



## SCOUTERS FROM MEXICO AND

SCOUT Leaders from Mexico and El Salvador in Central America paid an international goodwill visit to Canada during the first week of April and were immensely pleased with what they saw of Scouting in this country. The visitors were Mario Alfonso de la Parra, District Commissioner for

the Inter American Youth Training Project, a division of the Boy Scouts of America, and they were accompanied by C. Glynn Fraser, Director of the Project, who by the way is a native Canadian.

Arriving in Toronto by plane, they visited the Toronto headquarters dur-

During their two day stay in Ottawa they were officially welcomed by Mayor Stanley Lewis, himself an invested Scout, were guests of Dominion Headquarters at lunch; visited the Central Experimental Farm; in the evening visited an Ottawa Pack, the 24th, and an Ottawa Troop, the 42nd; and closed the first day with a reception by the Latin American Group of Carleton College.

The highlight of their Ottawa visit,



LATIN AMERICAN SCOUT LEADERS ARE SEEN BEING WELCOMED AT DOMINION HEADQUARTERS BY MAYOR STANLEY LEWIS OF OTTAWA. LEFT TO RIGHT, JULIO ALCAINE, EL SALVADOR; A. D. BEATTIE, D.H.Q.; ALFONSO DE LA PARRA, MEXICO CITY; W. L. CURRIER, JR., D.H.Q.; MAYOR LEWIS; C. GLYNN FRASER, BOY SCOUTS OF

AMERICA; PADRE ANTONIO GARCIA, EL SALVADOR; E. L. CALLOW, DISTRICT SECRETARY; PABLO E. MADERO, MEXICO CITY; ALVIN SCHRYER, OTTAWA DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, AND FATHER HEBERT, FOUNDER OF THE FRENCH-CANADIAN SCOUTS IN OTTAWA, WHO ACTED AS COMPANION TO PADRE GARCIA.

Mexico City; Palbo Emilio Madera, Asst. Commissioner for Mexico City; Padre Juan Antonio Garcia Artola, Chaplain General of the Scouts of El Salvador, and Julio Alcaine, also of El Salvador.

These leaders had been taking a training course under the auspices of

ing their three hour stay in that city and were entertained by the Toronto Association. The same night they flew to Ottawa where they were met by a Dominion Headquarters official.

not included in the summary above, was an invitation to have tea with His Excellency the Governor-General, Chief Scout for Canada, and the Princess

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## EL SALVADOR VISIT CANADA



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## Scouting and the Cadet Movement

A NUMBER of Scouters in Canada have expressed concern about the effect of the Cadet movements, Navy, Army and Air, on the future of the Boy Scout Movement. They wonder if the organizations are to become competing groups in the field of boys' work after the war.

We doubt very much if the cadet groups will affect the usefulness of the Scout Movement. Two of them, the Army and Navy cadets existed before the war, and apparently did not interfere in any way with Scouting. The new Air Cadet Movement, which has grown very largely during the war, intends also to carry on after the war. The tremendous growth of the three cadet movements is a natural by-product of the war. It is natural that young men, nearing military age, should wish to join with organizations which exist to train boys for specific branches of the armed forces. When the war is over there will continue to be Navy Cadets, Army Cadets and Air Cadets, but their peace-time appeal is not likely to be the same as the wartime appeal.

Scouting differs from any of these Movements in that its whole programme is wider and more varied. A well trained Scout will do well in any of the services. He has been trained in many things which will be of value, whatever service he inclines toward. But that training was given primarily for another purpose—the purpose of good citizenship. Scouting has an appeal that no organization dedicated to a specific single purpose can possibly have.

When the war is over boys will only join the forces cadets where they intend to follow a career in one of the three services. The Scout Movement is not in competition with the cadets, nor is it a parallel organization. Air

Cadets for instance train for a vocation connected with aviation. The number that will join in postwar years will depend on the opportunities in aviation. It will depend too on how soon the thousands of young men now in the air force can be absorbed into the aviation industry, either as pilots, air crew, or ground crew. The same reasoning applies in smaller measure to the other two cadet groups.

Scouting on the other hand will continue to have its old appeal. Through its proficiency badge system it gives boys an insight into many vocations. Many hundreds of Scouts have decided on their life's work through interest aroused in earning a proficiency badge. Scouting thus presents vocational opportunities no cadet organization can possibly offer, unless

## B.-P. Said

PERSONALLY I fear there is the danger that a kind of synthetic Scouting may creep into our training in place of the natural article described in *Scouting for Boys*. I would urge D.C.s to watch out for this in course of their inspections and correct the tendency where they spot it. By 'synthetic Scouting' I mean the Scout system obscured by overclothing the natural form with rules and instructive literature, tending to make what originally was, and should be, an open-air game into a science for the Scouter and a school curriculum for the boy."

B.-P.'s Outlook, Aug., 1936.

it was to adopt the Scout programme holus-bolus.

We are sure that Scouting will show a tremendous expansion after the war. Thousands of young leaders will be returning to rejoin the ranks of the Movement, and thousands more who have become leaders during the war will want to continue. The Cub section has shown a steady increase in membership, and this will provide a sound foundation upon which to build. Scores of Scout leaders serving in the armed forces have taken time out to train and educate themselves for post-war leadership.

Nowhere in the world has the cadet movement grown to such an extent as it has in Great Britain, and yet at the same time that country saw an increase in Boy Scout Membership of 59,000 last year. In Canada, which has witnessed its greatest development of cadets in the past twelve months there was likewise an increase in Scout membership.



## To Higher Service

Sgt. Pilot John C. Crump, 21, RC AF, Cub, 22nd Regina Pack; Scout, England.

Flt. Sgt. George E. Daniels, 22, RCAF, 21st Toronto Pack, 19th Aberdeen, Scotland, Troop.

WO2 Donald H. DeS Grover, 23, RCAF, King's Scout, 79th Toronto; ASM and ACM 124th Toronto Group, Acting ACM 5th Kirkland Lake and Acting CM 6th Kirkland Lake.

Flt. Sgt. Gerald E. Hagerman, 20, RCAF, King's Scout, P.L., 33rd Saint John (Centenary) Troop.

FO William H. Jacobs, 23, RCAF, Cub, 40th Toronto, Cub, Scout and Rover, 10th Toronto (Wychwood) Group.

Sgt. AG Howard Murray Reid, 21, RCAF, Alameda, Sask., Troop.

WO Allan N. Rice, 21, RCAF, Cub, Scout, ACM 91st Toronto Group.

Sgt. Ob. Frank J. B. Scrimes, 24, RCAF, Scout, 21st Saskatoon, ASM 14th Regina.

PO Gordon W. Young, 25, RCAF, Cub and Scout, 79th Toronto Group.

## Now Prisoner of War

Sgt. F. Hubbs, RCAF, 1st Sudbury Troop, reported in February *Scout Leader* presumed dead. Now reported safe as Prisoner of War.

## War Decorations

### Distinguished Flying Cross

S/L Frank W. Parker, 24, RCAF, Cub, Scout, Rover, ASM, 37th Winnipeg Group.

FO Lorne T. Pritchard, 22, RCAF, Cub and 1st Class Scout, 12th Moose Jaw Group.

PO Gordon W. Young, 25, RCAF, Cub and Scout, 79th Toronto Group.

### Distinguished Flying Medal

Sgt. AG William J. Walton, 21, RC AF, Cub, 51st Toronto, PL, TL, and ASM 155th Toronto Troop.

REMEMBER SCOUTING IS AN  
OUTDOOR GAME  
GO CAMPING THIS SUMMER



## Opportunities for Training

"OUR training is largely by example." Yes, that's another quotation from B.-P. on page 308 of *Scouting for Boys*. This means example in character and example in the technical side of Scouting. The best means of being an example in the latter, is to prepare one's self for the task. This can best be done through a Gilwell Training Course. The various Provincial Councils have prepared to stage a number of Gilwell courses this summer. Even if you are a good Scouter, a Gilwell course will help to make you a better one. Plan to take one of the courses listed below.

### GILWELL CAMP DATES



#### Akela

BRITISH COLUMBIA—Victoria—Starting Aug. 5th.

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

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

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

ONTARIO—Blue Springs—Aug. 5th to 12th.

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

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

#### Scout

BRITISH COLUMBIA—Victoria—Starting Aug. 12th.

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

Waterton Lakes—Aug. 10th to Aug. 20th.

SASKATCHEWAN—Lebret—July 10th to 20th.

ONTARIO—Blue Springs—July 17th to 28th.

QUEBEC—Tamaracouta—Aug. 5th to 13th.

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

CAPE BRETON—July 29th to Aug. 12th.

#### Junior Leaders

ALBERTA—Dates to be decided.

SASKATCHEWAN—Garner Park—July 3rd to 8th; Beaver Creek—Aug. 2nd to 9th.

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



3RD HALIFAX TROOP'S CAMP ICE BOX AT GLEN HAVEN N.S. THIS BOX, BUILT INTO THE SIDE OF A BANK USED ONLY ONE PIECE OF ICE EVERY THREE OR FOUR DAYS. READ DESCRIPTION IN JUNE LEADER.

## CORRECTION In Rationing Regulations

IN THE April issue of *The Scout Leader* an error appeared in the rationing instructions for Scout camps. The article stated that coupons must be collected from each Scout or Cub attending camp for a full week or more. This should have read that coupons must be collected from a Scout or Cub attending camp for 14 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OR MORE. Scouters are asked to make a note of this change.

HAVE YOUR SCOUTS ASSIST IN  
THE VICTORY LOAN DRIVE

## A New Way to Make Money

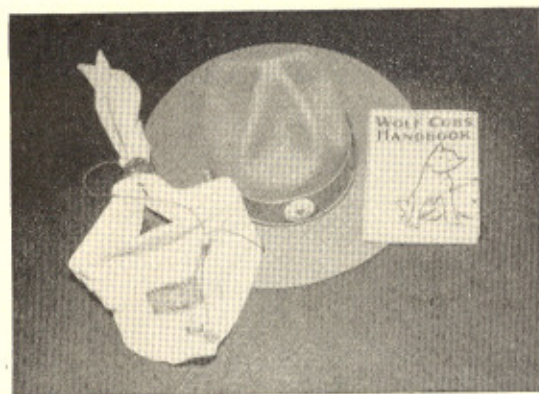
AT Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., the Scouts have found a new way to make money. They are collecting old bicycle inner tubes which they are reselling in the form of rubber bands. Due to the current shortage of bands there is a ready market for them. The Scouts are charging 25 cents per 100 and \$2.00 per thousand for them.

THE TROOP WHICH CLOSES  
DOWN FOR THE SUMMER IS  
MISSING THE BEST TIME  
FOR SCOUTING

## Visit a Shut-in on June 4th

HERE is a new opportunity for an annual Boy Scout "Good Turn." Sunday, June 4th, is International Shut-in's Day. In many countries an effort will be made to visit every person confined to their home or the hospital through illness. The plan has the approval and support of such eminent people as Prime Minister Churchill, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and numerous organizations such as the Churches, the Canadian Legion, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Service Clubs, and many other national and international groups. It has the full approval of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association. The sole object of the day is to encourage remembrance of the sick and disabled. Shut-in's Day comes at a time when most of us are able to get out and enjoy the beauties of nature in the great outdoors. To shut-ins this privilege is denied. Their lot can be made a whole lot happier by a visit from a Scout or Cub in uniform. Scouters are asked to join in this nation-wide observance and start this year by making a visit to a shut-in an annual Good Turn. International Shut-in's Day is Sunday, June 4th.





## PRACTICAL CUBBING

### *What About Cub Singsongs?*

By

CPL. J. E. HALE, R.A.F.

SINGSONGS in the Pack programme, for some reason or other, seem to be used as little as possible by some Cubmasters, and yet such a lot of enjoyment may be derived from them. It has been my privilege to visit a good many Packs since I joined the Movement, and I have almost invariably found that the keenest Packs are the Packs where a campfire sing-song is a regular part of the weekly programme.

It seems evident that most youngsters themselves like to "have a go" at singing, and it is up to Cubmasters to see that they have the opportunity. One doesn't have to have a flair for singing to be a good song leader. One of the most successful boys' choir directors in England some years ago, had a voice less musical than that of a frog, but his choir boys sang like angels.

Most folk who find it impossible to pitch a song correctly can usually learn to play a mouth organ quickly, and this acts as an excellent substitute. (Of course the job today is to get the mouth organ). A tuning fork has been known to provide the necessary fillip for a Cubmaster to introduce singsongs in a Pack programme, or a piano can be used as a last resort. This latter of course tends to lose the campfire atmosphere.

However, let us assume that we are going to introduce singing in the Pack and are out to get the right atmosphere. An artificial fire can be made quite readily with a few sticks, some red crepe paper and a light bulb. To make it even more realistic you might burn a bit of incense inside to get the smoke effect. The moon may be introduced by covering a light with a box, from which has been cut a moon crescent covered with white paper. Now all that is necessary is to decide on the songs which are easily memorized and have catchy tunes as well.

Action songs seem to be general favourites with most boys, so let us start with a few. "Row, Row, Row your boat," is a song known by almost every boy, and is a good one to begin with. The action is simply rowing to the rhythm of the song. Let them repeat the words once or twice first before singing the song. (Perhaps it should be mentioned here that the use of song sheets should be discouraged. They take up too much attention which should be on Akela).

Parodies, if they are in good taste, are sometimes more easily learned than the original song, so here is one to the tune of Row your Boat

Soap, soap, soap and towel,  
Towel and water please;  
Busily, busily, busily, busily,  
Scrub your dirty knees.

The Soldiers' Chorus from Faust has been parodied a good many times. Most boys know Incy Wincy Spider. It goes like this:

Incy, Wincy, Spider,  
Climbing up the spout,  
Down came the rain,  
And washed the spider out.  
Out came the sunshine,  
Dried up all the rain,  
Incy, wincy, spider,  
Climbing up again.

One of the best of this Soldiers' Chorus group is this one:

Oh Jemima, look at your Uncle Jim,  
He's in the duck-pond learning how to swim,  
First he does the breast-stroke, now he does the side,  
Now he's under the water, swimming against the tide.

Actions for this latter are: 1. On "Look" you point to an imaginary duck-pond; 2. At "breast-stroke" and "side" imitate the swimming strokes; and 3. At "swimming against the tide" flail your arms about in a helpless fashion. This is always a happy choice.

Other action songs which capture the imagination of Cubs include Susie, The Crocodile, Dinah, Three Wood-pigeons, Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree, the Elephant's Parade, and others. Many of them will be found in *Campfire Programmes* by Frank Sams.

After a few weeks singing easy songs without song sheets the Cubs will have



BETWEEN COURSES AT THE MOTHER AND SON BANQUET STAGED RECENTLY BY THE SALVATION ARMY PACK AT GALT, ONT. A GRAND WAY TO KEEP MOTHERS INTERESTED IN PACK ACTIVITIES.



progressed sufficiently for Akela to try something more difficult. Sea chanties and plantation songs provide plenty of material which will prove interesting and enjoyable to the Cub, even if they have to be learned from song-sheets.

In many instances you will find a Cub who has the ability to lead. Music is being given much prominence in the schools these days, and children are often given the opportunity to lead.

If singsongs have been rather neglected lately in your Pack, why not decide to do something about it?

EDITOR'S NOTE: On the subject of Cubs leading singsongs, we recall seeing at a school concert in Ottawa recently a little boy, and a little girl, both under six, lead a large rhythm band of some 30 pieces with all the confidence of a band conductor.

## Cub Promise is Theme of Pack Meeting

**6.30 Assembly of Pack.** Roll call, dues (bones).

**6.40 Grand Howl**

Baloo—Pack, Pack, Pack.

Pack—Come into rock circle and form parade circle

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

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

Sixer—Gives signals for Pack Down and Grand Howl.

Cub Silence. Prayer. Announcements.

**6.50 Inspection (Teeth—Fangs)**

**6.55 Game (Instructive) Book Balancing**—To help Cubs walk straight with shoulders back and head erect. **Message Boys**—Sixes or teams of equal numbers in Indian file, each leading player toeing starting line and balancing 3 books on head and holding a bean bag. At other end of room and facing each team is small chalk circle in which reposes bean bag. On word GO each leading player proceeds to circle facing his team and exchanges bean bags. He then returns to starting line and transfers books and bean bag to next player. Game is continued until each player has covered course. If player drops book or books from head, touches a book with his hand



UNDER COMMISSIONER J. F. SPITTLEHOUSE, CUBBING IN PORT ARTHUR, ONT., HAS SHOWN A REMARKABLE GROWTH. BEST PROOF IS THIS PICTURE OF THE CUB LEADERS OF TODAY (FOUR NOT PRESENT). TWO YEARS AGO THERE WERE ONLY FOUR CUB LEADERS IN THE CITY. IT CAN BE DONE.

or does not place bean bag completely within circle, he goes back to starting line and commences again. Team to finish first wins.

**7.05 Jungle Story** (Read or tell same) pages 22-31, end when Bagheera tells Mowgli to get the red flower. Kipling's *Jungle Book*, Mowgli's Brothers.

**7.15 Jungle Play (Dance of Baloo)**—(See Programme Suggestions re this variation).

**7.30 Pack Instruction**—I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and the King. (See *Wolf Cub's Handbook*, pages 45-54). *My best*—A Cub does not give up easily but keeps on until he makes some kind of a job of what he is doing. *Duty to God*—Remember God in all you do. He is big Akela or Father to whom we can go with our troubles by prayer. *Duty to King*—Empire like Pack, each country a Six, King is Akela over all. Obey traffic rules, keep city clean, obey laws of country, help in any good work that is organized to help our fellow men. Stand at alert when "God Save the King" is played.

**7.40 Game (Fun) Snatch Scalps**—Pack in 2 lines, 1 to 12 feet apart, representing 2 bands of Indians. Cap or object in centre on floor representing white settler. Lines are numbered from right. On GO, No. 1's of each line run up keeping to their own side and try to snatch cap and get it back over their own line without being caught. If they get caught it counts for other side, and if they get the cap safely it counts for their side. Akela calls numbers in turn so that all have a try.

**7.50 Story on Promise (Do my best)**—"The Minstrel who did his Best"

from *Potted Stories*, page 157.

**8.00 Grand Howl**

Baloo—Alone in centre by totem saying "This is the hour pride and power, Talon and tusk and claw; Oh, hear the call! Good hunting all, That keeps the Jungle Law." Repeats Law. Pack, Pack, Pack.

Pack—Form parade circle.

Akela—Enters parade circle and salutes totem.

Sixer—Gives signal for Pack Down and Grand Howl.

Prayer.

Wood and water, Wind and Tree, Jungle Favour go with thee. Good night, Pack—Good hunting.

## Observation Test for Cubs

CUBMASTER J. D. Sills tried this observation on the 1st Neepawa, Man., Pack with considerable success. While his Cubs were busy at the mystery programme outlined in the December issue of *The Leader* Akela Sills slipped out and garbed himself as an Italian fruit vendor resplendent in old shirt, moustache, ear-rings, and bandana. He then entered the Den with a tray on which were two apples, an orange, onion, carrot, potato, bag of candy, and bag of peanuts. He stood in front of each six for one minute, carrying on a conversation in broken English. He then left the room, and when he returned a few minutes later as Akela, the Cubs had to write down anything they remembered about his costume, what they saw on the tray, and any of the conversation they remembered. It went over big, Akela Sills tells us.



# CARRYING ON



Cut—Courtesy Harvester World.

BETWEEN THESE TWO SCOUTS 434 HOURS OF WAR SERVICE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO A VARIETY OF CAUSES. HERE EDWARD MCKENDRICK, 14, AND BRUCE GLEDHILL, 12, ARE SEEN PACKING SETS FOR THE MOBILE BLOOD DONOR SERVICE. BRUCE AND EDWARD WERE RECENTLY AWARDED THE GILT CROSS FOR GALLANTRY. THEY SAVED BRUCE'S GRANDMOTHER FROM DROWNING LAST SUMMER.

## Renfrew Sells Stamps

Renfrew, Ont., Boy Scouts under Scoutmaster Rod Fraser, sold \$746.25 worth of War Savings Stamps in a recent drive. Two Scouts, Barry MacKerracher and Wayne Spooner had sales in excess of \$100, the former selling \$201.50 and the latter \$179.00.

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Scouts and Cubs continue to give splendid service in providing medicine bottles for the armed services. Scouts at New Glasgow, N.S., collected 1,500 bottles and Cubs of the 24th Ottawa Pack collected 1,075.

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## Play Important Part in Stamp Drive

Reports continue to reach us of the fine support given by Scouts to the War Savings Stamp Drive. Commissioner Fred Cairns of Niagara Falls reports that the Scouts there sold \$563.50 worth of stamps, while Scouts assisting in the Vancouver campaign sold over \$500 worth. Hamilton Scouts were also active and latest reports show that they sold stamps to the value of \$844.

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## Council Praises Scouts

At a regular meeting of the Timmins, Ont., Town Council recently, several aldermen voiced words of praise for the efforts of the Boy Scouts of the town in the collection of waste fats. In their most recent canvass the Scouts collected another 700 pounds despite very bad weather. Two thousand pounds were rendered from this and other recent collections.

## Again the Call for Waste Paper

**ONCE** again the National Salvage Committee appeals for a redoubling of effort in the drive for waste paper. Canadian paper mills are running 4,000 tons a month short of what they require to fill contracts for containers to ship food, ammunition, blood plasma, medical and other supplies to the fighting forces. No one is better equipped to handle this important piece of work than the Boy Scouts. In some parts of the country the Scouts have a magnificent record in the paper salvage drive. In other parts Scouts have done nothing about it. The need for scrap metals and rubber are no longer great, but the need for rags and waste paper is more urgent than ever. With the Second Front in the offing and the war entering its most vital stage, this is no time for Scouts to sit back and neglect their wartime duties. The Government is appealing most strongly for waste paper. Let us show the Government that the Boy Scouts Association can meet the challenge and put this drive over the top.

## Stratford Still on the Job

Stratford, Ont., Scouts continue their fine record in the paper salvage campaign. In their monthly drive in April between 13 and 14 tons of paper, magazines and cardboard was collected. Sixty-five Scouts and Cubs assisted in the drive. During the day lady leaders of the 3rd Central United Pack served hot chocolate to the workers.

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At Essex, Ont., Scouts sold \$204.75 worth of War Savings Stamps as their Boy Scout Week Good Turn.

VISIT A SHUT-IN ON  
SUNDAY, JUNE 4th

## South Porcupine Shows How It May Be Done

South Porcupine, Ont., Scouts have collected more than one quarter of a million pounds of salvage since the outbreak of war. This includes paper, rags, metals and rubber. Not content with this exceptional record the Scouts continue regular collections. From the proceeds of the sale of this salvage they have donated \$400 to various war charities in the district, and the balance of the money has been used to further Scout interests, including camping. Groups looking for a means of helping both the war effort and themselves might well follow the example of South Porcupine and conduct regular collections of salvage. Not only is the need very great, but it is an admirable way of enriching Group funds.

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In a one day drive, 180 Vancouver Boy Scouts sold War Savings Stamps to the value of \$1,069.

A CORRESPONDENCE COURSE  
A GILWELL CAMP  
A TRAINED SCOUTER

## Horticulturists Help Scouts

J. P. REED of the Sault Ste. Marie Horticultural Society announced recently that members of the Society would be glad to coach Scouts and Cubs in the work necessary to gain their Gardener proficiency badges. The society, to encourage Scouts to have Victory Gardens, offered to provide the seed at approximately half the regular price.

START RE-READING B.-P.'s  
SCOUTING FOR BOYS  
ON MAY 24th



## Church Magazine Reviews "Cubmaster's First Year"

THE CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, official magazine of the Church of England in Canada reviews *The Cubmaster's First Year* thusly: "Offered as a companion volume to the classic *Wolf Cubs Handbook*, this fat, pocket size volume answers the specific problems of the Canadian who undertakes Cub Pack leadership for the first time. In large part it comprises a digest of vital, helpful articles which appeared in *The Scout Leader*, and ranges as far afield as Australasia in search of additional helpful hints.

"Every angle of Cubbing, from 'Cubbing and the Church' to Pack Finance, from the Six System to Cubmaster training courses are dealt with in clear brisk style. Profusely illustrated with sketches and photos, it is commanding a nation-wide sale. We advise every Cubber, potential and active, to secure a copy before it sells out."

## Cub Games

By CPL. J. E. HALE, R.A.F.

### Shopkeepers

SIXES in relay files, squatting on floor, with Sixer in front of each six. Each six is numbered, starting with Sixers as No. 1. Three bean bags are placed, two some distance in front and to the side of the files, and another behind the files. They represent three stores, a drugstore, grocery and hardware. Akela calls an article which is obtainable at one of these stores, i.e., butter, and also a number, i.e., No. 4. Each Cub holding this number jumps up and goes to the store where butter may be purchased, the first Cub reaching there grabbing the bean bag, securing a point for his Six. No prompting can be allowed by the six where to go for the article. It is a good plan to change the type of store occasionally.

### Foreign Shopkeepers

Each six squatting in Indian file, the Sixer being about 10 yards in front of the rest of the six, facing the six. The Pack then goes for a ride in an aeroplane which develops engine trouble and lands them in a wild and desolate country known as Jitteraria. Fortunately the spot is quite near a town and the Cubs have to go off in search of food and other necessities. Naturally the Jitterarians, (Sixers) do not understand English so the Cubs

have to mimic what they want. Suggested articles are mugs, bread, soap, bananas, chairs, tables, towels, etc., etc. Each Six has to buy the same articles and the Cubs visit the shopkeeper one at a time. The first Six to order the articles correctly wins.

### "Goodmorning, Mrs. Jingle"

A game for out of doors or a large room. Mrs. Jingle (usually the Cubmaster) is a dear old soul who is visited by the Pack. On arrival the Cubs say "Goodmorning, Mrs. Jingle" to which Mrs. Jingle replies "Goodmorning, Wolf Cubs." "What are you making, Mrs. Jingle?" ask the Cubs; the reply is "A stew, for a nice, big, fat Wolf Cub." At the word 'wolfcub' Mrs. Jingle chases the Pack and if any Cubs are caught they assist Mrs. Jingle to catch the rest of the Pack when they visit her again. If out in the open boundaries should be arranged before playing the game so that the Cubs know when they are 'safe'; in the Pack Den they are safe if they reach the opposite wall. The number of adjectives between 'nice' and 'wolfcub' should be changed frequently. A good game for letting off steam.

## First Aid Contest for Cubs Popular Winnipeg Annual Event

THE end of March brought to our desk the annual report of the Hesketh First Aid Contest for Cubs in Winnipeg. A resume of this event might prove helpful as a means of interesting Cubs in the First Aider Badge.

Col. Hesketh was many years ago Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Manitoba. During that period he presented a flag for annual competition between Cub Packs in first aid work. Down through the years this flag has kept up a lively interest in first aid among Winnipeg Packs. This year it was won by the 42nd St. Chrysostom's Anglican Pack, with 26th Rosedale United, in second place and the 5th Beulah Baptist, in third place.

This year's competition drew a record entry of 179 Cubs of which 175 secured their First Aider Badge through the examinations which are conducted by the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Twenty-nine teams of five boys each, and 34 individual entrants made up the list. Since the inception of this competition 2,380 First Aider Badges have been passed.

## Every Scout Should See This Victory Loan Film

THE Motion Picture Section of the War Finance Committee has asked the Boy Scouts Association to urge every Scouter to see that their Scouts and Cubs see the motion picture "The Shining Future" which will play at practically every Canadian theatre during the 6th Victory Loan campaign. This two reel picture, produced in Hollywood especially for the loan, features such stars as Bing Crosby, Deanna Durbin, Benny Goodman and his Orchestra, Cary Grant, Harry James, Jimmy Lydon, Herbert Marshall, Dennis Morgan, Charles Ruggles, Frank Sinatra and several others. The story is an imaginative glimpse into the life of a Canadian family in 1960 when all the inventions predicted in 1944 become commonplace. By urging their boys to see this picture, and by seeing it themselves Scouters will be rendering yet another service in the Victory Loan campaign.



THE CROW PATROL DINES IN STATE AT A MARITIME GILWELL CAMP. ARE YOU TAKING A GILWELL COURSE THIS SUMMER?

YOU'LL BE A BETTER LEADER  
THIS FALL IF YOU TAKE A  
GILWELL COURSE THIS  
SUMMER



## Alberta Commissioners Hear Plea for Return to B.-P. Outdoor Scouting

IN January, Alberta's Commissioners met in conference at High River and gave much time to discussions on Scouting problems in that province.

One of the most thought provoking addresses delivered at the conference was that by District Commissioner F. G. Forster of Lethbridge. We quote rather fully from this address, because it deals so thoughtfully and so adequately with some of the problems which are engaging the attention of Scouters all over Canada.

### Trend of Training

"During recent years Scout training has grown so that it now comprises special courses for Patrol Leaders, Scout Leaders, Cub Leaders and now Commissioners. Evidence seems to indicate that all this training is necessary, but in proper perspective it is secondary. The training of primary importance to our Movement is that which takes place within the Troop.

"Let us first consider the Chief's idea of Scouting. Briefly it was this. A game, for the outdoors. The spirit of adventure was a predominant feature of this game . . . the greatest appeal of the game. In this game a boy's ability as being a Tenderfoot, or Second Class or First Class. Outstanding boy was classed according to merit and qualifications were recognized by special badges of proficiency."

### The Trend of Scouting

Commenting on changes in Scouting, Mr. Forster dealt with some that were not good.

"First, there is the tendency with both leaders and interested persons to make Scouting easier for the boys. In our misplaced kindness we are doing many things for the boys they would be better off doing for themselves.

"We have the paradox of the Group Committee . . . unhappily . . . assuming duties once left to the boys. Nowadays when a Troop goes to camp, the only exertion required of the Scouts is to show up at the Scout Hall with kits. The Group Committee has arranged the transportation, raised part or all of the money, bought the food, collected the equipment, chosen the campsite and done everything except the camping. In some cases they are provided with a cook.

"Time was when the prospect of a camp was the main spring of Troop activity for nearly a year before the

actual event. If the Troop wanted a camp it was the boys who raised the money, scrounged equipment and transportation and chose the site. Those were the days when Troops did not lose the older boys—because each was doing a man-size job.

"Still another change which has come over Scouting is our present practice of condoning laxity in formal Troop discipline. We have intentionally modified its interpretation in accordance with the demand of public opinion.

"This we know has been made to convince the public we are not giving army training. Marching, or how to march is hardly mentioned, and verbal

stating its survival on the merits of such training. However, I do believe we can regain some of our lost vitality by re-adapting some of its suitable features to our use."

### Compromising Standards

"Another change . . . is a prevalent willingness to compromise with lower standards. Many a Scoutmaster has a second class Troop because he does not exert further effort. It would be much easier, he argues, if the First Class test were reduced. It is also much easier to pardon Scouts appearing half dressed than to insist on full uniform. The latest step in this direction is the recent decision permitting leaders to wear slacks. It used to be a precept that leaders set an example for their boys."

### For the Future

Continuing, Mr. Forster had this to say about the attention we must pay



Sgt. AG W. J. WALTON  
ASM 155th Toronto  
Awarded D.F.M.

PO GORDON W. YOUNG  
79th Toronto Group  
Awarded D.F.C.

S/L FRANK W. PARKER  
ASM 37th Winnipeg  
Awarded D.F.C.

orders and foot drill are greatly discouraged. If we assume that these in themselves mean little, we are wrong. They are some of the outward signs of that invisible discipline which was the very heart of Scouting—self discipline the kind that comes from the inside out. The type of discipline that comes from a Scout knowing it is the right thing to do, obeying orders without question, and playing the game first without first trying to change the rules. The irony of it all is that boys really like this military smartness. It appeals to their sense of adventure. Boys like to be ALL in uniform, to salute and say Sir. They like formal drill and marching when they know they can do it well. These are some of the things that make a boy feel grown up and important.

"Don't believe I am advocating a programme of military training for Scouts—even though our Empire is

to the future well-being of the Movement.

First—aim to show the Tenderfoot what he is capable of doing and becoming if he follows through to King's Scout.

Second—give him confidence in his own ability to do these things, and confidence in his own future as a necessary person.

Third—encourage him to accomplish these things.

Fourth—give him increased responsibility and demand continually higher standards of ethics and workmanship as he grows older.

Mr. Forster adds that the average boy doesn't know and cares less about just what a good citizen is. Thus it becomes necessary to make the Troop an efficient and proficient group of boys—so much so that a boy wants



to be a part of it—and in spite of himself becomes a good citizen.

He continues with the important point that Scouting is a Boys' movement and under guidance they should be the prime movers in its affairs.

He concludes by referring to Lord Baden-Powell's attitude in this manner. "It is important that we get away from the assumption that a Scout is a Scout and a Troop a Troop. According to the Chief a Scout is a FIRST CLASS SCOUT. Tenderfoot and Second Class are but steps. A tenderfoot is merely an initiated brother and a second class Scout is second class, (dictionary meaning). It naturally follows, with exceptions, that a Troop with a majority of Tenderfoot Scouts is a Tenderfoot Troop; one with a majority of First Class or better is a First Class Troop. This certainly is not the accepted attitude, and it will meet with much opposition. Nevertheless its acceptance will prove healthy and will do much to raise the condition of Scouting."

There were several other good addresses which we have not room to reproduce. Among the two dozen resolutions passed were these of more than general interest:

We recommend that Scouters be encouraged to take the Correspondence Courses before they take a Gilwell camp course.

We recommend that the attention of Scouters be directed to the importance and value of an understudy assistant, who can take over leadership when the Scouter leaves.

We recommend that a Scout leaving Scouting, graduate with the Scoutmaster's blessing and be presented with a graduation card stating his rank and proficiency.

We recommend that P.L. Training Courses take the form of week-end camps whenever possible.

## Scouters from Mexico . . .

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Alice at Government House. They were most cordially received and His Excellency and the Princess not only chatted with them for an hour, but after tea showed them through Government House, a courtesy which the visitors were not slow to appreciate.

On the second day they visited one of Canada's largest paper mills at Gatineau Mills, Que.; were received by the Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Oliver Masters; and toured the Parliament Buildings.

Later they left for Montreal where they were guests of the Montreal and

## Notes from Niagara Scouters' Conference

**A**N extremely successful Scouters' Conference was staged by Scouters of the Niagara District on March 25th at the General Brock Hotel in Niagara Falls. Field Commissioner G. H. R. Laidman, who organized the conference, and who with his associates made it such an outstanding success, reports a total attendance of 382.

The conference divided after the opening ceremonies into sectional

### Said B.-P. in 1916

**"I FIND in practice that though I wrote 'Scouting for Boys', I often forget what is in it and I find it necessary to re-read it in order to refresh my memory. That is what is the matter with me—who wrote it. How much more must this be the case with those who merely glance through it. May I ask you then, who work upon its suggestions, to do like me and read it through once a year.**

**"I should suggest a certain date which will fix itself in your memory for undertaking this penance—say, Empire Day, the 24th of May. You will then find where you have strayed from the original lines laid down."**

groups on Administration, for Association members, Committeemen and Ladies Auxiliaries; Cub, for Pack Leaders; Scout for Troop officers, and Rover, for Rover Leaders.

Gordon T. Glenney, President of the Fort Erie Association, was chairman for the Administrative Section, District Commissioner Frank Churchill of St. Catharines, for the Cub Section, District Commissioner Jim Megannety of Welland for the Scout section; and Skipper Marvin Hildreth of Fort Erie, for the Rover section.

Free and frank discussion of problems relating to the various sections was encouraged, and the conference proved most fruitful. Particularly noticeable was the able organization,

Quebec Provincial Associations. They visited Scout headquarters, Scout groups, and many of the historic shrines and churches of this ancient city, and spent a night camping near the city.

which kept the programme running smoothly throughout the day. One feature which might well be followed by others was an arrangement whereby Assistant District Commissioner Roy Sharp frequently visited the various sections, giving them a written notification of the time elapsed and the time yet available for discussion. This tended to keep the discussions moving steadily along. It might be pointed out too that the discussions were on subjects upon which questions had been previously submitted.

Officials of Dominion and Provincial Headquarters attended the conference, together with representatives of the Toronto District Staff.

The principal speaker was Judge J. G. Stanbury of the Juvenile Court of St. Catharines who told the gathering that in seven and a half years on the Juvenile bench, only one Scout had come before him, and that a search of the records of his predecessor failed to reveal the name of any Scout appearing in the court. His Honour stressed the need of every Scouter urging that his Scouts and Cubs attend Sunday School regularly. Youth was greatly in need of discipline, he pointed out, and the era of lax discipline through which we had been passing had had its effect in an increase in juvenile delinquency.

## When the Union Jack Passes Saluting Base

**T**HE question often arises as to the procedure to be followed in the saluting of the Union Jack, when it passes in parade before a saluting base. The following is offered as a suggested procedure. Check-up with military and air force officials showed that there was no definite ruling laid down in King's Regulations and Orders.

### At the Saluting Base

The person assigned to take the salute stands one pace in front of other members of the official party at the saluting base.

The inspecting officer acknowledges the salute of each unit as it passes by, while the attending officers remain at the attention.

### When the Jack Goes By

When the Union Jack passes in the parade, not only the inspecting officer, but all others at the saluting base salute. When some are in mufti these will remove their hats. Included in this order to salute are any Scouts who might be acting as a Guard of Honour at the saluting base. Ladies not in uniform, who happened to be in attendance would of course, not salute.





## AIDS TO EFFECTIVE SCOUTING

### *First Aid Night*

#### First Aid Yes or No

SCOUTMASTER Fred Spindler of the 17th Ottawa Troop has found this game very acceptable in his Troop. Each boy is given a paper and pencil and writes the numbers 1 to 10 on the left side from top to bottom. Ten questions are then asked, and the Scout answers "Yes" or "No" opposite the number of the question. When the Quiz is completed the correct answers are given and the Scout scores 2 points for each one correct. The total is then averaged according to the size of the Patrol. Here is a sample series.

- 1 Children's bones are less brittle than those of older people: (Yes)
- 2 In a puncture wound, bleeding is the only danger. (No)
- 3 Shock seldom results from fracture. (No)
- 4 Should stretcher bearers always keep in step? (No)
- 5 Rapid, strong pulse is a sign of shock? (No)
- 6 Arrested breathing should be treated before serious bleeding. (No)
- 7 When all signs of life are absent death can be assumed? (No)
- 8 Prone means face downwards? (Yes)
- 9 A red face is one sign of heat-stroke? (Yes)
- 10 In treating shock, the head should be raised? (No)

**7.30** Opening ceremonies. Flag break, Prayers, etc.

**7.40** Patrol corners. Patrol business.

**7.50** *Rousing Games*—

1. *Foot in the Ring*—Make circle of chalk on floor about 4 ft. diameter. When whistle blows boys will try to stand with both feet in circle for 1 min. When whistle blows second time all boys standing with both feet in circle get point for Patrol.

2. *Jumping Bag*—Leader swings round a rope with soft weight on end; players, in circle, jump over it as it comes round. Any touching it fall out. Pace should vary, but it should be uniformly low from the ground.

3. *Bang the Bear*—One player is the "bear" and has a balloon on his back. He has 3 safety bases and tries to make as many journeys as possible from base to base without the rest bursting his balloon with knotted scarves. If he tips off their hats they fall out "dead". The bear making the most journeys in safety in a limited time wins. Dead men come in again at each new bear.

**8.10** Patrol Leader's instruction period as arranged by Court of Honour.

**8.25** *Scout Test Games*—

1. *Telegrams*—Each Patrol is handed a "telegram" giving a list of first-aid requisites which the "sender" requires for a supposed illness or accident. The Patrols have to deduce from the articles required what kind of accident has happened.

2. *Emergencies*—Each Patrol is given a message written in signal code (or the message is signalled to them) stating that an accident has occurred at a certain place, and also stating what has happened. It also states that a gang of brigands have hidden themselves and will try and shoot the rescuers. The Patrol then collect the necessary gear and try and rescue the injured without being shot.

3. *Card Relay Race*—A number of cards are made up, one set for each Patrol, with such items as "cloves", "iodine", and so on, written one on each card, and are set in front of each Patrol. In front of the Patrols, which are formed up as for a relay race, are a number of chalked circles, or cardboard boxes, with Toothache, Burns, Stings, Cuts, and so on, written inside them. As each boy runs up he has to place one card into its correct circle or box, e.g. if card has "cloves" on it, he puts it into the circle marked "Toothache".

4. *Find the Accident*—Give each Patrol a newspaper containing the account of an accident. Patrols then report what they would have done if they had been there.

**9.00** Dismiss.



TEN MEMBERS OF THE 8TH OSHAWA SEA SCOUTS RECEIVED THEIR KING'S SCOUT BADGES AT A FATHER AND SON BANQUET. THE SCOUTS WHO HAD A SHARE IN THIS RECORD WERE, BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT, JOHN IRWIN, ROBT. KERR, SYDNEY STONE, STIRLING MORISON, JOHN BULL; FRONT ROW, BRUCE ENGLISH, ABIE BLACK, GORDON UMPHREY, GORDON DAY, BILL KARN.



# UP-TO-DATE SIGNALLING PROCEDURE

SINCE the last issue of the *First Class Scout's Book* there have been several changes in message signalling procedure as used in the Army and Navy. These, and the complete phonetic alphabet "names" now used, are given herewith, in order to standardize and bring out methods up to date.

The figure-check abbreviations (as A for 1, U for 2) are the shortened form of numerals commonly used in confirming all-figure groups where International Morse is used in radio, land line and cable communication.

## Boy Scout Signal Procedure

In order to pass messages quickly and accurately, certain rules must be laid down and adhered to very closely. These rules are known as Signal Procedure.

1. Each signal station is allotted a letter or group of letters to identify the station, and this letter or letters is known as a "call-sign".

2. **THE OFFER.** The offer is a short transmission sent to tell a station that the sender has a message for him. It consists of the call-sign of the station called, the procedure signal "V", and the call sign of the sending station. Example: CAM has a message for PNT.

### PNT V CAM

If the station is willing to accept the message he replies using "K" meaning "go ahead".

If, however, the called station is not ready to accept the message he sends "AS"—meaning "wait", followed by "K" when ready.

3. The message itself is made up of words or numbers sent as a unit and each of these units is called a *group*.

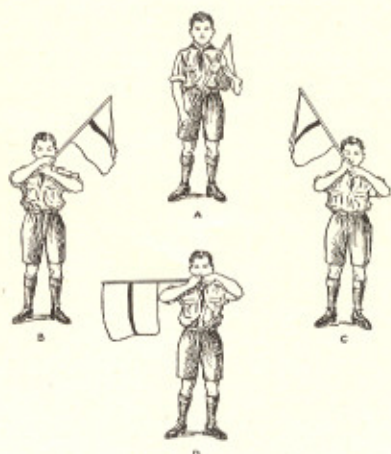
4. The receiver answers each group with the *general answer* "T" (buzzer or morse flag) or "A" (semaphore). If the receiver fails to read a group, he does not answer it, and the sender sends that group again.

5. When numbers are sent in the message the *alphabetical figure check* is used by the receiving station instead of the general answer.

### Alphabetical Figure Check

1	Checked back as	A Morse	A Semaphore
2	Checked back as	U Morse	B Semaphore
3	Checked back as	V Morse	C Semaphore
4	Checked back as	4 Morse	D Semaphore
5	Checked back as	E Morse	E Semaphore
6	Checked back as	6 Morse	F Semaphore
7	Checked back as	B Morse	G Semaphore
8	Checked back as	D Morse	H Semaphore
9	Checked back as	N Morse	I Semaphore
0	Checked back as	T Morse	K Semaphore

6. (a) **PHONETIC ALPHABET**—In order to distinguish similar sounding letters, the phonetic alphabet will be used. The letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y and Z will be pronounced ABLE, BAKER, CHARLIE, DOG, EASY, FOX, GEORGE, HOW, ITEM, JIG, KING, LOVE, MIKE, NAN, OBOE, PETER, QUEEN, ROGER, SUGAR, TARE, UNCLE, VICTOR, WILLIAM, X-RAY, YOKE and ZEBRA.



(b) Figures will be pronounced as ZERO, WUN, TOO, THUH-REE, FO-WER, FI-YIV, SIX, SEVEN, ATE, NINER, WUN-ZERO (10), WUN-WUN (11), WUN-TOO (12).

7. If the sender makes a mistake while sending a group, he will immediately send the erase signal, 8 dots (morse) or the opposite to "L" (semaphore). The sender sends that group again correctly.

8. The message may be ended:—

The sender sends: "K" to mean "End of message, expect reply."

"AR" to mean "End of message, do NOT expect reply."

The receiver sends: "R" to mean "I have received your last message."

## 9. EXAMPLES OF MESSAGES

(a) CAM sends message to PNT

CAM sends	PNT replies	MORSE	SEMAPHORE
PNT	K	K	K
scouts	T	T	A
have	T	T	A
reached	T	T	A
bridge	T	T	A
K	R	R	R

(b) Receiver misses a group. PNT misses a group in a message from CAM. He does not send "T" and CAM therefore repeats the group.

CAM sends	PNT replies	MORSE	SEMAPHORE
PNT	K	K	K
moving	T	T	A
now	—	—	—
now	T	T	A
to	T	T	A
bridge	T	T	A
K	R	R	R

(c) The sender corrects himself.

CAM sends	PNT replies	MORSE	SEMAPHORE
PNT	K	K	K
moving	T	T	A
not	T	T	A
EEEEEEEE	T	T	A
moving	T	T	A
now	T	T	A
to	T	T	A
bridge	T	T	A
K	R	R	R

(d) CAM sends messages to PNT asking for pies and expects a reply to his message.

CAM sends	PNT replies	MORSE	SEMAPHORE
PNT	AS	AS	(wait)
	K	K	(go ahead)
send	T	T	A
34	V4	V4	CD
apple	T	T	A
pies	T	T	A
K	R	R	R

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## The Scouter's Five Minutes

### Scouting in Other Lands—No. 9—France

BEFORE the Nazi occupation of France took place there were over 93,000 Scouts in that country, belonging to the three different Scout Associations—the Fédération des Eclaireurs de France, which was founded in 1911 and accepted boys of all religious denominations; the Eclaireurs Unionistes,



Eclaireurs  
Unionistes

which accepted boys of all religions, but preserved a Protestant outlook. The third Association was that of the Scouts de France, which was Catholic and the most numerous.

Scouting in France owes its introduction to the Lieutenant de Vaisseau, Nicolas Benoit.

Each of the three Associations had its own badge, but were—and are—united under the French Tricolour, and the Scout Law and Promise. Their motto is *Sois Prêt*, which means Be Prepared. The French Scout Law is a little different to ours. Instead of our ten, they have twelve laws. Nos. 9 and 10 being additional, the others are the same. Law 9 says: "Un Eclaireur est courageux, débrouillard, décidé," which means "A Scout is courageous, able to get himself out of a fix, confident." Law 10 is: "Un Eclaireur est tenace," which is "A Scout sticks to it." Stress is laid on the "Bonne action du Jour"—the Daily Good Turn.

The French Scouts who came to Britain to take refuge from the barbaric actions of the Nazis have banded themselves together into one Association and carry on their Scouting in their own Troops, under their own Leaders. Even before the war there were a Troupe de Londres (E.U.F.) in Soho, London, and a Catholic Troop (S. de F.) in another London district.



Scouts de  
France

A Scoutmaster is called "Chef," the Scout—"Eclaireur," the Wolf Cub—"Louveteau," the Rover—"Routier." The Scout is often known also as "Scout."

To return to life in France before "that man" came! Camping was open to any Scout desiring to do so. All that

was necessary was the landowner's permission, or in the case of State Controlled Forests, the permission of the official in charge. There were two "Gilwell Parks," used for training and camping purposes—Cappy and Chamarrande—now, of course, occupied by the Nazis.

France was always a land of good cooking. The French soups—made with such delicacies as goose, ham, bacon, cream, and many fish soups—were very famous. France is also famed for her magnificent wines. Her tea was not made as well as in Britain, but chocolate and coffee were par excellence. A hot drink (coffee or chocolate) and a few buttered rolls started the Frenchman off on his day's work. His main meal came at mid-day.

Before the war many British Scouts visited France and found the French people to be very obliging and ideal hosts. The most beautiful thing to a French countryman was his land, and this he tilled and cultivated by tremendously hard work.

Cycling was very popular among Scouts. Canoeing was also a favourite pastime. French Scouts, in their homeland, did not play football.

The French people enjoyed a number of festivals which are unknown to us in Canada. The most notable of these was the Grand Display of Fireworks at St. Jean, which was held on June 24th of each year, when engaged couples, who were to be married in the coming year, danced and skipped through the streets. The Maypole featured in another festival—the Battle of Flowers at Nice. In May, the gypsies of France formed a pilgrimage to march to the tomb—a statue in the sea—of their patron, Sarah l'Egyptienne.



Fédération des  
Eclaireurs de  
France

We hope it will not be long before France, with her great past, is able to live as she has lived. Her Scouts are invincible, and now (1942) in wartime are more numerous in Vichy France alone than in the entire French Empire in 1939. They live up to their motto—SOIS PRÊT. S.B.W.

### Special Offer to Scouters

THE study of nature is an absorbing hobby and one that every Cub and Scout should know something about. Often it is neglected by the leader through lack of knowledge or a good handbook on the subject. To such leaders *Canadian Nature Magazine* comes as a much needed aid, and even Scouters well-versed in nature lore will find in it a wealth of fresh information and suggestions for nature activities.

This useful and interesting magazine was founded in 1939 as a memorial and is operated as a non-commercial public service, dedicated to the cause of nature education. It is recommended for reference work and supplementary reading by Departments of Education in all nine provinces and is used in thousands of schools as an aid in the teaching of natural science.

*Canadian Nature* is published five times a year, and each issue is crammed with fascinating articles, beautiful illustrations, and ideas for activities both indoors and out. The contents are practical, scientific, and seasonal, and are planned for all parts of Canada.

This magazine is unreservedly recommended by the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association, and approved by the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America.

It is hoped that Scouters will avail themselves of this all-Canadian publication to help interest their boys in the wonders of nature. It is a most useful pocket book to take on hikes and nature trips. A subscription would make an ideal gift or prize, and *Canadian Nature* is a valuable asset for the Troop library.

In order to introduce Scouters to *Canadian Nature* the publishers are making a special offer of one year's subscription for \$1.00 (regular price \$1.25). Subscriptions should be sent to the Whittemore Publishing Co., Ltd., 177 Jarvis Street, Toronto. Be sure to mention *The Scout Leader* so that you may obtain the special discount for Scouters.

### Kiwanis Sponsor Cub Hockey

AT Sydney, N.S., the Kiwanis Club sponsored a hockey league for Wolf Cubs. The Club was divided into four teams of eight men and each team was responsible for coaching and generally encouraging a team of Cubs. Field Commissioner Bill Speed of Halifax tells us that there was as much rivalry between the Kiwanis teams as there was between the Cub teams. The Club supplied sweaters and equipment, including special hockey sticks for boys of Cub size.



## Who Owns Proficiency Badges?

USUALLY, at international gatherings of Scouts the inevitable "swapping" takes place, and the question arises, should proficiency badges be included in these "swaps." There is little harm in souvenir collecting—on the contrary it is an interesting way of learning about the Scouts of other lands. However Proficiency Badges recognize a personal proficiency in a given subject, and under no consideration should they be given away by the Scout holding them. The safest way to prevent proficiency badges getting into the hands of unauthorized people is to have the Troop retain the ownership of all badges. This can be accomplished by the simple method of the Troop, rather than the Scout paying for the badges. It is necessary in the case of King's Scout badges, which must be passed annually, and the plan should be extended to all proficiency badges. When at international gatherings Scouts swap buttons, belts, Provincial or other emblems, the Scouter should make sure that his Scouts replace the emblems swapped and that the wearing of badges other than those authorized in *P.O. & R.* be forbidden.

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## A Letter from PRINCE BERNHARDT

*Royal Commissioner of the Netherlands Boy Scouts*

77 Chester Square,  
London S.W.1, England.  
24th March, 1944.

John Stiles, Esq.,  
The Boy Scouts Association,  
306 Metcalfe Street,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Stiles,

I want to tell you how very much indeed I appreciate the gesture of the Canadian Boy Scouts to provide some Scouting books in Dutch for us and for our Boy Scouts in the now still occupied territory.

This is not only very kind and worthy of the best traditions of Scouting, but also something which will endear your people to the people of Holland after this war is over.

Your country has already done so much through your hospitality to my family and all your help to our soldiers, sailors and Merchant Navy. This gift of the Canadian Boy Scouts to ours is another proof of the real understanding between our peoples and will be a link for later days.

With my very best wishes for your movement in Canada and to yourself, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

*Bernhardt,*

Royal Commissioner,  
for the Netherlands  
Boy Scouts Association.

## Your Donations to the B.-P. CHINS-UP FUND

Will Help Send More Books to Europe

Donations being made to the Chins-Up Fund are now being used to print *Scouting for Boys* and other Scout publications in the languages of five European countries which have been over-run by the enemy. Canada is giving a billion dollars in mutual aid to our allies and to these stricken countries. This is our own Boy Scout European Postwar Reconstruction Project. Every Canadian Scout will want to have a share in this task of giving Scouting back to the conquered countries. Share in this International Good Turn.



## New Badge for Presbyterian Scouts

SECOND Class Scouts who are members or in adherence to the Presbyterian Church in Canada will have the opportunity of earning a new badge—The Religion and Life Badge. In con-



junction with and with the approval of the Dominion Executive Board of the Boy Scouts Association, the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

have planned this badge. The badge is rectangular in shape with a white St. Andrew's Cross (X) on a blue ground and is to be worn over the right shirt pocket above the Boy Scouts, Canada Badge. This form of the Cross is also the Greek symbol for Christ.

The Scout must fulfil the following conditions to the satisfaction of his minister or in the case of a vacancy or Mission Field to the satisfaction of the Interim-Moderator of the Kirk-Session:

1. Be a member of a Sabbath School (or in isolated areas a member of the Sabbath School by Post) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

2. Secure the Diploma of the Junior Memory Course and the three seals of the Intermediate Memory Course of the "Presbyterian Memory Courses."

3. Pass one annual "Bible Study Tests" supplied to Sabbath Schools by the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies—8th Floor, 100 Adelaide St. West, Toronto 1.

4. Answer Questions 86-99 in the Shorter Catechism.

5. Recite two texts as scripture proof of each answer of Questions 86-99 in the Shorter Catechism.

6. Outline the system of government of the Presbyterian Church.

7. Be able to use the Bible to locate the following passages:

1. The Word made Flesh (John 1: 1-14).
2. The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6: 9-13 and Luke 11: 1-4).
3. The Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 1-12).
4. The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7).
5. The Magnificat (Luke 1: 46-54).
6. The Nunc Dimitis (Luke 2: 29-32).

7. The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 11-32).
8. The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 30-37).
9. Paul's Hymn to Love (I Corinthians 13).
10. The Armour of God (Ephesians 6: 10-17).
11. The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20: 1-17 and Deuteronomy 5: 6-21).
12. The Mizpah (Genesis 31: 49).
13. The Aaronic Blessing (Numbers 6: 24-26).
14. The Apostolic Benediction (2 Corinthians 13: 14).
15. An Ascription of Praise (Jude 24, 25).

## Signal Procedure . . . . .

(Continued from page 127)

(e) PNT answers message from CAM requesting pies, therefore PNT DOES NOT expect a reply.

	PNT sends	CAM replies
		MORSE SEMAPHORE
CAM		K K
apple		T A
pies		T A
sent		T A
AR		R R

## 10. CALLING STATION DOES NOT KNOW THE CALL-SIGN OF THE CALLED STATION.

The "Unknown Station" sign "AA" is sent continuously by the calling station. The distant station replies by sending his call-sign. The calling station then sends his own call-sign. Example:

PNT can see the other station CAM, but does not know its call-sign. PNT establishes communication by VS.

PNT sends	CAM sends
AA AA AA	
(until answered)	
PNT	CAM

## 11. BARRED SYMBOLS

Barred symbols are indicated as follows "AR", "AA", "AS", when signalled in morse there is no pause between the barred letters, but in semaphore they are sent as a group.

## 12. PROCEDURE SYMBOLS

"A"—General answer in Semaphore.

"AA"—Used as a call-sign to communicate with a station whose call-sign is not known.

"AR"—This is the end of my transmission to you, and NO response is required or expected.

"AS"—(i) Used without an ending sign, indicates a pause of a few seconds.

(ii) Followed by "AR", "AS" means you are to wait or I am obliged to wait.

"K"—(i) Go ahead; transmit.

(ii) This is the end of my transmission to you and a response is necessary.

"R"—I have received your last message.

"T"—General answer in Morse.

"V"—From.

## Notice of Annual Meeting Canadian General Council

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association will be held at Dominion Headquarters, 306 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, on Tuesday, June 13th, 1944, at 3 p.m.

A report of the year's activities by the Executive Board will be presented and plans for the future will be discussed. Election of officers for the ensuing year will also be held at this meeting. Any Commissioner or registered Scouter who happens to be in Ottawa at that time is extended a cordial invitation to attend the meeting.



KINCARDINE, ONT., SCOUTS BELIEVE IN OUTDOOR SCOUTING. LEFT, 1ST TROOP MEMBERS ON A CRUISE ON LAKE HURON; RIGHT, 1ST AND 2ND TROOPS CAMP ON THE SHORES.



## CHINS-UP FUND TOTAL

As of April 13th, 1944

\$44,593.08



**L**ISTENING to the broadcast of His Excellency the Chief Scout during Boy Scout Week, Miss Dora E. Laine of Perrysburg, Ohio, learned about the fund to supply *Scouting for Boys* in several languages for the Scouts of Europe. She wrote to Executive Secretary Ken Jordan at Windsor telling of hearing the broadcast and adding "Would you kindly let me know to whom to send the check? I had a brother in Mafeking under his (B.P.'s) command." She forwarded \$10.87.

Donations received up to and including April 13th, 1944, (excluding Toronto which is sent direct) are:

1st Thornhill Troop, Ont.; 75th Winnipeg Troop; 42nd Winnipeg Troop; 42nd Winnipeg Pack; Wolf Cub Kenneth Hall, Winnipeg; Wolf Cub Frank Bowen, Winnipeg; 9th Winnipeg Group; Alex Harvey, London, Ont.; 11th London Troop.

Napanee Scouts, Ont.; 26th London Group; 25th London Pack; Val D'or Scout Council; Val D'or Church Collection; Troop Funds, Val D'or, Que.; 23rd Windsor Pack; 10th Windsor Pack; Miss Dora E. Laine, Perrysburg, Ohio.

43rd Windsor Pack; 23rd Windsor Troop; The Trail-Rossland District Boy Scouts, B.C.; 2nd Wallaceburg Troop, Ont.; 5th Kingston Cubs and Scouts; Windsor Catholic Council; 194th Detroit (Mich.) Troop; Dave Winger, Ridgeway, Ont.; 17th Winnipeg Mothers' Auxiliary; 27th Winnipeg Pack; 71st Winnipeg Pack; 1st Souris Troop and Pack, Man.; Boy Scout Week Ice Carnival, Winnipeg; 1st Cormorant Pack, Man.; Parkhill Troop, Parkhill, Ont.

Queens Co. Boy Scout Association, N.S.; 2nd Yarmouth, N.S.; Bear River Boy Scouts, N.S.; 6th Timmins Troop, Ont.; 6th Timmins Pack; 7th Timmins Pack; Captain Robert Brooks, Kingston, Ont.; 2nd Grand Bend Troop,

Ont.; Burlington Mothers' Auxiliary, Ont.; 2nd Prescott Pack, Ont.; 1st Lindsay Group, Ont.; 28th Edmonton Pack; 10th Calgary Troop; Calgary District; 6th Edmonton Troop; Red Deer Pack, Alta.; 8th Galt Pack, Ont.; 2nd Preston Pack, Ont.; Gerald H. Brown, Ottawa; 1st St. Andrews Troop, N.B.; 1st Listowel Pack, Ont.

## Amendments to P.O. &amp; R.

**E**NCLOSED in this issue of *The Scout Leader* are the recently approved changes and amendments to Policy, Organization and Rules for Canada. It is suggested that these be placed immediately in your current copy of P.O. & R. They have been specially prepared with this in mind. It will likely be some considerable time before a new edition of P.O. & R. is printed so that it will be found advisable to place these inserts in your present copy. All future copies ordered from the Stores Dept., will contain this supplement of amendment.

## Headquarters Notices

**W**ARRANTS receiving the signature of His Excellency the Governor-General, Chief Scout for Canada up to April 14th follow.

**Assistant Provincial Commissioner**  
Mrs. E. M. L. Betton, High River, Alberta, (Wolf Cubs).

**District Commissioner**

E. E. Landry, Drumheller, Alberta.

**Assistant District Commissioner**

Harold G. Wells, Regina, Sask.

**District Scoutmasters**

Ainsley Roseborough, Sudbury, Ont.  
Fred Behmber, Sudbury, Ont.

**Scoutmasters**

George B. Butcher, Toronto, Ont.  
J. Ernest O'Neil, Ottawa, Ont.  
Victor Turco, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.  
Bradley M. Hannigan, Toronto, Ont.  
John S. Bernard, Regina, Sask.

**Assistant Scoutmasters**

W. L. Roberts, Raymond, Alberta.  
John F. Funnell, Winnipeg, Man.  
Kenneth J. Cooper, Toronto, Ont.  
John D. Aitken, London, Ont.  
I. H. J. Ilsey, Ottawa, Ont.  
Bruce M. Jackson, Hamilton, Ont.

**Cubmasters**

Sidney E. Proudman, Ottawa, Ont.  
Norman G. Thompson, Toronto, Ont.

**Assistant Cubmasters**

Marguerite Lummis, Toronto, Ont.  
Kenneth S. Freedy, Ottawa, Ont.  
Peter J. Cameron, Sutherland, Sask.  
Mrs. Ruth Coleman, Regina, Sask.

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CALLING  
ALL  
LEADERS'

After much delay and disappointment a fairly large shipment of Neckerchiefs have just arrived from Overseas.

The following colours which have been "out of stock" for some considerable time are once more available:

*Plain Colour, Style No. 1*

Black  
Crimson  
Emerald Green  
Gold  
Green  
Maroon  
Orange  
Royal Blue  
Red  
Scarlet  
Scout Green

*Combination Colour, Style No. 2*

Black and Lemon  
Green and Lemon  
Grey and Red  
Navy and Maroon  
Navy and Red  
Red and White  
Red and Green  
Red and Lemon  
Sky Blue and White  
Royal Blue and Red

*Two Colour Border, Style No. 3*

Maroon with Orange Bord.  
Navy with Sky Blue Bord.  
Royal Blue with Orange Bord.  
Red with Green Bord.  
Scarlet with Royal Blue Bord.

If any of the above are of your Troop or Pack colours then **ORDER NOW** as quantities are very limited.

**The Stores Department**  
**The Boy Scouts Association**  
**306 Metcalfe Street**  
**Ottawa**



A page of helpful ideas  
from anyone, anywhere.

## THE DUFFEL BAG

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

### Library Messenger Service

FOLLOWING the trail blazed by the Scouts of Regina, Sask., Cochrane, Ont., Scouts under Scoutmaster H. Wilson have inaugurated a library messenger service for people unable to obtain or exchange books at the Public Library for health or other reasons. Citizens notify the Scoutmaster who in turn appoints a Scout to pick up the books, exchange them and return with the new books.

### Atmosphere in a Western Troop

PROVINCIAL Secretary John Howorth of Regina, Sask., was pleasantly surprised some weeks ago when he visited a new Troop at Aylesbury, Sask. The Community Hall, where the daylight Scout meeting was scheduled was specially fixed up for the occasion. Dark shades covered all the windows to provide the illusion of night. The shades were perforated with stars formed in the various constellations. The only light in the hall was from these stars. In the centre of the hall was a campfire illuminated by an electric lamp operated by two car batteries. The whole atmosphere was very Scouty, despite the fact that the Scoutmaster had never been a Scout, and had gained all his knowledge from *Scouting for Boys*, *The Scoutmaster's First Year*, P.O. & R., and the *How to do it Book*.

### Pamphlets Available

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

#### Boy Scouts

How to Organize a Boy Scout Troop.  
Twelve Good Reasons Why Your Boy Scout Should be a Scout (with application form).

Twelve Month Troop Programme.  
From Me to You. (B-P. to Tenderfoot).

#### Wolf Cubs

How to Start a Wolf Cub Pack.  
Wolf Cubs.  
A Word to Parents on Cubbing (with application form).  
Twelve Month Pack Programme.

#### Rover Scouts

Rover Scouts, What They Are.  
The Scout Promise and Law for Rovers.  
The Vigil of a Rover Scout.  
The Investiture of a Rover Scout.



THIS NEAT AND USEFUL WASHSTAND WAS THE WORK OF P.L. JOHN FUNNELL AT THE MANITOBA P.L. CAMPER'S COURSE IN 1942.

### A Good Time Was Had By All

WE wonder if there isn't a hint of why a recent Patrol Leaders' Course in Victoria, B.C., was such a success in a report of it appearing in *Rovers by Mail*. It reports "A feature of the evening was the absence of long winded speeches which have hitherto been a part of such an evening's programme." *Rovers by Mail* incidentally is the very excellent monthly published by J. D. F. Bullen of Langford Station, B.C., for the Rovers and Scouters of the Victoria District who are serving in the forces. It is always crammed full of interesting local items for the boys away from home.

### Let's Swap

FROM a Prescott, Ont., Cubmaster comes a valued suggestion. He feels that in these days of difficulty in securing certain supplies there might be some Scouters who would like to "SWAP" articles of equipment or books. Any Scouter who would like to use the columns of *The Scout Leader* for this purpose is welcome to, without charge. Just send in a description of what you have to swap or exchange, or sell, together with your name and address, and we'll do the rest.

### A New Bulletin

MAJOR Percy F. Alder, the Salvation Army Field Secretary for Scouting is issuing a little bulletin called *The Outlook* every other month for the exchange of ideas and the strengthening of the bond of brotherhood between Scouts and Scouters in the Salvation Army.

### Broadcast Cub Ceremony

DURING Boy Scout Week, to acquaint the public with the connection between Scouting and Cubbing, the Rouyn-Noranda District Association staged an actual Going Up Ceremony on the radio. It proved such a success that it is to be repeated, and plans are under way to stage some plays illustrated various phases of Scouting.

### Forfeits Sleigh Ride for Good Turn

A SCOUT of the 26th Ottawa Troop, on his way to join other members of the Troop in a sleigh ride stopped to help a blind man across the street. Deciding to go "the second mile" the Scout helped the blind man home. He missed the sleigh ride, but had the keen satisfaction of a job well done.

### Toasting the King

HOW properly to toast His Majesty the King still seems to bother a lot of Scouters when staging a dinner at which such a toast is proposed. We are therefore reproducing the instructions on this subject published in *The Leader* just over one year ago. The following is the official procedure:

"The toast to the King should be proposed by the chairman or toastmaster after lunch or dinner and should not be proposed with any preface or introductory speech. It is correctly proposed by the chairman rising and saying, 'Gentlemen (or, ladies and gentlemen) The King.' If the National Anthem is sung the correct procedure is for the health to be drunk immediately following it. There should be no delay between the proposing of the toast and the first note of the National Anthem."

As it is necessary to stand at the "alert" while the National Anthem is being sung, glasses should remain on the table until the anthem has been concluded.