

# THE SCOUT LEADER

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## IT'S TIME TO PREPARE FOR CAMP

**T**HE successful summer camp, is the well prepared camp, so if you are planning to go under canvas this summer your plans should be under consideration. You need not go into all details just now, but there are some very important ones which should be dealt with immediately.

### Court of Honour

First, call a special meeting of your Court of Honour. Decide you are going to have a camp, and select the dates after Patrol Leaders have had an opportunity to discuss the dates with their Scouts.

Having selected the camping period, decide on the site. This may necessitate a trip or two to find a suitable site, or perhaps your Troop has one, or knows where one may be rented or secured.

### The Kind of Site

Your campsite should combine a number of things if it is to prove suitable for all purposes. It should be easily accessible. It should have a good pure water supply. It should have swimming facilities. It should be well wooded. It should be close enough to sources of food supply, and medical help for convenience. It should have fuel available. It should be in countryside suitable for hikes, pioneering and other Scouting activities.

Having found the desirable site, it would be well to take a sample of water and have it tested by your local Board of Health. This applies both to the drinking and swimming water.

### The Next Move

Having set the dates and selected the site, the next important step is financing. Here it would be well to discuss the matter with your Group Committee, as all other camp matters should be discussed. Perhaps the Committee has sufficient funds to operate the camp, but it will only know this after you have prepared a budget of camp expenditures.

Perhaps the Committee from its fund can advance part of the costs, with the balance paid by the Scouts as camp fees. One very important thing about this—don't let lack of funds keep a boy from camp. In the Scout brotherhood it should be possible to carry a few boys who are unable to pay, although it would be better to give the boys an opportunity

to earn their fees if that is possible.

In the past *The Scout Leader* has urged the use of Camp Bank cards throughout the year. If Scouts keep a Scout Camp Bank and deposit a dime or fifteen cents every week, the question of camp fees will prove difficult for no one.

Well, you have set the fees, and we have the site and the dates. Let's move on.

### Camp Equipment

What are you doing about camp equipment? Have you enough tents, shelters, cooking equipment? If you haven't then make an early bid for it. From among the boy's families it is usually possible to find enough tents for the purpose. These should be examined and repaired well in advance of camp. If the Troop does not own sufficient equipment, have each Scout provide some on loan. One Scout could provide a good axe, another a spade, another cooking utensils, and so on. Frequently in these days, military camps will lend a hand.

### Transportation

If the camp site is not too far away, the Scouts may cycle to camp. Otherwise transportation will have to be provided. Most parents will assist if they possibly can, but don't leave it until the last minute to arrange.

### As Camp Draws Nearer

As camp dates draw closer you will gradually expand your arrangements. You will decide on menus, list and purchase food supplies, visit the site, (Continued on page 120)



INGERSOLL, ONT., 1ST AND 2ND TROOPS COMBINED RECENTLY TO PURCHASE A NEW UNION FLAG FOR THE MUNICIPALITY, WHICH WAS DULY PRESENTED TO MAYOR RILEY, AS PICTURED ABOVE. THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE A FEATURE OF BOY SCOUT-GIRL GUIDE WEEK.



# The Scout Leader

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## Free or Compulsory Youth Organizations?

FROM the Toc H Youth Service Committee in Great Britain has come a "For and Against" argument on the question of compulsory youth organizations. Because it is a subject upon which Canadian Scouters should bestow some thought, we are reprinting as briefly as possible the argument as advanced by both schools of thought. We haven't a doubt what Scouters will think about the matter, but it is wise to be prepared to meet the arguments of that school which supports the suggestion that some form of compulsion be introduced to ensure all young people between the ages of 14 and 18, not still at school, do belong to something. This would apply to smaller numbers in Canada than in Great Britain, very few leaving school in this country until they are 16.

### The Argument For

There is a serious physical and moral deterioration in working boys and girls of this age. The principle of compulsion is already accepted in education, so why not extend compulsion to membership in a youth organization? A national basis for all youth work will mean better organization, less crippled by shortage of funds, and will save hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on juvenile courts, and trying to put things right after they have gone wrong.

### The Argument Against

Compulsion is foreign to the whole spirit and tradition of British youth work. Compulsion would change the whole character of existing youth organizations and simply make them distasteful to those who are at present proud to belong, or who have belonged to them.

What "sanctions" could be employed against boys and girls refusing to comply with the law? Voluntary organizations certainly would not be able

to cope with the huge influx of "pressed" boys and girls. A state youth organization is not desirable.

To this reasoning might be added this, that a compulsory youth organization would in no way obviate the necessity for juvenile courts, nor could it be an assurance that the "moral and physical deterioration" of a part of youth would be stopped. The boy who joins a youth organization because he wants to, and because of his own free will he wants to subscribe to its principles and code, is likely to become a very good citizen. On the other hand, the boy who is compelled to belong would be no more ready to stand by those principles than if he didn't belong.

No youth organization, unless it controlled to the full the spare time of the boy or girl, could possibly prevent

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CPL. DONALD HYLAND

KING'S SCOUT, AND FORMER ACTING A.S.M. WITH THE 15TH TORONTO WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED THE U.S. PURPLE HEART. HE WAS WITH THE U.S. MARINE CORPS.

juvenile delinquency, if the child did not have a moral code to guide it. Compulsory youth organizations give no guarantee of an acceptance of a moral code. It might set up the code, but it would only be carried out in the free determination of the individual.

The subject is one worthy of considerable thought by Canadian Scouters. We may possibly never be called upon to make a choice, but we should be prepared by study, to make a wise one should the time come.



## To Higher Service

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## Gilwell Camp Dates

THE following Gilwell Courses have been planned. Possibly additional dates will be announced in June. By the way, due to an error on our part the Ontario Akela Course dates were incorrectly listed last month. This month's listing is correct.

### Scout Courses

Alberta—Waterton Lakes—July 21-30.  
Manitoba—Gimli—August 4-11.  
Ontario—Blue Springs—July 16-27.

### Akela Courses

Alberta—Camp Woods—July 22-29.  
Manitoba—Gimli—July 27-Aug. 1.  
Ontario—Blue Springs—Aug. 4-11.



# SURPLUS WAR EQUIPMENT

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The War Assets Corporation has now, or will have in the near future, equipment of the following nature for sale under the terms set forth by the Minister of Munitions and Supply. Scouters and Group Committees may be interested in securing some of this equipment.

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### Important

Unless you follow this procedure your order will only have to be returned to your Provincial Headquarters and thus delayed.

### About Price

You will be notified of the price of the equipment you desire. There will be no special prices for Scout Groups, although the equipment will be attractively priced. More and more surplus goods will be coming on the market each month.

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# CARRYING ON

## Resume of Seeds for Britain Campaign

Now that the Seeds for Britain campaign for 1945 is at an end, we feel that Scouters will be interested in a resume of what has been accomplished. Well over \$200 was subscribed, and it should not be hard to imagine the huge quantity of garden seeds this has purchased for British Scout Victory Gardens and the resulting tons of produce that will come from them. The bulk of the shipments were made by Kenneth McDonald & Sons Ltd., of Ottawa. This was done for the sake of convenience.

We would like to add in this connection that Mr. McDonald is a member of the Ottawa District Scout Executive, and the manager of the company, Mr. Hugh M. Cairney, is the father of three boys who have been extremely active in Scouting. It is quite understandable then that this firm should make a very special effort to provide special prices for the seeds and to send only the finest quality in stock for these Scout Victory Gardens.

A breakdown of the donations shows that \$16.00 came from Nova Scotia, \$10.00 from Quebec, \$176.40 from Ontario, \$4.25 from Manitoba, \$2.00 from Saskatchewan, \$2.00 from Manitoba, and \$2.00 from the Yukon Territories. If there is any error in these figures we should be glad to have it drawn to our attention, or if any shipments have

been made which have not been acknowledged through *The Scout Leader*, we should be glad to have this information also.

Our thanks go out to all those who co-operated to make this drive such an outstanding success.

Donations to the fund received since the April issue of *The Scout Leader* went to press are as follows:

8th Brandon Pack, Mrs. M. McNee, Cubmaster, \$1.25.

184th Toronto Pack, Mrs. Myrtle Carter, Cubmaster, \$2.50.

Indian Boys of the 2nd Birtle Pack, Man., Miss May Kenney, Cubmaster, \$1.00.

1st Pickle Crow, Ont., Group, J. King, Scoutmaster, \$5.00.

Grassland, Alberta, Wolf Cub Pack, Miss M. Barlee, Cubmaster, \$2.00.

118th Troop, Toronto, N. Stanley Paul, A.S.M., \$1.25.

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Brandon, Man., Local Association, Mrs. T. M. Seddon, Secretary, \$2.00.

3rd Fort Francis, Ont., Pack, Hubert Preston, Cubmaster, \$1.00.

## 1,200 Hours Service

Sea Scouts at Sarnia, Ont., have completed 1,200 hours of free work at the local Blood Donors Clinic. This has meant many early risings on Saturday mornings and cold winter days, and many Saturday afternoons lost at play in the summertime. The work was begun less than two years ago. Special mention goes to Jeffrey Davis and Bill Jones, who between them have completed 500 hours.

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## Assist Red Cross

Scouts and Cubs of Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia, did their Good Turn in the national Red Cross campaign—the Scouts donating \$10 and the Cubs \$4.

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## Cubs Help Two Funds

Cubs of the First Listowel, Ont., Pack recently made 38 wastepaper baskets which they sold for a total of \$15.00. They distributed this \$10.00 to the Chins Up Fund to help their brother Scouts in Europe, and \$5.00 to the Seeds for Britain Fund to provide garden seeds for British Scout Victory Gardens. This Pack and the Troop recently held a highly successful parents' night, which was the subject of both a fine news story and an editorial in the Listowel *Banner*.

## How They Do It in Stratford

On April 7th the Scouts of Stratford, Ont., combined in a huge salvage drive. The volume collected was so great that they had to continue on Sunday morning to finish the job. One freight car filled with approximately 25 tons of waste paper failed to handle all the collection. Several trucks were left loaded until a second freight car could be secured on Sunday morning. This Stratford effort should be a reminder to Scouters all over the country that the paper shortage is more acute now than it has been for many months, and every ton of paper collected is a worthwhile service to Canada.

## Prepare For Camp . . . .

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and plan the Patrol Sites. Possibly you will start building your dam across the creek for your swimming hole, and make other needed preparations around the site. It is well to take members of the Court of Honour on these trips. They will be responsible persons in camp, and they should know exactly what is being done and how.

We have purposely avoided going into too much detail in this issue. The June *Scout Leader* will be full of camping helps—but do the preliminary work thoroughly and early, and half the battle of running a successful camp will be over.

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F.O. WILLIAM TOBIAS

A SCOUT IN THE 1ST MORDEN, MAN., TROOP, WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED THE D.F.C.



WO (EL.) E. A. WOODING

FORMER CUB, SCOUT, AND P.L. WITH THE 58TH TORONTO, AND C.M. WITH THE 1ST MIDLAND, ONT., WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED THE ALBERT MEDAL.



# About Group Committees

**L**ucky indeed is the Scout Group which has a live, interested and energetic Group Committee. There is really no reason why every Group in Canada cannot have such a committee. A good many committees fail because they are carelessly organized, because they are given nothing to do, because they do not meet regularly, or sad to say, because they are ruined by the Scouter. Let's touch briefly on some of these points.

## Committee Organization

A Group Committee of five members is usually satisfactory, but the men who constitute that membership are important. The Chairman should if possible be the father of a Scout, and members, wherever possible should be parents of Scouts. Under no circumstances should a man who cannot see a boy's

viewpoint serve on a Group Committee.

A Group Committee is not a committee of men organized to protect the church or sponsoring institution from the boys. It is a committee with the sole purpose of aiding the Scout programme, and smoothing out any difficulties which may arise with regard to meeting times and places, leadership, finances, camping, etc. The members should be willing to step into the breach when regular leadership is not available.

## Give Them Something To Do

A Committee which is named by the church or sponsoring group, and remains a committee in name only will never prove its worth. The Committee which has work to do, is the committee which will aid the Group and whose members will take a personal interest



WE HOPE YOU DON'T PUT MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP COMMITTEE TO SLEEP WITH LONG-WINDED AND TEDIOUS REPORTS. ACTUALLY THIS GENTLEMAN WAS NOT ASLEEP BUT CLOSED HIS EYES WHEN THE FLASH PICTURE WAS TAKEN. WE USE IT BECAUSE IT ILLUSTRATES A POINT. HE WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST GROUP COMMITTEEMAN TO BE BORED WITH UNNECESSARILY LENGTHY REPORTS.



in the boys and their activities. A means of maintaining interest is to arrange regular meeting nights—for instance the first Monday or the last Friday in each month. Given this lead, Committeemen will keep that day open.

Members should be encouraged to visit the Group often. They should be notified of every special event such as a church parade, parents' night, or weekend camp.

## The Scouter's Part

In the first paragraph we mention that some group committees fail because they are ruined by the Scouter. That may seem a bit harsh, but it is nevertheless true.

The Scouter who insists on running the Group Committee his way, and who despite the fact that he is only an ex-officio member monopolizes the debate is helping to ruin a Group Committee. A properly appointed committee will be a group of able intelligent men who won't like to be handled like a group of boys. The combined experience and judgment of a group of men is seldom less superior than that of one person.

Another way in which the Scouter can ruin his Group Committee is to present lengthy tiring reports of activities with too much routine detail in them. Reports should be brief, factual and interesting. Attendance, tests

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HERE IS THE 4TH OTTAWA (EASTVIEW) SEA SCOUT GROUP COMMITTEE IN ACTION. TOP, THE MEETING OPENS IN THE CHAIRMAN'S HOME. BELOW, LEFT, THE SECRETARY READS THE MINUTES, AND RIGHT, THE S.M. PRESENTS HIS REPORT. NOTICE THE TROOP COLOURS ON TABLE FRONT. THESE PICTURES WERE NOT POSED, BUT WERE FLASHED DURING A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.





*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*

(CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH)

**The First Class Scout.**—Before being awarded the First Class Badge, a Second Class Scout must have attained the age of 14 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.

## Test No. 17

**In Health and First Aid:**

- Be able to explain the functions of the principal organs of the body.
- Know the positions of the main arteries (names unnecessary) and be able to stop bleeding.
- Be able to recognize and apply first aid to a fractured arm, forearm and collar-bone, and know the importance of not moving other suspected fractures.
- Demonstrate the proper method of dealing with the following emergencies: — Fire, drowning, fainting, gas suffocation, frost bite, electric shock and breaking through ice.
- Be able to throw a lifeline with reasonable accuracy.

### Comment

- Full information will be found on page 13, First Class Scout's Book.
- Page 16, First Class Scout's Book.
- Page 19, First Class Scout's Book.
- Page 26 and succeeding pages, First Class Scout's Book.
- The Lifeline test is a new one, but is also a part of the Rescuer Badge.

A half inch hemp or manila rope should be used. Its length depends on a number of factors, the chief of course being the distance from shore of the person to be rescued. A Scout should always allow a few extra feet as it is quite unlikely that the rope will be thrown in a perfectly direct line.

For the purposes of this test, the length of throwing rope should not be less than 30 feet and not more than 50 feet.

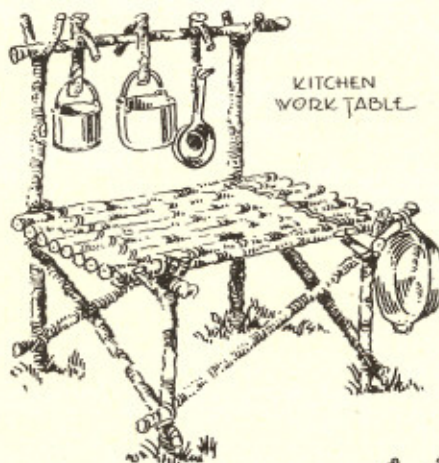
The lifeline should be pliable, and

free from kinks, turns or knots. It should be well stretched. A good method of stretching is to tie the rope taut between two trees and as high as you can reach from the ground. Then press down in the centre until it touches the ground. Then take up the slack and repeat the operation several times.

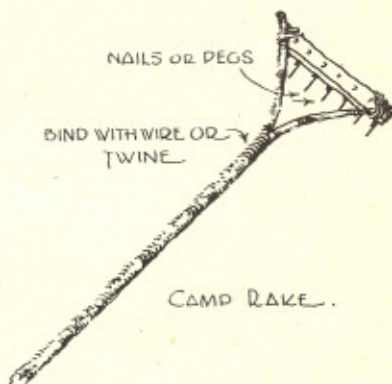
Before attempting to throw the line at all, secure one end of the line to a bush or tree (or if on a boat to a thwart). To the other end may be tied a bowline, large enough to go over the shoulders, or a small lifebuoy, or other light article that will not sink,

but which will assist the person in trouble to secure a hold on the line. If the line is weighted with anything, care should be exercised to avoid hitting the person when the line is thrown.

The coiling is most important. It should be done with an overhand turn to avoid getting kinks in your rope. Place the bowline end in the left hand to form the first coil. Then continue to coil until all the slack is taken up. Then turn the coil completely around so that the bowline end is in the right hand. Now split the coil, keeping about two thirds in the right hand, and the balance in the left. With a single side-



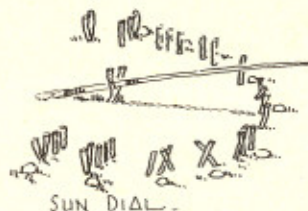
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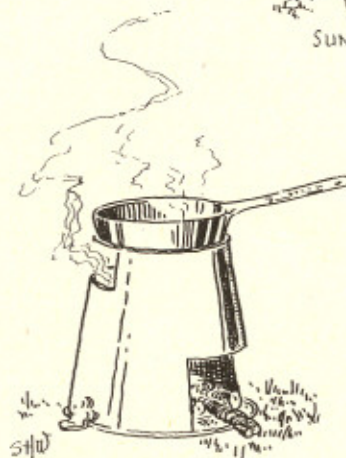
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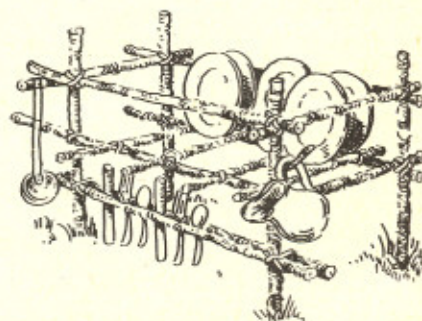
CAMP RAKE.



SUN DIAL.



BUCKET STOVE



HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS OF KITCHEN NECESSARIES AS INTENDED BY THE NEW TEST NO. 20.



arm swing, without whirling, throw the line to the person in the water.

Of course if the Scout is left handed he should be permitted to throw that way, and the procedure of coiling would be reversed. As the coil is thrown the left hand should be opened to allow that portion of the line to run free.

Lifeline throwing should be practiced where possible both from the shore and from a boat.

After using a lifeline the rope should be dried in the sun before coiling and stowing away, as wet rope quickly deteriorates.

### Test No. 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, Naturalist, Pioneer, Stalker, Starman or Tracker.

#### Comment

The swimming test is fully covered in the First Class Scout's Book, and requirements for the alternative badge tests are found in P.O.R. or the Proficiency Badge Book.

### Test No. 19

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

#### Comment

Here again the test is explained in the First Class Scout's Book. We suggest that the Scouter who is not expert in axemanship secure the services of some person in his locality who knows the subject. Of course on the prairies the alternative tests will have to be undertaken. The small model suggested may be made with meat skewers and twine for lashing.

### Test No. 20

Make a camp kitchen with open fire and other necessities and prepare therein two of the following dishes: porridge, stew, rice, or 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.

#### Comment

The cooking section of this test is fully covered in the First Class Scout's Book. The making of a camp kitchen with open fire and other necessities



BOY PATIENTS IN ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL, NEAR LONDON, ENGLAND, FORMED A BOY SCOUT TROOP, AND THEN A CRICKET TEAM, ALTHOUGH NONE OF THEM CAN RUN AFTER A BALL. HERE IS A GAME OF CRICKET IN PROGRESS, WITH THE BALL ATTACHED TO THE END OF A TAPE TO DRAW IT BACK IN.

## About Group Committees . . .

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passed, badges earned, hikes or camps undertaken, state of finances, etc., can be boiled down into a neat report which is not going to keep the Group Committee sitting until midnight.

### The Minister's Role

In most church sponsored groups the Minister is named the Chaplain. He should not be a member of the Group Committee, except in an ex-officio capacity. This is not because he would not serve well on a Committee, but rather because his duties are so multifarious that it is not fair to add to them by insisting on his regular at-

tendance and attention to Group affairs.

### Committee Guests

Some Group Committees have thought it wise to invite one of the Scout parents to a meeting, to give him an insight into the operation of the Group. It is also a means of building up future membership in the committee with men who have a knowledge of the work involved.

There is a lot more to be said about Group Committees and their operations, but these things will be fully covered in the pamphlet the Role of the Group Committee.

The Chins-Up Fund still needs your help to provide books for Scouts in liberated countries.

The paper shortage is still acute—Is your Troop helping?

is new to this test. Other necessities mean kitchen gadgets, garbage and grease pits, and arrangements for washing and handling cooking utensils.

(CONCLUDED NEXT MONTH)





## AIDS TO EFFECTIVE SCOUTING

*Shall We Meet This Summer?*

**Editor's Note.** For the answer to this perennial question we reproduce a letter sent out to Scouters in the Windsor, Ont., district by District Commissioner W. Edgar Wallace which sums up the whole matter much more neatly, and more succinctly too than we could do it. Here's what he says:

**S**HALL we meet this summer is a question which confronts most of our Groups at this time of year. There are strong arguments for keeping units active throughout the summer and there are some arguments against it. The former, in the estimation of serious thinking Scouters and Committeemen, will outweigh the latter.

For about 10 months of the year, the boy is occupied at school and with studies for a good part of the day. In July and August he has freedom from these obligations giving him plenty of leisure on his hands. Many boys will seek summer jobs and should be encouraged to do so. Others may be occupied in some other way. But with a surplus of spare time. Cubbing and Scouting are needed more in the summer than any other time.

I am aware, of course, that our leaders may be in need of a holiday from their units, so I suggest again this year, that Cubmasters, and Scoutmasters, alternate duties with their Assistants in July and August. For example, let the Assistant Scoutmaster run the Troop for July giving the Scoutmaster the complete month off. In August just reverse the method. This will solve the question from every angle.

Sometimes, I have heard Scouters say that summer attendance is so small at meetings that they are not worthwhile. An honest check on summer programming may reveal a big part of the weakness. Outdoor activities need even more careful preparation and planning than indoor. And there are plenty of suggestions in our various handbooks, many of which are available in the District library.

I admit, of course, that even with ideal conditions summer attendance may be somewhat below normal for many reasons. Is this any reason why we should deny the continuance of Cubbing and Scouting to the boys who can take advantage of regular meetings—meetings that are different—meetings outdoors in Scouting's natural home—meetings planned to help in individual advancement—meetings full of outdoor romance? Summer is our greatest opportunity so I urge all Scouters to use it to advantage.

Group Committeemen may feel their job is done for the season when at the June meeting someone makes motion of adjournment. I agree that there should be a holiday for the committee as well, but let me suggest that regular Group Committee meetings be resumed in August. Fall plans must be prepared and worked out in advance—August

is the time to formulate these with the leaders. Let's holiday from the regular committee meeting just for July and resume the active sponsorship of the Group in August.

Summer time is Cubbing time and Scouting time—let's consider the boy!!

### Standard Troop Ceremonies

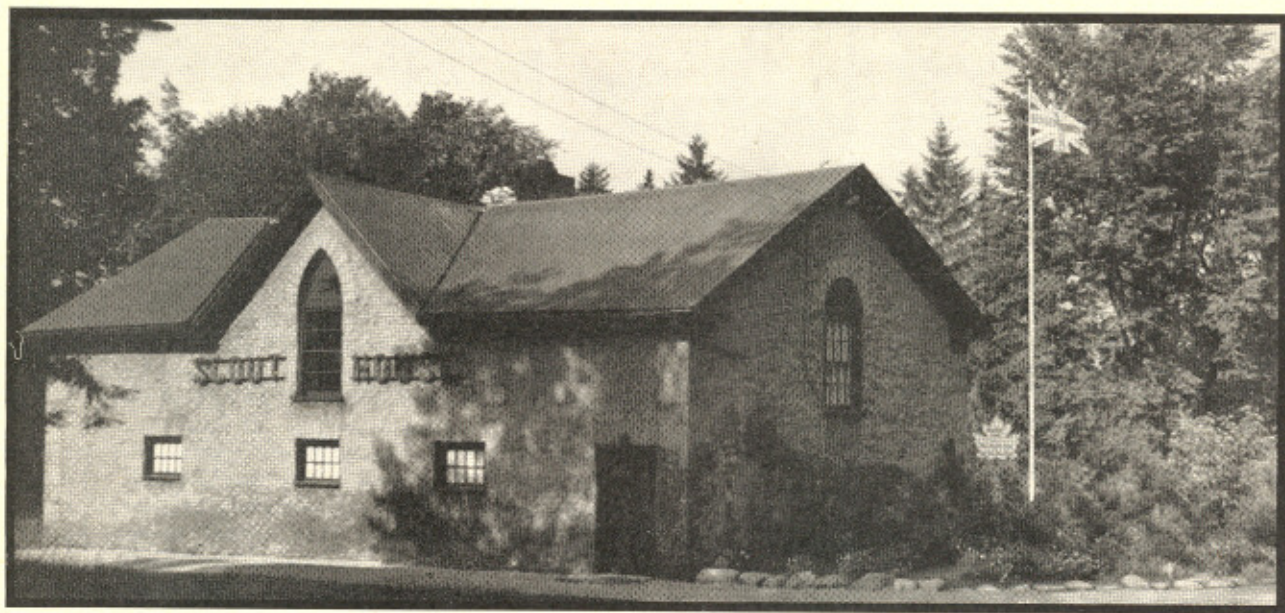
**A** LETTER from Saskatchewan asks for information on standard Troop opening and closing ceremonies. From time to time enquiries of a similar nature come to hand. We would refer Scouters to the *Scoutmaster's First Year*, for information on this subject. It appears on page 36. There is no desire however to be dogmatic on opening or closing ceremonies. There are however certain essentials, such as flag break, Scout Silence or prayers, and inspection. As long as these are worked in with proper dignity, the exact design of the ceremony is not important. The one outlined in the *Scoutmaster's First Year* is that most generally used throughout Canada. It is simple, it includes all the essentials, and draws attention to the Scout Promise—duty to God—duty to the King. For closing the pattern is somewhat the same. Of course you will not make the mistake of saluting the flag as it is lowered—just stand at the alert. This is followed then by prayers, unless

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SCOUTER MIKE CUTSEY AND HIS 5TH NORTH BAY, ONT., TROOP, ARE REAL OUTDOOR SCOUTS. THEY CAMP BOTH SUMMER AND WINTER. LEFT, ONE OF THE SCOUTS, WHO BROUGHT HIS HOMING PIGEONS TO CAMP, RELEASES A BIRD WITH A MESSAGE TO TAKE BACK TO TOWN FOR SUPPLIES. RIGHT, THE 5TH NORTH BAY LIKES THE FUN OF COOKING THEIR MEALS IN THE OPEN AIR IN MID-WINTER.





## The Story of an Old Stable . . . . and How It Became PRESTON SCOUT HOUSE

*Editor's Note.* The following story, reprinted from *Toronto Saturday Night*, tells of the ambitious scheme carried out successfully by the Scouts of Preston, Ontario, where Wilf Blum is the Scouter. Preston Scouts have done an enviable war service job. The author of this story, Miss Bernhardt, is a grand-daughter of the man who gave his old stable to the First Preston Troop for a Scout House.

IT USED to be an old stable, dilapidated, shabby. Now it is one of the finest Scout Halls in Canada.

Fifty years ago horses, cows and pigs sheltered within its substantial stone walls. Today the old beamed ceiling echoes with the exuberant voices of the First Preston Troop Boy Scouts. Preston Scout House is a dream made tangible, a vision fulfilled.

It all began some eight years ago when it became evident that more suitable quarters than the basement of a public building must be secured for the Scouts. The Assistant Scoutmaster had his eye upon an old stone building at the edge of town. No one had used it for years. The roof sagged, windows and doors were broken or minus, and the place looked what it was: neglected, and of little use to anyone.

But the old stable had possibilities, and the far-sighted boys' leader saw and believed in them. Before long he had others believing in them too. A small citizens committee was formed and they discussed the matter, warily at first, then with growing enthusiasm. The owner of the stone stables was

approached, and although nearing the century mark "old Mr. Bernhardt" as he was known in Preston, was young enough in outlook to visualize the plan. He gave the Scouts a 99 year lease on the building.

Donations flowed in. Someone donated the flooring, one firm provided a furnace, another gave material for a new roof. But the boys made Scout House. Theirs were the hands that wielded hammers, saws and paint brushes. Night after night they came out, accompanied often by fathers more experienced in the art of laying a hardwood floor or building a staircase. The inexperienced young hands which fashioned Scout House are still busy—but at more grim business. Today they are flying planes, manning ships or carrying guns, and some have already laid down their lives and "Gone Home" to use a Scouting term.

But no thought of the stern days ahead marred the happy months of creating Scout House and after about one year the building was complete. True, there were more bent nails left over than had gone into construction, but that was a minor detail. There were bruised knuckles and aching backs among the amateur carpenters—but a gleaming gymnasium floor now covered the areas where horse stalls

By CLARA BERNHARDT

and a pig pen had been ripped out. Stairs replaced the former ladder leading to the hayloft, and the loft had given place to a cosy auditorium with a diminutive stage at one end labelled "The Land of Make Believe."

The former loft is really the "piece de resistance" of Scout House, and its atmosphere is difficult to convey within the narrow scope of words. In the hand hewn beamed ceiling, the marks of the craftsman's axe are still visible in the patina age has given the chestnut wood. The main window is gothic in design, and one marvels at the artistic impulse that moved its designer to insert such a window in a common stable. Alien though it was for 100 years in the hay loft, it has come into its own at last, for the visitor's eye is inevitably attracted to its graceful antiquity.

Comfortable benches with backs, made by the boys, accommodate 100 visitors—and need to, for during the winter months, on alternate Sunday evenings after church, for the younger generation all roads lead to the Scout House Sing Song.

They dance at Scout House too. Upon such calendar occasions as Halloween or New Year's carefully super-



vised dances are arranged and for a nominal sum the lads may bring their girls.

But it is not all Sing Song and dances at Scout House. Far from it. The regular business of Scouting is carried on week after week by Cub Pack and Scout Troop, and during a typical year a total of 120 meetings were held, while a total of 3,000 individuals attended the various "Open House" affairs held there.

Just a year ago Scoutmaster Wilf Blum whipped together a program called "Campfire Dreams." The show had to go on for nine performances, and the little auditorium was filled nine times to see the show.

Yes, the Scouts and Cubs of Preston are a busy lot and it is by no means coincidence that Preston doesn't know what juvenile delinquency is.

The Scouter's annual job—re-read *Scouting for Boys*.

### ♣ War Decorations ♣

#### Member British Empire

Lt. Col. John Brice, 27, R.C.A., Scout, 27th Winnipeg, Man.

#### Military Medal

CSM W. D. Armstrong, 24, Regina Rifles, Scout, Elbow, Sask.

#### Albert Medal

W/O (E1) Ernest A. Wooding, RCNVR, Cub, Scout Cub Instructor, 58th Toronto Group.

#### Purple Heart (U.S.)

Cpl. Donald Hyland, 20, U.S. Marine Corps, King's Scout, Acting SM, 15th Toronto Sea Scouts.

#### Distinguished Flying Cross

FO William Tobias, 22, RCAF, 1st Class Scout, 1st Morden, Man.

PO James Magill, 22, RCAF, 1st Class Scout, 20th Saskatoon, Member Saskatoon Exhibition Troop.

### Visit a Shut-in on June 3rd

HERE is a new opportunity for an annual Boy Scout "Good Turn." Sunday, June 3rd, is International Shut-in's Day. In many countries an effort will be made to visit every person confined to their home or the hospital through illness. The plan has the approval and support of such eminent people as Prime Minister Churchill, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and numerous organizations such as the Churches, the Canadian Legion, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Service Clubs, and many other national and international groups. It has the full approval of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association. The sole object of the day is to encourage remembrance of the sick and disabled. Shut-in's Day comes at a time when most of us are able to get out and enjoy the beauties of nature in the great outdoors. To shut-ins this privilege is denied. Their lot can be made a whole happier by a visit from a Scout or Cub in uniform. Scouters are asked to join in this nation-wide observance and start this year by making a visit to a shut-in an annual Good Turn. International Shut-in's Day is Sunday, June 3rd.

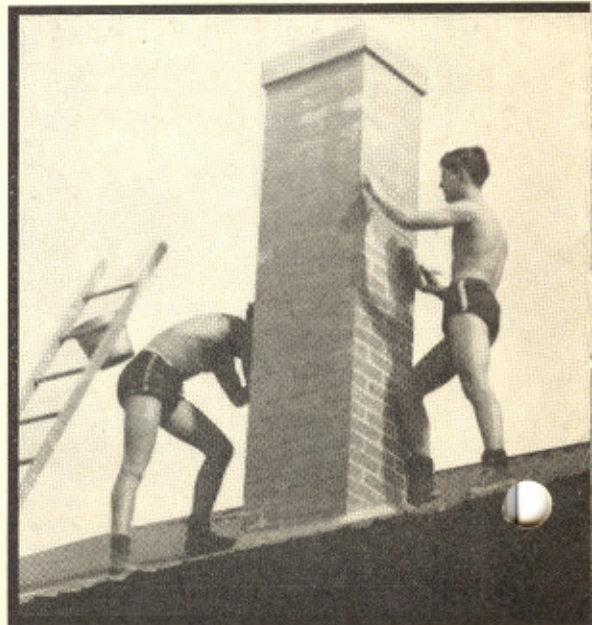
### Standard Troop . . . . .

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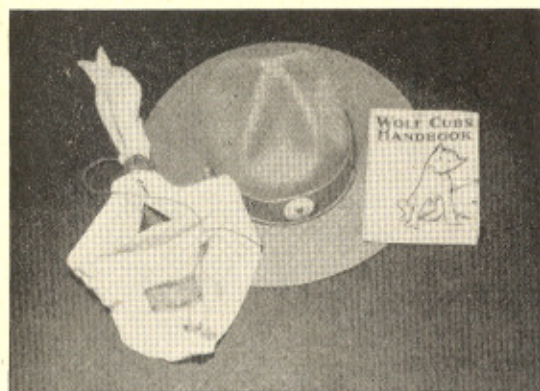
it is a very mixed group, in which Scout Silence would be preferable. Dismiss will follow this ceremony. The most acceptable Scout dismiss is the Scoutmaster's "Goodnight, boys," followed by the hand signal breakaway sign. The Troop just disperses.

HERE ARE TWO SCOUTS BUSILY ENGAGED FINISHING OFF SCOUT HOUSE CHIMNEY. ▼

▼ PRESTON'S FINE SCOUT HOUSE, WHEN IT WAS JUST AN OLD DILAPIDATED STABLE.







## PRACTICAL CUBBING

### Review Night

6.30 *Assembly of Pack*—Sixes in lairs. Roll.

6.40 *Grand Howl*—Cub Silence (explain). Prayer. Announcements.

6.50 *Pack Instruction*  
Review

1. Council Rock and Circles.
2. Meaning of Grand Howl.
3. Handshake and Salute.

Introduce

4. "Campfire or candle around which yarns are told."
5. Pack Totem Pole—page 65, *Wolf Cub Handbook*.

(From time to time new pieces of equipment should be brought in to help get and maintain atmosphere, viz., lair screens, council rock, moon, etc.)

7.05 *Game*

1. *Empty the Bucket*—Beside Cub in centre of room is placed a pail full of small balls. Pack spread all around room. On Go the Cub starts to empty the bucket by throwing

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LT. ROGER MACLELLAN  
FORMER MEMBER OF THE 2ND NEW  
GLASGOW, N.S., TROOP, AWARDED THE  
MILITARY CROSS.

#### Courtesy

**CUBS should be taught to address their Cubmaster as Akela,—"Yes, Akela," "Please Akela," never, it should be unnecessary to say, as "Fred" or "Charlie" etc. This has happened.**

—The Cubmaster's First Year.

out the balls one at a time, the Pack retrieving same and putting them back into bucket. The idea being to see if the Pack can beat the Cub.

7.15 *Six Instruction*

*Making Animals*—Each Six given a pile of beans from which they are expected to shape out a model of an animal, viz., rabbit, bear, elephant, etc.

Another way—Out of paper each boy cuts or tears his idea of an animal. The winning Six is that with the best representations.

7.30 *Story*—"A Race With Sioux Indians"—*Potted Stories*, page 121.

7.45 *Games* (Circle type)

1. *Whack 'Em*—Pack in circle. All bend inward, hands behind back. 1 boy falls out holding a knotted scarf. He runs around outside the ring and quietly places the scarf in the hands of one of the Cubs, and retires to his own place in the circle. The Cub holding the scarf tries to whack his right-hand neighbor before the latter can get away, and runs around the circle back to his place. The pursuer gets in as many vigorous whacks as he can before the pursued reaches safety, then proceeds himself to place the scarf in the hands of another Cub, and the game proceeds as before.

2. *I Have a Little Dog*—*Book of Cub Games*, page 7.

3. *Filling up the Gap*—*Book of Cub Games*, page 7.

8.00 *Grand Howl, Prayers.*

Good night, Pack, Good Hunting.

### You Can Get Leaders!

OUT in Calgary, Alberta, there was a shortage of leaders. The local association decided to do something about it. With the co-operation of a number of large stores advertisements were placed in the newspapers drawing attention to the need for leaders for both Cub Packs and Scout Troops. We haven't heard the final results yet, but a story in the *Calgary Albertan* on April 10th quotes R. G. Nelles, chairman of the "Appeal for Leaders' Week" as saying "By Monday night we had obtained the names of 24 volunteer leaders." The objective of the campaign was fifty new leaders, to make possible the re-opening of 13 Troops and 8 Packs which have been closed for lack of leaders. The drive included the co-operative effort of the city's Scouters, who approached their friends and associates. Plans were made for district training courses to help the new leaders get started, and model Cub and Scout meetings were presented to enlist public support. All in all it was a well planned effort, and doubtless will have very favourable results.

#### Put Out Bush Fires

Returning from a Good Friday Hike, the 4th Hamilton (All Saints) Troop discovered no less than three bush or grass fires which they promptly put out. One fire had burned away 50 yards of newly sodded embankment. An empty cigarette carton pointed to its origin.

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AB JAMES WRIGHT  
FORMER MEMBER OF THE 4TH NEW  
GLASGOW, N.S., TROOP, WHO HAS BEEN  
AWARDED THE D.S.M.



# SCOUTING IN HISTORY

## A SKIT FOR CAMPFIRE CONCERT - PARENTS' NITE

*Note. This is the first of several skits which we plan to reproduce in "The Scout Leader" in the next few months. They are taken, with permission, from the "Boy Scout Show" staged by the Vancouver District in the Point Grey High School during Scout-Guide Week. The show was staged and directed by Scoutmaster John Wickham Barnes, well known Vancouver Radio producer. These skits will be found useful for parents' nights, concerts, and campfire programmes.*

**NARRATOR:** Ladies and gentlemen. Most people will tell you that Scouting began in 1908, but believe me, they are all wrong. All the most famous people in history were Scouts, some good, some bad. In the following short scenes, we will show you some glimpses of Scouting through history. Indeed, this may reveal things you never knew before. So watch.

First of all, let's look in on that famous King, Alfred the Great, and see how he got along in his Scout life.  
**CURTAIN** (half only)

*(King Alfred is sitting by a campfire. He wears a Scout uniform, crown on his head, criss-cross tapes down his legs in Saxon fashion. He is very sleepy and holds a twist well into the fire.)*

*After a moment the Goodwife enters. She wears a shawl over her head, and a coarse gown fastened around the waist by a girdle of cord. She stands, hands on hips, looking at Alfred, then goes to the fire and snatches away his stick. She examines the twist, burnt quite black.*

*Alfred wakes up, gets up, smells twist, then backs up, holding his nose).*

**GOODWIFE:** So you want me to pass you in your Cooking test for the First Class Badge. Look at that! Burnt to a cinder! I certainly won't pass you.

**ALFRED:** Alas, Goodwife, I fear I shall never pass my First Class badge.

*(He takes the twist from the Goodwife, and accidentally hits himself on the head with it. He rubs his head for a moment, then gets an inspiration.)*

**Gadzooks!** I have invented a new weapon to fight the Danes with! Hooray.

*(He rushes about the stage brandishing the weapon. Hits Goodwife on the head and she falls down cold.)*

**BLACKOUT.**

**NARRATOR:** Yes, all through history, Scouts have used the food they have cooked for all sorts of things. Sometimes they even eat it! Maybe we ought to blame it on good King Alfred. But now let us turn to a very romantic period of British history, as we look in on one of the jolliest Scout Troops in history,—Robin Hood and his merry men.

**CURTAIN.**

*(Campfire in the middle of stage. Characters as follows: Robin Hood—green shirt, Tyrolean hat with huge feather. Little John—very tall Scout, also in green.*

*Maid Marion—Girl Guide uniform.*

*Friar Tuck—very fat Scout, wearing a Parson's hat.*

**ROBIN HOOD:** I now declare the Court of Honour of the Sherwood Forest Troop open.

**LITTLE JOHN:** I move that Robin Hood be re-elected as Troop Leader, this time for life.

**ALL:** Hear, hear.

**ROBIN HOOD:** Thank you; and I propose that Little John be made a Second.

**ALL:** Hear, hear.

**MARION:** And I move that Friar Tuck be re-elected as Chaplain of the Troop.

**ALL:** Hear, hear.

**ROBIN HOOD:** And now we have to elect a Troop Treasurer.

**FRIAR TUCK:** Hm! A most important post.

*(A member of the Troop rushes in.)*

**SCOUT:** Robin Hood! The Sheriff of Nottingham is riding down the King's highway. Look!

**ROBIN HOOD:** The Sheriff of Nottingham! Ha, my merry men, listen! I propose that the Sheriff of Nottingham be made our Troop Treasurer.

*(Robin Hood aims an arrow and shoots it out. A shout of pain and the Sheriff rushes in hanging on to an arrow sticking in his pants. He wears a large hat.)*

**SHERIFF:** This is an outrage! *(Pulls out arrow).* Robin Hood, you'll pay for this!

**ROBIN HOOD:** On the contrary, you'll pay. I have the honour to inform you that you have been unanimously elected Honorary Treasurer of the Sherwood Forest Troop. And we know how pleased you will be to hand over the funds you have been collecting. We have our safe in yonder blasted oak. Hand it over!

*(Little John and Friar Tuck relieve the Sheriff of his purse.)*

Ah, good! A thousand thanks, good Sheriff. Now make sure that all the boys in Kerrisdale pay their dues on time, won't you? Ha, ha.

**BLACKOUT.**

**NARRATOR:** Yes, the Sherwood Forest Troop was a real backwoods outfit. They were the best campers of their time. Now you all know that King Ethelred was called the "Unready," because he was never prepared to deal with anything or anybody. However, once, on a very special occasion, he did make a sincere effort to 'Be Prepared'. This is how it happened.

**CURTAIN.**

*(The King is sitting in a chair in C. He wears a long Scout shirt with a belt around the waist, criss-cross tapes down his legs. Holds a stave in his right hand, wears a crown on his head. A Scout enters and bows low.)*

**SCOUT:** Your Majesty, the Scouts of Vancouver are delighted that you have consented to attend the great Kerrisdale Field Day.

**KING:** Yes, rather good of me, isn't it? It's all because I like your motto 'Be Prepared'. Very good motto. Suits me very well. Always like to be prepared. Now where's my stave? Dear me, I had it a moment ago!

**SCOUT:** Er, Your Majesty is holding your stave in your hand.

**KING:** *(Examining his hand)* Hm, so I am . . . er, thank you, my boy.

**SCOUT:** Is Your Majesty ready to start for the Field Day?

**KING:** Ready of course I'm ready! Where's me crown? Me crown? Ethelthwithel, Ethelthwithel!

*(Second Scout enters and bows to the King.)*

Ethelthwithel, find my crown for me at once.

**ETHELTHWITHEL:** Yes, your Majesty.

**KING:** We must find my crown.

*(They both look for it. Finally get down on hands and knees and bend forward to look under the chair. They bump heads violently. Then spring back.)*

**ETHELTHWITHEL:** Pardon me, your Majesty, but I think I've found your crown.



KING: Good, where is it?

ETHELTHWITHEL: (pointing) There.

KING: (feels his head) Dear me, how stupid! I wonder who put it there?

SCOUT: Is your Majesty ready . . . yet?

KING: Ready? Of course I'm ready. I'm always ready! Wait a minute. Where's me pants? (Hoists up his shirt to reveal nice pink underpants. He wails) I can't go without me pants!

(They hunt for the pants) Oh dear, it's no use. I'll never be ready. Go to the Field Day without me. Tell them I'll send them a donation instead!

BLACKOUT.

NARRATOR 1: And so dear old Ethelred couldn't manage to 'Be Prepared' after all. Now we pass quickly to the seventeenth century to a scene with Guy Fawkes, who, as very few people know, was quite a keen Scout in his time. He failed to pass one of the Second Class tests, but unexpectedly gained a much higher badge.

CURTAIN.

(The stage is dark, only light enough to reveal a large wine-barrel at L. Guy Fawkes enters furtively. Over his uniform he wears a large cape and huge hat. He creeps in, looks around, hears a noise, and ducks behind the barrel. Enter two Scouts, first one with a candle).

SCOUT 1: I'm sure I saw someone come in here. Ah, I see a man!

SCOUT 2: (very timid) A man. Oh! (starts to run off).

SCOUT 1: Come back, thou scurvy knave! He'll d-d-do thee no harm. I have him c-c-covered with my p-p-pistol.

FAWKES: (steps forward) Good sir, shoot not. And take care of thy candle. It's fire-prevention week.

SCOUT 1: What dost thou here? Look, gunpowder! Canst thou by any chance explain?

FAWKES: Aye, I can. I am a Scout, and I fain would pass my fire-lighting test.

SCOUT 1: Aha! So thou fain wouldst pass thy fire-lighting test, eh? Well, that thou canst not do. But I fain would arrest thee and give thee instead thy all-round cords, and King James will pass me for my knotting test. Ha, ha! BLACKOUT.

NARRATOR 1: And so Guy Fawkes passed on to higher things. Well, not long after that there was a Troop Leader named Oliver Cromwell, whose motto was "Trust in God and Keep Your Firewood dry." Which only goes to prove that Scout camps all through history are generally wet. Anyway, to Oliver.

CURTAIN.

(At left stands Cromwell, dressed in shirt and shorts, with large white Eton collar instead of neckerchief. At right stands the Commissioner with a red cushion, on which lies a very large King's Scout badge).

COMMISSIONER: Your Highness, having passed your First Class and four Proficiency Badges, you are now entitled to wear the treasured badge which lies on this cushion.

CROMWELL: No, I care not for honours. Take it away. Er . . . one moment, what badge is it?

COMMISSIONER: The King's Scout badge.

CROMWELL: The King's Scout badge, did you say? No, take it away. Er . . . one moment, let me look at it. Hm! Pretty thing isn't it? (picks it up) What's this, a crown! Oh, so you would have me accept the crown! No, I cannot do it. Begone with your symbols of royalty! BLACKOUT.

NARRATOR 1: Well, now you know why Oliver Cromwell refused to accept the crown. While these things were

going on, the Scouts were beginning to function in America, far across the seas. Here's the story behind one of the most famous episodes in United States' history. Meet George Washington and his Dad.

CURTAIN.

(Washington stands in centre stage, wearing American uniform, horn-rimmed glasses, chewing gum, with a small axe in his hand. At his feet lies a small black-cherry branch. His father, dressed as a cowboy, wearing an enormous hat, comes in).

FATHER: Say listen, Georgie. What've you been up to now?

GEORGE: Aw pop, I ain't done nuttin'. That is . . . I . . .

FATHER: None of that stuff, kid. Did you or did you not chop down that cherry tree?

GEORGE: Aw gee, Pop, I just can't tell a lie. Yep, I dood it!

FATHER: Well, you're gonna get a lickin'. What'd you do it for?

GEORGE: Well I'm sure sorry, Pop. But I gotta get some practice in axemanship for my First Class!

BLACKOUT.

NARRATOR: Well, at least he was a good Scout to be honest about it. But we mustn't forget the Sea Scouts. Here is the story behind the great Battle of Trafalgar. Everybody get ready to sing 'Rule Britannia', as we see that the great hero of his day, Horatio Nelson, really wasn't as efficient a Sea Scout as he should have been.

CURTAIN.

(Nelson is standing centre, dressed as a Sea Scout. One arm of his jersey is loose and pinned up to his breast. By his side stands another Sea Scout, telescope in hand. Across the front of the stage is the railing of the bridge).

SCOUT: They're signalling, sir. (looks through telescope).

NELSON: What's the signal?

SCOUT: They are signalling C-E-A-S-E—E-I-R-E, "Cease fire," sir.

NELSON: Blast! They are, eh? The blighters, and just when we were getting along so fine. Here, give me the telescope. (looks through it) Ha, splendid! I have an excellent excuse. They are signalling in Morse, and I can't read it because we only learned Semaphore in our Troop. Continue the battle. I see no signal!

BLACKOUT.

NARRATOR: Through little things like this events of history are made. And now, come with us to our own West Coast, where we will show you how, in 1808, Simon Fraser failed to receive his Pathfinder's Badge because of red tape at Headquarters. (or you could dramatize your own local history).

CURTAIN.

(Fraser is discovered in centre, in uniform and coon-skin cap and mocassins. Behind him are two Indians, stripped to the waist, with tomahawks, etc. A Commissioner comes on).

COMMISSIONER: Well, Simon, as Commissioner of the District, I would like to see your Pathfinder's map.

FRASER: Here it is. (He unrolls tremendous map). You will see how I found the mouth of the Fraser river by the red lights of the Vancouver airport. You will note that there is a monument to myself at the north end of Patullo bridge.

COMMISSIONER: Hm, this is quite good. But where is the part of the map showing Hell's Gate.

FRASER: I lost that when I shot the rapids.

COMMISSIONER: Shot them! Don't you know a Scout is kind to animals?

FRASER: I said rapids, not rabbits!

COMMISSIONER: Oh! Well—did you register your gun? Have



## Headquarters Notices

THE following warrants have been approved by His Excellency the Governor-General Chief Scout for Canada.

### District Commissioner

Bruce Grant, Fort William, Ont.

R. D. F. Bourne, Hamilton, Ont.

### Assistant District Commissioner

Hannah M. Schroeder, St. Catharines, Ont.

### District Scoutmaster

Earl Lawrence Conway, New Glasgow, N.S.

### Scoutmaster

Rev. Walter Harris LeGrow, Fitzroy Harbour, Ont.

John Bruce Cotey, Toronto.

Leo A. St. Louis, Windsor, Ont.

Ernest V. Thompson, Simcoe, Ont.

Kenneth S. G. Riley, St. Eustache Sur le Roc, Que.

A. W. Holloway, Cap de la Madelaine, Que.

George Arthur Long, Toronto.

Thomas Henry Preston Toronto.

### Assistant Scoutmaster

Archie H. Jackman, Toronto.

Franklin B. Brand, Winnipeg, Man.

### Cubmaster

Murray Oliphant, Toronto.

Russell L. Miller, Toronto.

Edward A. Beavis, Toronto.

Alice Backman, White Rock, B.C.

Robert L. Bennett, Noranda, Que.

William R. Foulkes, Winnipeg.

William A. Walker, Sarnia, Ont.

Glyn F. Turner, Toronto.

Anne Tuckwell, Toronto.

### Assistant Cubmaster

Albert R. Boyce, London, Ont.

Andrew A. Russell, Toronto.

Muriel Grace Moore, Toronto.



ONE OF CANADA'S GRAND OLD SCOUTERS, EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER BILL SOLWAY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, RECENTLY WENT INTO WELL EARNED RETIREMENT. TO MARK THE OCCASION THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA PRESENTED MR. SOLWAY WITH HIS LONG SERVICE MEDAL. THE PRESENTATION IS PICTURED ABOVE. MR. SOLWAY WAS ALSO PRESENTED WITH A PURSE OF GOLD CONTAINING SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS, THE GIFT OF THE SCOUTERS AND SCOUTS OF THE PROVINCE.

## Keen for Training

FIELD Secretary John Howarth of Manitoba tells an interesting story of a Bronze Arrowhead training course he conducted at Swan River. There were 17 boys from the surrounding territory taking part. Billeting arrangements were made by the Court of Honour of the Swan River Troop. Five of the 17 were Lone Scouts. One hiked

7½ miles to meet the Bishop's messenger for a ride to Swan River, another hiked 10 miles from Mafeking to Baden for the same purpose. By the way those names have a good B.-P. sound to them. During the course Lone Scout Eric Holland of Minitonas was presented with his King's Scout Badge.

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you a permit to carry a gun? Have you a license to shoot? Are you old enough to carry a gun? Where's your fire permit?—

FRASER: Wait a minute! Do I have to worry about all that? Then I'll give the country back to the Indians and go home. Here. (*gives the map to the Indians and stalks off*).  
BLACKOUT.

NARRATOR: And finally, our Scouting Through History would not be complete without a word about Captain Vancouver. Captain George Vancouver brought Scouting to these parts on June 13th, 1792, when he tried out for his Pilot's Badge in English Bay. Let's see how he got along.

CURTAIN.

(*Vancouver stands in centre, in uniform and cocked hat. A Sea Scout stands behind him*).

VANCOUVER: Now that I have arrived in English Bay, I think I'll try for my Pilot's Badge.

COMMISSIONER: Are you sure you really know your stuff?

VANCOUVER: Well, after all, we got this far, didn't we?

COMMISSIONER: True enough. Now, point me out some

landmarks.

VANCOUVER: Well, over there is Point Atkinson, Hollyburn and the British Properties. Ahead is Stanley Park. Right now we're going into the harbour under the Lion's Gate bridge.

COMMISSIONER: Holy smoke! I just remembered, we don't know the special signal for today.

LOUD BOOM FROM OFF-STAGE.

VANCOUVER: Wow! Signal the engine-room. They may hit us if they shoot at us again. Let's get out of here! (*exits back*).

COMMISSIONER: (*to audience*) Thank goodness we can forget about the Pilot's Badge. Due to wartime restrictions we're fresh out of them, anyway!

BLACKOUT, and

CURTAIN.

NARRATOR: And there, ladies and gentlemen, you have the proof that Scouting is no new-fangled notion, but that all the heroes of our glorious heritage have played their parts in Scouting Through History. Thank you!

BLACKOUT.



## CHINS-UP FUND



ON its way to Ottawa just now is a book *Le Premier Pas du Scout*. It is one of the basic Scout books used by the Boy Scouts of Belgium, and it is next in line to be printed by the Scouts of Canada as a contribution toward the rehabilitation of Scouting in Europe. On the press just now are 5,000 additional copies of the Polish book, the previous 3,000 copies being exhausted.

It is anticipated that other books will be needed as time goes forward, and money contributed to the Chins-Up Fund now is applied to these printings.

Among the contributions listed below will be found one from the 2nd Ingersoll Troop. This Troop recently contributed \$30 to the Seeds for Britain Fund, the largest individual Troop contribution in Canada. Not resting on the laurels of that accomplishment the Troop is now helping out with this effort.

Another contribution of \$50 comes from the Glace Bay, N.S., Scouters' War Salvage Fund, which reflects a double good turn—the collection of salvage and the aiding of this fund.

There is also a second contribution from the 8th Oshawa Sea Scouts. This came about as did a previous donation by that Troop providing plans for a Kayak, which were offered through *The Junior Leader*. A large number of boys from all over Canada ordered the plans, and the proceeds were turned over to the Fund.

Also will be noted a gift from the Chew and Chin Club of Ottawa. This club is just a group of Scouters who gather in an Ottawa restaurant for lunch almost every day, and talk Scouting. A Club was formed with a President, and all the other members as Vice-Presidents. Membership fees are charged and turned over to the Fund. This represents the first fee collection.

Up to April 13th the Fund totalled \$54,857.86. Not listed in these columns

are Toronto donations which are handled direct.

A Dutch Leader, N.S.; 27th Hamilton Scout Group Ladies' Auxiliary, Ont.; 1st Walkerton, Ont., Troop; Glace Bay, N.S. Scouters' War Salvage Fund; Mrs. Caroline A. Milburn, Cal-

gary, Alta.; Hawk Patrol of the 27th London, Ont., Troop.

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### Ladies—Watch Out

UP in Bruce Diggins, Ont., the ladies of the community are going to take lessons from the Scouts on salesmanship. Recently the Troop staged a cake selling campaign. The Scouts obtained 52 cakes and sold 51 of them. Where did the other one go? Need you ask? The Scouts ate it of course.

Respect the child. Be not too much his parent. Trespass not on his solitude.  
—Emerson.

### Mother's Day, May 13th

SUNDAY, May 13th, will be Mother's Day. Here is an opportunity for a Mother's Night at the Pack or Troop. Make it one of those informal nights where mother may see what their boys do at Cubs or Scouts. Have the boys provide refreshments and serve them. Just for once let the mothers be entertained instead of doing the entertaining. You will not need an elaborate programme. Just the regular type of programme such as staged from week to week will prove just as interesting as any elaborate specially prepared affair. Try it—and let us hear how you make out. An idea from the U.S. is to present each mother attending with a rose or carnation.

Children need models more than they need critics.  
—Joseph Joubert.

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FO JOHN K. BROWNHILL  
KING'S SCOUT, ROVER, AND 1939 GILWELLIAN, AND CUBMASTER OF THE 3RD FORT ERIE, ONT., PACK, WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED THE D.F.C.

### Press Opinions on the Boy Scout Movement

*Vancouver News-Herald*—This is a week worthy of commemoration in an age when the problems of our growing boys and girls are recognized of the greatest importance to the welfare of our nation and indeed to our civilization—it is worth while to a movement which recognized and acted upon these problems long before they attained the prominence they now hold.

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*Guelph, Ontario, Mercury*—What organization has such universal appeal as the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movement? There does not exist today even a religious Movement with the following and acceptance won by these twin workers of good. People of all faiths and political and racial colours recognize its value as a force for good.

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*Regina Leader Post*—National Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week is indeed a time for justifiable pride in every boy and girl who belong to the organizations and pride and co-operation of every adult in the invaluable citizenship and character building attributes of these splendid movements.

**The Right Inspiration**  
*THE Provincial Executive Commissioner of British Columbia recently sent us an account of the work of two Groups on Vancouver Island in behalf of the Chins-Up Fund. "It only shows," he says, "what can be done with the right inspiration." Here's the story. The 1st Tofino Group, 6 Scouts and 12 Cubs, from the salvage and sale of bottles made \$25.00 for the Fund. The other Group—the Quamichan-Duncan, with 21 Scouts and 23 Cubs, from sale of work earned \$100 in 1944, and \$75 so far in 1945, for the Chins-Up Fund. In this latter case all items of work were either made or collected by the boys themselves.*

### Lone Scouts Have Broadcast

LONE Scouts of Nova Scotia now have their own broadcast. It is to be heard each week at 12.30 noon and the voice of the Lone Scouts is known as "Screech Owl." In addition to talks and short dramatic pieces there will be a Mailbag, in which the broadcaster will answer letters recently received.

Who feels injustice; who shrinks before a slight; who has a sense of wrong so acute, and so glowing a gratitude for kindness, as a generous boy?

—Thackeray.

### Salvage Aids Training

Guelph, Ont., Scouts staged a salvage drive for rags and bottles on April 14th, with the proceeds going to help provide additional quarters for the training of Scouts.

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