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NEW SEEDS FOR BRITAIN DRIVE OPENS

New Opportunity for Canadian Scouts and Cubs to Help Solve Britain's Serious Food Shortage — Seeds Will Be Used in British Boy Scout Victory Gardens

"SEEDS will be most welcome" says a cable from Imperial Headquarters in response to a cable from Dominion Headquarters asking if the need for seeds for British Scout gardens still existed. Chief Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles, who saw some of the Scout gardens in Britain this past summer, and who was acquainted with the need is sure that Canadian Scouts and Cubs will perform a very useful "Good Turn" by shipping garden seeds to Britain again this year.

This then, is an appeal to Scout Groups all over Canada to do a "Good Turn" for their brother Scouts in Britain who have given so much and are still giving to help others. Last year Packs and Troops from Brandon, Fort Francis, Toronto, Birtle, Man., Grassland, Alta., Pickle Crow, Ont., Fort William, Brampton, Ont., Chatham, Ont., Kingston, Oshawa, Ridgeway, Ont., Wallaceburg, Ont.; St. Williams, Ont., Ingersoll, Ont., Kitchener, Fort Erie, Lanark, Ont., Hamilton, Prescott, Ont., Ottawa, Crystal Beach, Ont., Smooth Rock Falls, Ont., Mitchell, Ont., Guelph, Dawson, Yukon, Peterborough, Barrie, Ont., Melville, Sask., New Glasgow, N.S., and several other centres, sent donations. Some centres sent in a large number of donations from individual groups, no less than five donations coming from Ingersoll, Ont.

Before even the campaign was launched the First Mitchell, Ont., Scouts and Cubs sent a cheque for \$5.00 and have the honour of being the first Group in Canada to make a donation toward this new drive. A few days later the two 24th Ottawa Packs sent along \$12.00 from summer fees to repeat their good work of a year ago.

Last year, hundreds of pounds of seeds were sent by Canadian Scouts, and it is hoped to better this record this year. Seeds may be sent direct, or through your local seedsman. Any who care may send their donations to Dominion Headquarters, c/o The Scout

Leader, and arrangements have been made with a local seed firm to handle the shipments. They have made a similar offer to last year, supplying the following \$1.25 order, for \$1.15 postpaid.

One packet each:

Beets	10c
Cabbage	10c
Carrot	10c
Lettuce	10c
Brussels Sprouts	10c
Turnip	10c
Spanish Onion	15c
Swiss Chard	10c
Yellow Onions	10c
Parsley	10c
Parsnip	10c
Radish	10c

Two of these \$1.25 orders will be shipped for \$2.25, and for \$5.00 five of these orders (regular value \$6.25) will be shipped, mailing charges prepaid.

If you decided to send your seeds direct, mail them to

A. W. Hurl, General Secretary,
The Boy Scouts Association,

25 Buckingham Palace Road,
London, S.W.1, England.

Be sure to send the name of the Troop, Pack, Group or Association making donation, and please inform *The Scout Leader* so that acknowledgment may be made in these columns.

If you prefer us to handle your seed parcels, send money orders, postal notes, or cheques to *The Scout Leader*, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa. You will receive an acknowledgment by mail, note will be made in *The Leader*, and later you will hear from Great Britain.

As fine a success as was last year's campaign, we would like to see the current campaign an even greater success. As shipping is still not back to normal, the sooner your donation is made, the sooner shipment may be made to Great Britain.

There's a job to be done. Let's do it.

Acknowledgments

1st Mitchell, Ont., Group	\$ 5.00
24th Ottawa Packs	12.00
Total	\$17.00



DECEMBER IS TOY SHOP MONTH IN THE SCOUT MOVEMENT. YOUR TOYSHOP SHOULD BE UNDER WAY NOW. THESE SCENES ARE FROM REGINA'S 1944 TOY SHOP, AND IT WILL BE NOTED THAT GIRL GUIDES WORK WITH THE SCOUTS BY REPAIRING AND DRESSING DOLLS. SCOUTS MEND WOOD AND MECHANICAL TOYS AND DO THE PAINTING.

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**The Staff of
Dominion Headquarters
Extends Cordial
Christmas Greetings
to all
Scouters
and Friends of Scouting
in Canada**

What Brought You Into Scouting?

SCOUTERS will have noted that one of the purposes of Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week is to impress upon Scouters the importance of the task to which they have set their hands. Every Scouter must have been drawn to Scouting for some reason. Perhaps originally it was as a service to his church, or community, or to help out while someone else was away at war. Whatever it was, if you are still in the Movement it is a sign that you believe in Scouting and what it can accomplish.

In the same manner others are attracted to Scouting by the type of Scouts you turn out, and the type of Scouting your Troop does. The July issue of the American leaders' magazine *Scouting* tells an interesting story of how P. W. Litchfield, President of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company came into Scouting. It is of particular interest to us in Canada as you will see by the story.

It was in 1911 that Mr. Litchfield was on a ship bound for England. Like everybody else on board he was looking forward to witnessing the Coronation of King George V. But things didn't go just right. For four long days the ship was fogbound in the North Atlan-

tic, and everybody, or nearly everybody, on board fretted and fumed at the delay. The exceptions were a group of Canadian Scouts also on their way to the Coronation. These Scouts were cheerful and full of fun, and they made every effort to raise the morale of their fellow passengers. As a result of their example the others soon forgot their disappointment and joined the Scouts in having a good time.

Mr. Litchfield thought that any organization that could do that for boys' spirit and behaviour "had something." So on his return to the United States he helped organize the Scout Council at Akron, Ohio, and has been enthusiastically busy in Scouting ever since.

If we will recall what first interested us in Scouting, we will probably find that it was something quite simple, and yet meaningful. And it will continue to be the simple but meaningful things that will attract others to help in the training Scouting seeks to give.



Mr. Leonard L. Johnson

DOMINION Headquarters is happy to announce the appointment of Mr. Leonard L. Johnson of Saint John, N.B., to the staff of the Editorial Department at Ottawa. Mr. Johnson will serve in the capacity of Associate Editor, with special duties relating to the publication of new books.

Mr. Johnson comes with a background combining many years of successful Scouting in practically all branches, in newspaper work, seven years of civic service as Receiver of Taxes for the City of Saint John, and nearly five years in the Royal Canadian Navy, from which he was recently released with the rank of Lieutenant, Special Branch.



To Higher Service

★
PO Douglas Armour, 20, RCAF, Scout,
Keewatin, Ont.

★
Sgt. Henry Blueman, 29, Winnipeg
Grenadiers, PL 1st Sudbury, Ont.

★
PO Donald Borton, 19, RCAF, Scout,
Keewatin, Ont.

★
Flt. Lt. Neil Duncan Mara, 24, RCAF,
Cub, Sr. Sixer, TL, King's Scout,
Gold Cord, 1st Toronto.

✦ War Decorations ✦

Distinguished Flying Cross

Flt. Lt. Niel Duncan Mara, 24, RCAF,
Cub, Sr. Sixer, King's Scout, Gold
Cord, 1st Toronto.

"Len" Johnson's Scouting began at 12 as a Tenderfoot, and ultimately included the unusual record of leadership in Cubbing, Scouting, Rovering and Sea Rovering; as District Secretary, as Secretary of the New Brunswick Provincial Council, as District Commissioner Cubs, D.C. Rovers, and Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Rovers. On behalf of Dominion Headquarters he did field work in the province. He took Wood Badge training in 1924, and later instructed at Maritime Gilwell courses.

As a Rover, Len attended the first International Rover Moot in Switzerland in 1931. He received the King George Jubilee Medal in 1935, in recognition of outstanding public service, and in 1940 the Scout Medal of Merit for good service to the Movement.

In journalism Len Johnson was a reporter, staff photographer and feature writer of the *Saint John Times-Globe* and *Telegraph-Journal*, and night city editor of the latter paper. He left the newspaper work eventually to become City Receiver of Taxes, which post he held until his enrollment in the Navy, after special training, in 1941.

Seven North Montreal Troops got together recently for a parade and campfire, at which Chief of Police Thomas Martin was one of the speakers.

BOY SCOUT - GIRL GUIDE WEEK

A Suggested Plan of Cooperation for Local Associations

THE following suggested plan of co-operation between Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in the coming observance of Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week has the approval of the Joint Committee of the Scouts and Guides planning the details of the observance. The plan has already gone out to the Girl Guide Movement through *The Canadian Guide*.

It is important to remember that success can only come from careful planning, and that planning depends to a large extent upon an early start. That is why this outline is being published in December.

Proposed Plan

1. Set up a joint committee of the Guides and Scouts, calling in outsiders where deemed necessary.

2. Elect a chairman and appoint necessary committees.

3. Plan to hold at least four meetings:

- (a) to lay out a master plan for the district and to parcel out responsibilities;

- (b), (c), (d), to make progress reports and solve problems as they arise.

4. At the close of the week an additional meeting might be held to analyze the results, and make notes for the following year.

Suggested Committees

Civic Committee—This committee to seek an official proclamation of the week from the Mayor, and to secure permission to fly Scout and Guide Flags on municipal buildings. If possible arrange an official flag raising ceremony at which the Mayor would read his proclamation.

Press Committee—This committee would approach the newspaper editors of the district asking for support. Arrangements should be made to have articles of a local nature available for each day of the week, or in the case of weekly newspapers for the week previous and during Scout-Guide Week. Produce a complete calendar of the week's events. It should be remembered that one does not dictate to a newspaper editor—one asks co-operation. A general news service with free mats will be sent all newspapers, and your committee might urge its use. It will go out from Dominion Headquarters.

A commercial mat service is also available, and proof sheets will be sent editors of all newspapers. These mats

are not free, but are for sale at cost price.

Radio Committee—If your community has a radio station seek its co-operation in carrying the national broadcasts which will be announced later. Be sure that the broadcasts are included in your calendar of events in your local newspaper. If your station is willing to give some time for local Scout-Guide programmes, addresses are available, and if you plan producing a programme, be sure it is good. A radio flop is worse than no programme at all.

Window Displays and Advertising—Displays in local store windows help to publicize Scout-Guide Week. Most large stores will co-operate.

You might sponsor a competition for posters in your local high school, offering prizes for the best, and using all good ones for publicity purposes.

With regard to advertising the greatest care should be exercised. Most merchants will be glad to announce Scout-Guide Week in their regular advertisements and special mats for that purpose will be available to newspapers. In some cities newspaper advertising managers decide to put out special issues. That, of course, is their own business, but it would not be wise for the Scout or Guide organizations to do the canvassing.

Scout-Guide Rallies—Arrange for this in a local building capable of handling the number attending. In planning keep in mind janitor service, public address system, flag staffs, campfires, etc.

Send an invitation to several hundred local citizens who might be interested by virtue of their positions or their connections with Scouting or Guiding through their children. Scouts and Guides might distribute a handbill inviting their parents to attend.

The programme will of course be up to your local committee, and might include demonstrations of Scout and Guide work, a brief address, campfire stunts, and possibly the investiture of the Mayor or some prominent citizen.

Scout-Guide Sunday—Scout-Guide Sunday will be February 17th, although it may be more convenient for some groups to hold it the following Sunday, to close the week's activities. Clergy should be asked to endorse Scouting in their sermons and make reference to the life and work of Lord Baden-Powell.

In connection with District Church parades the provisions of Religious Policy as given in P.O.R. must be adhered to. Suggestions for these services will be available from your Provincial Office. It is sometimes found desirable to hold these church parades in a

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WITH THE WAR OVER THE SCOUT MOVEMENT IS BACK ON A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMME. HERE THE SCOUTS AND CUBS OF VICTORIA, B.C., DISTRIBUTE POSTERS AND PAMPHLETS FOR THE VICTORIA COMMUNITY CHEST CAMPAIGN.



By DISTRICT CUBMASTER
ARTHUR W. JACKSON, Toronto

THE need for careful programme planning in the operation of a Wolf Cub Pack is stressed in all our Wolf Cub books and pamphlets, as well as in leadership training classes. It is nevertheless surprising to find so many leaders neglecting this important task, or who consider it non-essential in the handling of the Pack. Many leaders plan their programmes haphazardly from week to week with no thought of continuity or planned progress. Some Cubmasters plan their programme just before the meeting commences and some even arrive at meetings with no planned programme at all.

If any real progress is to be accomplished, programme planning is essential. Just imagine the chaotic conditions that would exist in our schools if there was no planned curriculum. If the object of Cub training is to take the Cub through First and Second Star work to Proficiency Badges, there must be some semblance of orderly progress.

Of course, a Cub Pack is not the same as a school. The Cubs range in age from 8 to 12. New Cubs may be 8 or they may be 10 years old. The programme therefore, must take into consideration all these factors.

The fall of the year, which is usually considered the start of the season, is the ideal time to plan your year's work, taking into account, of course, the number of new chums, the number having their First or Second Star, and to some extent the ages of your Cubs.

A fatal mistake is to try and cram into one year's work a system of training which was intended to last over a four year period. There must be some repetition of the work but that is all to the good as boys of Cub age are naturally forgetful.

Every other year *The Scout Leader* publishes a skeleton Pack programme for one year. Such a layout might well be used as a guide in planning your

THE CUBMASTER'S CORNER

Programme Planning for the Pack

programme. Once the skeleton programme is drawn up the details may be filled in periodically when necessary changes could be made in keeping with what progress has been made.

To have successful assistant leadership the assistants should be "in the know". By this we mean that the assistant should know at least for some time ahead what is expected of him or her so that adequate preparation and study may be given to the part of the programme to be undertaken.

If the Pack is composed largely of 8 to 10 year old Cubs, the work, instruction, and games should consist largely of the First Star work, leaving Second Star and Proficiency Badge work until later. If on the other hand the Pack consists largely of older Cubs, the programme will have to be planned to take care of First and Second Star work and Proficiency Badges so that the Cub

will be enabled to obtain his Second Star and as many Badges as possible by the time he is ready to go up into the Troop.

Successful leaders have found that the balanced programme consisting of games, instruction, stories and songs with some time for test work produces the best result. No part of the programme should last more than ten minutes and there should be a generous sprinkling of jungle atmosphere with occasional opportunities for handicraft, play acting, etc. The old adage "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is applicable here, so that every effort should be made to achieve balance in the programme.

I would stress a balanced programme that would have continuity over a whole year. There is no doubt in the minds of the vast majority of Scoutmasters that the well-trained Cub makes the best Scout. With this in mind the Cubmaster should realize that the well-trained Cub can only be produced through systematic programme planning.

There was perhaps never a time since the Scout Movement came into existence when there was a greater need for emphasis on the Character building side of the Cub programme. Stories and talks should always contain something of value along this line, although it would be fatal to preach or moralize too much.

The Cubmaster who has a fresh crop
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AN IMPRESSIVE CLOSE TO A WOLF CUB'S CAREER IS THE GOING UP CEREMONY. AT CHATHAM, ONT., THE 5TH "A" PACK AT PARK STREET UNITED CHURCH REPEAT THEIR CUB PROMISE FOR THE LAST TIME, THEIR HANDS UPON THE PACK TOTEM, WHICH HAS RECORDED THEIR PROGRESS IN THE PACK.

WAS IT YOU WHO SAID

GIVE US MORE GAMES?

"THERE is one suggestion I would like to make for *The Scout Leader*, a Cubmaster said to us a few days ago. "Give us some games for Pack Meetings."

Someone was good enough some time ago to send us a number of games used at a Preliminary District Training Course. We have forgotten who sent them now, but we offer our thanks and are taking the liberty of reprinting them in *The Scout Leader* in three groups: Test Games, Action Games and Mixed Games. Many of them are not new, but a good many Cubmasters probably haven't seen them in print before. So here we go this month with:

Test Games

Time Telling. Clocks. Action: Cubs in relay formation. A cardboard clock for each Six; Leader tells a story whenever a time is mentioned Cubs in turn run to clock and change the time.

Hopping.—Action: Cubs in relay formation. Two chairs in front of each Six paced about ten feet apart. On "Go" first Cub runs to first chair, and hops in figure of eight around the two chairs, next boy continues.

Skippping Relay.—Action: Pack in Six relay formation. A rope for each Six. On word "Go" first boys run to rope, skip five times backwards, touch off next boy who continues.

The Union Flag.—Pack in relay formation. 4 plates (paper), 1 cone for each Six. Plates marked—S.E.I.X. In answer to questions about flag, Cubs put cones on plates marked with the initial of England, Ireland, Scotland. The plate marked X is for an incorrect question.

Knots.—*Man Overboard:* Pack in large circle. A chair behind each Six. Sixer falls into the water, rest of Six tie ropes together with reef and sheetbend, one end of rope is tied to chair with

clovehitch, other end thrown to Sixer who ties it around his waist with bowline. Six haul him ashore.

—*Salute and Handshake.*—Action: Cubs in relay formation. First boy turns around to second boy, gives him salute and handshake, turns back, second boy continues, and so on, last boy runs to front, and gives it to first boy, then back to his place. The line finishing first wins.

Promise Relay.—Action: Cubs in Six relay formation. A leader for each line. On word "Go" first boy runs to leader, salutes and gives handshake while he repeats the Promise; second boy continues; line finishing first wins.

Book Balancing. London Fog.—Action: Pack in Six relay formation at one end of room. In front of each Six are a group of scattered chairs. First Cub balance book on head and walk through the fog, and back, second continues, line finishing first wins.

Poached Egg.—Properties: Ball and pie plate or book for each Six. Action: Cubs in Six relay formation. First Cub balance ball on back of pie plate and run to end of room and back, second boys continue.

Salute and Handshake. Good Morning.—Pack in large circle, one boy "It." Walks around outside of circle. Chooses another, they run in opposite directions, when they meet they shake hands and say Good Morning and Salute.

Ball Throwing and Hopping. Over the River.—Pack in relay formation at end of room. Across room two lines drawn for river. Sixer runs to line hops over river throws ball to second who continues until all have crossed the river.

Book Balancing. Message Boys.—Pack in relay formation. Pie plate and two bean bags for each Six. Sixer balances pie plate on head, takes one bean bag, and exchanges it for another at the end of the room, goes back, hands plate and bag to Second who continues.

Snatch the Rope. Reef and Sheetbend.—Action: Cubs in circle, numbered in Sixes. Six ropes in centre. When number called Cubs run around outside of circle back through their own gap, pick up a rope and tie the knot as called by the leader.

Union Flag. Snatch the Flag.—Action: Cubs in two lines facing in, numbered from opposite ends. Three flags of the three Patron Saints on floor in centre. Leaders call a number and an emblem. Cub who gets right flag first wins point.

A Christmas Play

For Cubs or Scouts

(From *Scouting in N.S.W.*)

Characters

Mr. Scrooge.

Wolf Cub.

Spirit of Christmas Past.

Spirit of Christmas Present.

Spirit of Christmas to Come.

Scene I—Xmas Eve

Browned-out street. Old man is standing on footpath waiting to cross the road. Suddenly a Wolf Cub appears out of the darkness and says—

Wolf Cub: "Merry Xmas, sir! Can I help you across the road?"

Mr. Scrooge (crossly): "Merry Xmas, fiddlesticks. No such thing. Old heathen custom, hum-bug. No you cannot help me across the street. I'm not blind yet."

He starts out to cross the road, but is very alarmed when he hears a motor horn, and looking round anxiously, he calls in a crestfallen manner. "Boy, boy, are you there?"

Cub: "Yes, sir!"

Scrooge: "Perhaps if you wouldn't mind you could help me cross. My eyes aren't as good as they used to be."

(They cross, and on reaching the other side, Scrooge turns and says:—"Thanks, boy; here's a penny for your trouble," and adds testily, "and don't spend it all at once.")

Cub: "No thank you, sir, I am a Wolf Cub."

Scrooge: "Rubbish, my boy; you'll never get anywhere if you refuse money like that. Take all you can get and don't squander it, save it!"

Cub: "No thank you, sir, and if you're all right now, I'll go on my way. A Merry Xmas, sir."

(He walks quickly away).

Scrooge goes out in the opposite direction muttering to himself about Merry Xmas and fools in general.

Scene 2

Scrooge at home. He is sitting in his chair muttering to himself until finally he falls asleep where he sits. The clock strikes eleven. Slowly, out of the gloom, a spirit appears, candle in hand. Scrooge starts up and in a wavering voice demands: "Who-o-o are you?"

Spirit of Xmas Past: "I am the Spirit of Xmas past, Scrooge." (Scrooge, seeing that the Spirit means him no harm, says testily—"Xmas fiddlesticks! How much more of this tomfoolery.")

Spirit of Christmas Past: "That's just he trouble, Scrooge, you didn't always feel that way about Christmas. Think back to when you were a young boy. Remember your mother and father and the happy times you had at

of First and Second Star Cubs coming along all the time will know that the planned programme is the only manner of achievement.

In concluding this "talk" I would like to emphasize the need for Akela letting his assistants take over as much of the programme as possible, thus freeing himself to give proper supervision to the Cubs and the programme. One last word, get to know your Cubs intimately, their home conditions and their parents.

Christmas. Remember that wonderful feeling there was in the air, and in all your hearts. But these last years you have been so busy making and saving money that your heart has become as hard as your money bags."

(Scrooge reflects and the look on his face momentarily softens. The Spirit withdraws. Suddenly Scrooge starts and shakes himself as though awakening from a dream. Then mutters to himself:

"Imagination playing tricks. Must be the mutton I had for tea. I'll see the butcher about it in the morning—Christmas past. Bah! Waste of money and stupid tomfoolery."

He falls asleep again.

The clock strikes twelve.

And on the last stroke enters another spirit. Scrooge awakes again and demands the identity of the new visitor.

Spirit: "I am the Spirit of Christmas Present."

Scrooge (irritably): "Well, what do you want, aren't I to get any sleep tonight?"

Spirit: "Ah, Scrooge, how hard you have become—just like old Midas, when everything he touched turned to gold, and so he lost the most precious thing he had. And so will you, Scrooge, for without a heart, life is misery. You have much to be thankful for, far more than many. Take the little boy who helped you across the street tonight. His father is away overseas and his mother must manage her home on very little money. Theirs will not be a very good Christmas as far as material things are concerned. But they have the spirit in their hearts and it makes all the difference."

(Scrooge sits thinking. The spirit goes out. Suddenly Scrooge looks up and sees the spirit has gone, and settles down to sleep again without saying anything. The clock strikes one).

A light appears in the room. It awakens Scrooge and he asks nervously: "Who is there?"

Spirit of Christmas Future: "I am the Spirit of Christmas to Come."

Scrooge: "I can't see you, but what do you want?"

Spirit of Christmas to Come: "Because the future is revealed to no man, you cannot see me, but I can give you a glimpse of what is to come."

Scrooge: "Well?"

Spirit of Christmas to Come: "If your heart is not softened, Scrooge, your future Christmases will be more lonely than this, and eventually you will die, loved by none and forgotten by all. But if you let the Christmas spirit into your heart, you will find friends and happiness."

NEW B.C. EXECUTIVE



R. KEN JORDAN

AFTER A SPLENDID JOB OF BUILDING UP SCOUTING IN WINDSOR, ONT., MR. JORDAN RECENTLY LEFT WINDSOR TO TAKE OVER THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION. KEN WAS A FORMER SCOUT AND SCOUTER IN WINNIPEG.

(The light goes out and Scrooge sleeps again. The clock strikes eight. Scrooge awakes, and getting up goes to the window muttering, "What a night!" He leans out and says, "Why bless my soul! There's that young lad I met last night. I say, boy, what day is it?")

Voice From Below: "Why, sir, it's Christmas Day, and a Merry Christmas to you."

Scrooge: "And a Merry Christmas to you, lad. Run home and tell your mother she'll have an extra one to dinner, and then come back here and we'll go shopping. We'll buy the biggest pudding we can find. It is a Merry Christmas if you make it so."

Ball Throwing. Catch and Bob.—Action: Cubs in Six relay formation. Sixer with ball about 20 paces in front of Six. At word "Go" Sixer throws ball to first boy, who returns it and squats, Sixer throws to second, etc.

The Troop at High River, Alta., has outgrown itself during the past year and has been divided into two Troops.

Scouts at Collingwood, Ont., patrol the main intersections of the town during the noon hour, helping smaller children safely across the busy streets.

"Tweedy" Closes Doors Gave Fine Service

THE Tweedsmuir Room, a haven of rest and recreation for Scouts and Scouters in the armed forces closed its doors on October 14th. Operated by the Boy Scouts Association in Halifax, on behalf of Scouts all over Canada, the Tweedsmuir Room opened in the summer of 1940 and for five years catered to the needs of service Scouts.

The Log Book, which has been sent to Dominion Headquarters for safe-keeping contains the names of 4,048 Scouts and Scouters. This number however does not tell the real story of "Tweedy" as the centre was popularly called, for hundreds of these men used the conveniences and facilities of the room over long periods of time, signing the log book only once.

Donations to aid in the operation of the centre came from all over Canada, from Dominion and Provincial Associations and from local Associations, but the most important contribution was made by the Halifax Local Association which operated the room, and provided the hostesses and entertainment.

In a booklet recently issued by the Government of Nova Scotia entitled "Nova Scotia helps the Fighting Man" the Tweedsmuir Room is mentioned both in words and pictures. It tells of the weekly dances and movie shows, the Sunday afternoon social hours, and other features.

The operation of the Tweedsmuir Room has been a major service of unqualified success. Scouts and Scouters from all over the British Empire and many foreign countries have sampled its hospitality. Its task is now finished, but "Tweedy" will remain long in the memories of all who entered its hospitable doors.

On Souvenir Hunting

MOST Scouters will have read of the visit of H.M.S. Implacable to Vancouver, and the manner in which some souvenir hunters stripped the ship of much equipment. There is a strong tendency toward souvenir hunting these days, and Scouters should warn their boys before visiting any place of interest, against falling for this craze and bringing disgrace upon themselves and the movement. Souvenirs purchased or obtained in a legal way are quite all right, but obtained by other means is simply stealing, for which they are no extenuating circumstances.

WHAT SCOUTERS ARE SAYING

What of Rovering

The idea of Senior Scouting seems to be making headway in different areas and after discussing it with several S.M.s I asked the question, "What about Rovering?" It is a fact that Rovering has become in some areas as extinct as the Dodo bird.

B.-P. created Rovering for a purpose and that was to appeal to the older boy who had still some bright warm red blood coursing through his veins and who still had the urge to camp, hike and pioneer.

Many Scoutmasters say that they cannot hold their older boys in the Troop and that they lack the interest that they should have. The fault in that case is not with the boy but with the S.M.; his programme is slipping, hence the lack of interest—perhaps not enough outdoor activities—too much basement Scouting.

The average Patrol Leader is right in his prime and can do the Troop the most good when he is 15, 16, and 17, and then he should go into Rovering. Rovering, I believe, meets the needs of the boy at a critical stage in his life. He is just about to enter the world of reality and if a boy needs guidance he needs it then.

I would like to see Rovering come back with a bang. There is a definite need for it and I would like to see a little Rover news put in the *Scout Leader* each month and thereby bring back a revival. I know there are other Rovers or former Rovers who would help to contribute articles.

Baden-Powell in his programme didn't create Senior Scouting but he did create an organization for boys who were getting a little too old for Scouting and called it Rovering.

Yours truly,

BOB FEETHAM,

C.M., 1st Windsor, Ont., Pack.

Leaders Must Smarten Up

The October, 1945, issue of the *Scout Leader* placed much emphasis upon the appearance of Scouts and Cubs in uniform, and rightly so. However, the slogan "Scouts must smarten up" might well be changed to read "Leaders must smarten up" but with reference to something of far more importance to Scouting than appearance.

Never before in the history of the world has it been so completely necessary that leaders test their personal sense of values in the light of what Scouting really means in its basic and

fundamental concept as laid down by Lord Baden-Powell.

Scouting is an international movement. Membership is open to all races and creeds known to mankind irrespective of colour or class distinction. And until this one principle becomes a living reality all else is simply meaningless varnish.

Scouts died on distant battlefields to save humanity from an ugly ideology based on the glorification of the superiority of one race. Yet there are Canadian Scout leaders who refer to many of their fellow Canadians as "foreigners"—those same foreigners who died that they might live. They repeat insidious catch phrases and in so doing unfairly label Canada's minority groups. As leaders of an international movement they are under an obligation to Cubs and Scouts the world over to "smarten up" by endeavoring to understand the other fellow.

A smart uniform resplendent with badges and insignia means nothing if it cloaks a Scout or Scouter tainted with race prejudice.

The world of today and tomorrow can march forward only when the theory of the equality of race becomes a commonly accepted practice. On any other basis all Scouting efforts are lost.

ANNA CHILDERS,
C.M., 67th Toronto.

Headquarters Notices

THE following Warrants of Appointments have been approved by His Excellency the Chief Scout for Canada.

District Commissioner

Urban C. Holm, New Waterford, N.S.

Assistant District Commissioner

William Joseph Crowther, Penrose Bay, B.C.

James L. Watson, New Toronto, Ont.

Edward Bertram Rowe, Regina, Sask.

Aubrey Fudge, Brockville, Ont.

District Scoutmaster

James Harold Richards, Regina, Sask.

William Robinson, Regina, Sask.

Ralph Douglas Falch, Regina, Sask.

Scoutmaster

Dr. Vernier W. Rondeau, Rouleau, Sask.

Melmon Howard Forrester, Regina, Sask.

William B. Phillips, Regina, Sask.

Kenneth Henry Smith, Toronto, Ont.

Leonard Ivor Plaskett, Stratford, Ont.

Gervais Fernandez, Toronto, Ont.

Arthur Lascelles Whitehead, Toronto, Ont.

John F. L. Jackson, Rothesay, N.B.

William Lukenuk, Esquimalt, B.C.

John A. Kentworthy, Lakeside, Que.

A. Lee Campbell, Toronto, Ont.

Henry Green, Toronto, Ont.

Rev. Leonard John Hales, Kinistino, Sask.

Joseph Gurka, Beausyrou, Man.

Alan B. Stewart, Winnipeg, Man.

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Earl Gordon Bingley, Toronto, Ont.

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William Maddeaux, Toronto, Ont.

Agnes Syme Henshelwood, Toronto, Ont.

June Elizabeth Hodgins, London, Ont.

Eleanor Perry, Toronto, Ont.

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Joyce Stephenson, Toronto, Ont.

M. Ruth Woodward, Toronto, Ont.

Helene Clegg, Walkerville, Ont.

Isabel Alice Clifton, London, Ont.

Charlotte E. Collis, Brampton, Ont.

William A. Jolly, Halifax, N.S.

Florence O. Proudfoot, Colwood, B.C.

Lillian Lucas, Victoria, B.C.

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William F. Badke, Montreal, Que.

William D. Clinton, Montreal, Que.

John Bruce Carruthers, Toronto, Ont.

Mildred Salter, Toronto, Ont.

Gloria Joy McKay, Toronto, Ont.

Joan Frances Whitehouse, Toronto, Ont.

Audrey N. Jolly, Halifax, N.S.

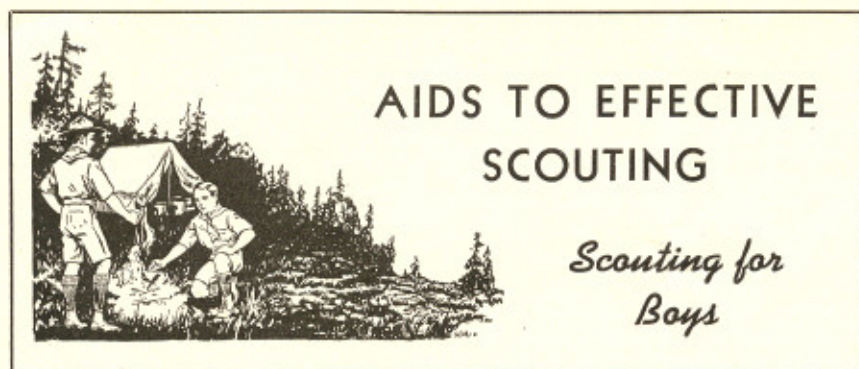
Beth Ramsay, Indian Head, Sask.

Compass Relay

Arrange Troop in parallel line formation. About one hundred feet in front of each line stands a judge with a compass and a list of eight landmarks. On signal, first Scout runs up and the judge asks, "give direction of church steeple." If correct answer is given, the Scout runs back and touches the next Scout, who runs up for his question. If the answer is incorrect, the second Scout is asked the same question. The relay is continued until each line has answered correctly.

Standing Broad Jump Relay

Scout No. 1 does standing broad jump. Scout No. 2 stands at point that No. 1 lands and does a standing broad jump. Scouts No. 3 through No. 8 continue.



AIDS TO EFFECTIVE SCOUTING

Scouting for Boys

Being some thought-provoking statements of present day Scouting by a R.A.F. Scouter stationed in Canada.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH)

SOME Troops fortunate enough to possess their own Troop H.Q. devote one evening each week to a games or hobbies night. The H.Q. is open to all Scouts for games such as table-tennis, floor hockey or hobbies and handicrafts. This would necessitate an officer in charge but a P.L. could easily be "duty officer" for that night.

Planning your activities on these lines makes it so much easier to impress on the Scouts that the Troop belongs to them individually and that it is not just Pop Jones' Troop or the Umpteenth Muddlecombe, and that they as individuals actually have a hand in managing Troop affairs.

For the benefit of those Troops which for various reasons must meet in church halls, and unfortunately they are in the majority, may I suggest a programme which I have seen used and have used myself with great success in the happier days before the fun and games started in Europe.

Assuming that the Troop has the use of the church hall on only one night each week, and that it is the usual type of church hall with windows to break and polished floors on which to slide to one's heart's content, there is still no reason why the Court of Honour can not meet at the Scoutmaster's home. The P.L.s can still hold Patrol meetings, they may even be able to wangle the use of a basement for a Patrol Den.

The Troop can still hold the monthly outdoor meeting but the Troop Meeting must be exceptionally appealing and interesting.

In planning a programme of this nature lasting for 1½ to 1¾ hours, I always divide the available time into three twenty-five minute periods.

(1) For Instructional Games, i.e., games incorporating Badge Work, Signalling, First Aid, Knotting, etc., or some stunt involving some general Scouting Activity, Pioneering, Stalking,

NEW WINDSOR EXECUTIVE



PERCY S. BRADY

CUB, SCOUT, ROVER, SCOUTMASTER AND DISTRICT SCOUTMASTER. THAT'S THE BACKGROUND OF PERCY S. BRADY, RECENTLY APPOINTED EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER FOR WINDSOR, ONT.

the use of ingenuity and resourcefulness.

(2) Games of a Recreational Type. These are games purely and simply to let off steam, the louder and rougher the better.

(3) The Instruction. The last period is used for instruction under the P.L.s in the Patrol Corners, during this period any Scout wishing to pass tests may do so with the S.M. or Officers who will be free to do this.

The remaining fifteen minutes or so can quite easily be taken up with Announcements, Awards, Inspection, a yarn by the S.M., etc.

My finished programme would look something like this:

- 7.15 Duty Patrol report to P.L. and prepare for meeting.
- 7.30 Troop Parade. Flag Break, Dismiss to Corners.
- 7.35 In Corners: Patrol Scribe collects dues and marks Attendance Re-

gister, takes Record Book to S.M. or A.S.M. for signature and hands in dues.

- 7.40 Inspection: Each Patrol inspected outside corner.
- 7.45 Stunt: Scavenger Hunt, Boiling Billy Bar, Submarines, etc., see Jack Blunt.
- 8.05 Patrol Corners: Badge Work under P.L.s in Corners. Tests passed with S.M. or A.S.M.
- 8.30 Quick Scout Test game, e.g., Knotting relay.
- 8.35-55 Recreational games: British Bulldogs, etc.
- 8.55 Parade: Announcements or yarn by S.M. Flag lowering: Dismiss.

The great danger with this type of programme is that they tend to become stereotype and stale, consequently beware of repetition, never play the same game for two weeks in succession, always be ready to scrap the programme and throw in some exciting stunt, a Treasure Hunt, an inter-Troop night game on anything for the sake of variety.

It adds to the general Troop Spirit if the Scoutmaster occasionally engages in a rag with the Scouts, but don't try this unless you are sure of your boys and know that they will respond immediately to your word of command no matter how many of them may be sitting on your head.

Leaving all badge work to Patrol Meetings may not meet with universal approval, but from my own personal experience I have always found it successful. Sure it means that your Patrol Leader will have to have additional instruction to enable him to instruct the remainder of his Patrol but it is wise always to try to aim to have all Patrol Leaders at least First Class Scouts; and as for instructing in the proficiency badges, outside instructors can easily be found by the enterprising Leader. This scheme also makes your Patrol Leaders into real Leaders and not just leaders by name, it means that they will have a definite job to do and will have definite responsibilities. Moreover it means that they will have to be just a little bit better than the average Scout.

If such leaders do not already exist, they can be created by forming a special instructional Patrol and by awarding them certain privileges as suggested by Roland Philipps.

It demands a high standard in your leaders and will require a good deal of premeditation and foresight in their selection. It also demands that you should have some means of maintaining continuity of leadership and this is

where your intimate knowledge of each boy will be of some practical value, you can watch each boy as he progresses and know well beforehand just which boys will be eligible for the position. In many cases it is understood that the Second will succeed the Patrol Leader when he leaves, consequently he should receive a certain amount of coaching both from the P.L. and the Scoutmaster so that he can take over from the retiring P.L. with a minimum of disruption.

It is also advisable for the S.M. to give all his orders and make announcements through the Leaders, thus on Parade Night at the commencement of the evening programme the S.M. blows his whistle or gives some pre-arranged signal for the Troop to Parade, immediately each Leader will give the order "Lions", or whatever the Patrol may be, "Fall in" and will himself lead his Patrol into position at the double. In the same way for Church Parades or for any other special parade the S.M. will notify his leaders and they will notify the remainder of the Troop. At the beginning of the war a Troop in my district held practices in rallying the Troop at all hours by this means and very soon could muster the whole Troop within 30 minutes. Thus you will see that although the S.M. is always on hand if needed a good deal of the actual routine work in connection with the Troop is in the hands of the P.L.s.

(CONCLUDED NEXT MONTH)

Crew Race

Seven members of the Patrol, facing the rear from the starting point, straddle a pole. The eighth Scout acting as coxswain, takes his position facing his crew and holding onto the pole. On "go" the coxswain guides his crew backward to a point 25 yards from start, circling this point and proceeding back to the starting line. Should the boat be "swamped," the oarsmen are allowed to "right" it and continue the race. If any Scout unstraddles the pole, the boat is "swamped."

Chariot Race

Patrol joins hands at starting line. On word "go" the Scouts run to a point 25 yards from starting line where neckerchief has been placed on floor in wigwam fashion. One of the Scouts at the middle of the line picks up the neckerchief in his teeth without releasing the grip of either hand. Patrol then runs back to the starting line. Should a Patrol break during the run or miss the neckerchief, it is entitled to a new start, but 15 seconds are added to its time.

ZERO HIKE

By H. C. SWABEY, Scoutmaster of 1st Thornhill, Ont., Troop, in the York Central District "Bulletin"



IT IS SAID THAT SCOUTS COME INTO SCOUTING FOR ADVENTURE. THESE PICTURES SHOW THE KIND OF ADVENTUROUS SCOUTING ENJOYED BY THE SCOUTS OF MINNEDOSA, MANITOBA, AND INCIDENTALLY SERVES JUST RIGHT TO ILLUSTRATE THIS ARTICLE ON ZERO HIKE.

THE 1st Thornhill Troop is proud of its outdoor log. During the months of January, February and March, this Troop spent more time out in the open than indoors. The Editor has asked me to write a few words on our "Zero" hikes. This is a tough assignment; a book could be written on hiking, and no doubt has been. In this short article I will put down a few rules that should be observed and which I found necessary through experience.

Before starting out on a warm weather hike it is necessary for the person in charge to inspect the participants' shoes. On a "Zero" hike this is doubly important, not only the footwear but the apparel in general. I would like to emphasize this point because firstly there is the boys' health to consider and secondly, one boy looking miserable can spoil the outing for the rest of the group. The majority of Scouts have parkas, toques, breeches and hi-cut boots. I have never found it necessary to send a boy home.

Equipment to be carried should be the minimum required: axe, small fry pan, knife, fork, spoon and a small can for cocoa. In most cases three or four boys share one cocoa pot. Another important item is the method of carrying the equipment—no doubt a haversack is taken for granted, but it is amazing to note the different types of luggage the fellows turn up with. I remember on our first cold weather hike one lad had his stuff in a paper shopping bag, another had a contraption that looked suspiciously like mother's knitting bag. On a hike of this kind the hands must be left free.

If the Scout does not own a haversack, a small burlap sack (or sugar bag) with a rope tied at the neck and on one bottom corner, will serve nicely. In order to prevent the rope from sliding

off the corner, put a small stone inside said corner and tie the rope behind it.

We usually start from the village at 10 a.m. and in case there are some who cannot make it by that time, we lay a trail. On most of our hikes we were fortunate in having newly fallen snow. This made it easy for the late comers to track us; it also made the hike to the camp site more interesting as it was quite easy to observe small animal tracks such as fox, skunk and rabbit.

Every hike, of course, should have an objective. In our case observation of animal tracks on the way in is a rule. After lunch, morse flag signalling or height estimation (yes, in zero weather).

Lunch is generally the highlight of the trip. Our Scouts usually form into groups and four or five fires are started, mostly of a different type: trapper's, star, etc. Here is a good chance to try "friction fire"—we always have our bow and drill along with us. If the wind is strong, a ground sheet is strung up as a windbreak. We who live in the southern part of Ontario seldom have the opportunity of throwing up a natural windbreak of brush.

There is a point I should bring up at this time—it is the matter of carrying water. We usually carry ours in a mason jar (a Scout canteen would be better) wrapped in a number of sheets of newspaper. This is to prevent breakage and at the same time insulates the water from the cold. I would like to repeat that I do not favour a jar, although we have not experienced any trouble to date. A small metal can would do just as well.

It is advisable to take about twenty feet of light rope with you (similar to the Scout lariat). Quite often it is impossible to negotiate even a small hill when covered with ice and snow and

then it is that the rope comes in handy.

When film is available it is usual to take a camera along. The camera should be removed from its case a few minutes before using. Due to the difference in temperature the lens will fog (just the same as eye-glasses will when a person enters a warm building). This will, of course, ruin any chance of a good picture. Care should be taken to see that snow does not clog the lens mount.

From the above you will see that there is not much difference between a warm weather hike and a "Zero" hike. I am afraid we use the term "zero" rather loosely. To us it has come to mean any winter hike. The "warmest" hike we held in this series was in a temperature of 18 above. When the temperature is at zero or below, you certainly have a more comfortable hike; when it rises above 20 the fellows seem to feel the cold and the air seems damp. Our most successful hike was held on a day that the temperature swung between zero and 5 below.

I hope this article will inspire other leaders to take their Troops out in the open during the winter. The boys will thank you and you will have lots of fun yourself. Late last winter two leaders said to me: "Soon the weather will be fine, then we will be able to get out and do some real Scouting." To these gentlemen I say: Scouting is an all-year game, not seasonal. To those leaders who think they are getting too old for this sort of thing, I say: One "Zero" hike is worth ten boxes of vitamin pills.

Jewel Robber Kim's Game

Mr. Van Harem sends a bag of diamonds to his bank by messenger. On the way the messenger meets an old friend with whom he has a chat. Later a fair lady entices him in for a cup of tea. At length he arrives at the bank and hands the bag over to the bank messenger. A month later Mr. Van Harem calls to pick up the bag and finds that a tiara has been exchanged for a paste replica. Where did the theft take place, in the talk with his friend, in the lady's home, or is the bank manager dishonest. No. 1 in each Patrol sees a Kim's game as it leaves Mr. Van Harem's home, No. 2, as it leaves the friend, No. 3, as it leaves the tea party, No. 4 as it arrives at the bank, and No. 5, as Mr. Van Harem receives it back. Somewhere the Scoutmaster makes a slight change. The Patrol gets together and from their memories of the Kim's game they find what change was made, and where.

Troop and Pack Activities

Port Credit, Ont., Scouts took charge of collections in the National Clothing Drive. Reports of similar assistance also come from Sherbrooke, Que., and Markdale, Ont.

Saskatoon Scouts are using their new headquarters workshop for the making of needed articles for city Troops. Several Troops have made first aid cabinets, patrol boxes, knot boards and flag stands from rough lumber. The shop is to be used as the central Christmas Toyshop.

Said to be the first lady Scoutmaster in Canada, Mrs. Louis Alston of McGrath, Alta., died recently. She was presented with the Medal of Merit by Lord Tweedsmuir for her services to Scouting.

In St. John Ambulance competitions at Calgary, the 7th Boy Scout Troop took first place in the boys' section.

Halifax District will again operate a Boy Scout hockey league this winter, the winning Troop to be awarded the trophy presented by the *Halifax Herald and Mail*.

Under the terms of the will of the late A. C. Mendenhall of Lethbridge, Alta., the Boy Scouts and the Girl Guides were left \$500. The Scout Asso-

ciation decided to invest its share in Victory Bonds.

Members of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Osisko Lake Troops at Rouyn-Noranda, Que., are taking a course in forestry conducted by J. M. Draper.

Seventeen Somenos and Lake Cowichan Scouts held a joint week end camp at Nanaimo River, B.C. In addition to a general Scouting programme they visited a coal mine, Nanaimo River Falls, and examined a three wire suspension bridge.

Unionville, Ont., Scouts and Cubs staged a community waste paper collection.

The 12th Calgary Troop won the fire by friction contest at a Calgary Scout Rally building and lighting a fire without matches in four minutes and 35 seconds.

Catholic Scouts at Shawinigan Falls, Que., collected 13,000 pounds of waste paper and cardboard during a recent drive.

The 16th Saskatoon Troop, sponsored by the School for the Deaf has 21 members. The Scouts are very keen on hockey and are entering a team in the hockey league this winter.



HERE'S A DISPLAY OF TOYS MADE IN THEIR OWN TOYSHOP BY THE 1ST TIMMINS, ONT., TROOP, SPONSORED BY THE TIMMINS POLICE DEPARTMENT. THESE TOYS ARE SOLD TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR EQUIPMENT, BUT SUCH A SCHEME COULD WELL BE USED FOR THE SCOUT CHRISTMAS TOYSHOP.

An adequate knowledge of First Aid by Scouts probably saved the life of Stuart Connolly of Port Credit, Ont. Stuart had the misfortune to sever an artery when his axe slipped. Two King's Scouts, Howard Grocock and Ronald Crossman, and another Scout, Bill Buck applied pressure while help was secured and proper medical attention given.

Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies gathered recently to help Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Little of Welland, Ont., celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. Mrs. Little is District Commissioner for the Guides and Mr. Little is District Scoutmaster.

A report from Hamilton, Ont., reveals that Scout membership in that city has increased to 3,000 Cubs, Scouts and leaders, as compared with 2,000 two years ago.

The First Port Hope, Ont., Troop which recently organized under Scoutmaster Frank Long, undertook the task of canvassing for a Town Directory, the commissions going into a fund to purchase uniforms for the Scouts.

In connection with the centennial of St. Andrew's United Church, at Victoria, Ont., Scouts and Cubs of the church took part in a tree planting ceremony.

The Cubmaster of the 1st Napanee Pack took time off at a recent meeting to demonstrate to his Cubs the proper method of folding and wearing the Cub neckerchief.

Over 100 Scouts and Cubs of Colchester County, N.S., took part in a field day at Truro.

When Scouts of Kimberley, B.C., applied to the city council for permission to hold an Apple Day, the city council not only granted the request but passed a resolution reading: "The council wishes to express its appreciation of the fine work the Boy Scouts Association is doing among boys of all ages."

Over 100 Scouts attended special lectures conducted at the city Fire Hall at Kitchener, Ont., in connection with the observance of Fire Prevention Week.

Hamilton, Ont., is again operating its Boy Scout Swimming Club.

STILL BUSY ASSISTING THE NEEDY IN EUROPE, THESE MEMBERS OF THE 131ST TORONTO (LEASIDE LIONS CLUB) TROOP, COLLECTED NO LESS THAN SEVEN TONS OF CLOTHING IN A WELL ORGANIZED DOOR TO DOOR CAMPAIGN. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT THE SCOUTS WERE CORRECTLY UNIFORMED.



Members of the 1st Belleville, Ont., Troop took a Fireman's Badge Course at the local fire station during Fire Prevention Week.

In Brantford, Ont., Scouts distributed literature throughout the city urging people to take an interest in Fire Prevention.

Some 250 St. Catharines, Ont., Scouts have earned 1,000 St. John Ambulance, Fireman's and Pathfinder proficiency badges during the period of the war.

Scouts and Guides in Woodstock, Ont., took part in a colorful parade to usher in Fire Prevention Week in that city.

When the Civil Defence authorities called in all stirrup pumps recently the Scouts undertook the task of collecting them from homes in several centres.

Thirty Hodgeville, Sask., Scouts acted as messengers and general helpers at a recent convention attended by more than 100 school teachers of the district.

Bob Murphy, St. John's, Newfoundland Boy Scout, has been highly commended for his rescue of a 13 year old boy from drowning in the harbour.

Don Hamer, of Calgary, who has been connected with Scouting for 34 years, recently retired as Assistant District Commissioner and moved to Vancouver Island. He was one of the leading figures in Calgary's very successful Scout Toy Shop for many years.

At Leaside, Ont., Scouts played an important part in the collection of five tons of clothing in the National Clothing Drive.

Kimberley, B.C., Scouts plan to do some outdoor Scouting this winter. In October they journeyed to their campsite and prepared it for their Christmas camp.

Four hundred Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies participated in the annual church parade at Chatham, Ont., the Protestant groups marching to First Presbyterian Church and the Roman Catholic members to Blessed Sacrament Church.

When the Scout Lodge at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., was burglarized recently a radio was stolen and \$7.00 which was being saved to send to the Chins-Up Fund. The moral is—don't leave money around your Scout Hall.

Scouts and Cubs of Wingham, Ont., collected over ninety baskets to be used in the Hospital Building Fund Tag Day.

Several Chatham, Ont., Scouts took part in the rescue of a man who had fallen into the river.

In the recent Nova Scotia elections Boy Scouts assisted in the gathering and distribution of election results. Scouts were in attendance at each polling booth in urban centres and telephoned the results to a central counting room, later delivering slips showing the vote, for checking purposes.

At The Pas, Man., Scouts took an active part in the collection of used clothing for the peoples of Europe.

A member of the Malartic, Que., Troop celebrated his birthday by having his brother Scouts attend a birthday party at his home following the regular Troop meeting.

Scout-Guide Activities In Alberta Centre

WITH the joint observance of Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week, attention has been drawn more closely to the subject of joint activities between Scouts and Guides at other times of the year.

In smaller communities particularly, many opportunities present themselves for this type of activity. Some idea of how successful Scout-Guide events may be arranged and carried out are given by Mrs. Thomas Betton of High River, Alberta, who with her Scout Commissioner husband, is very active in Scout and Guide affairs.

Joint activities first got under way, Mrs. Betton relates, when the Brownies and Guides turned out for the first Boy Scout Week, attending the church services and other events.

Four years ago, when the High River Scout and Guide Hall was first built a start was made by having games evenings for Cubs, Brownies, Guides and Scouts in Grades 4, 5 and 6, once a month through the fall and winter. In the spring they were taken out by the river for wide games and a campfire.

During the first winter there was also a Scout-Guide night for those in Grade 7 and up, including Junior and Senior High School. This was held on Friday each month, and a similar spring outing was arranged.

Many of the evenings were started with the horseshoe ceremonies, followed by an hour of games, some play acting, and special stunts. Then there would be cocoa and biscuits around the fireplace and a singsong.

Junior nights were tried also but were not as successful. At the senior night affairs there would be dancing for an hour after cocoa, and they would be on their way home by 10.30 p.m.

Each Scout and Guide brought ten cents and three teaspoons of sugar, this being sufficient to furnish lunch and to teach them to pay their own way. One Patrol would plan refreshments, another the programme, another would get the hall ready, and still another would clean up. The Patrols were composed of Guides and Scouts. As many as 58 attended these events.

New Year's Eve was a big night. The The Scouts and Guides said goodbye to the old year and welcomed the New Year in quite a different way to many people. They asked themselves what the old year had meant to them and what they were going to do about the New Year. A plate supper was planned and there were hats and horns. The

NEW BRUNSWICK EXECUTIVE



J. PERCY ROSS

NEW BRUNSWICK'S FIRST FULL TIME SCOUT EXECUTIVE, MR. ROSS WAS A SCOUT, ROVER, CUBMASTER AND SCOUTMASTER IN SAINT JOHN. HE SERVED WITH THE CANADIAN ARMY FOR NEARLY SIX YEARS.

Guides came in their party dresses and the Scouts in their Sunday best. At other gatherings uniform was compulsory.

They sang and danced and gave the New Year a real welcome, and were on their way home by 12.30 a.m. This may seem rather late, but it was only once a year.

In the summer the Scouts visited the Guide Camp for wide games and a campfire.

During Scout-Guide week earlier this year the Guide and Scout Courts of Honour planned a banquet for the Guiders and Scouters which was a great success. All the leaders had to do was arrive, eat and be entertained. This fall the leaders returned the compliment by taking the Patrol Leaders out for wide games and a bean supper, campfire and songs by the river.

Plans have also been made for joint hikes for test work, with Tenderfoot, Second Class or First Class candidates going in separate groups.

High River also has a joint Leaders' Council which meets monthly to do business in connection with the hall, time of meetings, improvements, etc. After the business there is a social hour, new games are demonstrated, and refreshments are served.

Mrs. Betton says that High River Guiders and Scouters have learned that with the right guidance Guides and

Scouts can gain a great deal by learning to work and play together. They learn to pay and work and plan for the pleasure they have. They learn to entertain and they learn to do the things they wish to do, in the right way and under proper supervision.

Scout Uniform and Tradition

THERE has been an amazing response to *The Scout Leader's* special feature in October on *Smartness in Uniform*. All over Canada Scouters are making an attempt to make their Troops a credit to the Movement through smartness in appearance. In an effort to be helpful the Publications Department of Dominion Headquarters has distributed a sufficient number of reprints of the correctly dressed Scout and Cub, to Provincial Headquarters for distribution to every Pack and Troop in Canada. It is suggested that they be posted on notice boards.

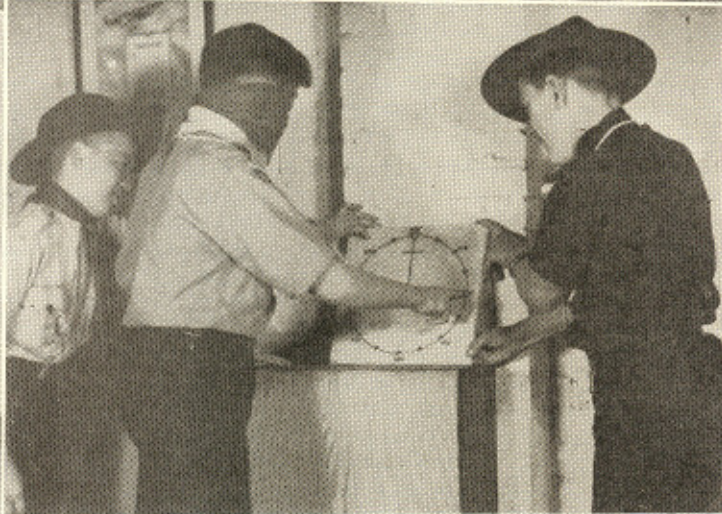
Smartness in uniform can only be accomplished by constant attention and insistence. Uniform is an important matter, because to many people outside of the Movement it pictures the organization. Thus a well dressed Scout portrays a lively well ordered Movement and the sloppily dressed Scout, a slovenly Movement.

In the new *Tenderfoot to King's Scout* book the uniform question is dealt with in this manner.

"In military life uniform always has been important. The uniform of the Guards regiments, or the Black Watch and other famous Highland regiments, both in Canada and Britain, came by tradition to mean that the wearers always could be counted upon no matter how dangerous the task.

"So it is with the Scout uniform. Boys who have worn it during the 30 years of its existence have built up a tradition of high character, courage and valuable public service that can make any new boy proud to wear it. One reason for pride in the Scout uniform is its distinctiveness—which has been one reason for Scouting's growth and popularity throughout the world. And one of these distinctive features has been its smart hat—so neat and distinctive that the Mounties adopted it."

Remember, most Scouts and Cubs take their cue from their Scouter. If you are smartly and correctly uniformed, your Scouts and Cubs will want to be the same.



HERE ARE SOME VIEWS OF A VERY SUCCESSFUL BRONZE ARROWHEAD COURSE CONDUCTED BY FIELD COMMISSIONER PAT EVANS AT WEYBURN, SASK. UPPER LEFT, AN INTER-PATROL RELAY GAME; UPPER RIGHT, MAP READING EXERCISES; LOWER LEFT, THIS SHOWS ONE OF THE PATROLS TAKING THE COURSE. THE THREE OTHER PATROLS WERE ALL SMARTLY UNIFORMED AS THIS ONE. LOWER RIGHT, BLIND COMPASS GAME IN PROGRESS. THIS GAME APPEARED IN BOTH *The Scout Leader* AND *The Junior Leader* RECENTLY. SCOUTMASTERS ARE URGED TO ENCOURAGE THEIR JUNIOR LEADERS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE BRONZE ARROWHEAD TRAINING COURSES WHEN STAGED IN THEIR DISTRICTS.

Promoting Atmosphere of Unity

An Editorial in the Canadian School Journal

SCHOOLS could be great institutions for the development of leaders among young people. Conditions would be improved considerably if leaders could be trained to guide and direct youth. It is rather difficult for the blind to lead the blind, but youth leading youth has great possibilities. There is a great need for young people's organizations to develop the qualities of personality and to train for leisure time activities, which are not usually taught in school. Keeping youth interested and active in worth while activities is one of the greatest solutions to delinquency. Many comments are made in opposition to homework. If homework is done away with, much leisure time will be available after school

hours. This is commendable, providing something constructive and helpful is put in its place. Youth is active, progressive, alert and anxious to do something. Should it not be the duty of the church, the school and the home to provide a worth while outlet?

The Boy Scouts and Girl Guides fill an important place in the development of youth. Perhaps no other organizations are doing so much in training for team work, community service, self help and living with nature. These organizations also have a great opportunity to bring all classes of youth together thus promoting an atmosphere of unity, so much needed in our democratic life.

Would it be too much to expect the larger schools to provide a course in leadership for those with the necessary qualities? This need not interfere with school hours for it is quite conceivable

that a large enough group would be willing to take this training in leadership after school hours, if qualified teachers or leaders could be provided. Would not this type of training be superior to cadet corps, flavoured perhaps with much of the military atmosphere which a peace-loving world should question? Boy Scout and Girl Guide leaders could form groups in rural areas, villages and small towns if they were trained in the larger centres where many attend. There are great possibilities for such organizations in building up the physical, mental and spiritual culture of youth. Leadership in providing a means of training should be the duty of school boards. When youth leaders are trained, it should be the duty of the church and the home to co-operate in promoting groups.

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theatre so they will not conflict with regular services and Sunday School sessions. If you have a local Ministerial Association perhaps a number of ministers can be prevailed to take part.

This service provides an opportunity for reaffirming the Scout and Guide promises, the unveiling of honour rolls, or the dedication of new colours.

Community Service Project—As Scouting and Guiding exist primarily to be of service, some community service project might well be undertaken. Ideas for such services will suggest themselves in various ways in different communities.

Service Clubs—If possible arrange for special speakers at local service clubs. As programme schedules are usually made up weeks ahead of time that should be undertaken immediately. Well planned demonstrations by Scouts or Guides might be staged at these meetings.

Scout-Guide Week in the Schools—The Scout and Guide Movements, being essentially educational in purpose, should seek the co-operation of the schools. In London, Ont., last year a very successful campaign was staged in the schools of the city. There were flag raising ceremonies each morning, with uniformed Scouts or Guides taking part. Scouts and Guides wore uniforms to school throughout the week, and various programmes were prepared for each school. At one school, 70 uniformed Scouts and Guides, carrying their colours took part in a display centred around the reaffirmation of the promise. In another school Scouts and Guides put on demonstration programmes to show others what was done at Scout and Guide meetings.

A significant item appeared in the *London Free Press* at the conclusion of a story about the exercises in several schools. It read: "Some schools dedicated songs to the various groups but arranged no programme in which members of the groups took part. *However, Scout Week has not passed unobserved in any school.*"

No doubt similar co-operation might be arranged elsewhere.

Parents' Nights—Scout-Guide Week presents fine opportunities for Parents' Nights at the Troop, Pack or Company. It might be an open night with an ordinary meeting programme to show what Scouts do at regular meetings. It might be a special demonstration, or again it might be a banquet.

Library Presentation—A worthwhile gesture in some places has been the

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An Outline of Its Aims and Purposes

The Slogan

It's Their World—Let's Prepare them for It.

The Purposes

1. A re-emphasis on B.-P. Scouting and Guiding.
2. To make Scouts and Guides conscious of local opportunities for community service.
3. An effort to secure the return of former Scouters and Guiders in the armed forces to active leadership in the Movement.
4. To instil in every Scout, Cub, Guide and Brownie a pride in belonging to the world-wide fellowship of *Scouts and Guides*.
5. A greater appreciation by Scouters and Guiders of the importance of their leadership in building a better post-war world.
6. To better inform the public of the aims and objects of Scout and Guide Training, and to secure more active participation of non-Scouters and Guiders in Group Committee and Local Association work.

presentation of a complete set of books on Scouting to the local library. This not only becomes a reference library for Scouts, but provides an opportunity for the general public to see and use Scout books.

Other Activities—There are a score of other activities suitable for various parts of the country. Joint banquets for leaders of both movements, hikes, sleigh rides, skating parties, and social activities.

About Financial Campaigns

The Joint Committee after a close study of the subject suggests that no financial campaigns be tied in with Scout-Guide Week. It is almost certainly safe to say that the generous free newspaper support given to Scouting and Guiding during the week, has been built up on the basis that no financial campaign is connected with the observance. The support given Scouting in the past can easily be lost by associating Scout money raising campaigns with this week, which is held for an entirely different purpose. Read again the purposes as published above.

Dominion Headquarters, which handles the national arrangements for Scout-Guide Week stresses with newspapers and radio broadcasters that the week is not an appeal for money. On this basis we have built up a tremendous amount of publicity. In speaking with several groups which tied in Financial Campaigns a year ago, we find that they agree that it is a mistake to do so, and that newspapers and radio people are bound to get the idea that all future weeks are for money raising purposes. The week will soon lose its appeal to newspapermen and others if we try to capitalize on the goodwill built up, for money raising

purposes.

The Joint Committee hopes that no Groups will use Scout-Guide Week for this purpose.

Games For Your Troop

First Aid Carrying

Victim lies at point 25 feet from starting line. On "go," 3 carriers run to victim and using correct three-man carry must walk with the victim back to the starting line. In the meantime, four Scouts make a litter, using two poles and their own coats or shirts. When the litter is ready, the victim is placed carefully on it and carried back to the point where he was originally lying. For poor three-man carry, add thirty seconds to Patrol time. If victim falls to floor from stretcher, add five minutes; if any part of his body touches floor during stretcher carry, add 30 seconds.

Knot-Signals

Scouts line up side by side, each with a piece of rope in front of him. Leader stands one hundred feet in front, and signals the name of a knot. Each Scout ties the knot, and runs to leader. First three Scouts to reach leader with correct knot are scored 5-3-1. After six knots have been tied, points are added up by Patrols, and the Patrol with the highest number of points wins.

Martian Flagraising

Here's a new way to play the ever popular flag raising game, as described in *The Scouter*. Martian Scouts play flagraising just like humans but Martians are three-legged monsters with four arms. They usually have two life lines (on their outside arms) and bases about 100 yards apart. Otherwise the same rules apply to the regular game. Obviously it is three-legged flagraising.

CHINS-UP FUND



WROTE International Commissioner Glad Bincham recently after a visit to the scenes of bitter fighting in Holland: "One of the most amazing Scout Troop quarters was merely a shambles, covered with pieces of old tin. On the wall was just a rough chart with a few knots on it, and the Scout Promise."

"They gave us an address of welcome, and their enthusiasm was unbounded. We were the first English

brother Scouts in Scout uniform that they had seen for five years.

"On leaving I asked the Scoutmaster if there was anything I could send him. To my amazement he asked for a coloured picture of dear old B.-P. That was all they required, and around it they would build their Troop and their Scout headquarters once again.

"I think you will agree that that spirit takes a lot of beating. I had a lump in my throat as big as the proverbial hen's egg. And so it went all the way through. The heroism of these boys and girls is amazing."

More Handbooks for Holland

With the above story came a request for a modest 3,000 additional copies of the Canadian Chins-Up Dutch Handbook, *Het Verkennen Voor Jongens*. Counting upon the continued generous support of your Scouters, Scouts and Cubs, Dominion Headquarters at once placed the order.

You will wonder about the cost. For the new Dutch printing, the second

Norwegian edition of 5,000 and the 10,000 of the smaller Czech Handbook, the total sum required is \$6,250. Against this the Chins-Up Account at present shows \$2,378. This leaves a balance needed of \$3,972. We know you will take care of it. Donations are acknowledged from the following:

16th Sydney, N.S., Troop; Truro, N.S., Local Association; 1st St. Williams, Ont., Troop; 1st Mitchell, Ont., Group; St. John's Mothers' Auxiliary, Peterborough, Ont.; Lake Shore, Ont., District.

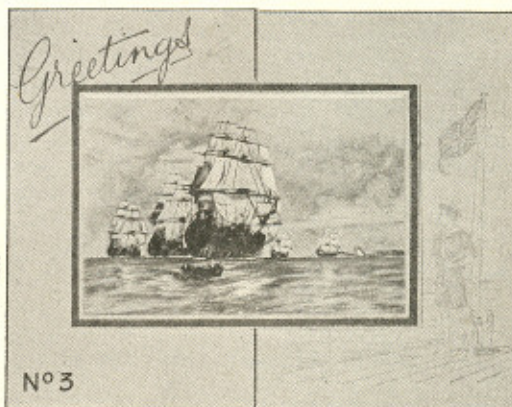
15th London, Ont., Pack; 1st Aylmer, Ont., Troop; Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Local Association; Listowel, Ont., Group Committee; 1st Powassan, Ont., Troop; 3rd Fort William, Ont., Troop.

Pickering, Ont., Lone Scouts; 19th Ottawa Troop; Kimberly, B.C., Troops; 26th Vancouver Troop; East Vancouver Church Parade; 24th Vancouver Pack; 24th Vancouver Troop; Quamichan, B.C., Pack; 41st Vancouver Troop.

1st Niagara Falls Troop; 71st Winnipeg Pack; 9th Winnipeg Group.

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British Scouts Aid Farmers

BRITISH Boy Scouts and Girl Guides are organizing collections of acorns, for sale to pig and poultry breeders as a supplementary carbohydrate food. The food and feed situation in Great Britain is likely to be serious for at least another year.

That Daily Good Deed

LORD Rowallan, Chief Scout of the Empire recently took British Scouts to task for neglecting their daily good deed. As an example, he told the story of a Scoutmaster on a crowded train, with several elderly women standing, who told his boys, "Don't get up or you will lose your seats." This has a double application. It was not only throwing away the opportunity for a good deed, but it was also discourteous. Courtesy and the daily good deed, can often be one and the same thing.

Donation Honours Former Scout

DURING the St. Catharines financial campaign recently a donation for \$5 was received from an anonymous source marking the return of one of St. Catharines most famous sons, Wing Commander Len Birchall, the man who sighted the Jap fleet heading for Ceylon and who sent the message which saved the island. The donor marked his gift in honour of Len Birchall, whom he termed "a good scout," but was not aware that as a youngster Len Birchall was just that, a good Scout.

Transfers for Cubs, Scouts, Leaders

WHEN members of your Pack or Troop move away to another centre, as many are doing in these days of rehabilitation, Scouters would render a service to the Movement and to the boys by providing them with a transfer to the town to which they are moving. If you do not care to entrust the transfer to the boy, possibly you could send it to your Provincial Headquarters from where it could be forwarded to the Scouter at the boy's new home. Various Provincial Headquarters would also appreciate information of Scouters moving from one community to another, so that the Association in the other community might be notified of the availability of experienced Scouters.

British Scout War Record

IN his first broadcast to Canada since becoming Chief Scout of the British Empire, Lord Rowallan stated that British Boy Scouts took part in more than 20 branches of national war service. Many Scouts gave their lives while carrying out their duties in such branches as fire fighting, rescue squads and air raid precaution. Lord Rowallan also stated that 18 Scouts had been awarded the Victoria Cross.

The New Test Book

PAPER and labour difficulties have held up the production of the new test book — *Tenderfoot to King's Scout*. It is hoped, however, that it will be available in a very short time. A second edition, running into 25,000 copies is already on order, but the printing depends entirely upon the paper situation which at this time is worse than at any time during the war. No stone is being left unturned to secure sufficient copies of the book and at the earliest possible moment.

The Lady in the Scout Parade

WHEN Major General A. V. Arnold of the U.S. Army was reviewing a parade of four thousand Boy Scouts in Korea, he noticed a gray-haired elderly lady marching in the parade. Arnold asked his interpreter how she got into the Scouts. Enquiries were made, and soon the interpreter returned to explain: "She's not in the Scouts. She is just carrying her grandson's lunch."

Novel Expansion Plan at Stratford

STRATFORD, Ont., Local Association tried out a new expansion idea in October. Application forms for membership in the Boy Scouts Association were distributed to all boys of Cub or Scout age through the public schools. The applicant was asked to fill in his name, address, age, and school, and to say which branch he was interested in, Cubs, Scouts, Sea Scouts or Air Scouts. Forms were turned in to the teachers who forwarded them to the local Association. Applicants were later notified of what Troops they could join, the meeting place and hour.

Good Apple Day Publicity

AT Portage La Prairie, Scouts and Cubs paraded through the town the day before Apple Day to advertise the event. Prizes were offered for the best decorated bicycles for both Cubs and Scouts, the entries being judged by the Mayor and the president of the Local Association.

Papal Audience for Scouts

SEVERAL thousand Roman Catholic Scouts in Italy were accorded a Papal audience following a three day jamboree in Rome. Visitors to the jamboree were impressed by the contrast between the wholesome youthful spirit that pervaded the gathering, and the heavily regimented gatherings of the Fascist youth organization at which "games" usually consisted of military manoeuvres.

Thanks to Empire Scouters

DURING the war many Scouters from Great Britain and other parts of the Empire who have been training or stationed in this country have operated or assisted in operating Groups with marked success. Dominion Headquarters would like to officially say "Thank You" to these men. We would appreciate information of Scouters from overseas who have helped out in Canada, together with their home addresses, so that an expression of appreciation might be sent them.

An Example of Prompt Service

HALIFAX District Office of the Boy Scouts received a hurry-up call from the Camp Hill military hospital for five hundred coat hangers. The call came in Friday afternoon. Five Troops, the 18th Fort Massey Church, the 1st Armdale, 30th Wesley Memorial, 17th St. Matthias, and the 38th Wartime Housing, all meeting on Friday evenings were contacted and asked to give an hour of their meeting to this job. By 9.15 p.m. one Troop had collected 760, all tied and bundled for delivery. By 9.30 p.m. they were delivered to the hospital. The hangers collected by the other Troops were stocked for future demands. Naturally the authorities were delighted with both the quick action and the filling of this request. There is nothing that gets Scouting a better name than a prompt response to a request for a Good Turn.