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BOY SCOUT—GIRL GUIDE WEEK

A Report of Activities from Coast to Coast

OUR fifth observance of Boy Scout Week, and our second in co-operation with the Girl Guides Association has passed into history. Undoubtedly it was a great success, and the Movement should benefit from the public interest engendered by the hundreds of events staged all over the Dominion.

We are not able to give a very elaborate picture of what happened, but we are telling the story through statistics culled from the hundreds of newspaper clippings received through our Press Clipping Service.

Acknowledgments

First however the occasion must not be permitted to pass without acknowledging with gratitude the contribution made by the Press of Canada which gave a tremendous amount of space to

the observance; to the radio stations, both CBC and private, which gave more generously of their time than ever before; to the commercial broadcasters who devoted special salutes or used spot announcements on their programmes; to the advertisers who generously used space in their newspaper advertisements, and to the government and civic officials who co-operated to make the week a memorable one.

It is difficult to select individuals for special mention, but gratitude must be expressed to His Excellency the Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the Empire, Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide, Lord Rodney, a Brownsea Island camper, Col. E. S. Wigle of Windsor who made such a splendid broadcast, Winston Curry



A CLOSE-UP PICTURE OF THE CARVED PLAQUE PRESENTED TO THE RETIRING CHIEF SCOUT BY THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION. IT WAS CARVED BY A FRENCH-CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.

who devoted his programme to the Movements, and several others.

Scouter-Producer

We feel that very special mention should be made of John Wickham Barnes, CBC producer, and one of our own Vancouver Scoutmasters who wrote and produced the feature broadcast, "Tomorrow—Their Day" which was heard over the national network, besides other broadcasts of a more local nature. Mr. Barnes has produced special feature broadcasts for several years, and has contributed in no small way to the success of each Scout Week observance.

Dominion Headquarters has tried to express the gratitude of the Movement to all newspapers and radio stations which co-operated, and it is to be hoped that locally every Association will remember to write their newspaper and radio station to thank them for the generous support given.

It is impossible to give a word picture of the many huge rallies, church parades, banquets, etc., which were held, but we are going to mention one or two things of special interest.

Special Items

In London, Ont., Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies took part in a

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IN APPRECIATION OF HIS INTEREST AND SERVICE TO THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT IN CANADA, HIS EXCELLENCY THE EARL OF ATHLONE, FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS CHIEF SCOUT OF THE DOMINION, WAS PRESENTED WITH A BEAUTIFUL CARVED PLAQUE. THE PRESENTATION, PICTURED ABOVE, WAS MADE BY GERALD H. BROWN, HON. DOMINION SECRETARY, WHO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE CHIEF SCOUT'S "INSPIRATION AND LEADERSHIP." HIS EXCELLENCY EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT WHAT HE HAD SEEN OF SCOUTING IN THIS COUNTRY.

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The Spiritual Implications of Scouting

IN times of distress and need, man invariably turns to God. Many men found religion for the first time in their lives in the foxholes of the battlefield, or when they were in imminent danger of U-Boat attack in the middle of the ocean. There is something in a man's make-up that compels him, when he no longer trusts in the power of mankind, to turn to the limitless power of the Almighty for comfort, strength and succour.

This dependence upon God is the keystone of the arch which is Scouting, and without which the whole structure of the Scouting programme would come tumbling to the ground. The first part of the promise is—On my honour I promise . . . to do my duty to God.

This is not the first part of the promise by chance. It is a recognition of the place of the Deity in the life of the boy, and the Scouter who is intent only upon passing tests, getting a large number of First Class or King's Scouts, has missed the whole aim of Scouting, when he neglects that first part of the promise.

The clever Scout—the Scout with lots of badges—who can cook, and hike, and build, and signal, and read a map—is very much to be desired—but the whole purpose of Scouting is lost, unless we build character with ability. There are many clever people, some diabolically clever and able—who have little of what we call character.

The Scouter who professes to follow B.-P. utterly fails to follow him when he neglects the first part of the Scout promise. He can help a Scout or Cub fulfil his duty to God, by encouraging him to attend the church of his persuasion. He can encourage him by example, by regular attendance at church himself, by living that kind of life

which embodies all those principles which "Duty to God" implies.

There is little real pride in being the Scouter of a unit which is proficient in all things but duty to God. Regular attendance, steady advancement, neatness of appearance are virtues much to be desired, but unless they serve the one great purpose of helping the boy to "increase in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man," they may become mere operations of a human machine.

The challenge to good Scouting—better Scouting—is ever before us. The keystone of the whole structure of Scouting is "Duty to God" and if we neglect that, we fail not only the man who gave Scouting to the world—but we fail the boy whom we profess to serve.

Scouting is a means to an end, not an end in itself. The good Scout is the



LEFT: TELEGRAPHIST T. H. VLACHOS, 1ST CALEDONIA, ONT., TROOP, AWARDED BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL.

RIGHT: RADIOMAN JAMES D. KERR, KING'S SCOUT, 1ST CALEDONIA, ONT., TROOP, AWARDED BRONZE STAR MEDAL, (U.S.).

Scout who lives his promise and carries out all the implications of his Promise:

Duty to God,
Duty to the King,
Helpfulness,
Obedience to the Scout Law.

It is a vital and serious job a Scouter takes unto himself in giving leadership to a Pack or Troop or Crew. He may be successful in all the Scouting arts, but he fails when he neglects Duty to God; he fails in the one great opportunity that Scouting has, to make a contribution to "Peace on Earth and Goodwill toward Men." Let us not fail.

Lady Baden-Powell will be in Canada in May, and Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the Empire in the Fall. Be sure your Cubs or Scouts are fully uniformed for these occasions.



To Higher Service

★
Flt. Sgt. Ray Gile, 25, RCAF, Troop
Leader, Winnipeg.

✦ War Decorations ✦

Victoria Cross

Hon. Maj. John Weir Foote, 31, Chaplain, Army, Scout, 1st Madoc, Ont.

Military Cross

Hon. Capt. John O. Anderson, 33, Chaplain, Cub, Stonewall.

Distinguished Flying Cross

FO George Reynolds, 21, RCAF, Cub Sixer, Scout, 6th London, Ont.

British Empire Medal

Telegraphist Theodore H. Vlachos, 22, RCN, Scout, 1st Caledonia, Ont.

Bronze Star Medal (U.S.)

Radioman James D. Kerr, Jr., 21, U.S. Navy, King's Scout, T.L., 1st Caledonia, Ont.

A Good Stunt

BOB STARK, Scoutmaster of the 9th Saskatoon Troop, sends along this idea which has proved successful in his Troop. Five minutes before Troop meeting begins a quiz question is pinned on the bulletin board and points are awarded to the Scout who first answers correctly. Questions deal with Scouting, local history, happenings at previous meetings, and general knowledge. Here are some typical questions:

Five years ago yesterday something happened that affected Scouting all over the world. What was this? (This was the day after the fifth anniversary of B.-P.'s death).

What are the following materials used for in the purification of Saskatoon's water supply? 1. Compressed air; 2. Chlorine Gas; 3. Alum.

Five points will be given the first person that (rest of stunt is in morse code).

A picture is posted with this query: Where was this picture taken? What does it depict? At what season of the year was it taken?

As will be seen the stunt has endless possibilities.

Boy Scout—Girl Guide Week . . .

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special "Sidewalk Theatre." It was staged in the Public Utilities Commission window, and included exhibitions of knot tying, lashings, model building, Cub jungle dances and demonstration meetings.

In Quebec City His Excellency the Chief Scout and the Princess Alice attended the Scout-Guide service at the Sillery Church and inspected the Scouts and Guides following the service.

In Woodstock, Ont., the Boy Scouts presented the municipality with a new Union Jack for municipal use.

In Montreal 750 Patrol Leaders and Scouters attended a banquet at which Major General A. E. Walford was the guest speaker.

In Toronto 100 Scouts who had earned their King's Scout Badges in the past year had a big banquet of their own with Syl Apps, the Toronto Maple Leaf Hockey star, as speaker.

At Sudbury, Ont., the Scouts appeared before the Mayor and offered their services to the city for the entire week. Scouts ran errands after school hours and conducted a traffic patrol on the downtown intersections.

In Bowmanville Scouts and Guides held a rally and programme the proceeds from which, \$125, they turned over to the Amputations Association. It was accepted by Col. Sidney Lambert, head of the Amputations organization, who attended the event.

Climaxing Scout-Guide Week activities, 150 Scouts and Scouters of the Halifax District had a winter outing to the Lone Cloud Reserve at Miller's Lake. They went by bus and car to the trail leading to the campsite and then hiked in and across the lake to the island. Skating, skiing, tree felling, chopping, estimating, second class fire lighting and cooking were all included in the day's programme. A sing-song in the cabin, a feed of molasses kisses, and then they hiked back along the trail to the main road, and then home. It was a memorable occasion.

Some Statistics

The following presents only a partial picture of Scout-Guide Week. We have had only clippings from newspapers to go by, and at the time of writing all clippings were not in. In several larger centres, listed for instance under banquets or church services, or father and son nights this would be multiplied many times over.

Here's a quick picture, coast to coast, of what happened.

British Columbia

Parents' Night—Trail, Cranbrook, Kimberley, Revelstoke, Vancouver, Victoria.

Banquets—Langford, Trail, Victoria, Vancouver.

Church Services—S. Vancouver, New Westminster, Trail, Vernon, Cranbrook, Kimberley, Revelstoke.

Cub Rallies—Vancouver, Victoria.

Scout Rally—Vernon.

Joint Rallies—Vancouver, Victoria, N. Vancouver, Trail, Vernon, Kimberley.

Service Club Addresses—Victoria.

Leaders' Rallies—Vancouver, Victoria.

Alberta

Parents' Night—Edmonton, Calgary, High River.

Banquets—Edmonton.

Church Services—Lethbridge, High River, Edmonton, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Red Deer, Brant-Ensign, Wetaskiwin.

Joint Rallies—Edmonton, Longview,

Lethbridge.

Flag Raising Ceremonies—High River.

Service Club Addresses—Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat.

Sports Meeting—Edmonton, Calgary.

Hobby Show—Calgary.

Saskatchewan

Parents' Night—Saskatoon, Regina.

Banquets—Yorkton, Indian Head.

Church Services—Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Indian Head, Regina, Yorkton, Mamont.

Cub Rally—Moose Jaw.

Scout Rally—Moose Jaw.

Joint Rally—Saskatoon, Indian Head.

Service Club Address—Saskatoon.

Leaders' Rally—Moose Jaw.

Manitoba

Parents' Night—Winnipeg.

Church Services—Flin Flon, Winnipeg, Brandon, The Pas, Portage la Prairie.

Joint Rallies—The Pas, Brandon, Winnipeg.

Service Club Address—Winnipeg.

Ontario

Parents' Nights—Woodstock, Peter-



OTTAWA SEA SCOUTS, UNDER A.D.C. JAMES GLASS AND SCOUTMASTER GEORGE ASHE, ARRANGED THIS ATTRACTIVE SCOUT-GUIDE WEEK DISPLAY IN OTTAWA'S LARGEST THEATRE, THE CAPITOL. THE DISPLAY WAS SEEN BY OVER 25,000 PEOPLE DURING THE WEEK.



ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS OF CALGARY'S SCOUT-GUIDE WEEK CELEBRATIONS WAS THE CHUCKWAGON RACES. LEFT, THE 27TH TROOP PROUDLY DISPLAYS THEIR OUTFIT BEFORE THE RACES. CENTRE, CUBS OF THE 6TH PACK LISTEN AS CHUCKWAGON CHAMP DICK COSGRAVE

GIVES DETAILS OF HIS SUCCESSES AT THE CALGARY STAMPEDE. RIGHT, THE 6TH TROOP OUT FOR A PRACTICE RUN IN PREPARATION FOR THE RACES. THE RACES ATTRACTED HUGE CROWDS. CALGARY STAMPEDE OFFICIALS GAVE INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE IN THE ARRANGEMENTS.

boro, Sudbury, Windsor, Sarnia, Brantford, Oshawa, Belleville, Stratford, Kirkland Lake, Barrie, Port Colborne, Hamilton, Simcoe, Aylmer, Timmins, St. Mary's, St. Thomas, Welland, Dunville, London, Cornwall, Paris, Guelph, Kitchener, Tavistock, Burk's Falls, Chatham, Dundas, Port Burwell.

Banquets—Woodstock, Ottawa, Port Hope, Westboro, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Peterboro, Sarnia, Port Credit, London, Hamilton, North Bay, Guelph, Chatham, Toronto.

Church Services—Chatham, Sudbury, Wallaceburg, Kingston, Woodstock, Timmins, Peterboro, Ingersoll, Fort William, Belleville, Brantford, Westboro, Ottawa, Port Hope, Kirkland Lake, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Cornwall, Stratford, Barrie, Port Colborne, Owen Sound, Grimsby, Welland, Simcoe, Walkerton, St. Mary's, St. Catharines, Tavistock, London, Guelph, Niagara Falls, St. Thomas, Tillsonburg, Sarnia, Hamilton, Bowmanville, Alliston, Leamington, Oshawa, Toronto, Cottam, Napanee, Waterloo, Port Burwell, Aylmer, Brampton.

Cub Rally—Woodstock.

Joint Rallies—Wallaceburg, Peterboro, Fort William, Kemptville, Sault Ste. Marie, Walkerton, St. Catharines, Ottawa, Brockville, London, Brantford, Port Arthur, Niagara Falls, Tillsonburg, Bowmanville, Brockville, Collingwood, Welland, Sudbury, Stratford, Hamilton, Exeter, Thessalon, Englehart, Plattsville, Port Dalhousie.

Flag Raising Ceremonies—Kingston, Sudbury, Brantford, Port Colborne, St. Mary's, Oshawa, Kitchener, Welland.

Service Club Addresses—Woodstock, Timmins, Belleville, Napanee, Hamilton, Brampton.

Hobby Shows—Brantford, Windsor,

Peterboro.

Flag Dedications—Port Hope, Brantford, Ottawa.

Sports Meeting—Kirkland Lake.

Leaders' Rallies—Toronto, St. Catharines.

Hikes—Peterboro.

Quebec

Parents' Nights—Montreal, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Verdun, Rouyn-Noranda.

Banquets—Montreal, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Joint Rally—Grand'Mere.

Service Club Address—Montreal.

Hobby Show—Montreal.

Sports Meeting—Montreal.

Leaders' Rally—Sherbrooke, Montreal.

New Brunswick

Parents' Nights—Saint John, Moncton.

Banquets—Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, St. Stephen.

Church Services—Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton.

Joint Rallies—Saint John, Moncton, Fredericton.

Hikes—Fredericton.

Nova Scotia

Parents' Nights—Sydney, Trenton, New Glasgow, Halifax.

Banquets—Halifax.

Church Services—Sydney, Halifax, Dartmouth, Kentville, Bridgewater, New Glasgow, Woodside, New Waterford, Wolfville.

Scout Rallies—Sydney, Dartmouth.

Joint Rallies—Halifax, Stellarton, Truro.

Service Club Addresses—North Sydney, Dartmouth.

Hobby Shows—Sydney.

Prince Edward Island

Banquet—Charlottetown.

Joint Rallies—Charlottetown, Summerside.

Service Club Address—Charlottetown.

Leaders' Rally—Charlottetown.

We would again emphasize that these statistics are not complete, but are taken only from newspaper reports received in this office. The report does, however, give a picture of the widespread observance of Scout-Guide Week, and the multiplicity of events. Joint rallies refer to either rallies of Scouts and Cubs, or rallies of Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies.

1946 Gilwell Training Courses

Scout Courses

British Columbia—July 13th-23rd.

Alberta—Aug. 17th-23rd.

Saskatchewan—July 2nd-July 11th at Lebret.

Manitoba—July 28th-Aug. 5th.

Ontario—Two courses, July 15th-July 26th; August 19th-August 30th, at Blue Springs.

Quebec—to be decided.

Maritimes—July 9th-July 19th, place to be decided.

Toronto and Hamilton, Weekend Courses.

Akela Courses

British Columbia—Aug. 17th-24th.

Alberta—Aug. 24th-Sept. 2nd.

Saskatchewan—July 13th-July 20th, at Lebret.

Manitoba—July 18th-July 26th.

Ontario—Two courses, July 27th-August 3rd; August 10th-August 17th, at Blue Springs.

Maritimes—August 3rd-August 10th, Lone Cloud Reserve, Miller's Lake, N.S.

Toronto, Weekend Course.

Extracts from

THE Chief Scout's OUTLOOK

by LORD ROWALLAN
Chief Scout of the British Empire



Headquarters Notices

ONE of the Chief Scout's final acts on behalf of the Boy Scouts Association before leaving Canada was to approve and sign the following warrants of appointment.

Assistant District Commissioner

Stanley D. Rooke, Lethbridge, Alta.
Alan A. McInnes, Duncan, B.C.

District Scoutmaster

Wilfred J. Clementson, Toronto.

Scoutmaster

Charles N. Benthall, Oak River, Man.
Alan F. D. Short, Calgary, Alta.
Reginald K. Cleverdon, Toronto.
George T. Anderson, Charlottetown, P.E.I.
James S. Walker, Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Eldon F. McCallum, Woodstock, N.B.
Rev. Adam Crisp, Golden, B.C.
Sidney R. Lowthian, Regina, Sask.
Robert Gordon Stark, Saskatoon, Sask.

Assistant Scoutmaster

Ernest S. Radcliffe, Calgary.
Glenn R. Bilton, Calgary.
Bernard A. Willey, Calgary.
John A. Davies, Toronto.
William G. Clennett, Calgary.

Cubmaster

Robert G. Black, Calgary.
Marion E. Gibson, Calgary.
Adolph R. Thompson, Calgary.
Mary M. Thurber, Longview, Alta.
Frederick G. T. Foster, Toronto.
Denis Linthwaite, Toronto.
Glen H. Metcalfe, Toronto.
Marjorie F. Purkis, Toronto.
Frank A. Simpson, Toronto.
John K. Witherspoon, Toronto.
Winifred L. Gorrell, Calgary.
Kenneth Brooke Wrigley, Saskatoon, Sask.

Assistant Cubmaster

Edythe C. Dagg, Calgary.
Robert W. Lyons, Turner Valley, Alta.
Betty B. Brooks, Toronto.
Betty B. Brooks, Toronto.
William C. Henderson, Toronto.
Ivy W. Linthwaite, Toronto.
Olive R. Simpson, Toronto.
Elizabeth Y. Wood, Toronto.
George W. Mountain, Fredericton, N.B.

**A Correspondence Course
... A Training Camp ...
A Fully Equipped Scouter!**

I WANT to refer to an article in *The Victorian Scout* of August 15th, 1945:—

Orders

The practice of concluding an order with the word 'Please' has been noticed lately. It has even been defended on the ground that it sets an example of courtesy to the Cubs. There is some confused thinking here. An order is not a request. A direction supplemented by 'Please' is. Lurking behind the habit is the idea that giving an order implies imposing a degree of hardship, however slight.

The truth is quite the opposite. The receipt of an order confers the privilege of voluntary, prompt and cheerful obedience. Though no Cub can be expected to think it out in these terms, members of the Pack with the right atmosphere will instinctively feel it to be so. This is not to say there are no opportunities for courteous requests in the leader's dealings with the Pack, there are in fact plenty; but, in the routine management of the Cubs, orders are a vital feature of the training and should be expressed as such, not softened down into requests.

I cannot impress this idea too strongly on the Movement. It is so excellently put, and is an essential part of discipline, and applies as much to Scouts and Rovers as it does to Cubs. In a somewhat namby-pamby world we all stand on our dignity and say "we are not going to accept orders from so-and-so and so-and-so," we are afraid to give orders in case they are not carried out, and if we are afraid, they certainly won't be carried out.

On Cubs Marching

I think it is important, however, to realise our limitations, and one very definite limitation is that

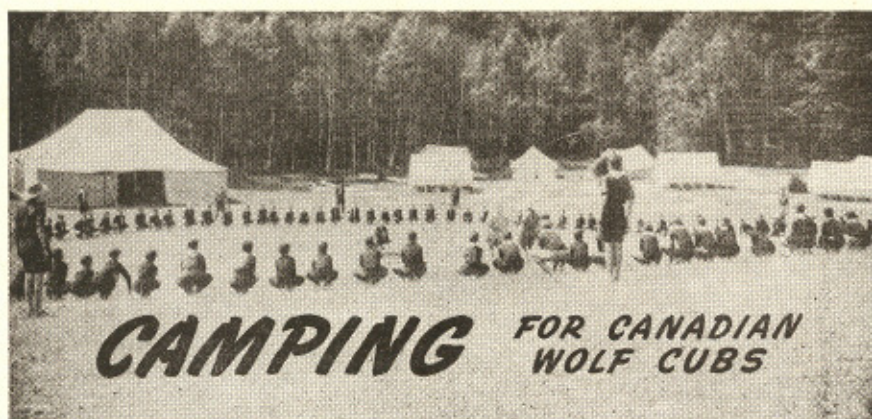
Cubs cannot be expected to "March Past" and any attempt to do so will only meet with failure. Why not accept this, and instead of trying to march past, go past the saluting base in a Pack, round their Akela, lifting up their caps and making as much noise as they like as they do so. In this way the broad smiles which are always on their faces will have some object, and it is even possible that the person who is taking the salute may be able to compete with the big drummer on the opposite side of the column. This is, I am sure, the only solution to the problem.

You will have been delighted, as all of us at I.H.Q. were to see that His Majesty has been pleased to honour Sir Alfred Pickford, who is too well-known to need any further comment from me. Our congratulations go to him, and our hope that he may long be spared to enjoy the honour conferred. (Sir Alfred Pickford was a visitor to Ontario in 1938, attending the annual meeting in Kitchener).

Finally, thank you for all the birthday, Christmas and New Year's greetings which you sent me from all over the world. I hope they have been acknowledged, but if they have not, please accept this acknowledgment and my assurance that it was not through ill-will but just because there were so many that in spite of all my efforts, I failed.

Rowallan.

Mother's Day is May 12th. An opportunity to speak to your Cubs and Scouts on the subject "Honour Thy Father and Mother."



Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of three articles to appear in *The Scout Leader* in the next three months. They will deal with every phase of Cub Camping, both theoretical and practical.

Part One: Camping for Cubs

It is now so widely recognized that Camping is an essential feature of "Scouting for Boys", that an article on Camping in the Troop need deal only with such questions as "Where", "When", and "How". But no one considers Camping essential for Cubs and many leaders quite honestly doubt whether it is even desirable. Therefore, any article on Camping for Cubs must first attempt to give a satisfactory answer to the question—"Why".

Why—Cub Camping?

Consider first Jimmy, your typical nine or ten year old Cub. Jimmy doesn't have to be sold on the idea of camping with the Pack. From the moment the idea is first mentioned, Jimmy looks forward to the thrill of living outdoors with the Pack, and to the fun and excitement of the swimming and the games. Then, too, he revels in the romance of the hikes to new and unexplored country and the songs and stunts around the campfire. In short, Jimmy thinks of camp as a superlatively happy time and a wonderful adventure.

How about Jimmy's parents? Their first concern is that Jimmy have a happy, healthy holiday in the open air and in the process, make a start towards learning to live and take care of himself outdoors. Secondly, they wish Jimmy to have the experience of being completely away from his home and family—perhaps for the first time in his life—and of having to get along with a group of boys his own age twenty-four hours a day.

Knowing Your Cubs

Akela has all these points in mind, but he also can look forward to the

opportunities which only camp presents for developing a "happy family" spirit in the Pack, and for coaching Jimmy in all those Cubby activities which are so hard to work into the regular Pack program. Most important, though, from Akela's point of view, is the unique opportunity camp presents for the study of his Cubs, for "in a few days in camp you will learn more about them than in many months of ordinary meetings."

This quotation from the Handbook just about sums up the purpose of Cub Camping, from Akela's point of view.

But all this is mere theory. To gain a real idea of what Cub Camping can accomplish, nothing can equal a visit paid to a really good Cub camp, to see for yourself how busy and contented your young Cubs can be. There is no finer place than camp to learn the Cub

for group committeemen, or adult help in some other activity.

You will have noticed how repeatedly I have stressed "good" camping. For Cub Camping is emphatically an activity which must be done well or not at all. A poorly planned or irresponsibly run camp can spoil a Cub's future in the Scout movement. In addition the adverse reports that will circulate may reflect on the status of Scouting in the community for years.

Many leaders can recall hair raising memories of one of those desperately poor Cub camps one runs across occasionally. Disillusioning experiences with such camps are usually at the root of the misgivings with which many districts look upon the whole idea of Camping for Cubs.

No Joint Camps

Admitting, then, that Cub camping must be "good" camping, what are the distinguishing characteristics of a "good" Cub camp? First of all, a Scout camp and a Cub camp are very different affairs.

A Scout camp is a "School of the Woods." Your Scout goes camping to learn the art of caring for himself in the out of doors, and to practise camp cooking, pioneering, and woodcraft. A Cub camp has no such purpose—its elementary lessons in campercraft and camp housekeeping are quite incidental to its primary purpose of giving to each Cub, a happy and healthy holi-

By CUBMASTER W. H. SMITH

way of being happy—"that of helping other people, and particularly Akela." In other words, our old friend the Golden Rule.

Good and Bad Camps

Then again, ask Jimmy's parents, after his return from his first camp. They will tell you how Jimmy bounced in, brown and happy, with his eyes shining, and how, for two whole days, he chattered on about the marvelous things he had done, with the words tumbling out so quickly that they had only the vaguest idea of what he was describing.

Reports of a good camp (or of a bad one) spread amazingly and one of the principal benefits of a really good camp is the marvelous advertisement it is, for the Pack and for Scouting generally. Parents whose boys have been to a really Cubby camp are first class prospects when you are looking

day. Therefore its whole outlook and program are very different.

This does not mean that the lessons Jimmy learns at camp will be of no use to him later on in the Troop, nor does it follow that Cub camping will "take the edge off" Jimmy's enthusiasm for future Scout camping. On the contrary Cub camping can form as fine a foundation for real Scout camping, as Cubbing does for any other Scout activity.

One very important aspect of the entirely different natures of Scout and Cub camping is the axiom that "you can't mix 'em." In other words, no "combined camps". They just don't work out and the inevitable result is the destruction of the value of both camps. Neither the Cubs nor the Scouts gain the benefits they should. In spite of all warnings, a few people each summer will attempt to combine the

Pack and Troop camp.

Not An Easy Task

It is very easy to take a negative attitude towards such activities as Cub camping—to place so much stress on the possible difficulties and dangers that its positive benefits are obscured and the whole idea bogs down and smothers. No one can claim that Cub camping is easy or that a Cub camp can be a success without a great deal of preparation, imagination, and plain hard work on the part of those responsible.

But the results which can be achieved are well worth the effort required; and leaders should keep camping in mind as one of the most worthwhile activities the Pack can engage in, when and if local conditions permit.

Local Conditions

"Local conditions" is one of the points which will crop up continually in your plans for camp, injecting itself into discussions on tents, sites, swimming, cooking, or what have you. Probably one of the most significant tests of our abilities as leaders is the success with which we are able to take advantage of local conditions—to induce them to work with us instead of against us.

The fact remains that any Pack, when planning a camp, cannot help but have those plans influenced by such factors as the availability of tents and campsites. Other specifically local problems are camp finances, locations and safety of swimming places, and

the fact that, in many parts of Canada, the family summer cottage is an established institution.

The war, and the leadership, transportation, and supply problems it brought, held back all forms of camping during the last few years. However, in spite of all this, Cub camping went forward in many parts of the country.

Certainly, both parents and the public generally have shown an increasing appreciation of the value of camp training

for boys of Cub age. With the return to peace time conditions, we are going to be faced with a mounting demand for Cub camps. If Scouting is not prepared to meet this demand, other organizations will, and we will have lost a fine opportunity of increasing the value of our work.

Types of Camps

One of the factors which has contributed to the recent development of Cub camping, has been the growing tendency of Local Associations to assist groups in their camping programmes. And this tendency has by no means been confined to the larger cities. Different districts have gone about it in different ways.

Some have gone to the length of organizing District Camps, to which any Cub may come as an individual, but of course with the consent of his Cubmaster. A Cubbie variation of this is the camp where all arrangements are made by the district, including site, tents, meals, etc., but where Packs attend camp as Packs, under the supervision of their own leaders, who are responsible for the boys and for the programme.

Still another idea is a camp where the district provides the campsite, tents, a kitchen and probably a camp warden, but the individual Packs arrange transportation, cooking and catering in addition to programme.

Of course many excellent Cub camps are organized in their entirety by individual Scout groups, with the Cub camp either preceding or following the regular troop camp and using the same

MEET BILL SMITH

Cubmaster W. H. Smith, the author of this series of articles on Cub Camping, is a product of Winnipeg Scouting. He has a background of sound Scout experience, having as a Scoutmaster, R. Ken Jordan, formerly Executive Commissioner at Windsor, Ont., and now Executive Commissioner for British Columbia.

Before the war, in which he served as a Lieutenant (Special Branch) with the Royal Canadian Navy, Bill Smith was an active Scouter in St. Catharines, Ont., where he was Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs. He took his Akela Course in Manitoba in 1935.

Bill has had very considerable personal experience in Cub Camping, and we saw him in action last summer at the Ottawa District Cub Camp—and even if it embarrasses him we must add—were much impressed. He has been working on these articles for several months, and we believe that they will make a very real contribution to the material available on this subject. Cub Camping is growing apace throughout the Dominion, and these articles should prove of value to those district Associations and individual Groups planning to enter this field.



AT A CUB RALLY IN VANCOUVER LT. COL. CECIL MERRITT, V.C., M.P., TOLD THIS GROUP OF CUBS HOW THE LESSONS HE HAD LEARNED IN SCOUTING DAYS HAD HELPED HIM ON THE BEACHES AT DIEPPE WHERE HE WON HIS VICTORIA CROSS.

equipment. The "capital cost" of the equipment for a good camp is far beyond the financial resources of a Cub Pack and, where camping is carried on by an individual group, strong support from a very active group committee is required.

Some Problems Solved

As we look ahead, some of the war's technical advances offer promise of solving at least two persistent camp problems—mosquitoes and poison ivy. Then again, one of these days, nylon fabrics impregnated with vinyl plastics will provide us with groundsheets which won't perish and will even stand up to all the wear and tear which only a Pack of lively Cubs can subject them to.

But this is mere detail. The essential features of camping will remain unchanged. Camp will represent Akela's finest opportunity of learning to know and understand each of his Cubs.

It is quite impossible to express in mere words the unique satisfaction of looking back at a happy Cub camp. Probably Gilcraft has described it as well as possible when he says,—

"If you have already tasted the joys of a Cub camp, there is no need to suggest further indulgence. If you have not, I envy you the great treat that is in store for you."

END OF PART ONE

Compass Game for Cubs

CUBMASTER W. F. Oldham of the 39th Winnipeg Pack, sends along this Cub Compass Game—a new twist to an old game. Cubs are lined up in Sixes, and extend arms for open order. Leader stands on side most nearly approximating North, and designates that direction as North. Calls out any of the eight main compass points, and Cubs turn in that direction. Cub making mistake sits down. Game is continued until only one Cub is left in. To give the Cubs time to think out their directions it is well, when first playing the game to call—South—Go—North—East—Go—the Cubs moving on the word Go.

High Courage Rewarded

TROOP Leader Ross Brown of the St. John's Troop, Victoria, B.C., has been awarded the Cornwell Badge in recognition of his remarkable fortitude under most difficult conditions. Ross is suffering from an incurable disease—tuberculosis of the kidney, and his great ambition is to become a King's Scout. His rector says of him "he faces the future with the most

amazing courage and cheerfulness," while his Scoutmaster, Major J. Wise, wrote of Ross recently: "It needs courage of a very high order to be always smiling and cheerful under the circumstances, more especially when a boy knows he is suffering from an incurable disease. To my mind, such courage is of an infinitely higher order than that which inspires some act of great bravery performed on the spur of the moment, because it has to be continuous and from it there can be no respite." His Excellency the Chief Scout approved the award as one of his last acts before leaving Canada.

April 15th is the deadline for sending subscriptions to the Seeds for Britain Fund. The need is great. Do your bit.

The new edition of Policy, Organization and Rules (P.O.R.) is now off the press and available at your Provincial Headquarters.



TEN YEAR OLD SIXER WILLIAM SINCLAIR, OF THE 123RD TORONTO PACK, IS PRESENTED WITH A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT BY HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR SAUNDERS, IN RECOGNITION OF SPLENDID FIRST AID GIVEN WHEN A CHUM INJURED HIMSELF WITH AN AXE. HIS CUBMASTER, J. S. ADAMS, WITNESSES THE PRESENTATION.

Parents-Teachers Sponsor Scouts

AT Chase, B.C., the Parent-Teachers' Association sponsors the Scouts and Guides and gives every co-operation in providing quarters and workers for these organizations. It is interesting to note that the Principal of the Public School at Chase is Mr. Frank Bower, formerly Provincial Executive Commissioner for the Province of Alberta.

Request Soon Filled

SCOUT Headquarters in Montreal West received a request some weeks ago for a mechanical toy engine for the five year old son of a British soldier. Many telephone calls came in offering help, and from Verdun came an engine and from Notre Dame de Grace came tracks and cars to make a complete set. The set was overhauled and repainted in Montreal's splendid Toy Shop and forwarded to England to reach the little boy for his birthday.



AIDS TO EFFECTIVE SCOUTING

Plan a Field Day

A MOST successful annual affair is the North Winnipeg District's Scout Field Day which has been held for the past six years in Kildonan Park.

We are reproducing here the programme of events, so that other districts might arrange similar events. Scouts are asked to bring their parents and their supper and tea is provided for the parents (who bring their own sugar).

Only invested Scouts are permitted to take part. No Scout is permitted to take part in two events unless all others have entered in one, and similarly no Scout may enter in three events, until all other Scouts have entered in two.

The point system provides 4 for first, 3 for second, 2 for third, and 1 for fourth.

The Competitions

Attendance. Based on percentage of the number of Scouts on the Troop Roll attending the field day.

Inspection. Takes place immediately upon arrival so the boys of each Troop should arrange to meet at some convenient place so that the whole Troop will arrive for inspection at the same time. Troop in line formation, only uniformed Scout and Scouters to be inspected, others will step back three paces. Full summer uniform of hat, shirt, neckerchief, shorts and stockings should be worn. Garter Tabs, Patrol Shoulder Knots, rank, grade, and proficiency badges should be in their proper places and badges sewn down all round. Percentage of invested Scouts in uniform will also count, and in the case of a tie, Troops with all Scouts in the same colour shirt will be declared first. Points will be awarded on the percentage basis to give large and small Troops an equal chance. First Troop to be inspected will break flag, others will salute flag after they come to the alert for inspection.

Staff Drill. As given in *Scouting for Boys*, pages 214 and 215. To be conducted by the Scoutmaster with uni-

formed Scouts in line. Minimum of 8 Scouts.

Tumbling. This to consist of Somersault, double somersault, two boys at a time beside each other, dive, 4 boys dive over 1 boy, 3 boys dive over 2 boys, 2 boys dive over 3 boys and 1 boy dives over 4 boys. Flip over leader laying on his back.

Silent Signals. As given in the *Scoutmaster's First Year*. Conducted by the Scoutmaster.

Knotting. Tenderfoot Knots, plus Guy Line Hitch, and Timber Hitch. To be conducted by umpire in form of a relay race. Each boy when he runs to the umpire will be given a card on which is written the use of a knot. He must tie it correctly using the proper rope or ropes, etc. Elapsed time as well as correct knots will count. Each Troop to bring its own ropes. Team of 8 boys.

Pioneering. Framework for a shelter large enough for two boys to sleep in, made of staves and ropes only. Each Troop can choose its own type of shelter to build, but it must be built by four boys only. Design and proper lashings to determine winner. Teams should "be prepared" to tell umpire how shelter should be finished off if

proper material was available. A set time will be announced at the field day for inspection of the shelters by the umpire. Team of 4 boys.

Life Saving. Throwing a life line properly. Team of 4 Scouts, each boy has two throws, which should go over the dummy. Number of times line fall over dummy to count. Afterwards one boy will be told to be a patient the other three will demonstrate artificial respiration, each Scout taking over from his predecessor after he has pressed down at least five times. All four boys should know how to throw the line, apply artificial respiration and tell umpire what else should be done for the patient after he has been revived.

Tracking. Follow a trail of Scout signs made of natural material such as grass twigs, etc., and identify 6 different trees, not shrubs. Team of 1 Scout.

Signalling. Semaphore, team of 4 Scouts, two signallers and two writers. Procedure, signal as given in old First Class Scout book to be used. Correctness, speed and style to count. Each team to bring their own flags. Teams will be penalized for delay in getting started.

Signalling. Morse, same as in Semaphore above. (Umpire to give teams their message in both semaphore and morse).

Emergency Squad. Team of 6 boys. Each team must be prepared to do any of the second class or first class tests. This event will consist of 4 tests which each boy in the team will have to take part in, and no team will know what the various tests are until they arrive at each station as they go over the course. Total elapse of time over all, plus correctness and speed of each test to count.

Presentation of Awards. Takes place

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A SESSION IN TRACKING—ONE OF THE PRACTICAL SUBJECTS SCOUTERS STUDY AT A GILWELL TRAINING COURSE. THIS IS A SCENE FROM THE ONTARIO COURSE AT BLUE SPRINGS SCOUT RESERVE.

immediately competitions are completed after which three cheers will be given for the umpires, and also three cheers for the members of the Mother's Auxiliaries for looking after supper arrangements. The flag will then be lowered and the National Anthem sung.

Hi Fellows— MEET MY DAD

SOUTHERN Area Commissioner A. A. Smith of Montreal sends us a report of an outstanding Scout-Guide Week programme staged by the Woodlands Troop, at Verdun, Que. The meeting was just what the heading to this story implies.

Invitations were mailed out to all Scout fathers the week before Scout-Guide Week, inviting them to attend the next meeting of the Troop.

Thirty-four fathers turned out. The Troop Leader called the meeting to order and explained the various signs and signals used by the Troop.

The dads were then instructed to fall in with their sons—and from that point on dropped their parenthood and became "rookies". One of the Scout dads in R.C.A.F. blue broke the flag; the entire assembly repeated the Scout Promise, and inspection followed. Several "rookies" lost points.

The dads were then introduced to the Troop. A snappy horseshoe formation was made. Commencing with the first Patrol—the first Scout stepped smartly to the centre of the horseshoe, and making a sign to his fellow Scouts said: "Hi fellows—Meet my Dad." The father waved to the Troop, stepped back in line, and this procedure was followed until all fathers had been introduced.

A game followed; then the dads went to Patrol Corners with their Patrols and their sons took them in hand for the night. An observation game came next; followed by the presentation of six King's Scout badges. The presentations were made by the dads who placed their hand on their son's shoulder and said: "Well done, son,—I'm very proud to have the honour of presenting you with this award." It was a thrilling moment for both dad and son.

Council Fire was the next item, then flag lowering, taps and good night.

It was a memorable night, and one that will live in the memories of both dads and sons for many years to come.



UNIFORMED IN A MANNER CREDITABLE TO THE MOVEMENT ARE THESE SCOUTS FROM UPPER LACHINE, QUE., WHO HAVE JUST ADOPTED THE GAELIC TARTAN KILT AS A PART OF ITS UNIFORM.

B.-P. SAID . . .

"INTERNATIONAL peace can only be built on one foundation, and that is the international desire for peace on the part of the people themselves in such strength as to guide their governments. One thing is essential to general and permanent peace of whatever form, and that is a total change of spirit among peoples, the change to closer mutual understanding, to subjugation of national prejudices, and the ability to see with the other fellow's eye in friendly sympathy."

One of the world's greatest internationalists, Lord Baden-Powell, always saw in the Boy Scout Movement an opportunity to educate youth along the lines he suggests in this quotation. But like charity, mutual understanding begins at home. If we in Canada cannot subjugate our provincial prejudices, and "see with the other fellow's eye in friendly sympathy" it can hardly be expected that we shall be able to subjugate the wider national prejudices.

The Boy Scout Movement has no place for prejudice whether it be religious, racial or colour. Recently a lady Cubmaster appealed in a letter in *The Scout Leader* to Scouters to look wide on this question. Certainly, no Scouter worthy of name, and really imbued with the ideals and principles of Scouting, could bury racial, religious or colour bigotry within him. If he does, he's in the wrong Movement, for Scouting says that a Scout is a brother to every other Scout, no matter what his race, or creed or colour; no matter what his estate in life.

One of the tragedies of present day Canada is the sectionalism which is all too apparently rampant. There is feeling

against the west and against the east and against the centre, and it is not confined to any particular part of the country.

The strange part about all this is that it does not originate with the boy, for the boy has not these inborn prejudices. And if you travel across this country you'll find that there is no talk of it among Scouts themselves. When you hear it, it comes from the adults in the Movement, the Scouters, the Committeemen, the Association members.

As B.-P. has said, it is essential to peace that there be a total change of spirit. Scouting has a tremendous opportunity to make itself felt in the postwar world. It can develop that mutual understanding among all peoples, or it can defeat its declared purposes by permitting those to remain in the Movement who have as yet failed to learn that racial bitterness, religious bigotry, and colour discrimination leads to war.

It is hypocritical to subscribe to the Scout Promise, and at the same time pander to those who would divide the world forever into races, and creeds and colours.

Kindness to Animals Week

KINDNESS to Animals Week is being observed throughout North America from April 7th to 13th. This provides a splendid opportunity for Scoutmasters and Cubmasters to emphasize the Sixth Law—A Scout is a Friend to Animals. There are some splendid animal stories in *The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes*, pages 51 to 58, which are suitable for a Scouter's talk to his Cubs or Scouts.



Scouting Digest

NEWS, COMMENT AND IDEAS from the
SCOUT MAGAZINES OF THE WORLD

To Fill Those Odd Moments

"DON'T know how you find time to do all these things. How do you manage it?" I am often asked that question when folk visit my den, because they usually find something new in there which I have made.

How do I find the time? There are many odd moments which can be put to useful purpose. Half an hour or so before I retire, a few minutes after tea or after lunch. I make a number of presents, not because I am too mean to buy them, but because I think a present made by oneself is much more appreciated.

This may seem boastful, and maybe you think I have a lot of spare time. Well, I have, but it is collected in bits, half an hour here and half an hour there. You can do the same. That totem can be carved bit by bit, that gadget can be made in odd moments. Take a little care, and whenever you have a moment to spare, get on with it.

Remember—

"It's not the hours you put in. It's what you put into the hours."

—Eagleye in *The Scout*.

Why I Took Up Scouting

Capt. E. H. Westall, writing in the *Monthly Bulletin of the Boy Scouts of India* says:

Four months ago, at the age of 23½, I joined the Boy Scouts Association in India—the first time I had any connection whatsoever with the Movement. I did not join on the spur of the moment, nor because some friend or acquaintance had extolled the virtues of Scouting to me; I joined after considerable thought and reasons, that I want to set out here in the hope they may prove of some use or interest to others.

I looked around for a Movement that was open to youth of all creeds and classes, a movement which encouraging belief in the brotherhood of all mankind, that did not tend to encourage a selfish form of nationalism such as the Hitler Youth Movement has so successfully cultivated in Germany, a movement that encouraged individu-

ality without selfishness, and tolerance without necessarily accepting the other fellow's point of view as being the right one. A Movement, in fact, that stood for Right over Might. I found it in the Boy Scout Movement, together with its sister organization, the Girl Guides.

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Development Through Nature

How can we ignore the fact that the very earth from which we have sprung, and upon which we daily walk, is our first school for the development and enlightenment of our mind; that Nature—so closely related to human spirit—awakens in us the faculty, not only of thought but also of language in which we express it?

The Chinese language is made up of nothing else but pictures of the natural world. In our tongue, it is nature that furnishes us with symbols for the expression of our thought. The hills and streams, the winds and the clouds, morning and evening, calm and tempest, sun and shadow, are all pressed into its service. We generally compare our life to a river, our death to the fall of a leaf, our resurrection to the insect waking from sleep. The sunshine symbolizes our joy, the tempest our passion, the summer lake, our calm. Even the seasons in their change express the pathetic mutations of our life.

We have to admit therefore, that if a man wishes to attain moral and

spiritual uplifting, Nature and the beauty of God must be among his foremost inspirers and guides. Literature is said to be old, but Nature is older by far. Words are wonderful, but life around us is more than words and there are "book in the running brooks."

—*Punjab Boy Scouts Bulletin*.

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What Is Scouting?

1. Scouting is the process of making real men out of real boys by a real programme which works.
2. In Scouting, your boy gets a high moral code, the Scout Promise and Law, and in his life as a Scout and his daily Scouting activities he gets a chance to put these ideals into practice.
3. In Scouting, your boy becomes a member of a Patrol and Troop. He has a chance to learn leadership and develop co-operation and good social qualities.
4. In Scouting, he has as a leader a man of high character for his hero instead of cheap characters of the screen or trashy magazine.
5. Through Scouting, he gets a wholesome health programme that will help to make and keep him physically fit. He is taught right health habits.
6. Scouting will give him outdoor life, camping, hiking, happiness and a

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THIS IS A SCENE FROM AN ALBERTA AKELA COURSE WITH THE GRAND HOWL
OPENING THE DAY'S PROGRAMME.

practical education.

7. Through Scouting, he gets a chance at pre-vocational exploring to find out what kind of work he does best and with most happiness. There are over 100 subjects in the Badge Programme having to do with trades, hobbies, professions.
8. Scouting is a game and boys come into Scouting voluntarily because they intensely desire to be Scouts.
9. Through the Scout Programme, your boy has a chance to get good character habits.
10. Through Scouting, he has a chance to be a participating citizen without waiting until he is twenty-one. Scouts take part in many worthwhile community activities as a part of their Good Turn, such as helping different social agencies, helping in Safety work, helping Police and Fire Departments, forestry and conservation work and many other worthwhile enterprises, including National Service in war time.
11. In Scouting, the boy is taught reverence. Although the Movement is non-sectarian, the Boy Scouts' Association maintains that no boy can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing his obligation to God.
12. Scouting is organized in practically every country in the civilized world and your boy is a member of one of the greatest forces for world peace and goodwill that the world has ever known.
13. The objectives of Scouting are character building and citizenship training, and the Programme is carefully designed to develop these qualities.
14. Your boy will have the time of his life playing the Game of Scouting with fine, clean friends under the leadership of a man of high character. —*Scouting in New Zealand.*

Pioneering

Your Scouts want to do things with their senses and with their bodies. This is so true that you can take it from me that when things go stale in the Troop or Patrol you'll always find it is because the programme is dull and there's not enough interesting things to do.

For some reason or other our Patrols or at least a good many of them have got very weak on that really Scouting activity—Pioneering.

Why, the very word Pioneer makes one think of heaps and heaps of interesting things to shove into your

programmes. For instance, let's check up on a few things a Scout should be able to do as a real pioneer.

Can You . . . ?

- Build a double lock trestle bridge.
- Plait a rope out of grass or a fishing line out of bark.
- Put a new handle in an axe.
- Rig a transporter.
- Build a tree-house or a rain-proof Patrol shelter.
- Rig a lever spar.
- Use a cross cut saw.
- Make an Indian well.
- Make a camp sundial.
- Estimate the width of a stream.
- Erect a decent flagstaff.
- Build a signal tower.
- Make a raft or a boat from a barrel.
- Coil a rope.
- Reeve a "handy billy" tackle.
- Parbuckle a log.
- Make a camp loom.
- Make an explorer's compass traverse.
- Improvise a crowbar.
- Rig a "dead man" anchorage.
- Tie a rolling hitch.
- Lay out a right angle.

These are a few of the things that a pioneer should be able to do and which Scouts can do too.

Many of them are described in a



TRY THIS GAME—FREE-FOR-ALL

EQUIPMENT NEEDED: SEVERAL OLD NEWSPAPERS, A PACKAGE OF PINS, AND SOME GUMMED PAPER. THE GAME MAY BE USED AS AN INTER-PATROL GAME OR JUST FOR LETTING OFF STEAM. EACH SCOUT IS EQUIPPED WITH TWO FULL SHEETS OF NEWSPAPER AND TWO PINS. EACH IS REQUIRED TO MAKE A PAPER HAT, USING THE PINS TO ASSURE A TIGHT FIT. WITH THE OTHER SHEET HE MAKES HIMSELF A "SWORD." USE THE GUMMED PAPER TO PREVENT IT UNROLLING. THE OBJECT OF THE GAME IS TO KNOCK THE OTHER FELLOW'S HAT OFF, WHILE RETAINING YOUR OWN. HAT MUST NOT BE HELD ON WITH HAND. PATROL WITH MOST HATS LEFT ON WINS, OR SCOUT LAST WITH HAT ON WINS.

book called "Pioneering" by Gilcraft.

It is sometimes useful to get your Scouts to make models to rough scale, of bridges, flagstaves, shelters and so on, but don't be content with models but ask your Scouter to ask the Group Committee to help get together some proper gear so you can take the Patrol out and do these things proper size.

Another tip—if, say, you build a bridge, don't just take a snap of it for the Patrol Log and then dismantle it but use it in a good game, challenging another Patrol to "blow it up" by throwing a flour bomb on to the centre or in some way stalking up to the approaches.

Try to gradually collect a store of light spars so that the Patrol can practise building towers, bridges, shelter frames, camp tables, and so on, in the ground of the Troop Den.

Ropes and lashings are scarce and cost money so look after them carefully and see that ends are kept well whipped. *Queensland (Australia) Scouters' Totem*

Further supplies of Scout books for the former occupied countries are needed. Do not forget the Chins-Up Fund.

TOPIC FOR BREAKFAST

By ERIC W. BASTIN

IT WAS Thanksgiving Day and the restaurant was crowded with people at breakfast. The war was over, just over, but uniforms predominated in the room, uniforms of all three services and their feminine branches.

Outside on Elgin Boulevard the traffic of a busy capital sped past on wet pavements, the sodden, brown leaves caught up and carried around by the spinning tires. I turned away from the casement window to resume work on my bacon and eggs.

A smart, young serviceman detached himself from the waiting group near the door, came over to point at the empty chair facing me.

"Alright if I join you, chum?" His accent was a North Country one, I knew instantly.

"Of course; help yourself to a chair," I replied, returning his friendly grin.

His meal ordered, the young man—he was a warrant officer of the Army Service Corps, apparently in his early twenties—struck up the inevitable, "Rotten-weather-hope-it-clears-up-soon," theme, which lasted only a few seconds before we abandoned it for the morning newspapers.

Over toast and marmalade I glanced up to catch him staring at my lapel.

"You're a Scoutmaster, eh? That brings back memories . . . I was a Scout in Manchester when I was a kid. What sort of a troop have you?"

I told him, frankly and with commendable modesty, something about the two dozen roughnecks who were at once my pride, joy and despair; and then we talked about camping, and camps we had seen.

"Here's a story you'd appreciate," he said suddenly, "And I'll tell it to you before you go."

I caught the waitress' eye and requested more coffee. There was no hurry, I assured my companion. He offered cigarettes, lit one himself, and started to talk.

"One summer, when I was Acting Assistant Cubmaster—you know, about seventeen years of age and all knees and elbows—we arranged a camp in North Wales for the Cubs. At the last moment—such things sometimes happen—the Cubmaster fell ill, and it was given to me, with the help of a couple of senior Scouts, to take the Cubs away to camp. Akela would join us when able to get about again, he said."

"I was worried like blazes, of course, but we got the youngsters off the train up in the Welsh hills, counted them for the umpteenth time and headed for camp. It was rotten weather, just like today; damp and foggy. I'm sure you've seen the kind of place it was . . . mud roads, a hen-coop of a station and steep hills confronting you in every direction. Well, anyway, we bedded the kids down in camp—there were nearly forty of them, I suppose—and heaved a sigh of relief as we turned in that night."

"Things went not-too-badly, except that I muffed the porridge on the first morning. You know how thin it is at first, and then it thickens up, quite suddenly? I suppose I was too impatient; anyway, I kept adding more and more oatmeal to thicken it . . . talk about a mess . . . 'Concrete,' that's what they called it. Some of us learn the hard way, I guess."

"There was some little trouble from homesickness among the younger boys, but certainly we didn't let it worry us too much; sort of laughed it off and made a joke of it, I think. Then, about three or four days later a curious thing happened. We had heard the whistle of the daily train as it steamed into the station over two miles away; shortly afterwards we spotted a group of figures, heading up the winding, muddy road, straight for our encampment. There were both men and women, and a certain something in their gait indicated both anxiety and grim determination."

"I watched them approach nearer and nearer. Obviously they were looking for us, and there was little else to do but step out and greet them as hopefully as possible. They were talking among themselves excitedly, and looked as black as thunder."

"Well, the storm soon broke, and it didn't take long to clear up the mystery. They turned out to be the parents of our Cubs, and a few minutes of lively discussion uncovered as nice a little conspiracy as you'd wish to see . . . The little monkeys had put their heads together and had written individual

letters home, each telling a pathetic tale of a horrible epidemic—measles or something much worse—that had seized the entire camp and laid it low."

He read the question in my eyes.

"Oh, there were spankings, and stern 'Tickings-off,' and we laughed about it all, later. We saw the dads and mothers off by the next train. No, the boys all stayed on, and we had no more trouble at all, that camp. The Cubmaster turned up a day or two later."

The speaker glanced at his wrist-watch, looked up again.

"Must run now; I've work to do, Thanksgiving Day or not. So long, Scouter."

"Cheerio, chum; glad to have met you, and thanks for the yarn. I liked it, really."

There was a firm grip of two left hands and a quick exchange of friendly smiles . . . and he had gone from the room.

Editor's Note: This story serves to emphasize the importance of adequate and experienced leadership, and an understanding of small boys, for Cubmasters planning to take their Cubs to camp. Be sure to read "Camping for Cubs" which starts in this issue.

The Scout Good Turn

APPARENTLY it wasn't the Boy Scout Movement which originated the Good Turn idea, according to an article in the *Halifax Herald*. The article quotes a poem which appeared in *Harper's Magazine* in 1878, written by Mary Dow Brine. These verses are worth reading to your Scouts:

The woman was old, and feeble, and gray,
And bent with the chill of the winter's day;
The street was wet with the recent snow.
And the woman's feet were weary and slow.
She stood at the crossing and waited long,
Alone, uncared for, amid the throng . . .
At last came one of the merry troop—
The gayest boy of all the group;
He paused beside her, and whispered low,
"I'll help you across, if you wish to go."
He guided the trembling feet along,
Proud that his own were firm and strong.

B.-P. said it: No Scout is a real Scout until he is a First Class Scout.

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THE ROVER CORNER

Rover Citizenship

FROM time to time Scouters raise the question of the Rover developing his place as a useful, helpful citizen. At many conferences this point is raised. It should never be forgotten that this is one of the important things that Rovering can do. This is recognized in the Rules for Rovers. After the young man has been invested as a Rover in his subsequent training he is expected to adopt and be governed in part by the following as outlined in section 86 of P.O. & R.

- (ii) His Promise of Duty to the King, through an earnest endeavour to secure a proper knowledge of the Government of his Country, and to perform his duty as a citizen.
- (iii) His Promise of Duty to his Neighbours, through a logical development of the Scout Good Turn, after proper preparation and training, into some form of effective service to the community. In so doing he is asked to realise that his first service is to establish himself in life, and to make every endeavour to consolidate his position so that he is not a burden on others, or on

the State.

Then within three years of his investiture the Rover is expected, among other things, to qualify in the following:

- (vii) Have a general knowledge of the rights and obligations of citizenship, and a working knowledge of the local government of the area in which he lives, with special regard to finance, education, health services, public assistance, roads, regional planning, police, local authorities' undertakings; have some practical knowledge of his local Council (Personnel, elections, what they do and how they work), so that he may understand and be capable of exercising his responsibilities as a citizen.

It is then further suggested that the Rover continue his training and activities in Section 87—8 and 9 as follows:

- (8) The study of the Constitution and Government of his country.
- (9) The study of the relations of the various countries and peoples which compose the Commonwealth of British Nations, and of International relationships.

have made possible the success of this year's drive.

A further list of donations will appear next month, with a complete report of the operation of the fund for this season.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

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18th Kitchener, Ont., Group.....	4.00
1st Yorkton, Sask., Group.....	3.30
1st Hardington, Ont., Pack.....	5.00
2nd Wallaceburg, Ont., Pack.....	5.00
1st Port Arthur, Ont., Rotary Troop.....	3.00
1st Port Burwell, Ont., Sea Scouts.....	5.00
1st Peterboro, Ont., Pack.....	7.50
St. John's, St. Barnabas, 5th Avenue Church, and Riverside Packs, Medicine Hat, Alta.....	7.25
3rd Yorkton Troop.....	6.53
Napanee, Ont., Cub Mothers' Auxiliary.....	10.00
Chinese Scout Troop, Montreal.....	5.00
8th Ottawa (Hull) Pack.....	3.00
16th Windsor, Ont., Pack.....	5.00
Peterboro, Ont., Local Assn.....	10.00
Sydney, B.C., C Pack.....	2.25
1st Ingersoll, Ont., Troop.....	50.00
(2nd donation)	
2nd Quebec City Pack.....	10.00
29th Toronto Pack.....	5.00
1st Gaspé, Que., Pack.....	2.00
St. Anne de Bellevue, Que., Pack.....	2.25
Scouts, Cubs, Guides, Brownies of Asbestos, Que.....	15.00
1st St. John's, Que.....	6.00
Total to date.....	\$522.99

Your Last Chance to Help

SEEDS FOR BRITAIN

THE generous and prompt response to the Seeds for Britain appeal has resulted in the fund reaching a total more than double that of last year, with money still coming in. The planting season in Great Britain will be over shortly, so that any last minute donations should be sent immediately. Further contributions should not be sent after April 15th, as it will not be possible to get seeds overseas in time for 1946 planting after that date. However, it should be remembered that there is still a great need for funds for the Chins-Up Fund, to provide Scouting and Cubbing books for the former occupied countries.

Highlighting the donations received this month are two more than Tillsonburg, Ont., one for \$50 from the 1st Troop, and one for \$65 from the 2nd Troop. In all, eight donations have come from these two Troops this year.

The two Troops operated a refreshment booth at their local skating arena, and sent the proceeds on to the Seeds for Britain Fund. As Scoutmaster Harold S. Smith of the 1st Ingersoll Troop says: "It is surprising what a few hot dogs can do in the way of supplying food for people 3,000 miles distant." In a letter enclosing the final donation of the 2nd Troop, Jack W. Douglas, the Scoutmaster expresses regret that the mild season came so quickly and closed the refreshment booth.

Another donation of special interest was \$5.00 from the Chinese Scout Troop in Montreal, who despite the need in China wanted to share in this task of helping to feed Britain.

Dominion Headquarters is most grateful for this outstanding effort of the 1st and 2nd Ingersoll Troops, and to all those other Troops, Packs and individuals throughout Canada who

Are You Guilty?

WE echo the sentiments expressed in this paragraph from the Nova Scotia Provincial bulletin "News and Comment." It reads: Information sent out by Provincial Headquarters for the benefit of Scouts too frequently gets as far as the Scoutmaster and no farther. Usually the Scout loses out because of the Scoutmaster's forgetfulness. Even the *Junior Leader* sent to Scoutmasters for distribution to Patrol Leaders is sometimes left around the S.M.'s home. Just a little suggestion—as soon as the Bulletin arrives or the *Junior Leader*, look them over, then immediately place them with the Troop record book so they will be on hand at the Troop meeting.

CHINS-UP FUND



THE success of the Chins-Up Fund has been largely due to a number of Groups which have consistently shown an interest by regular donations. A record which would be hard to beat is that of the Nakina, Ont., Group. Nakina is situated on the Canadian National Trans-Continental line in Northern Ontario. This Group, comprising 12 Scouts and 14 Cubs, started with a donation of \$19.61 in 1941, and since that time has given to the Fund \$21.24 in 1942; \$46.16 in 1943; \$54.67 in 1944 and \$31.86 in 1945, to make a total of \$173.54.

Another interesting Chins-Up story comes from Vancouver and the 16th Pack (Waingunga). This Pack recently arranged a display and invited parents and friends to come along and see it. They charged ten cents admission to buy Cub Books for the Cubs of the Netherlands. They sent along \$7.45 to the fund.

A Patrol Leaders' Bronze Arrowhead Course in Saskatchewan was told about the need of the Fund, and at the end of the course the boys collected and sent along \$10.00 to help in this splendid work of providing Scout and Cub books for the courageous Scouts in the former occupied countries.

The following donations received up to March 15th are gratefully acknowledged:

2nd Hamilton Sea Scout Mothers' Auxiliary; Scout Check Room, Ottawa; 1st Unionville Group, Ont.; 7th Winnipeg Pack; 7th Winnipeg Troop; 74th Winnipeg Group; 62nd Winnipeg AB Pack; 67th Winnipeg Pack; Anonymous.

Ontario Provincial Office Counter Box; 3rd Port Colborne, Ont., Pack; 1st Blenheim, Ont., Group; 1st Leamington, Ont., Pack; 1st Brockville, Ont., Pack; 1st Batawa, Ont., Troop; W. George Mason, Acton, Ont.

1st Wyoming, Ont., Pack; 31st London, Ont., Group; 27th London, Ont., Troop; 19th London, Ont., Troop; 16th Vancouver Pack; 11th Oshawa, Ont., Troop; 7th Brantford, Ont., Pack; 1st

Burford, Ont., Troop; 11th Kitchener, Ont., Group.

Peterborough Local Association; 5th Moncton, N.B., Troop; 1st Devon, N.B., Pack; 26th Saint John Troop; Patrol Leaders' Training Course, Moncton, N.B.; 1st Port Burwell, Ont., Sea

Scout Troop; 1st Thornhill, Ont., Pack.

1st Willowdale, Ont., Pack; 1st York Mills, Ont., Group; Scout and Guide Rally, Listowel, Ont.; 4th Oshawa, Ont., Pack; 4th Cornwall, Ont., Troop; 1st Hardington, Ont., Boy Scouts; Cub Mothers' Auxiliary, Napanee, Ont.

Some Interesting Conclusions

From the Toronto Scouters Conference

ONE of the features of Toronto's Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week was the annual Scouters' Conference. A good many topics were discussed and some interesting conclusions arrived at. From Toronto's *Scouter's Digest* we pass on the questions asked, and the conclusions arrived at, at the close of discussion.

Q—Is the main objective of Rover Scouts to provide leaders for Packs and Troops?

C—No. Main objective is to get established in life. Leadership may come after but not necessarily in Scouting.

Q—Should C.M.'s and S.M.'s always attend Group Committee meetings?

C—The leaders are the foundation for the work of the Committee and it is essential that they attend meetings. Only on exceptional occasions should the Committee meet without the leaders.

Q—Does it make any difference at what part of the Pack meeting the Investiture of a Tenderpad is held? Should it be at the first, last or in the middle?

C—It really makes no great difference. But perhaps preferably early in the meeting so that the new Cub does not have too long to become too excited.

Q—Should a Cub or Scout be disciplined in front of the Pack or Troop when he has broken a rule or requires correction for any reason?

C—It may be desirable, but individual cases alter circumstances. Study the boy.

Q—How large should a Group Committee be?

C—The minimum number is three. Circumstances may decree that a larger committee can be more effective. Try to have jobs for all committeemen and have committeemen for all jobs to be done.

Q—Why is it that Rovering is the

forgotten branch of Scouting? Why no Rover sales material? Why no 'Rover consciousness' in the Troop just as we have 'Scout consciousness' in the Pack?

C—As a result of the war Rovers have had to take a back seat. Now we are going forward.

Q—May a Scouter wear the War Service Badge similar to the 1914 War Service Badge?

C—No! And any Scouter wearing the 1914 badge is requested to take it off.

Q—May Scouters wear His Majesty's decorations?

C—Yes! They are worn on the left breast, above the pocket.

Q—What happened to the Standard Troop A, B, C, rating plan?

C—It is still in hand but under consideration.

Q—What authority, if any, has the Group Committee over the leaders?

C—Group Committee operates as a Board of Directors—Scouters the managers. No direct interference with the running of the units unless not satisfied with the leadership and the results being obtained.

Q—Is it not the privilege of young men who become interested in Rovering to select their own leader, regardless of his experience, and then obtain approval of the Group Committee?

C—Yes!

Q—How far should the influence of a Ladies Auxiliary affect the routine of the Pack or Troop?

C—The Auxiliary has no place in the technical operation of the Group.

Do you check up on your Scouts or Cubs to see if they do their daily Good Turn.

Scouts look forward to camp each summer. Make an effort to see that your Scouts have an opportunity to camp.

A page of helpful ideas
from anyone, anywhere.

THE DUFFEL BAG

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

Send for Sample Copy

"MAINLY ABOUT ANIMALS" is an interesting little British monthly publication which is recommended to Cubmasters and Scoutmasters everywhere. International in its scope it is obtainable directly from the publisher, Mr. W. H. Corkill, M.B.E., 25 Salisbury Avenue, Broadstairs, England. Sample copies will be supplied by the publisher to all Scouters who care to write directly to him for them. As "The Magazine for Animal Lovers" it is written in a style readily acceptable to boys and should have a definite appeal to Cubs and Scouts in Canada.

The Book for Junior Woodsmen

HERE is an absolutely top book of practical woodcraft for the Troop library. Its 120 pages, 8" by 11", are full of illustrations and explanations of the many uses of axes and saws and other pioneer tools,—cant-hooks and peaveys, pullhooks and pike-poles; of log-splitting and the making of shakes (shingles) and clapboards for a cabin; of shaving-horses and drawshaves and the making of log furniture. The advantage of a log catamaran over a log raft is explained and pictured, and there are hints on birling (logrolling) contests as a prime camp sport. An ideal book prize for First Class and King's Scouts. By Bernard S. Mason; The Copp Clark Co., Ltd., Toronto; \$4.00.

Two Dates to Remember

TUESDAY, April 23rd, is St. George's Day. St. George is the Patron Saint not only of Britain, but of the Scout Movement throughout the world. B.-P., in *Scouting for Boys* suggests that Scout flags be flown on that day, and that Scouts wear a rose in honour of their Patron Saint. Whatever you may decide to do, do not overlook the opportunity to tell the story of St. George. You will find it in your Public Library. In some sections St. George's Day services are held, and this is the day when Rover Scouts usually arrange a special celebration. St. George became Patron Saint of England back in 1330. The other date is May 19th, which will be observed as Empire Youth Sunday throughout the Empire. Youth services are being arranged all over Canada, and where the opportunity presents itself Scouts and Cubs should join with other youth Groups in these services.

Pathetic Figures

THE Scoutmaster who is always telling what he is "going to do".

The Scoutmaster who has used the same meeting programme since Noah landed.

The Scoutmaster who thinks of drill all evening.

The Scoutmaster who never arranges a hike.

The Scoutmaster who never arranges any time for passing tests.

The Scoutmaster who forgets that boys join because it is good fun.

The Scoutmaster who never was a boy.

The Scoutmaster who never feels the obligation of preparation or exchange of ideas.

—From *The Scouters' Gazette*, N.S.W.

Pictures for Scout Leader

QUITE a number of Scouters have been good enough in recent weeks to send us snaps of Troop activities. These are always welcome, but we would like to make an explanation with regard to their use. Among recent pictures were several of winter activities. We plan to use these when they will serve the best purpose—next fall—when they offer suggestion to others. Frequently we have to hold pictures for several months, so as to use them when they will be of greatest value. Scouters planning to send pictures, will please keep in mind that we do not want negatives, but glossy prints, clear and contrasty. Our thanks to those who have sent us pictures recently.

Approaching The Chief Scout

CUBS, Scouts and Scouters must not address letters direct to the Chief Scout, at Government House. All matters for the attention of His Excellency must be routed through Dominion Headquarters. Letters sent to Government House invariably are returned to Dominion Headquarters. Scouters are asked to keep this ruling in mind, and to inform their Cubs and Scouts that direct approach to the Chief Scout must not be made.

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Attention War Veterans

FOR the information of war veterans serving with the Scout Movement, it is permissible to wear King's Decorations on the Scout uniform. Medal ribbons should be worn immediately over the left pocket of the Scout shirt, or in similar position on the tunic, with service stars centred above the ribbons. On ceremonial occasions it is proper to wear medals, but for ordinary purposes the medal ribbons only. No other military insignia should be worn.

Mother's Day, May 12th

ENCOURAGE your Cubs and Scouts to remember their mothers on Mother's Day, May 12th. On the meeting night previous to that day, give the boys a short talk about mothers—their devotion, their love, their cares, and their ambitions for their boys. Ask each Scout and Cub to remember his mother on that day with some small gift—but to remember her best by giving her thoughtful attention throughout the year.

Co-Operate in Safety Drive

At Kitchener, Ont., the Boy Scouts Association is co-operating with the Board of Trade in an extensive safety campaign. A special plaque has been provided for Scout competition. Scouts will be encouraged to study for their Safety Man Badge, with the plaque going to the Troop getting the greatest number of these badges.

Scout of the Week

In recognition of a splendid record in Scouting, Jack Cooper, of the 2nd Edmonton, Alta., Troop, was a guest of the Cosmopolitan Club, being named the club's "Scout of the Week."

Raising Camp Funds

To help raise funds for summer camping the 6th Sherbrooke, Que., Troop staged a hobby show and display during the last week in March.

Sea Scout Re-Union

A reunion dinner for former Sea Scouts and Sea Scout Leaders in Montreal was held in the Windsor Station dining room. In the absence of R. C. Stevenson, Chairman of the Dominion Executive Board, in Great Britain, A. B. Morris acted as chairman. Sydney E. Webster, President of the Montreal Association spoke briefly.