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"PLEASE CONTINUE SENDING SEEDS"

"PLEASE continue sending seeds."

That was the response to a cable sent to Imperial Headquarters a few weeks ago asking if Canadian Scouts could still be of service in sending garden seeds to Britain.

We know that Cubs, Scouts and Scouters will need no more than the knowledge that the need is there to respond generously. In September we published the list of those groups and individuals who responded to the appeal a year ago. For some reason the response was not as generous or as wholehearted as the previous year. Possibly the turn of the tide suggested the need no longer existed. As a matter of fact with Britain as the invasion centre, from which supplies go out to the battle fronts, the civilian population are still without many of the foods which have been commonplace to us throughout the war.

The provision of garden seeds for Victory Gardens is a very real contribution to the war effort, and to the comfort of the people over there who have stood up so courageously and so uncomplainingly through long years of blitz and of food shortages.

As it is necessary to have an export permit for seeds going overseas it is better to buy from an established seed house who will ship them and secure the necessary permit without trouble to purchaser.

Three firms making a specialty of seed shipments to Great Britain are:

William Ewing Ltd.,
412 McGill Street,
Montreal.

Kenneth McDonald & Sons,
Ltd.,
60 Market Square,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dominion Seed House,
Georgetown, Ontario.

In ordering seeds from these firms, have them forwarded to A. W. Hurl, Boy Scouts Association, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, England. Ask them to enclose a card from your Group.

Selection of seeds are sold by these firms from \$1.00 and up. Parcels are postpaid to Great Britain at the quoted prices.

Helping Out Overseas

A DISTRICT Commissioner in Sussex, England, writes to Scout officials in Fort William, Ont., to tell of the fine work of Scout Jim Clarke, formerly of the 6th Fort William Troop, who took over a Troop in Sussex, where he was stationed.

CANADA'S YOUNGEST MAJOR-GENERAL



MAJOR-GENERAL DAN SPRY

YOUNGEST MAJOR-GENERAL IN THE CANADIAN ARMY, MAJOR-GENERAL SPRY STARTED AS A SCOUT WITH THE 2ND CALGARY TROOP, AND LATER BECAME A KING'S SCOUT, ROVER AND ROVER MATE WITH THE 9TH HALIFAX TROOP.

ANNOUNCEMENT BOY SCOUT WEEK 1945

Make a Note of these dates.
FEBRUARY 18-24
Start Preparing Now.

Are You Ready for V-Day?

IF V Day — Victory Day — should come tomorrow, would you be prepared to mark the day in a fitting way? Without being over-optimistic it can be said that V Day in Europe may come at any time, and when it does come there will doubtless be celebrations of some kind in your community.

Here are a few suggestions of what Scouts may do on V Day.

First, get into full uniform and be prepared to assist in whatever programme your community arranges.

Doubtless, there will be church or civic services of Thanksgiving. Take part in these. If there is one in the church to which the Troop is attached, every Scout should attend.

There will likely be parades, and crowds, which means people fainting, and being overcome from excitement. Be on hand with first aid kits to render whatever assistance is possible.

Be prepared, with your staves to help control crowds. Assist police in guiding small children across busy streets.

Decorate your homes and headquarters with flags.

If there is a V Day Committee in your community offer them your services. If no such committee exists, possibly the Scouts could initiate the V Day programme themselves.

Above all—Be Prepared—to help the authorities in any capacity in which Scouts may be of service.

The Scout Leader

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"Scouts Must Not Take Part"

FROM time to time we have found it necessary to draw attention to that section of P.O. & R. which reads: (Sec. 96) "Scouts must not take part in street sales or collections for other institutions or charities, but may assist institutions or charities as messengers or in other capacities, if so authorized by the Local Association."

We find it necessary to refer to it again because of three newspaper clippings which have been received in the past month. Two of them refer to events in which this rule has been ignored, and the other is support of this rule by a Judge. The jurist warned against the use of young boys in Tag Day campaigns, pointing out that many a boy had first gone wrong when tempted in this manner.

There are some who still insist that selling apples on Apple Day is the same as selling tags for another organization. There are, as a matter of fact, many differences. In the first place the money being raised through Apple Day is for Scout purposes, and no other organization would suffer loss if anything went wrong. The main difference, however, is that the boy is forbidden to handle the money at all, and the customer must place his money in a sealed container.

If the money is handled by the Scout there is always the danger of it getting lost, or if the boy has to make change, to make some mistake which might reflect on his honesty, or on the good name of the Movement.

It has been wrongly argued that if a boy sells tickets for a charity lottery, he must return either the tickets or the money value of the tickets. The trouble with this kind of selling is that it gives a boy a gambling interest. Specially is this true where a boy is rewarded with a certain number of tickets on the basis of his sales. Scouting has always been opposed to gambling

in any form. The winning of a prize in this manner could quite easily prove the first step toward making that boy a gambler for life.

To repeat from *The Scout Leader* for October, 1940: "The reason-for-being of the Scout Movement is good-character training. No circumstances can free us of the responsibility for guarding that purpose in the formative years of every Scout."

The part that Scouts may play in financial campaigns is clearly covered in P.O. & R., Sec. 4(e), "Under the strict supervision of the Association, Scouts may assist in raising funds for Local and Provincial Scout purposes provided they do not handle the money themselves (i.e. sealed containers are used), and reasonable value is given. Any method of raising money must first be approved by Dominion Headquarters. Direct solicitation of funds by Scouts is not permitted."

Quotes

"AN interesting function was held here this week at which Boy Scout leaders for a long term of years were honoured by their colleagues. The community owes a great deal to those men who have gone ahead, often under much discouragement and kept the Scout flag flying. Scouting for boys turns out fine citizens and we are grateful to those leaders who during the years have continued to inculcate the high ideals of Scouting."

Niagara Falls Review.

A B.-P. Howler

THIS interesting story of B.-P. as a schoolboy was reproduced recently in "The Attic Salt Shaker" a newspaper column by W. Orton Tewson, which appears in a large number of Canadian and American newspapers.

This schoolboy "howler" is credited to Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, by Cyril Maude, the actor, in his reminiscences ("Lest I Forget"). Baden-Powell and Maude, boys together, went to the same school. One day, chuckles the actor, B.-P. was asked:

"What did Elisha say when he saw Elijah go up in the burning fiery chariot?"

"Elisha said," answered the future general, "'Goodness me, I never saw anything like this before.'"

Your duty to God. Attend the church of your choice every Sunday.



To Higher Service

★
FO Ross E. Johnson, 21, RCAF, King's Scout, Silver Life Saving Medallion, Acting ASM 2nd Westmount, Montreal. (Correction).

★
Pte. Frederick Anderson, 19, CA, PL 62nd Toronto Troop.

★
WO Michael Askey, 21, RCAF, Scout, 14th Winnipeg.

★
Pte. Albert Becker, 24, RCEMC, Scout 58th Winnipeg.

★
Lieut. John W. Benham, 32, CA, Cub, Scout, 28th Winnipeg.

★
Lt. Andrew F. Bushnell, 20, CASF, ASM 2nd Portage la Prairie, Man.

★
Sgt. William H. Calmain, 25, CASF, Sixer, 15th Maryland United Church Pack, Winnipeg.

★
PO Harry M. Champion, 23, RCAF, PL, ASM, 62nd Toronto.

★
FO Jack R. Dale, 20, RCAF, Cub, King's Scout, PL, 125th Toronto.

★
Flt. Sgt. James K. Goodfellow, 19, Sixer, King's Scout, PL, 125th Toronto.

★
Capt. Kenneth McG. Harrison, 38, CA, SM, 2nd Saint John, N.B.

★
Pte. William J. Holness, 21, CA, PL, Acting SM 5th Burnaby, B.C.

★
Capt. J. W. Howarth, 28, CASF, Scout, 76th Winnipeg.

★
Sgt. AG Neil S. Hurder, 22, RCAF, Scout, Cub Instructor, 36th Saint John, N.B.

★
Sgt AG Joseph Mara, 22, RCAF, Scout, ACM, ASM, 1st Brampton, Ont. Group.

★
Sgt. Pilot Robert Moore, 21, RCAF, Scout, 84th Winnipeg.

★
Lieut. Robert A. Nelson, 25, CA, Cub, 2nd Edmonton, Scout, and TL, 1st Kamloops, Rover, ASM, 47th Vancouver.

★
PO Thomas E. Oliver, Jr., 20, RC AF, Cub, Scout, 12th Toronto.

★
Pte. Gordon Reith, 19, CA, Scout, PL, 62nd Toronto.

★
Lieut. Leonard J. Richardson, 23, CA, Scoutmaster, St. James, Man.

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Toy Shortage Makes Scout Toy Shops More Necessary Than Ever



THE SHORTAGE OF TOYS WILL MAKE THE OPERATION OF A BOY SCOUT TOY SHOP MORE APPRECIATED THIS YEAR THAN EVER. HUNDREDS OF KIDDIES IN ORPHAN INSTITUTIONS, AND HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN OF SERVICEMEN SERVING OVERSEAS NEED THE HELP OF THE BOY SCOUT TOY SHOPS. ORGANIZE ONE IN YOUR COMMUNITY NOW. SEVEN WEEKS AND CHRISTMAS WILL BE HERE.

To Higher Service

(Continued from page 34)

★
L. Sgt. Allan Saunders, 26, CA, ASM
6th London, Ont.

★
LS Alfred Smith, RCNVR, 28, CM
10th Winnipeg.

★
Sgt. Elvin Todd, 19, RCAF, Scout,
1st Sudbury, Ont.

★
Pte. Leslie A. Yates, 22, Lincoln
and Welland Regt. King's Scout,
ASM, Rover Mate, 1st Niagara-on-the-
Lake, Ont.

✦ War Decorations ✦

Military Cross

Major Donald Clarke Taylor, 28,
Irish Regt. and Calgary Tanks, Cub
and Scout, 113th Toronto Group.

Headquarters Notices

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His Excellency the Chief Scout has
been pleased to approve of the
issue of the following warrants.

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Percy S. Brady, Toronto.

Arthur J. Ridal, Vancouver.

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Jack M. Wilson, Nashwaaksis, N.B.

Jean Matthews, Sidney, B.C.

Assistant Cubmaster

Jack T. A. Smith, Toronto.

Mr. Reynolds Signs Off

CANADIAN leaders who receive *The Scouter*, British contemporary of *The Scout Leader* must have been sorry to learn, as we were, that Mr. E. E. Reynolds was retiring as editor of that very estimable journal. Mr. Reynolds, author of a life story of B.-P. and many other works is to take up other important work in liberated countries.

We have been privileged to read Mr. Reynolds' comments from month to month in *The Scouter* and like so many others, have come to respect the opinions so well expressed in this column "Under My Hat." *The Scouter* under his guidance has been a source of help and inspiration to an Empire-wide circle of readers.

We have tried to share some of the good things from Mr. Reynolds' pen, by frequently reproducing articles and comments of his in *The Leader*. We feel that their keen insight, and their very good humour have appealed to and have helped Canadian Scouters.

We want to join with thousands of his friends in all parts of the Commonwealth and Empire in wishing him every success in his new field of work. We are quite sure he is going to continue to make a fine contribution to Scouting in his new sphere.

And to his successor as Editor of *The Scouter*, Mr. Rex Hazlewood, will go the best wishes of that same host of friends for success in the difficult task he has undertaken.

From his last column we would like to quote this typical bit of Reynolds wisdom: "It remains for each of us to get on with his Scout job to the best of his ability, trying by all means available to make himself a better Scouter. May I add, let each of us refrain from criticising other Scouters of whose conditions of work we may be entirely ignorant. We have too big a task ahead of us to waste time and energy in looking for moles in brothers' eyes!"

Scouts in P.O.W. Camp

Inspecting a Prisoner of War camp in Germany, Red Cross representatives from Geneva were surprised to find a Rover Scout Crew composed of over 70 Empire prisoners. Fifty of these turned out in full uniform with the exception of hats.

CARRYING ON



SGT. MAJOR J. VERSTEEG, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DUTCH BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION IN CANADA, AND OF THE CHIEF SCOUT, PRINCE BERNHARDT, IS SEEN ACCEPTING THE FIRST OF 3,000 COPIES OF "SCOUTING FOR BOYS" IN THE DUTCH LANGUAGE FROM A MONTREAL SCOUT. THIS ISSUE WAS THE SPECIAL EFFORT OF THE SCOUTS OF MONTREAL. INCLUDED AMONG THOSE WITNESSING THE CEREMONY ARE R. C. STEVENSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE BOARD, WILLIAM STREEP, VICE-CONSUL OF THE NETHERLANDS, G. ROBLEY MACKAY, DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR MONTREAL, AND OTHER SCOUT AND NETHERLANDS CONSULATE OFFICIALS.

Aid Magazine Drive

Portage La Prairie Cubs and Scouts recently conducted a successful city-wide drive for magazines for the armed forces. They now meet every Wednesday afternoon after school to canvass the town.

Help Community Centre

Peterboro, Ont., Scouts joined with other youth organizations of the city in a monster Youth Rally as part of the publicity for the Community Centre campaign which Peterboro is staging as a Memorial to the men who have fought and died in this war.

British Scouts "Day of Work"

Several months ago we told how the Scouts of Great Britain were to hold a "Day of Work" in which every Scout was expected to earn a shilling (25c). This money was to be used to send trained Scout relief workers to the continent on relief work following the invasion. The objective was £20,000, or approximately \$90,000. They exceeded this objective and assured the Boy Scouts Association being represented in Relief Work for a full year in the liberated countries. They earned the money by such jobs as mowing

lawns, cleaning windows, shining shoes, running errands, weeding gardens, moving furniture, etc.

A Million Pounds of Salvage

This is not the effort of Canadian Scouts, but it is an effort Canadian Scouts might well hear about and try to emulate. In the city of Durham, England, at the outbreak of war, Boy Scouts set out to collect a million pounds of salvage. They were going to confine their efforts to waste paper, cardboard, books, etc. They have now passed their objective, passed it in four and a half years, which means one pound of salvage every two minutes, day and night.

Although the Scouts collected only paper, a lot of "foreign" matter was collected too. Among the oddities which appeared in the collections was a one pound note, several pounds of candies, enough coal to heat a house, tin cans, cheese, a dead cat, hundreds of broken light bulbs, enough string to stretch from England across the Atlantic, and even a few top hats. From proceeds of \$8,000 they gave \$1,500 to the Red Cross, \$500 to charitable institutions and invested in 500 war savings certificates.

Thanks Scouts for Help

UPON relinquishing his post as National Director of Salvage, to return to private business, Charles LaFerle has expressed his appreciation of the co-operation given him by the Boy Scouts of Canada. In a letter to the Chief Executive Commissioner, Mr. LaFerle says in part: "I want to extend to you and your associates my thanks for the co-operation you have extended the voluntary salvage committees and this division at all times. The success of all salvage drives has been due, in great measure, to the support which you have so generously given."

In asking for continued support of the salvage campaign Mr. LaFerle adds: "The need for waste paper is still urgent. Although the news encourages us to believe that Germany will soon collapse, it is important to keep on saving waste paper, which is still our No. 1 war material shortage."

Incidentally, Mr. LaFerle is a former Boy Scout.

Cubs Collect Milkweed

Cubs of the First Renfrew, Ont., Pack, at their first outdoor gathering of the fall season went out on a milkweed pod collection. They secured 12 bags or approximately 150 pounds of milkweed. The Cubs were planning further collections to help secure the material for life jackets for the armed forces.

Another 800 lbs. of Fat

Timmins Scouts are again in the limelight with their fats campaign. At a special matinee at the Palace Theatre, a total of 800 pounds of fats were turned in. This continuing campaign of the Timmins Scouts makes them the foremost fats collecting district in Canada.

Air Marshal Invested

Air Marshal Sir Leslie Gossage, Director General of the A.T.C. in England, recently visited the National Air Scout Camp in England with Sir Percy Everett, Deputy Chief Scout. During his stay the Air Marshal took the Scout Promise and was invested as a member of the Movement.

WHAT SCOUTERS ARE SAYING

AN OPEN FORUM WHERE SCOUTERS DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS

The Editor,
The Scout Leader.

The letter of Mr. Jacobi in the September issue is in my opinion 100 per cent the correct attitude.

I think if we allow the recommendations of Mr. Heddeshimer to be adopted, that slacks of other colours than khaki be worn, we shall soon not be able to recognize our leaders, who in these days in increasing numbers are also wearing the green necktie instead of the neckerchief.

I think if Scouters will remember that they are supposed to be Scouts, having taken the Scout Promise, and will strive to lead by example, then the problem of the boy and the shorts will be largely overcome. But if leaders do not wear shorts themselves, they cannot put it over to the boys.

I am opposed to Mr. Heddeshimer's idea of supplying the uniform free, just because the various cadets receive free uniforms. I still think that as Scouting was not just an improvement on some other boys' activity, but something absolutely different, we should not strive to copy other groups, but stand on our own foundation. I still maintain that in spite of the growth of the cadet movements, due largely to the war, the Scout Movement still has the greatest appeal to the boy, if presented to him as it should be. Let us continue to encourage the boy to earn the money for his uniform, and give him the opportunity to do so.

Scouting is something that belongs to the boy, and cannot be run successfully, along the lines of the Cadets, from the top down. If every Group would get a good group committee and ladies' auxiliary behind them we would have a league without the restraining influence of officialdom. I was very pleased with the editor's footnote in the current issue in defence of shorts.

During my 29 years as a leader, I have always insisted that shorts and shorts alone, was the official uniform for all Scouts.

I have never forgotten the remarks of our beloved Founder made at a banquet in Regina, that there were 11 Scout Laws, but it was not necessary to print the 11th, namely "A Scout is not a fool." So during the period from December to March, we put our shorts

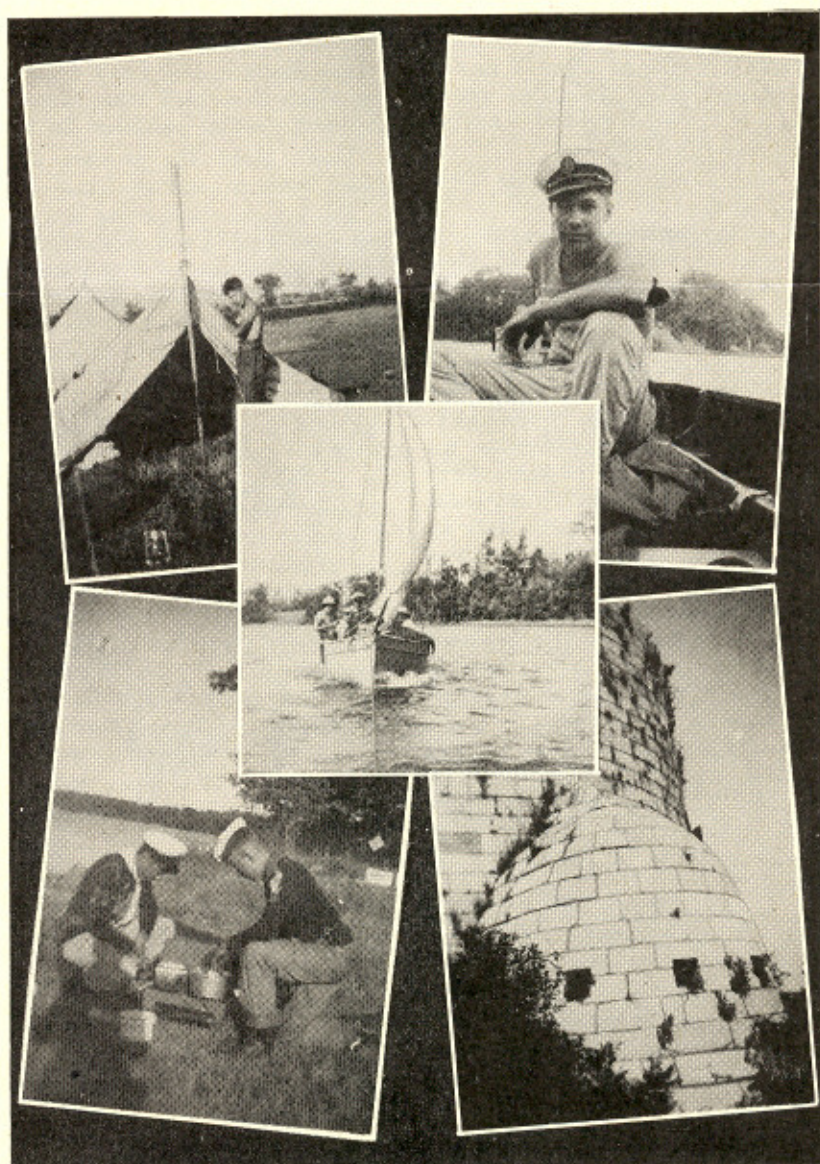
aside, although should there be any event during that period which called for uniform, we always wear slacks over our shorts, removing them when we get to the assembly place, thus appearing before the public in the one and only official uniform—shorts.

I wish to unite with Mr. Jacobi and trust that no further drift away from official uniform be made.

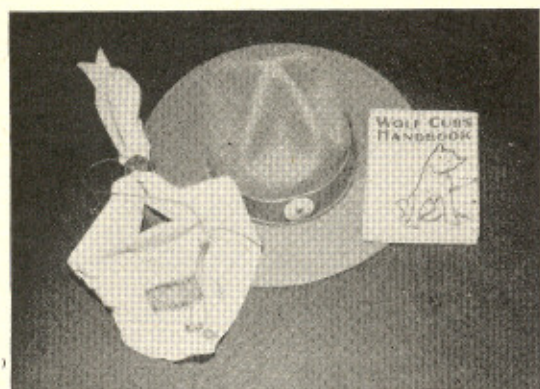
J. W. DIMOND,
S.M., 27th Regina Troop.

Aids British Sea Scouts

Now that he is serving with the R.C.A.M.C. overseas, Pte. Walter Bent, who used to direct the talented Scout shows produced at the Boys' Industrial Home at Saint John, N.B., is still helping Scouts. A story from England tells how Pte. Bent has just staged his third "Variety Gang Show" for the Sea Scouts of Whitby, England, with great success. The sum of \$300 was raised which paid the expenses of the summer camp, and also to make a substantial contribution to the Prisoner of War Fund. Pte. Bent has also assisted with another Scout Group in the old country. He is now serving in France.



DON'T YOU WISH YOU COULD HAVE BEEN WITH THESE MEMBERS OF THE 11TH OTTAWA SEA SCOUTS ON THEIR SUMMER CRUISE VIA THE RIDEAU LAKES AND CANAL FROM OTTAWA TO KINGSTON. TOP LEFT SHOWS THE USE OF OARS AS TENT POLES; TOP RIGHT, THE SKIPPER, A.S.M. WAYNE MURCHISON; LOWER LEFT, SEA SCOUTS CAMP-COOKING JUST LIKE ANY OTHER SCOUTS; LOWER RIGHT, HISTORIC SITES WERE NOT OVERLOOKED —AN OLD FORT AT KINGSTON. CENTRE, UNDER SAIL.



PRACTICAL CUBBING

Building Bird Houses

THE building of bird houses by either Cubs or Scouts serves a triple purpose. For Cubs it arouses an interest in the ToyMaker Badge and of course in bird study. For the Scout it will arouse a similar interest in the Bird Warden Badge, in nature generally and in the Scout Law as it applies particularly to the 6th Law.

In many sections of Canada there are hobby shows in which bird houses figure quite prominently. Elsewhere on this page we reproduce a cut of a number of common bird houses which may prove useful as models. Earlier this year the Boy Scouts Association in Rouyn-Noranda published bird house measurements in connection with their annual Cub hobby show. We reprint these measurements together with a number of instructions which may prove useful to any local association planning a similar show or to individual Packs planning bird house building programmes.

Purple Martin: House from ground, 14 to 20 feet; floor size, 6 inches by 6 inches; depth inside, 6 inches; entrance from floor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of entrance, 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Tree Swallow: House from ground, 10 to 15 feet; floor size, ground, 5 inches by 5 inches; depth inside, 6 inches; entrance from floor, 1 to 6 inches; diameter of entrance, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

House Wren: House from ground, 10 to 15 feet; floor size, 4 inches by 4 inches; depth inside, 6 inches to 8 inches; entrance from floor, 1 to 6 inches; diameter of entrance $\frac{7}{8}$ inch.

Blue Bird: House from ground, 5 to 10 feet; floor size, 5 inches; depth inside, 8 inches; entrance from floor, 6 inches; diameter of entrance 1 inch to $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches.

Chickadee: House from ground, 6 to 15 feet; floor size, 4 inches by 4 inches; depth inside 8 inches to 10 inches; entrance from floor, 8 inches; diameter of entrance, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches.

Flicker: House from ground, 6 to 20 feet; floor size, 7 inches by 7 inches; depth inside 16 inches to 18 inches; entrance from floor, 16 inches; diameter of entrance, 2 inches to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Some don'ts in bird house construction which have been taken from W. Ab-Yberg's article published in 1941.

1. Don't make the porches on a martin house too narrow.
2. Don't make the opening in a wren house less than $\frac{7}{8}$ inch in diameter. It should be the size of a quarter of a dollar. English sparrows cannot force themselves through such an opening.
3. Don't build a house unless some

way is provided for cleaning and ventilating it.

4. Don't paint the inside of a bird house.

5. Don't make the perches square. A round perch is superior.

6. Don't have ventilating holes lower than the entrance.

7. Don't make the entrance on a level with the floor, as the young birds are in danger of falling from the nest.

8. Don't have more than one entrance to each room.

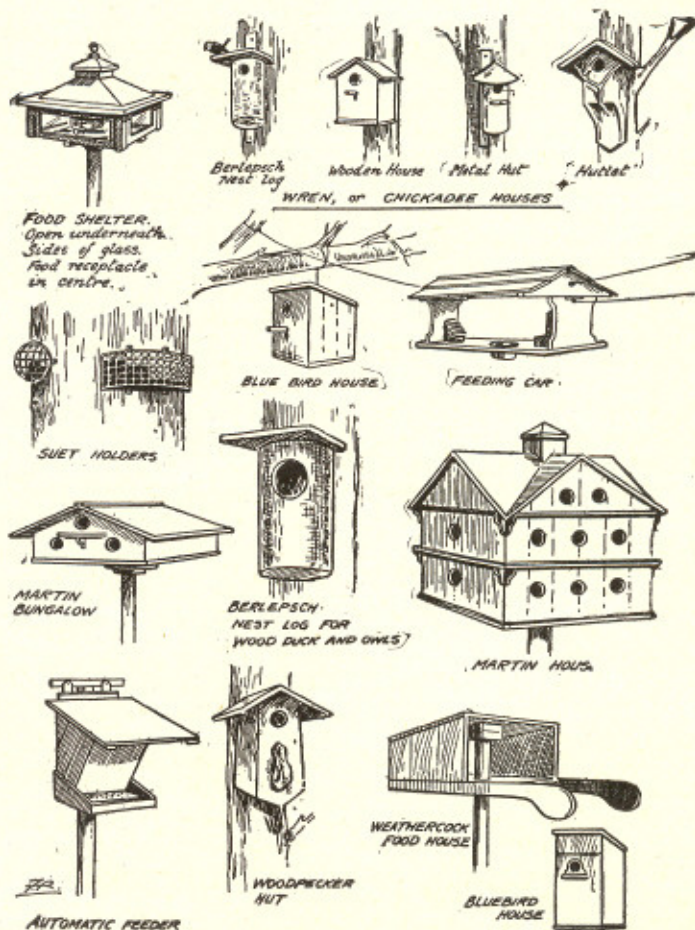
9. Don't place a railing around the porch of a martin house.

10. Don't leave the inside of the house rough. It should be smooth and free from nail points.

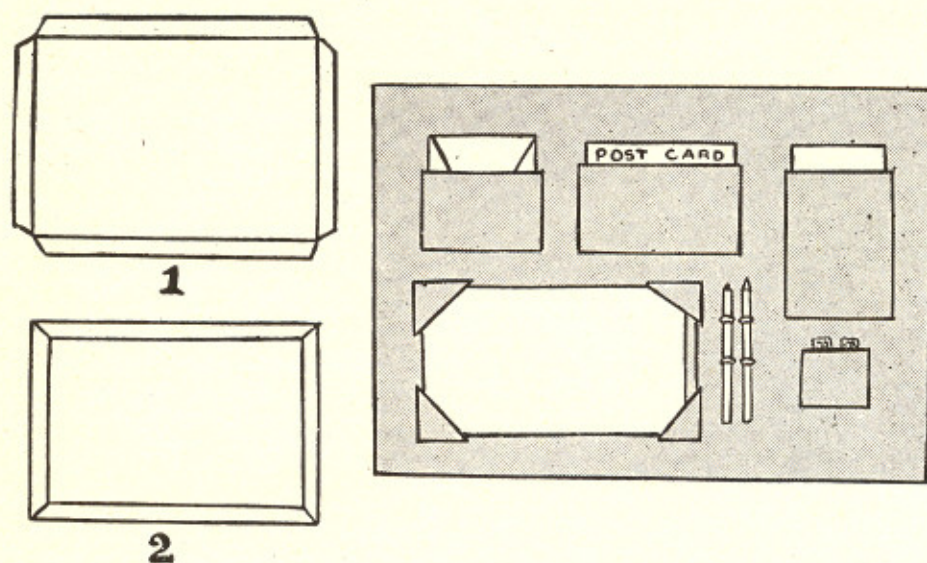
11. Don't fail to bore a quarter-inch hole in the floor of each house to allow the escape of moisture.

12. Don't make the perch of a wren house too long. It should be only 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long to prevent larger birds from standing on the perch and attacking the young in the nest. Bird houses entered in the competition will be entered with the understanding that they are to be erected in a suitable place to attract the birds, after the competition is over.

The rules of the competition were as



A USEFUL WRITING BOARD FOR WOLF CUBS TO MAKE



WE shall require a piece of cardboard about 16 inches by 12, also a piece of cretonne, which is obtainable in so many delightful colours. Cut two pieces of cloth slightly larger than the board, illustration 1. Cover one side of the board, then the other. To do this turn edges over the board and glue or sew them down, as in illustration 2.

Cut four pieces to form the pockets for envelopes, post cards, notepaper, and stamps. Also cut out four corner pieces to hold down the blotting paper. Turn under edges and glue or sew into position. Be sure to cut the pockets large enough. Take time to do the work carefully and well.

Courtesy—Young Soldier.

follows:—

1. Entries must be constructed entirely by the entrant, although advice may be secured from any available source.

2. Paint, if any, must be dry on all entries.

3. Each entry will be tagged by those in charge, with the name of the entrant folded up and entirely concealed from the judges.

4. The decision of the judges, who will be appointed by the Local Association, will be final.

A Sample Pack Programme

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

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

6.50 *Jungle Story*. Read pages 57 to 68, "Jungle Book," to "I do not hunt the Bandarlog."

7.00 *Game (Fun)*—*Clear the Decks* (Mass type). Chalk on floor at different points a life boat and squares to represent the main deck and bridge of a ship, big enough to hold Pack, packed tightly together. The Pack are sailors on an old four-master ship. When Akela gives the following commands, *To the bridge, to the life boats, to the main deck*, they run to the proper places trying not to be the last Cub to get into the squares. If they are, they get a bone given to them. During the running the boom of the sails swings

over the deck. Akela yells *the boom is swinging* and all Cubs squat. The last down is carried overboard and gets a bone. A wave rolls over the ship. Akela yells *a big one is coming over* and all Cubs lie on stomachs. Last Cub down gets a bone and is swept overboard. The object being to see who can get the least number of bones.

7.10 *Pack Instruction*—*Darning a Sock*—Sixes in lairs, each Cub with a sock, needle and darning wool. During the week or after last meeting each leader and Sixer has been instructed on how to darn by Akela and all are ready to help instruct. The Sixer shows the Six, while the leaders walk around the lairs helping and instructing.

7.25 *Inspection*—Shoes. Sixes in front of lairs, having had time to get ready for inspection.

7.30 *Game*—*Hopping Figure 8 Relay*. Akela explains proper way to hop. Hold right foot in left hand; put right arm across back and hold left arm at elbow. Sixes in relay formation. At end of room 2 chairs in front of each Six, 4 or 5 feet apart. A line chalked on floor 2 ft. in front of first chair. On *Go* runner runs up to line, takes up proper hopping position and hops around chairs in figure 8 fashion. When back to line he runs to Six, touches 2nd Cub who goes through the same procedure, and goes to end of line.

7.40 *Story*—*A Chieftain's Sacrifice*. Because the chief used his eyes his

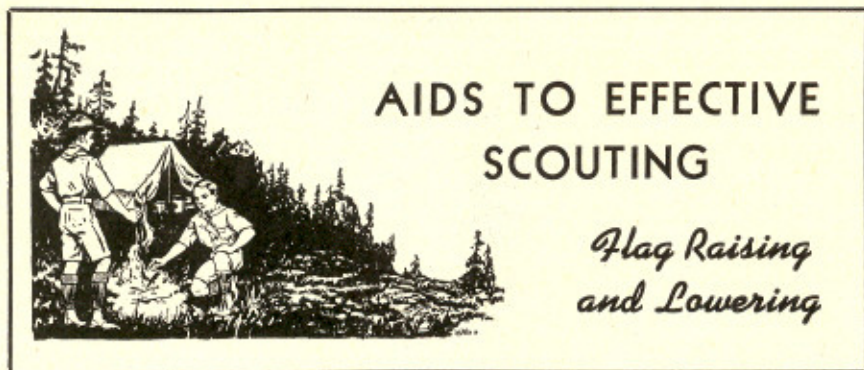
people were saved. ("Potted Stories," page 142).

7.50 *Pack Instruction*—*Ball Throwing*. Pack in circle. Bring this subject to the Cubs' mind as suggested on page 104 of "Wolf Cubs' Handbook" and explain how test has to be done in order that the Cub can pass it. *Play the game Butter Fingers*. Pack in circle, a good space between Cubs. A ball is thrown from player to player. On first miss-catch the player kneels on right knee; on second miss on both knees; on third miss he sits down and is out.

8.05 *Sense Training*—*Hide the Penny*. Somewhere in room where it can be seen a penny is placed. The Cubs search around. When they have found it they sit down in parade circle. They try to do this without letting others know its location. See how many Cubs can find the penny within a limited time.

Pedlar Kim's Game. Akela is a pedlar; goes around the circle selling to the Cubs who are housewives. On his tray are 10 or 12 simple items. Each Cub has a pencil and paper. After looking at articles for several minutes as Akela passes around the circle, the Pack write them down. They are checked back against the original ones.

8.15 *Grand Howl. Prayer*. Wood and Water, Wind and Tree, Jungle Favour go with thee. Good night, Pack! Good hunting.



AIDS TO EFFECTIVE SCOUTING

Flag Raising and Lowering

DIGNITY should be the governing factor wherever the use of the national flag is concerned. Dignity and simplicity are frequently essential one to another. With this in mind do not over-dramatize your flag ceremonies. Make them simple and meaningful.

Flag Raising

Flag raising in the Troop room should be the job of the Troop Leader or Duty Patrol Leader, who has of course, already prepared the flag for breaking. The Troop, in horseshoe formation, should be at ease while the duty Scout releases the halyards. When this is complete he turns to the Scoutmaster and reports: "Halyard's all clear, Sir."

The Troop is then called to the alert, and given the order "Salute" which is the signal for the flag to be broken. The Scoutmaster then gives the order "Steady" to end the salute, while the Duty Scout secures the halyards, steps back, himself salutes the flag, and reports, "Flag Broken, Sir."

In camp it is better that all be called into a horseshoe around the pole for flag break. The same procedure would apply as in the Troop room. In camp however, where uniform regulations are usually relaxed, it should be remembered that the Troop should be in full uniform for the flag break, with a change to more informal attire when the ceremony is over.

Flag Lowering

Scouts do not salute a lowered flag. In the Troop room, the Troop is again in horseshoe formation. The Duty Scout takes his place at the flag. He first salutes the flag at the masthead, then prepares the halyards for lowering. When this is done he notifies the Scoutmaster "Halyards all clear, Sir." The Scoutmaster then calls the Troop to the alert, which is the signal for the flag to be lowered. The Duty Scout then announces "Flag is lowered, Sir," and the Scoutmaster proceeds with prayers or other part of his closing ceremony.

At camp, the procedure is slightly different. The Troop is not called in for flag lowering. The Duty P.L. (in full uniform) proceeds at a set time to the flag pole, salutes the flag, prepares his halyards, and then blows his whistle, or gives some other pre-arranged signal. On this signal everyone in camp ceases whatever task he is engaged in, turns his face to the flag, and stands at the alert as the flag is lowered. The Duty Scout then gives a second signal to carry on. It is not necessary for any but the Duty P.L. to be in uniform for flag lowering.

The reason for the alert, rather than the salute in flag lowering, is that Scouts and Scouters in various off parade uniforms and at various occupations would not normally salute under these conditions. Thus for uniformity, both at camp and in the Troop room, the flag is not saluted when lowered.

Scouting's Trump Card

"So far as the Boy Scout Movement is concerned I have no qualms about its future," J. Hood Phillips, Deputy Education Officer for Surrey, said recently. Scouting's trump card for the future is its internationalism, he declared.

"The Scout Funeral"

FROM time to time it is the sad role of a Scout Troop to pay its last respects to one of its number who has passed to "Higher Service." Not infrequently this takes the form of a "Scout funeral," requested by the family.

No official form of Scout funeral has been outlined. In response to inquiries received, the following procedure, is sketched as one which has been found dignified and appropriate, satisfactory to the families concerned and creditable to the Movement. It was devised by former District Commissioner Charles J. Moore of Regina, and originally appeared in *The Scout Leader* 13 years ago.

The general arrangements are carried out under the direction of the Scoutmaster, with an A.S.M. in charge of the guard of honour.

The pallbearers, chosen from the troop, are, if possible, of the same rank as the deceased. They do not carry staves. The balance of the troop, with staves reversed acts as a guard of honour.

The Union Jack and Troop Flag are carried, the Troop Flag only bearing crepe. They are borne throughout at the "slope," with the exception noted at the grave.

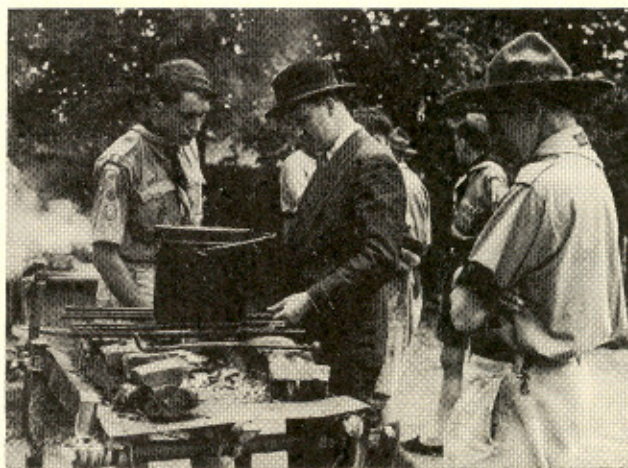
At the home or church only the pallbearers enter. The guard of honour forms up outside, standing easy, in two inward facing ranks, the colours at the outer end; the Union Jack on the right (as facing the street), the Troop flag on the left.

When the casket appears at the outer door the A.S.M. quietly (or by silent signal) gives the order, "Alert! Rest on staves!"

When the casket has been borne through and placed in the hearse, the



Reverse



PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH BOARD OF EDUCATION, R. A. BUTLER, INSPECTS CAMP KITCHEN AT A SUMMER CAMP RUN BY THE SCOUTS OF ETON COLLEGE ON THE GROUNDS OF THAT FAMOUS SCHOOL FOR BENEFIT OF SCOUTS FROM MANY PARTS OF ENGLAND.

guard of honour is given "Alert! Right and left turn (into Indian file, facing hearse)!"

At the same time the staves are brought to the "Secure" (under the right shoulder, pointing downward). The two ranks, the Union Jack leading one and the Troop Flag the other, then pass ahead, on either side of the hearse, and take up a position some distance in advance. (This is to make it unnecessary to move again until the cortege moves.)



Secure

Meantime the pallbearers have taken up positions on either side of the hearse.

When the cortege moves off, the guard of honour waits until the hearse has closed up to it, when the low command (or signal) "Forward!" is given.

The interval between the members of the guard of honour should be same as that between the pallbearers.

The order of procession then is: Guard of Honour; hearse and pallbearers; clergyman; mourners' car; Scoutmaster; District and Provincial Leaders, if any other Scouts or troops, without colours; other motor cars.

Arrived at the cemetery, the guard of honour continues to move ahead, and takes up a horseshoe formation with the opening at the foot of the grave (toward the east); the flags at the head of the grave, the Union Jack on the right, both flags brought to the "Carry."

Their duty completed, the pallbearers fall into their patrols.

As the ceremony is opened the Troop Flag (not the Union Jack) is dipped.

The customary ceremony proceeds.

At the conclusion of the minister's part the Scoutmaster, bearing a box of small white flowers, and followed by the other leaders, advances to the side of the minister to a position across the opening of the horseshoe. The first Scout on the Scoutmaster's right steps forward, takes a bloom from the box, faces the grave at the alert, drops the bloom, and salutes. The whole horseshoe then moves on one interval, and continues this until the last Scout has paid his tribute, and the horseshoe is back in its former position.

The officers then pay their tribute with a flower, and return to their first position, the Scoutmaster last, dropping the remaining flowers.

The Scoutmaster then calls for the salute, and the repeating of the Scout Promise. At the last word of the Promise both flags are brought to the "slope." The flags then pass, one on

SCOUT HERO



MAJOR D. C. TAYLOR

FORMER SENIOR SIKER, AND PATROL LEADER IN THE 113TH TORONTO TROOP, WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS. HE IS A VETERAN OF DIEPPE.

either side of the grave, toward the horseshoe opening. Following, the troop moves off.

Modifications

When because of the distance or for other reasons it is not feasible to march the entire distance to the cemetery, the guard of honour may be halted at a predetermined distance from the home or church, given the direction "Inward Turn," and as the hearse passes through called to the salute; the Troop Flag being dipped.

Modifications to meet other situations will readily suggest themselves.

The important point is that the details should be worked out beforehand, and thoroughly understood by all taking part.

Planning a Jamboree?

IF YOU were having a Jamboree in your district, what kind of a Programme would you stage? Here is the programme of the Peterboro District Jamboree held in September. It will give some idea of what a grand time can be arranged for Scouts and Cubs at a Jamboree.

Cub Programme

1. Knot relay, four Cub knots. Four to team.
2. Leap frog and hopping. Eight to team.
3. Obstacle race. Two to team.
4. Book balancing. Four boys.
5. Caterpillar race. Eight boys.
6. Skin the snake. Eight boys.

Scout Programme

1. Three cornered tug-of-war. Five Scouts.
2. Skin the Snake. Eight Scouts.
3. Pillow fight. One Scout.
4. Message relay. Six Scouts.
5. Obstacle race. Two Scouts.
6. Tub tilting. One Scout.
7. Tent pitching. Six Scouts.
8. Fire lighting. One Scout.

Following the supper, games of soft ball were arranged and a campfire programme for which the troops put on skits.

Fifteen Scouts Win V.C.

Up until the middle of September, 15 members of the Boy Scouts Association in the British Empire had been awarded the Victoria Cross, two of them Canadians. About one in every six in the Canadian forces is a former Scout, and two out of the six V.C. winners are Scouts.

Two Million Guys Have Been Thinking

THIS post card addressed "To Our Old Scoutmasters" was mailed from a Troop train enroute to a Pacific Coast embarkation port. We don't know how many men shared in its writing, but we do believe it will thrill you as it did us.

"About two million guys who sat at your knees around the campfires during the past ten to twenty years, have been doing some thinking.

"They thank you for what you have done for them—the lessons of Scouting which are now saving their lives and helping them to make themselves comfortable on the mountains and in the jungles—on land, sea and in the air.

"They understand better now what you tried to teach them about America and life. As they shove off on the big adventure they say 'God bless you all! May there be more of you!'"

—From Scouting.

A Scout Sponsored Radio for the Local School

FURTHER to the suggestion offered in the October *Scout Leader* that Scouts of rural and village schools lacking radios take on the project of raising funds and purchasing a set.

A Loan Radio—If unable to purchase a radio, it is suggested that Scouts and teacher discuss a radio borrowing scheme, by which school district families in turn loan their radio sets, week about (Fridays), for the school term. While not giving the school the all-week benefit of a school-owned radio (for news, for music during recess and lunch hours of rainy days, etc.), the loaned radio set will provide the very interesting and valuable series of School Broadcasts being furnished throughout the school year by the CBC.

Free Radio License—The Dominion Department of Transport will issue a free radio license to any school using a radio for educational purposes, and which receives a grant from the Provincial Treasury.

Some Particulars—The special school broadcasts were planned upon the recommendation of the National Advisory Council on School Broadcasting, the purpose being to strengthen the sense of Canadian citizenship among our boys and girls at school.

For the present school year there were laid out 25 programmes, eleven dealing with Canada's forces, wild life, water power, soil and minerals, under the general title, "Conserving Canada"; six broadcasts dramatizing the lives of well-known Canadian painters, centring around one particular picture; and eight broadcasts concerning leading Canadian writers.

Schools listening in for the series will be provided by the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, with colour reproductions of the six pictures concerned, so that these might be before the pupils during their radio dramatization.

A detailed list of the School Broadcasts, dates and hours, is contained in a booklet, *Young Canada Listens*, which was mailed by CBC to school teachers throughout the Dominion. The broadcasts run through to the end of April next.

Stories and Pictures Wanted—As announced in October, *The Scout Leader* will publish the first five pictures received of Scouts and a School Radio, taken in front of their school. In addition, at least one picture from each province will be used. The pictures should be accompanied by a brief story of the way in which the project was carried out.



JUST TO SHOW YOU THAT THERE'S LOTS OF FUN AS WELL AS WORK AT A GILWELL CAMP WE PICTURE THESE SCENES FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA CUB GILWELL HELD ON CAPE BRETON ISLAND. TOP, THE CAMPERS VISIT THE "HAUNTED HOUSE", AND BELOW, A PIRATE PROGRAMME RUN BY THREE MEMBERS OF THE COURSE.

Scouts, Guides, Do Well

THOSE who have looked into the problem of juvenile delinquency are agreed that "nothing to do" is a potent cause. Children with a program of co-operative action, either self-chosen, or provided by diplomatic elders, seldom go wrong, even when their home influences are less than ideal.

The "projects" of school classes that spill out over school-hours, the Sea Cadets, Air Cadets, junior choirs and orchestras, organized sports, steer a good many around and past the Juvenile Court.

None have a better record in this field than the Girl Guides and the Boy Scouts. Their programs have been justified by an experience of over thirty years, and it is time for a wider recognition of their usefulness to the community.

—Toronto Saturday Night.

A Helping Hand

AN interesting bit of Scouting which proved mutually beneficial to all concerned occurred in White Fox, Sask., this past summer. Dr. Oswald Peck, Scoutmaster of the 19th Ottawa Troop, had occasion to spend several weeks in that part of Saskatchewan. Dr. Peck is an entomologist with the Dominion Department of Agriculture. Before going out west he notified the Saskatchewan Secretary of his coming, and arrangements were made for him to contact the Scouts at White Fox. Practically every weekend during the summer he was able to take the boys hiking, and every Monday he assisted in test work with the boys. Rev. B. Morwood, minister of the United Church is Scoutmaster at White Fox, and was most appreciative of the help given by the Ottawa Scouter.

There is still a serious shortage of paper. Conduct regular waste paper drives.

Is your Troop doing its share to make the 7th Victory Loan Campaign a success?

CHINS-UP FUND TOTAL

As of October 16th, 1944

\$49,613.14



LARGEST subscription to the Chins-Up Fund received during the past month was one for \$2,243.60 from the Cubs and Scouts of Montreal. This money was the proceeds of their annual Spring displays over the past few years, and was sent to pay for printing the *Scout Handbook* for the Scouts of the Netherlands.

Another contribution was that from the Hamilton Scout's Swimming Club for \$175. This is not the first donation from this source. The Club is headed by Robert Gibson.

Donations to the Fund up to and including October 16th, (not including Toronto) are as follows, and now total \$49,613.14.

London Church Parade; Quebec Akela Course; West Winnipeg Penalty Box; Winnipeg Boy Scout Ice Tournament; Wolf Patrol of 1st York Mills

Scouts Together—Now Prisoners Together

LIFE for a prisoner-of-war is sometimes brightened by the unexpected. It was for Eldon Skuce of the R.C.A.F. Eldon was a former Cub and Scout of the 10th Britannia (Ottawa) Group. His father, Orville Skuce, is Cubmaster of the 10th Pack, and is one of Ottawa's outstanding leaders. Eldon was taken prisoner by the Italians two years ago, and was later handed over to the Germans. While a prisoner at Stalag 357 in Germany, three months ago, Eldon watched several hundred new prisoners arriving.

"Hello, Eldon," said one.

"Hello, yourself," said Eldon as Bryan Cassidy, who did his Scouting with Eldon in the 10th Britannia Troop clambered down from the truck. You can imagine that the two Scouts found plenty to talk about in the ensuing weeks.

Troop, Ont.; 11th London Troop; The London Boy Scout Association.

The Cubs and Scouts of Montreal; Fort Erie Cubs, Ont.; 1st Delhi Troop, Ont.; Loyal True Blue and Orange Home, Ont.; 1st Oakville Troop, Ont.; Hamilton-Williams Visit.

1st Unionville Troop, Ont.; Hamilton Scout Swimming Club; 4th Brockville Sea Scouts, Ont.; 2nd Prescott Pack, Ont.; 2nd Oakville Pack, Ont.; 1st Scarborough Junction Troop and Pack Parents Night, Ont.



ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE MARITIMES HIS EXCELLENCY THE CHIEF SCOUT VISITED MANY SCOUT GROUPS. HERE HE IS SEEN INSPECTING HALIFAX CUBS. THE CUBMASTER HERE HAPPENS TO BE MRS. W. A. SPEED, WIFE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER FOR NOVA SCOTIA, WHO IS ALSO SEEN IN THE PICTURE, WITH A.D.C. R. O. CUTLER IN THE FOREGROUND.

1945 Catalogue Now Available

CATALOGUE No. 25, the 1945 edition of the Stores Department Price List is off the press, and has been forwarded to Scout Leaders and agents throughout the Dominion.

Next to its attractive and appealing cover, the Scouter's attention will be drawn to its reduced size. This has been made necessary the Dominion Quartermaster tells us, by paper rationing regulations. In an effort to comply with these regulations it has been found necessary to delete all but necessary cuts, and to list only goods available or likely to be available in the near future.

It is doubtful if the Quartermaster has ever experienced as great difficulty in producing a catalogue as this year. Wartime conditions and priorities have made it difficult to secure many items manufactured in Canada, and of course this is even more true of items imported from overseas.

When you consider these factors, we feel sure you will agree with us that the Quartermaster has accomplished a mighty fine job under abnormal conditions.

Distribution of the new catalogue is being made on the same basis as Catalogue No. 24. If there is an agent in your district you may obtain copies for your Troop and Pack members by applying to your agent.

If, however, you live in a district where there is no agent, you should send your request to the Stores Department at Ottawa, and sufficient catalogues for your Pack or Troop will be forwarded free of charge and postage prepaid.

A Footnote

By the way, we might explain here that *The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes*, which was advertised in the October issue, and is advertised in the Catalogue was held up in production due to wartime conditions. If you have ordered your copy, and it has not arrived yet, please be patient. It will go out in a few weeks. The Editor.

P.L. Saves Life of S.M.

Patrol Leader L. A. Laurence of the 2nd Sawley Group, England, had the unique experience recently of rescuing his own Scoutmaster from drowning, when the latter was seized with violent cramps while in swimming. The P.L. managed to bring the Scouter safely to shore where with the assistance of other Scouts artificial respiration was administered.

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

THE DUFFEL BAG

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

The Best Training I've Had

"SCOUT training is the best training I've had so far, and I'm glad I had it." That's a quotation from a letter from Lt. C. Roger MacLellan, of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, now serving overseas. In his letter he expressed his thanks to those in New Glasgow who had given him training as a Scout. Of his Scout training he had this to say:

"Having a grand time trying to keep myself as well as my clothes clean. And here is where the training I had in Scouts is really put to use. No fooling—I don't know what I'd do if I never had that training. Even being able to tie knots in a hurry is helping me immensely. The experience I had in camping out in Canada is also of great benefit to me as well. Being able to build a fire for several uses, cooking, making gadgets, etc., are all proving useful."

First Scout Camp in History

Who attended the first Scout Camp in history at Brownsea Island? That's a question frequently asked, and here is the answer, as given by Sir Percy Everett, himself a Brownsea camper, in *The Scouter*. The camp was held from July 25th to August 9th, 1907, and the Scoutmaster was Lieut.-General Robert Baden-Powell. His orderly was his nephew, Donald Baden-Powell, now a professor at Oxford University. The Patrols and their members were:

Curlew Patrol. R. Wroughton, Percy Medway, Cedric I. Curteis, John M. Evans-Lombe, Reginald Giles.

Raven Patrol. Thomas B. A. Evans-Lombe, Arthur Primmer, B. Blandford, James Rodney, M. Noble.

Wolves Patrol. C. Rodney, Bertie Watts, A. Vivian, T. E. Bonfield, F. Grant.

Bull Patrol. H. Emley B. Tarrant, W. Rodney, B. Collingbourne, Humphrey Noble.

Helpers. G. W. Green, H. Robson, P. W. Everett.

It will be recalled that half of these boys came from poor homes and half from more affluent homes. One of the number, Lord Rodney, is a resident of Canada, and is engaged in farming in Alberta, although at present he is on active service.

Y.M.C.A. Sports College

THE attention of Scouters is drawn to a series of Saturday radio broadcasts over the national network of the CBC titled "Y.M.C.A. Sports College." The broadcasts will feature a number of nationally known figures in the world of sport who will speak to the boys of Canada of their experiences and tell them how they may attain physical fitness through sports of various kinds. The talks will include advice on how to play games, how to train, what to eat, and how to keep healthy and fit. Consult your local newspapers for time of broadcast in your community. It will be listed as "Y.M.C.A. Sports College."

Prayer for Victory

COPIES of "Prayer for Victory" a splendid poem by a Canadian officer, Major Dick Diespecker has been made available in quantity to Scoutmasters who would like to secure copies. This poem was featured by Greer Garson, the film star, in a Canada-wide broadcast, and its message has also been broadcast to millions over the Columbia, Mutual, Australian and South African networks. An 8 by 3 inch reproduction, is now offered FREE to Scouters who write to Young Men's Section, Montreal Board of Trade, 300 St. Sacrament St., Montreal. Ask for the number required, and mention *The Scout Leader*. They will be promptly forwarded to you without charge of any kind.

Educational Aid for Montreal Scouters

ONCE again a special fund has been made available in Montreal to enable Scout leaders to undertake educational courses at McGill University and Sir George Williams College which would help them in their work for the Movement. The fund provides two-thirds of the cost and the Scouter is asked to pay the balance. Courses are available in English Composition, Public Speaking, Introduction to Psychology, Social Science, Sociology, Biology, Humanities, Natural Science.

Court of Honour Pledge

THE following impressive pledge is used at each meeting of the 17th Ottawa Troop Court of Honour. Constable Fred Spindler, R.C.M.P., is Scoutmaster of this Troop. Members of the Court stand and with heads bowed repeat together this pledge:

"We who are serving our brother Scouts as leaders, have again met as a Court of Honour in the best interests of our Troop. We pledge ourselves to abide by and carry out the will of the majority, regardless of our own personal opinion."

Scout Promotion Month

NOVEMBER is "Scout and Guide Promotion Month" in the Salvation Army, and a spirited campaign is being conducted to increase the number of units and the membership of existing units throughout the Army organization in Canada. The Salvation Army, always staunch supporters of the Boy Scout Movement, boast some of the finest Troops in the country. Brigadier Alfred Keith, a member of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council is in charge of Young People's work in the Salvation Army and Major Percy F. Alder is the Field Secretary for Scouting.

What is the Bronze Wolf?

THE Bronze Wolf is perhaps the least well known of any Scout decoration. No reference to it appears in P.O. & R. The reason for this is that it is not a decoration in the gift of the Canadian Association.

The Bronze Wolf was instituted in 1936 as the sole award made at the discretion of the International Committee, with the approval of the Chief Scout of the World (B.-P.). It was inaugurated in order to recognize work of a high order in the international field of Scouting. On the insistence of the International Committee Lord Baden-Powell accepted the first award. The only other awards made before the war were to Hubert Martin as Hon. Director of the International Bureau; W. de Bonstetten, as founder of the International Chalet in Switzerland, and Col. Wilson, in recognition of the international character of his work as head of Gilwell Park training centre in England. As the International Committee has not met since 1939 no further awards have been made.