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A SCOUT IS A FRIEND TO ALL AND

## A BROTHER TO EVERY OTHER SCOUT

*Cubs of Holland Need 5,000 Cub Books to help in re-establishment of Movement—Another opportunity for Canadian Scouts to do a "Good Turn"*

**I**n the December *Scout Leader* we told of a visit by the International Commissioner, Mr. Glad Bincham, to Scout Troops and Packs in parts of Holland where there had been heavy fighting; of their wrecked meeting places, but of the fine spirit in which Scouts, Cubs and leaders were carrying on.

Another letter from Mr. Bincham tells of a visit to The Hague district, where he found a serious lack of books for both Scouts and Cubs, and no prospect of securing them except from Canada. (You will remember that all such books were destroyed by the Germans).

"I can assure you that of all the

oppressed countries of Europe," Mr. Bincham writes, "none have been more oppressed or are more fully worthy of a repeat of the generosity of Canadian Scouts and Cubs in the matter of this literature (than Holland), and I am not exceeding the facts when I say that a consignment of even double the size of your first generous gift could be used up to the last book in an unbelievably short space of time."

"I have put this strongly, and I can only assure you that it is the direct result of what I saw myself whilst visiting these gallant people, who are still the grand Scouts they have always

been. Indeed, I would go further and say they are even better, because they have been purified by fire."

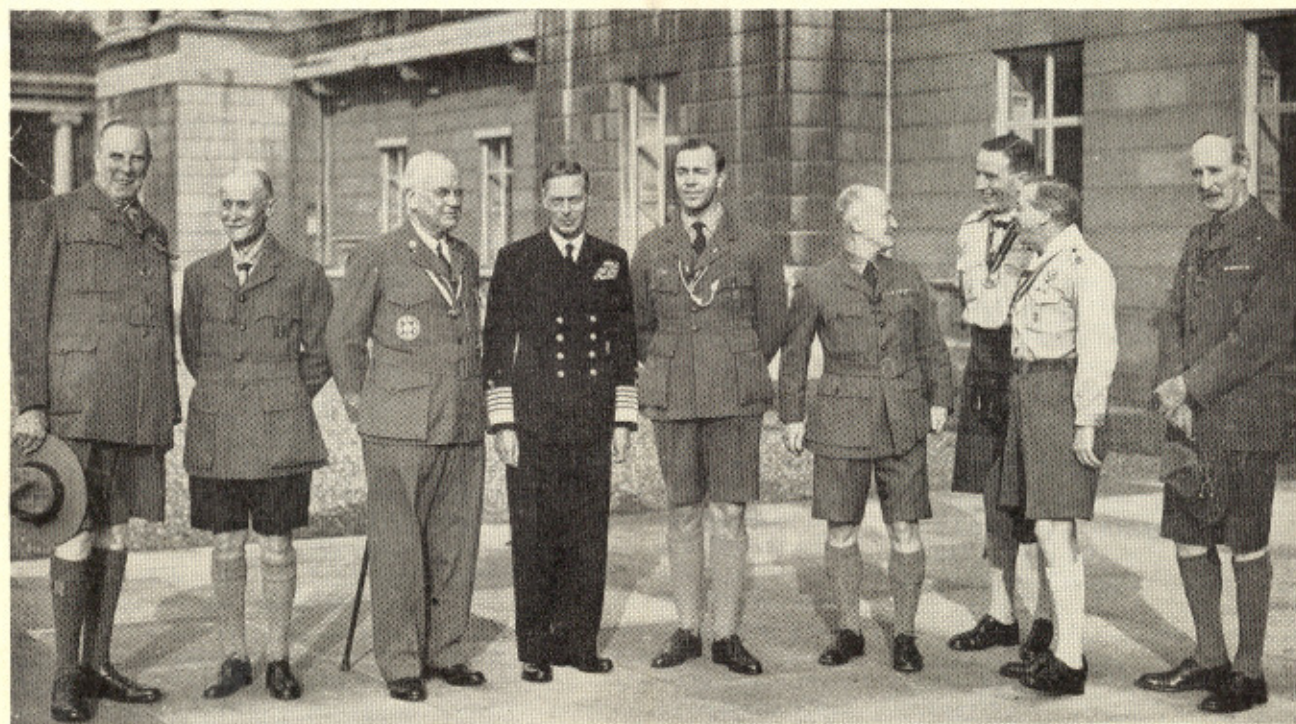
In response to an earlier request for that number, an order for a 3,000 reprint of the Scout Handbook, *Het Verkennen Voor Jongens*, was placed with the printers and is now "in work."

### A Job for Cubs

Now we have placed an order for 5,000 of the Dutch Cub Book, *Het Welpenboekje*. They will cost 7½ cents per copy.

Remembering that every individual copy will be a valued, helpful gift for

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HIS MAJESTY THE KING RECEIVED THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT AT ITS FIRST MEETING SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR. WITH THE KING IN THE GROUNDS OF BUCKINGHAM PALACE ARE SEEN, LEFT TO RIGHT, SIR ALFRED PICKFORD, GREAT BRITAIN; GENERAL J. LAFONT, FRANCE; DR. JAMES E. WEST, U.S.A.; THE KING; PRINCE GUSTAF OF SWEDEN; COL. J. S. WILSON, CHIEF OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU; LORD ROWALLAN, EMPIRE CHIEF SCOUT; MR. OVE HOLM, DENMARK, AND LORD HAMPTON, GREAT BRITAIN.



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## To Commissioners and Group Committeemen—Returned Veterans as Prospective Scouters

It has been the expectation frequently mentioned that the need for Scouters would be met, and a rapid expansion of membership result, when the war ended and men began returning from the fighting fronts. It was a natural expectation. In the case of former Scouters many now back are resuming association with their former Packs, Troops or Crews; considerable numbers are resuming active leadership.

However, the general situation—particularly with respect to recruiting leaders from veterans who formerly were only Cubs or Scouts, or those having only their military, naval or flying experience as qualification—this potential leadership situation is not without its problems.

In connection with the suggested issuance of a pamphlet inviting former Scouters, Scouts and other returned men into Scout leadership, personal discussion with thoughtful Scouters of the best type, and correspondence with some of our best provincial leaders, produced the following observations.

Veterans are receiving a barrage of "Welcome Home" letters which are in fact sales propaganda from merchants, insurance agents, etc., etc.—the newspaper lists of men aboard certain ships being used as trade mailing lists. One much disgusted veteran of hard years in Italy and Northern Europe declared such "phony welcomes" were still coming in every mail. Another whose name was misspelled in the steamship list has been receiving letters so addressed and regularly tears them up or throws them aside.

Said the first veteran: "Don't put Scouting in the same class."

Asked if he would be interested in attending a summer Gilwell next year, the same returned T.L. exclaimed:

"I'm sick of tents. I wouldn't go inside one!" Then he added, "Perhaps I might feel better next summer."

The same former leader expressed the fear, "If I took over a Scout Troop now I am afraid I would sometimes be sharp and impatient with the boys."

This suggests that there may be quite a different feeling and attitude on the part of different returned men, say as between a man with several harrowing years on the fighting front, and another who went through as a clerical combatant.

### Some Cautious Offers

Former Scouters.—Here and there before the war was the occasional  
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### ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER



MR. STAN CUTLER

WHO HAS BEEN NAMED ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER AT DOMINION HEADQUARTERS. MR. CUTLER, BEFORE SERVING WITH THE FORCES OVERSEAS, WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE STORES DEPARTMENT TO WHICH HE HAS NOW RETURNED.

### A Scout is a Friend . . . . .

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some little Dutch Cub—how many can your Pack provide?

One recent Cub contribution was \$5.00 from a Pack "Candy Money" Chins-Up Contribution Box. "This money is given out of the Cubs' candy money," writes the Cubmaster. "A few cents every meeting in the Chins-Up Box, and I do not have to remind them. Nice, eh?"

This fine self-denial sum will pay for 66 of the Dutch Cub books. When these Hagersville boys learn of this definite use, their satisfaction may be taken for



## To Higher Service

★  
WO William Thomas Claridge, 21,  
RCAF, PL, Sinclair, Manitoba.

★  
Flt. Lt. William Kennedy, 23, RCAF,  
89th Toronto, PL 30th Toronto.

★  
Flt. Lt. George William Sellers, 23,  
RCAF, Scout, 73rd Toronto, Rover,  
173rd Toronto.

★  
FO William Dalton Smith, 29, RCAF,  
PL, ASM 86th and 33rd, Toronto.

granted. And quite possibly other Cubs elsewhere will follow their example.

### A Swim Club Competition

It has not been the policy to mention amounts of contributions in acknowledgments in these columns (they are made direct by letter), having in mind that amount has no necessary relation to effort, opportunity or self-denial. But as an illustration of the wide variety of sources of donations comes the contribution recently received—the substantial amount of \$300—from the Hamilton Cub and Scout Swimming Club. This money, the proceeds of a gala swim meet, will purchase 697 copies of the Dutch Handbook for Scouts, at the rate of 43 cents per copy.

Again, remembering that every copy will be a valued help to a Dutch Scout—how many can your Troop provide?

Donations from the following groups are acknowledged with gratitude:

1st Beamsville, Ont., Troop; 1st Nakina, Ont., Group; 10th Brantford, Ont., Troop; 16th St. Catharines, Ont., Pack; 6th St. Catharines Troop; Mothers' Council 11th St. Catharines Pack; 4th St. Catharines Pack; 25th St. Catharines Troop; Cub Leaders Training Course, St. Catharines; 17th St. Catharines Troop.

1st Port Dalhousie, Ont., Pack; Donald Cowan, Toronto, Ont.; 39th Windsor, Ont., Troop; 39th Windsor Pack; 37th Windsor Pack; 25th Windsor Mothers' Auxiliary; 8th Windsor Pack; 7th Windsor Troop; 6th Windsor Troop; 6th Windsor Pack; 1st Windsor Pack; 8th Windsor Troop; 8th Windsor Mothers' Auxiliary.

25th Windsor Pack; Weston, Ont., Boy Scouts Group Committee; 1st Hagersville, Ont., Pack; Hamilton Scout Swimming Club; 8th Oshawa Sea Scout Troop; 2nd Saint John, N.B., Pack; Centre and East Winnipeg District; 18th London, Ont., Pack; Ontario Provincial Headquarters Counter Box.



## TIME YOUR PLANS WERE UNDER WAY FOR

## BOY SCOUT - GIRL GUIDE WEEK

**I**N just over six weeks Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week will be here. The success of the observance in your community depends on advance planning. This should be well under way now. Here are just a few reminder suggestions.

Arrange with your minister for the Baden-Powell Sunday church parade, for either February 17th or 23rd, preferably the former.

Seek permission to fly the Scout flag on municipal and government buildings during the week.

Ask your Mayor to issue a proclamation in the form suggested in *The Scout Leader* in January, 1945.

Plan a Parents' Night, Father and Son Banquet, or Council Fire Programme for your Pack or Troop.

Arrange to play your part in any rallies planned by your District Association.

An open meeting, giving an opportunity to parents and friends to see just how you run a Pack or Troop meeting is a good Scout-Guide Week event.

Seek the co-operation of your local newspaper in telling the story of Scouting generally, and Scouting in your own community during the week.

A Scout or Cub Hobby Show or Display, either in a church hall or in a vacant store will publicize this phase of Scout work.

Arrange for special speakers at your local service clubs, and do this early if you want to get on the speaker's list.

Remember the Chins-Up Fund needs your help. If any of your Scout Week events provide financial returns, remember your brother Scouts and Cubs in Europe and help the Chins-Up Fund.

Have your Pack or Troop do a community Good Turn during the week.

Be sure that at any public function your Cubs and Scouts are correctly and neatly dressed. Remember, Scouting is on parade, and the public will judge you by your appearance.

If you have a local radio station seek the co-operation of the station manager for Scout-Guide programmes and spot announcements. Spot announcements and radio talks will be available later from your Provincial Headquarters.

Ask your local theatre manager to permit you to put on a display of Scoutcraft in the theatre lobby, and to mention Scout-Guide Week on the screen.

Be sure to observe the Association's

religious policy when planning church services.

Seek the co-operation of your local school authorities for special Scout-Guide exercises in the schools during the week.

Encourage every Scout and Cub to wear uniform to school throughout the week.

You might wish to present your Public Library with a complete library of Scout books.

At all costs, avoid financial campaigns during Scout-Guide Week. The success of the week has been built upon its educational character. Newspapers

and radio stations are given to understand that no financial campaigns will be conducted during the week. This is extremely important, so please adhere to this suggestion.

*The Scout Leader* will be pleased to have pictures of your Scout Week activities, especially of a joint nature. We cannot promise to use all that are sent in, but would like to use a group representative of the observance across the country. Please do not delay in sending pictures, as they are of little value several months after the event is over. Please send glossy prints, and pictures with plenty of contrast for reproduction.



Cut—Courtesy Young Soldier.

IN THIS SCENE IN AN ENGLISH HOSPITAL, GENERAL GEORGE CARPENTER, WORLD HEAD OF THE SALVATION ARMY, IS SEEN PRESENTING A BRONZE MEDAL FOR BRAVERY TO SCOUT GEORGE BUCKLEY, WHOSE FORTITUDE AND GOOD SPIRIT DURING MANY PAINFUL AND SERIOUS OPERATIONS WON THE ADMIRATION AND COMMENDATION OF DOCTORS, HOSPITAL STAFF AND PATIENTS.

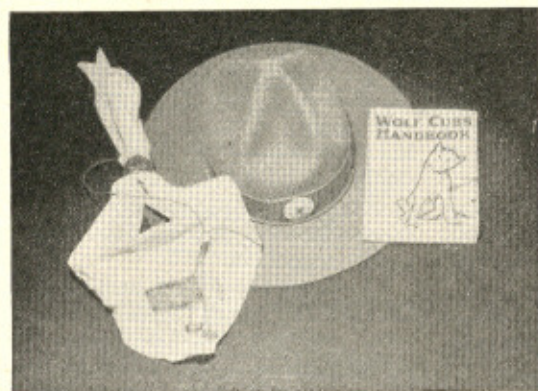
### "Quotes"

**T**HIS paragraph is from an address given by the Honourable W. H. Harrison, D.S.O., LL.B., LL.D., at the annual dinner of the Society of Chartered Accountants of the Province of Quebec.

"My fourth 'positive' is that I would ask you members of this society to encourage the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. This movement has been approved by His Holiness the Pope, Cardinal Villeneuve and eminent Protestant authorities. It is the greatest youth movement in the world, and before the war some forty countries were taking part in it. It makes for world brotherhood. It teaches young people how to camp out-

doors, to hike, swim, make fires, and find their way in the outdoors, and it encourages them to do their good turn; they are all supposed to do a good turn every day. A Scout promises to do his best to do his duty to God, to King and to help others in every way, obeying the Scout Law. I will quote the words of Lord Roseberry: "If I were to form the highest ideal for my country, it would be this: that it should be a nation of which the manhood was exclusively composed of those who have been or were Boy Scouts and were trained on the Boy Scout theory. Such a nation would be the honor of mankind. It would be the greatest moral force the world has ever known."





## THE CUBMASTERS' CORNER

### Action Games for the Pack

**Circle Weavers:**—Divide group into two circles. On word "Go" leading boy in each circle weaves his way around, in front of one boy behind the next, and so on, when he returns to his place he touches off the next boy who continues. Circle finishing first wins.

**Puppy Dog's Tails:**—Cubs in six circles. Sixer is the head of the dog, the No. 6 is the tail. On "Go" the head tries to catch the tail. Have a new head and tail each time.

**In the Pond:**—Cubs in large circle. Chalked circle on floor. When Leaders call "On the bank" they stay outside the circle, "In the pond" they jump over the line. Try to trick them by saying "In the bank," "On the pond," when they should stand still.

**Moving Day:**—Number off in fours, all ones turn to the left, all fours turn to right, join hands around the twos and threes. The ones and fours are the houses, the twos and threes the people living in the house. An extra couple needed. On word "Change" the two and threes change houses, the extra couple trying to get there first. Half way through the game change the people and the houses.

**Toot' Toot':**—Cubs in six relay formation. Sixer is "engine", the second is the "Caboose." The caboose holds the engine by the waist, they run to end of room and back, pick up a "coach" and run again, on each return trip picking up another coach, the caboose always being on the end. Every time a coach is coupled on they all cry Toot' Toot'.

**Great Snakes:**—Cubs in relay line formation, standing with feet wide apart and touching the foot of the Cub on either side. Each number 6 has bean bag. On word "Go" he crawls between the legs of each Cub of his Six until he reaches the other end, where he stands with feet wide apart. The bean bag is passed from hand to hand to No. 5 who continues.

**Round the Square:**—Pack in six lines forming hollow square. Sixer holds bean bag. On word "Go" all Sixers run around

outside of square, rest of six move one pace to right, Sixer stops at end of Six, passes bean bag down line to Second who continues.

**Rowboat:**—Pack in six relay formation. Squat on floor, holding waist of boy in front. All make motion of rowing, leaning forward and back, seven times, get up, run to end of room and back, squat, row seven times, all without breaking hold of boy in front.

**Horses:**—Pack in large circle. Number off in twos. All ones, one step forward, all twos one step to right, march. Ones are the "Horses" the twos are the "Jockeys." On word "Mount" jockeys get on horses back, on "Go" the jockeys dismount and run around the room and mount again. Horses stand still, jockeys run.

**Rabbits and Trees:**—Group Cubs in threes around room two Cubs holding hands to form a tree, Cub in centre is rabbit. An extra Cub is the hunted rabbit, and another Cub the fierce dog. The dog chases the rabbit, to escape the rabbit ducks into a tree; but there can be only one rabbit at a time in a tree so the dog chases the new hunted rabbit. When a rabbit is caught he becomes the dog. When a rabbit finds sanctuary in a tree he should change places with one of the "roots" who has not yet had a chance to be a rabbit.

**Fan the Fish:**—Sixers in relay formation. Tissue paper fish and piece of cardboard for each six. Chalked circles in front of six, and 20 paces up room. On word "Go" first Cub fans his fish to other circle, runs back, and hands cardboard to next Cub, who proceeds.

**Rival Coppers:**—Cubs in circle. One boy chosen, he carries two pennies, goes around circle, gives penny to another boy, they stand back to back, balance penny on back of their right hands, run in opposite directions around circle, when they meet they shake hands with left hand and then see who can be back to place first.

**Twos and Threes:**—Pack in large circle. Number in twos, all ones stand in

front of twos, one boy hunted, another the chaser, to escape, the hunted stands in front of a "one" making three deep, so the two behind him become the hunted. When the hunted boy is caught he becomes the chaser.

**Spoke Tag:**—Sixers form into small circle. Pack fall in behind their Sixer forming the spokes of a wheel. Six has bean bag, on "Go" pass bean bag between legs to last man who runs completely around wheel and stands in front of his Sixer and passes the bean bag through legs to next man who continues.

## Talk on Cub Law

From The Queensland Scouters' Totem

### The "One Who Is Alone"

Do you remember who the chief animals in the Jungle were, and what they did?

Akela was the wise old wolf the Head of the Pack, who lay on the Council Rock and saw that the younger wolves all kept the Law of the Pack. He was like an older person who can teach boys what to do to make themselves strong and useful.

Akela is an Indian word, and it means "One who is alone." There can be only one Cubmaster leading the Pack, just as Akela was alone on the Council Rock. If there were several leaders in a Pack, they might all want to do different things at the same time, and some Cubs would follow one, and some another, until in the end your Pack would be like the Seconee Pack in the Jungle, after the wolves set their old Akela aside and followed many leaders.

After a while some of them were lame from the traps they had fallen into, some limped from shot wounds, and some were mangy from eating bad food, and many were missing. If they had followed Akela, the one leader of the Pack, that would never have happened.

Shere Khan was the great bullying tiger, all stripes and teeth and claws; but, like most bullies, was not very brave at heart if you tackled him.

Then Tabaqui was the mean, sneaking Jackal who tried to make friends with everybody by flattering them; but only wanted to get scraps from them. There are lots of boys like Tabaqui who will sneak or play up to others, hoping to get things given to them instead of working for themselves.

So you see the animals in the jungle are very like human beings in their way.

But there are more animals in the jungle than I have told you about.

When Mowgli was brought to the Council Rock he had to be made one of the Pack, which meant that he would



have to be taught the laws and customs of the Pack before he could properly be made a member of it.

So old Baloo, the bear, who was a wise though fat and sleepy old beggar, was told off to teach him the laws. And Bagheera, the great black panther, who was a strong and cunning hunter, was to teach him hunting and jungle work.

In your Pack you will have learned to call your Cubmaster "Akela," because he is your leader. If he has other grown-ups to help him, perhaps you will call them "Baloo" and "Bagheera." When you speak about them altogether you will call them "Old Wolves."

Why not give some of the Cubs in your Pack special Jungle names? The Sixer of the Grey Six might be called "Grey Brother," for example, or the cheeriest Cub might be "Rikki-tikki-Tavi," or "Rikki" for short; or the Pack Scribe might be "Sahi" (the Porcupine).

A boy who wants to be a Wolf Cub is called a "New Chum," or "Recruit," until he has learned the Laws of the Pack, the Promise, the Salute, and the Grand Howl and their meaning. Then he is admitted to be a Tenderpad and to wear the uniform of the Wolf Cubs.

He is called a Tenderpad because when he goes out to catch his prey or play in the Jungle, from not knowing how to do it he runs wildly and loses his way and soon gets tired and his poor feet or "pads" get sore and tender.

But as soon as he knows a few of the dodges he becomes a full-blown Cub.

In the jungle the old wolf is wise and knows what is best for successful hunting, so every Cub obeys him always and at once. Even when the old wolf is out of sight the Cub obeys his orders because it is the business of every wolf in the pack to "play the game."

And so it is in our Wolf Cub Pack. The Cub obeys the orders of his father and mother or teacher whether they are there to see him do it or not. The smallest Cub can always be trusted to do his best to carry out what he knows older people want him to do.

## The Press and Scouting

*Lethbridge, Alberta, Herald*—Surely the founder, Lord Baden Powell built better than he knew when he started Scouting. He opened to youth a new and happier world, new trails of adventure dear to the heart of boys. He invited the boys to enjoy themselves, to have fun, but behind it all was the thought of service to others and to God to whom they were taught to give full reverence.



THIS SCENE OF FLAG-BREAK AT ONTARIO'S 1945 WOOD BADGE COURSE AT BLUE SPRINGS, WILL SERVE TO REMIND OF THE VALUE OF A TRAINING COURSE FOR BETTER LEADERSHIP. IF YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN THE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE, WRITE YOUR PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS FOR PARTICULARS. COMPLETE THIS COURSE AND PLAN TO TAKE A WOOD BADGE COURSE IN THE SUMMER OF 1946.

## Headquarters Notices

**H**is Excellency the Chief Scout has approved of the following warrants of appointment.

### Provincial President

Mr. Justice W. H. Harrison, Saint John, N.B.

### District Commissioners

Canon W. J. Clark, Fredericton, N.B.  
Thomas E. Atcheson, St. Stephen, N.B.  
Robert Melrose, Trail, B.C.  
David Duncan, Brandon, Man.

### Scoutmasters

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Stanley G. Metcalfe, Ottawa, Ont.  
Ronald Claire MacFarlane, Back Bay, N.B.  
Frederick Arthur Barnard, Keewatin, Ont.

### Assistant Scoutmasters

Leslie Ray Hargreaves, Victoria, B.C.  
Taras Ray Tymchuk, Vancouver, B.C.  
William Charles Evans, Vancouver, B.C.  
George Alexander Ross, Winnipeg, Man.

### Cubmasters

William George Hack, Long Branch, Ont.  
Evelyn M. Jessup, Sudbury, Ont.  
Fred Townsend Atkinson, St. George, B.C.  
Harry C. Trenaman, Tadanac, B.C.  
Phillis Trono, Trail, B.C.  
Carrie Edith Jenkins, Vancouver, B.C.  
Marjorie N. Norman, Halifax, N.S.  
David Henry Balchin, Keewatin, Ont.

### Assistant Cubmasters

Dorothea Clare Hardiman, Winnipeg, Man.  
Doreen Helen Parker, Victoria, B.C.  
William Frank Beatty, Keewatin, Ont.

### Assistant Rover Leader

George James Timms, Victoria, B.C.

## Ex-Scout Instructs Alpine Guides

**A** FORMER King's Scout of the 17th Winnipeg (St. Matthews) Troop while on active service, was stationed for a time close to the city of Padua in northern Italy. At the invitation of some of the professors he spent several week-end leaves mountain climbing in the Italian Alps. When it was necessary for the climbers to be roped together a bowline is tied round each of the party. On his first climb the ex-Scout mystified and interested the professors and guides by tying the bowline round himself by the one hand method something which they had not previously seen or heard of. He had to demonstrate the method to each member of the party and to each subsequent party he joined in and how simple and convenient it was compared with the two hand method especially when it was necessary to change the spacing of the bowline while climbing.

Scout training received 12 or 15 years ago on the prairies of Western Canada came in useful thousands of miles away high up in the Alps of Italy and the King's Scout from Winnipeg was able to pass on to the learned professors of Padua and the experienced Alpine guides an idea which every Scout knows.



## Troop and Pack Activities

Kimberley, B.C., Scouts are planning an interchange of visits this year between local Troops and those at Spokane and Bonners Ferry, across the border in the U.S.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Scouts conducted a town-wide paper drive.

The Boy Scouts Association at Trail, B.C., has arranged to buy two city lots, on which they are to locate a building, formerly a Veterans Guard barracks, as a Scout headquarters for East Trail.

A new Pack Union Jack, purchased by the 3rd Portage La Prairie Cub Pack from proceeds of a variety show, was dedicated in an impressive ceremony at the United Church.

Scouts at Lynden, Ont., entertained the children of the village at a Halloween party which proved to be a huge success.

Kincardine, Ont., Scouts and Cubs staged a successful Hobby Show in the Legion Hall.

London, Ont., reports an increase of 159 in Scout and Cub membership in the city in the past year.

Scouts of the 40th St. Augustine's and 21st St. Mary's Troops, Eburne, B.C., enjoyed a three day camp and cycle hike, visiting Scouts across the U.S. border at Bellingham.

Calgary District has found a solution to the uniform shortage by operating a uniform exchange, where Scouts may purchase second hand uniforms which have been turned in by former members of the Movement.

Brantford, Ont., Local Association at a recent meeting made arrangements to stage a Cub and Scout demonstration and a Hobby Show during Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week. Plans were also made for a Jamboree for next May.

Collingwood, Ont., Progress Club have taken an option on a lakeside campsite, which will be placed at the disposal of the Boy Scouts and other youth groups for camping.

In an appeal in the local newspaper, *The Daily Guide*, the Board of Trade of Port Hope asked the citizens of that

town to get behind the rejuvenated Boy Scout Movement in the town. The secretary of the Board of Trade is H. K. Long, himself actively identified with Scouting for some years.

Kelowna, B.C., Scout Halyl has been leased by the Kinsmen's Club of that city, who have spent over \$2,300 on renovations. It is to be managed by the Club for the Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies.

One hundred and fifty Scouts took part at Hastings Park, Vancouver, in the west coast city's first Scout field day. Of six districts represented the Kerrisdale District topped the field with 83 points.

Twenty-two years after the first Scout Troop was organized at Port Stanley, Ont., a new Troop was recently organized. It will likely affiliate with the St. Thomas Local Association.

### An M.P.'s Tribute

Charles E. Stephenson, Mayor of Port Hope and member of the House of Commons for Durham County, said recently: "The Boy Scout organization has a programme which is most complete and comprehensive. It provides a range of activities designed to appeal to the finest side of boy nature, developing ever growing boys into happy, healthy, useful citizens."

In place of its regular meeting recently the 1st Colquitz Troop, B.C., held a swimming party.

Three Ottawa Sea Scouts returning from a Troop meeting prevented a man from committing suicide by throwing himself over the Bank Street bridge into the canal below. The man was handed over to the police.

Scouts of Charlottetown, P.E.I., staged a double morning matinee at the Capitol and Empire theatres in aid of their Scout Toy Shop. Every child bringing one toy was admitted free.

### Famous Toyshop Reorganized

One of Canada's best known Scout toyshops, that at Rosetown, Sask., has reorganized its resources in conjunction with the Rosetown Recreation Association, and will now have the assistance of a group of twenty men in the work. Rosetown toyshop products are part of Dominion Headquarters' museum collection. All year round the Scouts collect old packing cases (there being little other lumber available) and these are carefully taken apart and used for the making of almost professional toys. In the peak year of production, the shop turned out 1,700 toys, which required \$215 in postage to send to families in need. W. W. Crolle, under whose guidance the work was conducted for so many years, continues as a member of the executive in charge of the work.

Sarnia, Ont., Association heard at its annual meeting that Scout Groups in the oil city have grown from 11 at the beginning of the year to 23 by November, with other groups being formed.

Chatham, Ont., new community centre is to include meeting place for Scouts and Cubs.



THE TYPE OF ADVENTURE BOYS JOIN SCOUTING FOR. HERE THE 171st TORONTO (TOC H) TROOP IS SEEN ON A SUMMER CRUISE, TOP LEFT. LOWER LEFT, GOING INTO ACTION; RIGHT, ADJUSTMENTS IN HEAVY WEATHER.



Saskatoon District held a toy matinee at the Victory Theatre recently, with an unwrapped toy the price of admission.

### A Different King's Scout

Scout Gerald Farrell, aged 17, of North Bay, Newfoundland, recently earned his King's Scout Badge. Where he differs from most Scouts who earn this distinction is that he is totally blind. He belongs to the 20th Troop at the School for the Blind. In 1940 another blind Scout from the same Troop qualified for the badge. This earlier King's Scout is now a third year student in arts at Dalhousie University, Halifax.

Charter members of the 3rd Cardston, Alta., Troop recently held a re-union. All but four of the members have served in the armed forces, seven having served overseas. One gave his life for his country.

Scouts of the 5th Guelph, Ont., Troop won recognition in the local press for the fine part they played in removing furniture from apartments endangered by a spectacular fire in a Guelph hardware store.

Two new Troops are being organized in Swift Current, Sask. One is at St. Stephen's Church and the other at the United Church. Both Troops plan to train their Patrol Leaders and Seconds before the Troop membership is filled.

The 14th St. Andrew's Troop, Ottawa held a very successful weekend camp recently. Thirteen members of the Troop took part.

### At Parliament Hill Ceremony

Over 70 Ottawa Scouts were on duty on Parliament Hill during the Remembrance Day ceremonies. The Scouts distributed 30,000 programmes, acted as runners for the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and acted as Guard of Honour for dignitaries laying wreaths on the cenotaph, including the acting Prime Minister. Chief Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles laid a wreath on behalf of the Boy Scouts of Canada. Two Scouts, John Croft and Harold Grierson acted as honour guard. John Croft, Troop Leader of the 17th Ottawa, has since left for Australia with his parents.

At Lennoxville, Que., Scouts gave up their regular meeting to assist the Rotary Club at its annual fair.

### SAVIOUR OF CEYLON



WING COMMANDER LEN BIRCHALL, WHO EARNED THE TITLE "SAVIOUR OF CEYLON" BY WARNING OF THE APPROACH OF THE JAPANESE FLEET ON CEYLON, WAS A FORMER 1ST CLASS SCOUT IN THE 3RD WESTMINSTER TROOP, ST. CATHARINES. WING COMMANDER BIRCHALL, WON THE D.F.C., PACIFIC THEATRE MEDAL, AND THE DEFENCE OF BRITAIN MEDAL.

Herbert E. D. Mitchell, Field Secretary, Toronto District, has been named Assistant Executive Commissioner for the Toronto Council.

### Struggling Thespians

At a largely attended Parents' Night staged by the 5th Saskatoon Pack and Troop, an interesting part of the programme was a drama, written, directed and acted by the Scouts themselves. Much amusement was caused during a thrilling scene in the 2nd Act, when the scenery collapsed covering the mass of struggling actors who had difficulty extricating themselves and continuing with their lines.

St. Catharines, Ont., is planning a church parade, council fire and a mammoth rally as highlights of its Scout-Guide Week programme.

### Boy Scout Reporters

Saskatoon has a Scout Reporters' Club, and Scouts are given the task of interviewing prominent local people, their interviews appearing in the Scout column of the *Star-Phoenix*. The interviews appearing to date have been quite professional.

The 1st Belleville, Ont., Troop had an unusual experience recently when

they found the hall a bit too warm for activity. The Scoutmaster went outside to push open a window that had stuck and noticed a fire in another part of the building. The fire reels were summoned and the Scouts evacuated the building in orderly fashion, later returning to complete their meeting when the flames were put out.

### How Dresden, Ont., Built a Scout Hall

OFFICIALLY opened last June, the new Scout Hall of the 2nd Dresden, Ont., Troop was the scene of a Bronze Arrowhead Course in December. Dresden is one of the few small centres in Ontario owning a building capable of accommodating 100 Scouts and Cubs. The main hall is 24 by 50 feet, and the gymnasium is the same size. A completely modern kitchen is another feature, and two washrooms are also available. Girl Guides and Brownies also use the hall.

The story behind the hall is an interesting one. Two years ago, Dresden, then without Scouts, faced a growing juvenile delinquent problem. Following a meeting of clergy, civic officials and parents, a Troop was organized and met in the Parish Hall. Larger quarters were soon required and Mayor Harold McKim instigated a building fund which resulted in contributions of \$3,600. Carpenters, masons, painters and plumbers volunteered their services.

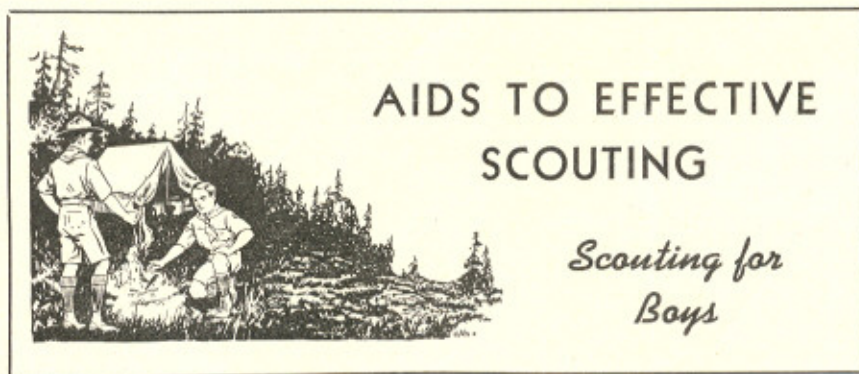
A vacant store building was purchased and the work of renovating went ahead. It was in use before the official opening. The main hall has hardwood floors, large blackboard, stage, complete with piano, 80 new chairs and a reading corner. The kitchen is equipped with two gas ranges and large cupboards filled with new dishes. There is hot and cold water available.

The gymnasium is equipped with shielded lights, and is capable of seating 300 for a banquet. There is a large lot which has been seeded and which will be used for outdoor activities. Except for a small mortgage the hall is completely free of debt.

A monthly salvage collection goes toward the upkeep of the hall, and an average of \$50 is received from this source each month. Salvage collections in the past eighteen months have brought in salvage weighing more than half a million pounds. An annual grant from the town of \$100 takes care of the taxes.

George E. Brooker is Scouter of the Group, and Mrs. Brooker is Captain of the Girl Guides.





## AIDS TO EFFECTIVE SCOUTING

### *Scouting for Boys*

Being some thought-provoking statements of present day Scouting by a R.A.F. Scouter stationed in Canada.  
(CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH)

DELEGATE responsibilities to your P.L.s and let them carry them out. Certainly they will make mistakes at first and in all probability there will be some unholy rows, but it is only by actual personal experience that they will learn how to cope with these difficulties as they arise and it will be of tremendous value to them in later years, remember if matters do become serious you can always interfere, but never criticise your Leaders in front of the Troop, for reasons which should not require any explanation by me.

Again I can hear my old friends saying "This man is ridiculous, he does not know the first thing about boys particularly Canadian boys," if you let them alone there is bound to be trouble."

Boys whether they are black, white or yellow, whether they come from Timbuctoo or Wigan Pier are basically the same and will always be getting in and out of trouble if let loose, but on the other hand will follow and obey a man they like and respect with a greater sense of honour and loyalty than many a grown man.

In every boy no matter how wicked he may be there is some spark of decency and it is our job to find that spark and to nourish it using *Scouting for Boys* until that spark becomes a flame, that and that only is the purpose of all our work.

Consequently in order to do this we must know each boy intimately, we must know even the smallest thing about him. A Scouter friend of mine keeps a small note book which he devotes entirely to keeping a record of each boy in his Troop, in this he keeps such things as home environment, likes, dislikes, school, good points, bad points, etc. A book of this type of course is confidential and requires a good deal of time but it is well worth the trouble.

We must be a personal friend to every

boy in the Troop, this is easy with some boys but not with all, at times it seems hard to like and even to be fair with a boy who is seemingly rotten to the core, but it must be done if we ever expect to achieve results.

Just how you are to become personal friends depends on yourself; here we meet with that vague something we call personality, methods which have tremendous success when used by one man will fail miserably if used by another. I always remember of one of my teachers at school, he was a young and hefty specimen and used to knock us around the class room when and as we deserved it, he was by far the most strict disciplinarian we had, yet we worshipped that man in spite of the lickings he gave us, why? I don't know, just personality.

Many S.M.s do not seem to realize the terrific advantage of possessing Troop H.Q. Some people seem to go off in fits at the mere mentioning of the subject and conjure up visions of rent, lighting, taxes, landlords and a thousand and one reasons why they should not own or even rent their own H.Q. yet if we want to give our obys a chance to do real Scouting this is the ideal way.

Church halls were never built as a meeting place for a bunch of healthy minded youngsters intent on letting off

steam and it is not fair to both the halls and the youngsters to continue to use them unless it is absolutely necessary. It is surprising how quickly the difficulties disappear when once a troop determine to possess its own H.Q. It does not have to be a palatial residence, I have seen troops of some 30-40 strong, meeting in converted pig sties, barns, garages, cellars and many surprising places, it does not matter what the place may have been "NO", it is the H.Q. of OUR troop and it belongs to US."

To those who could list the reasons why it is not possible for a troop to rent if not own it's own H.Q. may I say "have you tried?"

In conclusion may I revert once more to the title of the Chief's book, *Scouting for Boys* therein lies the secret of success and the strength of the Movement, no other youth organisation possesses it and though they may ape it to some degree that in itself is a tribute to the strength of our system. So long as we bear in mind the fact that it is the boys' own Movement, run for and by themselves with the S.M. as an elder brother who is ready and willing to help them should the necessity arise, who will interfere and settle their personal quarrels with an unbiased outlook, a man who understands their viewpoint and who will defend and present their case to the harsh grown up world, so long as this is the case, we need have no fear that Scouting will lose its hold on the boys of the world.

### Wanted—Copy of Good Scouting

SCOUTMASTER C. W. Bowles, Woodside, N.S., is anxious to secure a copy of the book *Good Scouting* by Vera Barclay. If any Scouter has a copy and would like to dispose of it he is asked to get in touch with Mr. Bowles who would like to purchase it.



ANOTHER VIEW OF THE FIRST POST-WAR MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCOUT COMMITTEE IN LONDON. LEFT TO RIGHT ARE, MR. OVE HOLM, DENMARK; SIR ALFRED PICKFORD AND COL. J. S. WILSON, GREAT BRITAIN; GENERAL LAFONT, FRANCE; PRINCE GUSTAF OF SWEDEN, CHAIRMAN; LORD HAMPTON, AND DR. JAMES E. WEST, CHIEF SCOUT OF AMERICA.



## How Bleeding Can Be Stopped

By DR. W. P. KENNEDY in  
Canadian First Aid

"**S**top bleeding first" is one of the chief rules of First Aid. Its importance must be fully realized by anyone who attempts to give help in any case of injury. All cases of external bleeding can be controlled by pressure. This may be direct or indirect. By the former we mean pressure applied some distance from the injury.

Direct pressure should always be tried first. The ideal method is to apply a sterile pad of ready made dressing such as the first field dressing or shell dressing of the Services and bind it on by its attached bandages. The package must be opened and the dressing held in such a way that the sterile pad is not touched by anything, till it is applied to the wound. It is not necessary, indeed it is undesirable to wash the wound unless the patient is more than six hours from hospital or skilled medical attention. (We are of course referring to large wounds which will require treatment by a qualified practitioner or hospital, and not to trivial domestic injuries). If this fails to arrest the bleeding, do not remove the dressing, but apply another one on top, or failing that, a clean handkerchief or other improvised bandage and tie more tightly.

If no sterile dressing is at hand, one can be improvised from the inside of a newly laundered handkerchief or towel which should not be touched by the hand of the operator. Even the inside of an unused envelope will do. Of course, if none of these is available, then the bare hand must be used, since in an emergency it is more important in the first instance to stop bleeding than to attempt asepsis—that is, absence of germs.

Sometimes these methods are insufficient to control bleeding especially when a large artery is cut. This can be recognized by the bright colour of the blood and the fact that the flow is in spurts or jets. When pressure on the wound is not fully effective the artery must be pressed at the nearest pressure point between the wound and the heart. A pressure point is a place where an artery lies so close to the bone that it can be pressed against it. There are about a dozen of these points which every first aider must know so well that he can put his thumb on them without having to think where they are. This can only be learned by demonstration from a skilled instructor and by repeated practice.



## Pioneering Competition

**W**INNIPEG'S 93rd Knowles School Troop recently staged a Patrol competition based on building Scout Transporters to cross a creek near the school. All boys taking part were Tenderfoot Scouts and had had only one period of instruction prior to the competition.

The competition provided that the Scouts fell the trees, make a transporter and get the entire Patrol across the creek. Points were deducted for incorrect lashings and knots, and for getting any of the equipment wet. Points were also lost for any Scout getting "dunked" in the creek.

The pictures show the winning Patrol at work. Top picture shows the first member of the Patrol going across the creek. The transporter is then untied and the rope attached to a tree for the rest of the Patrol to climb across, as shown in the lower picture.

Of special interest was the fact that all ropes used for lashings were made by the Scouts on their own rope-making machine. Jack Tipping is Scoutmaster of this Troop.

This is the type of Scouting which appeals to boys—the type that your Troop, under your leadership, should be doing.

## St. Catharines Has New Campsite

**S**T. Catharines Local Association has secured an 88 acre campsite, capable of accommodating 1,000 campers. District Commissioner E. Frank Churchill states that the Association plans to erect a large recreational building for inclement weather. There is already one small building on the property. The site is fortunate in having an adequate supply of good water from a well, and

swimming facilities are provided through a large stream which runs across the property and in which there are several natural swimming holes. The council fire is located on a hill overlooking a wide expanse of country, and the fire itself may be seen for miles around. Headquarters has been set on a wide open space on the property which is well suited for wide games and general outdoor purposes.

The camp has been named "Wetaskiwin", which means "Hills of Peace."



## The Opinions of Delta on Patrol Meetings

From *The Scouter*, June, 1945

THERE was no moon, but the stars were glittering and from the no longer darkened windows lamp lights glowed warmly on to the summer street. They were coming from the monthly Scouters' meeting, and laughter and the last wisecracking were still lively behind them as Delta and Philip and Rod began walking homeward together. They strolled slowly, enjoying the lovely night.

"Delta," said Rod presently, "do you think Patrol Meetings are essential?"

"Essential to what or whom?" asked Delta exasperatingly.

"To good Scouting," said Rod after a pause.

"It's a little problem you know, Delta," said Philip. "As you know, my experience is limited, but I've been doing some reading and it seems to me that B.-P.'s method was simply that: a gang of boys led and taught by boys. Isn't it true to say that the best Troop meeting is an aggregate of the Patrol meetings?"

"Yes," said Delta. "At the best Troop meetings the Patrol Leaders lead their Patrols to a very considerable extent, in games and stunts and some instruction. How much real freedom they have to lead depends on the nature of the Scouter: but even with the best the presence of an adult cannot be escaped. By a Patrol meeting is meant theoretically at least a meeting for which the P.L. is entirely responsible: in his own place at his own time. But, Rod, you were in a Patrol which for years held good Patrol meetings—or so I always thought—and when you became a P.L. you held them."

"Yes," said Rod, "but I was 16 then and it was a tradition. Our Patrol night was as important as the Troop night. And of course, Del, we had our own dens. You see my problem in the 14th is this. It's a non-conformist Group: the authorities are keen and helpful but we've only got the Chapel premises. It isn't too bad for Troop meetings as we've got some lockers for our gear and we get out most of the time, but there's no chance (and never will be) of getting Patrol dens built there. Another thing is that the kids are rather young and the P.L.s are 14 years old. They're promising, but I wonder whether they can put across a weekly Patrol meeting as your do and as I used to do when I was one of your P.L.s."

"My problems exactly," said Philip. "So back to my question," said Rod. "Are Patrol meetings essential?"

They walked a little way in silence.

"It's the word 'essential' I'm doubtful about," said Delta then. "Rather I think 'a consummation devoutly to be wished.' I should say that it's quite obvious that some very fine Scouts have come from Troops which from circumstance (not from belief) have never been able to hold regular Patrol meetings. The Patrol Leader has had to develop as a leader within the framework of Troop meetings and

ADVENTURE—THE REASON BOYS JOIN THE SCOUTS. SCOUTS OF THE FORT McMURRAY TROOP IN NORTHERN ALBERTA, USED THIS OLD SCOW FOR AN ADVENTUROUS TRIP DOWN ONE OF THE NORTHERN RIVERS WITH THEIR SCOUTER, REV. W. K. MORRISON.



camp. He's seldom had his gang entirely on his own. Yet there's no doubt such Troops have produced good Scouts and capable leaders. I think the important thing is the Scouter's attitude: if he realises where exactly the P.L. came in B.-P.'s scheme and does all he can to help the P.L. to run his own show, that's what really matters. Give him what B.-P. called 'responsible command of his Patrol.' Patrol dens and regular Patrol meetings are what all of us should aim at—know it, in fact, to be the best, but realising that in a difficult world we may have to put up with second best."

"Of course," said Rod, "they can have some Patrol meetings without a den. They can hike and cycle and do badge work together out in the country or in a garden."

"They certainly should," said Delta, "but of course a den of one's own is an attraction. It's easier with a den but by no means impossible without. I should say, Rod, that if as you say you'll never have dens (for this generation, anyway), you must concentrate on thinking and encouraging Patrol meetings which can all be out of doors."

"Surely," said Philip a little ingenuously, "Scouts are all-weather Scouts."

"The difficulty often," said Delta, "is that all parents aren't all-weather parents. But that comes back to what our Chief Scout was writing in his *Outlook*, that if you have the proper understanding and co-operation between Scouter and parents all will be well."

"Do you think these younger lads can lead a Patrol?" asked Rod.

"Of course they can," said Delta. "Why not? Anyway, very shortly as our Senior Scouts develop all mine will be between 14 and 15. Remember B.-P.'s words, 'An immediate step in character-building, is to put responsibility on to the individual,' but we

may have to help a little: but that is our function, to advise and encourage and guide. I think that Patrol meetings might be an important item on the Court of Honour agenda perhaps once every two months when P.L.s could report to one another their successes and failures and difficulties (which will be chiefly absenteeism, programme and discipline I imagine) can be discussed. With the first the Scouter can help perhaps by a word in season to Scout or parent and with the third he can advise the younger leader who is learning the lesson that all men (and boys) are different and need different approaches. And with younger P.L.s a suggestion or two about the next month's programme, what needs concentrating on from the Troop's point of view, whether it's swimming or Morse or smartness, or something in the line of definite projects."

"Projects?" questioned Philip

"A main activity for his Patrol meeting," said Delta, "like model-making or some other handicrafts for the Group Fête or a rope-making machine, or to survey a definite area a few miles out to look for a camp site or report on its suitability as an aerodrome, or a series of inter-Patrol



games. Or emphasis on some special part of Scout training, for example, give each P.L. half a dozen O.S. maps (of course you can't run anything without the requisite gear) and suggest they just become familiar with the look and feel of a map and test one another on the signs and find their way from here to there by footpaths or by water: the great point is that each Scout has a map to play with. You know (if you'll pardon the digression) there might be something to be said for giving a Scout an O.S. map of his area when he gains his Second Class badge—a present from the Group Committee, why not? It's an excellent way to spend funds. There are plenty of projects: a late-evening hike when there's no school next day; practising life-line throwing; preparing a small play to be performed at a Troop meeting at which afterwards the P.L. can ask the rest of the Troop (and the S.M.) certain questions: 'What did Eric say as he fell dead?' 'Where was the knife hidden?' You know! I've always thought Patrol codes and signs weren't used enough. There are duffel bags to make for good rucksack packing. The Pathfinder badge is a grand one for a Patrol to do together and would take up many Patrol meetings. There are wild life tracks to find and plaster casts to make: there are bird-feeding trays and nature scrap books. Oh, one can go on and on. I hope that after the war there'll be a Patrol Leaders' Handbook issued with ideas like these and of all sorts to help him. It's needed badly."

"Well, only one of my fellows—of course I've only been back a couple of months," said Rod, "has ever tried Patrol meetings as such. I don't think the others had heard of them. But we'll get going now. Discussion of ways and means of Court of Honour, a bit of advice at the first, regular item on the agenda and sometimes definite projects."

"Yes," said Delta, as they reached the parting of the ways, "but let them cast their net wide when it comes to Patrol activities: 'a boy's way is the wind's way and the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts'."

"Thanks a lot, Del," said Rod, "I'll get the youngsters started. Well, I'll love you and leave you. I'll be around before long. Good night, Del, good night, Philip."

"Good night," they both said, and Delta went indoors and Philip walked on, and the lamps in the windows began to go out.

## Donations Coming In for Seeds for Britain Fund

ALREADY on their way to Britain are several parcels of the best Canadian garden seeds for Boy Scout gardens in Britain. As we pointed out last month, the food situation in the mother country is still very serious, and Imperial Headquarters has assured us that Canadian seeds will be most gratefully received and used this coming summer.

Full particulars as to sending seeds overseas, or making your donation through Dominion Headquarters were given in last month's *Scout Leader*.

If you wish to help in this very worthy project send your donation early. The English spring is much earlier than the Canadian spring and with shipping uncertainties it is well to get the seeds away during the winter. If they arrive early they will keep until spring, but if they arrive too late, they will not be much use.

Among the donations acknowledged this month are two from the 2nd Ingersoll Troop, which held the record as the largest single supporter of the fund

last year. Scoutmaster Jack Douglas says that they are going to beat last season's record this year.

The Local Association in Pictou County, N.S., has offered to add \$1.00 to every donation sent in by the fifteen units in the Association.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:

Previously acknowledged	\$17.00
2nd Ingersoll, Ont., Troop	5.00
1st and 2nd Bowmanville, Ont., Groups	2.00
Brant-Ensign Troop, Alberta	5.00
32nd Ottawa Pack	2.25
1st Sudbury, Ont., Group	5.00
7th Brantford, Ont., Pack	3.00
1st Geraldton, Ont., Pack	5.00
1st St. Williams, Ont., Troop	1.15
2nd Ingersoll, Ont., Troop (2nd donation)	5.00
1st Oilfields, Pack, Turner Valley, Alta.	5.00
2nd Fort Erie, Ont., Troop	5.00
Brandon, Man., Local Assn.	5.81
Total	\$66.21

### To Commissioners and . . .

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active leader who lacked some of the character requirements that are a matter for concern to every serious Commissioner; and who, perhaps further roughened, but enhanced in boy eyes by the glamour of war, might further fall short of safe Scout leadership.

**Former Scouts.**—In ordinary times only a percentage of Scouts develop real Pack or Troop leadership ability. War experience would not necessarily change this.

**Non-Scout Leaders.**—Good Scouter material may be found among men who have not been Scouts, but whose thoughts have turned to some form of youth service. On the other hand, the desire to assume leadership of a group of boys may not be accompanied by an appreciation of the vital difference between military and Scout training; and once such a leader is appointed, and proves unsuccessful, the problem of terminating the arrangement may have unpleasant ramifications in a community.

### Just a Welcome to Drop In

The final suggestion of the R.L. referred to was: "Just have a written note of welcome home sent to the returned Vet by his old Pack or Troop,

and an invitation to drop in sometime, —that the boys have heard so much of you that they'd be excited just to see you for a few minutes.' Nothing else. No suggestion of taking on leadership.

"That's the best plan for the returned fighting man."

As a result of the above facts and comments it has been decided not to put out a printed leaflet "For Veterans" at this time. Perhaps views may change by spring. F.E.L.C.

### Getting Behind the Groups

THE Pictou County Local Association displays a fine spirit in efforts to encourage donations to the Chins-Up Fund and the Seeds for Britain Fund. In its monthly magazine, *The Scoutlook*, the Local Association offers to add \$1.00 to each donation sent in by one of the units in the Association. This means that if all fifteen units sent in donations to both funds the Association would add \$15 to each fund.

When they had a number of articles left over from their handicraft show, the Scouts and Cubs of the 1st Belleville, Ont., Group arranged for a stall on the farmers' market and sold the balance there.



*A page of helpful ideas  
from anyone, anywhere.*

## THE DUFFEL BAG

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

### Scouts Find Lost Man

Two British Columbia Scouts, John S. Campbell of the Somenos Troop and Bobby Toews of the South Cowichan Troop were responsible recently for finding the body of an aged man who had become lost in the bush. The man had apparently been overcome while hiking through the bush. Police, together with 72 mill workers, and Scouts joined in the search. The finding of the missing man's handkerchief by Scout Bobby Toews, provided the clue which led Scout Campbell to the missing man.

### Additional Training

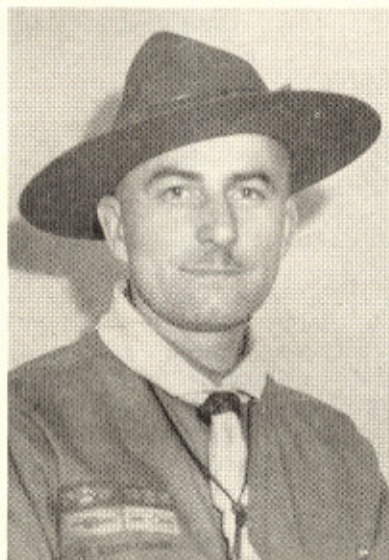
FROM *The Scouter*:—"Scouters who have obtained a Wood Badge in their early twenties should undergo another course, say, from 28 to 35, in order if possible, to undertake a charge as Deputy Camp Chief or Akela Leader. The Movement is definitely short of higher qualified training personnel. It should be the aim of every District to possess a member of a Training Team." This applies with equal force in Canada, where frequently Gilwell Courses have to be cancelled for lack of trained Gilwell lecturers and demonstrators.

### A Pathfinder Badge Help

THE Ottawa District Local Association has adopted a plan which might well be used in other large centres. It is an aid in directing more boys toward passing their Pathfinder King's Scout Badge. The District Office has produced pathfinder maps for each section of the district. These are blue-printed in quantity and mounted on cardboard. The map is in outline only, streets being marked but not named. The map is not orientated, and the Scout must find for himself the scale to which it is drawn. This manner of providing the skeleton map in no way detracts from the value of the test. It serves on the contrary to encourage more boys to pass it. Many Scouts, due to demands of school homework and other activities have not the time to draw a map of the district. On the other hand with an outline map before them, most can find sufficient time to fill in the street names, stores, churches, fire-halls, hydrants, schools and other necessary details, which serves the same purpose—to give the Scout a thorough knowledge of the community in which he lives.

### Hamilton Cub-Scout Swimming Club Gives 697 Books

THE Cub and Scout Swimming Club of Hamilton, Ont., have provided 697 Scout Handbooks for the Scouts of Holland. Perhaps they did not realise just what a big job they were doing when they sent in a \$300 donation to the Chins-Up Fund early in December. But that is exactly how many Handbooks their donation will purchase. The Cub and Scout Swimming Club attracts wide interest in Hamilton, and this year 1700 parents and friends turned out for the annual Swim Meet. The donation comes from the proceeds of that affair. Perhaps you are not able to provide 697 Handbooks from your Group or District, but for every 43c you send in as a donation to the Chins-Up Fund, you are purchasing a book to help a Scout in Holland. Share in this great opportunity to help the Scout Movement in Europe back on its feet.



GORDON WILLIAMS

AN OUTSTANDING SCOUTER FROM TRAIL, B.C., AND OTTAWA, GORDON WILLIAMS, HAS JOINED THE STAFF OF DOMINION HEADQUARTERS AS A FIELD COMMISSIONER. MR. WILLIAMS IS AT PRESENT WORKING IN MONTREAL.

### Scoops Daily Newspapers

BOTH Calgary daily newspapers were scooped on a story in November by the 27th Troop. The occasion was the first Parents' Night programme of the Troop for which a special issue of the Troop newspaper "From Bad to Verse" was produced. When the evening's programme was over and the guests leaving, they were presented with an extra edition, giving a full account of the evening's proceedings, just concluded. The *Calgary Albertan* gave a front page story to the scoop the next day. Capt. R. N. Talbot is temporary Scoutmaster of the Troop.

### I Was a Scout

IT happened during a test to select potential officers from a party of serving men. A "secret weapon" captured from the enemy had to be conveyed to safety over the border into a neutral country. The "border" was a deep ravine, down which swept a raging torrent which was death to a swimmer. The "secret weapon" was a huge, unwieldy tree stump, smooth and shiny, as big as a man. The only gear to be found in the vicinity with which a bridge could be built were some pine logs, slippery with rain, and some snow-soaked ropes.

The building of the bridge began, helped by two convenient trees in the ravine, but the ropes with which the men hoped to lash the logs would not hold on the slippery surface and they were in danger of losing their precious material.

One man stepped forward, took a rope, and with two simple twists fixed the rope to the slippery log. It was hauled across in safety. The bridge was built. Now came the task of swinging the "secret weapon" to the men who had crossed the bridge and were waiting on the other side. Again the knot expert came forward. He tied several simple-looking knots. "Timber hitches," he explained. "They'll hold."

They did, and the "secret weapon" was across; the rest of the party followed, and the bridge was demolished just ten seconds before the "enemy" arrived.

"I suppose you were a lumberjack before the war?" remarked one soldier to the knot expert.

"No," came the reply. "I was a Scout." —From *The Windsor Arrow*.