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LET'S PREPARE THEM FOR IT



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Why Scout-Guide Week?

THE week of February 17th to 23rd is to be observed as Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week in Canada. The busy, and perhaps overworked Scouter may be inclined to query the need for such an activity, and regard it as just another burden imposed that will interfere with the regular functions and programme of the Troop or Pack.

It is well therefore that we all understand why Scout-Guide Week is arranged each year. For the past two or three months the general purposes of the week have been presented in *The Scout Leader*. To put it even more briefly than the purposes outline it, we could say that the two principle purposes are, 1, to stimulate better Scouting within the Movement; 2, to create a better public understanding of our aims, methods and needs.

To these two might be added an over-all purpose, which it seems to us is the most important of all. You will have noticed that Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week is always held in the week in which the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell occurs. This is not arranged without a purpose.

We are of the mind that, as it owed its origin to Lord Baden-Powell, so Scouting depends for its future success upon the retention of Lord Baden-Powell as its hero, its guide and its counsellor.

There are those who will suggest that B.-P. is out of the past, and that conditions have changed. That latter claim may be true, but the fundamentals upon which B.-P. built the Scout and Guide Movements have not changed one iota, and quite apparently his ideas have not been improved upon. Many recent reforms and advancements in our educational system have been lifted from the Scout-Guide programme. It is worth noting too, that invariably the finest Scout Troops are those which do the B.-P. type of Scouting. Many have

tried to improve upon B.-P., but none have done so successfully.

All this proves that fundamentally B.-P. knew and understood the boyish mind. It proves too that the programme he set up nearly forty years ago has survived all tests, and while a score of other youth organizations have come into being since Scouting and Guiding started, few have survived, and none have caught and retained the popular support of boys and girls all over the world as have these two great Movements.

B.-P. to Scouting, is what Washington is to the United States, what Bolivar was to Central and South America, what Christ is to the Christian Church. Without a figurehead, no organization or nation makes much progress.

Dr. E. G. Malherbe, Director of Educational and Social Research for the Union of South Africa says of B.-P. that through founding the Boy Scouts



WO 1 OWEN S. T. CLARKE
FORMER T.L., 4TH HAMILTON TROOP,
AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING
CROSS.

he will be remembered as "one of the greatest educators of all time and one whose name will live in the history of education long after people have forgotten him as a military man."

Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week presents an opportunity to tell every Scout and Cub the story of Lord Baden-Powell, the great soldier, patriot and Christian gentleman, who gave to the world its largest and most popular youth movement. That story may be obtained free in pamphlet form from your Provincial Headquarters.



To Higher Service

F/O William H. L. Bellingham, 21,
RCAF, PL, Magog, Que.

Flt. Lt. Thomas Henry Cameron, 26,
RCAF, King's Scout, Central Butte,
Sask.

Pte. Richard E. Connor, 21, CA, TL,
King's Scout, Magog, Que.

S/L Victor Jack Fenwick, 27, RAF,
Scout, Rover, 6th London, Ont.

F/O Phillip Hyde, 23, RCAF, PL,
Magog, Que.

Lt. Clayton L. Mitchell, 30, CA,
Scout, 6th London, Ont.

Merchant Seaman Albert Pott, 23,
Merchant Marine, PL, Magog, Que.

Sub Lt. Russell Charles Rexford, 23,
RCNVR, PL, Magog, Que.

P/O Floyd A. Stells, 22, RCAF, Cub,
Scout, 6th London, Ont.

* War Decorations *

Distinguished Flying Cross

Flt. Lt. Thomas Henry Cameron,
RCAF, King's Scout, Gold Cords, Central Butte, Sask.

W/O 1, Owen S. T. Clarke, RCAF, TL,
4th Hamilton All Saints.

Eisenhower and Scouting

General Dwight D. Eisenhower has nothing but the highest praise for Scouting. The General, who admits he was not a Scout himself says that his young son was in the Boy Scouts. "My own experience", said the General, "has been that anyone who has learned Scouting has learned something which is going to be very useful to him."

Plan Listening Party

Plan a listening party for the inaugural Scout-Guide Week radio programme when Lady Baden-Powell, Lord Rowallan and the Earl of Athlone will speak to the Scouts and Guides of Canada. One District is planning a huge rally which will feature this broadcast as the closing part of the programme. It is to be broadcast at 5.03 p.m. E.S.T., immediately after the national news bulletin, February 17th.



OPPORTUNITY AND SUCCESS IN SCOUTING

A condensation of a timely address

by

JACKSON DODDS, C.B.E., D.C.L.

to Scouters of Montreal District

FROM time to time *The Scout Leader* has published articles presenting the viewpoint that Scout leadership not only is an important form of national service to youth, but is equally of value to the Scouter himself in developing character and various abilities, and for its personal contacts and associations.

From a recent notable address on this theme by one of the Dominion's recognized leaders, of many years' association with Scouting and a long and successful career in banking—Mr. Jackson Dodds, speaking before a gathering of Montreal Scouters—we offer these thought-provoking paragraphs:

OPPORTUNITY, A DEFINITION

Too many people think of Opportunity merely as a fortuitous opening which permits of their getting a better job. This is a wrong conception entirely. Opportunity takes many commonplace forms. Every lesson at school, every game played; every sermon, every good book or human contact is Opportunity—opportunity for development of mind, body or character. Every simple duty performed is an opportunity to improve on previous performances.

Every proof of confidence in you is a great Opportunity, and every responsibility placed upon you is a priceless Opportunity. It is according as these are met that you will be fitted mentally, physically and morally to seize the Supreme Opportunity when it comes,—as come it will.

Of Money

Money is one of the most dangerous things in the world. Its right use is bound up with most of the cardinal virtues, and its wrong use with most of their opposites.

One of the important factors in financial success is Thrift. In advocating Thrift I do not suggest that you should become stingy and deny yourselves

healthful recreation, the development of natural talents, and the wherewithal to enable you to associate with people of taste and character. Economy is not meanness.

You can tell your Scouts that the boy who thinks \$1 is not worth saving becomes the man who thinks \$100 is not worth saving, and usually ends where he began, i.e., with nothing.

Of Courage

Nothing is worse for a responsible head than to have under him men who agree with everything he says, and hide their real opinions. I once heard someone say he would almost rather have a certain man's polite "No" than another man's grudging "Yes."

Learn to say "No" at the proper time; it often takes great courage. And learn to say it politely.

Of Punctuality

Punctuality is necessary to success. You will find that if you make an appointment with a successful business man you are rarely kept waiting, and if you are, there generally is an excellent reason. It is most annoying to an employer to be delayed by anyone working for him.

And thinking of Scouting: Start your Scout meetings on time. It is good for you and for your Scouts to know that 7 p.m. means 7 p.m.

Of Courtesy

Courtesy is an important aid to success, and should be cultivated. Many a man has secured business by simple courtesy, where another has failed. "Politeness is like an air cushion. There may be nothing really solid in it, but it eases the jolt wonderfully."

Of Self-reliance

This characteristic, another essential to success, should be coupled with modesty,—as no other characteristic arouses more dangerous hostility than an assumption of superiority."

Of Vision

The building of the Canadian Pacific Railway was a splendid example of achievement by men of great vision—Lord Mount Stephen, Sir William Van Horne, Baron Shaughnessy.

And we come to the late Sir Edward Beatty, until recent years the head of that great company, and formerly our great Scout President.

Sir Edward Beatty

It is about 45 years since I first met Sir Edward. He had recently come to Montreal to assist in a personal way Mr. Creelman, then solicitor to the Canadian Pacific Railway. At that time Sir Edward had no intention of working for the railway.

After a time he entered its service, and by strict attention to duty and hard work gradually rose until in 1913 he became chief counsel. Not long after, Lord Shaughnessy persuaded Sir Edward to accept an executive position in addition to becoming General Counsel for the company. Six months later he was made a director.

In less than three years Lord Shaughnessy called Sir Edward to his office, and asked him if he thought he could run the Canadian Pacific Railway. Sir Edward said he thought he could. He was asked if he would be afraid. In reply he gave a single "No." Lord Shaughnessy then told him he had better start the next day.

Sir Edward walked away and thought the matter over. With a modesty and deliberation that might not have been expected in a comparatively young man, he went back and suggested that he should do the detail work, but that Lord Shaughnessy should remain as President. But Lord Shaughnessy, big man that he was, had made the decision, and the next morning Sir Edward took over the job.

Again, Opportunity

So here we are back to Opportunity. There is a story told that in an ancient Greek city once stood a statue of which every trace had vanished, but the inscription on which had been preserved. It was in the form of a conversation between the statue and a traveller. It ran:

What is thy name, O Statue?

I am called Opportunity.

Who made thee?

Lysippus.

Why art thou standing on thy toes?

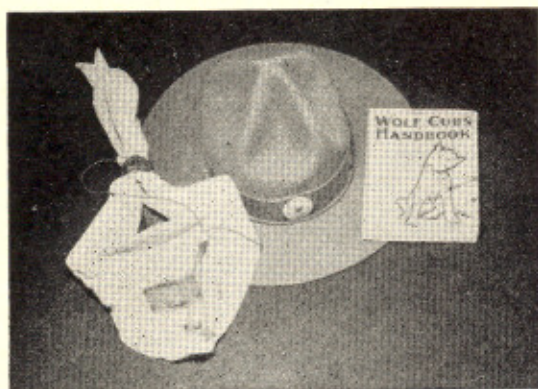
To show that I stay but a moment.

Why hast thou wings on thy feet?

To show how quickly I pass by.

But why is thy hair so long on thy forehead?

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From: *The Queensland Scouters' Totem*.

(The scene is laid in an "Indian Encampment." The Braves are in small groups, smoking their pipes, repairing weapons, chatting, etc.)

(enter Warrior hurriedly)

Warrior: Nushka, O Big Chief White Eagle and fellow Braves! On Kee-waydin rides one of the Puk-Wudjies. He comes our peace to destroy, in peculiar battle array.

Chief: Tell us more of this enemy.

Warrior: A small Pale-face, O Chief. No battles or mighty deeds does he show, for he wears no feathers. His clothes are very strange.

Chief: Enough! We shall wage battle against our enemy.

(The Braves whoop with delight. They form themselves into a circle for their War Dance.)

The Dance

(The Dance throughout is accompanied by two or three "tom-toms," which may be large biscuit tins suitably disguised, or even toy drums.)

A. (1st Movement)—Move round in circle to right to slow march, raising alternate arms to brandish weapons in time to beat.

"Yoo-ra, yoo-ra! Um-bah, um-bah!" (4 steps). This three times through—12 steps in all.

(2nd Movement)—Stop, turn outwards and raise both arms.

Sing "Yo-ai, yo-ai!" (each to notes E and G).

(3rd Movement)—Continuation of 1st Movement—three times through.

(4th Movement)—Repeat 2nd Movement.

(5th Movement)—With hands raised upwards bend slowly forward "to touch the toes" to "Ubbie, ubbie, ubbie, ubbie . . . !"

Swing up to wild jump in air to loud note "Oi!"

(6th Movement)—Swing round to face inwards and repeat 5th Movement.

B. Repeat Movements 1 to 6 as in Section A, but moving to the left in

the circle, and turning inwards for the 2nd Movements.

C. (1st Movement)—Move round in circle to right in time with beat (time—one, two, three, hop . . . etc.), arms loosely hanging at the sides, singing "Yo-ai-ai, Yoo-ha-ha, Yo-ai-ai!" (Notes A-C-C-, C-D-D, C-A-A).

(2nd Movement)—Chief steps into circle and silences Braves with a loud "You-oo!"

(3rd Movement)—Act of scaring away

evil spirits. (As performed at any camp fire).

(4th Movement)—Each Warrior picks up his weapons, turns outward and silently moves away from encampment. On reaching boundary each turns inwards and lies flat.

(Enter a Wolf Cub in uniform "unknowingly" into circle of Indians. He looks about him rather cautiously, but suspecting nothing, moves toward encampment. He calls "Hello" two or three times, and hearing no response moves among wigwams.

On a given signal from the Chief all the Braves rush in towards the Cub, making hideous war-cries as they do so. They form a circle round him, with the Chief standing sternly in front of the Cub. The Braves move round to the right very silently, humming a low note, looking at the Cub very menacingly and brandishing their weapons. With an abrupt "yah" from their Chief they squat in a circle facing inwards). Chief: Whom seekest thou, O little pale-face?

Cub: I come to see you, O Big Chief.



PLAN A SCOUT-GUIDE WEEK BANQUET

THIS IS A SCENE AT A SCOUT-GUIDE WEEK BANQUET AT THE 9TH TROOP, TRURO, N.S., LAST YEAR. NOT ONE SCOUT WAS ABSENT. TOP, SHOWS THE CAMP SCENE, A PART OF THE BANQUET DECORATIVE SCHEME.

More Games for the Pack

Chief: Me! Knowest thou who I am?

Big Chief White Eagle! Ruler of a thousand Braves and Bravest of them all. I have fought many battles.

Cub: Why do you always fight, White Eagle?

Chief: Although White Eagle has many friends, he has many enemies, enemies must die.

Cub: So. But it is wicked to kill even one's enemies, O White Eagle.

Chief: But they will kill me!

Cub: Not if you made peace with them. People should learn to live without killing each other. I come to ask you to live peacefully.

Chief: And who are you?

Cub: My name is Grey Brother (a Cub from the Grey Six).

Chief: I like it. Grey Brother, you shall show us this "peace."

Cub: Instead of always fighting, O White Eagle, it is better to meet the enemy first sometimes, and talk about the hatred of each other. So many lives of brave warriors may be saved.

Chief: That is wisdom, O Grey Brother. We want peace. (All Indians assent with an "Ugh!") You shall lead us and show us how to live peacefully with our enemies. You are a hunter, Grey Brother. (Indicates Tenderpad Badge).

Cub: No, indeed. That shows I have many Brothers all over the world, all the same as me, all wanting to live peacefully as friends.

Chief: We will join your band. (Indians "Ugh!") You shall be our Chief.

Cub: Then first I command you to lay down your weapons.

(Indians growl disapproval). Down I say! Chief lays his at feet of Cub, whilst Braves toss theirs into the circle).

Good. We do not want these. I will be your Chief. I will teach you Peace. You shall teach me hunting, cooking, living in the open and many wonderful things.

Chief (places Chieftain's head-dress on head of Cub): Big Chief Grey Brother!

(Indians leap to their feet, and with three sharp "rah's" they plunge into Part A of the Dance, performing it this time at a more frenzied pace).

Cub: White Eagle and Braves, I would sleep. Turns and in a very dignified manner enters the Chief's wigwam).

(White Eagle sits cross-legged immediately without the door, while the Braves very quietly form a small circle round the wig-wam, all sitting. Very softly they sing "E-Wa-Yea!" the Owl Song from "Hiawatha," at the

Sense Training Game. Hot Plate: Pack in circle. Two tin pie plates. On word "Go" plates passed in opposite directions around circle. On word "Stop" Cubs holding plates are "burned". When "burned" three times they "Go through the mill".

Sense Training Game. Cat and Mouse: Pack in Six lines, hands joined across sixes. A cat and mouse. The cat chases the mouse up and down the alleys formed by the joined hands, on the word "Change" Pack turns to right and joins hands in sixes. When cat catches mouse, another couple chosen.

Play Acting Game. Shere Khan and the Woodcutters: Pack in large circle. One six in centre as woodcutters. Cubs in circle pretend to be trees. Fire at one end of circle around which Shere Khan prowls—he steps in fire and gives a yell which is a signal that he will chase the woodcutters. To escape him the woodcutters may hide behind a tree, if caught they must sit by fire.

Sense Training Game. Creep Mouse: Pack in circle. Boy seated in centre blindfolded with article between his feet. A boy from circle creeps forward trying to grab article; the boy in centre having three chances to point at the "mouse".

Game for discipline. Freeze: Pack in large circle. Turn to right, Leader order, mark time, quick march, run, hop, jump, etc. on call of "Pack" all "freeze".

Circle Game. The Invisible Ball: Players seated in circle. An imaginary ball about the size of football. The leader commences by throwing with both hands the imaginary ball to one

end of which they drop their heads upon their chests).

(THE END)

Note regarding costumes:

The costumes are very simply made, and form a delightful exercise for the Cubs (and their Mothers!). The trousers and jacket (similar to that worn by a sailor but minus the collar) are made each from a clean sack. These may then be decorated with coloured-cloth trimmings and patches to add colour, strings of beads made from macaroni, and so on. The head-dress is made from a piece of corrugated cardboard, ornamented with brightly-coloured bits of wallpaper, etc., into which the feathers are stuck. Bows and arrows, spears, tomahawks, shields, etc., complete the full regalia.

of the Cubs, that Cub immediately claps his hands over his ears; the Cub on his right places his right hand over his own right ear, and the player on his left does the same with his left hand over his own left ear. This signifies that the player has caught the ball and he now, with both hands throws the ball to any player on the circle when the whole performance is repeated.

Health Game. Microbes: Pack standing equally divided along the length of either wall. Sixers in centre, who try to catch Cubs when "Change" is called and lines must change sides. If caught by a Sixer, Cub must do certain action, wash hands, manicure nails, brush teeth, wash feet, comb hair, breathe deeply.



F/O HAROLD H. HARDING

FORMER TROOP LEADER AND A.S.M. OF THE 6TH SYDNEY, N.S., TROOP, WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS. F/O HARDING HAS RETURNED TO HIS FORMER POSITION AS A.S.M. OF THE 6TH TROOP.

Every Scoutmaster . . .

Is a local representative of the national Boy Scout Movement. When he accepts his warrant, or leadership of a Pack or Troop, he ceases to be a person merely. Whether in uniform or not, he is a representative of the Boy Scouts Association, its promise, law, character requirements, to the boys of his unit, their parents, the public at large in the community in which he serves. They get their estimate of the value of Scouting by his interpretation of its terms in his own life. In recognizing and living this the S.M. or C.M. is making good in every other respect.

Extracts from

THE Chief Scout's OUTLOOK

by LORD ROWALLAN
Chief Scout of the British Empire



On Scouters Smoking

THE old question of smoking by Scouters and by Scouts has cropped up again. B.-P. knew that if you forbade a boy, even a Scout, to do something, that something had an added attraction, but the age at which boys start smoking is being quickly reduced, and must have its affect in adding to the ill-health of our people, when the body is still growing and the tissues not yet mature. If this is made clear to the boy, he will, I hope, not start smoking until he is at least 18.

What should be the action of the Scoutmaster? Must he deny himself a smoke when he is with his boys? This must be left largely to his common-sense. On parade, of course, absolutely no smoking; the Scouter who lights a cigarette immediately he leaves the church door after a Church Parade has no right to have charge of boys, for he obviously cannot control himself, and sets a bad example for others; but at a yarn around the campfire I personally can see no harm, nor at a time when he is off duty at camp and perhaps the P.L.s come up to have a talk with him about programmes and so on.

Unfortunately the tendency is creeping in to smoke at wide games. This, I know, is wrong, for after all when on a wide game he is on duty with his boys, just as much as at Flag-break or on Camp Inspection, and nobody, I hope, would think of smoking on these occasions. Any Scouter who is concerned about the welfare of his boys should have no difficulty in coming to a decision. If he has any doubts about whether it is proper, let him deny himself.

Scouts' Owns

Recently in many parts of the country the "Scouts' Own" has fallen into disuse, probably because Scouters do not feel sufficiently competent to run them for their boys. In failing to hold a Scouts' Own, they are losing a great opportunity of getting to know their

boys in an intimate atmosphere, and of helping to inculcate a sound spiritual basis for Scouting, and for the Law and Promise.

The first requirement of course, is a clear understanding of what we ourselves believe; when we have that it does not matter whether we lack the eloquence of the great preacher, sincerity will carry us through. In fact many boys will be far more impressed by a simple, sincere address by their own Scouter than by a much more eloquent talk by one whom they look upon as a professional whose job is to teach and preach Christianity, and the same of course, applies to other religions, also, but a clear understanding of our own beliefs is necessary. Discussion groups among Scouters will, I know, be invaluable in clarifying our thoughts.

"One Grouse to Finish Up"

And now one grouse to finish up with, "Why won't Scouters answer letters" (or send in registration forms in Canada. Ed.) Once again a letter has come in from a Scouter in a handicapped group, complaining that he tried to transfer his boys to other groups at the close of their treatment, and he hardly ever got replies from Scouters to whom he sent on particulars. I know the difficulties there are, but if a Scouter cannot undertake the work himself, why not appoint a secretary who could attend to the correspondence. We lose a tremendous number of boys each year just because, when they leave their own district they are not followed up. I do ask you all to pay more attention to this, and send a note when your boys leave, and when a new Scout is sent on to you by a Scoutmaster. Let his old Scouter know how he is getting on, even if it is only a postcard. It does make a difference. *There is a fifth Scout Law.*

Rowallan.

More Donations for Seeds for Britain

As you read this, parcels of the finest quality Canadian garden seeds are being received at Imperial Headquarters in London, the gift of Canadian Scouts for British Scout gardens. The past month has witnessed another generous response to the Seeds for Britain Campaign.

Anyone who has read in recent weeks the report of UNNRA on the food situation in Britain and Europe will realize that there is a very real need for this campaign, a need expressed in a cable from Imperial Headquarters that every pound of seed could be used to good advantage. This is the last year that we shall have an opportunity of rendering this service.

If your Pack or Troop or Local Association would care to help this worthy cause, it is suggested that they do so right away. The spring planting season in Britain is several weeks earlier than in most parts of Canada.

If you care to send donations direct, order seeds from your local seed dealer, and ship them to A. W. Hurl, Boy Scouts Association, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, England. They will be acknowledged if you include the name of your Group and the address of the Scoutmaster or Cubmaster. If you would like them acknowledged through *The Scout Leader*, send us particulars of your gift.

If you prefer, you may send the money to *The Scout Leader*, and we will look after shipment of the seeds for you. Please make cheques or money orders payable to Seeds for Britain Fund.

We are grateful to the following units and Associations which have sent donations during the past month, and which are hereby acknowledged.

Previously acknowledged	\$66.21
3rd Langley, B.C., Troop	12.00
17th Ottawa Troop	10.00
8th Brandon, Man., Pack	5.00
2nd Aldershot, Ont., Pack	2.25
Kingston, Ont., Local Assn.	10.00
3rd Ingersoll, Ont., Troop	10.00
(3rd donation)	
7th Toronto Troop	5.00
2nd Prescott, Ont., Pack	5.00
4th Hamilton Troop	5.00
3rd Charlottetown Troop	10.00
42nd Ottawa Troop	2.25
1st Sydney, N.S., Pack	2.00
Total	\$144.71

Scouting Events—Coast to Coast

The Scouts of the 1st Channel Troop in Newfoundland recently donated \$150 to the Newfoundland Tuberculosis Association. The money was the proceeds of the sale of their magazine *The Pioneer*.

Over a thousand toys were collected, and many repaired by the Scouts of Summerside, P.E.I., and distributed during the Christmas season.

Nova Scotia Jamboree

Over 325 Scouts attended the Colchester County, N.S., Jamboree, the first of its kind held in that area. Groups attended from Truro, Brookfield, Great Village, Truro Heights, Debert, Londonderry, Masstown, Tamamagouche, Kemptown, North River and Salmon River. W. A. Speed, Executive Commissioner for Nova Scotia, was the Jamboree Chief.

Thirty-five members of the St. John's United Troop at Moncton, N.B., staged a very successful variety show, which was witnessed by a large and appreciative audience.

Help Needy Families

Quebec City District Association's Christmas "Good Turn" consisted of a barrel collection of groceries for needy families. Eight city grocery stores co-operated in the drive which provided a fine variety of groceries for 25 families. About 100 Scouts and Cubs took part in the drive.

Toyshop to Aid Funds

From prune boxes, orange crates, curtain poles, sucker sticks and spools, the 1st Ingersoll, Ont., Troop manufactured an attractive display of toys. They were sold through a booth at the Anglican Church Bazaar. Gross receipts were \$60.50 and expenditures for paint, shellac, etc., totalled \$5.00. Troop equipment and aid for the Chins-Up and Seeds for Britain Fund will benefit from the proceeds.

The Manitoba Provincial Association made a generous gesture to Scouters in that Province by providing each with a copy of *Tenderfoot to King's Scout* as a gift from the Association.

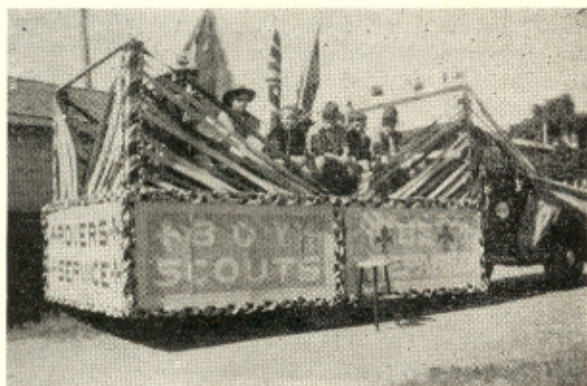
"Every Scout under Canvas" is the slogan of the Saskatoon Association for the coming camping season.

Calgary Cubs are to stage an exhibit of various handicrafts during Scout-Guide week at the Hudson's Bay Company store. Recently Sixers of the city were given instruction in such handicrafts as wood carving, soap carving, clay modelling, tin craft, bird houses, square knotting and weaving. Seventy-five Cubs and 13 leaders took the course.

Heading its news column in the Kelowna, B.C., *Courier*, the 1st Kelowna Troop has the legend "Troop first—Self last."

Windsor, Ont., reports that with 52 active groups in the city, one in every five boys of all ages are in either Cub Packs or Scout Troops in the city.

THIS ATTRACTIVE BOY SCOUT FLOAT WAS BUILT BY THE SCOUTS OF BRANDON, MANITOBA, AND WAS FEATURED AT THE ANNUAL FAIR. IT PUBLICIZED THE THREE SECTIONS OF THE MOVEMENT, CUBBING, SCOUTING AND ROVERING.



Chuck wagon races on ice are to be a feature of the Scout pageant to be held in Calgary on February 8th and 9th. Officials of the famous Calgary Stampede are co-operating in the show.

Honour Quebec Scouter

Geo. H. Greenfield, veteran Scoutmaster of the St. Anne de Bellevue Scout Troop in Quebec, was presented Scouting's second highest award for service, the Silver Acorn recently. The presentation was made by Jackson Dodds, former General Manager of the Bank of Montreal and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Canadian General Council.

Peterboro, Ont., District Association is seriously considering the opening of a Scout headquarters in the Liftlock City. The headquarters would be used for all kinds of district activities and meetings.

Paul Gagnon is the first Scout to become a King's Scout in the Val d'Or district of Quebec.

Ottawa Cubs and Scouts for the fifth successive season are receiving swimming and life saving instruction under the direction of W. G. Blair. They have the free use of the city owned Plant Bath each Saturday morning from 10 to 11.

Rover Scout Crews in Fort William and Ottawa recently staged "Welcome Home" parties for former Rovers returning from overseas. At Fort William there was community singing and dancing; at Ottawa a dinner, and a recital of exciting war experiences by the returned men.

Scouters of the Niagara Peninsula have formed a Peninsula Scouters Club embracing all the towns and cities in that area.

The Scouters and P.L.s of the 7th Quebec City Troop entertained all P.L.s and Scouters of the Quebec district at a sleigh ride which was followed by an entertainment, dancing and refreshments.

To Form King's Scout Troop

King's Scouts in Calgary are to be formed into a special King's Scout Troop. The Troop will wear a distinctive neckerchief and be used on special occasions as a Guard of Honour, and for other public functions. They will act in a capacity similar to that of Saskatoon's famous Exhibition Troop.

Nine members of the First Sudbury Troop were recently presented with their 100 hour war service badges.

The 4th Eastview (Ottawa) Troop recently celebrated its second birthday by entertaining the 25th Eastview (Ottawa) Troop.

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Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week-February 17-23

ELSEWHERE in this issue appears a condensed report of an address by Mr. Jackson Dodds on the subject of "Opportunity and Success in Scouting." It is particularly timely as we approach our annual observance of Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week.

This week presents innumerable opportunities. In aligning our activities during that week with the purposes outlined for Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week, there are opportunities to impress everyone from the smallest Cub, to the public at large.

It may seem redundant to repeat again that the whole Scout Movement is on parade during this week. The Movement draws back the curtains of its show window and the public, fathers and mothers of Scouts and Cubs, and all others interested, are given the opportunity to see us in action.

Much has been said in *The Scout Leader* in the past few months about the programme for Scout-Guide Week. In this final issue before the actual observance of the week we offer these brief paragraphed suggestions, as a reminder of your opportunities.

Remember our Founder, and tell the story of B.-P. at your Pack and Troop meetings, and at your Scout-Guide Week church services.

Ask your boys to wear full uniform, correctly worn, to school throughout the week.

Make your regular meeting that week a special event, a parents' night, father and son or parent and son banquet, campfire programme, hobby show, display, or concert.

Seek the co-operation of your local newspaper in telling the story of the Scout Movement, particularly as it applies to your own community.

Tell the story of the Movement through speakers at your local service club or other community organization, such as the Home and School Club.

If any planned event produces an income remember the Chins-Up or the Seeds for Britain Funds.

Ask your Mayor to proclaim Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week officially.

Seek permission to fly the Scout and Guide Flags on alternate days on the municipal flagstaff.

Ask your schools to co-operate by arranging special exercises in which Scouts and Cubs take part.

Your local radio station will help you if you are prepared to provide the necessary material.

Perhaps your local theatre will run a slide announcement of local activities on the screen.

This is particularly important—avoid all financial campaigns during Scout-Guide Week. This is a principle agreed upon by both the Boy Scout and the Girl Guide Associations.

Useful Material

Dominion Headquarters has prepared a quantity of useful material for publicity purposes for Scout-Guide Week. You may secure this through your Provincial Headquarters. Please do not apply to Dominion Headquarters. Material available includes:

- SGW 1 5 minute Radio Talk on Scouting and Guiding.
- SGW 2 A Service Club Address on Scouting.
- SGW 3 A 10 Minute Radio Talk on Cubbing.
- SGW 5 Suggested Radio Spot Announcements.
- SGW 6 A 10 Minute Radio Talk on Scouting.
- SGW 7 A 10 Minute Radio Talk on Scouting and Guiding.
- SGW 8 An 8 Minute Radio Talk on Rovering.

20 Minute Address on Life of B.-P.
Pamphlet on Church Services for Protestant Scouts.

These are all available without charge, but it should be pointed out that the Church Service Pamphlet is only for arrangement purposes, and not to provide a programme for each boy attending a service.

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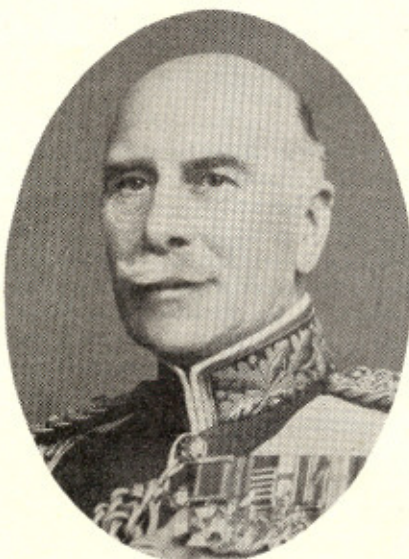
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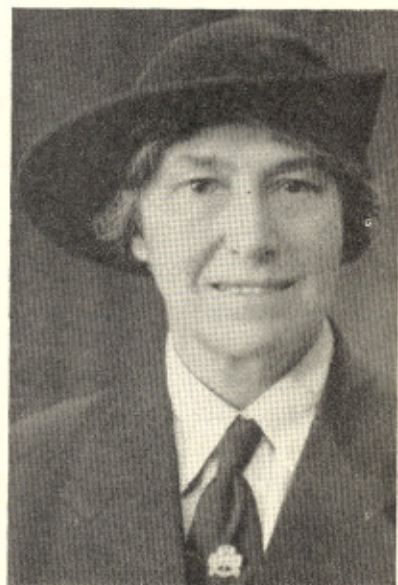
ON BOY SCOUT-GIRL GUIDE WEEK INAUGURAL BROADCAST—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17th



LORD ROWALLAN
CHIEF SCOUT OF THE EMPIRE



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CHIEF SCOUT OF CANADA



LADY BADEN-POWELL
CHIEF GUIDE OF THE WORLD



BOY SCOUT-GIRL GUIDE WEEK RADIO COOPERATION



FEATURE BROADCASTS

THE following broadcasts either feature Scouting and Guiding in their entirety, or devote some special part of the programme to the Movements. All programmes are listed at Eastern Standard Time.

Monday, February 11th

8.30 p.m.—Advance Broadcast, Borden Co. *Canadian Cavalcade*. Special cut-in from Windsor, Ont.

Saturday, February 16th

8.00-8.30 p.m.—Colgate's, *Share the Wealth*.

Sunday, February 17th

5.03 p.m.—Inaugural Broadcast, Trans Canada network; Lady Baden-Powell, Chief Guide of the World; Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the Empire; introduced by The Earl of Athlone, Chief Scout for Canada.
7.30 p.m.—Canadian Marconi Company, *Stardust Serenade*.

Monday, February 18th

1.45 p.m.—Robin Hood Mills, *Claire Wallace*, Monday through Friday.

Tuesday, February 19th

10.45 a.m.—Winston Curry's *Sweet Hour of Prayer*.

Thursday, February 21st

7.00 p.m.—Feature Broadcast, Trans

Canada Network from Vancouver. *Tomorrow—Their Day*, CBC production under direction of Scoutmaster John Wickham Barnes.

Friday, February 22nd

1.15 p.m.—Colgate-Palmolive Co., *The Happy Gang*. Salute to Scouting and Guiding.

SPOT BROADCASTS

The following commercial broadcasts have generously agreed to feature Scout-Guide Week spot announcements on their programmes.

Thursday, February 14th

9.30 p.m.—Imperial Tobacco Co., *Light Up and Listen*.

Saturday, February 16th

8.00 p.m.—Electric Auto-Lite, *Everything for the Boys*.

8.30 p.m.—Colgate's Cashmere Bouquet *House Party*.

9.00 p.m.—Miles Laboratory, *National Barn Dance*.

9.00-10.30 p.m.—Imperial Oil Co., *National Hockey Broadcast*.

Sunday, February 17th

5.30 p.m.—York Knitting Mills, *Singing Stars of Tomorrow*.

6.00 p.m.—International Silver Co., *Ozzie and Harriet*.

8.00 p.m.—Standard Brands, *Charlie McCarthy* programme.

9.00 p.m.—Campbell Soup Co., *Request Performance*.

Monday, February 18th

9.05 a.m.—Swift Canadian Co., *The Breakfast Club*, through Friday.

8.00 p.m.—Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., *Parade of Song*.

9.30 p.m.—Socony Vacuum Oil Co., *Information Please*.

Tuesday, February 19th

8.00 p.m.—Ironized Yeast programme, *Big Town*.

9.30 p.m.—Johnson Wax programme, *Fibber McGee and Molly*.

Wednesday, February 20th

7.30 p.m.—Whitehall Pharmacal, *Ellery Queen*.

8.00 p.m.—Campbell Soup Co., *The Jack Carson Show*.

8.00 p.m.—Maple Leaf Milling Co., *Jolly Miller Show*.

Thursday, February 21st

9.00 p.m.—Kraft Cheese Co., *Kraft Music Hall*.



HIGHLIGHT PRODUCER

SCOUTMASTER JOHN WICKHAM BARNES OF VANCOUVER, CBC PRODUCER, IS TO DIRECT THE TRANS-CANADA NETWORK, CBC SCOUT-GUIDE WEEK HIGHLIGHT PROGRAMME "TOMORROW—THEIR DAY" ON THURSDAY, FEB. 21ST, AT 7 P.M. E.S.T.

9.30 p.m.—British-American Oil Co., *Peerless Parade*.

Friday, February 22nd

10.00 p.m.—Gillette, *Cavalcade of Sports*.

Saturday, February 23rd

4.30-5.30 p.m. CFRB Toronto presentation, *Hi-Variety*. On CFRB only.

Probable Broadcast

On News Round-Up, Trans Canada Network, Monday through Friday, 10.15 to 10.30 p.m. One broadcast to feature interview with Lord Rodney, one of the Scouts attending the first Scout Camp on Brownsea Island in 1907. Lord Rodney is a resident of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.

Scout-Guide Week

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located where Scouting and Guiding are active, will be sent a special news service with free picture mats. They will also be sent a copy of the Commercial Mat Service for use in advertising Scout-Guide Week. If you will contact your local newspaper, you may ensure these aids being used.

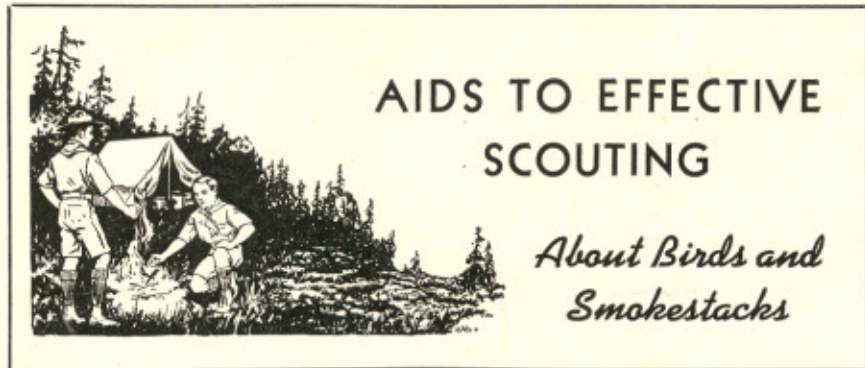
May we repeat that *The Scout Leader* is interested in receiving prints of Scout-Guide Week events. We cannot promise to use all that come in. Prints should be glossy and contrasty. Unless they are received in good time, their value will be lost, so that speed in submitting them is necessary.

Your Dominion, Provincial and District Headquarters have done everything possible to help you make this week a success. Now it is up to you to do the rest.



WINSTON CURRY

WHOSE RADIO PROGRAMME "SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER" WILL BE ENTIRELY DEDICATED TO THE BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, AT 10.45 A.M. E.S.T.



AIDS TO EFFECTIVE SCOUTING

About Birds and Smokestacks

Editor's Note: Many city Scouters, who perhaps feel that life in the city limits the possibilities of proper nature study, will see in this splendid article by Scouter Bastin, that the city offers innumerable opportunities for study, even in the heavily industrialized sections.

LEADING up to the main gates of our huge, sprawling steel producing plant in Hamilton, Ontario, is a narrow lane, perhaps a thousand yards long, which connects with the nearest city street. It is flanked on one side by weedy, grassy fields and on the other by open, tilled ground which is the home of gay, colorful flowers all summer long: the home of dandelions, mustard, great mullein and Queen Anne's lace; of blue chicory and trailing wild morning glory. It is also the home of song sparrows, meadowlarks, red-winged blackbirds, starlings, English sparrows and robins. And all year around, a pair of sparrow hawks hunt over the area.

The open spaces bordering the entrance lane are the haunt of pheasants, and almost any day the smartly-coloured cock bird, white collar standing out sharply, may be observed poking patiently about in the tall grass. They had a lean time last winter, which was remarkable for its deep snow. Some of the workmen took pity and scattered food for them when conditions grew really bad. One year, when the pheasants nested against a wire fence, three or four yards from a busy railway siding, the men erected a signboard warning the engineers to avoid blowing down their scalding steam in that vicinity.

Looking forward up the lane, you can watch the great, towering blast furnaces, with the busy skip-buckets making their endless hauls up to the bells with iron ore and coke; beyond them are the long, gray roofs and belching chimneys of the open hearth furnaces; beyond them, again, are the noisy rolling mills. In the wailing of compressed air whistles and the mas-

By Scoutmaster Eric W. Bastin,
Hamilton

Condensed from Audubon Magazine

sive, climbing plumes of smoke and steam, there is embodied an impression of mighty, controlled power.

The birds are not awed by this spectacle of man's industry. When spring comes, the red-winged blackbirds unfailingly nest among the cattails down in a swampy low corner of the fields. About the tenth of March, I begin to watch the telegraph wires down the lane, for the first glimpse of the crimson and black plumage, and to listen for the reedy notes that proclaim the blackbird's return.

I remember one dark, misty morning in the second week of March, when I made my way toward the plant gates, about 7.30 a.m. It was a miserable day, with a chilly, damp wind from the northeast. But there came clearly across

the desolate fields the cheerful fluting of a meadowlark. This bird was seen almost daily thereafter, perched atop the snow-fence, or sitting high upon a telegraph wire.

One afternoon in mid-March I was hurrying through a drizzling rain toward the main road when, from an overcast, leaden sky there came the shrill, impatient cries of a killdeer; a moment later I spotted a pair high over the sodden fields, darting erratically with rapidly beating wings.

There are many hazards among "those dark, satanic mills" as William Blake called them; great sewers pour their oily effluents out into the waters offshore; tall chimneys belch dense smoke and fumes; locomotives puff out cinders and live steam as they shunt their long lines of freight-cars. One day a track repair gang sent one of their men for me. They had picked up an injured bird outside their tool-shack; I identified it as a meadowlark, and we cared for it as best we could for a few days. It did not survive its injuries, however.

Sometimes surplus gas is burned off at what is called a "bleeder;" often a flame twenty or twenty-five feet long burns steadily for hours, giving off tremendous heat. The men who witnessed the tragedy still talk of the morning when they found, at its foot the charred bodies of hundreds of little birds, of many colors and species. A flock in night migration had been



AN UNIQUE EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF THE 8TH MEDICINE HAT (RIVERSIDE) TROOP WAS THE RECENT PRESENTATION OF KING'S SCOUT BADGES TO SIX MEMBERS AT ONE TIME. THE SIX SCOUTS ARE SEEN WITH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER J. H. WHITEHOUSE, AND THE SCOUTERS OF THE GROUP. AT ONE TIME WITHOUT A MEETING PLACE, THIS TROOP FOR NEARLY A WHOLE SEASON USED THE S.M.'S HOME.

attracted by the great flame and had flown headlong into it.

Even "the dump," a large, flat waste of slag which edges ever farther into the waters of Lake Ontario, regularly is visited by the birds. Some of it is barren and dusty, reeking with the sulphurous, acrid fumes from freshly-poured slag; much of it is overgrown by weeds and small shrubbery. Unpromising though it appears, it is the temporary home of several species of birds and even the nesting-place of a few. About the third or fourth week of February, the horned larks return to the dump. They are heard before they are seen, for their tiny backs blend perfectly with the broken, grayish brown of the cinders and slag. The killdeer nests in the slag, too, and sometimes the young are found scampering about while their painstaking parent performs her wounded wing routine, accompanied by shrill, plaintive cries. A crane foreman told me of a killdeer that nested in the very centre of a much-used footpath; kindly laborers drove warning stakes on either side, and marked out a new path—a detour—a few yards away.

I have watched common terns, black terns and Caspian terns winging their courses across the dump, and occasionally there stands the statuesque form of a great blue heron, perched atop some jagged pile of slag. In the distance, we may see an osprey fishing, or watch the bald eagle wing its dignified way across the harbor.

A stroll along the shore of the dump often reveals ducks afloat, especially large numbers of scaup in cold weather. Most of the year, herring gulls are present in large flocks, and at times, great black-backed and ring-billed gulls mix with them. One winter, I fed the herring gulls daily from the steps of my office. The birds would perch on a roof across the yard, waiting. At my appearance, crusts of bread in hand, they would spiral gracefully down, six or eight at a time, cheerfully quarrelling at the foot of the steps until every last crumb had gone.

About noon on a mild, March day, I glanced up from my work to look through the grimy window at the usual smoking chimneys and iron roofs. Suddenly, into this view, winged a straggling double line of Canada geese, forty of them, perhaps, driving their way across the great industrial section of the city!

And even as we wait for the streetcar, at the end of the lane when the work-day is done, birds are there to cheer us. Last winter an energetic

Memorial Council Fire Chair



THIS new Camp Chief's Chair at the Ontario Gilwell Campsite at Blue Springs, has been dedicated to the memory of all Scout Leaders who served in the first and second world wars. It was made by C. V. "Lumpy" Nunn of the Ontario Provincial Office, with the help of P.L. G. Osborne of Windsor, and Cub David Firth of London.

The symbolism of the chair is explained by Mr. Nunn as follows: The back of the chair is in colour, with a blue "T" for Training, and for Blue Springs. The supporting arms are in red-green and yellow, to represent the three sections of the Movement.

The signs are read upwards; the tracks, human and animal, indicating a path to the fire sign, symbol of a short camp, followed by the sign for a good

downy woodpecker stayed for some time in this neighborhood. I recall one sub-zero day during a streetcar failure when he entertained scores of hungry steelworkers by his antics in a young bare-limbed maple tree across the road.

Life is kaleidoscopic in its unexpected contrasts; the nature-lover in pursuit of his hobby scarcely would give a second thought to the possibilities of a steelworks as a habitat for birds. That they are to be found there comes as a pleasant surprise, one that serves often to relieve and enliven the drabness of daily routine. It is a welcome glimpse of beauty where man-made power and ugliness dominate.

camp (teepee with heart above). The teepee is in blue for the name of the camp, and the heart is in red. Above this is the sign of woodcraft, the circle of eternity, the horns of power for knowledge and the tree of life, with arrow pointing to the sign of peace. Interpreted this means the road of Scouting, through Gilwell Training, leads to peaceful understanding.

The log above the chair with the masked axe, is the sign of Gilwell. It is flanked by two smaller logs with the Cub and Scout signs, on the back of which is kept the list of Ontario Gilwell Courses from the first at Black Rapids, Ottawa, in 1922, to the present time.

The sign "Akela Course" is interchangeable with "Scout Course" and used when applicable. The short logs beneath the sign bear the Indian signs for the year.

Also on the chair, but not seen well in the picture, are a book rest and flashlight hook. The chair was made from what was the Owl Patrol gateway in the 1944 Gilwell.

Opportunity

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That men may seize me when they meet me.

*Why then is thy head so bald behind?
To show that when I have once passed
I cannot be caught.*

We do not see such statues nowadays, but on every hand are enduring monuments to successful men and women. These monuments are in every conceivable form—improved farms, great industries, banks, engineering and scientific achievements, hospitals, schools, universities, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides.

Finally, Scouting Opportunity . . .

You may take it from one who has had his opportunities, and some modicum of success, that the things which will give you the most satisfaction as you near "three score years and ten" are the simple things done for others. . . . Some of the finest and most important things you can do are those you deal with every week at your Troop and Pack meetings.

You leaders are engaged in one of the most important forms of national service. You are giving this service at a time of pressing need; when the life of post-war Canada, and of the newly liberated world, are being moulded.

Perhaps it will be some years before you realize just how important your Scouting leadership is,—when you are able to see some of the fine results of your training in character building.

I congratulate you upon your opportunities!

LOVE WILL FIND A WAY

or THE FRUSTRATION OF HIRAM SLINK

An Old Fashioned
Mellerdrammer for
A Parents' Night

Editor's Note: This is an original play produced by the 1st Quamichan Troop, Duncan, B.C. To retain their title to this script the Troop would appreciate those using it to first notify Col. Dopping-Hepenstal, District Commissioner, Duncan, B.C.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Ebenezer Crabtree.....	the Farmer
Martha Crabtree.....	his Wife
Nellie Crabtree.....	his Daughter
Hiram Slink.....	the Villain
Elmer Hucklewort.....	Postboy
Neb Nabbem.....	Fuller Brush
Bill Brawny.....	Lover
Bartender, Henchmen.	

ACT I

Scene: Living room of Crabtree home. Old folks seated at table. Eb reading paper, Marthy knitting.

EB: Well, Marthy, today's the day our leetle Nell gits home. Sakes alive, it don't seem no time at all since she went away to the big city to school. Deary me, how time do fly.

MARTHY: Yes, Eb, we're both a-gittin' old, and it will be great company fer us to have our leetle Nell a-runnin' around the house as she did in days gone by. My, what a leetle gal she was. (Sighs) Always a-laffin' and a-singin' as she went about her work—her leetle feet a-poundin' the floor and a-risin' the dust. But look, Eb, look. Who be that a-goin' by the gate?

EB: (rises and looks out of window) It's the post boy I dew believe. (Shouts) Hey Elmer! Elmer Hucklewort! Hev ye any letters fer us today?

ELMER: (in distance) Not today, Mr. Crabtree! (Silly laugh) Guess Nell'll be home soon now, won't she? (Train whistle) There's the train a-whistlin'. I'm a-goin' to the station to see her when she gits off. Good-bye Mr. Crabtree.

EB: (returns to chair, chuckling) All slicked up, Elmer were. Hed his store clothes on and lard in his hair. Guess he cal'clates Nellie'll take a shine to him in that git-up.

MARTHY: Now Eb, don't ye make fun o' the poor boy. He's always been kinda sweet on Nellie ever since she sat next to him in the leetle old red school house in the lane. Guess she'll be right glad to see some of the home folks agin. Mercy's sakes. (Sniffs air) My biscuits do be a-burnin'! (Rushes off stage. Enter Stranger through window, and sneaks about).

STRANGER: Ssshhh! I'M THE FULLER BRUSH MAN! (exit).

EB: (drawing paper from pocket) To think that that wretch Hiram Slink holds the mortgage on the farm. Evil was the day in which he inveigled me into a game of tiddlewinks and won my all. All? Yes, all! Even the roof over my head is not secure. (Large piece of plaster falls as he speaks) Brace up! (pounds chest) Be a man! Marthy must not discover my dread secret! Return, viper, to my bosom! (Thrusts papers into hip pocket as Marthy rushes in).

MARTHY: Here she comes, Eb! That nice Mr. Slink be a-drivin' her home. See! (They go to window).

EB: Hello Nell!

MARTHY: Welcome home, Nellie!

EB: Glad to see ye, leetle gal!

BOTH: Here she comes!

NELLIE: (entering from opposite side of stage) Mother! (rushes forward and embraces Marthy) Father! (embraces Eb).

SLINK: (extending arms as he enters behind Nellie) Nellie!

NELLIE: I'll slap your sassy face! (does so).

SLINK: (holding cheek) I like a gal with spirit! When we wed I shall tame you, muh proud beauty!

NELLIE: You are mad! Never would I give my hand to a Slink! Nay! I love another.

SLINK: Another? No! Mine you must be! Do I not hold the mortgage on your father's farm? Marry me, or he and your mother shall starve in rags when I foreclose. I shall errrusssh them! (clenches fist).

NELLIE: Father! Say it is not so! Tell me he lies!

EB: Alas, datter! Would that I could. It is true. (shows paper).

MARTHY: Oh, my child! (exit weeping).

NELLIE: Mr. Slink! If you have a spark of manhood in your bosom, you will be merciful. You would not see a poor old couple driven from door to door by the icy hand of biting poverty!

SLINK: (laughs) Boooooorahaha! Wouldn't I? You can save them, Nellie, from such a fate. Marry me, and I will let you wish for anything you want.

NELLIE: Beast! And I called you a friend! Now I know you are naught but a wolf in cheap clothing.

SLINK: (gnashes teeth) You shall pay for those words, muh proud beauty. I shall humble you to the dust!

EB: Don't be a-gittin' him mad datter! He'll make ye a fine husband.

NELLIE: Husband! That thing? Never!

EB: What? Would ye hev your pore old father a-beggin his bread in the sleet and snow? Come, come datter! This be downright ungrateful of ye!

NELLIE: I cannot help it. Wed him I can not! (sobs on table).

SLINK: (pats her shoulder) Dry your tears, my pretty one. I am not as black as I am painted. (brushes moustache, it comes off. Replaces it hurriedly) I am not what I seem! But consent to marry me and all will be well.

NELLIE: (kicks his shins) Go away! You wretch!

SLINK: (hops, holding shin, in passion) So! This to me! Woe to your parents!

EB: Datter! Ye be an ungrateful young hussy! Git out! And never darken my door agin!

NELLIE: Gladly will I! (with loathing) Better dead than married to a Slink! Ugh! (turns to door) Farewell!

SLINK: (scowling) Come, Nell, best think it over. You will wander in rags if you refuse.

NELLIE: (dramatically) Rags are royal raiment when worn for virtue's sake. Yet—I fear I must consent. Yes—for my parents' sake I will marry you on the day the mortgage falls due.

SLINK: (laughs triumphantly) Tomorrow you are mine! Wait, muh proud beauty. I will break that haughty spirit.

NELLIE: Oh you monster! (Between each epithet Slink laughs loudly) Wretch! Villain! Beast! Oh that my lover

were here! Honest, true Bill Brawny. (*Heavy footsteps off. Knock on door*) Did someone knock? Who is without?

SLINK: Without what?

NELLIE: (*to Slink*) Viper! (*to door*) Come in!

BRAWNY: Who calls my name? What! 'tis my darling Nell. How glad am I to see you! (*Advances to embrace Nell, but is barred by Slink*).

SLINK: Not so fast, fellow! The girl is mine!

BRAWNY: Yours? Nell—what does he mean?

NELLIE: (*weeping*) Oh Bill! He holds the mortgage on the farm. Unless I marry him father and mother are ruined. What can I do?

BRAWNY: Do? Why—pay off the mortgage.

ALL: What!?!?!?

BRAWNY: Yes! There's gold in them thar hills. I shall away at break of dawn and return ere set of sun with gold wherewith to pay in full what you owe this fiend in human form.

SLINK: Rubbish!

NELLIE: Oh Bill!

BRAWNY: Nell!

SLINK: I believe not a word of your boastings!

BRAWNY: (*turning on him*) Silence! lest I dash you prostrate to the dust. (*Seizes Slink by the throat and throws him out*) Begone! Viper!

SLINK: I go—but I shall return. (*pauses at door*) I shall return! (*exit and immediately puts head back in*) I SHALL RETURN!!!! (*exit*)

EB: Well—I hope he has a return ticket!

ACT I CURTAIN

ACT II

Scene: A saloon. Bartender at rear polishing glasses. Elmer asleep under table, wakes up as Slink and Henchmen enter and seat themselves.

SLINK: If Brawny returns ere sunset with the gold we are ruined. He will pay off the mortgage and marry the girl. Without money I cannot continue my I.C.S. course in bigger and better crimes, and although they all laughed when I sat down at headquarters I soon had them gasping as I cracked the safe and made off with the Inspector's dime bank. So hench, my henchmen, as you have never henched before. (*heavy thinking by all. Slink starts triumphantly*) A plan! We will stop him ere he takes the gold to old Crabtree!

HENCHMAN: But how?

SLINK: When he enters, as he will soon to tell me he has the gold, I will drink with him. Make a noise like a cat to distract his attention until I dope his drink. When I drop my glove, you, my men, spring out and capture him. Then away to the old mill! (*Stamps on foot of Elmer*)

ELMER: Owwww!

SLINK: (*starting*) What was that?

ELMER: Miaow!

SLINK: (*relaxing*) Oh! Only a cat.

HENCHMAN: What do we do then?

SLINK: Boorhahaha! Tie him to the carriage and run him through the saw! Boorhaha! He shall learn to bar the way of a Slink! (*drops feet on Elmer*)

ELMER: Ow!!!

SLINK: (*starts*) What was that?

ELMER: The same cat!

SLINK: (*relaxing*) Oh! (*footsteps offstage*)

BARTENDER: Hark! Footsteps!

SLINK: 'Tis he! Bill Brawny! Hide! (*waves arms, and all but Slink and Bartender hide. Enter Brawny who gazes*

fixedly at ceiling until all are hidden)

BRAWNY: The shades of night are falling fast! (*henchman knocks over chair*)

HENCHMAN: Miaow!

BRAWNY: Ah! One of our little four-footed friends!

SLINK: What! Do my eyes deceive me? 'Tis Bill Brawny! Come in, Brawny, and tell us—tell me—did you find the gold?

BRAWNY: That did I! Slink! You are foiled!

SLINK: Curses! Yet let us drink to your happiness with little Nell. (*sotto voice*) Soon—soon will she be mine! Heh! Heh! Heh!

BRAWNY: Right gladly would I. Yet—wine is a mocker—strong drink is raging. BARTENDER!!!!

BARTENDER: Yes, my man?

BRAWNY: Give me a good—stiff—drink—of—BUTTER-MILK!!! (*pounds bar*)

BARTENDER: (*in disgust*) Buttermilk? Yes—sonny. (*pours whiskey and buttermilk*)

BRAWNY: (*glass in hand*) To little Nell—bless her!

SLINK: Hark! What was that noise?

BRAWNY: What noise?

SLINK: It came from over there! (*points away from their position*).

BRAWNY: (*carefully avoiding looking in Slink's direction, and holding glass out rigidly to afford him every opportunity to dope drink*) Only a rat Slink. The place is alive with them. (*Slink gestures wildly*)

HENCHMAN: Miaow!

ELMER: Miaow!

HENCHMAN: Miaow!

BRAWNY: Dear, sweet little creatures. How I would like to give you all a nice big saucer of milk!

HENCHMEN: Ugh!!!

SLINK: (*who has doped drink and carefully stirred it with riding crop*) To little Nell! May you see her soon! Heh! heh! heh! heh! (*they drink*)

BRAWNY: (*staggering wildly and dropping glass*) What! I am faint! Slink—you villain, you have drugged me!

SLINK: (*laughs and drops glove*) I have you in my power, Brawny! Never shall you have my Nell. No! Never! (*tremendous fight ensues, Brawny sweeping henchmen to floor right and left, finally felled from behind with bottle by Slink*) Curses! The fool fought like mad! Away! Away to the old mill! (*exit henchmen and Slink dragging Brawny. Bartender goes to door and gazes after them. Elmer peeks out from under table*).

ELMER: (*to audience*) Nell must be told of this. (*tiptoes cautiously behind bartender and taps shoulder. As bartender turns to that side, Elmer slips out other*) Miaow!

BARTENDER: (*slouching back to bar*) Them pesky cats'll ruin me yet. (*Enter Stranger and tiptoes about*) Who the—mischief are you?

STRANGER: Sssshhhhh! I'm the Fuller Brush Man! (*exit*)

ACT II CURTAIN

ACT III

Scene: The old mill. Saw to one side with carriage arranged to slide up to it. Enter Slink and henchmen with Brawny, in bonds.

SLINK: 'Tis well, my men. Here is the spot!

HENCHMAN: What spot?

BRAWNY: Slink, you villain, I fear you not! Do your worst! I defy you! (*Shakes fist under Slink's nose—realizes he is tied and returns hand hastily to bonds*).

SLINK: (*laughs*) Little did you dream as you quaffed your

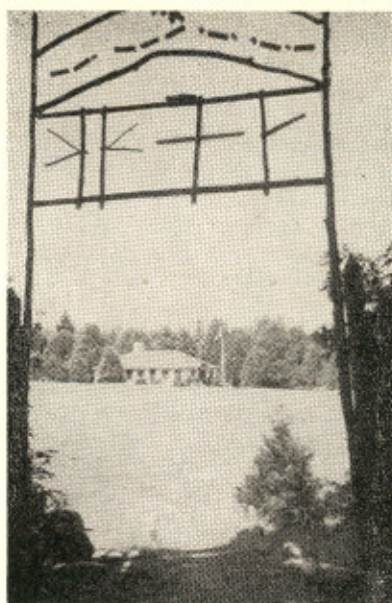
Scouting Events

The 26th London Troop produces an excellent Troop magazine, which is printed on a mimeograph machine, and the drawings coloured with crayons, presenting a very attractive appearance. The magazine contains items of general interest to the whole Group, including the Pack, the Mothers' Auxiliary and the Troop. There are boosts for the Chins-Up Fund, and other worthwhile projects, and of course there is a column of jokes.

Ottawa's West Area recently staged a largely attended rally of the Troops in that district. The Troops were inspected by District Commissioner Alvin Schryer, and the programme included motion pictures of "Ice Rescues" and "Winter Camping." There was a sing-song, skits, and of course the inevitable eats.

An impressive ceremony was held in St. John's Church, Leamington, Ont., when the Troop Leader and a Patrol Leader were invested at a regular service. Two Scouts read the bible lessons, and two other Scouts acted as sidesmen.

Quebec City and District are issuing an interesting bulletin of news about the Troops and Packs of the District.



BOTH SEMAPHORE AND MORSE WERE USED TO IDENTIFY THE CROW PATROL SITE AT THE ONTARIO GILWELL LAST SUMMER. AS THE PICTURE WAS TAKEN FROM BEHIND YOU'LL HAVE TO CHECK YOUR CODES IN REVERSE.

The 1st St. George's Troop at Allandale, Ont., held a successful parents' night just before Christmas when each Scout brought a gift to be distributed to the needy.

Climaxing a six-week leadership training course, Scouters and Committeemen of the South Essex District held a successful dinner at Leamington, Ont.

Scouters of the Tillsonburg, Ont., District have organized a Scouters' Club.

Gerald Purkis and Jim Moore, both Scouters of long experience have been named Field Commissioners for the Toronto District which now has six Scout executives on its staff.

Rev. B. K. Cronk has been invested as a member of the 3rd London Rover Crew at Westminster Church, where he is assistant minister.

The Local Association in Ottawa is sponsoring a Boxing School for Scouts. Use of the High School of Commerce gymnasium has been obtained and classes meet for two hours each Wednesday with expert instructors. Over 70 Scouts registered for the course.

The West End Club at Kirkland Lake, Ont., is to provide a sports day for all Scout Troops in the district. The club will provide a rink, ski run and snow-shoe trail.

drink that it would lead to your undoing. You are at my mercy, Brawny! *(laughs again)*.

BRAWNY: Faugh! As soon expect blood from a stone as mercy from the flinty heart of Hiram Slink!

HENCHMAN: Let us, then, to work!

SLINK: Not yet, my trusty henchman. There is time enough later.

HENCHMAN: *(sotto voce)* Better late than never.

SLINK: *(to Brawny)* Any last message for Nell, my poor fellow? *(laughs)*

BRAWNY: *(aghast)* Oh, Nell! Little did I think that I should fail you thus! *(Fiercely)* Slink! Were you a man, you would not so taunt me!

SLINK: What I want, Brawny—I TAKE!!! *(pounds carriage)* Were you half a man—as you will be shortly—you would have done likewise. But enough! Here, my men! Tie him to the carriage! Cuthbert! Start the engine! Clarence! See, if the saw is sharp! *(All rush to do his bidding. Brawny is tied to carriage and saw begins to roll)*. Any last words, Brawny? *(moves lever and carriage carries Brawny towards saw)*.

BRAWNY: *(straining at bonds)* Slink, you fiend! I'll haunt you for this!

SLINK: You'll be a pretty mess of a ghost when you're cut in half, Brawny. *(laughs)* C'mup'n haunt me some time! Farewell! *(throws lever savagely forward. Carriage moves then stops as saw also stops)*. Curses! *(tugging)* What is wrong with the works?

BRAWNY: RIGHT WILL PREVAIL, YOU VILLAIN!!!

SLINK: Bah! *(tugs savagely)*.

NELL: *(appearing at door)* You are defeated, you scoun-

drels. I have stopped the engine! *(points pistol)* Throw up your hands! Oh Bill! My darling, I am just in time! *(To Slink)* Release him, you wretch! *(As Slink moves to comply, Nell is overcome by henchman from behind)*. Eeeeeeeeeee!!!! *(pistol goes off)*

SLINK: *(laughs)* Tricked, muh proud beauty! Well done, Jake. Here, *(offers lever)* You may have the pleasure of bisecting this insect! *(enter Stranger)*

STRANGER: HALT!!!!

SLINK: I know you!

ALL: You're the Fuller Brush Man!!

STRANGER: And I know YOU Hiram Slink—alias Lefty Looter—alias Dapper Dan—Ha, That shot tells! *(as Slink quails)* Will you come quietly or shall I call the police? *(presents brush, stripped to reveal tommy-gun)*

SLINK: Foiled! Curses! I will come.

BRAWNY: *(who has arisen)* But who are YOU?

STRANGER: *(shows badge and salutes)* Silent Ned Nabber of the Southeast Unmounted. I always get my man! *(salutes again and shepherds crooks off)*

BRAWNY: My darling! *(holds out arms)*

NELL: My love! *(they clinch. Short pause)*

BRAWNY: I had the gold, Nell, wherewith to pay off the mortgage. We can use it now to be wed. Wilt be mine?

NELL: I wilt! *(she does so)*

BRAWNY: *(patting her head—vigorously)* Love will always find a way! *(sighs. Elmer peeks in, smiles, and off again)*.

ELMER: *(off)* MIAOW!!!!

CURTAIN

CHINS-UP FUND Boy Scout - Girl Guide Week, 1946

An Outline of Its Aims and Purposes

The Slogan

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

The Purposes

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



If you thought that some small effort of your boys might make it possible for Scouting to get back on its feet with greater speed in wartorn Europe, of course you would make that effort.

There are few better ways of doing this than through the Chins-Up Fund. As we have pointed out so often, 56,000 Scout handbooks of various kinds have already been shipped or are in production for the Scouts of France, Poland, Holland, Norway and Czechoslovakia. Of course 56,000 seems like a lot of books, and it is a job of which Canadian Scouts may be proud. But in those five countries there are many thousands of Scouts who will not have the necessary books unless someone provides them. Of course they would provide them themselves if they had the money and the printing presses, but they have neither. We have the money, we have the printing presses, so let this be our way of showing our gratitude for all the horrors of war we in Canada escaped. Send your donations, small or large, to your Provincial Headquarters or direct to Dominion Headquarters if you prefer.

The following donations of record to January 15th, are gratefully acknowledged.

Bronze Arrowhead Course, Saskatchewan; Mr. W. E. Tibbs, Halifax, N.S.; Unknown Friend, Halifax, N.S.; St. Clair, Ont., District, Annual Meeting; Niagara District Leaders' Christmas Party; 1st Exeter, Ont., Troop.

Eighth Wolf Cub Pack, Brandon, Man.; 26th London, Ont., Troop; 40th Winnipeg Pack; Akela Club Treasure Hunt, Man.; 42nd Winnipeg Pack; Unknown Friend, Man.; New Waterford, N.S., Boy Scouts; 15th London, Ont., Mothers' Auxiliary; 1st Collingwood, Ont., Rover Crew.

Billy Barnes, a Scout of the 1st Wallaceburg, Ont., Troop, rescued Norman Furtah when the latter broke through the ice while skating.

Do Your Patrol Leaders Get The Junior Leader?

FROM several sections of the country we have had the disquieting and disappointing news, that some Scouters are not giving their Patrol Leaders the opportunity of using the *Junior Leader*. This publication is produced by Dominion Headquarters and distributed without charge in the interests of building through your Patrol Leaders better Scout Troops.

During the Christmas holidays a young out-of-town visitor to Ottawa who is a Patrol Leader told us he had never seen the *Junior Leader* and to his knowledge nor had the other P.L.s in the Troop. From another section of Canada came word the Scouter was not distributing the *Junior Leader* in his Troop.

Some months ago we quoted one of our field men as saying that the *Junior Leader* was proving valuable "wherever we have been able to persuade the Scouter to distribute it."

There seems to be some misunderstanding on the part of a few Scouters of the purpose of the *Junior Leader*, and too of their own responsibility to the Troop. No Scout Troop is the personal property of the Scouter. If he is conscientious in his work, he is Scoutmaster for one purpose, and that to be of service to the boy.

No Scouter knows everything there is to know about Scouting, and in any event the B.-P. plan was to let the Patrol Leaders do the actual work. The *Junior Leader* is published to help the Patrol Leader give more effective leadership to his Patrol, and through that method to make your Troop a more successful Troop.

It is to be hoped that every Scout-

master will see to it that his Patrol Leaders regularly receive the *Junior Leader* as soon as it arrives, and that through it the boys be given the opportunity to develop leadership qualities, and to be what they should be, qualified assistants to their Scoutmasters in the operation of the Troop.

Headquarters Notices

His Excellency the Chief Scout has issued warrants for the following appointments.

Provincial Commissioner

Hon. N. E. Tanner, Edmonton, Alberta, Minister of Lands and Mines in the Alberta Government.

District Commissioner

Superintendent H. Darling, R.C.M.P., Edmonton, Alta.

Assistant District Commissioner

Bertram R. Scammell, Fredericton, N.B.
Norman T. Phillips, Moncton, N.B.

District Scoutmaster

Charles Gerald McKay, Toronto.

Scoutmasters

Alexander R. Cumming, Montreal, Que.
John E. Field, Westmount, Que.
John R. Morris, Amherstburg, Ont.
George B. Adams, Toronto, Ont.

Assistant Scoutmasters

Howard Robert Hooper, Toronto.
Angus F. McLeod, Aberdeen, N.S.
Frederick Behmber, Sudbury, Ont.

Cubmasters

Louise Norcross, Duncan, B.C.
Edward A. Lowery, Toronto.
Sister Mary Roberta, Regina, Sask.

Assistant Cubmasters

Robert A. McKay, Toronto.
Richard A. Howard, Keewatin, Ont.

A page of helpful ideas
from anyone, anywhere.

THE DUFFEL BAG

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

Peps Up Troop

SCOUTS of the 144th Toronto Troop had a very successful handicraft show and display of woodwork, models, nature study, collections, art and Scoutcraft. The display served to pep up interest throughout the Troop, and a vote was taken to hold a similar display at a future date.

Postscripts

FRANK C. Irwin, Ontario Provincial Executive Commissioner, has adopted a novel idea. With each bulletin or notice sent out to the field he encloses a card which he calls a "postscript", and on which appears a game, an idea or a suggestion for a Troop or Pack meeting. Pack leaders get only those applicable to the Cub Pack, and Scoutmasters, those applicable to the Troop. The series is known as the "Little Helps for Scouters from Ontario Headquarters."

25 Years Executive Commissioner

MARKING the completion of a quarter century as Ontario's Executive Commissioner, Frank C. Irwin, was guest of honour at a dinner in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, largely attended by association members and Scouters. On behalf of His Excellency the Chief Scout, Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, Dominion Commissioner, presented Mr. Irwin with Scouting's highest decoration for service, The Silver Wolf. Mr. Irwin was a Scout in Moose Jaw, later serving as executive secretary for Saskatchewan. He then joined the staff of the Boy Scouts of America and served in France on a series of training courses for French Scoutmasters. Mr. Irwin, at the request assume his present position. Dominion Headquarters was represented at the dinner by Mr. John A. Stiles, Chief Executive Commissioner, and Mr. W. L. Currier, Assistant Commissioner for Training. The Boy Scouts of America were represented by Dr. Lorne W. Barclay, Director of Publications, who presented Mr. Irwin with a Boy Scout statuette.

Scouts and Calendars

An authority on calendars says that among the most popular calendars are those which feature Boy Scouts. Scouts were placed among the three most popular calendar subjects, the others being girls, and the Dionne quintuplets.

Excuse My Absence—I'm Conducting the Symphony Tonight

THERE are three legitimate excuses for absence from a meeting of the 29th Toronto Wolf Cub Pack, sickness, out of town, or conducting a symphony orchestra. Cub Michael Spivak is likely to be the only boy in the Pack to have the latter excuse. His father, Elie Spivak is Concert Master of the Toronto Symphony orchestra. At the annual Christmas Box Concert in Massey Hall, Michael's Cubmaster, W. H. Smith, who was in the audience, was amazed to see Michael walk out on the stage, take Sir Ernest McMillan's baton, give him an ocarina and wave him to a nearby chair, while Michael mounted the podium and conducted this famous orchestra in the Toy Symphony. On one other occasion Michael conducted the orchestra in a public performance.

Woodstock, N.B., War Record

FIGURES compiled by District Commissioner F. O. Troy of Woodstock, N.B., reveal that the Scouts of that city, during the war collected over 600,000 pounds of salvage, with receipts reaching \$3,000. Approximately \$1,000 was donated to the Chins-Up Fund. This same Group made a variety of gadgets which they sold at Christmas time to boost their Troop funds.

Hesketh Trophy Competition

THE 78th Winnipeg Pack, from St. Ignatius Church, won the Hesketh First Aid Trophy in the recent competitions. Prior to the main competition there were three separate competitions in the various districts. Thirteen teams in all entered the contest, as a result of which 75 Cubs passed their First Aider Badge requirements. Since the inception of this competition 2,595 Winnipeg Cubs have earned this badge. Officials of the St. John Ambulance Brigade acted as examiners. Runners up in the contest in which the 78th gained 98½ points were the 8th St. Patrick's, with 96½ points, and the 73rd Salvation Army, with 87½ points. The 8th Pack was awarded the Thompson Memorial Flag.

Gilwell Camp Dates

PLAN now to give more effective leadership to your Troop or Pack, by taking a Gilwell Part 2 Course this summer. Here are the first camp dates announced.

Scout Courses

Saskatchewan—July 2nd to July 11th.

New Brunswick—July 9th to July 19th.

Akela Course

Saskatchewan—July 13th to July 20th.

Cub Displays Presence of Mind

"I WAS very proud of one of my Cubs, Dickie Thompson," writes Miss Annie Maidment, Geraldton, Ont., Cubmaster. "He had the presence of mind to roll his little brother and beat out the flames when the child caught fire in their home."

Do You Sell Your Test Books?

AS SCOUTMASTER informs us that as a matter of policy, his Troop plans to purchase the new *Tenderfoot to King's Scout* test books at 35c, and sell them to the Scouts at 25c. This policy has been adopted in the belief that a boy will take better care of his book if he pays for it. The subsidy of 10c paid by the Troop is a special concession designed to help those boys who might find it difficult to pay, and of course to be fair it is applied to everyone.

Preston Scout House Damaged by Fire

THE famous Scout House at Preston, Ontario, suffered serious damage by fire in December, when a blaze, starting in the furnace room completely destroyed the new lounge wing of the building. It will be recalled that the story and pictures of the Preston Scout House appeared in *The Scout Leader* last May.

The new section, which was destroyed, had been opened only the week before and had been furnished at a cost of \$2,200. Already there has been a generous response to a fund opened by citizens to rebuild the wing.

Preston's Scout House, was not only the Scout headquarters, but was the community centre for some 500 teenagers who used the building each week. Citizens are endeavouring to raise \$5,000 to rebuild and refurnish the wing. It was partially covered by insurance. Several thousand dollars worth of musical equipment was removed from the building before the flames reached the section in which it was stored.