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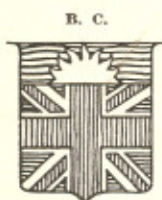
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THE GOOD CITIZEN OF TOMORROW

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Boy Scout Week

Looking back thankfully,

Looking forward hopefully,

We pledge ourselves preparedly,

To serve anew steadfastly,

God bless our cause abundantly.

WE are not quite sure where we picked up those lines, but we clipped them a few months ago, and put them away for use in this issue of *The Scout Leader* because, it seemed to us, they expressed so admirably what Boy Scout Week should mean for all of us engaged in this "cause."

Surely we can look back thankfully to that distant day when Scouting was born, the brain and heart child of one of the greatest men of the past century—Lord Baden-Powell. We have much to be thankful for that he left in our keeping, a movement pregnant with such tremendous possibilities for good—the antithesis of that other Nazi-Fascist movement that has brought the world to the verge of destruction.

With victory certain, though yet far off, we have reason to look forward hopefully to the future, determined to prepare ourselves to serve our generation so that wars may cease, and the brotherhood that Scouting represents may take its place.

Ours is a cause as much as a Movement. We are engaged in that mighty task of building character for the future. We may not see the immediate results of our labours, but the results will be, if we do our job right, a generation dedicated to the service of mankind. It is our job to train minds that see beyond the shallow differences of race, and colour and creed. It is our job to train bodies that will be physically prepared to serve their generation. It is our job to encourage hearts that beat with the warmth of brotherhood and friendship for all men.

That is the task to which Scout Week calls us once again. And what of the inspiration for that task? We

B.-P.

(From *The Times*, London)

IT was written of the creator of St. Paul's Cathedral, the "Parish Church of the 'Empire'," *Si monumentum requiris, circumspice*. (If you would see his monument look about you). No fitter epitaph could be composed to commemorate "B.-P." In every town, in every village, in Britain, throughout the British Commonwealth of Nations, and in almost every civilized country in the world the Boy Scout and his sister, the Girl Guide, are to be found as living "monuments" to the genius and the profound insight into the minds of boys and girls of the creator of the greatest youth movement the world has ever known. "We shall not look upon his like 'again'," for "B.-P." was one of those rare individuals which the world throws up but once in many hundreds of years: a man endowed with great bodily strength and seemingly inexhaustible mental energy irradiated by the white light of idealism. There are supermen who devote their genius to evil purposes; there are others who are ruined by the power their ability gains them. "B.-P." gave himself to youth; he achieved success and fame almost beyond believing. Power spoiled him not one whit, nor dimmed his vision of the good and the true; to the day of his death he remained unswervingly constant to his ideal.

need not seek far so long as we keep alive the character of Baden-Powell. Methods of instruction may change. Our system of tests or badges may change. Our policy, rules and organization may change, but the fundamentals of Scouting will never change.

Many thousands of years ago Moses brought down from Mount Sinai the Ten Commandments. Today these still largely govern the behaviour of mankind. Their fundamentals have not

War Decorations

Distinguished Flying Cross

FO Clifford Foderingham, 22, RCAF, 104th Toronto Troop.

PO William O. D. Tweddell, 24, RCAF, King's Scout, 104th Toronto Troop.

Mentioned in Despatches

Major Lucius (Lou) Packard, 29, King's Scout, 1929 Jamboree Scout, Lachine, Que., Troop.

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Major the Rev. Russell O. Wilkes, 38, Chaplain, SM, Redditt, Ont., CM, Emerson, Man., and Rainy River, Ont.

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Lt. Col. P. McD. Abel, RCAMC, SM 40th Winnipeg Troop, O.B.E.

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George K. Shiels, Toronto, Asst. Dist. Commissioner, Toronto, 1928, Vice-Pres. Ontario Provincial Council, Member, Canadian General Council, C.M.G.

Robert C. Wallace, Edmonton, Member Canadian General Council, C.M.G.

Morris W. Wilson, Montreal, Member Canadian General Council, C.M.G.

changed. And Scouting's laws, built upon those commandments, have not changed either. Nor will change the purposes of Scouting. Nor will change the ideals of Scouting. Nor will change the results of Scouting, if we who are charged with carrying it forward remember thankfully "The Chief," the task he left with us, and the inspiration of his own great life.

Let us pledge ourselves preparedly to serve anew steadfastly.

WHAT ARE WE AIMING AT?

WHY should every Scout aim at getting his First Class Badge? A common criticism of Troops is that they contain too small a proportion of First Class Scouts. In what way is the possession of First Class badges a criterion of success in Scouting?

Suppose every Scoutmaster were to arrange his programme so that in a year's time every Troop would have trebled its toll of First Class badges. It possibly could be done. But would Scouting be better than it is today? It is not in the least inevitable.

Is there not in Scouting a very great danger of misplaced emphasis? Are we not liable to put the emphasis on the *means* and not on the *ends* at which we are, or ought to be, aiming? If First Class badges accumulate in a Troop as a consequence of what is being done in the Troop, then indeed that Troop is a successful one. But if the activities of the Troop are directed primarily towards getting the badges, what in the long run is achieved? If it is success, it is success of the wrong kind.

The aims of Scouting are clearly enough set out. Which of them today is the most important? Things today are very different from what they were. There are exceptions of course, but the assimilation of many of the methods of *Scouting for Boys* into the school curricula means that in general the stage has been reached when the physical development of most boys is adequately catered for. So also, with perhaps more exceptions, the intellectual development is much better catered for than it was in 1908.

But what of spiritual development? Surely this, if it was not always, has now become in at least the majority of Troops, the most important function of Scouting. The province of Scouting is to supplement the education which boys receive at school; greatly to supplement the spiritual training; to some extent to supplement the mental and intellectual. With all boys the need for the first is great: the better the school attended by the boys, the less important, relatively, becomes the second.

This challenging article by H. S. Moody, Headmaster of Burton-on-Trent Grammar School, England, seems most fitting for Boy Scout Week contemplation by Scouters. We reproduce it from The Scouter and commend it most heartily to the careful study of every Canadian interested in the progress of Scouting.

What are we to understand by spiritual development?

The religious side is at once evident:



B.-P. SAID THIS WAS OUR AIM

"TO REPLACE SELF WITH SERVICE, TO MAKE THE LADS INDIVIDUALLY EFFICIENT, MORALLY AND PHYSICALLY, WITH THE OBJECT OF USING THAT EFFICIENCY IN THE SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY."

if it is not stressed here there is no intention of underestimating its importance. But this has been dealt with many times elsewhere. Less definite is the other side—that which is connected with the spirit of service. Is it not possible that this aspect of Scouting has been too narrowly interpreted? The spirit of service is shown in a desire to

be of use—but not merely of material, practical use. The result of effective service is that somebody has become happier. There are many ways of achieving this better than by doing jobs of work. There is a positive side and also a negative side. Not only the positive creation of happiness, but the avoidance of any course of action which can diminish happiness. Both must be faced; both are important.

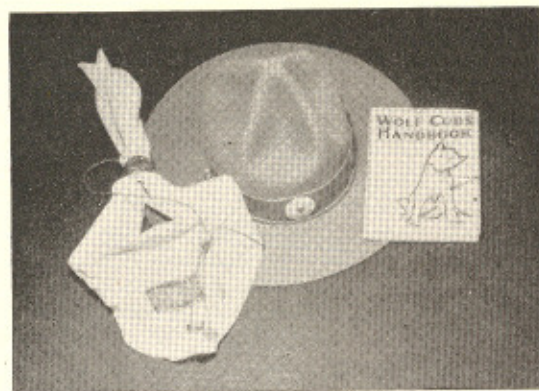
The greatest need of youth at the moment is a restoration of standards which for a variety of reasons have during recent years fallen. Put in a somewhat journalistic form, youth needs intense training to instil the characteristics of the gentleman. A full list of these cannot be given, but among them are these:

1. A return to the old standards of courtesy.
2. A reduction of the tendency to take everything for granted, and increase in the expression of gratitude and of appreciation.
3. A great respect for the feeling, and for the views of others, especially one's elders.
4. A very much greater respect of property, public and private.
5. An attempt to cure the present confusion between freedom and license.
6. An emphasis on some of the Scout laws, especially on trustworthiness, loyalty—to all objects which have a demand on the loyalty of the Scout, courtesy, which has been mentioned and, in most cases, avoidance of what are perhaps "not very serious" breaches of Law 10: careless and ungentlemanly topics of conversation.

With this start, and with a knowledge of his own boys and of local conditions, each Scouter can complete his own list. But he, and visiting Commissioners, will have to admit that not all these achievements are implicit in the possession of the First Class Badge.

How is it going to be done? Certainly not by telling the boys in a sermon or a series of sermons that this is how we propose developing them. There would be no more certain way of achieving failure, and of emptying the

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PRACTICAL CUBBING

The Dance of Bagheera

6.30—Assembly of Pack—Roll, Bones.

6.40—Grand Howl

Baloo—Pack, Pack, Pack.

Pack—Comes into rock circle and forms parade circle.

Baloo—In centre of parade circle saying "Now this is the Law of the Jungle, As old and true as the sky, And the wolf that shall keep it may prosper, But the wolf that shall break it must die."

Pack—Repeats Law. (Baloo walks out and Akela walks in while Pack is repeating Law).

Sixer—Gives signal for Pack Down. Akela—As the dawn was breaking the wolf pack yelled.

Pack—Once! Twice! And again!

Akela—Feet in the jungle that leave no mark, Eyes that can see in the dark.

Pack—The dark (mysteriously).

Akela—Tongue, give tongue to it. Hark, oh, hark!

Sixer—After Hark he leads the Pack in the Grand Howl.

6.50—Silence. Announcements.

6.55—Inspection (Shoes—Pads)

Pack Instruction—Good Turn—Cubs have a good way of making themselves happy, that is by making other people happy by doing a kindness to someone every day. Don't look for big things to do but do the little things that come your way; small jobs at home, helping child across street, opening doors for ladies, giving up seat in crowded street car, etc. (See pages 49-52, *Wolf Cubs' Handbook*).

7.10—Game (Fun type) Dizzyman

Relay—Pack in relay formation at end of room, a chair in front of each Six. On GO Sixer runs up to chair, goes around it 3 times and back to Six, touching 2nd Cub who goes through same procedure; each Cub having chance to go over course. The running Cub falls in at end of Six each time.

Beggar Relay—Pack in relay forma-

tion at end of room. In front of each Six is a cup with 5 beans in it (or one short of number Cubs running). On GO Sixer runs up, gets cup, runs to Six; going down right side of Six he gives each Cub a bean representing a man giving away his money. He comes up left side and collects the beans again, representing a man begging; then he runs up the floor, puts the cup in its place and runs back to Six, touching the 2nd Cub, and falls in at back of line. The 2nd Cub, when touched, goes through same procedure as the Sixer.

7.20—Jungle Story (read same or tell) —page 31 to end of story of Mowgli's Brothers.

7.40—Jungle Play—Dance of Bagheera

—First play game *Bagheera Hunting Deer*. Pack in line at one end of room. Each Cub has a rope under his belt to represent a tail (not tied). In centre a Cub representing Bagheera. On GO Pack runs across room to other end. Cub in centre tries to get as many tails as he can. Each Cub that loses his tail becomes Bagheera's helper. The game continues, the object being to see which Cub can stay up the longest.

7.55—Dance of Bagheera (See "Wolf Cubs' Handbook", page 40).

Game (Instructive) *Telling the Time*

—12 cards numbered from 1 to 12 laid on floor to represent the dial of a clock. The Pack around in a circle, each Six paired off. One boy of each pair is hour hand, the other a minute hand. As Akela calls out a time each pair in turn stands at the proper number to form the time. No. 1 pair of the Blacks would go; on the next time called, No. 1 pair of the Reds would go, and so on until every pair had a chance.

8.05—Story on Promise—Good Turn

—"The Goodfellows", page 55 of *Wolf Cubs' Handbook* or "The Buried Road", page 155, *Potted Stories*. (Work in after Grand Howl this week).

BOY SCOUT WEEK SUGGESTION

*Raise the Flag on all
Dominion Govt. Bldgs.*

Know the Parents!

A True Story

How important it is that Scouters should know the parents of their Scouts and Cubs, is illustrated by this true story from one of our larger centres. How often has this been said at Scouters' training courses?

In a Pack in this centre, was a bright and clever youngster, who had one fault that overshadowed his brilliance. He was one of those Cubs who never lost an opportunity to tease others, especially when the others happened to be a bit smaller than himself. In fact, in a small way he was a bit of a bully.

It got to the point where he had either to mend his ways, or leave the Pack. The Cubmaster had tried everything she could think of, but without any tangible results.

Finally she decided to visit the Cub's home, and there she quite frankly told her troubles and asked for the parents' cooperation. She suggested that perhaps his father could help the boy with his Two Star tests, particularly his signalling. It turned out that the dad was an expert signaller, and he wanted to know why he couldn't instruct the whole Pack instead of just his own boy.

Needless to say his offer was accepted. This caused the oldest sister, a former Guide to offer her services also. She has since been to the Pack and has every promise of becoming a very efficient Assistant. The latest development is that this sister has interested her girl friend in Cubbing and now the girl friend is also putting in some effective work with the Pack.

The presence of the father, sister and the girl friend at the Pack has had a splendid effect on the behaviour of this particular Cub, and incidentally he is smarter in appearance, his uniform is brushed, his hair neatly combed, and of course the Cubmaster is much happier.

Need it be repeated—It is important that Scouters get to know the parents of their Cubs and Scouts.

BOY SCOUT WEEK SUGGESTION

Cub Handicraft Show

Deaf and Dumb Alphabet Useful in Cubbing

AN interesting suggestion from Mrs. Melville-Smith, a Birmingham, England, Akela, appeared in a recent issue of *The Scouter*. It should prove of value to Canadian Cub leaders. She writes:

"The manual Deaf and Dumb alphabet has for a long time been used as an alternative to skipping in the Special Tests, but many of us have found that it can be used to great advantage, as a side-line in normal Packs. Together with 'freezing' games it certainly is an aid to discipline. It attracts even the most rampagous of Cubs (and most of us have one or two of these in our Packs from time to time!). Akela only has to hold up her hand ready to spell out a message and the Cubs will be agog to see what it is about, being as they are, brimful of curiosity.

"There is another side to this. If a Cub who knows the Deaf and Dumb alphabet comes across anyone who is afflicted in this way, he can give such tremendous pleasure as I know from experience. These people are naturally

isolated and almost pathetically grateful if anyone can speak to them. Be sure of accuracy. Speed, as in Morse or Semaphore, can come later."

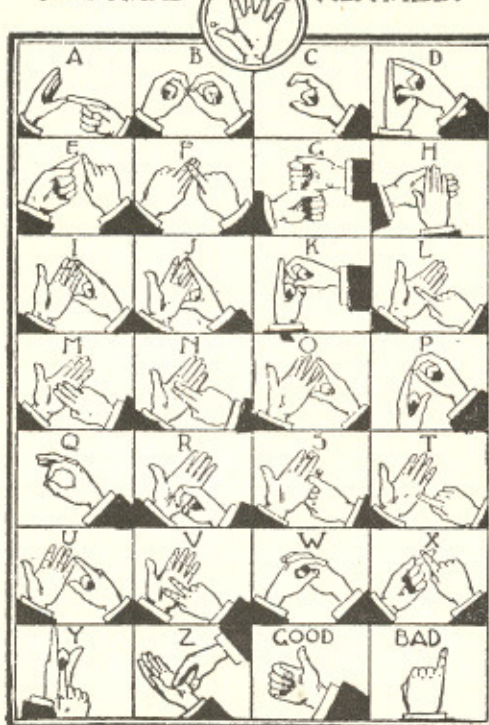
We are reproducing the two hand manual Deaf and Dumb alphabet for the use of Akelas who wish to try this idea out in their Packs.

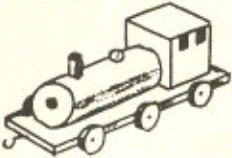
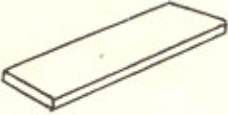

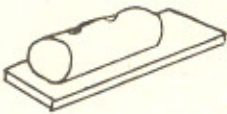

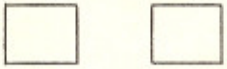
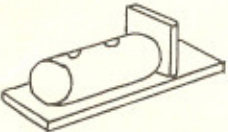
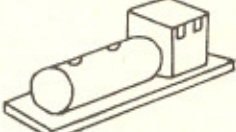

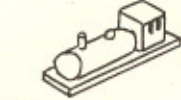
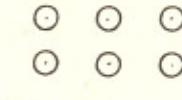
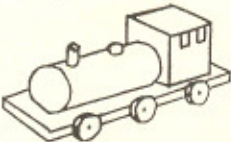

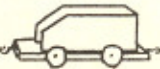

Prepare yourself for more effective leadership. Write Training Dept., Dominion Headquarters for a Part I Correspondence Course in Cubbing or Scouting.

A CUB MODEL

THIS DIAGRAM HAS BEEN USED VERY SUCCESSFULLY BY FIELD SECRETARY CYRIL DENDY WITH CUBS IN MONTREAL. THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN MONTREAL CARRIES IN STOCK SETS OF MATERIALS TO CARRY THE PROJECT THROUGH, BUT ANY CUBMASTER OR CUB FOR THAT MATTER, CAN OBTAIN THE NECESSARY MATERIALS FROM OLD BOXES, AND HIS DAD'S "ODDS AND ENDS" BOXES IN THE CELLAR.

Deaf and Dumb Alphabet TWO-HAND ALPHABET



 <p>1 This is what it'll look like (we hope)</p>	 <p>2 Sand paper the base until it's nice and smooth</p>	 <p>3 Flatten the bottom of the boiler (plane or sandpaper it)</p>	 <p>4 Nail boiler to Base</p>
 <p>5 Make sides of cab like this</p>	 <p>6 Make a front and a top, of cab like this</p>	 <p>7 Nail cab front to back of boiler.</p>	 <p>8 Put cab sides and roof in place.</p>
 <p>9 Round top of Steam Dome Glue funnel and steam dome in place.</p>	 <p>10 Paint your engine in bright colours</p>	 <p>11 Paint the wheels</p>	 <p>12 After paint is dry put the wheels on</p>
 <p>13 Screw in a hook and eye for couplings</p>	<p>If you liked this one try a coal tender</p> 	<p>Ask Akela if you can pass model building for second star with this engine.</p>	<p>Official Kit for Wolf Cubs</p>  <p>The Boy Scouts Assn. MONTREAL</p>

CARRYING ON



THE 5TH OSHAWA TROOP IS PROUD OF THIS HOME-MADE TREK CART WHICH MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO COLLECT TWO TONS AND A HALF OF WASTE PAPER ON ONE SATURDAY AND THE HALF OF ANOTHER. THE SCOUT-MASTER IS W. HOOPER.

Rodney, Ont., Scouts are conducting a campaign for phonograph records for salvage purposes.

Christmas Good Turns at London

Scout Groups in London, Ont., did not forget their Christmas Good Turn in December. The 11th St. James Church Pack, collected all kind of groceries which were turned over to the Juvenile Court Observation Home. The 32nd St. Andrew's Pack undertook to look after the needs of a local family in needy circumstances. Scouts and Cubs of the 26th Group decided to cancel their Christmas party and donate the money to the Chins-Up Fund.

The Group Committee of the 2nd Galt, Ont., Troop, sponsored a movie show in the Scout House. A silver collection was taken and the proceeds donated to the Chins-Up Fund.

Provide Bottles and Magazines

Scouts at Niagara-on-the-Lake recently supplied the local Military Hospital with 300 magazines and 100 medicine bottles. This is a continuing effort on the part of this group which was greatly appreciated by the hospital officials.

To Help Military Centre

At the request of Lt. Col. Rodolphe, O.C. of the army training camp at Cornwall, Ont., Scouts of the town have undertaken to keep the centre supplied with medicine bottles.

BOY SCOUT WEEK SUGGESTION *B.-P. Church Parade*

Scouts Take Over Rink

Because of the shortage of labour the town council of Porcupine, Ont., were unable to operate the municipal skating rink. Boy Scouts of this gold mining centre offered to undertake the task and are thus doing their Good Turn for the children of Porcupine by providing a proper skating surface for them.

We're Not Slackening?

Canada is faced with a very serious paper shortage, due largely to insufficient manpower. This situation can be overcome by the salvage of every possible pound of waste paper.

In centres where Scouts have undertaken this work, they are asked to carry on with renewed vigour, to make collections more often and more systematically.

In areas where no particular group has arranged for paper collections, Scouts are urged to organize it as a major contribution to the war effort.

In districts where other organizations have the collection in hand, but have fallen down on the job, it is suggested that Scouters offer the assistance of the Scouts, or offer to take over the collections.

Paper salvage in 1944 will be one of the most vital of all war services.

Here is an opportunity for the Scouts of Canada to show that they are both ready and competent to handle this emergency.

Whoever else may be accused of complacency, let that finger not be pointed at the Boy Scouts.

What Are We Aiming At?

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ranks of every Troop in the country. The job must be done, at least with the younger boys, without their realising it. Culture is not taught: it is absorbed. The method is to establish a Troop tradition and to supply an appropriate environment, to which the boys will respond.

We know perfectly well that boys join the Scouts to have a good time: and it is our duty to give them a good time. But not merely to provide them with facilities for "rough house", slapstick and ragging to their hearts delight. Let them of course, indulge in all these as an occasional relaxation, but only as that. We must inspire them with an ambition, first to *do* and then to *be*, something in which we and they can take a pride.

Give them long term objectives. Put the emphasis, if you like, for the first two years, on the desire to do something useful either to themselves or to others. But maintain the correct environment, and don't neglect the other side. Then, by degrees, get them to realise that much more is demanded from the true Scout.

Get them to understand that they, and we, are bound by a contract: we by an obligation to give them as good a time as lies within our power; they, by equal obligation, to rise to the full standards implicit in the Law and Promise. And let it be agreed, without any possibility of misunderstanding, that the pact is mutual. It puts us under the terrifying necessity of seeing that we fulfil our part of the bargain: do we always do it?

But equally, it binds them. A frank interchange of confidence is necessary. Each must be able to trust the other. If this confidence is established, and both sides accept the contract, it will succeed. And if First Class badges happen in the process the success will be great indeed. If they don't, it is by no means inevitable that the Troop must be regarded as a failure. Let us put the badge in its proper place: as a means to an end: as a guide and as an invaluable stimulus towards deeper objectives.

The Boy Scouts Association of Amherst, N.S., has taken over full charge of paper salvage in that community. This step was taken in view of the urgent importance of this work at this time.



To Higher Service

FO Roland R. Amey, 20, RCAF, Scout, North Sydney, N.S.

Sgt. Frank Belfie, 23, Cameron Highlanders, Scout, 72nd Winnipeg Troop.

Lt. David Bindman, 24, RCR, PL 1st Thetford Mines, Que., Troop.

Ft. Sgt. John C. Fitzgerald, 20, King's Scout, Halifax.

Sgt. Ob. John J. Davenport, 22, RCAF, 10th, 17th and Exhibition Troops, Saskatoon, PL, SM.

Wireless Operator Arthur H. Down, 23, Ferry Command, Scout and Rover, 1st Tillsonburg, Ont.

LA James Elson, Fleet Air Arm, Cub, Scout, Rover, ACM, 1st Paris, Ont.

FO Clifford Foderingham, 22, Scout, 104th Toronto Troop.

Sgt. Burt Harvey, 19, Airborne Troops, PL 64th Winnipeg.

Sgt. Pilot John R. Hill, 21, RCAF, Cub, Sixer, Scout, Trinity Group, Montreal.

Sgt. Frank Hubbs, 23, RCAF, Scout, 1st Sudbury Troop, Ont.

Major Winston C. Johnson, 20, Carleton and York Regt., Cub, Scout, 21st Saint John, N.B., Group.

Sgt. Gordon Linklater, 23, RCAF, PL, 1st Sudbury, Ont., Troop.

L/C Arthur H. E. Living, 23, Midland Regt., Cub, Scout, PL, TL, 1st Bowmanville, Ont., Group.

Cpl. Charles G. Mann, 23, CAO, 1st Class Scout, 79th Toronto Troop.

Capt. Elliott G. Maxwell, 24, Carleton and York Regt., TL, King's Scout, ACM, Saint John, N.B.

FO Hector W. Munro, 21, RCAF, PL, King's Scout, ASM, Calder, Sask.

FO John E. O'Grady, 21, RCAF, PL, ASM, Exhibition Troop, Saskatoon.

FO William D. Smith, 21, RCAF, Cub, Scout, ACM, 12th Toronto Group.

AB John Malcolm Terry, 21, RCN VR, Scout, ASM, 166th Toronto Troop.

LAC James O. Turnbull, 20, Scout, Wilkie, Sask.

Lt. John J. Weatherhead, 22, Carleton and York Regt., Scout, Saint John, N.B.

Pte. Gordon Whitten, 25, CAFE, Scout, 64th Winnipeg Troop.

Presents Campsite

The Rotary Club of Stratford, Ont., has presented the local Association with a tract of land for use as a permanent campsite. It is planned to develop the property by the planting of trees and the erection of a dining hall. Provision is also to be made for a garden plot where Scouts may earn their Gardener Badge.

Headquarters Notices

Warrants have been issued for the following:

District Scoutmaster

Wallace Caswell, Tillsonburg, Ont.

Scoutmaster

A. B. Gillespie, Lethbridge, Alberta.

Ernest John Sutherland, Vancouver, B.C.

Robert Whittet Frearson, Vancouver, B.C.

Robert H. Smith, Toronto, Ont.

Cubmaster

Myrtle Gladys Quinn, Indian Head, Sask.

Patricia Meany, Kirkland Lake, Ontario.

Emma Hargreaves, Lethbridge, Alberta.

Assistant Cubmaster

Mrs. Hilda B. Baird, Moncton, N.B.



VICTORY is drawing nearer and the enemy knows it—another reason to be ready for treacherous air attacks. Every civilian should be prepared to protect his family, his home, his community. Your local civil defense unit offers this training free. Is there one good reason why you should not take advantage of it? You will find it very helpful even in peacetime emergencies.

Alex Ross

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

THIS STRIKING ADVERTISEMENT IN WHICH A BOY SCOUT IS FEATURED APPEARED ON BILLBOARDS AND IN A NUMBER OF MAGAZINES AS AN A.R.P. DIRECTOR'S RELEASE. THE ADVERTISEMENT IS SIGNED BY GENERAL ALEX ROSS, AND IS A NICE TRIBUTE TO THE PART PLAYED BY SCOUTS IN A.R.P. ORGANIZATION.

Scouting Goes on Parade Boy Scout Week

SCOUTING in Canada goes on parade from February 20-26—Boy Scout Week. It is not the kind of a parade in which we just seek to "show off" a bit, which ever way you might care to interpret that phrase. Scout Week has not been set apart so we might hear a lot of nice things about ourselves. It is, on the contrary, something of a crusade.

We—all of us who are Scouting with a purpose—believe Scouting has something this country needs. We believe that Lord Baden-Powell was a genius, both as an interpreter of the boyish mind, and as an educationist. We believe most emphatically that Scouting makes good citizens, and it is good logic to reason that a nation made up of good citizens is a good nation. We believe that good citizenship transcends in importance political panaceas and that good citizenship dedicated to the moral, spiritual and material welfare of Canada, will solve a good many of our national problems.

So we seek in Boy Scout Week to honour our Founder, to re-affirm our



THE CHIEF SCOUT

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, WHO WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN BOY SCOUT WEEK WITH A COAST TO COAST BROADCAST TO SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, FROM 6.40 TO 6.45 P.M. E.D.T. OVER THE CBC NATIONAL NETWORK.

A father and son banquet is a desirable feature. Rationing presents some difficulties, but the ingenuity of Scouts should overcome these.

District Rallies. If your district is planning a rally or similar event, see that your Pack or Troop co-operates to the full. A district affair can be successful only in-so-far as individual Packs and Troops get behind the project. This is the occasion of course for the presentation of awards. It is a good time too to take along recruits and let them get a "feel" of the Movement in its larger sense.

Service Clubs. Arrange for a Scout speaker at your local service Clubs. Address material is available from your Provincial Headquarters. A Scout display adds effectiveness to the occasion, and gives service club members a bit of variety they remember for a long time.

From D.H.Q.

For some months now Dominion Headquarters has been preparing for Scout Week. The provinces have been supplied with radio plays (Cub and Scout), service club addresses, radio interviews and addresses, church ser-

vice material, and the life story of B.-P.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a detailed list of radio programmes. In addition to splendid co-operation from the CBC, many commercial broadcasters are giving generous support to Scout Week on their programmes.

The Chief Scout, His Excellency the Governor-General, will sound the keynote of Scout Week when he addresses the Scouts and friends of Scouting in Canada over a national network on Sunday, February 20th at 6.40-6.45 p.m. E.D.T.

Newspapers. Dominion Headquarters has provided a news and picture service for some 400 newspapers. You might contact your local editor and ask his co-operation. A word of warning however—editors don't like to be told what they "should" or "must" publish. Remember paper is rationed, news is plentiful, and what an editor gives in publicity to the Boy Scouts is something to be grateful for.

Special Feature. Through the courtesy and co-operation of Mr. H. J.

BOY SCOUT WEEK SUGGESTION *Parents' Night*

Scout and Cub promises, to interest the public in our character building programme, to attract more boys to the Movement, and lastly to re-emphasize the aims for which Scouting stands.

What Shall We Do?

Boy Scout Week affords many opportunities to fulfill these purposes. We have offered many suggestions in the past few months. This month we will review them briefly.

Sunday—Hold a B.-P. Church Service. Special service material for Protestant Groups may be obtained through your District or Provincial Headquarters. Remember our "Duty to God" pledge and let us publicly exemplify it at a Scout church service. If you have new flags, this is the time to have them dedicated. Of course your Church Parade will feature correctly and smartly uniformed Scouts and Cubs.

During the Week. Make your Pack or Troop meeting an open one. Invite your Group Committee, parents and friends. Provide a programme that will tell the visitors just what boys do "at Scouts and Cubs."

BOY SCOUT WEEK SUGGESTION *Father and Son Banquet*

Halperin, Publisher of *Canadian Heroes*, 25 per cent of the space of that magazine will be devoted to Scouting in February. This magazine has a nation-wide sale, and you will be able to secure copies in your community.

Other Publicity and Displays. Store window displays, movie shows, cinema vestibule displays, Cub and Scout hobby and woodcraft shows, all serve to picture Scouting to the Public.

Raising the Flag. As previously announced, permission has been granted for Scouts to raise the flag on all Dominion Government Buildings during Boy Scout Week, either as an opening day or a daily feature. Plan to carry this feature through on Provincial and Municipal buildings.

Finally—Boy Scout Week is now well established. Its success depends on the co-operation of individual Scouters. District, Provincial and Dominion Headquarters will give every possible assistance. Please apply to your local or Provincial office for material.

Remember the dates, February 20-26. Make Boy Scout Week the best yet.

BOY SCOUT WEEK SUGGESTION *Recruiting Campaign*

Sweet Hour of Prayer



WINSTON CURRY

WHOSE POPULAR PROGRAMME "SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER" WHICH HAS A HUGE FOLLOWING IN CANADA IS TO BE DEDICATED WHOLLY TO THE BOY SCOUTS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH AT 10.45 A.M. E.D.T.

Wanted 24 Packs and 32 Troops to do a Good Turn

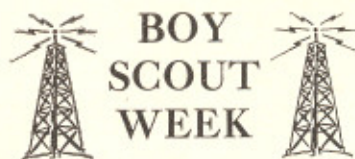
AT Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School, are 24 enthusiastic Wolf Cubs and 32 enthusiastic Boy Scouts. Naturally they are never more proud than when accorded the privilege of wearing the Boy Scout and Cub uniforms. But Indian Residential schools, operated as they are under a joint arrangement with the Government and the Churches, just do not have spare money to invest in uniforms. Hence this appeal on their behalf.

Uniforms are a very real need at this School, and the Scoutmaster, William V. Bilton, would appreciate the donation of used Scout and Cub uniforms for use in his Pack and Troop. Here's an opportunity to do a Good Turn that will be constantly appreciated. If 24 of Canada's 1,591 Wolf Cub Packs, and 32 of the 1,723 Scout Troops could manage to procure just one uniform each, the task would be easy, and 56 Indian boys would be made very happy. If your Pack or Troop wishes to have a part in this Good Turn, just address your parcel to W. V. Bilton, Scoutmaster, Indian Residential School, Sioux Lookout, Ontario.

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Public Rally with
Presentation of Badges

LISTEN TO THESE



Radio Programmes

Friday, February 18th

Musical Mailbox, Colgate-Palmolive, 8.30-9.00 p.m. E.D.T.

Saturday, February 19th

Red River Barn Dance, Hudson Bay Co., 11.00-11.30 p.m. (Prairies and B.C.)

Wes McKnight, Hockey Broadcast, St. Lawrence Starch Co., 7.00-7.15 p.m. E.D.T.

Sunday, February 20th

Andy Clarke in Neighbourly News, 10.00 a.m. E.D.T. (Ontario-Quebec).

Boy Scout Week Keynote Address, His Excellency the Governor-General, Chief Scout for Canada, 6.40-6.45 p.m. E.D.T. National Network.

Album of Familiar Music, Bayer Aspirin, 9.30-10.00 p.m. E.D.T.

Monday, February 21st

Soldier's Wife, Monday through Friday, 11.30-11.45 a.m. E.D.T.

The Happy Gang, Colgate-Palmolive, Monday through Friday, 1.15 p.m. E.D.T.

Claire Wallace in "They Tell Me", Monday through Friday, 1.45 p.m. E.D.T.

Tuesday, February 22nd

CBC Boy Scout Week Feature Drama, "Once a Scout", by Scoutmaster John Wickham Barnes, 7.00-7.30 p.m. E.D.T., National Network.

Town and Country, Lipton's Tea, 8 p.m. E.D.T., Dominion network.

John and Judy, Lamont Corliss Co., 9.00-9.30 p.m. E.D.T.

Fibber McGee and Molly, S. C. Johnson & Son, 9.30-10.00 p.m. E.D.T.

Wednesday, February 23rd

British Columbia School Series, B.C. Network, *The Life of Lord Baden-Powell*, by John Wickham Barnes, 2 p.m. Pacific Time.

Thursday, February 24th

Sweet Hour of Prayer, with Winston Curry, 10.45 a.m. E.D.T. Eastern Network.

Fighting Navy, British American Oil Co., 9.30-10.00 p.m. E.D.T.

Friday, February 25th

Wrigley Airband, Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co., 9.00-9.30 E.D.T. (Ontario-Quebec).

Presents Scout Drama



John Wickham Barnes

CBC writer and producer at Vancouver, and an active Scouter in the west coast city, who is the author and producer of the radio drama, "Once a Scout" to be presented over the National network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on the Founder's birthday, February 22nd. The half hour Scout Week programme will be aired at 7.00-7.30 p.m. E.D.T. For local time see your newspaper.

Real life experiences in Canadian Scouting make up this story of a R.C.A.F. pilot who re-lives the adventurous days of his boyhood before he exchanged the uniform of a Canadian Boy Scout for Air Force blue.

John Barnes joined the CBC on graduation from Toronto University where he took his degree in Philosophy and English at Trinity College. He holds his A.T.C.M. in speech from the Toronto Conservatory of Music. John manages (how, his fellow CBC workers wonder) to keep active in Scouting, sandwiching Scout meetings into a very heavy schedule. He is one of the busiest producers at CBC's Vancouver studios.

Mr. Barnes will also present a repeat performance of a half hour dramatic tribute to the late Lord Baden-Powell on Wednesday, February 23rd at 2 p.m., Pacific Time, on a network of British Columbia stations. It will be

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Saturday, February 26th

Share the Wealth, Colgate-Palmolive, 8.30-9.00 p.m. E.D.T.

(Colgate-Palmolive French programmes will also feature Scout Week).

For local radio programmes watch your local newspapers carefully.

AIDS TO EFFECTIVE SCOUTING



TENDERFOOT AND SECOND CLASS REVIEW NIGHT

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

7.40—Games period—

1. *Catch and Pull*—Two teams line up facing across a chalk line with their right feet to the line. At signal each team tries to grab the others and pull them over the line. A player with both feet over the line is captured and must help his captors. Team starting on the side where all the players finish wins.

2. *Toilet Tag*—Two teams in line facing, with their hats in a row down the centre. Leader calls a number and players of that number try to get the hat nearest the leader and get back to their place without being touched by opponent. Once a player has touched hat he may be touched but not before. A time limit is often needed. Team to first have a hat apiece wins.

3. *Ground Ball*—A goal is marked at each end of room; each team tries to propel a stuffed football case through the other goal by patting it with the open hand. It may not be pushed along or carried.

8.00—Patrol corners—Mark roll—Collect dues—Patrol business.

8.10—*Scout Law Quiz*—*Signal Scout Law Play*—A Scout Law is signalled to the Patrols, and these have to make up a play based on that law and act. N.B.—The Scout Law should be described in an unusual way, e.g. "The S.M. on his return found the Patrol working away just as he had left it."

8.20—*Union Jack Game*—*Snatch the Flag*—Troop divided into 2 teams facing one another, with 1 team on each side of room. In centre of room, lying on floor, have sections of flag—St. Andrews, St. Georges and St. Patricks. Number the boys, both teams, from right. Leader calls number and 2 boys representing that number come to centre of room at flags. Leader calls "Flag" and boy tries to grab flag and return to line before being tagged.

BOY SCOUT WEEK SUGGESTION *Scout Hobby Show*

8.30—*Compass Game*—*What Direction?*—Patrols are lined up as for ordinary relay race and in front of each a piece of paper, pencil and compass. Instructor then points out an object of which they are to find the compass direction; as each boy runs up he finds this out by means of the compass and writes it down on paper. N.B.—If there is a referee for each Patrol, boys may whisper answer instead of writing; this is better because it quickens up the race.

8.40—*Signalling Games*

1. *Dog and Bone Signal Game*—Boys drawn up in 2 lines facing each other, with letters of alphabet in signal code between each couple. Boys are all numbered, each couple having a different number. Instructor spins yarn, bringing in the numbers and letters, e.g., "two men looked for Z". No. 2's then both dash out and each tries to get letter Z for his Patrol.

2. *Signal Card Game*—Each Patrol is given same number of small cards, each with a morse or semaphore

character on it. In a given space of time they have to make up as many words as possible out of the cards.

9.10—*First Aid Quiz*—*Simple Remedies*.

9.30—Closing.

True or False Quiz

SCOUTERS on the lookout for ideas might use this one which has been tried with good success by one of our Dominion Field Commissioners. Try a Scouting True or False Quiz. It can be pulled off at any time and takes only a few minutes to prepare. Here is one he used, just to give you the idea. You can make up your own on anything connected with Scouting.

True or False

1. The seventh Scout Law is "A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties." FALSE.
2. When towing a car, the best knot to tie is a round turn and two half-hitches. TRUE.
3. When fastening a toggle on a flag to the halyard, the best knot to use is the bowline. TRUE.
4. When in uniform, Scouts and Girl Guides should salute one another. TRUE.
5. The treatment for burns is to apply an ice-bag to the burned part. FALSE.
6. The Cross of St. Patrick is a red diagonal cross on a white field. TRUE.
7. The last cross to be added to the Union Jack was that of St. Andrew. FALSE.
8. A knot should be tied in the end

BOY SCOUT WEEK SUGGESTION *Scoutcraft Display*



BOY SCOUTS OF SHERBROOKE, QUE., RECENTLY COMPLETED A SERIES OF SCOUT BROADCASTS OVER THE LOCAL RADIO STATION. IN ADDITION TO A SCOUT CAMPFIRE SING-SONG AND PLAYLETS, LOCAL WAR SERVICES WERE BOOSTED, A SERVICE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY WAR SERVICE AGENCIES. THE GROUP IS PICTURED BEFORE THE "MIKE" AT THE STUDIO.

of the neckerchief as soon as the Good Turn is done each day. FALSE.

9. The Scout salute is a reminder of the Scout Promise. TRUE.
10. A First Class Scout must be at least 14 years of age. TRUE.
11. In semaphore the opposite of Mike is Tare. FALSE.
12. In morse, da-dit is the opposite of Able. TRUE.
13. Baden-Powell started the Scouts in Mafeking. FALSE.
14. Lord Winters succeeded Lord Baden-Powell as Chief Scout of the British Empire. FALSE.
15. A Commissioner wears a purple plume on his hat. TRUE.
16. A Cubmaster wears a green hat plume. FALSE.
17. In Kim's Game a Scout must remember 16 out of 24 articles. TRUE.
18. In case of bleeding from a vein, a tourniquet should be applied on the side of the wound nearer the heart. FALSE.
19. The Scout Slogan is "Be Prepared." FALSE.
20. A Scout should salute only when wearing a hat. FALSE.

Scouters will, of course, recognize the true answers to the false questions. They are all covered in regular Scout work or in P.O. & R.

Games Corner

Ankle Obstacle. Patrols in relay formation. Two chairs placed in front of each patrol half way down the hall. Front edges of the chairs touch. Boys hobble down holding on to ankles and get over chairs without releasing grip. They continue to end of hall in same manner, touch wall and return in a normal run jumping the chairs en route.

Circle Horseback. Boys pair off, making a wide circle with spaces between each pair. One of pair stands behind the other. Front boy is horse, other is rider. On first whistle rider mounts his horse, but horse does not move. On second whistle rider dismounts and runs around outside of circle as quickly as possible until third whistle blows. On third whistle rider must return to his horse and mount as quickly as possible. He may cut across circle for shortest route. Last rider is eliminated with his horse. At word "change" riders and horses change places.

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Store Window Displays

He Is a Boy Scout

By GULZAR MOHD. B.A. (HONS.), B.T.

BEFORE coming to Tara Devi on the 22nd August, 1943, I went to my village Shansara in the Amritsar District. My uncle lives there. He is an old man. His two sons are serving His Majesty's forces, one in Iraq and the other in India. I was talking to my aunt about them and asked her if she wanted to get any letters written. She showed the desire and brought the necessary things. In the meantime there was a knock at the door. My aunt opened it and a boy in a khaki uniform appeared. He had writing material with him. He sat down and my aunt preferred to get the letters written by him. When the job was over the boy retired. I asked her about the boy. "He is a Boy Scout" was the only reply.

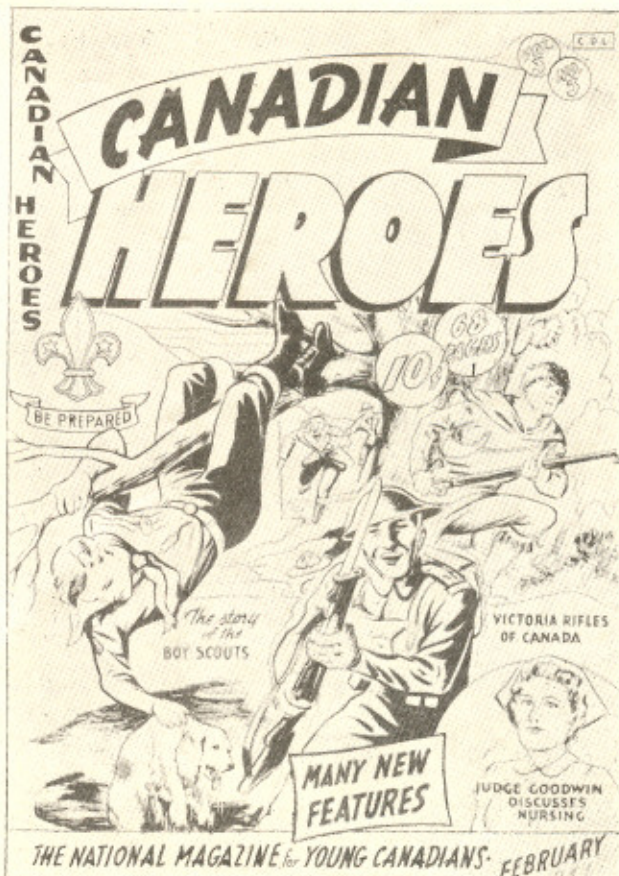
My friend Abdul Ghani joined the Army immediately after the war broke out. Before going overseas (Malaya) he asked me to look after his family. One day I went to his house and asked the lady if she required my assistance. At that very moment a small boy came in, saluted the lady and giving her a packet of sugar asked if she required fuel wood as well. Getting of fuel wood and sugar is a problem these days so I inquired of her who he was. My

opinion was that the boy was either her relative or a son of an influential person but to my wonder the reply was "He is a Boy Scout."

During April last a relative of mine became seriously ill. We had to remove him to the Mayo Hospital. I had to go there daily. I watched a boy serving the patients. His mode of service was rather strange to me. He paid very little attention to the patients whose relatives he knew were in a position to look after them and feed them properly. One day he was quarrelling with a nurse because she forgot to inject an old man at the proper time and was saying: "You have not cared for him as he is a poor man." He always had his uniform and so I considered him to be an officer. On the last day I dared to ask the nurse about him. She answered with a smile, "He is a Boy Scout." —Punjab Bulletin.

Reunion at Ottawa

SCOUTS and Scouters from many parts of Canada gathered at Ottawa District Headquarters in December for a Re-union. A programme of movies, discussions on postwar Scouting, and singing was followed by the serving of refreshments.



THE POPULAR CANADIAN PICTURE MAGAZINE "CANADIAN HEROES" IS TO FEATURE BOY SCOUT WEEK IN ITS FEBRUARY ISSUE. ABOUT ONE QUARTER OF ITS SPACE WILL BE DEVOTED TO SCOUT STORIES. THESE WILL INCLUDE THE LIFE OF LORD BADEN-POWELL, THE BOY SCOUTS OF CANADA IN THE WAR EFFORT, AND THE STORY OF JACK CORNWELL, V.C., THE BOY SCOUT HERO OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR. CANADIAN HEROES MAGAZINE WILL BE ON SALE IN MOST BOOKSTORES.

The Scouter's Five Minutes

Scouting in Other Lands—No. 6—Belgium

THERE were two Scout Associations in Belgium before the war, both with Headquarters at the Bureau Interfédéral Belge du Scoutisme, which was created in 1938. Before that date there existed no definite union between L'Association des Boy Scouts de Belgique, which was formed in 1910 and which accepted boys of all creeds and classes, and the Catholic Association "Baden-Powell" Boy Scouts de Belgique. This latter Association was formed in 1912.

The two Associations together in 1939 had 16,924 members, sub-divided into 1,753 Scouts, 1,953 Rovers, 8,954 Scouts, 4,227 Cubs and only 37 Sea Scouts in all of Belgium.

In 1938, when the Catholic B-P Boy Scouts de Belgique celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, some 15,000 Scouts passed in procession before His Majesty King Leopold III of the Belgians, who had always shown great interest in the Scout Movement, and conferred the title "Royale" on both the Associations, and who a short time before the war gave 10,000 francs to the Scout funds.

To Belgium in the days of peace. Camping was good in the south-west corner of Belgium, and among the mountainous districts of the Ardennes. There was a "Gilwell"—De Kluis—at Louvain.

French and Flemish were both spoken. Before the war there were two British Troops on Belgian soil, one the 1st Brussels British and the other the

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**Get Radio Time if You
Have a Local Station**

1st Antwerp British. There was an unofficial Air Scout Troop in Antwerp long before this section started in Britain.

The French names for Cubs, Scouts and Rovers are respectively "Louve-reau," Scout (pronounced Skoot), and Routier, while the Flemish version is Welpje, Verkenner, and Voortrekker.

Belgium was always a land of interest to the tourist. The cities of Brussels and Antwerp, the Albert Canal at Liege and Campine which was opened early in 1939, the mines at Borinage, Charleroi and Limburg, the steelworks at Hainaut and Liège, and the agricultural activities at Flandre were very

fascinating. As for local trades, one would find slate quarrying in the Ardennes, glove-making at Brussels (which is the capital), and the wool and material



The Badge of
B-P. B.S.

factories at Verviers and Ghent.

Carnivals were held at Blankenberghe in February of each year, other such festivals were held at Bruges, Hal, Ypres (famous in the Great War), Arlon and Malmedy. The famous Carnival of the Mardi-Gras was held in March, and the International Fair at

Brussels in the same month. The review of troops by King Leopold was held on the anniversary of the death of King Albert on April 8th. The world famous Horse Show at Brussels was held in May, to be followed by folk dancing at Thuin, the Grand Fête de la Meuse in June. A religious procession and the "Blessing of the Sea" took place at Ostende in July, the Fête Nationale in Brussels, the Flower Show and Regatta in Ostende during August.

In proportion to its size, Belgium contains more historic architecture than any other country on the continent of Europe. Such cathedrals as Antwerp, Brussels, Bruges, Ghent and Ypres are outstanding; not only for their structural beauty but also for the innumerable art treasures they contain, especially works by such world famed painters as Vandyck, Rubens, and other equally celebrated masters of the Flemish School. Mention should also be made of the Cloth Hall, at Ypres, equal in beauty to our King Henry VII Chapel at Westminster; the Hotel de Ville and the Guild Houses in Brussels; whilst the most remarkable for its sense of

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**Do a Community Good
Turn**

reality is the Musée Plantin in Antwerp, which is maintained in a state suggesting that the printers have just gone out to lunch. Of modern buildings probably the most noteworthy are the Law Courts at Brussels and the Town Hall at Charleroi. Many smaller churches, as well as monasteries, also contain priceless art treasures. Finally the Library at Louvain, twice the

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PICTURED HERE IS WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST SCOUTERS' TRAINING COURSE IN CANADA AT ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE, TORONTO, JULY 11-21, 1912. FIELD COMMISSIONER G.H.R. LAIDMAN OF QUEENSTON, ONT., WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THOSE PICTURED. HE IS ABLE TO IDENTIFY SEVEN. CAN YOU IDENTIFY THEM? IF SO, WRITE TO MR. LAIDMAN AT QUEENSTON, ONT.



William L. Currier, Jr.

THE subject of this month's sketch, William L. Currier, Jr., Assistant Dominion Commissioner for Training, is happily carrying on in his career a family tradition, for he is the son-in-law of the late Dr. James W. Robertson, of revered and happy memory as Dominion Chief Commissioner from 1919 until his death in 1930.

Mr. Currier is the only native Ottawian holding an executive office at Dominion Headquarters. By interesting coincidence he carries after his name the letters B.S.A., which may be considered not only as standing for



William L. Currier, Jr.

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (Ontario Agricultural College, 1920) but also for Boy Scouts Association.

Bill Currier came up through Scouting, having been a member of the old 1st Ottawa (Dominion Church) Troop, and doubtless would have been a Cub had there been Cubs in those days.

He first came to Dominion Headquarters as office secretary in 1926, and a year later became official Reader of correspondence courses. Ten years later he was appointed Assistant Dominion Commissioner for Training, a post he still holds.

He has fitted himself for this position by successfully undertaking a

wide range of training courses. He has taken the Part II Practical courses in Scouting (New Brunswick, 1926), Cubbing (Ottawa, 1928), Rover (Ottawa, 1930), and also the Part "A" Indoor Course and the Sea Scout Correspondence Course (Imperial Headquarters).

This training has been implemented by work as an instructor at many Gilwell Courses. He also assisted at the initial Rover Course for American Leaders conducted in 1933 by Chief Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles at Briarcliffe Manor, N.Y. Further practical experience has resulted from his service as an A.S.M. and S.M. of the 1st Ottawa, C.M. of the Pack, as a Rover of the 23rd Ottawa Crew, and as District Commissioner for Rovers for five years. He is still directly associated with an Ottawa Troop.

For a period of nine months, during a vacancy in the Ottawa District Office he acted as District Secretary.

"Bill" has read and graded more than 6,000 correspondence courses since he undertook this work in 1927. Those who have taken these courses will recall his clear conception of Scouting in all its phases, and his ability to recognize immediately the fundamentals with which the successful leader must surround himself.

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*Invite Non-Scouts to
Group Meetings*

Mr. Currier's organizing ability is one of his great assets. As a member of the 1929 Jamboree Committee, and as Ottawa Quartermaster for the contingent, Bill carried out a difficult task with great credit to himself. Later he had much to do with arrangements for the Swiss Rover Moot in 1931, the Hungarian Jamboree in 1933, the Swedish Rover Moot in 1935, and the Scottish Rover Moot in 1939. He is recognized throughout Canada as the Canadian expert on Jamboree organization.

This organizing ability was demonstrated again last Autumn when he headed up the arrangements for the National Conference of Secretaries, Presidents and Commissioners in Ottawa.

Bill is married and has five children, four girls and a boy (James, needless to say, is a Scout). Mrs. Currier is a daughter of the late Chief Commissioner, Dr. James W. Robertson. Their eldest daughter Isabel is an expert in



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*Send Pictures of Your
Scout Week Events
to The Leader*

Scout Firemen on the Job

Homeward bound from their regular Scout meeting, boys of the 2nd Tillsonburg, Ont., Troop saw smoke coming from the door of a parked truck. Assistant Scoutmaster James Priddle hastened to the Fire Hall to secure help, but when the firemen appeared the Scouts had put out the fire before it could do much damage.

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*Patrol Leaders Annual
Banquet*

Presents Scout Drama
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in the British Columbia School broadcast series. The original show, which he wrote and produced two years ago was heard on the National network.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has been most generous and co-operative in assisting the Boy Scouts Association by presenting outstanding programmes for Boy Scout Week.

handicrafts and assists as instructor at MacDonald College Summer School.

All of which seems to add up to the fact that Scouting in Canada has a very versatile and capable Assistant Commissioner for Training. One other thing—he believes passionately in B.-P. Scouting, its principles, its methods, its practice, its results. And that is Bill Currier.

Next Month—Evan McCormick



If a Job's Worth Doing!

THERE'S an old saying—if a job's worth doing, it's worth doing well. This is particularly true of Scouting. Most Scouters are anxious to be efficient. They want to see their Scouts make progress not only in technical Scouting but in good citizenship.

The Gilwell Training course helps a Scouter to do a good job. It helps him by giving him the necessary experience under the best possible conditions. It helps him by having him mix with a group of Scouters from many sections of his Province, providing an opportunity for an inter-change of views and ideas. It helps him by giving him the kind of Scouting his own Troop is looking for.

There are three parts to a Gilwell Course. Part I is the Correspondence Course, which you may start at any time by applying to the Department of Training, Dominion Headquarters. Part 2, is the Practical Wood Course, 10 days of practical application of Scouting principles and practices in camp, and Part 3 is the period you serve putting into application the things Parts 1 and 2 have taught you.

If you want a recommendation for a Gilwell Course, just ask any Scouter who has taken one. Below are listed the Gilwell Camps planned for Cub and Scout Leaders this year. It will be noted too that in Western Canada Junior Leader courses are being planned.

GILWELL CAMP DATES

Akela

Alberta—Camp Woods—dates to be decided.

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

Ontario—Blue Springs—dates to be decided.

Nova Scotia—Cape Breton Island—July 22nd to 29th.

Scout

Alberta—Camp Woods—dates to be decided.

Saskatchewan—Lebret—July 10th to 20th.

Ontario—Blue Springs—dates to be decided.

Quebec—Tamaracouta—dates to be decided.

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

Cape Breton—July 29th to Aug. 12th.

SCOUTING BRIEFS



Lets P.L.s Do It

Fourth Galt, Ont., Troop occasionally turns over its Troop inspection to the Patrol Leaders.

Prairie Troop Toy Shop

The Scout Troop at Alvena, Sask., under the leadership of Scouter S. Hryszak, Troop Leader Fred Stadnyk, and P.L.s Joe Yablonski and Orest Romanko, conducted a very successful Scout Toy Shop. The products of the shop were forwarded to Regina for distribution. About 120 pounds of toys were repaired and forwarded.

The Answer—On Service

The Training Department at Dominion Headquarters received a letter from Mrs. H. J. Moorehouse, Vancouver, explaining why her son Kenneth was not at present continuing his Correspondence Course. He has been four years with the R.C.A.F., has been overseas for three years and has been serving in Ceylon, and now in India with the R.A.F.

Scouts Conduct Services

With their church without a minister, the 2nd River Hebert Troop in Nova Scotia took charge of one of the services recently. A Scout conducted the service, another read the scripture and another gave the address. The boys also formed the choir and took charge of the music. The same evening they took charge at another church normally under the same ministerial direction.



P.O. J. H. ASHTON
1st Virden, Man.
Awarded D.F.C.



W.O. A. L. D'EON
7th Yarmouth, N.S.
Awarded D.F.C.



F.O. C. FODERINGHAM
104th Toronto
Awarded D.F.C.

To Enlarge Headquarters

At its annual meeting in December the St. Catharines, Ont., Boy Scouts Association examined plans for the future, which include the addition of space at District Headquarters to provide a gymnasium and a meeting place for large groups. The meeting was told by Lt. Col. L. H. Millen, Provincial Commissioner, that St. Catharines had the highest average Apple Day returns in Canada.

BOY SCOUT WEEK SUGGESTION

Have Scouts and Cubs Wear Uniform Throughout Scout Week

Junior Leaders

Alberta—Dates to be decided.

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

Manitoba—Dates to be decided.

Executive Secretary Resigns

THE best wishes of a host of friends in Scouting will go with Frank C. Anderson, for sixteen years on the staff of the Quebec Provincial and Montreal District Associations, and for the past five years Executive Secretary, who has left Scouting to go into private business. Mr. Anderson has long been recognized as one of the outstanding professional Scouters in the Dominion, and his departure for other fields will be widely regretted. He will, however, continue to be interested in Scouting and will continue to serve the Movement in some voluntary capacity. On his retirement Mr. Anderson was honoured by the Montreal District Association, and by Scouters of the city who presented him with a handsome engraved silver tray. Incidentally his business partner is Howard Simpkin, former President of the Montreal Scouters' Club and long active in Scouting.

CHINS-UP FUND TOTAL

As of January 13th, 1944

\$42,101.83

Inserted in this issue of *The Scout Leader*, is a special announcement about the Chins Up Fund, and the use to which donations are being put. We know of no better way for the Scouts of Canada to express their faith in the value of the Movement, than to aid in giving Scouting back to the conquered countries of Europe. Further announcements will be made from time to time as this work is expanded.

From the 3rd Flin Flon, Manitoba Troop, early in January came a donation of \$4.16. Patrol Leader Paddy Donaghy and his Moose Patrol raised the money when they staged an illustrated lecture by "Cariboo Bill" Anger, who told about a cross-country bicycle tour he had made some time ago. The event was just arranged for the Patrol and a few friends, and Paddy and his boys are planning another such event for the Fund.

Donations received since the last list up to and including January 13th, 1944, (except Toronto which is sent direct):

Seconee Council, Chatham, Ont.; Lake Shore District; 6th London Pack; 4th Brantford Troop; 2nd Welland Troop; 2nd Arnprior Troop; 32nd Windsor Pack; The Centre and East Winnipeg Districts; L. A. C. Gamble, Ottawa; 5th Guelph Pack; North East Winnipeg District.

4th A and B Winnipeg Packs; 56th Winnipeg Pack; 6th Windsor Pack; 6th Windsor Troop; 34th Windsor Troop; 25th Windsor Pack; 18th Vancouver Troop; 24th Vancouver Pack; 3rd Victoria Pack; 10th Vancouver Troop.

31st Vancouver Troop; 55th Vancouver Troop; Kerrisdale Composite Troop Meeting, Vancouver; 1st Langley Troop; 31st Vancouver Pack; 31st Vancouver No. 2 Pack; 14th Vancouver Pack; Summerland Troop; Duncan Troop; Mr. and Mrs. Harley, Van-

couver; 7th North Vancouver; Ocean Falls Troop; 27th Vancouver Group; 1st Bracebridge Pack; 1st Bracebridge Troop.

"Anonymous"; 6th Springhill Troop, N.S.; 40th Windsor Pack; 1st Beamsville Troop, Ont.; 22nd Windsor Troop; 3rd Windsor Troop; 3rd Windsor Pack; 8th Windsor Pack.

Second Preston, "St. Clements" Group; Counter Box, London District Office; 26th London Group; 1st Blackstock Troop, Ont.; 2nd Strathroy Pack, Ont.; 26th Winnipeg Troop; 67th Winnipeg Troop; 1st Wellwood Troop, Man.; Moose Patrol of the 3rd Flin Flon Troop, Man.

BOY SCOUT WEEK SUGGESTION

Provide Speakers for Service Clubs

Scouting in Other Lands . . .

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object of German vandalism, is world-famous, rivalling the ancient Library at Alexandria and those at the British Museum and the Bodleian at Oxford.

So we come to the ordinary business of life in Belgium. Food—and everyday dishes that were obtainable—consisted of beefsteak and chips, Russian eggs (hard boiled eggs in mustard sauce) various fish dishes, and a number of appetising meat and vegetable dishes. The Belgians prided themselves upon their cooking. Breakfast is taken at any time in the morning and is a very light meal; luncheon—a big meal—at twelve noon; coffee at four; and another big meal—supper—is taken at seven in the evening.

Train services were frequent in Belgium which was covered by a great network of railways. In fact, Belgium had the greatest mileage of railroads in proportion to its size, in all of the world. Scouts had a special reduction on their travels.

Many Belgian Scouts have come to Great Britain and have banded themselves into an Association of some three hundred Scouts in a number of active Troops throughout the country. These include Air Scouts, Rovers and Handicapped Scouts. Here's wishing them and their brother Scouts still unfortunate enough to be in Belgium now—Good Luck, and

TOUJOURS PRET.

Announcing Wartime P.L. Hat Badge



After much unavoidable delay we have pleasure in announcing that the Wartime P.L. Hat Badge is now available.

The badge which is illustrated above in actual size is an excellent reproduction of the original and those who have already seen it are enthusiastic over its general make-up and appearance.

The badge is made from a thermo-plastic material and will stand weathering in a reasonably good way BUT it should be carefully noted that the material IS NOT pliable as is metal; that is to say it will not bend as metal will and therefore MUST be handled with a certain amount of care otherwise the material will break.

It was found impossible to provide a pin by which the badge could be attached to the hat, and in view of this it will be necessary for the P.L. to sew it on to his hat using strong thread for the purpose or, if wire can be obtained it also would meet the need.

The cost of the badge has been set at 13 cents each and is obtainable ONLY through your Local or Provincial Headquarters who now have a supply on hand awaiting your order.

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Teach Scouts to Swim

SPECIAL classes for swimming instruction have been started by Ottawa Scouts and Cubs at the public baths. W. G. Blair, swimming instructor for the Public School Board is official instructor and he is assisted by two Scouters.

A Job for Auxiliaries

A SCOUTMASTER in Winnipeg has interested the Mothers' Auxiliary of his Troop in embroidering over the printed wartime proficiency badges. This is being done in several other centres and the result is excellent, giving an appearance very much like the pre-war badges.

Why Not Try This?

THE 15th Ottawa Troop (Parkdale Church), unable to hold a regular meeting because of other activities at the church experimented with Patrol Meetings. Each of the six Patrols held meetings at private homes and the Scouter, Alf Percival, and his assistants visited the Patrols during the evening. Other Ottawa Troops are considering the possibility of holding three Troop meetings monthly, with Patrol meetings the last week of each month.

Court of Honour Carries On

"I CERTAINLY was a proud Scoutmaster that night." That sentence is lifted from a letter from Lt. R. K. Cleverdon, peacetime Scoutmaster of the 1st Toronto Troop. Since he left the Troop last July to enlist, the Court of Honour has carried on the work of the Troop without a leader, and have made steady progress. At Christmas they decided to entertain the Cubs and their parents, and so planned a Minstrel Show under the direction of the 16 year old Troop Leader. They wrote the show, made their own costumes and conducted rehearsals unassisted. Lt. Cleverdon was home on leave when the show was presented, and as he says he was a very proud Scouter that night. The Troop also plans a pageant for Scout Week illustrating the history of the Troop since its formation in 1908.

BOY SCOUT WEEK
SUGGESTION

*Scout Gang Show or
Concert*

A Valuable Recognition

A FRIEND of Scouting in Montreal, in recognition and appreciation of the fine work Scouters of Montreal are doing, has provided a fund for Scouters to take courses in psychology, public speaking and other subjects useful to Scouters in the Extension Department of McGill University and the Sir George Williams College.

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Scout Magazines

THE Editorial Department has received a number of Troop and District magazines which have been read with interest. Some of them have been published for some considerable time and continue to be very well conducted. Among the new publications received were *The Scout Salute*, a printed sheet published monthly by the 1st Lansing, Ont., Troop, which contains a lot of newsy items about the Troop, the boys and the Scouter. An ambitious newcomer is the North Yonge District (Toronto) *The Bulletin*, a four page printed paper which contains splendid messages from district and provincial officials together with a page of news items from district Groups. Our best wishes for success go out to the editors of all the Troop and District magazines.

On His Majesty's Service

A PROUD Scouter is District Commissioner Sid Lightfoot of Souris, Manitoba, who is Scoutmaster of the Souris Troop. To date the Troop has 115 former members with the armed forces, 49 of whom were King's Scouts. The Troop casualty list includes four killed in action, one died during service, one missing, and five prisoners of war. Those numbers are larger than the number lost throughout the first Great War.

Winter Hiking Good Fun

TAKING advantage of election day being a holiday for many members of the Troop, the 3rd Timmins, Ont., decided to take a winter hike. It was bitterly cold but a goodly number of lads turned out, well bundled up and carrying supplies for two meals. Accompanied by their Scoutmaster they skied to the Porcupine Ski Club, and after a session of skiing headed for the woods where the meals were prepared over open fires. The event proved so enjoyable that immediate plans were made to repeat the performance.

Group Committee Dinner

IN AN effort to give Group Committeemen a fuller understanding of their important role in Scouting, and to interest others who were not Scouting, Montreal Local Association entertained 128 Group Committee chairmen, together with a number of other guests at a dinner at the Mount Royal Hotel. The added guests were drawn from communities and churches where Scout Groups are not operating.

The guests were welcomed by President S. E. Webster, and heard addresses by District Commissioner G. Robley Mackay, and Field Secretary Cyril Dendy. A demonstration Group Committee meeting was also staged. Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups were well represented, and the enthusiasm of the discussions after the demonstration proved the experiment well worthwhile.

BOY SCOUT WEEK
SUGGESTION

*Have Your Mayor Proclaim
Boy Scout Week*