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Chief Scout Makes Presentation

A HAPPY feature of the recent meeting of the Executive Committee at Dominion Headquarters, was the presentation by His Excellency the Chief Scout of the first volume of the Norwegian Scout Handbook to Hon. Daniel Steen, Norway's Minister to Canada. This was the first of a 7,000 edition, the gift of the Boy Scouts of Canada to the Boy Scouts of Norway. The gift was financed through Scout and Cub donations to the Chins-Up Fund.

"No greater service was possible" His Excellency said in presenting this copy of "Speiderguttboka" to Mr. Steen, "than to help in the rehabilitation of Scouting in the liberated countries. The only way of educating people in democracy was to teach them while they were young." His Excellency further expressed the thought that with the aid of these books from Canadian Scouts, an important aid would be given in guiding youthful minds into paths of wholesome education.

In acknowledging receipt of the book the Minister expressed the warm thanks of his country, which he said, had seen Scouting banned for five years. This was a practical evidence, he added of the interest of Canadian boys in the youth of his country.

Similar Scout books have now been provided for Poland, France, Holland, and Czechoslovakia, and are to be provided for other liberated countries. Long after the war is over Scouts of these countries will remember this practical effort of Canadian Scouts toward restoring to them the game of Scouting.

Dutch Handbook Arrives in Holland

ADVICES have been received through the Representative in Canada of the Netherlands Boy Scouts Association, that the first copies of the Scout handbook, provided by the Chins-Up Fund for the Scouts of Holland, "Het Verkennen vor Jongens," have been received in the liberated sections of the Netherlands.

THE CHIEF SCOUT PRESENTS THE FIRST COPY OF THE NORWEGIAN SCOUT HANDBOOK TO HON. DANIEL STEEN, THE NORWEGIAN MINISTER TO CANADA AT DOMINION HEADQUARTERS. THIS IS ONE OF THE SERIES OF BOOKS PAID FOR BY YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CHINS-UP FUND.



THE NEW TESTS

TENDERFOOT - SECOND CLASS - FIRST CLASS

These new Grade tests for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class come into effect on the first day of September 1945, but any Scouter may use them now with the approval of his District Commissioner.

Tenderfoot Scout

THE age limits for Scout enrolment are twelve to eighteen, both inclusive, except such Cubs between the ages of eleven and twelve as may be recommended by the Group Council or in the case of a non-Scout about to become a Rover Scout as in Sec. 85 (b).

The Scouter should tell the recruit of the adventurous life and achievements of our Founder, and something of the history of the movement. There should be no test on this.

Before being invested as a Tenderfoot Scout, a Recruit must:

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

Sign as given in Camp Fire Yarn 3 of *Scouting for Boys* and make the woodcraft signs given in Camp Fire Yarn 4.

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

4. Know how to clean a wound, and make and apply a clean dressing.

5. Demonstrate with rope how to tie the following knots: reef, sheet bend, clove hitch, bowline, round turn and two half hitches, sheepshank; and explain their uses. Whip the end of a rope.

6. Demonstrate the proper use of a ground sheet and blankets for a camp bed.

7. Make a Scout Staff, tent peg, pot hook or similar camp gadget.

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Cubs—Do Their Best

How frequently one hears a Cub emphasize a statement as truthful by mistakenly appending the phrase "Cub's Honour." Surely at that tender age no Cub is blessed with sufficient wisdom to really know what honour means. He may have a vague idea that being a Cub, he is bound to act according to his Cub Law, and that the phrase "Cub's Honour" adds weight to his statements. There is another angle, an angle which Cubmasters should watch carefully. It is best illustrated by the following story.

A Vancouver newspaper tells of an eight year old Wolf Cub, who was knocked down by a car, and who was persuaded by the lady driver to promise on "Cub's Honour" to tell his mother he fell while tying his shoe lace. The game little fellow, feeling bound by his "Cub's Honour" told the story as instructed. It was not until he had suffered considerable pain that he broke down and told what really happened.

Here is a tragic misuse of the honour of a Cub if such a thing exists. B.-P. was quite emphatic about avoiding the use of a term that Cubs did not understand. You will notice he did not ask the Cub to take his promise on his honour, nor did he mention honour in the Cub law. In his genius he knew that the Cub mind was incapable of fully understanding the meaning and implications of the word honour.

Cubmasters should avoid the use of the word honour with Cubs as B.-P. did. Cubs "do their best" to carry out their Cub Promise and Law and in doing their best they unconsciously learn of honour in a way that no one could convey to them at their tender age. Scoutmasters find it difficult to explain the true meaning of honour to a Scout and Cubmasters should accept the fact, as B.-P. did, that Cubs are not old enough to understand it. With this in mind Cubs should be discour-

Stick to Age Regulations

A CUBMASTER with a large waiting list for his Pack was recently asked to take two boys on transfer from another Pack who had moved into his district. Because he was anxious that these boys continue their Cubbing he took them in ahead of other boys on his waiting list. Later when checking the records of these boys he found that one of them, in Cubs for a year, was still not eight years old. He took this boy in good faith, and then found he was refusing admittance to boys old enough to be Cubs, while accepting one who was not.

This instance, which is not an isolated one, brings up that important question of age admittance. The rule regarding age—a boy must be over 8 and under 12—was not made simply for the sake of making a rule. This age was considered as the best age at which the Cub programme could be of



F/Lt. GEO. TURVEY 10th Toronto Group
Awarded D.F.C.

Lt. JOHN MITCHELL 47th Winnipeg Group
Awarded M.C.

greatest value to the boy. The programme as laid down, is such that it can hardly hold the interest of any normal boy more than four years. Thus a boy who is brought into the Movement too young, tires of Cubbing before he is old enough to go up into Scouts. There can be little doubt that a great many boys are lost to the Movement because some Scouters do not observe this rule.

It may be hard to turn down some enthusiastic youngster who is not yet eight, but it is wiser to turn him down and take him at the right age, than to possibly dull his interest in Scouting at an early age and thus deny him the benefit of the full programme.

It must be obvious that if we start to flout one rule because it happens to suit our purpose, it is not going to be long before we start flouting other rules. A movement without rules, adequately observed, is heading for chaos.

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To Higher Service

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PO Edward Bayer, 22, RCAF, Scout,
1st Lockport, Man., Troop.

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Sgt. Norman A. Bell, 19, RCAF,
Cub, 1st Toronto; Scout 91st, Toronto,
Rover, 66th Toronto.

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King's Scout, and Asst. T.L., 26th
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Thong, ASM 1st Notre Dame de
Grace, Montreal.

★
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Cub and Scout, Aquinas Group, Mon-
treal.

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King's Scout, Asst. RL, 35th Toronto,
SM 37th Toronto.

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15th Regina, Sask.

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RCAF, Scout, 15th Regina, Sask.

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Sgt. Joseph T. McGovern, 20, CA,
Scout, 15th Regina.

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Flt. Sgt. Edward J. Mann, 21,
RCAF, Scout, 9th and 15th Regina,
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FO Thomas H. O'Connell, 25, RCAF,
Scout, 15th Regina, Sask.

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PO John Patrick, 24, RCAF, Cub,
King's Scout, Rover, Mount Forest,
Ont.

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WO Robert E. Roos, 19, RCAF, Cub
and Scout, Mount Forest, Ont.

★
Lt. William C. White, 23, RCAF,
Scout, 15th Regina, Sask.

Sponsor Model Airplane Show

CONTESTANTS from many parts of Windsor and Detroit entered model aircraft in a display sponsored by the 32nd Windsor Troop at Lincoln Road United Church. Among the events were contests for unusual types of flying models, and scale models of actual planes.

Another Fine Record

COL. WILLIAM WOOD, former President of the Quebec Provincial Council, says in a letter to the Chief Executive Commissioner that 111 former members of the City of Quebec Rover Sea Scout Crew are serving in the armed forces, with some killed, some missing, some wounded and many decorated. Quebec has a very small English speaking population, and this is a remarkable record for a Crew which had a very small population from which to choose its members.

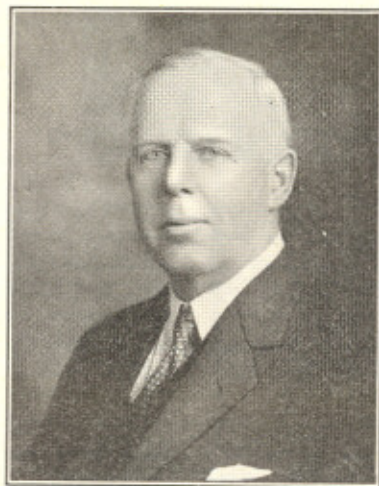
The Union Flag Not the Union Jack

IT WILL be noticed in the new tests published in this issue that reference is made to the "Union Flag" instead of the more common appellation "Union Jack." The word "Flag" is correct. It is only recognized as a Jack when it is flown on the "Jack" staff on the bowsprit or forepart of the ship. The Manual of Seamanship issued by the British Admiralty lists the official name of the Empire flag as the "Union Flag." In all future references this term will be applied, and references to the "Union Jack" will be changed in the next revision of any Scout books in which the subject is mentioned.

Tell Parents the Story

AN idea which might bear fruit is contained in a newspaper report which tells of Assistant Scoutmaster Ben Matthews of the 11th Kitchener Troop, addressing the Group Mothers Club recently. His subject was Scout Uniforms, and he told the ladies that a proper uniform, properly worn distinguishes a Scout in public and acts as a pass for many things. The Scout uniform, he added, was highly respected, and the wearing of it carried responsibilities, chief of which was public service. If the story of the importance of the Scout uniform can be told to parents, there is no doubt it will make for better uniformed and more smartly uniformed Packs and Troops.

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE from the DOMINION COMMISSIONER



J. F. M. STEWART.

MY GREETINGS are for you—the Leaders of Scouting in Canada. Every Scout should be congratulated, but every Leader should be thanked by forward-looking Canadians for the fine contribution he or she is making to the future of Canada.

So let me give you thanks, and Greetings for 1945. You have under your guidance about 100,000 of Canada's greatest assets. It is a real responsibility, but how happy we should be to take it on. Our boys have shown what they are made of during the last five years. Those who have passed through your hands, and through our great organization, have found their duties made easier and their outlook clearer.

Our Scouts and Scouters in arms who have shed lustre on Canada's great name, and you have kept the organization at home stronger, more virile, more aggressive for the boy than it ever was before.

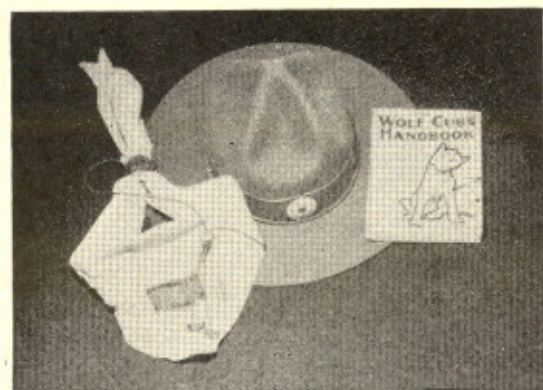
Again let me refer to Scouting, not as a game—the tying of knots—the wood trail—a week's camping, let me call it citizen-building, the making of good Canadians.

For this problem our field is unlimited. We must make our citizens worthy of a great Country, and to do this they must know Canada and something about the

people who are here. Our boy's horizon must be further than the municipality in which he lives—it must be larger than his Province—it must be broader than the Church in which he worships, and he must accept without question the right of other Scouts to worship in a Church of a different faith,—it must not be limited by his mother-tongue, because many Scouts have learned from their Mothers a language quite unfamiliar to him.

I see Scouting doing just those things referred to above and that is why I am sure Scouting is a grand movement for Canada. For the Scout Leaders who are building citizens worthy of Canada no Greetings can be too sincere.

Please let me wish you Good Scouting for 1945, and Good Scouting always carries its own reward and thanks with it. Too often recognition for a grand job is overlooked, but with my New Year's Greetings let me congratulate you on the great job you are doing for our beloved Canada.



PRACTICAL CUBBING

Indoor Track Meeting for Cubs

HERE'S a novel Cub programme successfully carried out by Bob Feetham of the 43rd Windsor Pack. It is called an Indoor Track Meet. It may be used for Six competition. Each Sixer is provided with a programme of events, and only two from each Six may enter each event.

100 Yard Dash. Each boy is given a double page of newspaper, so that when it is opened it is about one yard long. Each contestant has a pair of scissors and at the word "Go" each boy cuts down the yard length of the paper. The first boy through is the winner.

50 Yard Dash. Each Cub entering is given a potato and a paring knife. The one who peels the longest continuous piece of peel, or if you like, the one who peels fastest is the winner.

Javelin Throw. The winner is the one who throws a paper straw the greatest distance.

Discus Throw. This time it's the one who can throw a milk bottle cap the longest distance.

Cross Country Race. Each contestant is given a long piece of thread and an empty cotton spool. The one to wind his thread on the spool first is the winner.

The Mile Race. Stretch several lines of string from chairs several feet apart. Keep the string tight. Now get an ordinary vortex drinking cup, the cone shaped ones used with water coolers. Prick a small hole in the point, and thread the cone on the string. Each Cub will then take a cup and blow it to the other end of the string.

Shot Put. A ball of tissue paper or one of these Christmas cotton batting snowballs will do. The one who can throw it farthest wins.

Pole Vault. Use good heavy drinking glasses or cups. Place a teaspoon about eight inches from the glass with the bowl nearest the glass. Press sharply on the end of the bowl and it will flip into the air. The idea is to flip it into the glass or cup. The game is similar

to tiddley-winks. First one in of course, wins.

440 Yard Relay. The first, second, third and fourth runners are placed in each corner of the room. The first player hops backward to the second runner with a piece of thread. The second runner threads a needle and then hops backward to the third. The third player has a button. He ties a

Pertinent Questions for The Cubmaster

1. Do we have proper Six Corners?
2. Do I hold my Cubs until they are of Scout Age?
3. Do I take Cubs in under age?
4. Do I take the Pack out enough?
5. Do I provide opportunities for handcraft?
6. Do we ever do any work?
7. Do I know my Cubs' parents?
8. Do I do it all myself or do my A.C.M.s get a chance?
9. Do I read the *Wolf Cub's Handbook* and the *Cubmaster's First Year*?
10. Does my Pack play a real part in the life of the Group?

The Scouter.

knot in the end of the thread, and carrying needle, thread and button hops backwards to the fourth Cub who has a piece of cloth. The fourth runner sews the button to the cloth using eight stitches and hops across the finishing line.

You may give five, three and one points for first, second and third.

And Try This Game

Here's a game Bob picked up and which is a favourite among his collection of some two hundred special

games. This one came from the far east. It is a quiet game. Cubs squat in circle, and are taught these words.

Hana—meaning—Nose
Kuchi—meaning—Mouth
Mimi—meaning—Ear
Me (May)—meaning—Eye

The leader taps his nose three times saying "Hana, hana, hana." All the Cubs do the same. Then he will touch any part of the face mentioned above and give it the *wrong* name. The Cub must touch the part of the face the leader names, not the one he touches. When a Cub makes a mistake he is daubed on the cheek with some flour or cocoa. Be sure the boys know the words and the parts of the head they represent before starting the game. An actual example would be this. Akela or Baloo would say, tapping his nose: Hana, hana, hana, Kuchi; but instead of moving his hand to his mouth he would move to the ear or eye. The Cub however must get it right.

Note—By the way, if you have a favourite game you would like to pass on to other Cub Leaders, send it along for use in *The Leader*.

Making a Feeding Shelf for Birds

IN THE winter one sees the most direct results from feeding wild birds. At this season, an artificial food-supply will form the centre of activity for numbers of birds, which will do great work in devouring hibernating insects and their eggs, and in consuming weed-seeds, as well. When a sleet-storm sheaths all shrubbery and tree growth in ice, artificial supplies of food may save birds from starvation, to continue their work through other seasons.

The weather-vane food shelter described here revolves freely with the wind, and as it always faces away from storms the interior remains free from snow. Birds should be lured to this shelter by food sprinkled thickly on the ground until they learn to fly within. It may be made as follows:—

Find a stout wooden box (it need not have a lid), which is approximately 3 feet long and 1½ feet wide, and from 15 to 18 inches say 16 inches) in height. For convenience we will name the walls of this box *the floor, the back, the front, the right and left ends*. Remove the back and front of box leaving only the ends. Measure on the back edge of each end and mark a point ten inches from the floor of the box. Join these points with the upper front corners by a diagonal line along the ends of the box. Saw along this line.

You have now a floor with two end pieces which are ten inches in height at the back and 16 inches at the front.

Now take a piece of glass 7 inches by 2 feet 11 inches. This forms the back of your shelter and is fastened in by nailing on wooden cleats, narrow strips of wood say 1 inch or 1½ inches wide. Nail a wooden cleat 1 inch deep across the front of the box at the floor, and another at the top. Now cut your weather-vanes as in the given plan. They should be of light but strong wood—and are nailed along the end of the box at the lower edge as shown in plan. They should be 3 feet 6 inches in length and should extend two feet beyond the end of the box toward the front. The strip of the vane should be three inches in depth and the wings about three times this depth.

After you have fastened the wings in place estimate (you can do this with sufficient accuracy by balancing on an inverted flower pot, or other small raised surface) the centre of weight of your box. You will find it nearer the front on account of the wings. If the wings overbalance you will have to weight the back of the box; but they should be light enough not to do this. Mark this centre of weight and with an auger or knife cut a round hole of sufficient size to allow the pole on which your shelter is to swing to pass through. Next make your roof of wooden boards (box boards will do nicely) covered with tar-paper or prepared roofing.

Next take a wooden block (square or round), whose diameter is considerably greater (say at least 2 inches greater) than of your post. In the centre of one end surface of this block bore a hole into which your pole will

Seeds for Britain

HAS your Troop or Pack made a contribution to the Seeds for Britain campaign? With the British people, the armed forces of many other nations, and the liberated people of Europe to help feed, British Scout Victory Gardens will be more important than ever in 1945. Great Britain has accepted with thanks the offer of Canadian Scouts to ship seeds to Britain again this year. A dollar will send a good assortment of garden seeds to Britain. Seed houses handling these shipments were listed in *The Scout Leader* last month. Just send your donation to them and they will look after the shipment. Be sure to give the name of your Troop or Pack, with the name and address of the Scouter so that Imperial Scout headquarters may acknowledge them.

Just the other day we received a letter from a Montreal lady Cubmaster. She related how three years

ago her Pack sent seeds to Britain, and they found their way to a Pack in Nottingham. The Cubs there have a garden in which they all work. The District Commissioner forwarded a picture of the Cubs at work in their garden, and since that time the boys

fit, and saw across the other end diagonally to make it exactly fit the slant of your roof. Set a round-headed carriage bolt into the block so that its rounded head will turn on the head of the wooden pole. Nail both roof and block firmly in place.

Make a small circular depression in the top of the pole in which the head of your bolt may turn. Around the pole where it passes through the floor of the box place a tin collar, made from a baking soda or other tin. Now plant your pole, set your box upon it and your shelter is complete. If the box is not exactly balanced weight it to regulate balance.

—Canadian Teacher.

What You Get for Your Seeds for Britain Donation

HERE is what one seed house is sending on orders for the Boy Scout Seeds for Britain Campaign.

One package each

Beets	10c
Carrot	10c
Cabbage	10c
Lettuce	10c
Brussel Sprouts	10c
Turnip	10c
Onion, Spanish	10c
Swiss Chard	15c
Onion, yellow	10c
Parsley	10c
Parsnip	10c
Radish	10c

\$1.25

This company forwards these packages, postpaid, for \$1.15 two orders for \$2.25; five collections for \$5.00. The sending of packaged seeds simplifies the distribution overseas. *The Scout Leader* will be glad to take care of orders sent to Dominion Headquarters.

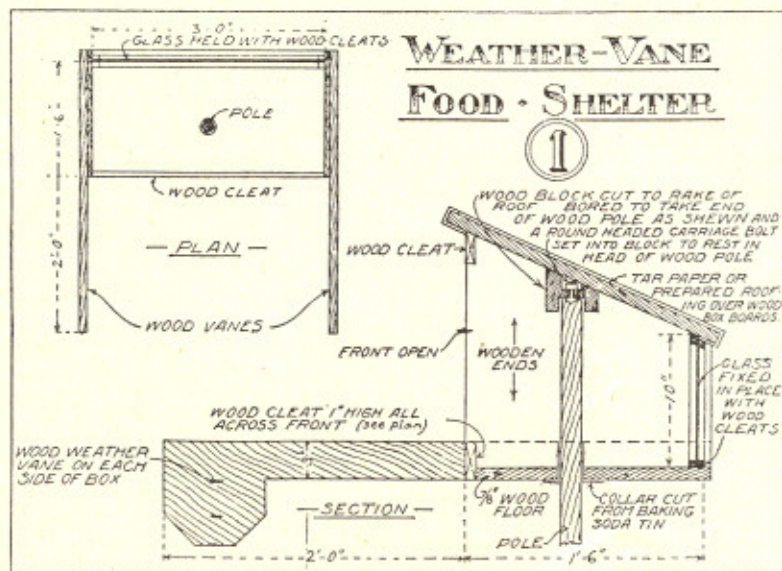
and Scouters of the British and Canadian Packs have corresponded.

She closes with this fine comment: "It has shortened the miles between, and makes one realise the true spirit of the Brotherhood of Scouting. Our seeds are again on their way, the boys having collected the money by shovelling sidewalks."

The Pack is the Hampstead Pack in Montreal, and the Cubmaster, Miss Lillian Poltrick.

The first Seeds for Britain contribution for 1945 came from the Wolf Cubs of the 1st Temiskaming, Que., (Holy Trinity) Pack. Their gift of \$5, along with \$5 for Chins-Up, was from the "Pack Savings" during 1944. Earlier in the year the Pack donated \$15 to the Red Cross. Naturally such an active service Pack found many other good turn jobs,—making a Red Cross quilt, carrying on a district paper salvage "clean-up," delivering circulars for Red Cross and Victory Loan campaigns; shovelling snow and piling

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10th Toronto Group's Fine War Effort

WE have referred previously to the outstanding war effort of the 10th Toronto (Christ Church, Deer Park) Troop and Pack. Recently a Toronto newspaper gave nearly a column of space to an outline of this Group's record. Here in brief is what has been accomplished under the leadership of Scoutmaster Lee Campbell, with the enthusiastic support of the assistant leaders and the boys. There are approximately 110 boys connected with the Group.

They have collected 510,000 pounds of salvage including paper, metal, fats, rags, and rubber. They have gathered 30,000 fruit baskets and 5,000 wire coat hangers. With part of the money received they purchased a truck. Since then they have collected and sold enough salvage to purchase a \$1850

ambulance for the R.C.A.F. Another \$900 has been invested in Victory Bonds, and with this money they hope to play a part in the rehabilitation of Scouting in the Island of Jersey. They expect to invest between \$1,200 and \$1,500 in this project. Apart from about \$70 a year, the proceeds of the Mothers' Auxiliary annual tea, the money has all been earned by the boys.

Of course there has been a lot of other war service carried out for which there has been no reward. This included aid in Victory Loan and other war campaigns. In a recent Victory Loan Campaign the Troop provided four boys each day throughout the Loan period to act as messengers at the divisional headquarters. There is a record all Scouting should be proud of.

CARRYING ON

Service to Farmers

A SPLENDID record of service to a farming community comes from New Waterford, N.S., in a report of the summer camp operated by the New Waterford Association during last summer. Some 53 boys and leaders attended the camp which was held at Marion Bridge, Cape Breton for a two week period. It was a real woodcraft camp and considerable pioneering was accomplished, but even more important the Scout rendered valuable service to local farmers, giving close to 1,000 hours of service.

Thirty boys worked 10 hours each weeding for one farmer; 12 boys spent 32 hours each working for another farmer, and 10 eight hours each weeding for another. One spent 70 hours assisting the forest ranger in fighting a forest fire. Several others boys spent from 40 to 80 hours each helping other farmers with weeding, haying and wood-sawing.

The report also tells of assistance rendered one farmer in the swamp. In part it reads:

Shortly after setting up camp the farmer who supplied us with milk, reported one of his cows missing. Later the cow was located in the bog and a number of Scouts were asked to help get it out. They arrived on the scene about 10 p.m. and found the cow practically buried with only its head and part of its back showing. Some Scouts cleared away brush, and others lit fires to light the work and for

warmth. Cutting poles and brush the Scouts were able to release the animal and get it safely to solid ground.

As the cow seemed paralyzed in the back legs, the Scouts went to secure blankets, feed and water. Unfortunately the animal had to be destroyed, which however did not lessen the value of the service rendered.

An interesting note appears at the end of the camp report—"The farmers of the community asked me to bring the Scouts back again next summer."

Assist Lions Club

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Osisko Lake Troops at Rouyn-Noranda, Que., turned out in force recently to assist the local Lions Club in a very successful waste paper drive.

War Service in the Capital

Recent war service carried out by Ottawa Scouts includes assisting the Board of Trade in the distribution of thousands of pieces of literature to increase the number of blood donors. In addition the 17th Troop reports the collection of 5,400 pounds of paper, and the 26th Troop, 3,575 pounds.

Food Industry Asks Your Co-operation

THE Food Industry War Savings Stamp Drive, which was such a success last year will be conducted throughout Canada from Friday, February 2nd to Friday, March 9th. Last year Boy Scouts gave much assistance in this campaign and the food industry of Canada seeks similar assistance this year. Any help that can be rendered by Scouts in this drive will be appreciated by the industry and by the National War Finance Committee. Time spent on this campaign will of course be counted toward war service badges.



THE 7TH PORT ARTHUR TROOP BELIEVES IN OUTDOOR SCOUTING IN ANY WEATHER. HERE ARE SOME SCENES ON A RECENT HIKE TO RABBIT MOUNTAIN IN 10 BELOW ZERO WEATHER. THIS IS THE SORT OF SCOUTING WHICH ATTRACTS AND HOLDS BOYS. THE S.M. IS WILF GROULX.

BOY SCOUT WEEK—FEBRUARY 18th to 24th

GIRL GUIDES TO JOIN IN OBSERVANCE—WE OFFER SOME SUGGESTIONS

OUR Fourth Annual Boy Scout Week, February 18th to 24th, is fast approaching, and Scouters should now be rounding out their programme of activities for the week.

An important announcement, which will doubtless have considerable bearing on your programme is that the Girl Guides Association will join with us this year in celebrating a joint Boy Scout and Girl Guide week. Thus the public will have the opportunity to learn something of the value of these brother and sister Movements on the young life of the nation. Scouters are asked to co-operate with the Girl Guides in their communities wherever possible.

Scout Week Purposes

Briefly we repeat the purposes of Boy Scout Week, as outlined in the December *Scout Leader*. Your programme should be based on a practical recognition of these purposes.

1. More and better Scouting by giving Scouting to more boys and giving them genuine B.-P. Scouting.
2. More information for and support from the public by assuming that an informed public will give the support.
3. More active participation by the public in Scouting affairs.
4. A greater realization by Scouters of the importance of the task they have undertaken as leaders.
5. The instilling of pride of membership in the Boy Scout Movement.
6. A Memorial to Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, Founder and still the principle inspiration of Scouting.

Dominion Plans

Dominion Headquarters will as in previous years arrange for a number of special radio broadcasts, will send publicity to the newspapers, will prepare radio plays, service club addresses, radio spot announcements and other helps. These will be available through your Provincial Headquarters.

Baden-Powell Sunday

Sunday, February 18th, will be Baden-Powell Sunday. It is suggested that church sponsored Troops hold Boy Scout services on that day, and that the ministers of churches be asked to make reference to the life of B.-P. and the work he accomplished for the youth of the world. Care should be taken to keep within the bounds of

P.O. & R. with regard to religious policy. A booklet of suggested hymns, prayers, and bible references will be available from Provincial Headquarters.

It is hoped that on this day it will be possible to have a radio broadcast by His Excellency the Chief Scout, and Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, the Chief Guide.

Weekday Activities

Added importance is given the week's activities if the Mayor of your community issues a proclamation, and

further that in churches where Scout and Guide Groups are sponsored, Sunday, February 18th, be observed as Scout-Guide Sunday to commemorate the 88th anniversary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell, the Founder of both Movements.

Signed,
Mayor of _____

Permission should be secured from the Mayor for Scouts to hoist the flag on the municipal building throughout Scout Week where this is feasible.



THE THIRD GROUP OF SOUTH AMERICAN SCOUT LEADERS TO VISIT CANADA THIS YEAR WERE IN TORONTO, OTTAWA AND MONTREAL IN DECEMBER. HERE THREE OF THE GROUP OF FOUR ARE SEEN BEING WELCOMED BY MAYOR STANLEY LEWIS OF OTTAWA. LEFT TO RIGHT THEY ARE SR. CARLOS SANTOS, ECUADOR; SR. PONCE DE LEON, CUBA; MAYOR LEWIS, SR. CLAUDIO JARA, ECUADOR; AND C. GLYNN FRASER OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA WHO ACCOMPANIED THEM.

a flag raising ceremony is arranged. Following is a suggested Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

To the citizens of _____
Whereas His Excellency the Governor-General, the Chief Scout for Canada, has requested that the week of February 18th to 24th, be observed as Boy Scout and Girl Guide Week.

I therefore request all citizens to show their appreciation of the training for good citizenship, successfully carried out by the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Associations by observing the week above mentioned as Boy Scout and Girl Guide Week, and

Open Meetings

Scout Week presents an ideal opportunity to invite the parents of your Scouts and Cubs to the regular weekly meeting. No effort should be made to present elaborate special programmes, but rather programmes designed to show just how a Troop or Pack operates. There is no objection of course to added entertainment and refreshments.

Father and Son Banquets

In many places last year Father and Son banquets were held. Scout or Cub demonstrations were given, and a speaker arranged for. Such a gathering

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AIDS TO EFFECTIVE SCOUTING

Outdoor Winter Meeting

HERE'S the type of outdoor winter meeting which keeps the "OUT" in Scouting—and the boys just love it. This meeting was held as recently as December 15th, on a cold night by the 1st Ottawa Troop (Scouter Harold Gates).

The Troop was instructed to don outdoor clothes, and after inspection they received orders to proceed to Pine Hill, which is just at the back of the Chief Scout's residence, Rideau Hall. The trip was made by Scout's Pace, and the distance being a half mile it provided good practice in this test. The thirty Scouts striding along in single file, with Patrol flags flying in the breeze made a brave picture which attracted considerable attention.

The S.M. led the Troop into a hilly section of dense evergreens, white with newly fallen snow. In a small clearing the horseshoe was formed, and every second Scout was given a lighted candle. In this lovely setting Scout Lester McCormick, was invested as a Scout and a member of the Owl Patrol.

A.S.M. Pat McGrath produced some equipment borrowed from the army, and from hidden positions among the trees the Scouts flashed messages by morse blinker. After a session of this the boys returned to Troop headquarters by Scout's Pace, where they made their plans to provide a Christmas hamper for a poor family, for work in their district toyshop, and for the Christmas party the following week.

That is the type of Scouting which not only attracts, but holds boys in the Movement.

Sixty-five Scouts Winged in Vancouver

ONE of the largest and most successful Flying Lions courses held in Canadian Scouting was staged in Vancouver some months ago when 130 Scouts took part in the course, with 95 completing the course. Sixty-four boys won their Red Wings, and one his

Silver Wings. In all a total of 231 Proficiency Badges were qualified for as a result of the course.

Scoutmaster Peter Smith of the 57th Vancouver Troop was responsible for most of the organizing and running of the training in which he was ably assisted by a number of other Vancouver Scouters.

The Course ran on eight successive Mondays. Lectures on the theory of Aero Engines were given by D. H. Maw, Chief Group Engineer of the Boeing Aircraft Corp. Theory of Flight was handled by H. Gould, also of Boeing, while Pat Howard, Test Pilot for Boeing, taught the Scouts how to be of practical assistance to a pilot. Flying Officer J. A. Nides instructed in Aircraft Identification, and Doug Collis, holder of many awards for model planes, handled that part of the course.

During the course the Scouts were taken over the R.C.A.F. station at Sea Island, visiting the pilots' quarters, armament room, parachute room, and watched planes taking off and landing.

The last part of the course was devoted to the building of model planes and pictures of these models appear in this issue. The Scouts tried out their models at a "Flying Meet" in Connaught Park, when William McReady,

Pertinent Questions for The Scoutmaster

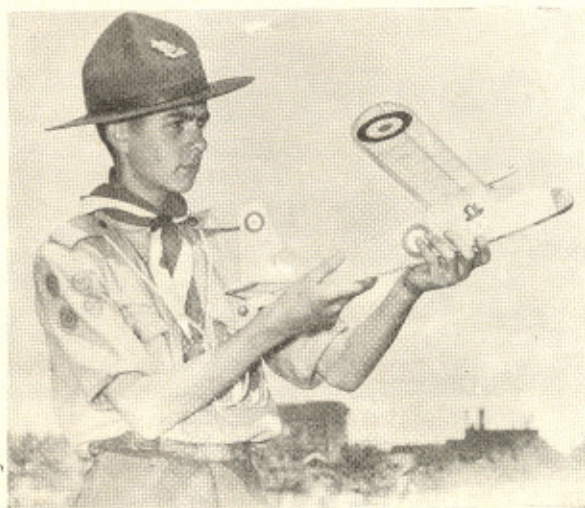
1. Have we got Patrol Dens?
2. Have we enough week-end camp sites?
3. Do we help the Pack?
4. Are we really planning to get First Class and beyond?
5. Do we get out-doors enough?
6. Does the Court of Honour meet?
7. Am I an efficient Scout myself?
8. Do we meet other Scouts enough?
9. Do I try and help with the affairs of the District?
10. Do I give my Scouts the programme they want or only the one I know?

The Scouter.

Notes on London War Service

London, Ont., annual report, just received lists among the war service items 977 dozen eggs collected in the Easter Egg drive with the 6th, 11th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 23rd, 25th, 26th, 31st and 32nd Packs taking part. Chins-Up Fund donations for the year were \$184.98, making a total to date of \$699.40. Many hundreds of hours war service were given in waste paper collections, assistance in salvage campaigns, and the sale of war savings certificates.

President of the Dominion Model Airplane League praised most highly the fine standard set. The course wound up with the presentation of badges by Test Pilot Pat Howard.



A VANCOUVER P.L. LOOKS OVER HIS MODEL AIRPLANE AT THE FLYING LIONS COURSE HELD IN THE WEST COAST CITY. IT WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL FLYING LIONS COURSES HELD IN CANADA.

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could replace the suggested open meeting.

District Rallies

In centres where district associations exist, a rally for the whole district might be arranged. This could include both Cubs and Scouts, or separate Cub and Scout rallies could be held. Such rallies serve to demonstrate the fellowship of Scouting and give an opportunity for Packs and Troops to mix and leaders to get together. These rallies also provide an ideal background for the presentation of King's Scout badges, long service medals and other awards, such as Bronze or Silver Arrowheads.

Publicity Suggestions

In December we published an article telling how to write a newspaper Scout column. This should prove helpful to those Scouters who will be required to write Scout Week publicity for their local newspapers. However a seven column news sheet, including pictures, Scout and Guide stories, and a suggested editorial will be sent to a wide list of newspapers. Scouters may help by asking the co-operation of their editors in the use of this sheet.

Canadian Heroes Magazine, which gave so generously of its space last year, will once again devote several pages to Scouting, including a pictorial history of Scouting in Canada, and the stories of Scout heroes of the past year.

Radio programmes which are to make mention of Scout Week will be listed in the next issue of *The Scout Leader*.

Local Publicity

While we are anxious to see the Dominion Headquarters publicity used, we realise that local publicity is of much greater importance. If Scouters will approach their editors, prepared to give details of what Scouting is, and what it has done for your community, there will be little doubt as to the co-operation you will receive. If you are asked to prepare copy, follow the suggestions given last month.

May we again remind those who are given the privilege of newspaper publicity, that they should not forget to express appreciation to the editor for his co-operation. This may best be done by means of a letter when Scout Week is over. We noticed scores of newspapers published such letters of appreciation last year.

Your theatre manager may be willing to run a slide on the screen outlining the local programme and inviting the

public to attend your meetings. Many merchants will be glad to mention Scout Week in their advertisements. However do not make this an opportunity for selling advertising. Mention in regular advertisements and the sale of special advertisements are two different things.

Dominion Headquarters has just issued a new mat service for Scout Week and general Scout purposes, and proofs of this service may be obtained from your Provincial or District Headquarters. The mats are sold at cost.

Scout Displays

Scout Hobby Shows and Displays have been successfully featured in several districts in previous years. Cub hobby shows seem to attract exceptionally large crowds. Theatre lobbies and vacant stores are ideal locations for displays of Scout and Cubcraft. Knot boards, models of bridges, signalling towers, campfires, airplanes, together with leather and bead work, art and metalwork—all arouse public interest.

Public Speakers

If you wish the story of Scouting told to local service clubs and organizations or over the radio, do not wait until the last week. Most groups plan their speaker schedules weeks in advance. See your Club presidents now and book a Scout speaker for Boy Scout Week. Remember too, it is possible a poor speaker can do more harm than good. By the way—if your Scouts or Cubs should put on a display at one of these Clubs, be sure they are fully uniformed.

Summing Up

Reports from many districts showed that Scouts and Cubs attended school in uniform throughout Boy Scout Week.

In Winnipeg a Scout Hockey tournament was staged and the Chins-Up Fund benefitted from the proceeds.

In some districts a huge indoor Campfire was staged.

Boy Scout Week is an opportune time to do good turns for the home, the school and the community.

In one community the Scouts presented the council with a new Union Flag for the civic building.

A Leader's and Group Committee-men's banquet was a successful event in one city.

Scout concerts, in which the Girl Guides assisted were held in several communities.

For the first time the Boy Scouts of America will extend their anniversary celebration to take in B.P.'s birthday, February 22nd.

Last, but by no means least, every public appearance of your boys as Cubs or Scouts should be in full uniform, clean, pressed, and badges in proper position. No one likes to see a sloppy Scout or Cub any more than they like to see a sloppy soldier, sailor or airman.

Report Your Events

See that your Scout Week events are reported in the newspapers, and where special events occur please send a report to *The Scout Leader*. We are anxious to secure good pictures of Scout Week activities for use in *The Leader* but they must be clear, glossy, contrasty prints. Please send prints rather than negatives.



HERE'S ANOTHER GROUP OF VANCOUVER SCOUTS WITH THE MODEL PLANES THEY BUILT IN CONNECTION WITH THE VANCOUVER FLYING LIONS COURSE. 130 BOYS TOOK PART IN THE COURSE, 231 PROFICIENCY BADGES WERE PASSED AND 65 SCOUTS WON THEIR WINGS.

The New Tests

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Second Class Scout

Before being awarded a Second Class Badge, a Tenderfoot Scout must have at least one month's satisfactory service as a Scout and satisfy his Scoutmaster that he can re-pass the Tenderfoot Tests. He must also:

8. Pass the following tests in Health Rules and First Aid:

a. Know the general rules of health as given in Camp Fire Yarn 18 of *Scouting for Boys*.

b. Be able to deal with simple First Aid problems as follows:

Shock (not electric)

Sprains

Burns and scalds

Bleeding from the nose

Stings and bites

Avoidance and treatment of sunburn

c. Demonstrate the use of the triangular bandage as a large and a small sling and as applied to the knee, head and foot; and understand the importance of summoning adult help.

d. Demonstrate the six exercises described in Camp Fire Yarn 17 of *Scouting for Boys*.

9. Know the morse or semaphore sign for every letter in the alphabet and of the numerals; also the table of Miscellaneous Signals given in Camp Fire Yarn 7 of *Scouting for Boys*. Be able to send and receive a simple message accurately out of doors.

10. Follow a trail of half a mile; or in Kim's game, remember sixteen out of twenty-four well assorted small articles after one minute's observation.

11. Be able to recognize and name six common trees and know the values of their woods for fires. (In areas where there are not sufficient trees, the Examiner may substitute shrubs).

12. Lay and light a wood fire in the open, using not more than two matches. (No paper or birch bark to be used). Cook over this fire a quarter of a pound of meat and two potatoes.

13. Demonstrate the practical use of a compass and know the sixteen principal points.

14. Demonstrate correctly the following: Square Lashing and Sheer Lashing; Guyline Hitch and Timber Hitch.

15. Know the safety rules, care and use of hand axe and knife. Demonstrate the correct way of chopping firewood.

16. Take part in at least three regularly conducted hikes under authorized leadership.

First Class Scout

Before being awarded the First Class Badge, a Second Class Scout must have attained the age of fourteen years and satisfy his Scoutmaster that he can re-pass the Tenderfoot and Second Class Tests. He must also pass the following tests, to the satisfaction of at least one independent and qualified examiner approved by the Local Association:

17. In Health and First Aid:

a. Be able to explain the functions of the principal organs of the body.

b. Know the position of the main arteries (names unnecessary) and be able to stop bleeding.

c. Be able to recognize and apply first aid to fractured arm, fore-arm and collar-bone, and know the importance of not moving other suspected fractures.

d. Demonstrate the proper method



HON. T. C. DOUGLAS

THE PRIME MINISTER OF SASKATCHEWAN, BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST FORMER BOY SCOUT TO BECOME A PROVINCIAL PRIME MINISTER. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE 22ND WINNIPEG TROOP FROM 1918 TO 1921.

of dealing with the following emergencies: Fire, drowning, fainting, gas suffocation, frost bite, electric shock and breaking through ice.

e. Be able to throw a life-line with reasonable accuracy.

18. Swim fifty yards, or if a doctor certifies that swimming is dangerous to the boy's health, or where the Provincial Commissioner considers that water for the purpose is not within reasonable distance of the Troop, pass the test for one of the following badges: Camper, Handyman, Healthyman, Naturalist, Pioneer, Stalker, Starman

or Tracker.

19. Demonstrate the proper use of an axe for felling or trimming light timber or, if this is impracticable, make a "pioneer" model, such as a bridge, derrick, etc., of a type approved by the Examiner.

20. Make a camp kitchen with open fire and other necessities, and prepare therein two of the following dishes: porridge, stew, rice, pancakes; and a "damper" of half a pound of flour, or a "twist" baked on a thick stick. As an alternative for the stew, skin and cook a rabbit, or pluck and cook a bird or clean and cook a fish.

21. Read and be able to use a topographical map. Point out a direction by day and night without the use of a compass.

22. With reasonable accuracy, estimate distances up to half a mile. With a Scout staff or other rough method, measure heights within ten per cent.

23. Save money regularly by depositing in a bank account or putting an equivalent amount in any savings project sponsored by the Dominion Government, a sum consistent with his opportunity for regular saving.

24. Take part, to the satisfaction of his Scoutmaster, in the training of other Scouts in the Troop, or have earned the Cub Instructor's Badge.

25. Go on foot, preferably with a companion, a 24 hours' journey of at least 14 miles outside city, town or built up area. In the course of the journey, the Scout must cook his own meals, one of which must include meat, over a wood fire in the open; find his camp site and camp for the night. He must carry out the instructions given by his Scoutmaster as to things to be observed en route. He must hand in, on his return, a log of the journey, including a sketch-map of his route. A Sea Scout may make his journey partly by water and partly by land. (In abnormal circumstances or to meet exceptional cases, the Local Association may permit modification of the requirements of this section).

Note: Normally test 25 should be the final one taken for the First Class Badge.

Quotes

"We Scouts are thinking ahead of that day when the flags of all the nations will fly free, and when the youth of the world will march again in a united procession to proclaim that by goodwill and friendliness the nations can live together in peace and security."

—The late Lord Somers.

CHINS-UP FUND TOTAL
As of December 14th, 1944
\$51,088.86



11th London Troop, Ont.; 9th Winnipeg Pack; 9th Winnipeg Troop; 62nd "C" Winnipeg Pack; 42nd Winnipeg Pack; Retiring Executive North District, Man.; 1st Beamsville Group, Ont.; 1st Dundas Group, Ont.

Guelph Boy Scouts Association, Ont.; Cubs of the Vancouver Wanguaga Pack, B.C.; 31st Windsor Scout Group, Ont.; 32nd Windsor Scout Troop, Ont.; 8th Windsor Pack, Ont.; 17th Ottawa Troop, Ont.; 1st Leamington Troop, Ont.; 1st Woodstock Group, N.B.

Mrs. T. W. Foster, Alta.; 2nd Lethbridge Pack, Alta.; 10th Calgary



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Headquarters Notices

Amendments to P.O. & R.

Sec. 6—Real Property

ALL real estate, leases, or other interests in real property belonging to Provincial Councils, Local Associations and Groups shall be vested in trustees in such manner as the Provincial Councils concerned may from time to time prescribe.

Local Associations and Groups considering the purchase of real estate, or the erection of buildings should first seek the advice of the Provincial Council.

Sec. 12A—Provincial Council Charters

The Canadian General Council grants Charters to Provincial Councils. Such Charters will give Provincial Councils jurisdiction in accordance with these rules within the area designated by the Canadian General Council for the term specified in the Charter. A Provincial Charter may be revoked for cause.

Sec. 14—Local Association Charters

On the recommendation of the Provincial Council, the Canadian General Council will grant Charters to Local Associations. Such Charters will give the Local Association jurisdiction in accordance with these Rules within the territory designated by the Provincial Executive Committee for the term specified in the Charter.

All applications for Local Association Charters shall be accompanied by two copies of the proposed by-laws and evidence that it will be in the best interests of the boys of the community and the Boy Scout Movement to have a Local Association, and that those who are making the application are in a position to perform the functions of a Local Association in a manner which would justify the issuance of a Charter.

All local Association Charters shall expire at the end of each calendar year and may be renewed by notice of re-

ton Troop, Alta.; 25th Edmonton Troop, Alta.

Spring Coulee Pack, Alta.; 5th Akela Course, Alta.; 14th Edmonton Group, Alta.; 1st Courtenay Troop, B.C.; South Winnipeg Scouts, Man.; 67th Winnipeg Troop, Man.; 27th Winnipeg (Mowgli) Pack, Man.; 71st Winnipeg Pack, Man.; 9th Winnipeg Pack, Man.; 9th Winnipeg Troop, Man.; 9th Winnipeg Leaders, Man.; 42nd Winnipeg Pack, Man.; 11th London Troop, Ont.

newal issued by the Canadian General Council, upon the request of the Provincial Council.

A local Association Charter may be revoked for cause.

Warrants Issued

District Commissioner

Wm. J. Barge, Sarnia, Ont.

Scoutmaster

Claude M. Watt, Toronto.
H. A. L. Smart, Port Arthur, Ont.
Thomas H. Aitken, Toronto.
Victor R. Bradley, Toronto.
Charles Ellmes, Toronto.
David E. Hart, Toronto.
Frederick J. Finley, Toronto.
Frederick J. Kempster, Ottawa.

Assistant Scoutmaster

Walter B. Poustie, North Vancouver, Owen C. Dulmage, Ottawa.

District Scoutmaster

Albert G. Ayres, Toronto.
Thomas B. Kemp, Toronto.
Clair J. Hoch, Kitchener, Ont.

District Cubmaster

Dorothy Hodgson, St. Catharines, Ont.

Cubmaster

Freda Isobel Pearson, Vancouver.
Viola Miller, Kitchener, Ont.
Doris E. Girloff, Kitchener, Ont.
John Campbell, London, Ont.
Elizabeth Johnston, Toronto.
Frances Gwynne, Toronto.
Ernest A. Moses, Toronto.
Gerald W. N. Fitzgerald, Toronto.
Bertram A. Lillie, Toronto.
Janet S. Paton, Toronto.
Jean Barclay, Toronto.
Doland Arthur Tong, Toronto.
Wm. L. J. Brockhurst, Toronto.
Rae Morris Weaver, Toronto.
Stanley Sutton, Toronto.
Betty Farmer, Brantford, Ont.
June M. Richardson, Guelph, Ont.
Jack Easton, Sarnia, Ont.
Thomas Clifford Babcock, Vancouver.

Assistant Cubmaster

Diana L. M. Ritchie, Lethbridge, Alta.
Hilda M. Kemp, Hamilton, Ont.
Grace K. Pollakowsky, Kitchener, Ont.
Norine M. Kehl, Kitchener, Ont.
Audrey Barbour, Toronto.
Leonard James Gibson, Toronto.

Seeds for Britain

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wood. Akela is Mrs. A. S. Mitchell, wife of Rev. Arthur Mitchell ("Pa" Mitchell of Ebor Park Gilwell days).

Has your Troop or Pack sent seeds to Britain yet. Perhaps you would like to supply a Pack or Troop Victory Garden. Address them to A. W. Hurl, Boy Scouts Association, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, England.

A page of helpful ideas
from anyone, anywhere.

THE DUFFEL BAG

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

Scouters Study Handicrafts

HIGHLIGHT of a recent bi-monthly meeting of the Windsor, Ont., Scouters' Club was a demonstration and talk on clay modelling. The demonstration was one of several planned to suggest hobby and handicraft ideas for Windsor Packs and Troops. Scout Done Gene displayed a Chinese kite he had made and told of its construction, and Scoutmaster F. S. Hunt, gave detailed plans on bird-house building. Various articles made by Cubs from scrap wood and metal were exhibited by District Cubmaster C. J. Shortridge.

A New Year's Resolution

WHILE it should not be so, it is a fact that on many Scoutmasters today rests the responsibility of developing in their boys the qualities of good character and gentlemanly deportment that formerly were acquired in the home.

COURTESY for instance. Lads from many homes of today have little idea of the courtesies, written and unwritten. Too often in the cities and towns they have the example of thoughtless or discourteous adults pushing and struggling to board street cars and buses, into and out of places of entertainment; jamming and pushing to get through station train gates.

THOUGHTFULNESS FOR OTHERS (3rd Law). Today the life of very many 'teen-age young people sounds only the note of self-amusement; the seeking of trivial entertainment at a smoke shop, drugstore or lunchroom hangout or dance place, usually to the din of a jukebox. Reversely, they are losing all inclination for the quieter and healthier enjoyments such as an evening of reading or singing or games at home with the rest of the family and young school and neighborhood friends.

The Scoutmaster's brief story-talk at the end of each Troop meeting or at the close of the summer campfire can go far toward counteracting such influences and tendencies. So we suggest as a

SCOUTMASTER'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: "For every Troop meeting or council fire circle during 1945 I will prepare and give a brief talk from *The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes* or other suitable source a talk on some angle of the Scout Law."

Scout Services Club in Australia Will Welcome Canadians

IN AN airgraph letter from Bernard Bradley, Chairman of the Scout Services Club at 38 Carrington Street, Sydney, Australia, a cordial invitation to Canadian Scouts and Scouters in the forces, who may find themselves in Australia, to visit the Club is extended. The staff is comprised of Scouting personnel, and the Club has a Scouty atmosphere which will make Canadian Scouts feel very much at home. The Club will be pleased "to afford welcome and entertainment to any such Scouts in the Forces who may come to these shores," Mr. Bradley says.

Wearing of Medal Ribbons

The problem of how to wear the cloth emblems of the different medal awards has come up because certain persons already have the Medal of Merit or Silver Acorn and have now received the Long Service Medal. All Scout Awards are worn on the right breast. The Service Medal cloth emblem is worn on the right breast at the left of the Medal of Merit Emblem. The chevron is worn with the yellow on the right.

The rare person who has been awarded a Medal of Merit and then the Silver Acorn is covered by the following ruling of Imperial Headquarters:

"The holder of a Medal of Merit or Silver Acorn on receiving a higher award should wear only one emblem—that of the higher award."

The Service Medal is in a different class from the awards "For Services of Exceptional Character" and "For Good Services", i.e. no other emblem replaces it.

✻ War Decorations ✻

Distinguished Flying Cross

W. O. C. Douglas Burrows, 22, RCAF, Cub, Scout, ASM, 6th Calgary, Alta.

Flt. Lieut. David Lloyd George Turvey, 25, RCAF, Sr. Sixer, Scout, ACM, 10th Toronto Group.

Military Cross

Lt. John Mitchell, 24, Royal Winnipeg Rifles, King's Scout, 47th Winnipeg.

Mentioned in Despatches

Lieut. Com. Keith Scobie, 22, RCN, TL, King's Scout, 14th Ottawa.

Many Scouts Commissioned

SPeAKING at the annual council meeting of the Montreal District Association, Capt. Paul W. Earl, R.C.N. V.R., cited the case of 40 original Montreal Sea Scouts who were serving with the Canadian Navy. Twenty-eight were commissioned officers, of whom three had reached the rank of commander, and three the rank of lieutenant commander.

Meteorology for Boy Scouts

SCOUTERS interested in teaching meteorology will be interested in a booklet on this subject written by Scouter Jim Hood, author of the articles on the Weatherman's Badge in *The Junior Leader*. Anyone interested may secure a copy of "Meteorology for Boy Scouts" by writing to Scouter Hood at the Meteorological Office, Military Post Office 209, Hagersville, Ont. The charge is 20c to cover costs, and only 20 copies are available.

The Clove Hitch and the Round Turn and Two Half Hitches

IF your Scouts feel that there is some similarity between the uses of Clove Hitch and the Round Turn and two Half Hitches, this explanation of the differences may prove timely.

First emphasize that each has its own very definite use. The clove hitch is used when the pull on the rope is along the length of the spar, while the round turn and two half hitches is used for pull away from the spar.

If the pull is constant the clove hitch may be used, if not the round turn and two half hitches is used. If the clove hitch is made about an object, and the standing part is pulled and pushed (this acts as putting a strain on the hitch and then relieving it) it will be seen that the hitch will gradually come undone.

On the other hand if the round turn and two half hitches is used, this action will have no effect. Thus if you are making fast a boat to a dock you would use the clove hitch as a quick means of tying up. If the craft is to be left for any length of time (especially unattended) it would be better to use the round turn and two half hitches.

To sum up, the clove hitch is a temporary means of making fast a rope to any object, whereas the round turn and two half hitches is a permanent means of doing so.