help them. There are still thousands of kiddies whose breadwinners are in the lower income brackets who need this help. There are still more thousands, and these are most important, of children of men on active service, who have only the bare military allowances to live on. These do not permit of much spare money for Christmas toys.

So there is a real opportunity here for Scouts in every part of Canada, in the cities, towns and villages to do a job for the children who need their help. The scarcity of new toys also suggests that there will be an even greater need for used toys.

Many centres have already started and the work is well under way. Do not let your Troop miss this opportunity for a grand Community Good Turn. And let us have stories and pictures of your Toyshop. We would like to use them in *The Scout Leader*.

## Are You Ready for V Day?

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man., Scouts are co-operating with the municipal committee and the Ministerial Association in preparations for V Day in that western city. They are scheduled to join with military groups, cadets, fraternal orders, service clubs, and Girl Guides in a gigantic victory parade which will follow thanksgiving services held in the churches.

## "SM's FIVE" for SMs Only

A COMMENT by a Cubmaster suggests the advisability of emphasizing the fact that *The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes* is for the use of Scoutmasters only. Use of the Talks before Cubs would largely kill their effectiveness later for boys coming up from a Pack.

## This CHRISTMAS remember your Cubs or Scouts

with

## "SCOUTY" GREETING CARDS

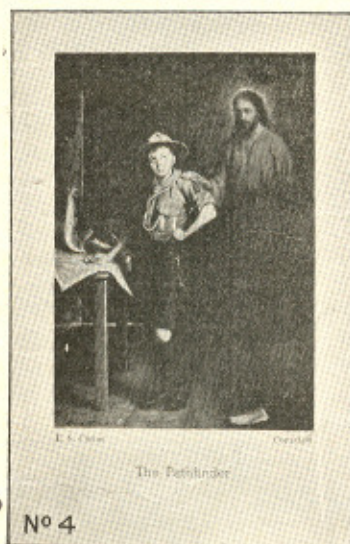
No. 2

The  
Wolf Cub  
Card



No. 4

The  
Scout  
Card



Order  
by

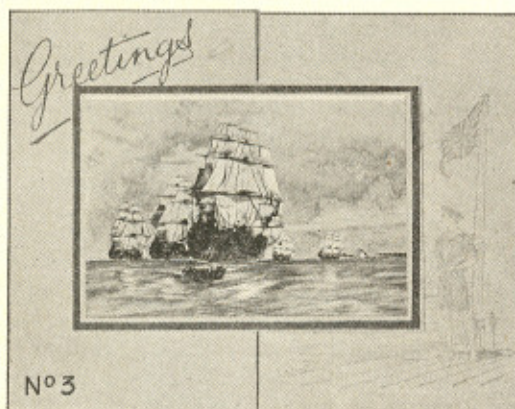
Number  
from

The Stores Dept.

75c per doz.  
with envelopes  
POSTPAID

No. 3

The  
Sea Scout  
Card



The Boy Scouts Association, 306 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa



A page of helpful ideas  
from anyone, anywhere.

## THE DUFFEL BAG

If you have a good one,  
tested, please send it in.

### Pick Your Own Special

HERE'S an idea culled from *The Scouter*. Write on slips of paper all the different kinds of special inspections you can think of for the regular Troop inspection. Such things as, hair, finger nails, teeth, possession of handkerchief, carrying a knife, piece of string, or matches, will do. Place these slips in a box, and as you start the inspection of a Patrol let the P.L. select from the box a slip of paper. Whatever special inspection appears on the slip will be the special inspection for that Patrol for the evening. Follow the same procedure with each Patrol.

### That's all there is to It— Outdoor Scouting

SCOUTMASTER of an eight month's old Troop called on a certain western district secretary and announced that he was "on the spot;" that one of his boys had "thrown a challenge at him." The "challenge" was this: "I joined the Scouts because I thought we would be doing a lot of outdoor stuff. So far we haven't been outside the building. What about it?"

In simple solution the secretary gave the Scouter a copy of *Wide Games* and *Training in Tracking*, and a few suggestions on how to use them. A week later the Scoutmaster was back to report a "most enthusiastic show, outside, doing some fairly simple tracking."

All there was to it! All there is to it!

### Church Officials Are Both Scouts

WHEN His Excellency the Chief Scout attended divine service with the Scouts of Halifax at All Saints Cathedral a few weeks ago, it was a unique twain of Church Wardens which greeted His Excellency on his arrival and escorted him to his pew in the Cathedral. It so happens this year that the Wardens of the Cathedral are both prominent in Scouting. The Dean's Warden, Mr. W. E. Tibbs, is Provincial Commissioner for Nova Scotia, and the People's Warden, Mr. H. G. Stevens is President of the Halifax District Association. Both were in Scout uniform to greet the Chief Scout, in their dual capacities as Wardens of the Cathedral and as officials of the Boy Scouts Association.

### Former Scout Hero Now Newspaper Head

ON A recent field trip in the Province of Alberta, Frank Bower, Executive Commissioner for that Province was shown a letter in Red Deer, sent to the Troop in 1911 by Lord Baden-Powell. The letter congratulated the Troop in helping to capture a marauder who shot a police officer in the district. One of the two Scouts who received Medals of Merit for this work still lives in Red Deer. He is Mr. Galbraith, the editor of the *Red Deer Advocate* and President of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association.

### RE—Ordering The Junior Leader

SCOUTERS are again reminded that in asking for increase or decrease in the number of copies of *The Junior Leader* provided for their Troops application should always be made through your Provincial Office and not to Dominion Headquarters. The Provincial Offices agreed to take care of distribution. For the benefit of new leaders it might be pointed out that *The Junior Leader* will be provided free to each Patrol and Troop Leader. They are not for distribution to Scouters or Patrol Seconds.

### Woggles of Rank

THE 1st Coalpit Heath Troop has a novel idea in woggles. They have Turk's heads made of blind cord in different colours or combinations of colours to denote the rank of the wearer.

Thus, a Tenderfoot's woggle is all green. On gaining his Second Class Badge the Scout is awarded a woggle with the two outside turns of green cord and the centre turn in gold. The First Class woggle is in gold. Scouters wear all-white woggles.

As the 1st Coalpit Heath has a gold and green scarf, their woggle colour scheme is very attractive. Incidentally, the Scouts made nearly a hundred woggles (rather larger than usual, though) in various colours for display as serviette rings at an exhibition.

### Has Your Troop Discussed It? A Radio for the Local School?

OUR project of Scout-sponsored radios for rural and village schools, in order that the special Dominion-wide School Broadcasts may be enjoyed, has been heartily welcomed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

"This is an excellent idea," writes Mr. R. S. Lambert, CBC's Supervisor of Educational Broadcasts, "and we appreciate your support in helping rural schools to raise funds for purchasing receivers."

"Our most difficult problem is in this field."

"Please keep us in touch with your scheme for publishing pictures of Scouts and school radios."

### Scouts and Radio Pictures for The Scout Leader

As previously announced, *The Scout Leader* will publish the first five pictures received of Scouts and a School Radio, taken in front of the school, and at least one picture from each province. The pictures may be good, clear snapshots, on glossy prints. They should be accompanied by a brief story of the way in which the project was carried out,—whether a radio was purchased, or arranged for on a schedule of loaning.

### Wild Life Broadcasts for Scouts

Of some special interest to Scouts will be the broadcasts concerning Canadian wild life, included in the group series entitled "Conserving Canada." The programme runs through to the end of April of next year. For full details see the November *Scout Leader*.

### Stettler Scouts Clean Up Vacant Lots

THIS little report of the service activities of the Stettler, Alberta, Troop should have appeared a couple of months ago, but was unavoidably held over. The Troop and Pack as a community service cleaned up all the vacant lots in town. Headed by the Scoutmaster, Rev. Geoffrey Parrott, two Scouts and a Cub gave a demonstration of Scouting before the Stettler Rotary Club, at which Rotarians were told the meaning of Scout badges and emblems. In recognition of this Group's community service the Stettler Board of Trade made a gift of \$10 to the Group.