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# The first copy of Scouting for Boys in Polish, bearing on the cover the brief legend, "A gift to the Boy Scouts of Poland

from the Boy Scouts of Canada," was presented February 11th at the Polish Consulate, Ottawa, to the Hon. Victor Podoski, Polish Minister to Canada. In this act was completed the first step of a significant international good turn in which every Canadian Scout, Scouter and Commissioner will take justifiable satisfaction. This is the project of supplying, through our B.-P. Chins Up Fund, a minimum of 3000 copies of Scouting for Boys each to the Scout Associations of Poland, Norway, Holland, Flemish-Belgium and Czecho-Slovakia, in their own languages,-thus aiding restoration of Scouting in those cruelly devastated countries.

#### At the Polish Consulate

The ceremony took place at the

Polish Consulate, the actual presentation being made by Mr. R. C. Stevenson, Chairman of the Executive Board. Scout Oral Rooke of the 17th Ottawa Troop (one of the first units to earmark a contribution for the Polish printing) and Scout Andre Pozanski of the 8th Ottawa (Hull) Troop, Following the brief address by Mr. Stevenson, Scout Rooke handed the copy of Skauting dla Chlopcow to Scout Pozanski, who in turn passed it to the Minister, speaking in Polish. Other members of the presentation party included Mr. Gerald H. Brown, Honorary Dominion Secretary; Lt.-Col. L. H. Millen, Provincial Commissioner for Ontario; Mr. W. R. Allen, Provincial Commissioner for Quebec: Mr. John A. Stiles, Chief Executive Commissioner, and Mr. F. E. L. Coombs, Edtior of Publications, Moving pictures of the event

## Scouting for Boys - Skauting dla Chlopcow For the Scouts of Poland

were taken by Scoutmaster H. E. Willenegger.

In his address Mr. Stevenson spoke of the honour he felt in being able, on behalf of the Scouts of Canada, to present to the official representative of Poland "this first copy of the basic book on Scouting, Scouting for Boys, printed in Canada in the Polish language."

#### Will Aid Polish Restoration

"It is our hope," he said, "that by making the book available, as a gift, to Polish leaders and Scouts we may be contributing to the reorganization of Polish Scout Troops as soon as the German invaders are driven from Polish soil, and thus helping in the

restoration of normal boy life in your martyred country."

The Polish Minister expressed himself as much moved by the

thought for Poland shown in the gift of the book, and the arrangement to ship several thousand copies overseas. These would, he said, be a very valuable aid to the resurrection of the Polish Scout organization,—of value to the boys themselves, and to Poland through the many forms of restoration work which the re-established Scout Troops would be able to perform.

The book given him, he said, was a splendid and accurate reproduction of the original Polish copy, and it moved him to leaf through its pages.

#### The Flag Presented in 1940

Mr. Podoski added that this was not the first occasion on which Canadian and Polish Scouts had been happily associated. He recalled the Canadian

Scout flag which he had in 1940 received from Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, Vice President of the Canadian Scout Association, for passing on to the Scout Association of Poland, as an expression of sympathy and goodwill from the Scouts of the Dominion. He had promised that the flag would be placed in National Polish Scout Headquarters in Warsaw when peace was won and Poland restored.



As himselt a former Scout, Mr. Podoski greeted each member of the deputation with the left handshake. He told something of his own early Scouting days before the First Great War; of secret Scout meetings on the historic battlefield of Raszyn, in a wooded district adjacent to Warsaw, and of the singing by the boys of a song whose refrain was, (Continued on page 95)



THE SCENE AT THE POLISH CONSULATE IN OTTAWA WHEN THE FIRST COPY OF "SCOUTING FOR BOYS" IN POLISH WAS PRESENTED TO HON. VICTOR PODOSKI, POLISH MINISTER BY R. C. STEVENSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE BOARD.

## The Scout Leader

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The Chins Up Fund

The first of a number of books for the Scouts of conquered countries is off the press. When Poland is freed from Nazi oppression 3,000 copies of Scouting for Boys in Polish will be available to get the Movement started once again. The same is being done for Holland, Belgium, Norway and Czechoslovakia. The cost is being taken care of through contributions to the Chins Up Fund.

This fund was originally set up to aid Scouts of Britain who suffered in the blitz. The fund served this fine purpose, but as the blitz lessened, money accumulated and it was decided to use it for the rehabilitation of Scouting in Europe. Canadian Scouts will play this special and useful role of supplying the basic book on Scouting for these five countries. The cost is expected to be around \$12,500.

These facts are being specially drawn to the attention of Scouters at this time because of the widely differing support of the Fund across Canada. One province, for instance, has averaged only 5 cents per member of the Association since the Fund was opened. Provinces range all the way from this 5 cents per member to 15 cents, 18 cents, 28 cents and 61 cents in other provinces, to an average of \$1.30 per member in one of the larger cities. One province has made no contribution whatever to the fund.

The figures quoted above are not necessarily indicative of the generosity of the particular provinces, and for that reason we have purposely not named them. On the basis of the wealth available in the provinces, the picture is entirely changed and some who appear low are actually high on that basis.

However this appeal is to urge every Scouter to take an interest in the Chins Up Fund and the purposes for which the money is raised. Let us never become so parochially minded as to think that the Scouts in our town, our province or our country are the only Scouts in the world. Scouting is an international brotherhood. It is our task to be as much concerned about Scouting in conquered Europe as in this country.

The publication of these books presents an unique opportunity to be of service to International Scouting. This project of Canadian Scouts has aroused the widest interest at the National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America in New York. But all should share in it. It should not be left to certain groups or sections. Every Scout Group in Canada, wherever located should share in giving back to these five conquered countries of Europe the game of Scouting which we are privileged to enjoy unhampered here.

#### Windsor Trains Leaders

From the Windsor District Commissioner's Annual Report: Records were broken in the number of Training Courses conducted and the number graduating from them. These included three Bronze Arrowhead Courses, two Cub and two Scout Leadership Courses, a two-night Group Committeemen's Course and a special four-night games course for leaders. Eighteen Senior Scouts attended Silver Arrowhead Courses on the London District Campsite. Three Scout Leaders and eight Cub Leaders took camp courses at Blue Springs (Ontario Gilwell Training Site).

### & War Decorations &

#### Distinguished Flying Medal

PO Harry Beckwith, 23, RCAF, 76th Winnipeg Group.

#### Military Medal

Trooper Jos. W. Collins, 29, CAC, Cub, Scout, 76th Winnipeg Troop.

#### Distinguished Flying Cross

PO Arthur R. Hales, 25, RCAF, Cub, Scout, SM 1st Virden, Man., Troop.

PO Gordon W. Heselton, 24, RCAF, King's Scout, TL, ASM, 55th Vancouver.

PO Robert K. Metheral, 21, RCAF, PL, 1st Wapella, Sask., Troop.

#### French Croix de Guerre

Capt. George B. Buchanan, SM, 2nd Medicine Hat, Alberta, Troop.







To Higher Service

AG Donald Lyall Beatty, 24, RCAF, Cub and Scout, Souris, Man.

FO Victor R. Folkerson, 29, RCAF, King's Scout, Souris, Man.

PO John W. Graafstra, 28, RAF, Cub, Scout, Souris, Man.

Pte. Douglas Hawkes, 25, Winnipeg Grenadiers, Scout, St. Andrew's, Man.

Flt. Sgt. James P. Hayes, 22, RCAF, King's Scout, Souris, Man.

Trooper George L. Hughes, 20, CA, Scout, Iona Troop, Montreal.

LAC Raymond E. Jolly, 23, RCAF, (former Prob. Sub-Lt. RCNVR) King's Scout and TL 2nd Weyburn, Sask.

Sgt. Ronald B. MacKenzie, 24, RC AF, Scout, 19th Saint John, Rover, 7th Saint John, N.B.

Trooper William S. McLachlan, 20, CAC, PL 1st Cannington, Ont., Troop.

Lt. Norman A. McNeill, Carleton and York Regt., 1st Class Scout, ASM 1st Sussex Troop, SM 1st Minto Troop, N R

FO William H. Nelson, 23, RCAF, PL, Y.M.H.A. Troop, Montreal.

FO Thomas M. Pethick, 21, RCAF, Cub and Scout, Montreal West, TL and ASM, Bronze Life Saving Medallion.

Flt. Sgt. Lloyd C. Powell, 26, RCAF, Scout, 1st Virden, Man.

#### Another Little Job

Tetory Loan officials are anxious to have former Loan posters still on display picked up and salvaged. There's a dual purpose to this drive: first to clear out old posters in readiness for the new campaign which opens on April 24th, and second, to save the tremendous quantity of paper and cardboard for national purposes. Scouters will be doing a most useful war service by having their Scouts pick up the old posters now, and the Sixth Loan posters after the campaign is over on May 13th.

## Chief Scout in Radio Address Lauds Plan to Help Boy Scouts in Europe

URGING Canada's Scouts and Wolf Cubs not to weaken their war effort, but to see it through with energy, His Excellency the Governor-General, Chief Scout for Canada, addressed the Scouts of the nation over a national network of the CBC on Sunday, February 20th, to mark the opening of Boy Scout Week. The full text of the Chief Scout's broadcast follows:

Fellow Scouts:

March, 1944]

This is the opening day of "Boy Scout Week" and I am addressing you as Chief Scout for Canada. At this time Cubs, Scouts, and we their Leaders are expected to re-affirm our Promise, by which we undertake to do our duty to God and The King, to help other people as we get the opportunity, and to obey the Cub and Scout Laws.

Had he lived until next Tuesday, Lord Baden-Powell would have been eighty-seven years old. It is to that wonderful man we are indebted for the Game of Scouting. During his long and eventful life he loved his Country and sought by every means in his power to serve God and the King. He was an excellent soldier, and a great lover of clean sport. He preferred always to hunt with the camera rather than with a gun. So, especially during "Scout Week", we must remember to do honour to the great Founder of Scouting. who, until he died in January 1941, was known as "The Chief Scout of the World."

This would appear to be an opportune time for me to thank you all for the many things you have done during the year to help win the war. I am amazed to hear of the way you have collected books, magazines and medicine bottles for the use of the members of the Armed Forces. You have also salvaged many thousands of tons of waste paper, rubber, steel and other articles.

I want to thank you also for the way you have helped the Red Cross and have assisted at the time of the Victory Loans. In fact, you have done so many useful acts that it would be quite impossible for me at this time to refer to them all.

One of your "Good Turns" of which I am particularly proud is the splendid way in which you have contributed to the "Baden-Powell Chins-Up Fund," which was originally intended to be used to help your brother Scouts in the Homeland who had suffered in any way due to enemy action. This Fund, I am told, has now reached a total of more than 42,000 dollars. This has been sent to Great Britain where it has been invested and after the war will be used in helping to revive Scouting in countries like Norway, Denmark, Holland, France and Poland, which have suffered so terribly at the hands of the enemy.

Already the Boy Scouts Association in Canada has done something to help Poland: It has published in the Polish language 3,000 copies of the text-book Scouting for Boys by Lord Baden-Powell. The first copy off the press was presented recently to the Honourable Victor Podoski, the Minister for Poland in Ottawa. This book will be published for other countries just as soon as copies



SCOUTS ON NATIONAL WAR SERVICE SHOULD ALWAYS WEAR THIS NATIONAL SERVICE ARM BADGE, AVAILABLE FROM YOUR USUAL BADGE SOURCES AT 20 CENTS EACH.

of it in those languages can be located.

I rejoice with you over this opportunity to do a splendid "Good Turn" for your brother Scouts who need your help so badly.

In closing, let me urge you not to weaken in your war work, but, like His Majesty's sailors, soldiers and airmen, see it through to the end with energy and with a flourish of triumph.

#### New Secretary for London

London, Ont., recently welcomed its new Executive Secretary, G. Ray Bryson, until recently Scoutmaster of the 12th Toronto (St. Jude's) Troop. Ray has a splendid background in Cubbing, Scouting and business. He succeeds Wally Harpur who left London some weeks ago to do field work in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

## SCOUTING BRIEFS



#### Titles Are Changed

In accordance with a recommendation from the National Conference of Field and Executive Secretaries in Ottawa last August, many Canadian Scout officials have changed their titles. To a large extent the title "secretary" has been dropped in the Provincial field and the title "Executive Commissioner" has taken its place. As action across the country is incomplete it is not possible to list the titles adopted by the various provinces.

#### Joins Toronto Staff

Field Secretary Arthur Paddon of Ontario, has left the Ontario Provincial Staff and has gone on the staff of the Toronto District. Art has spent a good many years travelling through Western and Northern Ontario and has done a most commendable job. Ontario will miss him but Toronto will find him a most useful acquisition to its staff. For the first time in a good many years Art will be spending considerable time with his family, a pleasure denied him by his work in the field.

## They're Really in Now!

#### PATROL LEADERS' HAT BADGES

Due to conditions beyond our control Patrol Leaders' Hat Badges were held up in production after our announcement of last month. However they have now come to hand and each province has been sent a supply.

The Stores Department

The Boy Scouts Association 306 Metcalfe Street OTTAWA



## PRACTICAL CUBBING

The Story of Flags

- 6.30—Assembly of Pack. Roll. Bones.
  6.40—Grand Howl—Cub silence,
  Prayer—Announcements.
- 6.45—Inspection Cub scarf, point down, back should be no longer than 5 in.
- 6.50—Game. Ball Throwing (Instructive)—Rival Circles—Pack in circle, numbered in pairs. They move back until there is a good space between the Cubs. Two Cubs across the circle from each other, one an odd number and one an even, each hold a ball. The odds throw to odds, the evens to evens. One group throwing to the left, the other to the right. The ball has to pass around three times. The circle getting around the fastest wins.
- 7.00—Story—The story of flags—Part I. Instructive — The Flags of the World—W. J. Gordon. Talk. Flags— Grace Humphrey.
- 7.10—Game (Fun)—Empty the Bucket—Beside Cub in centre of room is placed a pail full of small balls. Pack spread all around room. On GO the Cub starts to empty the bucket by throwing out balls one at a time, the Pack retrieving same and putting them back into bucket. The idea being to see if the Pack can beat the Cub.
- 7.20—Pack Instruction—The Cross of St. George—Where it came from; How England came to adopt it for its flag at the time of the Crusades, and St. George as its patron Saint; The make-up of its colours.
- 7.30—Game. Ball Throwing (Instructive)—Catch and Bob—Sixes stand in Indian file with the Sixers about 6 yards in front facing their files. Each Sixer holds a ball. On GO ball is thrown to leading player in each file, who returns it and bobs down to "squat" position. Sixer throws over No. 1's head to next player and so on until end player of file has returned ball to Sixer, who holds

it over his head. If ball is dropped the player responsible must recover it and return to his place before returning it. Six to finish first wins.

- 7.35—Six Instruction—Sixers instructed on this some time during week so that they know what to do. Review—make-up of the Cross of St. George; what flower stands for England—Rose; what the capital is—London.
- 7.45—Game (Instructive)—On Cross of St. George. Snatch Flag-Played like scalps or snatch whistle: on Cross of St. George-the flag being placed on the floor instead of the cap. Akela asks questions as follows: "The white cross on the red background." The Cubs ready to move, stand still. If they move on a wrong question they lose a point for their side. "The country represented by the rose." Then they try to get the flag and get over their line safely with it without being touched. Other questions-The red cross on a white background. The country with the capital London. The country having the dahlia as its national flower, etc.
- 7.55—Story St. George and the Dragon—found in Books of Knowledge or in Flags by Grace Humphrey (Public Library has this book).

8.00—Grand Howl, Prayer.

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

#### Five Grandsons in Pack

Windsor, Ont., is very proud of the fact that she has five grandsons in the town's new Wolf Cub Pack, the 40th Windsor. The five lads, all have different surnames and are of course cousins. Mrs. Reaume was an interested visitor at the Pack's recent first birthday party. By the way a feature of Boy Scout Week was the inauguration of a Troop to join the Group.

#### Value of Parents' Nights

FEW nights ago I had the privilege of attending the Parents' Night arranged by the 18th Cub Pack," writes a Halifax, N.S., father to the President of the Halifax Association. "While my two boys had told me about their activities as Cubs it took a parents' night to make me properly realize just how broad and worthwhile the training is. We who are parents are very much indebted to the Scout and Cub Movement, and I wish you every possible success in the work you are doing."

A second letter came from a Major in the Halifax Rifles who attended the same gathering. He said: "I was very impressed with the nature of the instruction and by the enthusiasm displayed by both Scouts and Cubs. In the Reserve Army, the advantage which a recruit derives from Boy Scout training is very noticeable."

#### Boxes for the Lair

1st Lockhart (Central Riverina, N.S.W.) contributes this interesting survey of what should be contained in the "Six Box."

A box is very necessary, and should have a secure lid. Butter boxes are ideal, and it is a good idea to have the lid about three-quarters of the size of the box, the other portion being firmly fixed, and the lid hinged on to this. Usually boxes are not strong enough to hold lids hinged on to the outer edge. If possible, paint the boxes; in any case, have it plainly marked with the coloured Six triangle. Paste a list of the contents inside the lid, and check these over frequently, and find or replace any lost. The box might contain:

#### Six Box

Ropes. Six short pieces. Bind or splice the ends, dip each end in paste or paint and colour one end only, the Six colour. Besides distinguishing the ropes, this helps in teaching the Tenderpad his knots.

Blocks. Two wooden blocks, painted or marked the Six colour. The blocks would be about the size of the Wolf Cub Handbook. The use is obvious.

Tins. One for pencils, one for chalks or crayons, a larger one containing articles for Kim's Game, which, of course, would be changed now and then; another round tin for tin bowling (each Six having a stick in a corner somewhere). A small screw-top jar for holding jucies (beans).

Scissors. Two or three old pairs, of

a cheap line, with handles painted.

Pencil sharpener or knife.

Bean bag—the right colour, of course.

Cub Book or two (every Cub being encouraged to have his own at home).

Morse Board. A stiff piece of cardboard about 10 in. x 8 in. on which the Morse code is plainly marked.

Tennis Ball.

General. Of course the boxes will contain all sorts of curious bits and pieces, and should be regularly sorted out and useless articles discarded.

Akela's Cupboard or Press. The usual paraphernalia should include:—

Flag Relay Game. Union Jack, in seven pieces, on stiff cardboard. One set for each Six. Make a good, strong bag or brown-paper envelope, and mark the Six colour in Morse code for a change.

Skipping Ropes. At least two. Have them heavy enough, and bind or splice the ends.

Other Ropes. Several pieces of heavier or different type to the Six ropes, and several pieces about two or three yards long for bowline games.

Balls. Two large bouncing balls and/or two medicine balls.

Model Flag. Stiff cardboard base, white, about 10 in. x 5 in., or any size in proportion Akela may decide to make. Attach to the lower edge a piece of stiff paper and colour the reverse side blue. To one side attach a white diagonal about 1 in. broad, and to the other side a red diagonal about 1/2 in. broad. To the top attach the Cross of St. George with white borders. By folding the sections in turn you can make the three basic flags, the first Union Flag and the Union Jack. This does not come out quite correctly, of course, but gives Akela occasion to explain why the crosses do not meet, and by manipulating a white diagonal we can make a true Union Jack. Paste on the outside of the envelope a short history of the flag, its correct proportions and dimensions.

—Scouting in N.S.W.

#### Remember Scouts Who Died

The Rt. Rev. W. F. Barfoot, Bishop of Edmonton, recently dedicated a flag in Christ Church to 13 Boy Scouts of the parish who have given their lives in the present war. The flag was presented by John Turner, Canadian Corps Association president, whose son, John B. Turner, a King's Scout, was among those killed.

## The Scouter's Five Minutes Scouting in Other Lands—No. 7—Yugoslavia

Yugoslavia, one of the Balkan States, was formed by the Peace Conference of 1920 through the Union of Serbia and the States (or Provinces) of Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Novibarzaro as the "Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes," under the King of Serbia. Throughout their long history these peoples, and the Serbs in particular, having been constantly attacked by a succession of

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enemies, have been a nation of fighting men and women, although by nature a hardworking and peace-loving people. The Yugoslav people have shown their indomitable resolve by their

fight against the Italian and German invading armies. These have met with many disasters at the hands of the Slav guerrillas. The magnificent feats of the Patriot Army under the command of General Tito now holding Germany, Bulgaria and Hungary at bay are the admiration of all who are fighting the Axis.

Yugoslavia had some 4,828 members of our brotherhood among its ranks. Out of this number, 3,060 were Scouts, while the remainder were Cubs, Rovers, and Scouters. These figures, of course,



FIRST CUB IN CANADA TO RECEIVE THE CORNWELL DECORATION WAS RALPH MOSES, ABOVE, OF MACLEOD, ALTA., A MEMBER OF THE 61ST SHRINERS' HOSPITAL PACK AT WINNIPEG. THE STORY OF THE AWARD APPEARED IN THE JANUARY "SCOUT LEADER."

apply to 1939, in which year they had increased their numbers by 100 since 1937.

The Yugoslav Scout Movement came into being in 1912, and, surviving the Great War, has played the game of Scouting for Boys most keenly and enthusiastically.

King Peter III of Serbia and I of Yugoslavia was a Scout when at school in England, as also was his brother Prince Tomislav.

There are practically no Yugoslav Scouts at present, although there are some members of the Mercantile Marine who were Scouts in Yugoslavia.

Scouting was most practised in the province of Slovenia which had as its two notable Scout centres—Llubljana and Zagreb.

Yugoslavia is a glorious country, with many mountains and beautiful lakes, and some most wonderful camping sites.

The Slavs are a very powerfully-built race, and are keen and successful athletes. Their Scouts were well-known at World Jamborees although no great Scouting events or gatherings took place in their own country because of the small number of Scouts therein.

We are sure that the Scouts of Yugoslavia, although not very numerous, are true to their Promise and motto—

BUDI SPREMAN.

S.B.W.

#### CHARITY

If I knew that a thought of mine, Disloyal, ungrateful, untrue, Would grieve the love in the heart of my friend, I wouldn't think it,—would you?

If I knew that a word of mine, Spoken in haste and untrue, Would wound the heart of a brother

I wouldn't say it,-would you?

If I knew that an act of mine, Thoughtless, unkindly, untrue, Would add to the grief of an aching heart.

I wouldn't do it,-would you?

Ernest C. Earp.

There is still a vital need for waste paper. Help the war effort and bolster Group Funds with a paper drive.

## CARRYING ON



SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA HOUR AT THE TWEEDSMUIR ROOM.

### Tweedsmuir Room Carries On

The Tweedsmuir Room at Halifax, our chief entertainment centre for former Scouts and Scouters in the Forces, gave another year of most commendable service in the new location opened at the end of 1942. Nearly 1000 visitors were entertained. Of these 430 were from Ontario, 80 from Quebec, the Maritimes 76, Manitoba 33, Alberta 43, Saskatchewan 41, B.C. 66. Overseas visitors included 124 from Britain, Australia 23, New Zealand 11, and lesser numbers from the U.S. and every part of the Empire.

Monthly attendance averaged around 800. Entertainment included Sunday afternoon tea, after-church movies, a weekly dance and special doings on holidays. The success of these occasions was made possible by a splendid staff of fourteen hostesses, largely Rangers (senior Guides).

In addition they took turns in the light-refreshment canteen. Over 18,000 letterheads and 5,000 envelopes were supplied visitors free, and many of the regular and periodic callers had their home letters addressed to the Room.

Operation and maintenance outlay was \$1,544, the major item being \$507 for moving pictures. The furnishings of the new room were provided by the Provincial Council, at a cost of \$500; the Halifax Local Association contributed \$50 monthly toward the rent. Cash maintenance contributions totalled \$1,689.80, of which amount \$703

was donated by Ontario Local Associations and individual Groups and units. \$500 by the Canadian General Council and \$200 by Quebec. The list of contributing centres included:

Barrie, Brantford, Brockville, Chatham, Fort William, Glace Bay, N.S., Guelph, Hamilton, Kincardine, Kingston, London, Montreal, Midland, North Bay, Niagara Falls, North Waterloo, Owen Sound, Oshawa, Port Colborne, Peterboro, Port Arthur, Port Hope, Sault Şte. Marie, St. Catharines, South Waterloo, Stratford, Simcoe, Sudbury, Sarnia, Toronto, Tillsonburg, Timmins, Welland, Windsor, Ont.

#### Had It Not Been for Your Cubs?

Cubs of Manitoba recently assisted in the big I.O.D.E. drive for books for the forces. Mrs. H. D. McLaughlin, Convener of the Camp Library Committee of the I.O.D.E. wrote Manitoba Provincial Headquarters: "May we express our appreciation of the splendid co-operation which the Wolf Cub Packs gave us in raising money for books for His Majesty's Forces. Had it not been for your boys, the whole scheme would have fallen through. Once more we have seen the practical evidence of the splendid altruistic attitude which is being instilled into your Wolf Cubs."

#### A Commendable Effort

The 2nd Richmond Cub Pack at Brighouse, B.C., between September and December, 1943, gathered together 585 pounds of scrap rags. These were sold and the entire profits were turned over to the Red Cross. They amounted to \$20.82. When you realise that these boys live in a farming district, and that in many instances they had to go quite a distance for just a few rags, their bit for the war effort is even more commendable.

#### Very Excellent Work

H. E. Sellers, Chairman of the Manitoba Provincial Victory Loan Committee in a letter to Scout Headquarters in Winnipeg says: "Our Public Relations Section has drawn to my attention the very excellent work done by the Boy Scouts in the collection from stores of posters used in previous Victory Loans. It has also been brought to my attention that the contribution made by a number of Scouts was largely responsible for our being able to get into the mails a very large mailing, in a very short time." Thus Manitoba Scouts carry on the good work.

#### A Proud Record

IN a report sent out to the field in January, Field Commissioner W. A. Speed of Nova Scotia has this to say. "Since taking over some two years ago the Sydney Scouters' Club in charge of salvage operations in Sydney, report over 1,300,000 pounds of salvage collected and shipped." This is a remarkable record, and a great tribute to the enthusiasm and organizing ability of the Scouters of Sydney.

#### Assist Food Industry

Scouts in Moose Jaw, Sask., assisted in the February Food Industry War Savings campaign. The boys acted as messengers, parcel carriers, and ushers at entertainments.

#### Going After Fats

Glace Bay, N.S. Scouts, under the enthusiastic leadership of the Scouters' Salvage Committee have undertaken the local fats collection. In the first collection, over 600 pounds was received. The second collection was somewhat smaller, so it was decided to make the collection bi-monthly instead of weekly.

Ready for Any Quantity

Police Officer John Clark heads the special Scout committee in Glace Bay, N.S., for the collection of waste paper. The Scouts have secured a large shed where all collections will be taken and baled. Limited space in the past has made the task of handling large quantities of paper difficult, but the new arrangement will permit the handling of almost any quantity. Each Troop in the district helps with the baling.

#### Seeds for Britain

of two splendid donations to the Seeds for Britain campaign since the last issue. The first came through the Toronto District office from Miss Ellen Hartog, whose brother Robert Hartog was active in Toronto Scouting before going overseas. He was actively identified with the Free French Scouts and is now with a Free French Military Mission. Miss Hartog sent \$5.00.

A second donation came from the 4th Hamilton, Ont., Troop, also for \$5.00. This money was raised, Scoutmaster Eric Bastin says, by his Scouts collecting old phonograph records which were sold and the money used for this purpose.

#### For Scouts of Poland

(Continued from first page)
"Poland is not lost so long as we live."

#### The Book

The Polish Scouting for Boys is a very close translation of the late World Chief Scout's original book, and includes his original illustrations. The cover bears B.-P.'s first drawing of a Scout, standing on a mountain top, holding a staff and gazing into the distance, a hand shielding his eyes. Below the figure is the line, "Dar dla harcerzy polskich od harcerzy kanadyjskich,"—"A gift to the Scouts of Poland from the Scouts of Canada."

The book, of 375 pages, was reproduced by one of the new photographic processes, to meet the problem of certain Polish letters not ordinarily available in Canadian printing plants, and cost considerations.

#### Distribution

The book will be distributed through the Boy Scouts International Bureau, London, and the Supreme Council of the Association of Polish Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, also London (for the duration).

#### Next, the Book for Norway

Our next good turn printing of Scouting for Boys will be the Speider-



These Regina, Sask., Patrol Leaders had the privilege of acting as ushers at the opening of the Saskatchewan Legislature on February 8th. They represent the 2nd, 7th, 9th, 25th and 27th Regina Troops.

guttboken, the Handbook of the Scouts of Nazi-trodden Norway. By interesting coincidence, the Norwegian Scout Association in Britain, the "Norsk Speidergutt Forbund i Storbritannia," had been working on a new edition of their Handbook. They were facing a problem both of financing and of paper for the printing, when the International Bureau informed them of the Canadian Chins Up good turn printing project. The word was received with surprise and delight.

In a warmly appreciative letter of January 29th Chairman Victor Carlsen of the Norwegian Association wrote: "When we received your extraordinarily kind offer to print our Norwegian Scout Handbook we could hardly believe our good luck. We are more grateful than we can say."

The material for the Norwegian book will go to the Canadian printers as soon as it is received and prepared for photo reproduction.

#### Dutch, Czech and Flemish Books

Unexpected difficulty has been encountered in securing copies of Scouting for Boys in Dutch, Czech and Belgian-Flemish. Presumably refugee Scouts from those countries were unable to bring out with them such things as books, or the German invaders already had destroyed them. An appeal is again made to Canadian Scouters to broadcast a call through their boys and friends, on the chance of locating copies in unexpected places.

Two copies of each book are required.

#### Acknowledgment of Contributions

Chins Up Fund acknowledgments of contributions applied to the cost of printing the Polish book are now being sent out. They bear a sticker reproduction of the cover of the book, Similar acknowledgment will be made of contributions toward the printing of the Norwegian and subsequent books.

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## AIDS TO **EFFECTIVE** SCOUTING



FIRST AID PROBLEM

- 7.30—Patrol Corners, roll call, Patrol business, etc.
- 7.40—Opening ceremonies, inspection, etc.
- 7.50—Games.
  - 1.—British Bulldog. Line Scouts up at one end of room. In centre is one Scout who is the Bulldog. On the words "British Bulldog" all must race to opposite end of hall. The Bulldog's job is to stop one or more and lift their feet off the floor, which makes those lifted Bulldogs also. They remain in the middle and lift others as they run back. Last Scout to be caught is winner.
  - 2.—Poison Circle. Boys in circle surrounding chalk circle marked on floor representing poison. As game proceeds the circle will have to be made smaller. Scouts in circle hold hands and try to force next boy to him into the circle. Any boy touching any part of the line or inside of circle with feet or part of body is out. Proceed until only one boy is left.
- 8.10-Patrol instruction period, as arranged at Court of Honour.
- 8.25—First Aid Problem—Each Patrol to do problem in Patrol corners. You and your Patrol were out hiking when you came across an accident caused by a hit and run driver. Two people (men) were lying at the side of the road, apparently having been hit by a car. One was bleeding from a head wound, was unconscious, and right forearm was apparently fractured. The other was suffering from shock and complained of severe pain just above the knee. You examined this painful spot and noticed that the foot was lying on its outer side and that the man could not raise his heel from the ground. You rendered first aid in accordance to the above symptoms. What did you do?
- 8.40-Leaders' talk or mass instruction-Map Reading. (See page 43, First Class Scouts Book) .

9.00—Games period.

- 1.—Robbing the Orchard—Players in circle; "robber" is sent out of room; "farmer" is chosen and an "apple" put in centre of circle. Robber enters circle and tries to grab apple and get out of circle without being touched by the farmer, whom he does not know. Farmer may not move till apple is touched. Robber must leave circle at same point as he entered.
- 2.—Bull Fight—Players—1 bull, 1 matador, 4 chulos, 6 scarf men. Phase 1—Bull enters arena with five strips of paper (6-inch) on his back, which chulos try to remove. A chulo or searf man once touched by bull is dead. Scarf men try to intercept and distract attention from chulos, who may take refuge outside the arena not more than three times. Only one strip may be taken at a time. Phase 2-When all strips are off, or all chulos dead, arena is cleared, bull blindfolded, with a scarf tucked under belt as tail, matador tries to remove scarf without being touched.
- 3.—Passing Ring on Cord—A piece of string in a circle with a ring on it; players holding string. One in centre tries to catch ring which is passed to and fro about circle. Player in

whose hands it is caught goes to

4.—Round the Ring. About twelve players sit in circle, shoulders touching, with legs straight out; one player stands in the small space between their feet and, holding himself rigid, falls on to their outstretched hands. They pass him about the circle, and any player letting him down takes his place.

9.30-Closing. Court of Honour.

#### Try This at Your Parents' Night

VERY successful Parents' Night presentation at the 17th Ottawa Troop (Scoutmaster Fred Spindler, R.C.M.P.) was this camp play, which proved an effective way of telling parents about outdoor Scouting. Briefly here is how it was staged.

Behind the stage curtains a patrol of Scouts are heard, very faintly singing the Trek Cart song. The singing becomes louder and louder until the curtains part and the Scouts are seen on stage with their Trek Cart, loaded for a weekend camp. The scene is in the woods.

The P.L. suggests this is a good place to camp. The fat boy of the Patrol is missing, and the Patrol Second suggests that he got tired and went home. As the trek cart is unloaded, the fat boy is found under the tarpaulin-he has had a ride out to camp. He immediately asks "When do we eat?"

Tent is erected on stage. Screw hooks are used in place of pegs. Beds are made up in tent in view of audience. Two Scouts leave to prepare meal down by the river (off stage) taking food box with them.

Scout enters stage with axe and sticks to build a washstand. Complaining that he is tired he drops axe on

## All Heroes — All Were Boy Scouts



PO G. W. Hesselton PO R. K. Metheral 55th Vancouver Awarded D.F.C.



1st Wapella, Sask. Awarded D.F.C.



PO A. R. HALES 1st Virden, Man. Awarded D.F.C.

floor, which gives P.L. an opportunity to explain dangers of leaving axes around. Two Scouts make a washstand, third boy gets pail of water and the boys wash.

While this is being done the P.L. is showing the new Scout how to make up a bed, with or without pins. When all is ready the boys leave to have supper. (Curtain).

The next scene sees the campfire in centre of stage. A lantern is seen alight in the tent. All lights in hall are out. Boys are standing around fire and P.L. calls to other Patrols camping in vicinity. Scouts come on stage talking and singing. At signal all are quiet.

Then follows a pre-arranged programme, songs, stunts, talk, games. Religious closing, boys slowly leaving campfire for their tents singing softly "Abide with Me."

Patrol on stage prepares for bed with lots of talking and singing. P.L. examines fire to see that all is safe, light in tent is put out, and S.M. visits Patrol to see all is well, bids them goodnight and departs.

Loud snores heard from tent. Voices object—shut up, put a sock in it—etc. Boot is thrown which lands outside tent. Quiet—then more snores. Two Scouts appear carrying a member of the Patrol, bed and all, out of the tent and leave him some distance away. Boys return to the tent, throwing the snoring Scout a goodnight kiss as they enter tent.

Campfire dies down (worked with rheostat). Bugle sounds taps from a distance as fire dims. Silence for a few seconds, then loud snores from boy outside tent. Curtain.

Some notes. Allow 20 minutes for campfire programme. The whole show will take about 40 minutes. As other Patrols are supposed to be camping nearby, occasional talking and singing should be heard from the distance. Boys who carry snoring Scout from tent should be in pyjamas and bare feet. Boys off stage should be quiet when they have left the campfire. All camperaft, such as building washstand, making bed, etc., should be done near front stage.

A most effective display when carefully prepared.

Halifax Local Association has issued Vol. 1, No. 1, of a new magazine featuring news of local Troops. A contest to name the magazine appears in the first issue.



#### Evan McCormick

Maritime provinces, in Saskatchewan and Alberta has had a visit in the past few years from Evan McCormick, Dominion Field Commissioner. He is the man who, on behalf of Dominion Headquarters, travels the highways and byways, who visits troops in the timiest communities, and who is never happier than when visiting a group of Scouts or Cubs in some small village away out on the prairies, where practically every boy is a Scout or Cub.

Evan is a citizen of all Canada. True he was born in Vankleek Hill, Ontario, and moved to Montreal when he was just about Cub age. But nine or ten



Evan McCormick

months out of each year he is on the road, which probably accounts for the fact that he is still an eligible bachelor.

As a student at St. Patrick's Academy in Montreal he distinguished himself sufficiently to win a number of medals and get his picture in the newspapers. He won trophies for track and other sports events, and later managed a hockey team.

Starting out to earn his own living he spent some time in the revenue accounting department of the Bell Telephone Company. Strangely enough it was not until he reached maturity that he became interested in Scouting.

Evan has a knack of getting into things at the beginning. He was quite active in the first experimental organization of The Columbia Squires (junior order of Knights of Columbus), and he was an early member of the Youth Hostels Association and one of the first directors of the Montreal Voluntary Blood Transfusion Service.

Evan is a gifted speaker and debater and took part in a number of intercity radio debates. He was also an instructor in Public Speaking, and is a talented speaker himself. Other organizations which have benefitted from his services are the West End Club, Montreal Sales and Advertising Club, Westmount Y.M.C.A., and the Junior Board of Trade of which he was a charter member.

Now about his Scouting. Evan is just as much at home with a group of small boys as in the company of dignified businessmen. He is no theoretical Scouter. It would be hard to say what part of Scouting he is most expert in. He is one of those who has schooled himself so thoroughly in all phases of Scouting that he might be termed an all-round Scouter. However there is no doubt that Camping is his particular forte, as many who have camped under his direction in both the west and the maritimes can youch.

Mr. McCormick had experience in both Cub and Scout leadership before joining Dominion Headquarters staff in 1940. He was recognized in Montreal as one of that city's outstanding leaders and at one time was President of the Scouters' Club. He took his Part 2 Akela Course in 1927, and strangely enough did not complete this course until last year, due no doubt to the fact that in the meantime he turned from Cubbing to Scouting. In 1929 he gained his Gilwell Beads by completing qualifying courses.

One of Evan's most memorable experiences was that of conducting the Blitz Scouts on their tour of Saskatchewan in 1942, an event which was the more memorable by reason of his having four blowouts in one day.

Possessed of a keen sense of humor and marked ability, he is doing a splendid work for Scouting in Canada. If you've already met Evan, you will have recognized these qualities. If you haven't, then this story will help you to know him when you do meet him.

Next Month-Albert D. Beattie

## Were You Looking for Games?

#### Let's Play Rough

There's nothing Scouts like better than rough and tumble games. Here are four which originated in *The Scout* and which were tested for popularity here in Canada. Needless to say they proved a big hit.

#### Human Pushball

Take the heaviest boy in the Troop (usually the T.L.) and place him in the middle of the Troop room. Divide the Troop into two teams, lined up at opposite ends of the room. On the whistle, teams advance to the middle and try to push the human pushball to the opposite end. It's no use the T.L. trying to do anything about it. He had better just let things take their course. Teams should push only, and should not be permitted to pull the T.L. by the arms or by his clothing. It's rough, but it's fun.

#### In the Circle

Draw a circle in the centre of the hall, about 5 feet in diameter. Patrols are in their corners. On signal Patrols advance to the circle and are given one minute to get into the circle, and prevent the other Patrols from getting in. Patrol with most Scouts in the circle at the end of one minute wins the game. A bit of strategy here might save a lot of wasted effort and win for the Patrol which has sense enough to let the other Patrols fight it out until the minute is nearly up, and then fresh for battle, attack and take the circle.

#### Repelling the Invader

One Patrol is given a gun position to defend (a gym mat or similar object). The Patrol is allowed to use one flashlight. Lights are then extinguished and the enemy Patrols make a night attack on the position and try to capture it. The Patrols not only try to capture the post, but are also rivals, preventing each other from capturing it. It is not unusual in this game to find a Patrol fighting itself when the lights go up. The flashlight by the way is used by the defenders to keep track of the attackers and repel them.

#### **English Rounders**

Most of you have heard of English Rounders. It is a game not unlike our Baseball. Here's a variation that's really rough. Place six bases around the hall, each base being about a foot square. Each Patrol in turn is given custody of the ball. They form up at starting point, give the ball to one member and form a body guard around

him. When the whistle blows they must reach each base in turn and touch the base with the ball. The other Patrols try to prevent them. Once the ball is taken from a Patrol that Patrol is out and the next makes its attempt. The Patrol which touches most bases win. This game is fine for three Patrols. If you have four Patrols divide the Troop into two teams, one with the ball and the other in opposition.

#### Games for Air Scouts—and Others Too

Scouts developed by Sgt. L. J. Bittlestone of the R.A.F., who while training in Canada gave valuable assistance to Scouting in Moose Jaw. It will be seen that they can easily be adapted for ordinary usage.

#### Air Ministry Calling

Scouts seated in a circle, each takes the name of an aircraft. Two take the names of Air Ministry and Bomber Command respectively. The game starts from A.M. who says, A.M. has a message for e.g. Spitfire. Spitfire then replies, Spitfire to . . . and so on. If anyone falters or calls out the name of an Aircraft which has not been included in the game, he has to go to the bottom place (on the right of A.M.) The boys with names of aircraft retain these when they move unless they move into either A.M. or Bomber Command. Then take either B.C. or A.M., when B.C. makes a mistake he moves down and adopts the name of aircraft who is moving into B.C. These places remain constant. All keep moving up when someone goes to the bottom. The top place is Air Ministry.

#### Leaflet Raid

Scouts standing in a circle, leader standing in the centre, who has leaflets for the number of players less one. Boys obey all orders (e.g. squat, touch it) until the leaflets are all dropped then all dive for them, the one without stands out.

#### Aerial Reconnaissance

Part of the room is screened off, behind this a model Drome or Defence area is laid out. (Boxes for hangars etc. chalked runways). The patrol represents the crew of a Bomber out over enemy territory. The plane has a number of flares (matches). The room is darkened, and each crew "flies over" in turn. After using all their "flares" they return to "base" and

#### Training

LAN to make your summer vacation profitable both to yourself and to Scouting by taking a Gilwell Training Course. Here is a tentative list of the 1944 courses.

## 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.

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

CAPE BRETON-July 29th to Aug. 12th.

#### Junior Leaders

Alberta-Dates to be decided.

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

Manitoba-Dates to be decided.

make out a report and drawing of the target.

#### Aerial Relay

Each Scout in the Patrol represents a plane in turn. They form up in line astern. At the opposite end of the room are two bottles opposite each Patrol. On the neck of the first bottle is a ball. No. 1 in the Patrol is the plane and No. 2 is pilot. On the command "Go" they run to the other end (piggy-back) the pilot takes ball from 1 bottle and puts it on 2. They then run back, No. 2 becomes plane for No. 3 as pilot. First Patrol back wins.

#### Massing the Aircraft

Each Patrol has a number of cut out paper aeroplanes, (if possible different colour for each Patrol). At opposite end of the room is a circle about 18 in. in diameter. No. 1 in the Patrol places his aircraft on the starting line, on the word "Go" he fans it into the circle at the other end of the room with a piece of card (12 x 9 in.) No. 2 next and so on. All the Aircraft must be completely inside the circle before the next man may start.

## CHINS-UP FUND TOTAL As of February 14th, 1944 \$ 42,449.01



HE 1st Lachute, Que., Troop at the beginning of the season decided to pass a box each meeting so that Scouts could give their odd coppers to the Chins Up Fund. Recently Dominion Headquarters received \$6.31 from the 1st Lachute Troop from this source. They promise another sizeable donation in June.

Under the leadership of Scoutmaster A. C. Lloyd the Scouts of the St. Matthews' Troop, Montreal, collected salvage and books which they sold for \$16.62. The boys decided that the money should be forwarded to the Chins Up Fund, to help provide books for the Scout organizations of the conquered countries of Europe.

The sale of popcorn at a social evening, and the sale of wooden toys made at Christmas went to make up a \$21.00 donation to the fund from the 7th St. Thomas (Grace United) Group.

Two dollars has come in from the 1st King Kirkland Pack, and \$25 from the 1st Niagara-on-the-Lake Group, the proceeds from a collection taken at the Boy Scout Week opening service.

1st Blackstock, and 2nd Bowmanville Troops in Ontario got together for a hockey game, and the proceeds \$2.05 was sent along to the Fund.

Donations up to and including February 14th, except Toronto which are sent direct, are as follows:

1st Dugald Troop, Man.; 27th Winnipeg Pack; 40th Winnipeg Pack; 42nd Winnipeg Pack; 78th Winnipeg Pack; 2nd Windsor Troop; W. E. Tibbs, Halifax, N.S.; Mr. Robert Macfie, Glace Bay, N.S.

28th Windsor Pack; Hamilton Boy Scouts Swimming Club; 10th Hamilton Pack; 2nd Hamilton Pack; 11th Hamilton Pack; 27th Hamilton Pack; 19th London Cub Pack; Camp Onkwe Rally, Ont. 6th Edmonton Troop; 25th "A" Edmonton Pack; 12th Calgary Pack; Barry Cooper, Alta.; 25th Edmonton Troop; Delburne Pack, Alta.; 25th Edmonton Troop; 8th Medicine Hat Group; 7th Medicine Hat Group; V. Pearson, Alta.; W. Backham, Alta.; Medicine Hat District; High River Group.

27th Windsor Troop; 17th Winnipeg Pack (A, B and C); 9th Winnipeg Troop and Pack; 22nd Winnipeg Cub Pack; 66th Winnipeg Scout Troop; Logan Ave. Salvation Army Pack; 66th Winnipeg Packs (A and B); 42nd Winnipeg Pack; 7th St. Thomas Group; 3rd Oakville Troop; 1st Collingwood.



Your Chins Up contribution helped produce this "Scouting for Boys" in their own language for the Scouts of Poland. The Legend under the figure of the Scout reads: "A gift to the Boy Scouts of Poland from the Boy Scouts of Canada."

#### Scouting Grows in Britain

At the annual meeting of the Boy Scouts Association of Great Britain on January 26th, His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, President of the Association, presided. His Royal Highness said he was glad to congratulate the Movement on an increase of 59,000 in boy membership during the past year.

The duke, who has been named Governor-General of Australia, said that as he would still be resident in the Empire he would like to remain as President of the Association, and he added that he was looking forward to becoming Chief Scout of Australia.

Speaking of post-war plans he said:
"There will be tremendous scope . . .
to help in the revival of Scouting in
the occupied countries and in Europe
generally."

## Headquarters Notices

Warrants issued by The Chief Scout, up to and including February 14th.

#### District Commissioner

Harry B. Savage, Sarnia, Ont. Asst. District Commissioner Alfred Laurence, Outremont, Que.

#### Scoutmasters

Robert Zimmerman, Toronto, Ont. Bertram R. Scammell, Fredericton, N.B.

James H. Olver, Saskatoon, Sask.

#### Assistant Scoutmasters

Gordon Burns, Toronto, Ont.
Denis Booth, Farnham, Que.
Alwyne J. Cameron, Fredericton,
N.B.

#### Cubmasters

Florence M. Gibson, Toronto, Ont. Gordon N. McCutcheon, Port Arthur, Ont.

Grace M. McPherson, Queenston, Ont.

Francis Tamblin, Port Arthur, Ont. Alice Vickruck, Port Arthur, Ont.

#### Assistant Cubmaster

Joan C. Morham, Toronto, Ont. Vivian N. Scribner, Moncton, N.B.

#### Pamphlets Available

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

#### Scouting Endorsations

A Letter to the Boy Scouts of Canada. (Air Marshal Bishop).

Air Vice-Marshal Howsam on Scouting.

Be Prepared (Winston Churchill on B.-P.)

Boy Scout Training and Military Service.

Colonel (now Brigadier) Gregg Challenges the Scouts of Canada.

Boy Scout Training as Modern Education.

A Canadian Banker Talks on Scouting.

#### General

What Scouting Is and Does. Important Facts About Scouting. Scouting as Practical Training for Citizenship.

Local Associations.

Notes to Badge Examiners. About those Lone Scouts.

Flag Carrying.

Outline of Minimum Standards for Scout Camps. A page of helpful ideas from anyone, anywhere.

## THE DUFFEL BAG

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

#### Form a Senior Patrol

The 1st Thornhill, Ont., Troop, has formed a senior Patrol with the Scouter as Patrol Leader, the Troop Leader as Patrol Second and the Patrol Leaders as members of the Patrol. It is called "The Chief's Patrol" and the object of its formation is to have a unit where advanced training can be given to the junior leaders.

#### Appointment of Interest

G HE appointment of W. J. Bennett of Montreal, as Director of Ambulance and Commandery Commissioner of the St. John's Ambulance Association is of interest to Scouters generally. Mr. Bennett has given valuable service to Scouting in Montreal, where he directed First Aid Training for the Boy Scouts Association and acted as examiner for hundreds of Scouts. He kept our Movement in constant touch with new techniques developed in First Aid, and it will be recalled that in the October issue of The Leader Mr. Bennett's summary of new methods in the treatment of shock appeared.

#### Winnipeg Swimming Programme

INNIPEG District Association carries on its swimming programme through three special classes. Beginners join the "Greenhorns' Class" the tests involved being 1 width (15 yards) breast stroke, 2 widths, two lengths (50 yards), one width, back stroke without arms, two widths back stroke, 3 lengths free style, floating on back, 30 seconds. Having completed these tests the candidate graduates into the "Deep Enders' Class." In this class the Scout must swim 100 yards breast stroke, 50 yards back stroke and 250 yards free style. He must also swim 50 yards with his clothes on, 15 yards under water, pick an object from the bottom at eight foot depth, and have passed the swimmer's badge. From here he goes into the "Experts and Rescuers' Class." Requirements in this section are 440 yards free style, plain, jackknife, backward the single flip dives, four methods of rescuing; three methods of release, know the Schaeffer method and pass the Rescuer's Badge. When a Scout graduates from this course he knows pretty well all an expert swimmer should know.

#### Welcome Him Home

IN IAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE Scouts, hearing that one of their former pals, Cpl. Leonard Keith of the R.C.A.F., was coming home from overseas, went to his home and decorated it with flags and bunting and a big "Welcome" sign.

#### Scout Field Men Required

THERE are at present openings in the organization for three full time Scout field men, for which applications are invited from experienced and fully qualified Scouters. Applicants must be men of high character, imbued with the true spirit of Scouting and a desire to serve Canada and the Movement, Applications should include these details: Age (25 to 45), health, Selective Service classification, family status, Scouting record, other boys' work if any, church connection, education (at least Senior Matriculation or its equivalent), salary expected. Apply in first instance to Mr. John A. Stiles, Chief Executive Commissioner, Boy Scouts Association, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa.

#### Good Wishes to the Chief

DORD SOMERS, Chief Scout of the British Empire, will celebrate his birthday on March 20th, and the good wishes of all Cubs, Scouts and Scouters in Canada will go across the seas to him at that time. Lord Somers has not been well during the past year and recently underwent a serious operation. His birthday greetings from Canada will of course contain every good wish for an early and complete recovery.

#### Troop Makes Furniture

Bower of Alberta reports that at Donalda, Alberta, the Troop was spending its Saturday mornings making furniture. They obtain orders and have permission to work in the school workshop. The Troop is averaging \$15.00 each Saturday and the money is being used to re-equip their hall and finance summer and week-end camps.

#### Yes-Make a Hat Rack

SPARE time activity for the 2nd Guelph, Ont., Troop was the making of a hat rack for Scout hats. The boys were instructed to take two-flat boards, and to cut a circle out of the middle of one to fit over the crown of the hat. In each corner they were told to use a wing nut to screw up the rack. It was suggested that wing nuts would be obtained from old tennis racquet frames.

#### Polish Essay Contest

The American-Canadian Branch of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences is offering prizes of \$150, \$100 and \$50 for the best essays in the field of Polish history and culture. The contest is open to all residents of Canada, and papers should contain 6,000 to 8,000 words, written in English or French. The competition closes on October 15th, 1944. Full particulars may be obtained by writing the Institute's office, McGill University, Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, Que.

#### Helping a Troop Get Started

BIRTY-FIVE members of the Grimsby, Ont., Troop, journeyed to Winona to attend the first meeting of a new Scout Troop in that town. The new Scoutmaster, Jeff Hambrook, was officially invested and then in turn invested his Patrol Leaders. Grimsby Scouts presented the new Troop with the Patrol colours, and a Grimsby Scout was privileged to present Patrol Leaders' stripes to those invested.

#### Sea Scout Troop Prize Begrimed Corvette Ensign

FIRST Port Credit Sea Scouts are justly proud of a begrimed, torn and smoked naval ensign which now adorns Ghomoc House, their headquarters. It was presented to them recently by leading Signaller Howard Cousins, a former member of the Troop, and one of seventeen from the Troop now serving in the forces. The flag came from the Corvette Algoma, which has taken part in extensive convoy work. For five full days at one period it was under attack by submarines in force. No wonder the Port Credit Sea Scouts say that the ensign will be treasured as long as the Troop exists.