



Boy Scout Week Approaches Get Your Plans Under Way Now

OUR third annual Boy Scout Week draws near, and if you have not yet launched your plans for its observance a start should be made immediately. The dates, now proclaimed by His Excellency the Chief Scout, are February 20-26 inclusive.

The same five-fold purpose, which was so successfully applied last year, is behind the observation of Boy Scout Week in 1944. Keep these purposes in mind as you plan and build your programme.

Scout Week Purposes

1. A Memorial to the Founder of Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell.
2. The re-affirmation of the Scout and Cub promises.
3. To gain the interest, sympathy and support of the public for the Scout programme, and to provide an opportunity for the public to see Scouting in action.
4. To attract new boys to the Movement.
5. To re-emphasize the aim of Scouting to "replace self with service and to make lads individually efficient morally and physically."

Play Your Part

The Dominion Executive Board invites every Group in Canada to have a part in Boy Scout Week. Dominion Headquarters will do its best in providing the Provinces with essential material. Special radio broadcasts, Church service material, newspaper stories, addresses on Scouting for service clubs and radio are being prepared. In addition many commercial broadcasters are being asked to feature Scouting on their programmes and every radio station will be supplied with spot announcements. Please do not approach Dominion Headquarters for this material. Ask for it through your Provincial Office.

Baden-Powell Sunday

The opening feature of Boy Scout Week will be Baden-Powell Sunday on

February 20th. The first principle of Scouting is "Duty to God" and it is therefore fitting that the opening day of Boy Scout Week should be marked by religious services in the churches, Scouters at the same time being careful to keep within the regulations laid down with regard to religious policy in P. O. and R.

In connection with Church Services

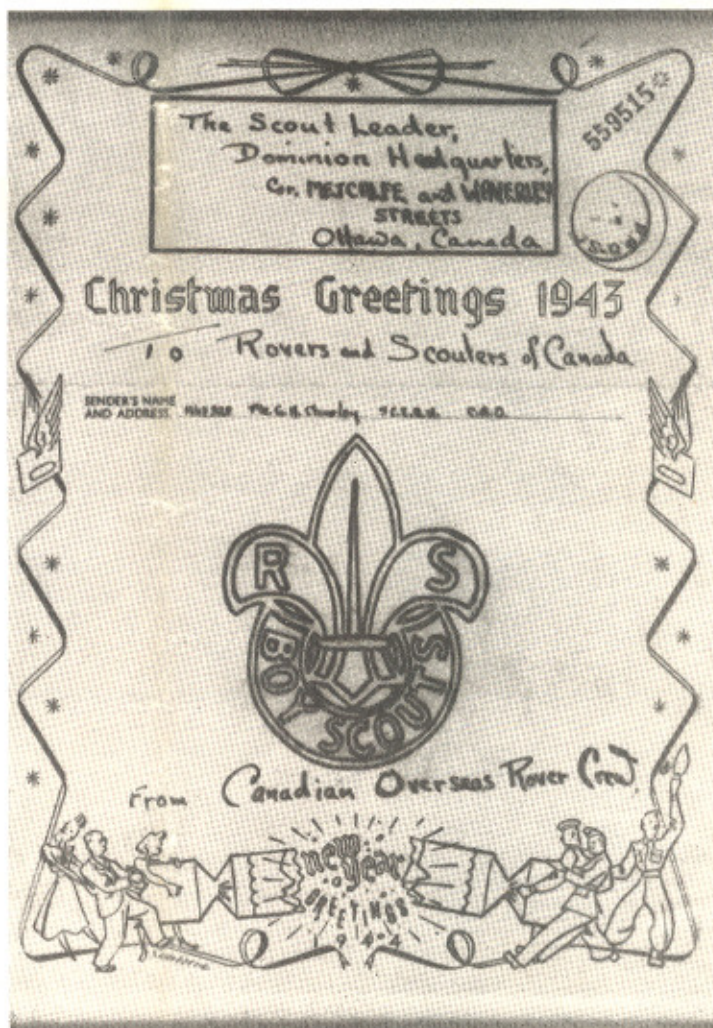
a booklet has been prepared with a considerable quantity of material suitable for such services, including special hymns, prayers, and bible references. These will be available in a few weeks at your Provincial Headquarters.

It is hoped also on this first day of the week to have a radio message from His Excellency the Governor-General broadcast across the Dominion.

We Will Raise Flags on Government Buildings

By official approval of the Dominion Minister of Public Works, Scouts are to be assigned the honour of raising

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AN AIRGRAPH CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO ROVERS AND SCOUTERS OF CANADA FROM THE NEWLY FORMED CANADIAN OVERSEAS ROVER CREW WHICH MEETS AT IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON.

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Hats and the Church

Two widely read church publications, the Church of England *Canadian Churchman* and the United Church *Observer* have recently dealt editorially with the question of military personnel wearing hats in church on ceremonial occasions. *The Observer* points out that the custom is sometimes followed by Scouts and relates how one Troop, parading to a large and influential Toronto church recently wore hats while parading the colours down the aisle for depositing.

Both papers feel that there is no necessity to wear hats in church, and we heartily agree with them. Hats are removed upon entering a church as a mark of reverence. It becomes even more important then for Scouts to remove their hats when appearing in church in uniform, for as Scouts their first duty is to God, and reverence is a very important part of that duty.

There is no sound reason why Scouts should wear hats when acting as members of a colour party. Hats may be left in the vestibule or slung from the shoulder straps or the belt. Scouters should be extremely careful about this matter. Even should tradition rule that this is the thing for military personnel to do, it should be remembered that Scouting is not military in any sense, and that it is not necessary to follow military tradition in this regard. Certain matters in the handling of flags are standard for all organizations, but the wearing of hats in church by Scout colour parties is neither desirable nor warranted.

Let Scouts Think for Themselves

A FEW weeks ago a secretary in an Ontario district sent out a circular, which sought to secure the opinions of Patrol Leaders on a certain subject. Those Scoutmasters who returned the

questionnaire, almost without exception filled in the form and attached their own signatures. What actually happened was that the Scoutmasters presented their views, and not those of the Patrol Leaders as requested. They presented what they thought the views of the P.L.s should be.

This tendency is unfortunately all too prevalent. We are apt to forget, unless we constantly remind ourselves, that this is a boys' movement, and is being run for the benefit of boys. Thus it becomes apparent that the boys' viewpoints are vitally important to the success of the movement. Once it becomes a movement based entirely on adult views it ceases to be a "Boy" Scout movement.

Scouters should be constantly on guard against losing the boy outlook. B.-P. saw the dangers of this by instituting the Patrol System, and the

Future Depends on Principles

SPEAKING at a *Thanksgiving Rally of South Waterloo, Ont., Scouts, Premier George Drew of Ontario said: "The future of our country, everything we will be after the war, depends not so much on great physical resources but rather on the spirit of the people as exemplified by the principles on which the Boy Scout Movement is based." Commending Scout training as a builder of self-reliance and as helping to produce a vigorous Christian youth, Col. Drew asserted that the people of Ontario appreciate the leadership given by the Scout Movement.*

Court of Honour where the Scouter sits in, in an advisory capacity. If we are to develop citizens with initiative we must give Scouts the opportunity to think and to lead. That is the only way their mental and leadership capabilities can be developed. Let the Scout have his say. Let him accept responsibility. Let him lead, and not only will there result a successful Scout Movement, but successful citizens—and that after all is the aim of Scouting.



To Higher Service

★
Sgt. Wallace G. Arlidge, 18, RCAF,
Scout, 137th Toronto.

★
Flt. Lt. James G. Banford, 27, RC
AF, Cub, Scout, 1st Edmonton, CM
25th Edmonton Pack.

★
PO Alexander Beaton, 25, RCAF,
6th Brandon Group.

★
Tpr. Jacques J. Bisson, 20, Can.
Army, St. Theresa's Troop, Ottawa.

★
PO Thomas J. Brehn, 20, RCAF,
Cub, Scout, St. George's Group, CM
St. Edward's Pack, Montreal.

★
Sgt. Bernard Cahill, 21, RCAF,
Scout and ACM 146th Toronto Group.

★
Flt. Sgt. Walter Dion, 24, RCAF,
PL 2nd The Pas, Man., Troop.

★
Flt. Sgt. John C. Chisholm, 20, RC
AF, King's Scout, Halifax.

★
PO Derry Gibson, 22, RCAF, 6th
Brandon Group.

★
Sgt. Pilot Ralph F. Mechin, 24, RC
AF, PL 5th Oshawa Troop.

★
Pte. Charles E. Milks, 19, Canadian
Army, Scout, Swastika, Ont.

★
PO Abey Mitchell, 28, RCAF, Cub,
Scout, 6th Brandon.

★
Sgt. James Rae, 25, RCAF, Cub and
Scout, 6th Brandon.

★
Sgt. Pilot Clifford E. Russell, 21,
RCAF, PL 20th Calgary.

★
Gnr. Mervyn Simon, 21, RCA, 1st
The Pas, Man., Troop.

★
FO H. Albert Spence, 20, RCAF,
23rd Winnipeg Group.

★
LS Carmen Stephenson, 26, RCN,
Sea Scout, Pointe Claire Yacht Club
Troop, Montreal.

★
Petty Officer Francis W. Stephenson,
28, RCN, Sea Scout, Pointe Claire
Yacht Club Troop, Montreal.

★
Flt. Lt. Edward B. Thompson, Jr.,
26, RCAF, King's Scout, ASM, 123rd
Toronto Troop.

★
Pte. Walter Wolk, 20, CASF, Scout,
2nd The Pas, Man., Troop.

Notes on the Semi-Annual Meeting

His Excellency the Governor-General, Chief Scout for Canada, presided at the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council at Dominion Headquarters on December 7th.

Louis L. Lang, President of the Mutual Life Assurance Co., Kitchener-Waterloo, District Commissioner for North and South Waterloo and one of Scouting's most ardent supporters was presented with The Silver Wolf, the highest award for distinguished service to Scouting.

The Chief Scout gave his approval to the week of February 20-26 as Boy Scout week in 1944, and consented to deliver a broadcast on that occasion.

Mr. Justice W. H. Harrison reporting for New Brunswick told the story of the Woodstock, N.B., Salvage Drives which have netted \$1,650 which has been turned over to War Charities.

G. Robley Mackay, Commissioner for Montreal told the meeting the Association almost decided not to open Tamaracouta Summer Camp—but did—and a thousand Scouts attended.

Col. L. H. Millen, Ontario Provincial Commissioner, reported membership increased by 2,026, and Apple Day receipts up from \$58,525 to over \$70,000.

Brigadier Alfred Keith, representing the Salvation Army Life Saving Scouts reported membership up 13½ per cent. He also recorded that every Salvation Army Scout leader but one has joined the armed forces since war broke out.

Commissioner W. H. J. Tisdale, Toronto, reported an increase in membership, all in the Cub section. He gave Toronto's record as 650 leaders enlisted, of which 30 have been killed, a number decorated and 12 per cent commissioned.

Jackson Dodds, Chairman of the National Committee of the Red Cross Society thanked the Scouts of Canada for the magnificent support they had given Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics and other Red Cross activities.

From the Chief Scout's address: His Excellency commented on seeing so



MORE AND MORE EMPHASIS IS BEING PLACED ON THE TRAINING OF JUNIOR LEADERS. HERE ARE TWO PATROL LEADERS TRAINING COURSES CONDUCTED BY SCOUTMASTER HARVARD P. COLLINS OF THE PAS, MAN. HE IS NOW WITH Y.M.C.A. WAR SERVICES. TOP IS THE COURSE AT ESTEVAN, SASK., AND BELOW THE COURSE AT THE PAS.

many "well turned out Scouts and Cubs" on his visit to Edmonton, Prince Rupert, Prince George and Northwest Canada . . . On the whole he was well satisfied with Scouting in Canada in view of the heavy enlistments from Scout ranks . . . Referring to Post-war Scout service the Chief Scout observed that the forces which would eventually free Europe would include many Scout leaders, and this offered a great opportunity to help re-establish Scouting in those over-run countries. He thought the proposed gift of *Scouting for Boys* in their own language to the Scouts of Poland by the Scouts of Canada was a splendid project.

Committeemen's Course

A Group Committeemen's Course was held in Windsor, Ont., for two nights. On the first night 44 committeemen, representing 26 groups were present. On the second night 50 committeemen representing 24 groups attended. Groups represented at one or more of the nights were 34 out of the 44

active Group Committees in the district.

Course in Pioneering

Winnipeg Scouters and Assistant Scouters were given an opportunity for basic training in pioneering in a special series of instructional periods in November and December. The sessions were of course indoor sessions, and indoor models were built. Part of the work covered in the sessions was the work needed for the Knotter's Badge which is considered essential for pioneering. Troop Leaders were also invited to attend these training courses.

War Decorations

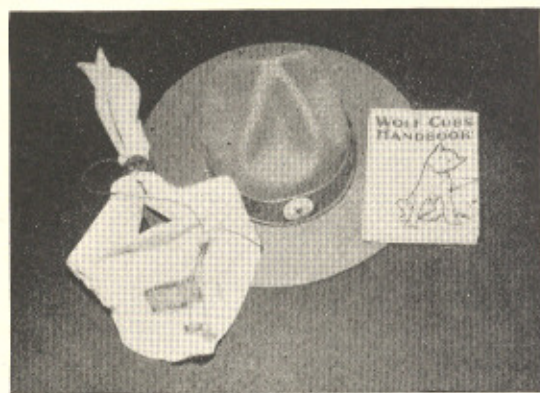
Distinguished Flying Cross

PO J. Hilton Ashton, 24, RCAF, Scout, 1st Virden, Man., Troop.

WO Alderic L. D'Eon, 22, RCAF, PL, 7th Yarmouth (St. Ambrose) N.S.

Distinguished Flying Medal

PO Robert B. Charters, 20, RCAF, 1st Brampton, Ont., Group.



PRACTICAL CUBBING

The Dance of Kaa

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

7.10—Grand Howl—Cub silence, Prayer—Announcements.

7.20—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).

7.25—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 No. 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.

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

7.45—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.

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

8.10—Games (Sense Training)—"Colour, Kim's"—Different coloured wools, etc., are put on a table. After a good look the Cubs, with paper and pen-

cil, 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.

Proficiency Stars

CUBMASTERS at Winnipeg have been experimenting with the wartime Cub Service and Proficiency Stars, and report that they look much better when sewn on with the green base standing on its corner, rather than sewn the conventional square way.

8.25—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 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.

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

8.50—Grand Howl. Prayer.

8.55—Wood and Water, Wind and Tree, Jungle Favour go with thee.

A Cub Pack Birthday Party

THE accompanying story of a Cub Pack's Birthday Party is taken from the Galt, Ont., *Reporter*. We reproduce it because it illustrates so well how to arrange a simple and yet effective party for both boys and parents. Incidentally "Up the Cubbing Ladder" mentioned in the report has appeared in *The Scout Leader* a number of times and reprints may be obtained from Dominion Headquarters at 5 cents each. Here is the story:

"Last Friday evening 40 parents and friends gathered in the Cub den in Lincoln avenue church on the occasion of the first birthday of the 10th Galt Wolf Cub Pack.

It was just a year ago that a group committee got together and decided there should be a Cub Pack at Lincoln avenue church, and 11 boys started on a new adventure which they have thoroughly enjoyed. During the year, the Pack has been increased to 16 Cubs.

The meeting opened with Grand Howl, led by Sixer Ronald Clements and Flag Break by Sixer Clive Ireland. This was followed by Cub prayer by Akela (Mert Dykeman) after which the Cubs went to their lairs for inspection taken by Baloo. Games and a brief demonstration of "Up the Cubbing Ladder" were held, and the demonstration took in the Cub work from the New Chum to the Second Star Cub. All Cubs took part in a Biblical play entitled "The Good Samaritan." A.D.C. Leonard Wheeler spoke briefly to the Cubs and their parents.

An interesting event of the evening was an investiture ceremony when David Cowper and George Brown were invested into the Pack by Akela. Bob Hooker recited a poem on behalf of the Cubs of the Pack in appreciation of the work which the group committee has done during the past year. The meeting closed with Mouse Howl led by Sixer Jack Drinkwater, followed by Cub Silence and Baloo (Jean Harding) lowered the flag.

Akela turned the meeting over to the group committee, and after the Cubs and visiting boys and girls participated in more games, lunch was served by the committee. A feature of the refreshments was the birthday cake with one candle which was presented to the Cubs by the group committee. There were 16 smiling Cubs seated around their table decorated with the Pack colors, purple and orange."

Gallant Wolf Cub First Awarded Cornwell Badge

THE first Canadian Cub to win the Cornwell Badge, the Victoria Cross of Scouting, is Ralph Moses, whose home is at MacLeod, Alberta, and who has been a member of the 61st Shriners' Hospital Wolf Cub Pack at Winnipeg. His story is worth relating to your Pack.

Ralph, who has now passed his 12th birthday, was admitted to the Shriners' Hospital in 1936 with marked deformity in both lower limbs following rickets. During his several years in the hospital Ralph has had several bone-grafting operations.

Miss Kathryn M. McLearn, superintendent of the Hospital says of him: "Through it all he has always been a very proud little soldier, never complains, and is always a little gentleman. He has a very happy and appealing personality, and is always a favourite with visitors and staff, in fact he has been an outstanding example to other children."

His Cubmaster in recommending Ralph for the award said in part: "Ralph . . . joined the Movement when he was eight years old and has faithfully followed Cubbing both as a member of the McLeod Pack and the 61st Pack. He is a Two Star Cub, having gained both stars with the 61st while forced to stay in bed. Despite the monotony of being confined to his bed, numerous operations and obvious suffering, Ralph has been an inspiration to his fellow Cubs and Scouts by his intense devotion and enthusiasm, and examples of his keenness are manifold. One illustration can be found in the fact that on the afternoon of the day during which he underwent an operation, he was prepared for Cubs despite his recent sojourn under ether, and he was wearing his badges and neckerchief."

"His unselfish attitude toward his younger fellows in the ward, his respect for the Promise and Law, and the Movement in general, has been supported by his inherent cheerfulness, a helpfulness towards his fellow-sufferers, a boundless fidelity, and above all a boundless courage under great difficulty."

REMEMBER BOY SCOUT WEEK
DATES—FEBRUARY 20-26, 1944.

Cub Games

Catch Rounders

The Pack is formed in a circle with Akela in the middle holding a ball. At "Go" Akela throws the ball to each Cub in turn who returns it to the centre. One Cub who is outside the circle has to run round before the ball is returned to Akela from the last Cub. The size of the circle needs consideration.

Change

The Pack is divided into two sides, each taking a position in diagonally opposite corners of the room. One Cub is in the middle, and calls "Change." The sides change places, and the Cub touches as many as he is able. These

stones or sticks of wood by kneeling over them. Three others try to steal them without being touched. They start outside the circle, and must retire when touched.

Drop Ball

An odd number of Cubs form a circle with one in the centre. One ball is thrown around the circle to each alternate player. The Cub in the centre has another ball, and may throw it to anyone he likes. Of course, he usually throws it to the one just about to receive the other ball passing round. One is likely to be dropped, and if it does he changes places with the Cub in the circle who drops it.

—The Scouter.

More Comments on The Cubmaster's First Year

"Without being fulsome in any way, I think it is a splendid edition to place beside that other most popular book, *The Scoutmaster's First Year*. The new book will do for Cubbing what the Scoutmaster's book has been doing for years."

—W.A.S., Nova Scotia.

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"I have read the book with a great deal of interest, which, considering that I have given Cubbing Courses for many years, is, I think, a commendation. I am glad that you have stuck so closely to B-P. I am very strong on this myself . . . This book has meant a great deal of work—more than most people realize—and you are to be congratulated on putting something into the hands of the Movement that should be really useful."

—H. M. Jockel, Provincial Commissioner for Wolf Cubs, Quebec.

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"Recently I obtained my copy of *The Cubmaster's First Year*. Even though I have spent the last 18 years in Scouting, there is considerable information in this book which is going to be quite useful to me. What I like about *The Cubmaster's First Year* is that it is the most Canadian book I have read on Cubbing, and would recommend it to the most experienced Scouter."

—C. F. Terrell,
C.M. 3rd Toronto Pack.

The Preston, Ont., Scouts recently started their 3rd series of winter sing songs in the Scout House. Among the large number present were a party of Wrens from H.M.C.S. Conestoga-Jellicoe.

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remain in the middle and help to catch the others.

Circle Ball Dribble

The Cubs fall in the parade circle in Sixes. Each Sixer is given a ball and at "Go" the ball is dribbled by each Sixer in and out the Cubs in the circle until he comes to his Second, who immediately carries on in the same way, passing the ball on to the next Cub in his Six when he has gone round, and so on until the whole Six has dribbled the ball. The first Six sitting down, having completed, is the winner.

Dog in Manger

One Cub in the middle of the circle (four paces across) protects a heap of

CARRYING ON



DESPITE THE FACT THEY WERE BUSY PREPARING FOR APPLE DAY, THESE SCOUTS OF THE 17TH SAINT JOHN, N.B., TROOP TOOK TIME OUT TO DISTRIBUTE THESE CHRISTMAS SEAL DISPLAY CARDS.

Planned War Work in Lethbridge

Lethbridge, Alberta, District Council planned a schedule to include all Troops in the city for Red Cross service. Each Troop is given a full week, which recurs every seven weeks. The duty Troop must provide two Scouts each day of the week to report at Red Cross headquarters as soon after 4 p.m. as possible, to perform any duties allotted them by the lady in charge. Every Scout must wear the "National Service" armband when on duty. In a note to Scouters District Commissioner F. G. Forster says: "Red Cross work is vital to our winning the war. Scouts must carry out their duty with 100 per cent efficiency." Of course this work counts towards the War Service Badge.

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The 4th Welland, Ont., Troop, composed entirely of French-Canadian boys purchased a \$500 Victory Bond in the recent drive. The Troop also purchased a bond in the 3rd Victory Loan.

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Books for the Forces

Crystal Springs Troop, Montreal, Scoutmaster E. A. Goss, has an excellent record of magazine and book collections for the armed forces. Over 4,000 magazines were collected in one month and turned over to the Book and Magazine Depot of Military District No. 4.

St. Mary's, Ont., Scouts was another group to purchase \$100 Victory Bond in the recent campaign.

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A Big Afternoon's Work

Rouyn-Noranda, Que., Scouts, co-operating with the Kinsmen's Club on one Saturday afternoon collected a total of 10,000 magazines weighing 6,675 pounds. The magazines were sent to Halifax for distribution to the services, and books were sent to the I.O.D.E. in the same city to be placed in the Merchant Marine Library.

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Thanks for Fine Contribution

Toronto Scouts who assisted in the Fifth Victory Loan campaign will be interested in the comment of Mr. Ivor Lewis, Chairman of the Public Relations Section of the National War Finance Committee, Ontario Section: "We have concluded another very successful Victory Loan Campaign in Toronto and before closing this office, we wish to acknowledge our indebtedness to the Boy Scouts Association for the fine contribution made by the Boy Scouts in our Victory Loan functions."

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A Nice Piece of Work

The 21st Ottawa (St. Paul's Eastern) enriched their Troop treasury by \$30.54 through a salvage drive which netted 3,585 lbs. of newspapers, 1,903 lbs. of magazines, 492 lbs. of bottles, 55 lbs. of rags, 110 lbs. of rubber, and 20 lbs. of tinfoil for a total of 6,165 lbs. of salvage.

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On Saturday, November 27th, the 175th Toronto Troop, held a magazine collection which resulted in between 800 and 1,000 magazines being collected. The magazines are being sent to Camp Borden.

Keeping Up the Good Work

Sometimes continuous war work is overlooked in reporting on war activities of Scouts. It is a long time since we mentioned the tinfoil sorting which has been carried on for many long months in Winnipeg. David H. Brand, District Commissioner for North Winnipeg in urging Scouters to keep on with the task points to the award of 1 300-hour badge, 4 200-hour, 23 100-hour, and many others nearing their 100-hour war service badges. Incidentally the Children's Hospital benefits from this work.

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The Scouts of St. Thomas, Ont., distributed literature to city residents for the Women's Voluntary Services.

Paper Shortage Is Acute

PAPER of all kinds is needed. The shortage is acute. Demand is running ahead of supplies and no early easing of the situation is in sight. Paper, like rubber and rags, can be used over and over again. This means that it must be salvaged wherever possible to stretch the available supply. One newspaper would make three 26-pound shell cups. Sixty cigarette cartons would make one outer shell container. Twenty breakfast cereal cartons would make one case for a three-pound shell. One old envelope will make one cartridge wad and 12 old letters will make one box for rifle cartridges.

Many Troops and Packs use paper collections as their principal means of financing. Paper salvage is a national duty for Cubs and Scouts—and it is a grand way to keep your bank account in a healthy condition.

Zulu Lion Hunt—The trail is laid by pieces of straw to a field of high grass when the lion hides in character style. The lion is a sack stuffed with straw. When the Zulus come to the edge of the field they must crawl unobserved through the long grass and plunge their spear into the lion's body. The Scoutmaster stands nearby and notes the names of those observed.



George Ferguson

ON almost every train puffing its way over the Rockies to the Pacific coast, or rolling across the vast expanse of western prairie, through industrial Ontario, picturesque Quebec or the lovely Maritimes, are parcels bearing the familiar yellow and green labels of the Stores Department of the Boy Scouts Association.

From this department each year goes many thousands of dollars worth of Scout supplies. And the guiding genius behind this enterprise is the Dominion Quartermaster, George Ferguson, "Fergie" to his many friends,

Sarnia Scouts Commended

Civilian Defence officials at Sarnia, Ont., have commended the Scouts of that city for the excellent services rendered in every blackout. A recent report said that Sarnia Scouts made a better showing in A.R.P. work than any comparable area. Nearly 100 Scouts serve with the Civil Defence organization.

Help Harvest Cranberries

25 Boy Scouts of Yarmouth, N.S., responded to the plea of the local Agriculture representative to assist in the harvesting of a fine crop of cranberries in danger of being destroyed by frost. The Yarmouth local newspaper said of their work "The Boy Scouts of Yarmouth deserve a lot of praise, and farmers of the county are not slow to extend their appreciation for the fine work performed."

Timmins Does It Again

The Scouts of Timmins, Ont., seem to have a knack of doing big things in the fats collection campaign. Several times recently we have reported on this activity. Now comes the results of another Saturday collection, 700 lbs. This looks like an excellent job to us, but Timmins Scouts are not satisfied. "In view of all the circumstances," they say, "this was not too bad. It is hoped, however, to make it a lot better than that."

the man who organized and has managed the Department from its inception.

It is nearly 23 years since the late Dr. Jas. W. Robertson, then Chief Commissioner, on behalf of the Canadian General Council invited Mr. Ferguson to come to Ottawa to organize the department. In those days Dominion Headquarters was housed in a small suite adjoining the Ottawa Union Station. On his arrival in the capital Fergie was given a desk and told to go to it. In an amazingly short time the Department came into being and from the start was a big success.

Fergie was born in London, England, of Scottish parents. At an early age he emigrated to Canada and settled in Toronto Junction, then a suburb of Toronto. It was there he attended school, and while still of quite tender



George Ferguson

years, secured for himself a job with the Nordheimer Piano Company, where he relates "my job was keeping the many instruments dusted."

Seeing little future in that position he apprenticed himself to the Crown Tailoring Co., where he learned much that has been of inestimable value to him in his present capacity. As soloist in a church choir, he was one day introduced to a departmental head of the Robert Simpson Company, and this introduction later led to a position as junior clerk with the company. He rose to the position of Assistant Manager of the boys' clothing department, and it was from that position that he was called to organize the Stores Department.

Fergie, throughout these long years, has made "quality" the guiding principle of his department, with the

result that Scout uniforms and equipment have the reputation of being built to stand up to the wear and tear of indoor and outdoor Scouting. He has ever been alert to introduce new books, new equipment and new ideas, and today the Stores Department is both modern in outlay and efficient in its system of distribution.

He has experienced serious supply difficulties due to the war, which might well have discouraged a less ardent man. But despite these difficulties, he has managed to keep the stores well stocked whenever war production has made the manufacture of Scout equipment possible. The wartime work of the Scout organization has brought about a greater demand for equipment than ever before, and thus the wartime restrictions have placed a tremendous burden upon the shoulders of the Quartermaster.

Fergie, a veteran of World War I, had two brothers serving with him in the Forces, one of whom was killed at Ypres, and the other seriously wounded at Hill 60. Fergie, however, came through with only a minor injury. Enlisting as a private he earned his commission at Vimy Ridge and became Signalling officer of the R.C.H.A.

Mr. Ferguson is a former Scoutmaster of the 5th Ottawa Troop, and has acted as Q.M. at several Gilwell Courses. He earned his Gilwell beads at the Prince Edward Island Gilwell in 1933. In recognition of his "outstanding service in the cause of Canadian Scouting" he was presented with the Silver Acorn by the Chief Scout at the last annual meeting.

Fergie's principal hobby is gardening, and most of his spare time in the summer is spent in his beautiful rock garden. Still a comparatively young man, the Q.M. looks forward to many more years of useful service with the Association.

Next Month—W. L. Currier, Jr.

Oshawa Gets Hike Centre

OSHAWA District Association had the good fortune to receive from Col. R. S. McLaughlin, President of General Motors, a splendid gift recently. It consists of a 150 acre hike and camp centre just outside the city of Oshawa, complete with a number of buildings and a good creek. Col. McLaughlin has long been a friend of Scouting, as was his late brother, George W. McLaughlin.

Boy Scout Week Approaches...

(Continued from first page)

flags on all Dominion Government buildings throughout Canada during Scout Week. A King's Scout will officiate each day at the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.

Since Government Buildings include Post Offices, the Scouts of practically every community across Canada will have an opportunity to participate. A "directive" has been sent out by the Deputy Minister of Public Works giving authority to Scouts to play this part.

Similar permission doubtless can be secured from provincial and municipal officials for raising the flags on their buildings.

Weekday Events

Throughout the week there will be opportunities to put Scouting before the public.

Open Meetings. One of the aims of Scout Week is to provide an opportunity for the public to see Scouting in action. Parents and friends should be invited to regular Pack and Troop meetings. It is not necessary to arrange elaborate programmes. Most parents are interested to see just what their boy does at "Cubs" or "Scouts." To the demonstration programme may be added a little entertainment and refreshments.

Father and Son Banquets. While "rationing" presents certain difficulties the opportunity will present itself in many communities for Father and Son banquets. These are always happy affairs, and provide the occasion for a good address on the fundamentals of Scouting. The need for year round interest and support of the Group should be suggested. The programme could feature some snappy singing, some stunts and games in which both fathers and sons participate.

District Rallies. In centres where District Associations exist large rallies may be arranged. The public should be invited as this is the occasion when King's Scout badges, gallantry awards, Scouters' warrants, and War Service Badges should be presented with fitting ceremony. (Boys who are nearing King's Scout rank should be urged to complete their work for the badge by Scout week).

Publicity Suggestions. The present radio plans call for an opening address by His Excellency the Governor-General, on February 20th. John Wickham Barnes, CBC writer and producer, and one of our Vancouver

Scoutmasters, has written a splendid original radio play "Once a Scout—" and it is hoped that this will go out over a national network.

A considerable volume of publicity matter will be available through your Provincial Office, and much more will be sent direct from Dominion Headquarters to the newspapers. A list of radio programmes featuring Scouting will appear in the February issue of *The Scout Leader*.

Local Publicity. While your local newspaper will receive publicity from Dominion Headquarters, your publicity committee might approach your local editor asking for an editorial outlining

thing. If of course they offer space, feel free to accept it. Some merchants will gladly let you have a store window for display purposes.

Scout Displays. Many centres held very successful Hobby Shows and Scout Displays last year. These are ideal for demonstrating the handicraft side of Scouting. Cub Hobby Shows always attract a good crowd. Theatre lobbies, vacant stores and even school vestibules make ideal places for Scout displays of handicrafts, knot boards, model bridges, towers, campfires, art, woodwork, metalwork, stamp collections, model airplanes, leather and beadwork.

Service Clubs. The service club in your community will be holding a meeting during Scout Week. Endeavour



P/O R. B. CHARTERS
1st Brampton, Ont.
Awarded D.F.M.

P/O J. H. HARVEY
ASM 1st Waterloo, Ont.
Awarded D.F.M.

P/O R. SHELLINGTON
ASM 10th Brantford
Awarded D.F.M.

the value of Scouting to the community, and otherwise publicizing your local Scout Week events.

Scouters should prepare an outline of the week's plans for use of the editor. Above all be brief, write on one side of the paper only, and double space all typewritten material. That's how editors like to receive copy. Remember too that newsprint is rationed, and that there are events and other organizations which will expect news coverage.

Don't forget to be grateful for whatever your editor does for you. His co-operation is a gift just as much as a \$10 cheque for your Group funds.

Perhaps your theatre manager will run a slide drawing attention to Boy Scout Week, and inviting the public to attend Scout meetings and listing the meeting nights, times and places. Many merchants will be glad to make mention of Scout week in their regular advertisements, but we suggest that you do not make the occasion an advertising selling campaign. A good many merchants resent that sort of

to have the club use a speaker on Scouting, and try to arrange to have Scouts present to put on a demonstration. It is important to remember that service clubs arrange for their speakers many weeks in advance, so now is the time to make your arrangements, not in February.

When Scouts and Scouters attend a service club meeting, see that full uniform is worn.

One important thing to remember is that Scouting may be done more harm than good by the selection of a poor speaker. Make sure he knows his subject and is able to present it in an interesting way.

A Suggestion. If your Scout Week programme should result in your making some money, why not plan to give it to the Chins-Up Fund? Many groups did this last year. It is a thoughtful thing to do, and serves as a form of thanksgiving for all the benefits Scouts of Canada have, by reason of their far removal from the actual scenes of war.

Wear Uniform. It is suggested that Scouts and Cubs wear their uniform to

school through Scout Week, and of course wear it on every Scout occasion during the week. There is no better advertisement for Scouting than the smartly uniformed Scout or Cub.

Many other ideas will come to the minds of Scouters for events in their own districts or communities. Boy Scout Week in 1943 was a tremendous success, made possible only by the wonderful co-operation and support given by voluntary Scouters. The 1944 observance, with the benefit of past experience to guide us, can be even more successful. All that is needed to assure it is the same co-operation coupled with carefully worked out plans.

The Scout Leader would like to have pictures of Scout Week events in your community. We cannot promise to use them all, but we would like to use a selection featuring many of the phases of the week's activities. Pictures should be clear and contrasty. Scouts should be properly uniformed. Picture prints are required—not negatives.

Plans in Port Arthur

Plans are already under way in many parts of Canada for Boy Scout Week. The larger centres are planning huge rallies and banquets. From Port Arthur comes word of an ambitious programme being planned under the direction of the energetic Commissioner Joe Spittlehouse. Several King's Scouts will have completed requirements by that time and their badges will be presented in a special ceremony at which the Chief City Magistrate will officiate. All flags on Provincial and Municipal buildings will be raised during the week by Scouts. There is to be a huge Scout's Own in the auditorium of one of the High Schools, and Cubs, Scouts, Leaders, parents and association members are to be invited. At this gathering it is planned to present warrants, and any other awards that should receive public recognition. Individual Troops and Packs are planning their own programmes in addition to these district plans, so it seems that Port Arthur will have a very lively and profitable Scout Week.

Because he gave up his business nearly 26 years ago to devote his time to Boy Scout and Cub leadership work, Edmund H. Milnes of Vancouver, has been selected by the Native Sons of British Columbia to be the recipient of the 1943 Good Citizen Medal.

The Scouter's Five Minutes

Scouting in Other Lands—No. 5—China

I AM going to tell you a story today—in fact, it is an old Chinese legend. Here it is. In the old days the Chinese liked salted pork which they ate raw and for that purpose kept pigs. They did not have special styes to keep the pigs in, but housed them in their homes. One day a Chinaman's house caught fire, and after it had burnt down, the owner did his best to salvage what was left of his property. In searching, he found his pig—nicely roasted! Well, the Chinaman was very hungry, and he did not like to waste the pig, he just cut a slice off and ate it. He enjoyed



it so much, that he told his neighbours about it. They were so impressed that they set their homes on fire, too, so that their pigs might be roasted to provide a delicacy for them. Many houses were thus burnt to get roast pig. But one day, a wise man discovered that he could get roast pork by putting a fresh killed pig on a fire and letting the carcass roast there, instead of burning houses to roast the pigs. And so roast pork came to China centuries before we knew it.

Roast pork was not the only thing common among us now, which was invented by the Chinese. Glass, gunpowder and tea were among many other things which the Chinese discovered and used centuries ago. China is the oldest civilised country in the world.

Chinese Scouting was registered in 1937, the year that the Japs invaded part of the great Chinese Empire.

In the 1939 census, there were 289,532 Scouts, 13,719 Cubs and 12,453 Scouters in China, and since 1937 all these members have been engaged on forms of war service vital to the country. (This total, by the way, is nearly four times as many Scouts, Cubs, and Scouters as there are in Canada).

Red Cross work near to the front line, agricultural work and work at munitions, in A.R.P. and Civilian Defence, Communication Control, Refugee Relief, Fire Fighting, Troop Comforting, Postal Work—many of these jobs have been tackled by Scouts.

The President of Chinese Scouting is the well-known and well-loved Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The

Scout Movement is controlled by the Chinese Ministry of Education.

China is an agricultural country, but has many industries in the central and southern parts of the country. The people are hardworking and live a simple life, and eat simple food.

There are now upwards of 15,000 Scouts and Guides in recognised Scout War Service Units. Their service in the Shanghai war area was not only a great help to the military authorities, but to the civilian population as well. A number of the members of many units have been killed in the service of their country, and numbers of others have been injured. There was a strong British Scout Association in Shanghai and its members are permitted by the Japanese invaders to perform Civilian Assistance duties. From the allotments in their permanent camp site they have been able to supplement the scanty rations of the foreign community.

Meanwhile China's Scouts march on, side by side with their fighting forces, to victory.

Prisoner Near Tokyo

MRS. R. Dunlop, Stratford, Ont., in a letter to Dominion Headquarters explaining why her husband could not continue his Cub Leaders Correspondence Course explains "He is unfortunately a prisoner of war near Tokyo. I do hope in the near future that he will be able to apply for his course again as his whole heart is in "Scouting."

Keep 'Em Rolling

HERE'S a variation of the Wheelbarrow Race that can be used by teams of the same number of players.

One fellow on each team is chosen as "worker." Number One gets down on his hands, and the worker picks up his feet and walks him on his hands to the other end of the room and back. Here Number Two gets down on all fours, and the worker "wheels" him up and back. And so on until all team members have been wheelbarrows. The side that gets finished first wins.—*Boy's Life*.

MAKE A FULL PACK OR TROOP
YOUR BOY SCOUT WEEK
OBJECTIVE.

A New Idea on Blanketing

—From Canadian First Aid

A METHOD of blanketing stretchers, using two blankets only, is here-with described. This is sometimes called the Wanstead-Woodford method and is quoted from the official English hand-book. Scouters will find this a useful addition to the first aid programme.

(a) Preparing the Stretcher.

- (i) Place blanket A lengthwise across the stretcher with one side close to the head end of the stretcher, and one end of the blanket having a slightly longer overlap of the stretcher than the other end. (Fig. 1).
- (ii) Fold blanket B in three lengthwise and place over A, the upper edge of this folded blanket being about 15 in. below the upper edge of Blanket A (Fig. 2) (See note I).

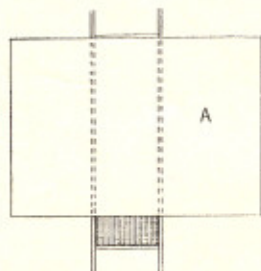


FIGURE 1

- (iii) Open the folds of blanket B for about 2 feet at the foot end (Fig. 2).

(b) Wrapping a Patient.

- (i) Bring the foot of blanket B up over the feet with a small fold between the feet.
- (ii) Tuck the two open folds of blanket B closely over and round the feet and ankles (Fig. 3).

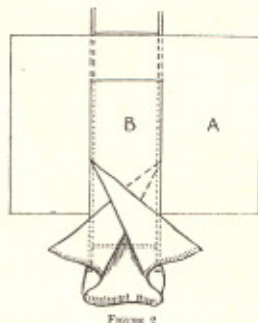


FIGURE 2

- (iii) Turn in upper corners of ends of blanket A (Fig. 3), wrap shorter end of blanket A over patient and then the longer end and tuck well in at side (Fig. 4).

(c) Preparing blankets for stowing in readiness on ambulance or as a pack.

- (i) Proceed as under 1 and 2 for preparing a stretcher.
- (ii) Fold in the two ends of blanket A, taking the folds to the side of the stretcher twice then fold over again on to the stretcher.

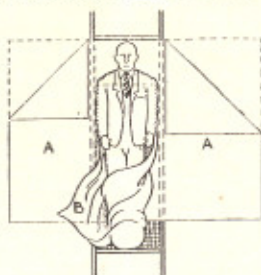


FIGURE 3

- (iii) Fold the foot end of blanket B on to the stretcher and then fold over and over with blanket A to form a flat pack in the centre of which a hot-water bottle can be placed when required.

Note 1. A minor refinement for short patients only. Blanket B may be drawn up 6 in. over the head and folded over, giving seven layers, instead of four under the head, as a pillow.

Note 2. This fold to go between the feet comes up almost automatically when the foot of blanket is tucked over the feet and makes both for neatness and comfort.



FIGURE 4

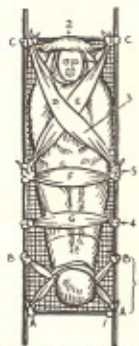


FIG. 5—COMPLETED METHOD NUMBERED ACCORDING TO ORDER OF MOVES

Note 3. It is found, even with broad patients, that the rolled edges can be eased out from under the shoulders without difficulty or discomfort.

Note 4. The foot and head ends of the folded blankets are, respectively, thin and thick, and can be distinguished instantly. For an example an ambulance attendant can lay a stretcher in readiness in the dark.

Note 5. The method is adaptable; for example a long thigh splint can be allowed to protrude with a trifling adjustment of the blanket folded round the feet.

The following advantages are claimed for this method:—

1. The maximum degree of warmth, support and absence of draught are obtained from two blankets, even with a broad 6 ft. 2 in. patient.
2. The removal of a patient from a stretcher by a simple blanket lift, using blanket B is safe and convenient.
3. The blankets are thick and close round the patient so as to render fastening on the stretcher by ropes or triangular bandages, for lowering, comfortable and safe.

A Method of Securing a Blanketed Patient to a Stretcher with Triangular Bandages for lowering from a height.

This method is intended to cover any of the following needs:—

1. Lowering feet first with a rope on the head of the stretcher and a guide rope pulling the feet end out from the wall.

FIG. 6—DETAIL OF ARMS SECURED
METHOD OF SECURING A BLANKETED PATIENT TO A
STRETCHER FOR LOWERING FROM A HEIGHT

2. Lowering by sliding down a ladder (manhandled, or more usually with a check rope and a man below steadying but taking no weight) at any angle from 30 to 75 degrees, to the horizon.

3. Lowering horizontally from an improvised "derrick" or crane (with the possibility of the stretcher hitting protrusions on the building and being temporarily tipped on one side or one end).

Seven triangular bandages only are needed, the greater part of the weight when either head or foot is raised, is taken by the ankle-bandages: the knee bandage prevents flexion at the knee and gives some support. The crossed chest bandages give considerable lateral support if necessary and take a little weight when the head is downwards. They can be fairly firmly applied and restrict breathing less than would be anticipated. The head bandage immobilises the head very comfortably for a concussed or very shocked patient and should not normally take much weight. It is most important that the many conceivable alternative methods be kept in mind, for dealing with particular injuries: e.g. with leg injuries, a bandage goes across the pelvis, two bandage slings go under the arms from the top bar of the stretcher Fig. 6) and the legs are steadied on to the stretcher

conveniently, with the weight bearing ankle-bandages omitted, or modified.

The knots are simple but extremely important. The reef as such is useless and dangerous. A round turn on the stretcher bar should be secured by 2 half hitches of the free end round the standing part, two round turns and two half hitches is better still, even if it brings the knot fairly near the end of the bandage, as it also takes nearly all strain off the knot itself. It is immaterial whether the two half hitches are tied the same way—making a clove-hitch—or in opposite directions. Properly applied, the bandages will keep the patient touching the stretcher, with only 1 in. 2 in. of movement, while the stretcher is turned completely over, sideways, or endways, or obliquely.

If wounds or other causes preclude the use of the crossed bandages on the chest, the method of securing the patient by means of triangular bandages below the armpits as shown in Figure 6 should be used.

Making Scouting Worthy

THE value of the Scout Good Turn is seen in this story from Bathurst, N.B. The story is told in the local newspaper. "When the Scout solicited a passerby at Caraquet to buy an apple, he coldly refused with the suggestion that the cause wasn't a worthy one and continued on his way to a nearby store. The youngster followed him and proceeded to sell apples to other customers. With no particular motive the Scout followed the man also as he left the store. Not far along the way the man dropped his pocket book which was picked up by the Scout and returned to its owner. Subsequently the man changed his mind about the value of Scouting and made a substantial contribution to the Apple Day fund."

Those Scout Good Turns Again

THIS little story comes from Rosalind, Alberta, and is reported in the Edmonton Journal. James Miner, 16 year old Scout, was injured in a shooting accident. Recently he left Camrose Hospital with his foot in a cast. Two of his fellow Scouts purchased a pair of crutches for him, and another insisted upon helping to pay the hospital bill out of money he had earned during the summer holidays.

GET YOUR TROOP OR PACK OUT
IN THE OPEN OFTEN.

Seeds for Britain Should Leave for Overseas Now

IF YOU are planning to assist Scouts in Great Britain in their plans to produce the greatest quantity of food in 1944 in the history of the nation, your donations of seeds should be sent this month. As we have pointed out before the English spring is much earlier than our spring.

Approved garden seeds, especially selected for Great Britain are available at various seed houses, which will look after export permits. Three such houses are:

William Ewing Ltd.,

412 McGill Street,
Montreal.

Kenneth McDonald & Sons, Ltd.,

60 Market Square,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dominion Seed House,

Georgetown, Ontario.

Seeds are available in quantities of \$1.00 and up and include a great variety. In ordering seeds from these firms, ask them to address them to A. W. Hurl, Boy Scouts Association, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, England. Ask the seedsmen to put a card in the parcel announcing it as a gift from your Pack, Troop or Group.

This is a good turn well worth while, and it is hoped that many Groups will make shipments overseas. *The Scout Leader* would be glad to acknowledge any gifts of seed sent to Britain, and would like to have pictures if possible.

A Group Committee Hunt

SCOUTER Geo. G. Gallop of Toronto, experiencing some difficulty in securing a representative enough group to elect his Group Committee overcame the difficulty by handling it this way. Together with the Cubmaster a parents' night was arranged, with members of the existing Group Committee invited. Cubs and Scouts put on a regular programme, after which the meeting was turned over to the Group Committee. Reports were made and nominations brought out many prospective members. A good committee was organized. The advantage of this method was that there was a wider choice for selection of a Group Committee and the parents were able to get a good picture of the complete Group, Pack, Troop and Group Committee. There were 120 in attendance at this particular meeting.

You Might Try This Too

THERE must be a lot of Wolf Cubs and Boy Scouts, says Toronto *Rucksack*, who finish with their uniforms when they are still capable of more service. Every Scouter should aim at collecting these articles and after having them cleaned and repaired handed out to some boy who cannot afford a new outfit. This is a Good Turn which many boys would like to do.

A Fine Year's Work at Ferne, B.C.

A LITTLE over a year ago Provincial Constable Alex Gaunt of Ferne, B.C., decided to do something about the lack of facilities for boys in the town. Constable Gaunt decided that Scouting was a good way to keep the boys off the street, so he organized a Scout Troop which now has five Patrols with over 50 boys, ranging in age from 12 to 19.

Their first anniversary is being marked by the opening of new quarters. Through the efforts of the Commissioner and his Assistant, the Scouts have obtained the use of what was formerly the old Community Hall. Scouter Gaunt put his boys to work renovating, cleaning and painting. Now it has a billiard room, reading room, board room, Scout room and gymnasium.

The constable is assisted by Rev. E. Munn as Assistant Scoutmaster, and Judge Colgan is Chairman of the Group Committee. It is the intention to keep the hall open every evening until nine o'clock with one or more nights a week devoted to Scouting, and other nights devoted to basketball, and preparation for Scout tests.

One of the most remarkable things about this Ferne accomplishment is that no public subscriptions were taken up to finance it. One or two citizens have provided equipment, but no one has been asked for money. The Scouts themselves, ably led by their Scouters have undertaken all the work and expense, and have done a splendid job.

Three Musketeers—Three musketeers leave Paris in flight (three boys leave on a hike). They are followed by friends who wish to escape with them, but do not know the trail taken. Information must be gained from people met on the road. The Three Musketeers lead to a good camp spot where the Troop holds camp for the afternoon.



AIDS TO EFFECTIVE SCOUTING



Conventional Signs

7.30—Games Period.

1. *Rowers' Race*—Teams in file seated on floor. Each team has a rope ring about 1' 6" diameter. Each player in turn, without getting up, passes ring over his feet, up over his body, and off over his head, and so on to next. When ring reaches last player he passes it in the opposite direction over his body, and so on to player in front. First ring to reach front wins.

2. *Whirligig Relay*—Teams in file; each first player runs round his team; as he passes the front again, next player joins on behind him and so on. When whole team are joined together they run to finishing line. First complete unbroken team to finish wins.

3. *Scout Staff Relay*—Teams in file; each team has staff with which each player in turn runs to a given point, where he jumps over staff between his two hands which should only hold it loosely, then returning to start the next. First team to finish wins.

4. *Cross Tag*—One player is IT and tries to catch any one of the rest, but if another player runs between him and his objective he must at once chase the one who ran between, and so on till one is caught, who becomes IT and chases any one other player.

7.50—Patrol corners — prepare for opening ceremonies, roll call, etc.

8.00—Opening ceremonies, Inspection, etc.

8.10—Period of marching drill—necessary for orderly movement.

8.20—Mass instruction period on Conventional Signs. (See page 44 in *First Class Book* or page 48 in *Exploring*).

8.40—Period of games—sense training.

1. *Stag and Stalker*—A table is

put in centre of room and "stag" and "stalker" are put at either end of it blindfold. Both must keep constant contact with table with some part of their persons. If stag evades capture for 3 minutes he wins. Either player may get on or under the table.

2. *Masks*—Players in circle; each player in turn goes into centre and "registers" an emotion by facial expression. First player to guess the emotion portrayed correctly scores; each player has only one guess. Best total wins.

9.00—Council fire meeting—songs, stunts, yarns.

9.30—Dismiss.

Good Sportsmanship

FUNDAMENTALS of Scouting may be taught in many ways, but quite often Scouts themselves prove good teachers. In one Ottawa Troop, the

Scouts learned something about good sportsmanship from members of the Troop when the boys were asked what their conception of this fine trait of citizenship was. Several smaller boys who had just come up from the Cubs were not able to answer the question—"What is your idea of Good Sportsmanship?", but here are the answers of thirteen Scouts exactly as they gave them. Scouters might try this method of teaching Scouting ideals.

1. Winning well and losing better.
2. Being able to take it when you lose.
3. Don't brag or boast when you win.
4. Cheer the winners when your team loses.
5. Agreeing with the referee.
6. Pat the losers on the back and wish them luck.
7. Don't be a sorehead if you lose. Lose with a smile even if you feel bad inside.
8. Play fair and put all you've got into it.
9. Don't use your heavier weight against a smaller player.
10. Don't call people cheaters who beat you.
11. If you see a chance to win by cheating, don't do it.
12. Play hard right to the end, whether you're winning or losing.
13. Be glad to share your sports equipment with others.

Try this out on your Scouts and see what they think about it.



HERE'S THE FINE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE 7TH OSHAWA (ST. GEORGE'S) TROOP. THE BUILDING WAS DONATED BY GENERAL MOTORS LTD. IT IS LOCATED ON 75 ACRES OF FARM LAND LOANED THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF A LOCAL FARMER. IT HAS BUNKS FOR 30 BOYS, OPEN FIREPLACE WITH HAND-WROUGHT IRON ACCESSORIES.

CANADIAN-BORN
JAPANESE SCOUTS
OF VARIOUS TROOPS
CARRY ON IN ONE
OF THE WARTIME
COMMUNITIES.



Scout Training Handy 20 Years Later

AN interesting Scout story comes from Lt. Col. N. King Wilson, Senior Medical Officer at Petawawa Military Camp. It is a citation to the Camp Commandant on the action of a former Boy Scout, Gunner A. T. Beaulieu, of F Battery, A-1, C.A.T.C.

The citation reports a highway accident in which a non-commissioned officer was fatally hurt. The citation goes on: "He eventually died from internal injuries, but would have died in a few minutes had it not been for the prompt first aid rendered by Gunner Beaulieu."

Noting that there was a serious haemorrhage from a femoral artery, Beaulieu borrowed a magazine, rolled it up and with the injured man's belt made a tourniquet over the femoral artery. He was able to control the bleeding, to make it possible for the man to be removed to hospital.

His prompt action is highly commendable and, were it not for the internal injuries mentioned, would in all probability have saved the man's life.

Col. Wilson in a letter to Dominion Headquarters reports that Beaulieu received his First Aid training in the Boy Scouts at Espanola, Ontario. It is about 20 years since he learned to apply a tourniquet.

New Surface Dressing for Burns

ANNOUNCEMENT of a new surface treatment for burns by the American Journal of Surgery has interest for Scouters.

Experiments showing that chlorophyll, the mysterious green colouring matter of leaves and plants speeds the

healing of wounds and burns have been announced. So successful is the use of the green stuff, dissolved in water and used on surface dressings, that its wide use is recommended by the Journal. The tests made by Doctors Lawrence W. Smith and Alfred E. Livingston, of Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, were made on 450 wounds and burns on animals and on a few human beings. There was a speed-up in time of healing of 24.9 percent in 67.9 percent of the cases treated.

Whistle and Staff Signals

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta, District has adopted the Scout whistle and staff signals as outlined in the Boy Scout Handbook for Canada (now out of print). No doubt many new leaders would like to use them.

The Whistle Signals

1. One long blast—"Silence," "Alert," "Look out for the next signal."
2. A succession of long slow blasts—"Go out," "Get farther away," or "Advance," "Extend," "Scatter."
3. A succession of short, sharp blasts—"Rally," "Close in," "Fall in."
4. Short and long blasts alternatively—"Alarm," "Look out," "Be ready," "Man your alarm posts."
5. Three long blasts followed by a short—"Patrol leaders come here."
6. Long and short blast—"Parade, Alert."
7. Long and short blast—"Quick March."
8. Long and short blast—"Parade, Halt."
9. Long and two short blasts—"Stand, at Ease."
10. Long, short and long blast—"Stand Easy."

Any signal must be obeyed instantly, as fast as the Scout can run, and no matter what he may be doing at the time.

Signals with the Scout Staff

The following signals may be used by a Scout sent out to reconnoitre in a Scouting game:

1. Staff held horizontally above head with both hands means "A few of the 'enemy' in sight."
2. Staff held horizontally above head and moved slowly up and down means, "A number of 'enemy' in sight, a long way off."
3. Staff held above head horizontally and moved rapidly up and down means, "A number of 'enemy' in sight, close by."
4. Staff held upright above head means, "All clear," "No enemy in sight."

Junior Leader Puzzle Answers

IN THE January issue of *The Junior Leader* appears a Nature Puzzle. Junior Leaders have been told that the answers to the puzzle appear in *The Scout Leader*, and that they can check their answers with their Scouter. Will Scouters kindly pass on this information when requested. Here are the answers:

Top row, left to right: Paper Hornet, Woodchuck, Sparrow Hawk, Great Blue Heron, Tree Swallow.

Second row: Barn Owl, Barn Swallow, Bluebird, Red Headed Woodpecker, Kingfisher.

Third row: Honeybee, Screech Owl, Cliff Swallow, Canada Beaver, Hummingbird.

Fourth row: Fish Hawk, Canada Goose, Black Squirrel, House Wren, Cottontail Rabbit.

Fifth row: Muskrat, Purple Martin, Red Fox, Baltimore Oriole, Bald Eagle.

Canadian Rover Crew Formed in London for Servicemen

SEVERAL reports have come to Dominion Headquarters from various sources of the formation in England of the Canadian Overseas Rover Crew at Imperial Headquarters in London. The Crew came into being over the October 10th weekend, when 60 Canadian Rovers and Scouters met in B.-P.'s own room.

Patrols of the new Crew were organized regionally and named, Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies and Pacific Coast. Each Patrol is to be responsible for one meeting of the Crew.

A church parade was held to historic Westminster Abbey where the Dean extended a most cordial welcome. Back at Imperial Headquarters the group was shown through the building and heard Harold Legat, Overseas Commissioner and Sir Alfred Pickford speak.

We are indebted to Pte. G. H. Churley, formerly of the 24th Vancouver Group, now acting as A.S.M. and A.C.M. with the 5th Farnborough Group in England for information of this meeting. Other reports came from Mr. Legat and from Sgt. L. V. Tuttle, formerly of the 5th Moncton, N.B., Group.

Pte. Churley sent a subsequent report of the second meeting held in November when the Crew visited the R.S.S. Discovery, and Roland House. The Pacific Coast Patrol had charge of this meeting. Pte. Churley by the way achieved an ambition by taking his Gilwell Wood Badge training in England, and was presented with his Beads in November.

Ottawa Scouts Get Rare Coin

HON. Victor Podoski, Polish Minister to Canada, has presented the Ottawa Boy Scouts with a rare Polish coin dated 1624. On it is the likeness of King Zygmunt III, King of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Prussia, an elected king whose reign was the longest in Polish history. The coin has been placed in the Canadian Mint for safety. Mr. Podoski by the way is a former Boy Scout, and purchased an apple on Apple Day from Mayor Stanley Lewis of Ottawa, who is also an invested Scout.

Facts About the Census

CENSUS figures for 1943 are still very incomplete but some interesting facts are revealed in some of the returns which have reached Dominion Headquarters. Here they are:

Toronto District records a small increase, which is gratifying in view of the leadership problem created by enlistments. Total number of boys and leaders is 11,501, an increase of 127. Wolf Cubs number 6,581, Scouts 4,107, Rovers 68, Sea Scouts 63, Leaders 690. There are 45 Anglican, 5 Baptist, 19 Presbyterian, 12 Roman Catholic, 42 United Church, 1 Christian Jewish, 1 Canadian Corps, 32 Community, 2 Handicapped, 1 School, 9 lodge and service club, 3 Jewish, and 5 miscellaneous sponsored groups. There are 200 Packs, 150 Troops, 4 Sea Scout Troops, and 10 Rover Crews. Toronto has 456 two star Cubs, 114 First Class Scouts and 35 King Scouts.

Ottawa District, despite the transfer of six Troops to the La Fédération des Scouts Catholiques shows a membership of 2,595. There are 117 Two Star Cubs, 34 First Class Scouts and 35 King's Scouts. Of the 142 Leaders only 27 were active before the war. Over 200 leaders have enlisted. Total number of Scouts and Cubs attending camp for a period of a week or longer was 441.

Windsor's total membership in-

creased 410 to 2,327 in 1943. There are 1248 Cubs, 860 Scouts, 8 Rovers and 213 Leaders. Windsor records 123 Two Star Cubs, 21 First Class Scouts and 15 King's Scouts. There are 43 Packs, 39 Troops and one Rover Crew. Windsor has come up from a wartime low of 1612 to the present 2,327.

New Brunswick total membership is 4,558, a loss of 491. There are 1,822 Cubs, 2,128 Scouts, 254 Lone Scouts, 2 Sea Scouts, 51 Rover Scouts, and 301 Leaders. Number of boys attending camps was 550.

Salvation Army Life Saving Scouts report an increase of 187. Their total is now 1,571 with 960 Cubs, 394 Scouts, 11 Rovers, and 212 Leaders. They have 42 Two Star Cubs. Number attending summer camps for a week or longer was 190.

La Fédération des Scouts Catholiques reports an increased membership of 95 with a total of 4,208. This is made up of 730 Cubs, 2,313 Scouts, 287 Rovers, and 925 Leaders.

Ottawa District is to compile an Honour Roll of all Kings Scouts to be hung permanently at District Headquarters. The names of all Scouts gaining their King's Scout Badge, both past and in the future will appear on the roll.



MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY FORMED CANADIAN OVERSEAS ROVER CREW ARE SEEN ON THE STEPS OF IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON. SEE STORY ON THIS PAGE AND AIRGRAPH GREETINGS ON FRONT PAGE.

CHINS-UP FUND TOTAL

As of December 13th, 1943

\$40,821.12



THIS month's donations to the Chins-Up Fund display a good deal of Scout ingenuity in raising money for this worthy purpose. Here are some of the ways money was raised. Cupar, Sask., \$10.92 from sale of salvage . . . 5th Regina Ladies Auxiliary, \$38 from sale of pair of petit point pictures made by a member . . . 1st Woodstock, N.B., \$250 from sale of salvage, (this makes \$1,650 given to war charities from salvage sales) Protestant Orphans at London sent \$1.30 . . . Port Perry Scouts earned \$25 by working at the Fall Fair, earmarking the money for the fund . . . North Waterloo held a mystery auction of lunch boxes at headquarters and sent along the proceeds, \$32.45 . . . A Patrol Leaders Training Course in South Essex had a balance of \$5.20 at the end of the course—it was sent on . . . 1st, 2nd and 3rd Fort Erie Groups sent \$100 from their Apple Day receipts . . . 10th Brantford had a nice thought in sending \$25.00 as a "Christmas Thankoffering" . . . From paper sales North Bay donated \$50, and Weston, Ont., agreed to give 25 per cent of its Apple Day Proceeds which netted the fund \$43.53.

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

Contributions

Glance Bay, N.S., Local Association; Ontario Provincial Headquarters Counter Box; North Bay Local Association; 1st Thornhill, Ont., Troop; 3rd Wolf Cub Pack, Chatham, Ont.; 1st Brampton, Ont., Troop; Cupar, Sask., Group; Saskatoon Exhibition Troop; 5th Regina Ladies Auxiliary; Saskatoon Local Association; 1st Weston, Ont., Group; 5th London Group; 57th Winnipeg Troop; 72nd Winnipeg

Troop; Winnipeg District Executive Committee; 7th Winnipeg Troop; 67th Winnipeg Troop; 1st Smiths Falls, Ont., Group; 1st Port Perry Troop; Bdr. Brown, K.V. Barriefield, Ont.

All Saints Troop, Adath Israel Troop, Fairmount St. Giles Troop and Pack; Mr. L. St. J. Haskell; Mr. W. H. Mack; Mr. Roy Millen; St. Aidans Troop and Pack; Ste. Anne de Bellevue Troop; St. Cuthberts Pack; St. Hildas Pack; St. Lukes (Rosemount) Pack; St. Matthews Troop; 2nd Quebec Pack; Shaar Hashomayim Troop; Strathcona Pack; 20th Ascension Troop; Verdun Optimist Sea Scouts; 2nd Westmount Troop, Willingdon Troop, all of Quebec or Montreal.

4th Timmins Pack; 1st Leamington, Ont., Troop; Local Association N. Waterloo District; South Essex District Patrol Leaders' Training Course; 1st Woodstock, N.B., Troop; 33rd Saint John (Centenary Queen Square); London Akela Club; 1st Port Elgin, Ont., Troop; 10th Hamilton Troop; 31st Hamilton Troop; 11th Hamilton Troop; 11th Hamilton Troop Parents; 2nd Hamilton Troop; 1st, 2nd and 3rd Fort Erie, Ont., Groups; 8th Windsor Group; 10th Brantford Troop; St. John Troop Mothers Auxiliary, Peterborough; Ladies Auxiliary, Peterborough; 1st Oakburn, Man., Troop; 3rd Carberry, Man., Troop; Lone Scout Ken Kerr, Toronto; 3rd Wallaceburg, Ont., Troop; 1st Ruthven, Ont., Troop.

SCOUTING BRIEFS



The Bigaouette Shield, emblematic of the outstanding Troop in Quebec City was recently awarded the 3rd Troop. The shield was donated by the late Chief of Police A. S. Bigaouette.

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Eighteen members of the 5th Ottawa (Trinity) Troop formed the Choir at a Youth Service at Holy Trinity Church, Metcalfe, with Scoutmaster Alvin Cowan, acting as organist.

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Hard at work just now are the Scouts of the 3rd Timmins, Ont., Troop, collecting and mending toys for distribution to needy children and orphanages by recognized charitable agencies.

2.M.'s Chat

Brother Scouters:

Elsewhere in this issue the Editor has seen fit to publish a short biography of yours truly. Some of his remarks are very flattering, much more so than I would wish. But in extending to him my very sincere thanks and appreciation I should like to say that whatever success I may have achieved as your Quartermaster is due in very large measure to the wonderful co-operation and loyal support which I have always received from you splendid volunteer Leaders, both past and present.

Another wartime year has passed, and to say the least I have little regret for its demise. It has been a most difficult period from a supplies point of view, with demands greatly exceeding the quantity of goods available. This situation became much more evident during the latter part of 1943, at which time many items of Equipment as well as several Books, etc., were completely sold out with no hope of immediate replacement.

That is the situation we must all face as we begin the New Year. A year which all of us hope will see Victory crown the efforts of the Allied nations. Fortunately most items of uniform are still available in fairly large quantities, and provision has been made to ensure a steady supply of Shirts, Shorts, Jerseys, Hats, Stockings, etc., which go to make up the Scout and Cub outfits.

Whatever hardships or inconveniences may be imposed on us during 1944 let us meet them with a Scout Smile confident in the fact that "every cloud has a silver lining."

Cheerio, Good Luck and Good Scouting.

George Ferguson,

Dominion Quartermaster

Nine King's Scouts in This Troop

How many Troops can show 9 King's Scouts on their roll? This is the record of the 134th Toronto Troop meeting in Danforth United Church under the leadership of Scoutmaster Bert O'Neill. In the recent census of the Troop, in addition to these Kings Scouts, eleven First Class Scouts were recorded. Scouter O'Neill is using the services of his Group Committee and parents in the training of these Scouts an example that other Scouters could copy.

*A page of helpful ideas
from anyone, anywhere.*

THE DUFFEL BAG

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

Dividing the Work

"How can I ever find time to instruct all the boys who need instruction?" That's a fairly common question for a Scouter to ask. A news item in the St. Catharines *Standard* shows how it is done in the well regulated Troop. A paragraph outlining the meeting of the 17th Troop said: "During the instruction period A.S.M. Arnold Bang took a group of boys in their second and first class first aid; S.M. Jackson taught the Tenderfoot; Troop Leader Cliff Sinclair took Kim's game, and Troop Leader Don Alguire taught compass." When the work is divided up, the problem finds its own solution.

Carrying on a Proud Tradition

IN THE Honour Roll in this issue of Scouts who have given their lives in the war, appears the names of four former Brandon, Man., Scouts. Brandon has long held the reputation of being a city upholding the best in the traditions of Scouting, as this sad listing reveals. The four are from the 6th Brandon Group. It was this group which in 1937 prevented a panic and almost certain loss of life at a Christmas Eve movie show for children, when the Oak Theatre was burned. They maintained control, guided all to safety, and finally groped their way through the smoke filled auditorium to make sure that no one was overlooked. Brandon may well be proud of its Scouts, and the quality citizens its Scout Troops have developed.

System of Troop Signals

THIS system of Troop signals is suggested from a plan adopted by an Air Patrol in Sydney, New South Wales. A model airplane is hung in the centre of the room near the ceiling with a flashlight bulb fixed in the plane's nose. This is connected with a wire leading to a Morse key on the Scouter's table, so that when he signals on the key the light in the plane flashes. A Troop may make up its own system of signals, such as three dashes for fall in, three dots for patrol corners, dot, dash, dot for Patrol Leaders report to Scouter, and so on. Of course the system would be very handy for teaching Morse too, but the signal system need not be in Morse code to take care of those boys in the Troop who have not learned it yet.

Are You Using Them?

A REPORT from the 1st Port Colborne Troop reveals that the Scouter reads his Scouts the stories of "Scouting in Other Lands," which appears monthly in *The Scout Leader*. These stories make an ideal Scouter's "Five Minutes," and serve the useful purpose of emphasizing the aspect of international goodwill—a fundamental of Scouting.

Perfect Educationist

SPEAKING at Sale, Victoria, Australia, the Bishop of Gippsland, Australia, (the Rt. Rev. D. B. Blackwood) took Lord Baden-Powell as the model of the perfect educationist.

"He formed his Boy Scouts into Troops and Packs for team-work and the fraternal spirit, and gave rewards for service only and for things of everyday usefulness.

"If boys and girls were, say, to learn architecture," the Bishop went on, "they would be taught the science of angles (geometry) and when they had practical proficiency they could graduate to civics, but first they would train the hand and eye with models and modelling, and all their learning would be motivated by the spirit of service.

"Thus they would build character, and thus they would assume responsibilities, such as Baden-Powell conferred on his Scout leaders."

Practical First Aid

AT Grimsby, Ont., a first aid meeting was featured by an urgent call of mercy for each Patrol to different street corners. Each Patrol had a practical lesson in handling a stretcher patient and had to transport their patient on a Scout made stretcher to the High School Gym where points were given to the Patrols having the best made stretcher and the proper bandages on their patients.

Another Way to Make Money

THE Scout Troop at Birch Hills, Sask., staged an amateur contest in their local theatre in November and netted \$50 for the Troop Funds. Part of it was earmarked to pay registration fees.

They're Looking Ahead

LOOKING forward to post-war days Scouts at Kimberley, B.C., invested \$150 from their Apple Day proceeds to the purchase of three buildings from a disused townsite. They have been removed to the Kimberley campsite and will be repaired, painted and used for supplies, for a dining hall and for a kitchen.

"A Scout Is Loyal"

TORONTO'S 51st Sea Scouts (St. Aidan's) has made an unique contribution to the war effort. Soon after the outbreak of war, all eligible Scouts together with their Scouter, William Fowler, enlisted in the Canadian Navy. Each year since, at the conclusion of the year's training all eligible boys have joined the navy. The boys of the 51st Troop Land Scouts, are not behind their water buddies. Their contribution to the army and air forces is two Scoutmasters, 11 Assistant Scoutmasters, and 24 Scouts. Of the 76 boys from this Troop, none have been called up, all enlisting as soon as old enough. All were active with the Troop at the time of enlistment.

A Good Turn Idea from Saskatchewan

SCOUTS of Regina, Sask., have undertaken an unusual "Good Turn" which will be appreciated by Regina citizens. In future citizens confined to their homes for health reasons and who have no relative or friend to bring them books from the library will be looked after by Boy Scouts. In response to phone calls to the library, Scouts will pick up the library books and cards of "shut-ins" and will return later with new volumes for the confined borrower. The service is to be made available two days each week, Tuesdays from 4.30 to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The city has been zoned and Troops have been allotted sections to care for.