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NOTED EDUCATIONIST IS NEW PRESIDENT

Dr. H. J. Cody, President of Toronto University, elected to succeed late Sir Edward Beatty at Annual Meeting in June . . . New President has been honoured by the King and by many famous universities at home and abroad.

New President On Scouting

I HAVE long believed that the Boy Scout Movement is one of the sanest and most influential of modern educational efforts, and that Lord Baden-Powell was not only a fine general but an educational leader of the highest quality.

He aimed to reach, to train and to discipline boys at the most difficult and critical period of their lives. He conserved human energy not by repressing it but by giving it a constructive expression and a right direction.

He sublimated boy vigour.

He gave boys something to do and to make, something of which they saw the use. He linked them with nature, and taught habits of observation, of education, of creation. He linked theory and practice; he taught theory through practice, in an infinitely nobler way than that pursued by the authorities of Dotheboy's Hall in Dickens' famous educational critic.

He associated the hikes and the nature explorations with the country in which the boys lived, and unconsciously taught a worthy type of patriotism. In his Scout Law he added helpfulness to others and reverence for God—all in the most natural and spontaneous fashion. The Movement spread through all the free nations of the world; it became an international link between States. The totalitarian states used his ideas in part but perverted and narrowed them.

The results of this striking educational movement have been evident in the character, patriotism, kindness and religious devotion of generations of growing lads. They have by Scouting been trained to be honest, inter-

Our New President



REV. H. J. CODY, C.M.G., LL.D., D.D.
President of the University of Toronto and one of Canada's most distinguished educationists who was elected President of the Boy Scouts Association at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian General Council in June.

ested, intelligent, well-conducted citizens.

Could any educational movement create a better human product. Does any more richly deserve the support of all Canadians who fear God, honour the King and care for the national well-being?

Chief Scout Entertains

ON July 20th, His Excellency the Chief Scout entertained at a luncheon at Government House, Ottawa, in honour of Dr. Cody. Also present were members of the Executive Board and officers of the Association

Our President's Distinguished Career

ONE of the world's leading educationists, and President of the Empire's largest University, the University of Toronto, the Rev. Henry John Cody, C.M.G., M.A., LL.D., D.D., D.C.L., is the new President of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association. He was nominated by His Excellency the Chief Scout at the annual meeting in Ottawa on June 13th. He succeeds the late Sir Edward Beatty, first President of the Association.

Dr. Cody has had a distinguished career. Like so many other great Canadians he was born in a small town, Embro, Ontario, and what will particularly interest Scouts and Cubs is the fact that he is related to the world famed boy hero William (Buffalo Bill) Cody.

Dr. Cody was educated in Galt, Ont., Collegiate, and the University of Toronto where he gained his B.A., M.A., and LL.D. degrees. He was honoured by numerous other univer-

sities receiving Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) degrees from Manitoba, McGill, Western, Glasgow, Alberta, McMaster and Brown Universities; Doctor of Divinity degrees from Queen's University, Trinity, Wycliffe, Emmanuel, King's and Knox Colleges. In addition he received a Doctor of Civil Laws (D.C.L.) degree from Bishops College, Lennoxville.

The new President was ordained in 1893 and for more than 30 years was rector of Canada's largest Anglican Church, St. Paul's, Bloor Street, Toronto. He assisted in the establishment of Ridley College for boys at St. Catharines and Haverhill College for

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A Column for Scouters

FROM a Scouter in Kitchener, who Ontario Provincial Headquarters tells us is "very sincere and faithful" and who has had considerable experience in Scouting, comes a letter protesting a change in policy regarding leaders' uniforms.

It should be clearly understood that Scouting is a product of the democratic system, and is in itself an almost perfect example of democratic government where the Patrol System is followed. Thus any Scouter may criticize or voice an opinion.

With this in mind we are starting immediately a column in *The Scout Leader* in which Scouters will have the opportunity of expressing themselves before the Movement. There are however certain factors which will have to be recognized if such a section is to be successful and serve a useful purpose.

First, it is not a column for the fellow who perpetually carries around a chip on his shoulder. It is not a column provided to enable one man to vent his spleen against another in the Movement with whom he does not agree. It is intended that it shall be a gentleman's forum, where in reasonable debate the topics of the day may be discussed.

We agree with the Editor of the *British Scouter* when he says that a magazine would be very dull if it expressed only official views all the time. However when its columns are thrown open to readers to express themselves, reasonable limits must be imposed. To quote the editor of *The Scouter* again: "Within reasonable limits is a vague phrase and difficult to define—that is why an editor is appointed—within his fallible judgment, he must decide what is, or what is not to appear, apart from those official matters which must be printed."

So we ask those who write us to accept these reasonable limits and

leave the question of publication to our fallible judgment. We cannot of course publish letters of an acrimonious nature. Nor will we publish letters which bear no signature, or which carry a *nom de plume*. The editor must also reserve the right to edit letters, to shorten them, but not to change their meaning. Only a limited space will be available, and we ask Scouters to stick to Scouting topics, to discuss them objectively, to criticize constructively and not destructively. To merely object means nothing. To object for valid reasons is another matter.

Elsewhere in this issue the letter referred to appears. It deals with two interesting topics. It and other Scouting discussions will no doubt serve as a guide to those charged with the responsibility of laying down the policy and rules under which the Boy Scouts Association shall operate. There's your reasonable limits. Let us have your letters.

Memorial to Lord Somers

SUNDAY, October 8th, has been set apart as a day of Memorial in the Boy Scout Movement in Canada, for the late Lord Somers, Chief Scout of the British Empire, who died on July 14th. Scouters are asked to arrange such a service, either with the church with which they are affiliated, or as a Scout's Own conducted by the Scouter.

In the October issue of *The Scout Leader* will appear an insert, giving a suggested form of service, together with a brief resumé of Lord Somers' life. The co-operation of every Group in Canada is asked for, as a tribute to one who made a very great contribution to Scouting.

❖ War Decorations ❖

Victoria Cross

Major Charles Ferguson Hoey, 29, Lincolnshire Regt. (Imp.) Scout, Rover and A.S.M. 1st Quamichan (Duncan) B.C., Troop. (Also awarded Military Cross and Mentioned in Despatches previously. V.C. awarded posthumously).

Distinguished Flying Cross

FO Albert Russell, 26, RCAF, King's Scout, 2nd Edmonton Troop.



To Higher Service

★
Pte. Stanley Azarkiewicz, 21, Cape Breton Highlanders, P.L., 20th Sydney, N.S., Troop.

★
Sgt. William A. Bannier, 23, RCA, P.L., 1st Gaspe, Que., Troop.

★
Pte. Oliver L. Bowman, 22, RCOC, Scout, A.S.M., 1st Niagara Falls, Ont., Troop.

★
W. Op. Arthur Brown, 23, Merchant Navy, Cub and King's Scout, 1st Swift Current, Sask., Troop.

★
OS David E. Brown, 19, RCN, 1st Class Scout, Richmond, B.C.

★
Sgt. Pilot Arnold W. Cochrane, 20, RCAF, P.L., 1st Creelman, Sask., Troop.

★
PO H. P. (Hansi) Dobesch, 22, RCAF, Cub, Scout, 22nd Winnipeg Group.

★
Sgt. Ob. Bruce E. Doe, 24, RCAF, P.L. 1st Granby, Que., Troop.

★
WO Hugh Scott Fraser, 22, RCAF, Scout, Parrsboro, N.S.

★
LAC Douglas Geldard, 23, RCAF, Cub, 22nd Toronto, King's Scout, 49th Toronto Troop.

★
Major Charles F. Hoey, V.C., 29, Lincolnshire Regt. (Imp) Scout 1st Quamichan, B.C., Rover and A.S.M.

★
Pte. Kenneth Ingram, 20, CA, Cub and Scout, 49th Toronto Group.

★
LAC Norman B. Jenkins, 19, RCAF, Cub and Scout, 49th Toronto Group.

★
Dr. James A. Kelly, 19, CA, Scout, 8th Timmins Troop.

★
AG Clarence F. Lloyd, 23, RCAF, P.L., King's Scout, 1st Granby, Que., Troop.

★
Flt. Sgt. Roy W. Moody, 20, RCAF, Troop Leader, 1st Riverside (Montreal) Troop.

★
Lieut. Joseph B. McBride, 22, GGHG, Cub, Scout, A.S.M., 1st Barrie, Ont., Troop.

★
Lieut. Edward McMitchell, 29, Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury Regt., P.L., 1st Sudbury, Ont., Troop.

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To Higher Service ☉ July 14th, 1944

CHIEF SCOUT

of the

**BRITISH
EMPIRE**



LORD SOMERS

JANUARY 1941

to

JULY 1944

SCOUTING throughout the world, and particularly in the Empire, was immeasurably bereaved by the death in Great Britain on July 14th, of Lord Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., Chief Scout of the British Empire. He was called to higher service following a lengthy and painful illness. Official notification was conveyed to the Scouts of Canada in a cable from Sir Percy Everett, Deputy Chief Scout.

(It is planned to hold Memorial Services across Canada on Sunday, October 8th. Details appear on page 2).

Lord Somers first became interested in Scouting as a County Commissioner in England and later as State Chief Scout when he was Governor of Victoria, Australia. For a short time, as acting Governor-General of Australia he was Chief Scout of the Commonwealth.

He frequently camped and hiked with Scouts and Rovers in Australia and later attended a Gilwell Course and was a member of the Wood Pigeon Patrol. In 1937 he was named Deputy Chief Scout by the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, and on the latter's death in 1941 he was named Chief Scout of the Empire with the approval of the Associations in the Dominions.

He had a distinguished military career in World War I, serving with the Life Guards and the Tank Corps. He was awarded the D.S.O. and the M.C. Early in the present war he directed Red Cross activities in the Near East. As an example to British Scouts to wear Scout Uniform on all war activities, Lord Somers frequently appeared in the House of Lords in the uniform of the Movement.

Canadians had a special interest in Lord Somers, for as a young man he lived in this Dominion, operating a farm at Pickering, Ont., with his brother-in-law, Lord Hyde. When the latter suc-

ceeded his father as Earl of Clarendon, and returned to England, Lord Somers also returned. At Pickering he was keenly interested in the life of the community, and played the organ in the little Anglican church there.

Lord Somers was a worthy successor to B.-P. He was deeply sincere in all he said and did, and was convinced that the Boy Scout Movement offered a very real opportunity to train youth to better citizenship and toward the ideal of world brotherhood. A deeply religious man, he firmly believed that there was a positive side to a Scout's duty to his God, which must be observed with constancy if Scouting was to serve a useful role in the world.

In December last, The Scout Leader published an article by Lord Somers under the title "The World's Hope." It was reproduced in several Canadian religious magazines. The concluding paragraphs read:

"It is the early years of life that are so important. That cannot be stressed with too much emphasis. It is then that a child should learn naturally to accept the duty it owes God and its fellows. I believe we must ensure that all our children build their lives on a religious foundation. I know that I owe a deep debt of gratitude to those who taught me Christian principles when I was a child.

"I do not think it is possible in our generation to attain the Christ ideal as he expounded it in his sermon on the Mount and throughout his life. But this is the aim which I try to keep in mind."

Lord Somers has passed to his reward. A vibrant voice in Scouting has been silenced in death. He will long be remembered for the inspiring leadership he gave to Scouting in his all too short tenure of office as Chief Scout of the British Empire.

CARRYING ON

Seeds for Britain

ACKNOWLEDGMENT has been received from Britain of donations of garden seeds for the "Seeds for Britain" campaign, from the following: Miss Ellen Hartog, Toronto; 1st Preston Pack, Preston, Ont.; 3rd Galt Pack, Galt, Ont.; 2nd Galt Pack, Galt, Ont.; 2nd Preston Pack, Preston, Ont.; 1st Two Rivers Group, Two Rivers, B.C.; 77th Toronto (Leaside) Cub Pack, Toronto; 4th Hamilton Scout Troop, Hamilton, Ont.; J. M. Molne, Esq., Montreal, Que.; 1st Weston Cub Pack, Toronto 12, Ont.; 111th Toronto Troop, Toronto; 10th Galt Pack, Galt, Ont.; 8th Galt Pack, Galt, Ont.; 7th Galt Pack, Galt, Ont.; 1st Plattsville Pack, Plattsville, Ont.; 4th Galt Wolf Cub Pack, Galt, Ont.; 40th Windsor Pack, Windsor, Ont.; 1st Kapuskasing Cub Pack, Kapuskasing, Ont.; 1st Ruthilda Scout Troop, Ruthilda, Sask.; 1st Listowel Scout Troop, Listowel, Ont.; Scout Troop One, Ridgeway, Ont.; Rushbrooke Troop (Verdun Division) Montreal, Que.

We would be happy to acknowledge other donations which have not come to our notice.

Continuing a Good Job

If the work of the Stratford, Ont. Scouts is frequently referred to in these columns, it is simply because the Scouts of Stratford are doing a grand job, and keep on doing it. In one Saturday afternoon in early June they collected paper and bottles sufficient to fill two freight cars. Scouts with 10 trucks covered the entire city and collected in addition to the paper and bottles about a ton of rags.

Scouts at New Glasgow, N.S., co-operated in an evening waste paper drive which resulted in more than a carload of paper being collected. Collections are made monthly.

Collect Two Tons of Fats

Scouts at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., sponsored "Fats Matinee" at two local theatres. The *Star* of that city says "All the work in collecting, weighing, packing and shipping was done by Scouts of the local Troops. In return the Boy Scouts Association is to receive the proceeds of the sale." Both theatres were filled and two tons of fats was collected. Admission was two pounds of fat.

Meet Repats

Toronto Scouts are assisting the official committee which meets trains carrying servicemen returning from overseas. The special task assigned to the Scouts is to check train and bus schedules for worried soldiers, sailors and airmen continuing their journey.

Planned Drives Get Results

Between thirty and forty Moncton, N.B., Scouts, in a sectional salvage drive in their city, collected two and a half tons of salvage paper and rags, in one Saturday afternoon. Moncton Scouts carry out a planned continuing programme of collection, in a different section of the city each Saturday. They are doing an exceedingly fine job.



TWO BRITISH COLUMBIA SCOUTS WIN V.C.

TWO CANADIAN SCOUTS, BOTH FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA, HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE HIGHEST AWARD FOR GALLANTRY IN THE EMPIRE—THE VICTORIA CROSS. THEY ARE LEFT, COL. C. C. I. MERRITT, FIRST CANADIAN TO WIN THE V.C. IN THIS WAR. HE WAS A CUB AND SCOUT IN THE 6TH VICTORIA (ST. PAUL'S) GROUP. RIGHT, IS MAJOR CHARLES F. HOEY OF DUNCAN, B.C., WHO WAS AWARDED THE V.C. FOLLOWING HIS DEATH IN THE BURMA ZONE EARLIER THIS YEAR. MAJOR HOEY WAS SERVING WITH THE LINCOLNSHIRE REGT., IN THE IMPERIAL ARMY. HE WAS A FORMER SCOUT, ROVER AND A.S.M. OF THE QUAMICHAN TROOP AT DUNCAN.

6,000 Magazines for the Forces

When the Scouts of Montreal staged their annual demonstration, "Scouting in Review" at the Molson Stadium in Montreal, spectators were asked to bring magazines for the forces. In this way Montreal Scouts collected 6,000 magazines which were turned over to the District Book Depot. The review honoured the R.C.M.P. and was attended by high officials of that force. Deputy Commissioner F. J. Mead of the R.C.M.P. in his address said that the Scout and Police mottoes made a

great "fighting combination"—Be Prepared and Maintain the Right.

Valuable Work Recognized

So valuable has the salvage work of the Lloydminster, Sask., Scouts been, that the Dept. of National War Services asked them to extend their activities within 100 miles radius of the town. Working only in Lloydminster Scouts have collected and shipped 27,000 pounds of paper, 7,350 pounds of scrap metal, 3,200 pounds of fat and bones, and half a freight car of rubber.



TWO AWARDED SILVER WOLF FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AT ANNUAL MEETING

THREE HAPPY SCENES AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN GENERAL COUNCIL IN JUNE. LEFT, COL. RUFUS SPOONER, WHO INTRODUCED SCOUTING IN THE SALVATION ARMY, AND WHO HAS LONG BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH THE MOVEMENT IS PRESENTED WITH THE SILVER WOLF BY THE EARL OF ATHLONE. CENTRE, THE CHIEF SCOUT RECEIVES THE FIRST LONG SERVICE MEDAL TO BE AWARDED IN CANADA, AT THE HANDS OF JACKSON DODDS, C.B.E. RIGHT, W. H. J. TISDALE, DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR TORONTO, WHOSE OUTSTANDING SERVICES WERE RECOGNIZED WHEN THE CHIEF SCOUT DECORATED HIM WITH THE SILVER WOLF, HIGHEST DECORATION IN SCOUTING.

New Medal for Long Service

THE Canadian General Council has approved of the issuance of a new medal to be awarded to Scouters giving faithful and efficient service for a period of at least ten years. Provision is also made for the awarding of a bar for each five years additional service. Amendment to P.O. & R. relating to this medal provides:



For Long Service

Awards for service to the Movement are made to Scouters. One of the following awards may be granted.

- 1—Service Medal, Yellow and Red Ribbon. For at least ten years faithful and efficient service as a Scouter.
- 2—Bar to the Service Medal, for each additional five years faithful and efficient service as a Scouter.

Note. As multicoloured ribbons are unobtainable for the duration of the war, the medal will be issued with a plain green ribbon.

Applications must be made through the District Commissioner and the Provincial Commissioner, and must contain a full statement of the service rendered. In localities where there is no District Commissioner, the Chairman of the Local Association (or Chairman of Group Committee where no Association exists) shall make application through the Provincial Commissioner. Forms may be procured from Provincial Headquarters and all applications must be made on these official forms.

The medal, pictured above represents a cross-section of a tree showing the year rings, with the Scout badge and words "Long Service" superimposed.

Headquarters Notices

THE Chief Scout has been pleased to approve the following warrants:

Assistant Provincial Commissioner
J. C. Nicholson, Baddeck, N.S.

District Commissioner
T. L. Jackson, Beaverlodge, Alta.

Assistant District Commissioner
E. L. Leitch, Edmonton, Alta.
William W. J. Selby, Kingston, Ont.
Harold Gunther, Cornwall, Ont.

District Scoutmaster
Garland G. Hooper, Toronto, Ont.
Frederick J. Finlay, Toronto, Ont.

Scoutmaster
Thurston D. Archibald, Westmount, Que. (Sea)
J. Leslie Forsyth, Ottawa, Ont.
Gordon A. Downey, Halifax, N.S.
George G. Beal, Toronto, Ont.
William J. E. Guest, Toronto, Ont.
Herbert R. Le Van, Hamilton, Ont.
Fred R. Giles, Toronto, Ont.
John W. Patrick, Galt, Ont.
Rev. Bernard F. Parson, Rosburn, Man.
Albert E. Jean, Campbellton, N.B.
Robert J. Smith, Fredericton, N.B.
Barnard J. Mahler, Galt, Ont.
John H. Slawson, Vancouver, B.C.
P. F. Peele, Calgary, Alta.
J. Pike, Edmonton, Alta.
A. C. Smith, Calgary, Alta.
Albert Bader, Kitchener, Ont.
Louis Finegold, Outremont, Que.
George A. Packer, Britannia Heights, Ont.

Assistant Scoutmaster
Calixte Cyr, Atholville, N.B.
Herbert E. Seely, Fredericton, N.B.
William J. Doward, Calgary, Alta.
Frank W. Curson, Royal Oak, Victoria, B.C.
C. Harold Vollan, Windsor, Ont.
Fred P. Girouard, Buctouche, N.B.
Wm. Kenneth A. Dobson, Ottawa, Ont.
Vernon D. Pelton, Halifax, N.S.
Ben Matthews, Kitchener, Ont.
Arthur A. Densmore, Red Deer, Alta.
George M. Hargroft, Toronto, Ont.
R. G. Nelles, Calgary, Alberta

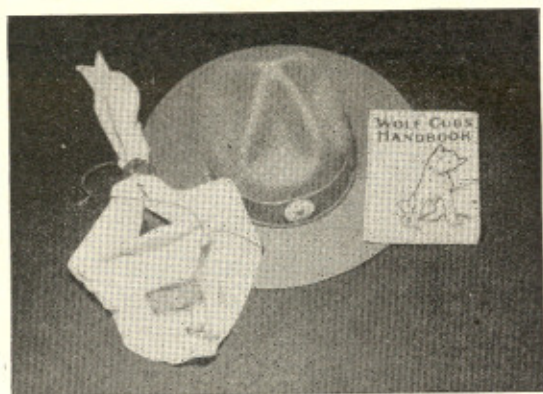
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Ruth E. Chappel, Toronto, Ont.

Charles H. Pearce, Toronto, Ont.
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Maureen McNulty, London, Ont.
William H. Martin, Swastika, Ont.
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John L. Shearson, Moncton, N.B.
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Samuel Mercer, Calgary, Alta.
Dorothea A. Woud, St. Catharines, Ont.
Jean I. Melville, Toronto, Ont.
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Robert Allan, Toronto, Ont.
William Bissett, Toronto, Ont.
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Joyce B. Jeffrey, St. Catharines, Ont.
Lillian Maynes, Calgary, Alta.

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Julie C. Pearce, Toronto, Ont.
Vera M. Mitchell, Toronto, Ont.
Enid Pratt, Toronto, Ont.
Dwayne B. Deacon, Hamilton, Ont.
Margaret MacConbrey, Toronto, Ont.
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Doris Wood, Toronto, Ont.
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Agnes Duncanson, Toronto, Ont.
Francis Gwynne, Toronto, Ont.
Lily Gwynne, Toronto, Ont.
W. L. J. Brockhurst, Toronto, Ont.
Sidney Stulberg, Toronto, Ont.
Gwen E. Finlay, Toronto, Ont.
Kathleen D. Gibson, Toronto, Ont.
Elizabeth R. Jones, Toronto, Ont.
Jean M. McArthur, Toronto, Ont.
Donald A. Tang, Toronto, Ont.
Pamela Ferguson, Victoria, B.C.
Iona Samis, Toronto, Ont.
Marjorie F. Purkis, Toronto, Ont.
Gladys A. Clarke, Verdun, Que.
Waverlie A. Watson, Vancouver, B.C.
Grace Diamond, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

June was a record month in Calgary for salvage collections. No less than 128 tons were shipped. Scouts of the 18th Troop and Sea Scouts of the 7th Troop were particularly active in the drive.



PRACTICAL CUBBING

Play-Acting for Cubs

By N. P. SUTCLIFFE,
C.M. 7th Airedale

Few people doubt the great value of play-acting, but in case there are any Cubmasters who have not yet consciously tackled it in their Packs here are some reasons why they should do so in the very near future.

Play-acting is a fine outlet for many desires that have normally to be kept suppressed by the boy; he can make more noise than he is normally allowed to, be a great leader, tackle his Sixer, whom he was always sure he could beat, and is surprised to find that he can't; he can show the rest of the Pack what a fine commando he would make, and, in short, become all the things he would be if he only had the chance. The shy child will, in time, forget his shyness; team spirit is encouraged, and the boy's natural ingenuity can be given play.

When should we do this play-acting? A little should be done at every Pack meeting, in some form or another. In my opening sentence I spoke of C.M.s who have not consciously tackled this fascinating branch of Cubbing, for every Grand Howl is play-acting, and many games bring in a little acting.

In Packs where acting has never been done as such, both Cubs and Akela may be a little nervous of beginning. In that case, start with games in which the Cub has to imitate animals, trains, different people, and if the game is taken in the form of a race, the boy will forget his diffidence in the excitement of the race. Games where the whole Pack are doing the same thing help, too, to overcome self-consciousness. Such games as "I used to be a Tailor" and "The Music-man," leading on to more elaborate ones—"The King of the Barbarees"—are this type of game. Later, individuals can have a chance in games like "The Sick Dragon," "Foreign Shopping," etc. Never, in any of these games, try to force the shy boy to take a part; give him time, and he will usually join in sooner or later.

To encourage the team spirit in the Pack, play-acting is a grand activity. Let each Six dress up one of its members as a famous character—Guy Fawkes, Hitler, Julius Caesar, and many others spring to mind. Tell them you want each Six to produce a dragon, or an aeroplane, or a boat, and let them do without help or interference, and see what a fine job they can make of it. Give them ten minutes to change themselves into a tribe of Indians or a Scottish regiment, and see if your Cubs can play-act!

When you progress as far as acting plays, start with dumb-show. Often the noisiest Cub is frightened of his own voice when he realizes that the whole Pack is listening to him. Read a poem or story, and let them act it as you read. Many scenes from the Bible are very effective in dumb-show; the parable of the Good Samaritan, and the contest between Elijah and Ahab on Mount Carmel are but two. Poems too, can make grand plays, for example, "The Highwayman," by Alfred Noyes, and many of our old ballads can be acted.

A very popular kind of play-acting is the dramatization of a good turn, or an illustration of the Law or Promise. This is good teaching as well as great fun, and can be done either as dumb-show or with words.

It should not be overdone or allowed to become too "sloppy"—even Cubs like to feel like real men!

A whole evening can be taken up by each Six acting a different scene from one of the well-known pantomimes. If the Sixer is told the previous week which scene his Six will be expected to perform, they can then co-operate in the producing of clothes and other properties, and may, perhaps, rehearse at one another's homes. As an example of this, the pantomime "Cinderella" can be played in this way: the Blacks can do the first scene, where the sisters are preparing for the ball, and the fairy godmother helps

Cinders to go. The Greys can show the Prince's palace, and Cinderella's flight as the clock strikes twelve. The Tawnies act the final scene where the Prince comes to claim his bride. If you have more than three Sixes, split the first scene up and let the Blacks show the preparations, and the Whites the visit of the fairy godmother.

Other special Pack meetings give scope for protracted play-acting, when the Cubs for a whole evening turn into pirates, or Robin Hood and his men. Open-air meetings in the summer do not bar play-acting; rather do they provide greater opportunities, for the Cubs can so easily turn into cowboys, commandos, German spies or paratroops in the open-air.

At the ordinary weekly Pack meeting, impromptu acting is most satisfactory, and proper plays should only be prepared for shows, parents' evenings, etc. (Be careful about royalties when giving a public performance of a written play. Even the fact that no charge is made for admission is no excuse for not paying royalties). When a public performance is given, it is usually best, if time can be found in these busy days, to hold rehearsals outside the Pack meetings, for then the other Cubs will not be wasting their precious time, and will also enjoy the actual performance much more.

Much has already been written by others about the production of Jungle Dances; these are a grand form of play-acting, greatly enjoyed by the Cubs if tackled in the right way. One thing is most important: do see that the boys know the story behind the play before expecting them to act it.

For those who have not tackled it before, play-acting opens up a glorious new field of worthwhile activity, which the Cubs will love and soon begin to demand, so go to it, and Good Acting! —From *The Scouter*.

Former Scout Is Noted Composer

THE Toronto Symphony orchestra some months ago featured on one of its programmes a composition by Bob Fleming of Saskatoon, recognized as one of Canada's most promising young composers. Bob was a First Class Scout in a Saskatoon Troop, and his father is a Cubmaster in Saskatoon. Scouts and Scouters all over Canada will join in congratulating Bob Fleming on his success and will wish for him a big place in Canadian music. His compositions have frequently been heard on the CBC.

A Visit to the Seeonee Pack

By W. N. PAUL, A.D.C. (Cubs)
Ilford East

WE have had an invitation from the Seeonee Pack to visit them in the Jungle. Their lair is hidden deep in the thickets, and we must find our way by the direction they have given us.

Game: Observation (Note: You will probably find it easier to have your preparations made before the meeting) Cubs have to notice objects which have been moved from their usual positions, or new objects which have been placed around the den. See who can find the greatest number of objects.

Presently we find a band of woodcutters who tell us how Shere Khan singled himself on the fire when he was hunting Mowgli, the man Cub.

Game: Shere Khan and the Woodcutters. Cubs sit in semi-circle with one in circle telling story—supposed to represent woodcutters sitting round fire. Two Shere Khans appear from other end of Den and when they touch an object that represents the fire which is placed some distance from the semi-circle of Cubs, they may attempt to capture the woodcutters, who may escape only on all fours. Shere Khan, of course must be on all fours also.

We say "Goodbye" and on we go, each Cub keeping a sharp lookout as Mowgli and Father Wolf promised to meet us.

Game: Eyes and No Eyes. Cubs stand in circle and Akela in the centre with a ball. The ball is thrown at a Cub, and before Akela can count up to ten the Cub has to say something that he has seen that day as he went to school, or ran an errand for mother, or came to the Pack meeting. Just saying "man" or "motor car" does not count. It has to be something he can truly say he noticed as he has gone along. For example, one Cub might say he noticed an inspector get on his bus as he went to School, and that as he came home he noticed the same inspector get on his bus again. This game does show up those who haven't any eyes.

What is that? Here comes Mowgli and Father Wolf. We must give the password of the Jungle, so let us say altogether "We be of one blood ye and I." Now down on your haunches, Pack, to welcome them with the Grand Howl.

Mowgli and Father Wolf now lead us quickly through the Jungle over

fallen streams, through streams and under briars.

Game: Obstacle Relay. I leave it to you to arrange this game for yourself from the articles available in your Den.

At last we reach the Lair of the Seeonee Pack, where we meet Baloo, and in whose honour we do the dance of Baloo. What is this towering above us? Why it is Kaa, the rock python swaying gently from side to side, his body glistening in its new coat. Kaa tells us how he helped rescue Mowgli from the Bandarlog at the Cold Lairs.

Game: Kaa and the Bandarlog. Pack divided into two teams, one at each end of den. One Cub to represent Kaa in the middle. Each of the Bandarlog have two paper lives tucked in the top of their shorts, but showing beneath their jerseys. Each team then runs to opposite ends of Den, without, if possible, losing their lives. Any Cub losing both lives, must help Kaa in the middle.

Time is getting on. We are pleased to have them able to meet one of our brother Packs, and we each pair up to one of the Cubs in the Seeonee Pack to say "Goodbye" and hope they visit our Pack some day.

Game: Brothers. Arrange two circles, one inside the other. The Cubs on the

inside face and pair off with those on the outside. Both circles turn left. On the word "go" each circle starts running round. At the shout of "Brothers," all break away, each finding his brother and then sitting down. The last pair down is considered to be "lost." Continue until someone has been lost three times.

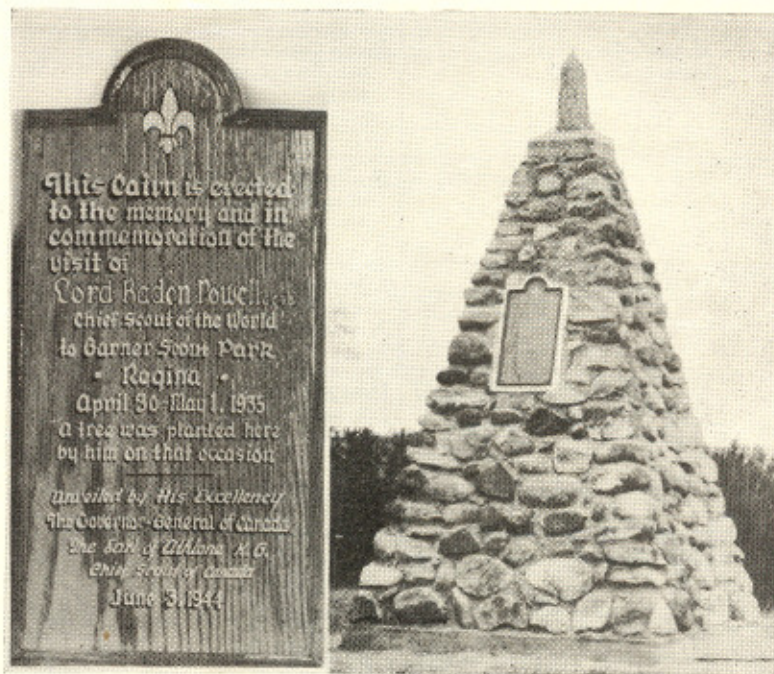
On the way back we lose our way.

Game: Lost in the Jungle. Akela writes the names of Jungle animals on many pieces of paper and hides them all over the den. Akela tells the Cubs that a lot of Jungle animals have got lost and are wandering about in the Jungle. The Cubs must find them within five minutes. At Akela's call the Pack returns, and one by one the Cubs describe the animal they have found without saying its name. The rest must guess which animal is intended.

We have found the path, and here we are back at our Den in time for a story (which should deal with the Jungle, and may be one from the Jungle Book).

The Grand Howl and a prayer for our brother Cubs everywhere before saying "Goodnight."

An unusual election was held at Kingston Heights, near Kingston, Ont., recently when a community council was elected. Instead of the voters going to the polls, ballots were distributed to the homes and collected by Scouts and Guides in ballot boxes.



THE BADEN-POWELL MEMORIAL CAIRN AT GARNER PARK, SASKATCHEWAN CAMPING CENTRE. THIS WAS TO HAVE BEEN UNVEILED BY THE CHIEF SCOUT FOR CANADA ON JUNE 3RD, BUT RAIN INTERFERED WITH THE EVENT. THE PLACQUE IS REPRODUCED ON THE LEFT.

A SUGGESTED TWELVE-M

| A | B | C | D | E | F |
|-------|---|--|---|-----------------------|--|
| Month | Special Days | Leaders and Committeemen | Month's Emphasis | Week | Meeting Place |
| SEPT. | Labour Day (4) Schools Reopen | Leaders meet with Group Committee to plan year's work Begin Gilwell Correspondence Course | A FULL PACK— BUILD EMERGENCY LEADERSHIP NATIONAL SERVICE | 1 2 3 4 | Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den |
| OCT. | Fire Prevention Week (8-14) Cub Census Day Thanksgiving Halloween (31) Apple Day | Annual Report. Registration meeting of Group Committee and Pack officers. Visit from Committeemen. | JUNGLE ATMOSPHERE NATIONAL SERVICE | 1 2 3 4 | Outdoors Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den |
| NOV. | Remembrance Day (11) St. Andrew's Day (30) | Group Committee and officers meet to arrange Christmas Toy Shop. | PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT NATIONAL SERVICE | 1 2 3 4 5 | Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den |
| DEC. | King George's Birthday (14) Christmas | Group Committee visits Toy Shop. | GOOD TURNS PACK TRADITION NATIONAL SERVICE | 1 2 3 4 | Outdoors Cub Den Outdoors Cub Den |
| JAN. | New Year's Day | Committeemen visit Pack meeting. | FIRST AID NATIONAL SERVICE | 1 2 3 4 5 | Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den |
| FEB. | Groundhog Day (2) St. Valentine's Day (14) Ash Wednesday (14) Boy Scout Week (18-24) | Officers and Committeemen attend Provincial Conferences. | PARENTS' NIGHT NATIONAL SERVICE | 1 2 3 4 | Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den |
| MAR. | St. David's Day (1) St. Patrick's Day (17) Good Friday (30) | Committeemen visit Pack meeting. | HANDICRAFTS NATIONAL SERVICE | 1 2 3 4 | Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den |
| APRIL | Easter Sunday (1) St. George's Day (23) | Committeemen visit Pack meeting. | DUTY TO GOD NATIONAL SERVICE | 1 2 3 4 | Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den |
| MAY | Mother's Day (13) Victoria Day (24) | Group Committee and officers complete plans for summer camp. | WILD FLOWER PICNIC NATIONAL SERVICE | 1 2 3 4 5 | Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den Cub Den |
| JUNE | King's Official Birthday (9) St. Jean Baptist (23) | Notify Provincial Headquarters of camp plans, date, place, etc. | NATURE PICNIC NATIONAL SERVICE | 1 2 3 4 | Outdoors Cub Den Outdoors Outdoors |
| JULY | Dominion Day (1) | Gilwell Course for C.M.'s and A.C.M.'s. | OUTDOOR GAMES NATIONAL SERVICE | 1 2 3 4 | Outdoors Outdoors Outdoors Outdoors |
| AUG. | Queen Elizabeth's Birthday (4) Civic Holiday (6) | Group Committee visit boys in camp. | SHORT CAMP NATIONAL SERVICE | 1 2 3 4 5 | Outdoors Outdoors Outdoors Outdoors Outdoors |

IT WILL be understood that the above Twelve-Months Cub Pack programme is offered as a guide rather than as a definite layout of a year's activities for all Packs.

The suggestion is that each Cubmaster rule out a similar form, and with the help of his A.C.M.'s and Scout Cub Instructors, fill in the schedule to suit his own Pack and its circumstances.

Column B—Dates of local interest—Arbour Day, Decoration Day, Fall Fairs, etc., to be added.

"Leaders and Committeemen" should be given especial thought. It would definitely contribute to the understanding and appreciation of the work of the Cubmaster by Committeemen if the Year Programme were discussed with them; undoubtedly it would in-

crease their interest if they were consulted in the working out of some of the details of the schedule. Quite possibly this would bring offers of help with certain details, such as instruction in some of the badge subjects.

Throughout the year a leader should find as much work as possible for his Committeemen. If there is a real, working Committee there will be a progressive Group.

MONTH PACK PROGRAMME

| G | H | I | J |
|---|---|---|--|
| <i>Special Topics</i> | <i>Projects</i> | <i>Outdoors</i> | <i>Advancement Schedule</i> |
| Lots of Games—Bring in new boys—Teach fundamentals of Cubbing—Tenderpad and Star work—Tell Mowgli story. | Bigger Membership. | Corn Roast. Hike to woods to collect leaves. | Tenderpad. 1st Star. 2nd Star. Proficiency Badges. |
| Play-acting—Jungle names and dances—building dens—Apple Day salesmanship—Talk on Fire Prevention. | Help clean up gardens. Apple Day. | Wiener roast. Good turn by helping clean up gardens, vacant lots, etc. | (At different times a report should be given the Committee). |
| Get boys to know their city. Christmas Toy Shop. | Help in Toy Shops. | Pack hike. Teach about animals, birds, flowers, leaves. | Guide and Toymaker's Badge. |
| Christmas Toy Shop—Christmas party—Games—Sing-songs—Stories. | Entertain other Packs. Other Christmas Good Turns—Church parade. | Observation and Nature Study Hike. | Star Work. |
| Cub baseball, floor hockey, floor ball. Star work and proficiency badge work. | Visit other Packs. | Ski hike. Winter sports. | Team Player. First-Aider. |
| Advancement work in preparation for Parents' Night. Games. | Parents' Night. | Hockey games. Hikes. | House Orderly. |
| Star work—Knotting—Models—Lair building—Collect stamps, etc.—Drawing—Weaving. | Make bird houses, kites, etc. | Erect Bird Houses. Fly kites. | Collector. Homecraft. Artist. |
| Cleanliness—Good Turns—Cub Law—Sing-song—Stories—Have Group Chaplain tell story. | Church parade. | Get the boys out on a Saturday afternoon. | Star Work. |
| Special talk on life in a democratic country and under a dictator—Story telling—Live Cub Law—Games—Loyalty—Begin outdoor games. | Plant gardens and trees. | Build lairs out of doors. | Gardener. |
| Games (individual and active)—Athlete Badge—Hygiene—Camping—Proper foods to eat—Outdoor Games. | Field Day. | Field Sports. Hikes. | Athlete. |
| Kindness to animals, birds, flowers, leaves, trees. Good turns in cleaning up countryside. | Collection of leaves or woods or flowers. | Outdoor Games. Hikes. | Observer. |
| Complete departure from regular routine meetings.—Outdoor games and work carried on.—Good habits.—Pack spirit. | Camp | Camping. Swimming. Sports. | Swimmer. |

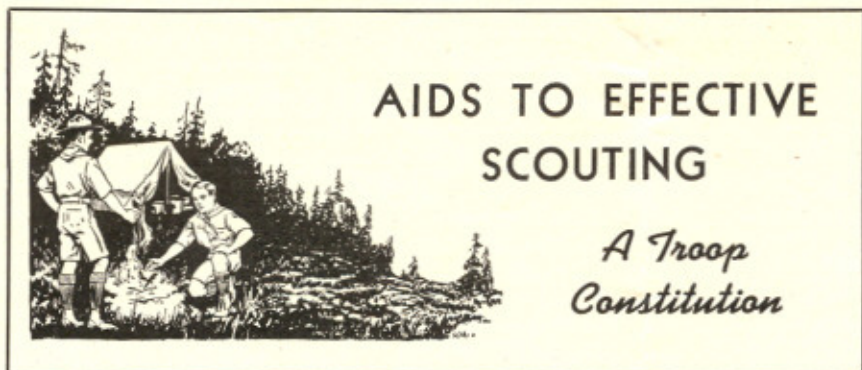
Month's Emphasis—Col's B G H and I are the real backbone of the programme. For a young Pack more advancement should be taken up, for the older Pack a more varied programme could be carried out.

Pack Projects—Every Pack should have a number of standing projects for the Cub's spare time, including such Pack Good Turns as looking after a garden or two, some old lady's

lawn, and the like. They can assist with the Scout Christmas Toy Shops in the smaller districts, particularly as collectors of discarded playthings.

Outdoors—Cubs should be taken out-of-doors as much as possible. On every Saturday afternoon possible there should be a hike or walk. Of course plans will be affected by climatic conditions and seasons in different parts of the Dominion.

Advancement Schedule—Every Akela should use the Pack Progress Wall Chart (supplied by the Dominion Headquarters Stores Department, 50 cents), not only for record, but as a potent factor in maintaining interest and progress in Star and Badge work. A report on progress should be given the Committee from time to time throughout the year.



AIDS TO EFFECTIVE SCOUTING

A Troop Constitution

HAVE you a Troop constitution? It isn't an essential to good Troop Management, but it can be a mighty good help. It sets forth the policy of the Troop, and becomes in effect the Policy, Organization and Rules of the Troop, planned to take care of the conditions peculiar to your own particular group.

What should a Troop constitution contain?

We'll answer that by giving the contents of the rules and regulations of a Troop we have before us just now.

First it decides the day and time of each weekly meeting. Next it decides on the official Troop uniform, the colour of the shirt, shorts, stockings, neckerchief, etc.

Next it proceeds to set the length of meetings, which is strictly adhered to. It sets forth when a Scout is late, what places in and near the meeting hall are out of bounds, and the weekly dues of the Troop. It continues by outlining the system of points for inspection, conduct, games, and badges.

The leaders entitled to conduct examination work are also placed on record. For instance the Junior A.S.M. examines in Tenderfoot, the Senior A.S.M. in Second Class, the Scoutmaster in First Class, and special examiners for Proficiency Badge work. The Constitution also provides a probationary period for recruits. They may not be invested in less than six weeks, and must be invested before nine weeks. Not more than one Scout may be invested at a time.

The outline of Court of Honour meetings is given, together with the rules governing such meetings. Other matters dealt with at some length in the constitution are Troop conduct, punishment, right of appeal, supply purchasing, duties of Duty Patrols, of Troop secretary, payment of bills, monthly reports, visitation of sick Scouts, Duties of Troop Leader, Junior and Senior A.S.M.

These rules and regulations were carefully drawn up by the Court of

Honour, are reviewed occasionally and brought up to date.

This particular Troop has found that definite rules and regulations have proved very beneficial to the Troop. The rules, by the way apply to everyone, from the Scoutmaster down. Amendments may only be made by the Court of Honour.

You might find such a constitution of value to your Troop. If you should decide to prepare one with your Court of Honour, be sure that every member of the Troop is given the opportunity to know the rules. Post them in a conspicuous place in the meeting hall.

The Right Way in Semaphore

I SUPPOSE that every Scouter has a pet "peeve." Some of us may have more than one, but there is one which really bothers me. I have been going around a number of Troops and Packs lately in a somewhat largely distributed area and I find that practically every unit makes the same mistake in semaphore signalling, particularly when they are signalling without flags. When they make letters like D, P, J, T, V, K, and the Numerical Sign, they will persist in putting one hand directly in front of the face, instead of keeping both arms extended to their fullest extent.

"Now commonsense, for which Scouting is expected to be famous, would dictate that in signalling, the important thing is for the signs to be easily read. It may be an easy matter to read P from a boy standing a few yards away with his right arm extended full out from the shoulder and his left hand brushing a fly off his nose; but at any greater distance, it is not so easy by any means. In short, I would say that the bigger target that is made, the better. Times without number I have spoken to Scouters, but still they persist; but I notice that Cubmasters are the greater offenders.

"I remember reading an item in the Imperial Headquarters *The Scouter* some years ago about this, the writer complained bitterly about the same thing.

"It is always a good plan I find to quote references, so here are a few of them all relating to semaphore signalling.

Wolf Cub Handbook, page 115

"Always keep your arms quite stiff, don't let them be bent . . . The first circle you make with your right hand as far as "D" (which is straight above your head).

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WINDSOR DISTRICT IN THE SPRING INTRODUCED CITY-WIDE INTER-PACK AND INTER-TROOP VISITS WHICH PROVED HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. HERE THE 22ND AND 26TH TROOPS ARE PICTURED ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR INTER-TROOP VISIT.

Make An Indoor Council Fire

EVER try to create a Council Fire with an electric light and some red paper?—PLUS a lot of imagination? Even with the "plus imagination," sometimes its effect is disappointing. Here's a plan which was used by the 4th Yonkers, N.Y. Troop successfully some years ago. A few Canadian Troops made them when this diagram and description appeared in the *Leader* some years ago.

Perhaps after glancing at the accompanying plans, you'll say "But that's a lot of work." Sure it is—and so is anything worth while, whether a Council Fire, indoors or out-of-doors,—but (believe it or not), even "work" may be fun under suitable conditions—and besides, isn't it written that a Scoutmaster should let the Scouts have the privilege of developing these projects?

The size of the Indoor Council Fire is as flexible as your needs; we suggest that you avoid building it too large, or you'll have a storage problem—for surely you'll use it more than once, you'll have to, if it's made right. Who can resist the magic spell cast by flickering firelight—and we guarantee the same effect with our substitute.

Material Needed

1. Cut Logs; number depending on size of fire desired.
2. An electric fan.
3. A square of half-inch wire mesh, large enough to span the diameter of the fan, with a safe margin extending beyond the edges.
4. Silk Streamers. Here again, number and length depends on size of fire—see diagram. They should vary in length, the longest just a bit longer than the distance from the fan to the top of the top log. You may use all red, but a more interesting effect is created by blending several "flame-shades." (If you are not familiar with these shades, watch a log-fire sometime). Remember that the short flames near the coals are usually red, while the tops of the higher flames are lighter colors.
5. Two electric lights—do not use red bulbs; they kill the color of your streamers.
6. Reflectors; may be made from tin.
7. "Spinners"; may be bought or home-made, as may also be the "pivots." If you make your own, be sure to sharpen the wire point and smooth it with emery cloth.
8. Red and amber cellophane.

9. Tin pan.
10. Pine or cedar incense.

Building the Fire

1. Fasten your "flames" to wire grate directly over fan-area; the longer ones in the centre, surrounded by shorter "flames." Fasten grate to wire fan-frame; grate prevents streamers being drawn into fan-blades.
2. Adjust fan so blades are parallel to floor or platform.
3. Lay base-logs; notch to prevent rolling, if desirable.
4. Place lights and their reflectors.
5. Place spinners on pivots over lights, and adjust the vanes at an angle to create the effect of flickering coals.
6. Red and amber cellophane crumpled under the base-log picks up the flickering reflections from the "spinners," and the resulting "hot-coal" effect is amazingly realistic.
7. Build up the rest of your fire, carefully placing the logs.
8. Light a pan of pine or cedar incense behind the fire, turn on your lights and the fan, (extinguish all other illumination), and there you are—an "Indoor Council Fire" for use in entertainments, ceremonies (build it on an "altar" fireplace!) or just for an interesting feature of your regular

meetings during a story-telling session. May the dreams inspired by your Council Fire all come true!

The Right Way in Semaphore

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Cub Book page 40

"Repeats what is quoted above.

Cubmasters First Year page 108

"Have hands fully open to face receiver. And when called for, arms fully extended above head (not down in front of the face).

Starting to Scout, page 21.

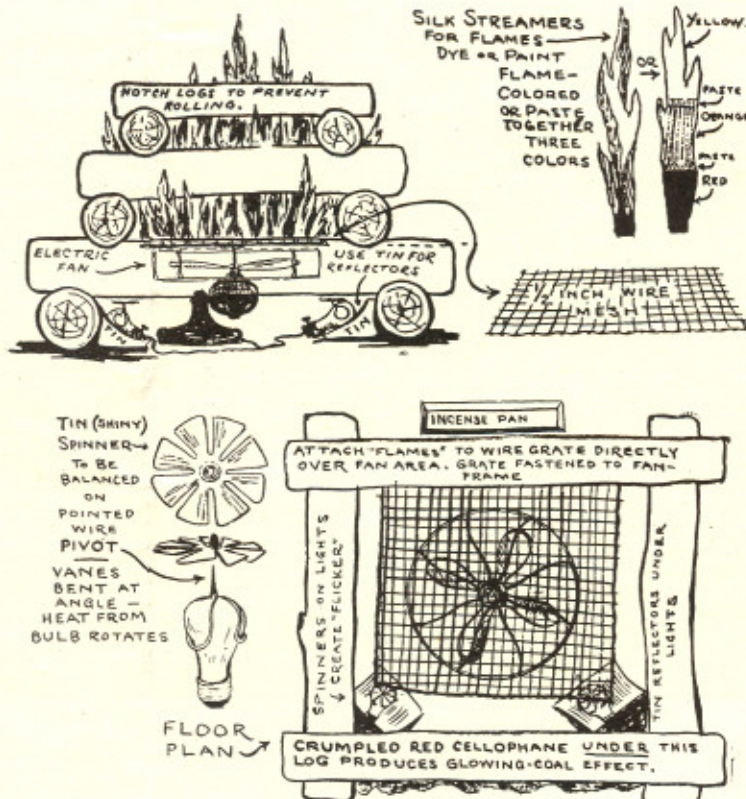
"For short distances and for practicing, the hands alone may be used. When using the hands, they should be extended at full reach and held flat to the front."

So, there you are! Our text books are quite definite about it. Some Scouters have told me that they have been doing their semaphore in their own peculiar way for years and see no reason why they should change. Simply because of a tradition of doing things wrongly, is no reason for continuing the practice.

"Anyway, let's be sensible about it."

—Spyglass.

La Mar Purrington, a Salt Lake City Scout, provided his own postal arrangements when he went camping this summer. He took along his homing pigeons and each day sent a message to his parents by pigeon post.



WHAT SCOUTERS ARE SAYING

Gentlemen:

I most vigorously protest against the new decision regarding Page 23, Section 20, Subsection (e): That Scout leaders be permitted to wear slacks instead of shorts. (P.O.&R.)

I am convinced that hundreds of sincere Scoutmasters and Cubmasters across Canada are also not satisfied with this new step away from the original B.-P. Scouting. B.-P. himself used to wear shorts, and it is in keeping with the traditional Scout uniform which has proved itself very practical and smart that all leaders should wear the same uniform as their boys.

During my visits to many Troops in Toronto and Kitchener I have noticed with growing concern that many leaders attended meetings either in mufti or in part uniform. (Slacks). Consequently many Scouts have also disregarded their obligation to wear full uniform at all Scout activities. *They cannot be expected to do so, unless all leaders set the proper example.* Some leaders do not seem to insist on their boys wearing complete uniform, including shorts. The necessity and advantages of full Scout uniform for Scouts and their leaders is obvious. District Scoutmasters and District Commissioners should see that all leaders and their boys adhere to the B.-P. principles in this respect.

I would suggest that D.S.M.s and D.C.M.s also watch that leaders do not smoke in uniform, and that leaders as well as boys keep the practice of saluting to each other. The latter is being neglected more and more. You will agree that it is no mere formality, and in England I remember we Scouts used to salute regularly.

Trusting that you will reconsider your decision and instead recommend my latter suggestions.

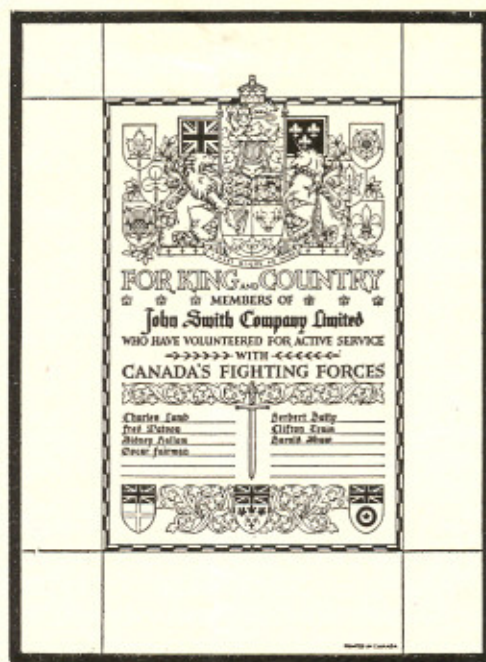
H. JACOBI,

S.M. 9th Kitchener Troop.

Plugging the Leaks

THERE is a leak of major proportions in some districts between the Cub Pack and the Scout Troop. There are several causes for this, most of which need not exist.

One reason for leakage is the lack of close co-operation between the Pack and the Troop. Too often the Cub is given the opportunity to go into Scouts



if he feels like it. He isn't officially introduced to the Scoutmaster, and no "Going Up Ceremony" is arranged. The manner of overcoming this leakage is obvious.

Another reason is that some Cubs, who have really completed Cubbing some time before they were 12, lose interest and drift away because they could not be Scouts until they had attained the age of 12. That has been overcome by the new ruling which became effective last October. The ruling reads:

"It is recommended that the age at which a Wolf Cub may go up to the Scout Troop shall be at such time between his 11th and 12th birthdays, as agreed upon by the Group Council or Scouters concerned, provided that the Cub has completed his Second Star tests; but that the age for admission of non-Cubs remain at 12."

Lack of sympathetic handling by Scoutmasters sometimes loses Cubs to Scouting. There is a decided break when a Cub leaves the Jungle Atmosphere of Cubbing and comes into the more practical atmosphere of the Troop. The Cub may have been a Sixer and an important boy in the Pack. He becomes a lowly recruit in the Troop, and unless he is made to feel very welcome and wanted, he may lose interest and drift away.

These remarks however lead up to the manner in which one Scoutmaster attracted 35 such "lost Cubs" back into Scouting. It is a splendid story of a Scouter's originality and curiosity.

The Scouter is Scoutmaster Stan

Free Honour Rolls For Your Group

We still receive frequent enquiries about the honour rolls made available, without charge by the Department of National Defence. Please **DO NOT** send your requests to Dominion Headquarters but to

Directorate of Army Recruiting,
Dept. of National Defence,
Ottawa, Ontario.

In writing, tell the number of names you expect to place on the roll and an appropriate size will be sent you. Be sure also to list the name of your Troop as you wish it inscribed on the roll. If your title consists of more than 48 letters abbreviations should be used.

Metcalfe of the 42nd Ottawa Troop. Stan is doing double duty for the duration, and is also acting as Cubmaster of the 11th Ottawa Pack. It was as Cubmaster of this Pack that his curiosity was aroused.

Browsing through old records one night, Stan found that some 90 former Cubs of the Pack had been lost over a period of years to Scouting. Changing leadership and other factors had entered into it. So Stan decided to see what could be done about it. He started to telephone these boys.

Of the 90, he found that 20 had moved away from the city. Those who still lived in Ottawa were invited to attend a meeting and at this meeting Scouter Metcalfe tried to find out why these boys were not in Scouting. Many of them were now connected with Cadets and could not find the time to do Scouting too. However half of those still in the city, 35 of them, could and did come back into Scouting. They became members of the 17th, 26th, 11th and 42nd Troops. Seventeen of them joined the 42nd Troop of which Stan is the Scoutmaster.

Had it not been for the energy and enthusiasm of this young Scoutmaster these 35 boys would most decidedly have been lost to Scouting altogether. Above all the story pictures how necessary it is to have the closest co-operation between the Cubmaster and the Scoutmaster, (and between the Scoutmaster and Rover Leader too), so that boys may have the benefit of the full programme of character training and development provided by the Scout Movement.

The Scouter's Five Minutes

Scouting in Other Lands—No. 11—Greece

IT WAS in 1912 that five gentlemen of Athens began the first Grecian Scout Troop, and from that small beginning the Scout Movement there grew well over 20,000 members in 1939,



but, alas, in that year the Grecian Scout Association was disbanded by a decree of Parliament which incorporated it and its members into the Greek National Youth Movement.

But before this Scouting in Greece was very keenly carried out, and from the moment of its inception was instantly popular.

During the Balkan wars, the Scouts of Greece proved to be of great assist-

ance to the many auxiliary organisations, and also many of them lost their lives. For their great work in these wars, the Greek Scouts were awarded many medals and orders, and their King accepted the position of Chief Scout in 1914.

There are very few Greek Scouts at present in this country, but there have long existed Greek Troops in Egypt, and there must be many in Greece itself, who still remember and live up to the Scout Law and Promise although not active Scouts.

The hearts and sympathy of all Scouts go out to our brothers in Greece who are so gallantly enduring their hardships, and we sincerely hope that they will have the enjoyment and fun of Scouting once again when this war is over. S.B.W.

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| (Rest) | 4 |
| Decide it is fractured forearm | 4 |
| Support arm | 2 |
| Newspaper or other splints | 2 |
| Neckers as bandages | 2 |
| And Sling | 2 |

Question—Give signs of Fracture.

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| Pain | 2 |
| Loss of Power | 2 |
| Swelling | 2 |
| Deformity | 2 |
| For keeping patient covered up | 5 |

Casualty No. 2.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Decides that it is fainting | 2 |
| Loosens tight clothing | 2 |
| Head low | 2 |
| On one side | 2 |
| Raise legs | 2 |
| Sprinkle cold water on forehead | 2 |
| Rub hands toward heart | 2 |
| When conscious—drinks | 2 |

Question—What must never be done to an unconscious person?

(Drinks)

Similarly with Casualty 3. It is important to arrange a careful system of points beforehand. From *The Scouter*.

First Aid in Practice

By B. L. BOAST, 99th Derby

THE other night at the Troop meeting we sprang a surprise upon the boys that taught both us and them a few good things. It was in the nature of a First Aid Stunt, and we found that in this way we learned more real First Aid in a night than by weeks of theoretical training. The boys found it not only instructive but interesting, and, like Oliver Twist, "asked for more." It might help other Troops in their tackling of the First Aid tests, and we give a summary of the stunt below. You will see it includes both Second and First Class tests, thus all the Troop was able to share. Each Patrol took the same test at the same time, and we supplied a referee (in the form of a Scouter or senior Scout) for each Patrol.

We chose beforehand, quietly, those needed for patients, and then at a given point in the programme we managed to get the whole Troop outside. Casualties were quickly prepared, and as the Troop came back to the den they were met by a senior with the following news.

"A bomb has exploded near a town, in an isolated part, there are no adults about. There is water near, there are three casualties, one looks serious. No bandages, no splints, no equipment. Time allowed 20 minutes."

From that point it was in the hands of the Patrol Leader, and the referee could make no more comments or give advice.

Each casualty had his injuries plainly marked on him:—

Casualty (1) is leaning against wall holding arm, swollen, pain, no power in it, deformity. He complains also of pain in his ankle, purple blue.

Casualty (2) lies on floor, no injuries, white face, beads of cold sweat on forehead, may have fainted.

Casualty (3) lying against some live wires, current cannot be switched off, breathing has ceased, bad burns on both hands.

Our system of points was as follows:—

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| Patrol Leader may gain points for— | |
| Assuming control | 5 |
| Avoiding panic | 5 |
| Sends for doctor | 10 |
| Sends for ambulance | 10 |
| Sends for Police | 10 |
| For attending to Electric Shock first | 10 |

Casualty No. 1

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Decide that it is sprain | 4 |
| Lays patient down | 4 |
| Applies cloths or neckers | 2 |
| Dipped in cold water | 4 |
| With boot removed | 2 |

Question—What is most important thing to do with sprain?

Our President's Career . . .

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girls at Toronto. He served for a short time as Minister of Education in the Ontario Government and was elected President of the University of Toronto in 1932 after serving as Chairman of the Board of Governors for nine years.

Dr. Cody has given service on many important commissions and is at present Chairman of the Cancer Commission, a Trustee of the Royal Ontario Museum, the Toronto General Hospital and Wycliffe College.

He was honoured by His Majesty the King with the C.M.G., and by several foreign governments including China and France. In 1922 he preached before the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace, and also had the honour of preaching in Geneva Cathedral in connection with the opening of the seventh session of the League of Nations.

Dr. Cody is also a Lieut-Colonel in the Canadian Militia, Honorary Colonel of the C.O.T.C. of Toronto University, Honorary Chaplain of the Queen's Own Rifles, and has been awarded the Efficiency Decoration, (E.D.) He is a member of the York, Rotary, Canadian and Empire Clubs, the English Speaking Union and the Overseas League. He lives in Toronto, and has a summer home at Barrie, Ontario.

He has been a member of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association since 1933.

About Surplus Military Supplies

DOMINION Headquarters has received numerous enquiries from local Associations, about the possibilities of purchasing military supplies and equipment as they become available for disposal by the Government. Accordingly, a Committee has been set up by the Executive Board and has made a thorough study of the subject after consultation with the departments involved.

The Stores Department has already made arrangements to purchase small items, such as knives, axes, blankets, and other things for individual use. However several enquiries have been received regarding military huts, boats, bedding and cots.

It might be pointed out here, that it is not the intention of Dominion Headquarters to purchase such things for resale, other than the type of goods regularly sold through our stores. However it is interested in assisting local Associations and Groups to purchase larger items.

The Association will be given a definite priority rating in the disposal of these supplies. Generally speaking there will be very little for sale until the war is over. However possibly in some areas, where camps have been discontinued, certain supplies may become available.

Groups interested in such supplies, including huts, should in the first place transmit their request to Dominion Headquarters, naming the supplies they believe for sale and their location. Dominion Headquarters will then proceed through the proper channels to secure a priority on purchase and the price, which will in turn be transmitted to the Association or Group.

It might be pointed out that this carefully arranged procedure will lose its effectiveness if direct approach is



PICTURED HERE ARE THE KING'S SCOUTS OF THE 134TH TORONTO TROOP, (DANFORTH UNITED CHURCH). ALL RECEIVED THE BADGE BETWEEN 1940 AND 1943. THEIR RANKS ARE NOW BROKEN HOWEVER AS SEVERAL ARE SERVING WITH THE ARMED FORCES. THREE OTHERS WHO SHOULD BE IN THE GROUP WERE ON ACTIVE SERVICE WHEN THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN (ONE KILLED IN ACTION). SCOUTMASTER BERT O'NEILL IS PICTURED WITH THE GROUP.

made by any local Association or Group, to the Government. Priority will only be granted through Dominion Headquarters, and all applications must be made through these channels.

More South American Scouters Visit Canada

THE second group of Latin-American Scout Leaders to visit Canada spent a week in Montreal, Quebec, Ottawa, Toronto and Niagara Falls, early in June. The visitors were Vincent Ferrer Perez and Schubert Sepulveda Acuna of Chile; Federico Diaz Legobura and Federico G. Mendiri of Venezuela, and Father Ernest Perez Acosta of Paraguay. They were again in charge of C. Glynn Fraser of the Boy Scouts of America. While in the Province of Quebec they were entertained by La

Federation des Scouts Catholique. In Ottawa they were guests of Dominion Headquarters. They attended the historic D Day session of the House of Commons, were received by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, were entertained by Dr. Eduardo Grove, the Chilean Ambassador, and were guests at functions arranged by groups interested in Latin America. They also attended a luncheon as guests of the Canadian General Council, and visited places of interest in the city.

To Higher Service

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★
Lieut. George A. Slack, 27, RCR, P.L., Trinity Troop, Montreal, Bushman's Thong.

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L. Corp. Albert W. Stinson, 19, CA, King's Scout, Acting S.M. Highlands Troop, Montreal.

★
Sgm. George W. Thompson, 23, RCNVR, Scout, Royal St. Lawrence Sea Scouts, Montreal.

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Flt. Sgt. Lloyd E. Willigar, 23, RC AF, Scout, Parrsboro, N.S.

★
FO Allen Wright, 25, RAF, Scout, St. Paul's Troop, Toronto.

Help the Scouts of conquered Europe by sending a donation to the Chins-Up Fund.



HERE IS THE SECOND GROUP OF LATIN-AMERICAN SCOUT LEADERS TO VISIT CANADA THIS YEAR, ON THE STEPS AT DOMINION HEADQUARTERS. SEE STORY ON THIS PAGE.

CHINS-UP FUND TOTAL

As of August 13th, 1944

\$46,939.73

The demand for Scout books for the European countries soon to be liberated is now greater than ever. Originally it was planned to provide books for Poland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Norway and Czechoslovakia. Since then the Free French asked for help, and 10,000 books have been printed for them, the cost being met in its entirety by the Toronto District. Montreal District has agreed to take care of the publication costs of the Netherlands book which is also off the press.

The Belgian and Czechoslovakian books are yet to be printed, and it is likely that tormented Greece will be added to the list. Of the total listed above \$40,000 went to England to help Bomb Victims, and it is from the balance that this work is undertaken. Has your group helped?

Oshawa District Scouts and Cubs used the occasion of their annual Church Parade in June to boost the Fund. The collection at St. George's Church amounted to \$58.85, which was forwarded to the fund.

A donation of \$6.00 came from the 4th Brantford, Ont., Troop. This Troop is located at the Brant Sanatorium. The money was raised by making and selling birdhouses, by the collection and sale of pop bottles and by subscriptions.

A member of the Junior Red Cross at Brampton, Ont., asked that a \$3.00 surplus in the Red Cross Fund be sent to the Chins-Up Fund. The money was handed over to Scoutmaster G. Little who forwarded it to the fund.

From British Columbia came the very fine donation of \$366.58. It came from various Groups in the west coast Province. \$130 came from Kimberley where the Scouts staged one of their famous shows to raise the money.

Kimberley Scouts have an exceedingly fine reputation for good Scout Shows which always attract a good crowd, although the town is quite small. Another \$35 came from the Quamichan Pack. Many of the Cubs made toys for the Toymaker badge. Of their own accord they rented a store, priced their own toys, and sold them for the Chins Up Fund. To make a little more money they also sold cups of cocoa. All of which amounts to a very fine effort.

Total contributions to date are \$46,939.07. Recent donations are listed below, except 165 Toronto subscriptions totalling \$2,057.36 which are listed in Toronto. Toronto's total now stands at \$17,590.73.

NEW DOMINION COMMISSIONER**MR. J. F. M. STEWART**

Former Vice-President of the Boy Scouts Association who was named Dominion Commissioner at the Annual Meeting in June.

Hamilton Patrol Leaders' Course; 24th Hamilton Pack; 45th Hamilton Pack; Cub and Scout Mothers' Auxiliary 1st Port Credit Group; 13th Winnipeg Troop; 67th Winnipeg Troop; 6th Brandon Group, Man.; Cub Billy Sutherland, 66th Winnipeg Pack; 1st Keewatin Group, Man.

35th London Troop; 7th Windsor Rover Crew; 9th Windsor Pack; 8th Windsor Pack; 1st Blyth Group, Ont.; North Waterloo Scouters' Council; 2nd Stratford Pack, Ont.; 4th Brantford Troop, Ont.; 14th Ottawa Pack; 1st York Mills Troop and Pack; 1st York Mills Troop, Ont.

Calgary District; 3rd Edmonton Pack; 25th B Edmonton Pack; 4th Brockville Pack; 1st Brockville Pack, Ont.; 6th London Pack; 16th Windsor

Troop; 4th Windsor Troop; 1st Dartmouth Troop, N.S.; 1st Tillsonburg Troop, Ont.; 1st Meaford Troop, Ont.; 1st Peterborough Pack; 1st Trochu Troop, Alta.

3rd Tillsonburg Pack, Ont.; Mr. Eric Bastin, Hamilton; 46th Winnipeg (Citadel) Pack; 1st Dugland Troop, Man.; 44th Winnipeg Troop; 1st Oakburn Troop, Man.; 17th Winnipeg Packs (ABC); 55th London Group; London Boy Scouts Church Parade; 11th London Mothers' Council.

The Oshawa Tennis League, Ont.; Mr. Korry, Principal of Harmony School, Oshawa; Mr. J. J. Scott, Oshawa; Grace Lutheran Church, Oshawa; 8th Oshawa "B" Pack; 1st Oshawa Pack; Oshawa Church Parade; 4th Windsor Pack; 22nd Windsor Ladies' Auxiliary.

8th Windsor Pack; 4th Windsor Pack; 1st Walkerton Group, Ont.; Mr. Reg Evans, Halifax, N.S.; St. John's Scout Mothers' Auxiliary, Peterborough, Ont.; 1st Sooke Troop, Milne's Landing, B.C.; Junior Red Cross of Central School, Brampton, Ont.; 27th Vancouver Group.

26th Vancouver Troop; Quamichan Pack, B.C.; 2nd Cathedral Troop, Victoria, B.C.; Quamichan Group; 1st Cathedral Troop, Victoria; South Vancouver District Scout Service; Strawberry Vale, Victoria Group; West Vancouver District Scout Service; 1st Bella Bella Troop.

Mothers' Auxiliary 5th Trail Pack, B.C.; Kimberley Scouts & Cubs, B.C.; 3rd Langley Troop, B.C.; 7th North Vancouver Troop; C. M. District Training Course, Vancouver, B.C.; 61st Vancouver; S.M. District Training Course, Vancouver; 24th Vancouver Pack; Vancouver East District Church Parade; 35th Vancouver Troop.

1st Turtleford Pack, Mervin, Sask.; 40th Winnipeg (Deer Lodge) Pack; Winnipeg Boy Scout Week Hockey Carnival; Cochrane Boy Scouts, Ont.; Cochrane Cubs; Goderich Boy Scouts, Ont.; Sydenham Boy Scouts, Ont.; 1st Brownsville Pack, Ont.; 1st Listowel Troop, Ont.; 9th Kitchener Troop.

1st Windsor Troop; 2nd Preston St. Clement's Group, Ont.; Port Colborne Lord Elgin Chapter, I.O.D.E.; Thornhill Cub Pack, Ont.; 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 10th A, 10th B, 11th Port Arthur Packs.

1st, 4th, 6th, 7th, 10th Port Arthur Troops; Port Arthur B.P. Memorial Service; 5th, 8th, 66th, 82nd Winnipeg Packs; North East Winnipeg Executive; 29th Windsor Pack; 25th Seconee Pack; Windsor; Windsor Catholic Council.

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

THE DUFFEL BAG

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

Scouts Reforest Campsite

Boy Scouts of Fergus, Ont., are reforesting the shores of Lake Belwood, on the site of the new Grand River Dam at Fergus. The Scouts are to plant and care for the trees, and will use the area as a campsite.

A Fine Small Town Record

DURING a recent field trip, Executive Secretary John Howorth of Saskatchewan came across this proud record of the 1st Wapella Troop. Wapella is a very small town, but a good Scouting town. At the present time 38 former members of the Scout Troop are or were on active service. Three have paid the supreme sacrifice, one is missing, and another a prisoner of war. One Scout has been awarded the D.F.C. and another the D.C.M.

Another Scout Rescue

THIRTEEN-year-old George McAuley, a member of the Cathedral Scout Troop at Saint John, N.B., is credited with saving the life of nine-year-old Jackie Garnett, when he slipped into the harbour waters in July. His companions, all younger than he, did not realise his danger, but his cries for help were heard by McAuley, who promptly swam to the rescue and brought the boy to safety. The Saint John *Times-Globe* said: "The promptness of action and coolheadedness of George did great credit to his Boy Scout training."

Keeping Up the Good Work

F/Lt. H. R. Denison, peacetime Cubmaster of the 1st Vernon, B.C., Pack is maintaining his interest in the Movement while in the service. He is attached to the R.A.F. station at Moncton, N.B., and in a letter tells of forming a Scouters' Club at the station. The Club meets every Thursday, and each Friday the membership breaks up into pairs and goes out to assist local Packs and Troops. Mr. Denison also says that when R.A.F. personnel, interested in Scouting, moves elsewhere, the Club notifies the nearest association so that he might keep active. To date, he adds, the results have been most gratifying. From other sources we have heard of the splendid work being done by Scouters stationed at Moncton. As a matter of fact R.A.F. personnel in training in Canada have done much to help keep alive groups which have suffered from loss of leadership.

Try a Sandwich Hike

EVER try a Sandwich Hike? There's really nothing to it, but the purpose. The purpose is this. You want to accomplish a lot on the hike, and you don't want to waste time cooking a supper. So you have each Scout bring sandwiches sufficient for himself, and arrange for drinking water, or they can take along something to drink too. The whole point is that on arrival at the objective the whole time is given to training in the special subject for the day, with time out only to eat, but not to cook.

Fire Prevention Week October 8-14

INSERTED in this issue will be found a circular from the Dominion Fire Commissioner, drawing attention to the approach of Fire Prevention Week, October 8th to 14th. This is an unique opportunity to stress the Fireman's Badge. Fire Departments in most towns and cities will be glad to conduct a course covering this badge during the week. In Brantford, Ont., two years ago the Scouts collected all kinds of useless inflammable material around the town and burned it at a huge bonfire. A general clean-up of the home, the church, and the school, with the collection of all possible fire creating refuse will be a splendid way of co-operating with the Dominion Fire Commissioner in Fire Prevention Week.

Late Empire Chief Scout Honoured by American Scouts

JUST two months before he died, Lord Somers, Chief Scout of the Empire, was awarded the Silver Buffalo, highest award in the gift of the Boy Scouts of America. The citation, read at the annual meeting of the American Scouts outlined Lord Somers' distinguished career and said of him "In all his activities he has emphasized the importance of the spiritual outlook and his belief that the greatest happiness for youth comes through putting into practice in their daily lives the idea of the Scout Promise and Law."

The Four R.C.A.F. Pilots

THE 3rd Ottawa (Westboro) Group is justifiably proud of four of its members, Gerald Armstrong, Bob Merriam, Ken Schryer and Mel White. All were members of the Cub Pack. All were members of the Scout Troop. All attended Nepean High School together and all enlisted together in the R.C.A.F. On August 11th at Uplands Airport, Ottawa, all four received their wings together as pilots, with distinguished passes. Ken Schryer, by the way, is the son of District Commissioner Alvin Schryer of Ottawa.

Scouter and Scout Save Airman's Life

PROMPT action on the part of Scoutmaster Ray White and Scout Wendell Gail of the 1st Arvida, Que., Scout Troop, saved the life of an R.C.A.F. pilot who crashed into Lake St. John on July 30th. Rowing vigorously to the spot where they saw the plane disappear they managed to rescue the pilot who lost consciousness when taken aboard. He was later transferred to a R.C.A.F. crash boat. Later that morning a plane flew low over the Scout camp, the pilot dipping his wings in a salute to the Scouts and dropping a message. The 19-year-old pilot was little the worse for his experience, according to the Shawinigan Falls *Standard*.

Honour Polish Minister

HON. Victor Podoski, Polish Minister to Canada for some years, was honoured by the Boy Scouts Association prior to his departure for London where he has taken an important post with the Polish Government in exile. Mr. Podoski, himself a former Boy Scout, was keenly interested in Scouting and on numerous occasions showed this interest in a tangible way in Canada. On behalf of the Boy Scouts Association, Gerald H. Brown, Honorary Dominion Secretary, presented Mr. Podoski with a set of Scout Bookends, inscribed in both Polish and English. With them went a set of Canadian Scout Books. Chief Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles presented Mr. Podoski with a message to convey to the Boy Scouts of Poland. Several members of Dominion Headquarters staff were present, and the Ottawa District was represented by Executive Commissioner E. L. Callow, and six Ottawa King's Scouts.