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BOYS GROW UP—BUT ONLY ONCE

Give Them An Adventurous Boyhood

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Some Thoughts on the Approaching Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week

THIS month of February brings Scout Week to Canada—and for the first time an official change in its design—with the co-operation of the Girl Guides. This year then it is Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week.

The co-operation of the two organizations in a joint week is a natural outcome of the very happy relationships which have always existed between our national offices. Despite the distance between our Dominion Headquarters—the Guides in Toronto, ourselves in Ottawa,—these relationships have been of the closest and most co-operative nature.

We would like that spirit to be carried into the activities of the Girl Guides and the Boy Scouts in the cities, towns and villages of the Dominion. Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week will present an opportunity to get together and work together. This should not be difficult when we realise that we subscribe to the same promises and laws, our programmes almost parallel one another, and we claim the same founder in B.-P., on the same foundation of principles. Let us use this week to foster and expand this existing bond between our two great organizations.

And for our own part of the observance, we believe that Scout Week is an appropriate time to do a bit of mental stocktaking—to consider Scouting and our own part in it in the light of the real values.

We recall some time ago E. E. Reynolds, then editor of *The Scouter*, answered the accusation of a well-known writer that "those who associate themselves with youth movements seem gradually to lose all their maturity and become childish."

We agree with Mr. Reynolds that those of us engaged in youth work are

no more prone to mental arrestment than others in the community. Take for instance your golf fiend, or your bridge maniac. Theirs is an astonishingly small world with a very limited range of ideas and interests.

Even those who have few other interests outside Scouting must have a rather broad outlook to encompass the Scout programme. But be that as it may, it is not wise to have only one principal interest. B.-P. frequently advised us to "look wide." We would do well in our mental stock-taking to look wide and see that other world that is about us outside of the realm of Scouting.

Then a few days ago we heard about a Group Committee which was upset because a Scout Troop made a noise, and because the Cubs skipped in the church hall. They seemed to expect

"Quotes"

JUDGE R. E. Danis, addressing the Grand Jury at the General Sessions of the Peace at Cochrane, Ont.

"In my short experience on the Bench in this district there is one agency whose training of boys has had 100 per cent result: I refer to the Boy Scout Movement, because I have yet to try or sentence to gaol any Boy Scout or anyone connected with the Boy Scouts Association. I have every reason to believe that the Boy Scout record of the past can and will be equalled in the future, because of the Scout promise and law. I need not tell you I heartily endorse the Boy Scouts Association, and that I recommend it to you as one of the best types of training for boys."

boys to remember the old and outmoded idea that "little boys should be seen and not heard." They probably forget their own boyhood, and expect something that B.-P. never expected, that boys should be little angels.

B.-P. preferred his boys a bit tough, with a bit of devilment in them. Adventure and Peter Pan-ism don't go well together. You'll remember that B.-P. picked Kim and Mowgli as types of boys—boys with a yen for adventure—boys with courage—boys with ingenuity. We are afraid our country would have been in sore straits had we not lots of Kims and Mowglis prepared to defend its freedom when fascist aggression threatened. So let us remember that if we want sound strong men with healthy minds and fine bodies, we cannot ask them to grow up in an atmosphere that would forbid



To Higher Service

S/L Edward S. Alexander, D.F.M., D.F.C., 24, RCAF, TL, Rover, ASM, CM, 31st Vancouver, CM, St. John's United, Vancouver.

PO Orville G. Backes, 29, RCAF, Scout, Wapella, Sask.

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PO Harold Ellis, 23, RCAF, Cub, ACM, ASM, SM, 69th Toronto.

Lt. Edwin H. Farmer, 27, CA, Cub, 12th Toronto, TL, Rover, ASM, 125th Toronto, SM, 103rd Toronto.

FO William B. Handy, 19, RCAF, King's Scout, 26th Toronto.

AG Edward I. Harwood, 22, RCAF, PL, 1st Riverside, Montreal.

WO2 Donald J. Haug, 22, RCAF, Scout, 2nd Regina, Sask.

Sgt. Edwin D. Hawkins, 19, RCAF, Cub, Scout, 133rd Toronto.

Sgt. Gerald F. Higgins, 21, Scout, ASM 2nd Kimberley, B.C., C.M. 1st Kimberley.

Lt. William J. C. Johnston, 23, RCA, Scout, 12th Calgary.

FO Spencer E. Leppert, 21, RCAF, Cub and Scout, Minto, Man.

Lt. David Shapiro, 19, CA, King's Scout, ASM, 59th Toronto.

Stoker Gerald J. Smith, 20, Scout, 1st Riverdale, Montreal.

Sgt. Pilot Robert W. Stewart, 24, RCAF, PL, 1st Dysart, Sask.

them to do anything adventurous or hard for fear they hurt themselves.

Mr. Reynolds recalled that our grandfathers were fond of referring to the boy who was physically, morally and spiritually strong as manly. Perhaps if we are determined to make manliness a key object of our work with Scouts

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Headquarters Notices

THE Chief Scout, His Excellency the Governor General, has been pleased to sign the following warrants.

Provincial Commissioner

Eli Boyaner, Saint John, N.B.

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Assistant District Commissioners

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Paul Rooney, North Battleford, Sask.

William C. Spettigue, Toronto, Ont.

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Jean M. S. Evans, Vancouver, B.C.

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Basil G. Low, Toronto, Ont.

Mary H. M. Shaw, Toronto, Ont.

Selina M. Labelle, Fort William, Ont.

Assistant Cubmasters

Edna M. Fornasera, Trail, B.C.

Dorothy R. M. Dalton, Sydney, B.C.

Riva Cherilon, Hamilton, Ont.

William A. Jamieson, Toronto, Ont.

Inez Worthington, Hamilton, Ont.

✦ War Decorations ✦

Distinguished Flying Medal

S/L Edward S. Alexander, 24, RCAF, TL, Rover, ASM, CM, 31st Vancouver, CM, St. John's United, Vancouver.

Distinguished Flying Cross

S/L Edward S. Alexander, 23, RCAF, same as above.

WC Henry R. Dow, 29, RCAF, Scout, Rover, 23rd Toronto.

Order of the British Empire

Lt. Col. Albert F. B. Knight, 33, RCA, Cub, Scout, 17th Winnipeg, Rover, "D" Crew, Winnipeg.

Member of the British Empire

S/L David McDonald, 36, RCAF, Cub, King's Scout, 9th Winnipeg.

Mentioned in Despatches

S/L Charles D. Roblin, 26, RCAF, King's Scout, 14th Winnipeg.

A MESSAGE TO THE SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS OF CANADA

from

MAJ.-GEN. DAN C. SPRY

Youngest Major-General in the Canadian Army

Canadian Army, B.W.E.F.

The Canadian General Council of the Boy Scout's Association has done me a great honour by inviting me to address this message to you:—

Nearly 125,000 members of Canada's Armed Forces were former Boy Scouts. In all Services and in all ranks they are serving faithfully and with distinction. Indeed, two have won the highest award for valour, the Victoria Cross. Lt.-Col. C. C. I. Merritt and Major Charles F. Hoey were both Scouts in British Columbia. You have cause to be very proud to belong to such company.

Today, in all parts of the world in many different duties, Canadians are fighting and dying to defend the privilege of living in the free democracy of Canada. As I write this, young Canadians are fighting nearby in the most difficult and unpleasant conditions of enemy fire and weather. Are their efforts in vain? In large part, the answer lies with you. Are you preparing yourselves to take their places as good Canadians should they not return? There are many of you who have never been away from Canada. Little do you realize now, how much it means to those who have. Don't let them down.

The future for all of us will greatly depend on the degree to which we are prepared to make sacrifices, "For the greatest good to the greatest number." I am sure that your time and energy spent in the Scouts will undoubtedly prepare you mentally, physically, morally and spiritually for the many tasks with which you will be faced during these days of war and the better days of peace which will follow.

I suggest to you that your Scouting days will form a very important part of your life and give you a course to follow in later years, if only you are determined to put into your activities more than you expect to get out of them. If you realize this fact as a Scout, I am sure you will be better fitted to take your place in the community as a good citizen in war or peace. This is surely best remembered by our three mottos in one "Do your best to be prepared for service."

Good luck to you, and good Scouting.

D. C. SPRY, Major-General.

EDITOR'S NOTE. Major-General Spry started as a Scout in the 2nd Calgary Troop and became a King's Scout, Rover and Rover Mate with the 9th Halifax Group.



A Scout Should Never Rest on His Laurels Until He Is A First Class Scout

THE NEW TESTS

TENDERFOOT
SECOND CLASS
FIRST CLASS

Notes on The New Tests Which Become Official in September, 1945

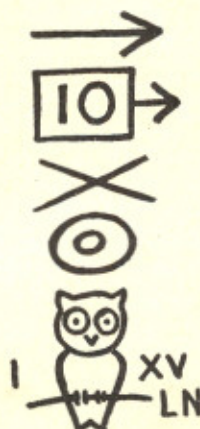
NOTE. The practical application of the following tests, and those which are to appear in future issues of *The Scout Leader*, is most important. In this issue we deal only with the first three Tenderfoot tests. In this connection it should be fully realized by the Scouter that the memorizing of the Law and Promise is useless unless the Scout is encouraged to do his best to live up to them. The mere knowledge of how to salute or give the Scout sign is meaningless unless they are used at the proper time and correctly. The woodcraft signs are likewise of no practical worth or service unless utilized on hikes and in the woods. The

test, the Scouter make a special study of all the subjects referred to in *Scouting for Boys*, and the *Scoutmaster's Five Minutes*. A word of warning is necessary, that the Scout Law and Promise is not merely a memory test, nor should the mere ability to repeat them constitute a pass in this test.

Test No. 2

Know the Scout salute, and Scout sign as given in Campfire yarn 3, of *Scouting for Boys*, and make the woodcraft signs given in Campfire yarn 4.

The intent of this test is to encourage the Scout to read *Scouting for Boys*. The Salute and Signs were illustrated in *The Scout Leader*, December, 1944.



THE ROAD TO FOLLOW.

MESSAGE HIDDEN
10 PAGES IN THIS
DIRECTION.

DO NOT FOLLOW
THIS PATH.

GONE HOME.

PATROL LEADER
OWL PATROL
15TH LONDON
TROOP.

THESE ARE SOME SIGNS WHICH SCOUTS USE TO SHOW THE WAY
THESE ALL MEAN "THIS IS THE WAY"



STONES



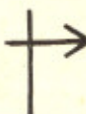
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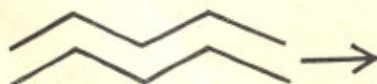
GRASSES



SIGN



THE SIGNS IN THIS ROW MEAN "TURN TO THE RIGHT"



THIS WAY TO WATER

teaching of the Union Flag test should be accompanied by a studied respect for the flag and all it stands for.

It should be noted at the outset that the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class tests are now numbered 1 to 25, right through the series. At the earliest possible moment a book containing the complete tests with illustrations will be issued.

Test No. 1

Know the Scout Law and Promise and their meanings in accordance with his age.

We suggest as the best means of giving adequate instruction in this

They also appear in Section 117, P.O.R. The woodcraft signs are illustrated on this page.

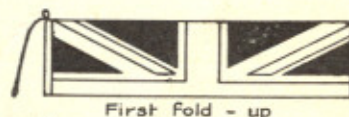
Test No. 3

Know the Composition of the Union Flag and how to hoist, break and fly it.

It will be noticed that hoisting and breaking have been added to this test. Special note should be made to call it Union "Flag" and not Jack. It is only a jack when flown from the jackstaff of a ship. This and other Tenderfoot tests should be supervised by a trained Patrol Leader, or Second Class Scout. Thus the P.L. or Second Class Scout will be fulfilling the requirements of

one of the First Class Tests, No. 24, which provides for the training of a new Scout. Information on the composition (including history) of the Union Flag is given in *Scouting for Boys*. How to hoist, break and fly it, in *The Scoutmaster's First Year*. We are also illustrating it in this issue.

(FURTHER TESTS NEXT MONTH)



First fold - up



Second fold - up



How to break the Flag is one of the new Tenderfoot Tests.

BOY SCOUT—GIRL GUIDE WEEK

Acquaint the public with what the Scouting programme does for Boys.

Scout-Guide Week Suggestions

Cub Handicraft Show
B.-P. Church Parade
Parents' Night
Parent and Son Banquet
Recruiting Campaign
Public Rally
Presentation of Awards
Scoutercraft Display
Store Window Displays
Theatre Lobby Displays
A Community Good Turn
Entertain Non-Scouts
P.L.'s Banquet
Wear Uniforms all Week
Speakers at Service Clubs
Scout-Cub Concert
Mayor's Proclamation
Re-Affirm Promises
Newspaper Editorials
Secure Pictures for
Scout Leader
Secure Radio Time
Raise Flags on Municipal
Buildings
Co-operate with Girl Guides
Remember B.-P.

Boy Scout - Girl Guide Week Theme Cartoon



"SCOUTS OF THE WORLD — BROTHERS TOGETHER"

PICTURED IS THE THEME CARTOON FOR BOY SCOUT WEEK IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS ALSO BEING USED AS THE THEME CARTOON FOR SCOUT SECTION OF BOY SCOUT-GIRL GUIDE WEEK IN CANADA. THIS CARTOON HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO SOME 450 NEWSPAPERS IN CANADA.

Take Advantage of This Offer of Free St. John Instruction

THE attention of all Scoutmasters in Canada is drawn to an arrangement agreed upon by the Joint Board of the St. John Ambulance Association and the Red Cross, to provide free training for juniors across Canada.

As a result of this arrangement W. J. Bennett, Director of Ambulance for the St. John Association has generously agreed to provide instructors, textbooks, bandages and certificates free to Scout Troops anywhere in Canada where qualified St. John instructors live. The qualifications for an instructor is that he or she must be the holder of a Senior St. John Certificate.

Mr. Bennett reports that in almost every municipality with a population upwards of 3,000 competent instructors are available. The only stipulation for Scouters taking advantage of this offer is that a complete course must be put on. The course consists of five periods of instruction of one and one-half hours, and a sixth period which is devoted to the examination. All Scouts successfully passing such examination will be granted the Junior St. John

Certificate, and will be permitted to wear the St. John Junior Badge, as provided for in P.O.R. The badge is worn on the right arm in the middle of other proficiency badges, if any.

Scouters are urged to take advantage of this fine gesture on the part of the St. John Ambulance Association. There are no finer instructors in the art of first aid, and the Association's methods are kept constantly revised in the light of new discoveries and in the acquisition of new knowledge.

Chief Scout Sends Greetings to Boy Scouts of America

FOLLOWING is the text of the message His Excellency the Chief Scout has sent to Chief Scout James E. West of the Boy Scouts of America on the occasion of their 35th anniversary on February 8th.

Dear Dr. West,

I am writing to you as Chief Scout for Canada on the occasion of the 35th Anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, and its celebration during Scout week. On my behalf and

on behalf of all Canadian Scouts, I congratulate you and the Scouts under your leadership in the United States, on their splendid achievements in war-time service at home and on the record of outstanding and courageous service rendered on all fighting fronts by former American Scouts.

May I take this opportunity of asking you to be good enough to convey a message from the Scouts of Canada to the Scouts of the United States, of good will and good wishes and may they continue in that spirit of Scout brotherhood and loyal citizenship which will play such an important part in future world understanding.

Yours sincerely,

ATHLONE,

Chief Scout for Canada.

Dr. James E. West,
Chief Scout, Boy Scouts of America,
2 Park Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Scout Stalks Saboteurs

It was a Boy Scout, Harvey Hodgkins, who first sighted and stalked the Nazi spies who landed in the U.S.

BOY SCOUT—GIRL GUIDE WEEK

An opportunity to secure more public support for the Scout programme.

Mark Scout-Guide Week with a "Good Turn" for Your Community

B.-P. in *Scouting for Boys* says that the Good Turn is an expression of religion. He also tells us that the Good Turn was a practice of the Knights of the Round Table, and Scouting is built on the chivalry of those knights.

That is why the Good Turn became the daily expression of the Scout, his practical sign in the community of his membership in the great brotherhood.

During Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week, we are asking that Scouting throughout Canada join in one gigantic Good Turn. It doesn't have to be the same Good Turn, but it should be a part of the week's activities that every Troop and Pack do a Good Turn for their country and community.

Perhaps the most urgent need just now is the conservation of paper. The Government is daily calling upon us to save all the paper we can, and to collect and salvage this paper to be returned to the mills for re-manufacture. Another urgent need is for medicine bottles in localities where military hospitals are established.

Perhaps in your community there is

a vital need which the Scouts and Cubs can fill, but whatever you decide, make sure that your Pack or Troop does a Good Turn. To assist Scoutmasters in this special effort we have addressed a special message to the Patrol Leaders through their own paper, *The Junior Leader*. We feel quite sure that the boys will readily follow your lead. But a lead they must have.

Will you make it a part of the activities of Boy Scout Week to arrange a great community Good Turn? Your community and your country will appreciate it, and it will serve to show the public how Scouting is serving its country, and how Scouts and Cubs are being trained in those qualities that make for good citizenship.

We shall be glad to hear of your Scout Week Good Turns. We would like to be able to report that thousands of tons of waste paper have been salvaged and scores of other Good Turns done throughout the country during Scout Week. It is a sure way of winning public support for the Scout programme.

Have You Sent Seeds to Britain

A NUMBER of parcels of seeds have been shipped to Britain since the last issue of *The Scout Leader* came off the press, but many more parcels are needed if the requirements for Scout and Cub Victory Gardens are to be met. Your donation need not be large. A small parcel of seeds will make provision for a large garden.

A splendid donation of \$5.00 came from the 81st Toronto B Pack. Harold E. Boston is the Cubmaster.

A couple of months ago we told the story of the 24th Ottawa Pack, Phil Cowan, Cubmaster, which collects fees during summer and Christmas recesses which they promptly turn over to some war charity. This year they sent along \$10.00 for the Seeds for Britain Fund. Other donations came from the 42nd Ottawa Troop, Stan Metcalfe, Scoutmaster, and the 32nd Ottawa Troop, J. E. O'Neil, Scoutmaster.

If you would like to assist in this worthy effort send your donation to any seed house in your district, or you may forward it to *The Scout Leader*,

and your order will be cared for. Seed parcels should be addressed to

A. W. Hurl, Jr.
Boy Scouts Association,
25 Buckingham Palace Road,
London, S.W.1, England.

Be sure to ask your seed house to enclose a card announcing the gift as from your Pack or Troop, and please put in the name and address of the Scouter so that British headquarters may acknowledge receipt of the parcel.

The Scout Leader would also like to make acknowledgment and would appreciate receiving notice of seed gifts sent to Britain.

Cubs Earn War Service Badges

District Commissioner J. McLean of Lethbridge, Alta., recently presented five Cubs of the St. Andrew's Pack with 100 War Service Badges. Each badge represented ten weeks work at ten hours each week on the part of each Cub. Most of the work was done in connection with the local Blood Donor Clinic.

Aid to Russia Fund

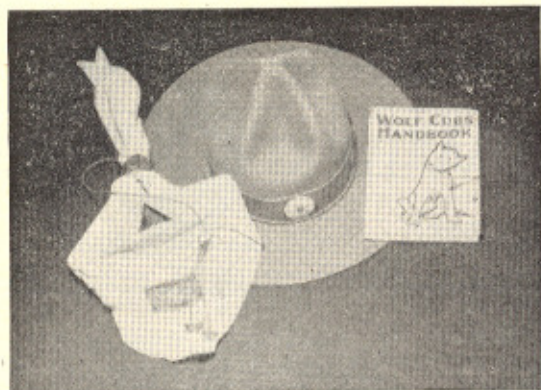
THROUGHOUT the month of February, the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund, is making a gigantic appeal for clothing for the Russian people. Many prominent organizations are aiding in the work, and Scouts will no doubt be called upon to assist in the campaign. The Russians have made tremendous sacrifices, and Scouts will want to do everything they can to aid in this drive, which will be the biggest drive of its kind ever undertaken in Canada. Scouters are urged to assist their local organizations wherever possible. Hundreds of thousands of Russian children in orphanages, and homeless because of the war need this help. The Aid to Russia Fund has the backing of many distinguished Canadians. Among the patrons are the Lieutenant Governors of all the Provinces, in addition to His Eminence Cardinal Villeneuve, representing the Roman Catholic Church, Most Rev. Derwyn T. Owen, Primate of the Church of England, Rt. Rev. Norman McLeod, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, Rt. Rev. J. R. P. Sclater, Moderator of the United Church, and Rt. Hon. Sir Lyman Duff, former Chief Justice of Canada.

Scouts and Cubs Collect Clothing for Britain

CUBS and Scouts of Windsor, Ontario, assisting the Rotary Club in a recent used clothing campaign collected three quarters of a ton of useful clothing to be sent to "Bundles for Britain." The Rotary Club was more than pleased with the drive. The Cubs and Scouts of this same district conducted a similar drive for Greek Relief last September. At that time 12 tons of clothing and shoes were collected. The Greek Relief committee, estimating the clothing to be worth \$1.50 a pound, made that Good Turn worth more than \$100,000 to the Greek people.

BOY SCOUT—GIRL GUIDE WEEK

More and better Scouting by giving our boys more genuine B.-P. Scouting.



PRACTICAL CUBBING

Dance of Tabaqui

Assembly of Pack—Roll—Bones.

Grand Howl—Cub silence, Prayer—Announcements.

Jungle Play—"Dance of Tabaqui" *Wolf Cubs' Handbook*, page 31)—See "Jungle Dances and their Variations," page 13, for variation.

Game (Quiet)

Sleeping Pirate—Cub sitting in centre of circle, blindfolded; in front of him a whistle. The Pack in a circle, of large size, sitting very still. Akela points at a Cub who tries to get to the whistle without being killed. Player in centre, when he hears a sound, points in the direction he thinks it is and says, "I got you." If he points directly at the oncoming Cub, he is dead and the dead Cub takes his place in the centre.

Pack Instruction—The Cross of St. Andrew—How the cross came about; How Scotland took it for its flag and St. Andrew as its Patron Saint; The make-up of its colours.

Game (Fun)

Three Dogs and a Bone—Pack in 2 lines, 10 ft. apart, numbered from right. In front of each player is a cross chalked on floor. Down centre of floor six spools or bean bags. Akela calls a number and each player called has to get three bags or spools on the cross in front of him and stand alert. First to complete the job is the winner and scores a point for his line.

Six Instruction—Sixers doing instructing. *Review*—make-up of the cross of St. Andrew; What flower stands for Scotland—thistle; What is the capital—Edinburgh.

Inspection (Fur, Uniform)—See that the Cub sweater is worn over the belt, not tucked in pants like a blouse.

Story—The Story of Flags—Part II—Instructive talk.

Games (Instructive)

1. *Bob to London* (*Book Balancing*)—Sixes in relay formation. Across room a rope stretched about 20 ft.

in front of Sixes. On GO leading Cub walks down floor balancing books on head; has to go under rope, still with books on head, to a point 6 ft. beyond rope. Takes books from head and runs back to Six, giving books to 2nd Cub, and then falls in at back of Six. If a Cub drops the books from head he has to start over again. 2. *Flag Relay*—At end of room in front of Sixes, 3 circles, chairs or pie plates. 1st mark England, 2nd Scotland, 3rd Sham. In front of 1st plate a bean bag or spool. The Sixes are in relay formation, numbered from 1 to 6. Akela asks a question on the flags of the country marked on the plates, calls a number and that number in each Six has to put the bean bag on the proper plate or circle and get back to Six. One back first and having his bean bag in proper plate scores a point for his Six. If Akela asks a question that is wrong the bean bag has to be put on the plate or circle marked Sham.

Story—The Story of St. Andrew (Flags, by Grace Humphrey, public library). *Grand Howl, Prayer, etc.*

From a Cub Leader Overseas

FOLLOWING is part of a letter received by the Winnipeg Akela Club from Frouda Baker, former Cub Leader and now with the W.D. (R.C.A.F.) overseas. After thanking the Club for a parcel she proceeds to tell of the International Scouters Club in London. Her letter reads:

Perhaps you would like to hear a wee bit about an International Scouters' Club, here in London, commonly called the Jamboree Club. Scouters (C.M.s, A.C.M.s, S.M.s, A.S.M.s, etc.) are all members, and we meet once a month in the crypt of St. Martins in the Fields, Trafalgar Square. The last meeting there were approximately sixty present, and it is growing. The Polish Scouters, French, Belgian, Norwegian, Danish, South African, Americans,

Canadians, with of course the British Scouters. The Poles have taught us many folk dances and songs, I hope I can remember them. The Canadians managed to run off with the camp fire programme honours at a Camp fire one night, we were quite proud of ourselves.

A Belgian Scouter proudly showed me their progress in membership and it was amazing to see that in spite of the war and oppression Scouting has more than doubled itself in the last few years.

It is probable a number of you will remember a Polish Scouter visiting Winnipeg a few years ago. His name was Mr. Domanski. I have had the privilege of meeting a very close friend of his and he told me how Mr. Domanski carried on Scouting in Warsaw in spite of opposition until he was finally sent to a concentration camp where he eventually died.

This is only one of the many such stories of Scouting which will come out when this horrible mess is cleared away. As Scouters we have a tremendous job ahead of us. Thank God for the Scouting that is still burning on this war-torn continent, and take heart to see that we endeavour to promote the true spirit of brotherhood from coast to coast in Canada. There is nothing so upsetting to Canadians, like the news broadcasts of the trouble taking place at home. I know this is a political question, and not for us to discuss—but part of Scouting, and a big part is, training boys to be good citizens; we must work hard on that score.

Present Guides With Flag

A WORTHY Good Turn was performed by the 1st Lynden, Ont., Troop recently when they presented a Union Flag with pole to the Lynden Girl Guide Company. Field Commissioner A. S. Fleming of Hamilton was present and delivered an address and Scoutmaster J. M. Davies made the presentation to Capt. Bernice Anderson.

Part II Akela and Wood Badge Dates

The following plans have been made to date for Courses this summer:

Alberta—Akela Course—Camp Woods, July 22nd-27th.

Wood Badge—Camp Woods, July 30th-Aug. 9th.

Ontario—Akela Course—Blue Springs, August 4th-11th.

Wood Badge—Blue Springs, July 16th-27th.

Write your Provincial Council if no dates have been set and learn of their plans.



SCOUTING GOES ON PARADE

SCOUT-GUIDE WEEK

FEBRUARY 18th - 24th



Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week is fast closing in upon us, and if your arrangements are not underway, you should lose no time in getting your preparations in hand. If you are making a start now, we suggest that before you make any plans at all, you re-examine the purposes of Scout-Guide Week as outlined in the December and January *Scout Leaders*. Your programme, to serve a useful purpose should first of all have a purpose, and that purpose should be the one outlined for the Dominion.

The public perhaps sees the Scouts working on some war project, at an occasional church parade, or on hikes. But don't assume that the public therefore knows all about Scouting. Boy Scout Week is parade week—a week when you place the Movement in your community on public view. Thus the public's attitude toward Scouting will be largely influenced by what you show it of Scouting during this week.

Let Us Honour B.-P.

First let us show our pride in the Movement by honouring the man who gave Scouting to the world. Seldom in the course of a century does the world produce someone really outstanding. This century may name Winston Churchill for posterity, and certainly one of those to be considered would be B.-P. whose contribution to youth has been more pronounced than any other man.

We can best honour him by a determination to make Scouting what he intended it should be. Let us not mock a worthy programme by a half-hearted application of its principles. Let us re-affirm the Promise we once proudly made that we will do our best to do our duty to God and the King, to help other people at all times, to obey the Scout Law.

Your Scout Week church service is not really a memorial service for B.-P. but rather an opportunity to show your belief in the principle of duty to God. Scouting is a practical religion, to be lived seven days of every week, and it is a religion built upon recogni-



THE CHIEF SCOUT

Chief Scout and Princess to Broadcast

TWO special broadcasts have been arranged with the co-operation of the CBC. The first will be on Sunday, February 18th, at 5.03 p.m., EWT, His Excellency the Governor-General, Chief Scout for Canada, and Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, Honorary President of the Girl Guides will take part in a joint broadcast over the national network. Check the time with your local newspapers and be sure to hear these distinguished speakers.

tion of God and his laws. So go to church on Scout-Guide Sunday.

What Will We Do?

If you have previously observed Scout Week, you'll know what to do during that week. You'll start the week off right with the Church service, and if your flags have not been previously dedicated you'll try to arrange for a dedication.

Your regular Troop or Pack meeting during the week should be an open

one. An invitation should be sent to every parent to attend, and your programme should be planned to give an all-over picture of Scouting rather than any elaborate display. We have found that parents are most interested in what their boys "do at Scouts" each week. Satisfy their curiosity by showing them a regularly conducted meeting.

It might be well to tie your meeting in with a Father and Son, or Parent and Son banquet. Rationing may provide some problems, but none that will prevent the Troop or Pack putting on a grand show.

District Affairs

If you happen to be in an organized district, you'll probably find that some district affairs have been arranged, a hobby or handicraft show, a big display, a huge council fire, or something like that. Give your district officials the utmost in co-operation and support. Of course this is the week for the presentation of recently earned badges and other awards.

If you have a service club in your community, why not arrange for a Scout speaker. Perhaps your Commissioner or the President of your association will do the job, but be sure that your man is a capable speaker and knows his subject.

Your Provincial Headquarters will supply you with material for this purpose. There is a 20 minute address available on the life of B.-P.

From D.H.Q.

For some months Dominion Headquarters has been preparing material for Boy Scout Week. Nearly 450 newspapers will receive a full page of Scout and Guide news and pictures. Perhaps a word from you will help see that it gets in your local newspaper. Your editor may wish to write an editorial on Scouting. Give him the local picture what you have, and what you are trying to do in the community, and how Scouting helps to prepare the boy for manhood, and good citizenship.

Also available at your Provincial Headquarters will be a 30 minute Scout radio play by Scoutmaster John

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LISTEN to these SCOUT-GUIDE WEEK RADIO PROGRAMMES



Thursday, February 15th

Fighting Navy, British American Oil Co., 9.30-10 p.m., E.W.T.

Saturday, February 17th

Wes McKnight's Hockey Broadcast, St. Lawrence Starch Co. Ltd., 7-7.15 p.m., E.W.T.

Sunday, February 18th

OFFICIAL OPENING, Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week, Speakers, His Excellency the Governor-General, Chief Scout, and Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, Hon. Pres., Girl Guides Assn. 5.03-5.15 p.m., E.W.T.

Ozzie and Harriett, International Silver Co. Ltd., 6.00-6.30 p.m., E.W.T.

Les Gars de la Marine, British American Oil Co., 7.30-8.00 p.m., E.W.T. French Network.

L for Lanky, Canadian Marconi Company, 7.30-8.00 p.m., E.W.T.

Charlie McCarthy, Chase and Sanborn Coffee, 8.00-8.30 p.m., E.W.T.

Texaco Star Theatre, McColl Frontenac Oil Co., 9.30-10.00 p.m., E.W.T.

Monday, February 19th

Claire Wallace, They Tell Me, Robin Hood Flour, 1.45-2.00 p.m., E.W.T.,

Monday to Friday.

International House Party, WBEN, Buffalo, 7.30-7.45 p.m., E.W.T.

Coca-Cola Music Club, Coca-Cola Co. National Network, 8.00-8.30 p.m., E.W.T.

Les Amours de Ti-Jos, CKAC, Montreal, CHLT, CHLN, 9.00-9.30 p.m. French language broadcast.

Tuesday, February 20th

John and Judy, Ponds Cream, 9.00-9.30 p.m., E.W.T.

Treasure Trail, Wrigley's Gum, Western Network from Winnipeg, 9.30 p.m. Central War Time.

Fibber McGee and Molly, Johnson's Wax, 9.30-10 p.m., E.W.T.

Wednesday, February 21st

International House Party, WBEN, Buffalo, 7.30-7.45 p.m., EWT.

Ceux Qu'on Aime, Ponds Cream, CKAC, Montreal, CRHC, Quebec, 8.00-8.30 p.m. EWT. French language broadcast.

Treasure Trail, Wrigley's Gum, 8.30 p.m. E.W.T. Ontario-Quebec Network.

Thursday, February 22nd

Sweet Hour of Prayer, with Winston Curry, 10.45 a.m., 11.00 a.m. EWT.

Soldier's Wife, Wartime Prices & Trade Board, 11.30 a.m. E.W.T.

The Happy Gang, Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co., 1.15 p.m. National Network.

INTERNATIONAL BROADCAST—Exchange of greetings between the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of

America and the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Canada. U.S. Scout Hero, and Mrs. Nadine Corbett, Deputy Commissioner of the Canadian Girl Guides. 7.15 p.m. E.W.T. National network of CBC.

Kraft Music Hall, Kraft Cheese Co. Bing Crosby, 9.00-9.30 p.m., EWT. *Borden Cavalcade*, The Borden Co. Ltd., 9.30-10 p.m., EWT

Friday, February 23rd

Treasure Trail, Wrigley's Gum, Eastern Canada, see local newspapers for time.

Gillette Fights, Gillette Safety Razor Co., 10.00-11.00 p.m. E.W.T.

Quotes

"The War has pruned our movement by taking away the Scouters and Rovers, and has scattered many Scouts as evacuees. In some countries the pruning has been even more drastic. But the roots are still there. When the spring-time of peace returns, in God's good time, the plants will put out their new shoots in greater strength and profusion than ever, and, vitalised by the test they have gone through, will help materially to restore the glory of their respective national gardens."

—Baden-Powell 1940.



P.L. JOHN CAMERON

A MEMBER OF THE 45TH OTTAWA (ROCKCLIFFE) TROOP WHO WILL REPRESENT THE SCOUTS OF CANADA IN THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF GREETING WITH THE BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA ON FEBRUARY 22.

Scouting Loses a Friend

THE Boy Scout Movement lost a good friend in the recent death of the distinguished Canadian naturalist, Jack Miner of Kingsville, Ont. Mr. Miner, whose bird sanctuary was known by thousands all over the North American continent frequently had visits from Scout Troops, and he was never too busy to give time to tell them about bird life. Just before he died he had started a fund to make his sanctuary a national centre, and among his plans were those for a community church, and a community hall for Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Girl Guides.



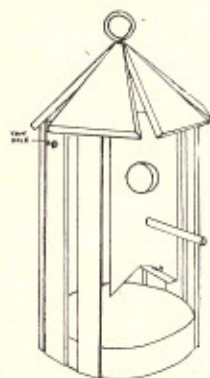
WINSTON CURRY

POPULAR RADIO FIGURE WHOSE PROGRAMME "SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER" HAS A WIDE FOLLOWING, WILL DEDICATE HIS FEBRUARY 22ND PROGRAMME TO SCOUT-GUIDE WEEK.



AIDS TO EFFECTIVE SCOUTING

Plastic Covered Wren House



THIS unique plastic covered wren house is the work of Scoutmaster F. S. Hunt of the 4th Windsor, Ont., Troop. It is simple to make and is ideal for a model for hobby and handicraft shows.

Material. Any rough wood such as

apple case, grapefruit case, etc., 3/16" or 1/4" thick, and the end material 3/4" thick. Brads, 3/4" or 1". Small piece of wire. Asbestos cement. Portland cement.

Cutting the Material. Cut 11 pieces of 3/16" material, each 7 1/2" long, and 5/8" wide.

Cut one piece 3/16" material 7 1/2"

x 1 7/8" for front, having a 7/8" hole in it, bottom of hole 5 1/4" from bottom of slat.

Cut 6 pieces 3/16" material in triangular shape, base 2 3/4"; height 3 1/2". Make a cube, 1 1/4" each way, with hole for wire through centre.

Cut two discs of 3/4" material or 1" material, 4" in diameter, and drill hole through centre of one for top piece.

The Assembly

1. Assemble cube to one disc by inserting wire for hook.

2. Attach 11 narrow and one front slat to discs top and bottom.

3. Attach triangular pieces to sides and cube.

4. Drill vent hole in one side of slat 1 1/4" from top. This is just a small drill hole.

5. Cover roughly with plastic cement consisting of 3 parts asbestos cement

and 1 part Portland cement mixed with water to apply easily without running.

6. Allow to dry SLOWLY for 2 or 3 days.

7. Apply a second coat of plastic, smoothing out or to represent tree bark. DO NOT PUT IN HEAT TO DRY—BETTER RESULTS WILL BE SECURED BY SLOW DRYING.

8. Paint. Any quick drying enamel or even oil paint will do.

Suggested Programme

Sense Training Night

7.30 Opening ceremonies. Flag break. Prayers, Inspection.

7.40 Patrol corners. Patrol business. Call roll, collect dues. 15 min. Patrol Leader instruction.

8.00 *Taste—What is it?* Each player in turn tastes a series of well-known flavours while blindfold. Player or team with best result wins. E.g. peppermint, liquorice, cheese, onion, etc.

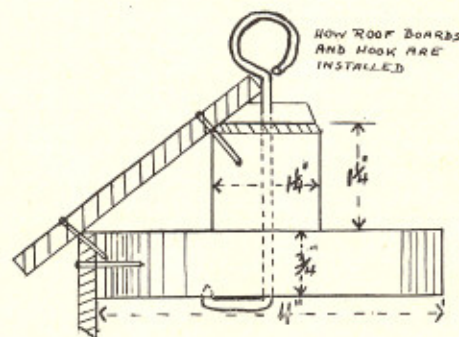
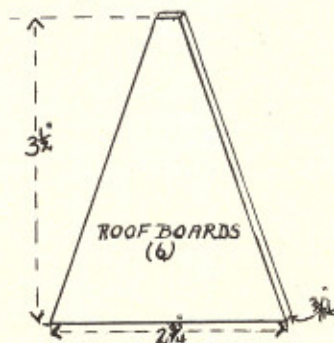
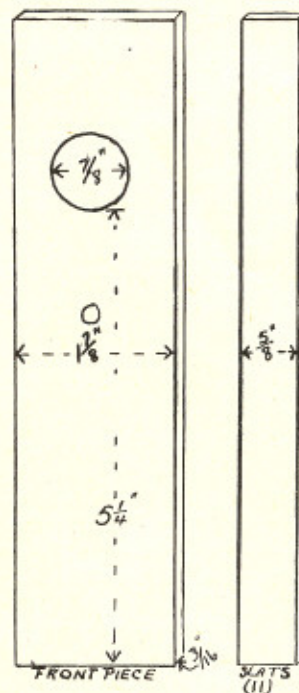
8.10 *Touch—1. What is it?* Each player handles a series of paper bags with various objects inside, e.g., rice, lump sugar, tea, etc. Also other objects such as an inkpot, fountain pen, bicycle pump, etc. He is blindfold and may only touch each object for a few moments.

2. *What Profile?* A number of well-known shapes are cut out of cardboard. Each player in turn tries to say what they are feeling blindfold. The top of each card should be marked for the feeler. E.g. a series of heads of animals, etc.

8.25 *Hearing—1. Listening Game.* One player is blindfold near one end of room. The rest, one at a time, try to come from other end as quietly as they can. When all have passed, the listener states how many he thinks have passed on either side of him. The number should be varied each time, and be unknown to the listener.

2. *Clock Tick.* A fairly loud ticking clock is placed where it can be touched. One player from each team enters room blindfold; all try to touch the clock and on doing so remove bandage and keep quiet till all have done so. Clock is moved and another from each team comes in, and so on.

3. *Sleeping Pirate.* Pirate is blindfold, seated in centre of circle chalked on floor, with a knife stuck in floor in



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Needed—A greater realization by Scouters of their important task.

front of him. One player from each team comes to edge of circle, and at a signal all start to creep in and try to remove knife and take it outside circle. If pirate hears one coming in and points, that one falls out; if heard going out with the knife he replaces the knife and then falls out.

9.00 *Observation*—1. *Whose Nose?* A sheet is arranged so that only the noses of those behind it are visible. Team behind show their noses one at a time and the others try to guess the owners. Variations—Hand, foot, shadow.

2. *Finding the Numbers*—Each player looks at a table with numbered circles on it. He is taken a known distance away and faced in the right direction and blindfolded. He turns around three times and goes to the table, scoring the value of the circles in which he puts his hands. He may feel for 2 corners of table before making his shot.

9.30 Closing, etc.

Some Thoughts

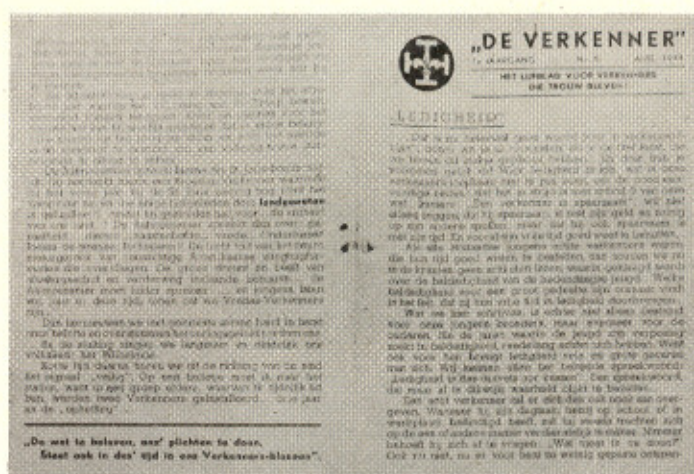
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we won't be far from the dream which B.-P. had.

Lastly, February 22nd, will be the anniversary of B.-P.'s birth. If Scouting is to do the task it set out to do, we must not lose the spirit or the inspiration of the man who founded it. His programme has had the widest acceptance. Many of our modern educational methods have been lifted from the Scout programme, and today B.-P. is recognized by educationists as a man who was far ahead of his day in the training of the young.

B.-P. was a great and good man. He was a great patriot, not only of his own country, but of the world. No man ever did more to create true internationalism than he did. No man ever gained the attention of so many young men and women across the world as he did. If his inspiration could do that, it would be wise for us to keep that inspiration ever before us. There is no better way of doing that than to read and re-read his books, and acquaint ourselves thoroughly with his philosophy. There is no better time to pay tribute to the memory of the Founder of Scouting and Guiding than in Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week.

Underground Scout Newspaper



ABOVE is a photograph of a Scout newspaper published 'underground' in Holland (upper), together with an enlargement of the heading (lower). The paper is a two-page leaflet, each page 4" x 5½". Translated, the heading reads "The Scout, 1st volume, No. 5, August, 1944. The favourite paper for Scouts who remained loyal."

A free translation of the opening sentence is as follows: "Idleness. 'This is no name for a Boy Scout paper' we can hear you tell us, when you read the heading at the top of this article; and you are quite right there; because idleness is something which does not exist in a Scout's life."

The issue in the photograph is the last one before liberation. The same paper is being printed freely again

with the names and addresses of the editor and publisher.

The paper was forwarded to Canada by His Excellency G. P. Luden, Netherlands Minister to Norway, former Consul-General of the Netherlands in Canada in Montreal, and a former member of the Montreal District Council. His Excellency in a letter received by Sydney E. Webster, president of the Montreal Council, said "We all heard about the stories of newspapers which were and are being published 'underground' in the occupied countries. A friend of mine brought over from the liberated part of the Netherlands a Dutch Scout paper published under those conditions. Of course, 'those conditions' means nothing less than the threat of concentration camp, deportation and too often, death."

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A chance to instill in every Cub and Scout the pride of belonging.

WHAT SCOUTERS ARE SAYING

AN OPEN FORUM WHERE SCOUTERS DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS

The Term "Cub-Scout"

Dear Sir:

Is there any objection to the use of the term "Cub-Scout" instead of the term Cub when referring to a member of a Pack? It seems to me to convey the true meaning much more closely, especially to some one not in the Movement and likewise helps to impress everyone that Pack members are not separate from a Scout Group. Its use would take on the meaning intended with the use of "Cub Reporter" in newspaper parlance. I am sure it would help to remove the childishness and babyishness which Cubbing appears to enjoy.

I feel sure if you asked any enthusiastic Cubmaster who has our Movement in its proper perspective, he would agree. Perhaps we are all too occupied with our job to see the Movement, like the business executive being too close to his job to see the industry. We must try and remember B.-P.'s famous saying "Look Wide."

TOM W. KELLY, C.M.,
Halifax, N.S.

Those Uniforms Again

The Editor,
The Scout Leader

Sir:

Much has been said in the column "What Scouters are Saying" with reference to the wearing of slacks, breeches or shorts for Scouters, and before the issue finally becomes dead I would like to raise a point that has hitherto not been brought forward for consideration. It is this—while shorts do indeed look smart on the average S.M., and breeches too have their place, slacks are quite the thing for indoor work during the winter.

We must remember, Sir, that as time goes on more and more of our former Scouters and Rovers now in the Services will be returning to us, anxious to carry on with Scouting; but, a good many of them will have disabilities of one form or another which will necessitate absolutely that they keep their bodies as warm as possible. All will agree that shorts are pretty darned cool to wear in the depth of winter, and I submit that breeches are pretty cool too, the stockings do not supply very much warmth to the calves of the leg, and a man with nerve or bone wounds in this area is not going to

appreciate the discomfort of being chilled. Slacks fill the bill here very well, having a layer of dead air between the outside world and the leg, thus keeping the legs in reasonable comfort.

No Serviceman wants to appear out of regulation kit—of that I am sure, being a species of Vet myself—but if you completely outlaw wearing of slacks there is a grave danger that our friend the Veteran S.M. will not be as willing to come back to the game if he cannot be properly dressed. The late beloved Skipper Bardsley of Cadboro

Said B.-P. in 1918

"Smartness in uniform and correctness in detail seems a small matter to fuss about, but has its value in the development of self-respect, and means an immense deal to the reputation of the Movement among outsiders who judge by what they see."

It is largely a matter of example. Show me a slackly-dressed Troop and I can "Sherlock" a slackly-dressed Scoutmaster. Think of it, Scoutmasters, when you are fitting on your uniform or putting that final saucy cock to your hat. You are the model to your boys and your smartness will reflect itself in them."

Bay Sea Scouts was an example of this—Bill had sustained very serious injuries in France in the last show, and even in the mild climate of Victoria there were mighty few days in the heat of summer when Bill could manage shorts; of course, he wore slacks, and on him they looked natural and fitting. Our present Commissioners here wear the new alternative uniform of tunic and slacks, and they are smart. Headquarters has done a wise move in permitting the use of this kit for all Scouters.

In my own Troop I find that in winter I would lose about 50% of the attendance if I did not permit the use of slacks—but, I do insist that they be smartly kept, pressed and clean; if possible the boys wear shorts under slacks and change at the Hall. I wear the new kit myself now, as my own disability forbids the wearing of shorts in winter and I cannot insist on shorts if the boy's parents object when I

cannot of necessity wear them myself. So, H.Q., let's have a neat set of slacks permitted to the boys if they want to wear them. After all, the South American Scouts who visited Ottawa not long ago did not look scruffy with well-kept slacks, though other parts of their kit were not quite up to our standard.

J. D. F. BULLEN,
S/M 1st Langford, B.C., Troop.

Get the "Out" in Scouting

The Editor,
The Scout Leader

In the last issue of the *Leader* you requested a new topic for discussion. I feel that it might be well to air the idea of "outdoor" Scouting, and to get the opinions of other Scouters.

When the Movement began it was known for its hiking, camping, woodcraft, and general outdoor fun. Boys didn't join the Scouts to learn first aid or to attend a weekly meeting in a stuffy basement—they wanted to belong to an outfit which would unveil to them the mysteries of the Great Outdoors. We did just that, and Scouting prospered. But as time went on, we drifted away from this idea—we grew lazy. True we hid our laziness behind a lot of fine guises—too cold, too wet, too far, too busy—but it was largely laziness.

And now we have come to realize that our best boys are leaving us for cadet groups and other organizations, are staying but a short time there, where they find the same sort of thing, and finally are dropping out entirely. Our troops are losing their fine Scouting spirit, we complain that our program is out-of-date, and I have even heard Scouters say in all seriousness that in a few more years the Movement will be no more. But brother Scouter, have you really tried the outdoor system? Did you have a few overnight hikes last summer? Do you try to get your gang outside for the main part of one meeting each month? Have you ever had a winter hike? Have you ever borrowed a bike from the kid next door and taken your gang out for a ride on a warm Saturday afternoon, with a cool swim in the creek as its goal?

Or do you run a dull, routine, "first aid and signalling" meeting at the church each week, have a Court of Honour once in a while, shun the out-of-doors, and complain to your friends that you can't get boys to stay in your troop? "That's right," you say, "but I am different. I have no time

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*A thought-provoking
and challenging article
on Rugged Scouting.*

ARE SCOUTERS SISSIES?

SEVERAL times in the last few months I've been forced to ask myself, "Are Scouters Sissies?" Have boys changed so much since I was a Scout some twenty years ago? Don't the kids of today want the same tough and rugged experiences that we wanted, and got, when we were Scouts? Or don't the Scouters have what it takes to give them a rugged outdoor program? I'm inclined to think it's the latter.

Might Catch Cold

Here are a few examples of what I mean by "sissie Scouters." Last spring we had scheduled a District Camporee for a certain Saturday. On Thursday and Friday it rained. Saturday was clear and beautiful. Saturday morning the Camporee was called off, because a few S.M.'s and a Commissioner were afraid the boys would catch cold . . . Last summer I visited a Troop camp. Every evening twenty healthy boys sat around a long table and played dominoes, checkers, or whittled on neckerchief slides. The SM was afraid the boys would get their feet wet playing outdoor games or sitting around a campfire . . . Nearly every Troop in my District calls off camping on the first of November because the SM's are afraid to take their boys on an overnight—it might rain, or it might snow . . . A few weeks ago a hurricane blew over several trees on the lawn of a school that sponsors a Troop of forty boys. Every one of those Scouts was aching to get to work with axe and hatchet to help clear out the debris. But the SM was afraid "someone would get hurt" . . . One night a Neighborhood Commissioner popped into one of my meetings while my Troop was out on a compass hike. "What, no meeting tonight?" he asked. "Yes, we're having a meeting. But the fellows are out on a compass hike," I answered.

"In all this darkness? Aren't you afraid someone will get hurt? I wouldn't recommend anything like that."



*From "Scouting"
Boy Scouts of America*

What About Shelters

I know of two Troops who haven't been on an overnight in five years, because there isn't enough money in the treasury to buy tents. The SM is too cautious to try an overnight without tents. He apparently has no confidence in his boys' ability to improvise shelters.

But I've seen some examples of Scoutmasters with imagination, too. And I feel all the more sorry for the poor kids whose Scoutmasters "hole in" when the going gets tough.

Last summer I saw a camp where the boys built their own shelters. They arrived on the scene with their personal equipment and an axe. In less than a day, they had shelters built. They used tarps and saplings. They had fun and good camping too. I saw another camp where evening activities ran the gamut from night hikes and stalking games to overnights without tents in country where rain was the "usual." The boys just made a ground bed of leaves, and a couple of blankets and slept on them. I saw a "survival hike." A group of Scouts who had spent a few days in preparation in camp, went off for an overnight without any food. They caught fish, turtles and frogs. They cooked wild plants and berries. They camped in the woods in the manner of a lost aviator. They had fun—they had a good tough Scouting experience.

Underestimating Boys

I certainly do not advocate taking unnecessary chances with boys. I wouldn't ask them to do anything I wouldn't do myself, haven't done myself, or wouldn't send a boy of my own to do. But I do think that we Scoutmasters underestimate our boys. Either that, or we just haven't got the nerve to give them what they want. All it takes is a little common sense—a little imagination—and memories of the days when we were kids. Did a

little cold weather keep us from camping?

Not where I come from. My old Scoutmaster would show us how to dress warm, how to sleep warm. He gave us plenty of action during the day so that it didn't matter how cold it was; we were busy and moving around. We camped all year round, and nobody caught cold. But those were the good old days . . .

Through a Boy's Eyes

So let us look at Scouting through a boy's eyes. It may be hard at first, but let's try it. What if it does rain on the day a hike is planned? You can always find some kind of shelter in the lee of a tree or hill, where fires can be lighted and meals cooked. What if there is a heavy dew during the night? Wool socks and shoes will dry out after a few good outdoor games. And ground sheets will keep them dry if they want to sleep out under the stars.

Don't be afraid to try something new. Suppose it does not work out the way it should have. Probably no one will know it but you, and at least the Scouts will have some fun. I'll bet if more Scouts ran the Troop program, there'd be fewer "sissie Scouters." Boys want a real rugged outdoor program, and they aren't afraid to try it. So let's give them what they want—even if it does mean a little extra thought, imagination, and effort on our part!

Joint Troop Hikes

THREE Ottawa District Troops joined recently in a joint hike at Britannia. They spent the afternoon playing wide games, and then rallied at the Grant School for supper, pooling their eats. Taking part were the 10th, 15th and 32nd Troops. The same day three more Troops from other parts of the city, the 12th, 19th and 21st staged a similar hike to the sandpits, where they spent the afternoon in tracking, following a trail laid by A.S.M. Jack Hayes.

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Barnes, of Vancouver, a CBC producer. There are also brief radio talks and a radio interview. A special pamphlet on church services for Protestants is also available.

Arrangements have been made with a number of commercial broadcasters to give Scouting and Guiding a boost during the week. The programmes are listed in this issue. Try and hear them.

Once again, through the courtesy of Mr. H. J. Halperin, Canadian Heroes Magazine is publishing several pages of Scouting stories. The main feature is a history of Scouting in Canada, and a message from the President of the Association, Dr. Cody. This magazine has a nation-wide distribution and you should be able to secure a copy at your newsstand.

Do not overlook the possibility of store window, and movie theatre vestibule displays. They are seen by many hundreds of people who are thus given a better understanding of what Scouting is about.

Ask your mayor to officially proclaim Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week. A form of proclamation appeared in the January issue.

Secure permission to raise the flag on the municipal or government building in your community. Have every Scout and Cub attend school in uniform throughout the week, and be sure they are properly dressed.

This is the fourth Boy Scout Week we have held. Each previous one has been an outstanding success. Everything points to this year being an even greater success with the co-operation of the Girl Guides. Try to fit your plans in with those of the Guides and make as many events as feasible, joint events.

The success of the week does not depend on what arrangements your Dominion, Provincial or District Headquarters have made, but rather on the co-operation of every Scouter in the Movement. In this way only will Scout Week be a success, and in this way only will its purposes be achieved.

Remember the dates, February 18th-24th.

Special International Broadcast

THROUGH the courtesy of the CBC, an international exchange of greetings has been arranged between the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America and the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Canada. This broadcast will be aired on February 22nd, the birthday of the late Lord Baden-Powell, and the Chief Guide, the Dowager Lady Baden-Powell. An American Scout and a Girl Scout, together with an American hero of this war who was a former Scout will be heard from New York, and from Ottawa a Canadian Scout and a Guide will return the greetings. A message will also be heard on the Canadian broadcast from Mrs. John Corbett, Deputy Commissioner of the Girl Guides and Chairman of the Hemisphere Committee of the International Guide Movement. Consult your local newspapers for time and station.

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What Scouters Are Saying

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for hikes." But is it really that bad, or are you only making excuses? Take the gang on a Saturday afternoon hike, go for a good time, and you'll have as much fun as the youngest recruit. Better still, make it a whole weekend, and give those kids a thrill they won't forget for years—the thrill of sleeping out beneath the stars, listening to your words of wisdom, singing as only a Scout can sing, and coming to a richer understanding of God. Get some outdoor ideas for your weekly meetings, a scavenger hunt or a wide game for example. It may take a few minutes more of your time, but when you hear that new lad say, "Gee, we had a swell time tonight," you'll be amply repaid.

But of course there are two sides to every question, and other Scouters may feel that there are many obstacles in the way of a vigorous outdoor program, and that it is best to emulate our cadet organizations with their weekly indoor activities. Let's have their ideas.

Sincerely yours,

R. K. CLEVERDON, Lieut.,
Scoutmaster, 1st Toronto Troop.
Acting S.M., 4th Brockville Troop.

CHINS-UP FUND TOTAL

As of January 15th, 1945

\$53,626.75

CONTRIBUTIONS to the Chins-Up Fund are still needed to complete the work of publishing handbooks for the Boy Scouts of the liberated countries. Books to the number of 33,000 have already been provided for France, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Poland and Czechoslovakia. It is not unlikely that additional supplies will be needed in these countries. Several splendid donations have been received during the past month, bringing the total of the fund since inauguration to \$53,626.75. This total includes the Toronto subscriptions which have been handled direct.

A group of Scouts in Flin Flon, Manitoba, sent along \$12.50 which they had earned delivering telephone directories. Another \$8.00 came from the 7th Guelph, Ont., Troop, from the sale of waste paper which the Troops collect regularly.

1st Markham, Ont., Troop; Gordon Smith, Kingston, Ont.; 11th Kitchener, Ont., Troop; Liverpool, N.S., Local Association; New Waterford, N.S., Local Association; Glace Bay, N.S., Local Association; 24th Windsor, Ont., Pack; 4th Windsor, Ont., Pack; 40th Windsor, Ont., Pack; 6th Windsor, Ont., Pack; 6th Windsor, Ont., Troop; 22nd Windsor, Ont., Troop.

1st Delhi, Ont., Troop; 3rd Wallaceburg, Ont., Group; 1st Penticton, B.C., Troop; Quamichan, B.C., Pack; Dawson City, Yukon, Group Committee; 31st Vancouver Troop, 21st Vancouver, Pack "C"; 1st Langley, B.C., Troop; Lord Somers Memorial Service, Kerrisdale, B.C.; Lord Somers Memorial Service, South Vancouver.

14th Vancouver Troop; Bella Bella, B.C., Group; B.C. Provincial Office Counter Box; Holy Trinity Cubs, Timiskaming, Que.; 26th London, Ont., Troop; 40th Windsor, Ont., Scout Group Ladies' Auxiliary; 25th Windsor, Ont., Scout Group Ladies Auxiliary;

**LORD BADEN-POWELL**

THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR FOUNDER ON FEBRUARY 22ND SHOULD BE MARKED BY THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE SCOUT PROMISE BY EVERY SCOUTER IN CANADA.

Assist Blood Donor Clinic

Many Ottawa Troops were represented in the distribution of hundreds of posters and other publicity matter for the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic.

A Worthy Good Turn

When a small Troop was to be formed in a small country village not far from Ottawa, the 26th St. Matthew's Troop of Ottawa came to their assistance. As the new Troop had no funds the 26th purchased a flag, books and other equipment to get them started. The Scouter is Fred Kempster.

Collect Telephone Books by the Ton

Scout Troops and Cub Packs in Calgary, joined in a city-wide collection of old telephone books. They expected to collect some 23,000 books with a weight of approximately 12 tons. The paper was to be turned in to the local salvage depot.

25th Windsor, Ont., Pack; 7th Guelph, Ont., Troop.

W. E. Tibbs, Halifax, N.S.; 1st Kingston, Ont., Pack; 78th Winnipeg Pack; Logan Ave., Winnipeg, Salvation Army; Flin Flon, Man., Boy Scouts; 2nd Windsor, Ont., Troop; 3rd Windsor, Ont., Pack; 3rd Windsor, Ont., Troop; 4th Windsor, Ont., Troop; 8th Windsor, Ont., Pack.

8th Windsor, Ont., Troop; 12th Windsor, Ont., Group; 25th Windsor, Ont., Pack; 27th Windsor, Ont., Pack; 34th Windsor, Ont., Troop; 1st Nitro Que., Cubs; 1st Peterborough Mothers' Auxiliary.

GOOD NEWS*from***THE STORES DEPARTMENT**

Cubmasters and Assistant Cubmasters will be pleased to learn that their "Official" Hat Badges are once more available, and are now "in stock" at each Provincial Headquarters.

The "Official" Hat Badge for Boy Scout Leaders, i.e.: Commissioner, District Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster are expected to be available at all Provincial Headquarters within a very short time.

A shipment of Neckerchiefs has recently arrived from Overseas, and the following colours may now be obtained from the Stores Department:

No. 1 STYLE NECKERCHIEFS

Green
Maroon
Navy Blue
Red
Scout Green
Emerald Green

No. 2 STYLE NECKERCHIEFS

Brown and Lemon
Green and Grey
Khaki and Green
Maroon and Green
Red and Black
Navy and Maroon

No. 3 STYLE NECKERCHIEFS

Lemon with Purple border
Navy with Lemon border
Navy with Red border
Red with Black border
Red with Green border
Red with White border
Royal Blue with Red Border
Maroon with White border
Khaki with Navy border

No. 4 STYLE NECKERCHIEFS

Scout Green and Khaki with Red border

The Stores Department

The Boy Scouts Association
306 Metcalfe Street
Ottawa

A page of helpful ideas
from anyone, anywhere.

THE DUFFEL BAG

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

One Way to Raise Funds

THE 12th Calgary Troop expects to pay its registration through a Troop project organized before Christmas. With small logs, pine cones, and ribbon they turned out Christmas decorations which found a ready market. They also planned to make ladies' coat ornaments from the pine cones.

Form Old Scouts' Association

A NEW organization known as the Old Scouts Association of Ontario was recently launched at a meeting in Toronto. The aim of the new group is to band former Scouts together for the support, development and welfare of the Boy Scout Movement. R. Ray McLaughlin of Oshawa was elected first president, and other officers included W. Irving Hearst, K.C., Toronto, vice-president; C. V. Nunn, Toronto, secretary-treasurer; with the executive composed of Rev. J. A. M. Bell, Oakville, W. W. Breithaupt, Toronto, John Chappel, Geraldton, W. L. Clairmont, Ottawa, L. E. Pitt, Toronto, Dr. Kenneth Rogers, Toronto, Dr. Rex Sykes, London, and J. Clark Wright, Toronto.

A Scouter's Creed

I WANT to be a Scoutmaster worthy of the love and respect of my boys.

I want to be their friend. I want them to be free to come to me as a brother Scout whom they can trust.

I want to be proud of them. I want to see them prepare themselves in every way for the great adventure of life.

I want them to learn well the rules of the Game and to give to the Game their best.

I want them to find joy in the companionship and love of the Great Pathfinder who has been my friend through the years.

I want to feel confident that when they have come to the end of the trail that we shall meet again in that other land.

I firmly believe that the comradeship we have known here will be continued over there.

REV. A. NORMAN McMILLAN
1st Caledonia Troop.

SCOUT WAR HERO



S/L EDWARD S. ALEXANDER
Cubmaster 31st Vancouver
Awarded D.F.C.

Scouts Hear Bird Lectures

Scouts of the 2nd Ingersoll Troop were fortunate to secure the services of Harry Sivyler, the distinguished bird expert to give them a series of lectures leading up to the Bird Warden Badge. Mr. Sivyler spoke for half an hour and showed the boys a number of fine specimens. Many other communities have bird lovers and experts who would be similarly willing to help the local Scout Troops.



EVERY SCOUT OR CUB ENGAGED IN NATIONAL WAR SERVICE SHOULD WEAR THE OFFICIAL NATIONAL SERVICE ARMBAND. THEY ARE AVAILABLE FROM YOUR PROVINCIAL HEAD-QUARTERS AT 20c EACH.

Christmas Good Turn

SCOUTS of the First Ganges Troop, B.C., as a Christmas Good Turn collected the evergreens to decorate a local hall for the I.O.D.E. children's fancy dress party.

Troop Entertains Sponsors

IN Moncton, N.B., the Rotary Club sponsors a Scout Troop. Often the Club has played host to the Scouts, but the Scouts reversed the procedure when they entertained the Rotary Club at a dinner. Following the dinner the boys presented a programme of Scout activities.

A Troop Good Turn

ON Christmas Eve, the Scout and Cub choir of the 10th Hamilton Group under the leadership of Mrs. W. Hewitt and Mrs. R. Barteau, members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, visited the Hamilton Military Hospital. Here they sang carols for the wounded soldiers who were unable to get home for Christmas, and afterwards visited each ward and presented each patient with a treat.

Alouette—An English Version

RUDY VALLEE, the American crooner and orchestra leader, was born in Maine where many of his neighbours were French Canadians. Early in life he learned Alouette, the popular French Canadian folk song. On his radio programme recently he gave the song an English version, which is not however a literal translation of the original song which is about a lark. The words of the English version which many Scouters might like to use are:

Alouette, gentle Alouette,
Alouette, you're a pretty thing.
How I like your pretty hair,
How I like your pretty hair,
Pretty hair, Pretty hair.
Oh—Alouette gentle Alouette,
Alouette, gentle Alouette.
How I like your pretty eyes,
How I like your pretty nose,
How I like your pretty mouth.
How I like your pretty chin
How I like your pretty hands.
How I like your pretty feet.

BOY SCOUT—GIRL GUIDE WEEK

An Opportunity to pay tribute to our
great Founder—Lord Baden-Powell.