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Canada's New Chief Executive Commissioner

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Between Ourselves**"Where Cupidity Comes In—Honesty Goes Out"**

FROM time to time it is found necessary to warn Scouters against methods of raising funds which may be construed as forms of gambling. Section 4 of P.O.R. is very emphatic on this subject. It says:

"Members of the Association, acting as such, must not countenance, or be concerned in any public method of raising money for Scout or other purposes which is in any way contrary to the law of the land, or likely to encourage Scouts in the practice of gambling. Scouts must not take part in raffles or similar activities."

Gambling is a form of greed, an easy way of getting rich quick, a means of getting something for nothing, and it will be readily recognized as making no contribution to the building of good character in the boy.

Gambling takes away the element of sportsmanship too. When it becomes an ingrained habit, one does not play games of any kind for the game's sake; they play for the possibility of winning something, and that at the expense of another.

Some will argue of course that the minor forms of gambling are quite harmless. That is not true. No one starts in as an all-out gambler. They always start with the innocent seeming forms of gambling which have an insidious way of becoming habit.

Legitimate gains in life come from three things. They are either earned by work, the profit on a sale, or the

result of a gift. Gambling comes under none of these headings. It is a form of greed, which gives little satisfaction to the winner, and much unhappiness and sorrow to the loser. Gains are always made at the expense of others.

Lord Baden-Powell in *Rovering to Success* gives the record in London for the 12 years previous to the first world war. Attributed directly to gambling were 234 suicides or attempted suicides, 3,234 cases of embezzlement or theft, and 530 bankruptcies. That record was for London alone.

B.-P. adds: "It looks like a new way of getting rich quickly, but too often proves to be the way to get rapidly broke. In almost any case, it breeds in you a nasty trait in character—cupidity. The so called sportsman wants to win for the sake of the money he is going to get out of the other fellow. Where cupidity comes in, honesty goes out. There is precious little of true sport about the greasy hanker after some other fellow's money."

B.-P. takes many pages to cover this subject. As a man with a very wide experience in dealing with both men and boys he realized the harm that comes from gambling.

Raffles and similar seemingly harmless forms of gambling lead as B.-P. says to cupidity and with cupidity out goes honesty. The first Scout Law deals with the honour of a Scout. Gambling of any kind, and Scouting do not mix, and Scouters who are truly imbued with the character training possibilities of Scouting will shun all forms of gambling like the plague.

A Notable Occasion

ON August 22nd, *The Scout*, official weekly organ of the Boy Scout Movement in Great Britain, published its 2,000th edition. Volume 1, No. 1, came off the presses on April 16th, 1908, and sold for one penny. Today's price, reflecting the general trend in publications is twopence.

Many Canadian Scouts and Scouters have subscribed to *The Scout* for years, and are well acquainted with its ably edited, well presented diversified contents. The present editor, F. Haydn Dimmock, was a boy at school when the first issue was published, and is himself a product of the Movement. He succeeded Bernard Everett, to whom he gives full credit for his own

training and advancement.

As a Patrol Leader in 1913, he won first place in the Troop Magazine Section of the National Scoutcraft Exhibition in Birmingham and so impressed was Sir Percy by this magazine that he offered the young Patrol Leader a job on the editorial staff of *The Scout*. His rise was rapid—from office boy in 1913 to editor in 1918, which position he has occupied ever since.

The Scout is an admirable publication. It has served the Movement faithfully and well. For many years it was owned and published by C. Arthur Pearson Ltd., the printing house which

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A MESSAGE FROM MAJOR-GENERAL SPRY

Chief Executive Commissioner

On assuming my duties as Chief Executive Commissioner, I wish first of all to say that I am very conscious of the responsibilities I am accepting, and that I am grateful to the Executive Committee and the members of the Dominion Executive Board for providing me with this opportunity of being of some service to Canadian youth. I wish also to say that I am well aware of the truly magnificent work of my predecessor Dr. John A. Stiles. I need not remind you of the very high standard he has set for me and for all other Scouters to follow. I can only say that given God's guidance and the support of all who are interested in Scouting, I shall do my best, however inadequate, to carry on his work. I take this opportunity of wishing Dr. Stiles all happiness, peace and contentment in his retirement, in the knowledge that I shall always be able to turn to him for assistance. It is also appropriate at this time to express the thanks of all Canadian Scouts to Mr. Frank E. L. Coombs, our Editor, for the very great contribution he has made to the Movement during his many years of service and to wish him happiness in his retirement.

I intend to spend the next few weeks at Dominion Headquarters informing myself on general policy. When I feel I am sufficiently briefed, I hope in due time to visit all Provinces when I shall have the pleasure of meeting Scouters and discussing your problems with you.

It is most important that as many new Scouters as possible be trained during the forthcoming year. Our greatest need is to insure a high standard of leadership. This can only be

done by training new leaders every year. We must remember that there are always more potential Scouts than there are Scouters. In this regard I do hope that many young men who served overseas during the recent war will re-enter Scouting. These men have learned leadership the hard way and by their very absence from Canada have become imbued with a greater appreciation for their country. Surely here is a source from which we should attract many additional Scouters.

At the present time Canadian Scouting is in the public eye as Lord Rowallan, the Chief Scout of the Commonwealth and Empire, passes across the Dominion. It is my hope that you will all pay attention to the efficiency of your arrangements and the smartness of your Scouts' knowledge and appearance on all these very special occasions. We must live up to the good reputation Canadian Scouts have won in the past. Parents and the public in general will expect great things. We must not disappoint them.

To all Scouters in Canada, I say—give me your support and co-operate with me in the conduct of Scouting in accordance with the general rules laid down by the Founder himself. I am convinced the key to success lies in this close adherence to Lord Baden-Powell's ideas and ideals. On my part, I assure you of my best service and I confidently expect we shall go forward together to meet the tasks which lie ahead of us.

In the meantime—to all Canadian Scouters—Good Scouting!

Succeeding With What You Have

(An Editorial in *South Coast Scouting* (Australia) March, 1946, by District Commissioner C. F. T. Jackson)

I READ a book recently entitled "Succeeding with what you have." Its writer was a great believer in working up from the humblest positions through sheer merit, and there was hardly a major executive in any part of the vast organization that he commanded who had not risen from the ranks.

The little book is crammed with practical hints and common-sense observations. In one place he says, "It has been my good fortune to watch most of the present leaders rise from

the ranks, ascend step by step to the places of power. These men, I am convinced, are not natural prodigies. They won out by using normal brains to think beyond their manifest daily duty."

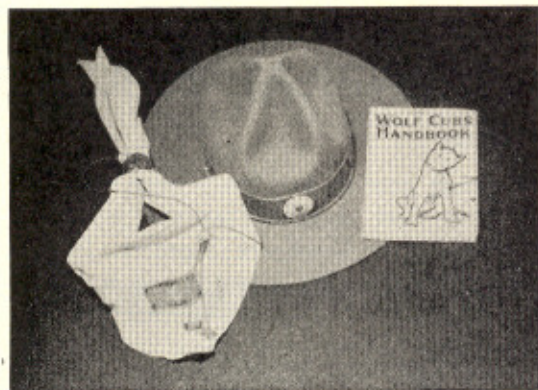
Industry is spilling over with men who started level with the leaders, with brains just as big, with hands just as capable. And yet some men emerge from the mass, rise sheer over their fellows; and the rest remain . . . Nothing is more fatal to success than taking one's job as a matter of course."

It is the same in Scouting. If you can spur yourself with enthusiasm and energy to consistent effort, and if you have the initiative to strive to make

opportunities, and the patience to keep on doing so till they come—you'll find it pays big dividends in good Scouting as well as your own happiness and material success.

And all the time your Group or your unit is inspiring more boys to follow the same road. To be properly dressed . . . to be smartly turned out . . . to be gentlemen at all times . . . to strive for the higher honours in their sphere . . . to have a wide outlook . . . to appreciate the other chap's point of view . . . to be a brother Scout to all and—finally—to be a man who can "succeed with what he has."

Between ourselves . . . will you think it over?



THE CUBMASTERS' CORNER

The Slave Boy of Lahore

(A Story for Cubs)

IN the reign of Sultan Mahmud Ghaznani of Ghazni a son was born to an Indian farmer. His parents were so poor that they had to sell him into slavery as soon as he grew old enough to work. Being an intelligent and good-looking boy, Melik Khas soon became the favorite of his master the Sultan.

All the courtiers were very jealous of him, and they waited for an opportunity to disgrace him. It happened that the slave boy fell asleep one day in his master's presence. This incident was quite insignificant in itself, but the courtiers saw in it an offence to the Imperial Majesty, and they tried to persuade the Sultan to dismiss such a useless slave. This royal master took no notice of all their insinuations, but

and scythe. The Sultan looked at his slave in astonishment.

"Sire," said Melik Khas, "I put on this shirt and take up this scythe every morning and evening to remind me of my humble origin."

The Sultan was so moved by his humility that he raised him to the dignity of an Amrah.

Melik Khas distinguished himself next as a soldier. People used to call him "The destroyer of idols," and the Sultan rewarded him with many riches. But Melik Khas remained unspoiled.

Once again his enemies started a rumor, this time that the Sultan's favorite wanted to seize the throne. The Sultan summoned him to his presence to find out the truth, but the young



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his love for his favorite grew daily. One of the courtiers found that Melik Khas went secretly every day to a wooden hut, which he always kept locked. They suspected him of worshipping a hidden idol. The rumor spread through the palace. It was suggested to the Sultan that he pay a surprise visit to the house of Melik Khas, and ask to be shown the hut.

The Sultan agreed. Melik Khas was very happy to see his master coming into his house. While he was showing him round, the royal visitor saw the little wooden hut and expressed the wish to enter it. Melik Khas hesitated for a while, but, seeing the scornful smiles of the courtiers, he opened the door and there lay a villager's shirt

man only sent a message saying that he was engaged and unable to see his master. This was held as proof against him, and following his courtier's advice, Mahmud Ghaznani led his army against Melik Khas. In the battle the Sultan's army was beaten and the Sultan himself was taken prisoner. Melik Khas marched in triumph to the palace, where he set his master once more upon the throne and prostrated himself at his feet.

The Sultan was so touched by his devotion that he gave him the city of Lahore.
—Scouting in N.S.W.

1st Napanee, Ont., Wolf Cub Pack held an enjoyable Father and Son banquet.

PACK OBJECTIVES

For November

Month's Emphasis, Physical Development.

Help Scouts with Toyshop.

Visit to Places of Interest in Community.

Pack Hike.

Work on Guide and Toymaker's Badge.

A Notable Occasion

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has been so closely identified with Scouting since its inception. It was this house which published *Scouting for Boys*, and it was Sir Percy Everett, of that firm, who accompanied Lord Baden-Powell to the Brownsea Island Camp, and who later became Deputy Chief Scout. It will be recalled that he toured Canada in 1939.

In more recent years the Boy Scouts Association took over the publication of *The Scout* together with its editor, Mr. Dimmock.

The occasion of the publication of the 2,000th issue of *The Scout* brings to mind the place of publications in the life of the Movement. No great movement in these times can exist without publications, and official organs which are the only possible voice of the Movement itself to its supporters. They are the great co-ordinating influence which keep together that vast army of workers striving for the high purposes for which the Movement exists. Without them it would be well nigh impossible to operate successfully. It is significant that with the birth of the Scout Movement in 1908, B.-P. saw the necessity of a publication for the dissemination of information, for the co-ordination of effort, and for the inspiration of its leaders and boys.

We would like to join with that great host of friends of *The Scout* in extending cordial congratulations and good wishes on the attainment of this happy and important milestone of a most useful career; to Mr. Dimmock, its able editor; to Jack Blunt, its inimitable humorist and very practical Scouter; to *Eagleye*, to *Gray Eagle*, Reg Gammon, P. W. Blandford, *Fieldmouse*, and to all that company of fine writers who over the years have made such a splendid contribution to the Movement through *The Scout*. On behalf of Scouting in Canada, we wish them even greater success in the years ahead, and many opportunities to "Look Wide" in the service of the Movement to which we are all devoted.

A splendid special 16 page anniversary number suitably marked the occasion in spite of the serious paper shortage in Britain.

WHY LEAVES FALL

A Campfire Chat by E. Russell Paterson

THE usual belief is that early frosts of Autumn change the colours of the leaves of a tree, then kill them so that they fall off. This is held to account for the bare branches of the winter months. This theory is not, however, according to scientific facts.

The leaf of a tree is a very delicate organ, which works at full speed during the summer months and wears out after a short period of activity. In order to provide for the needs of the tree, the leaves have to be discarded when their cells are worn out and replaced by new leaves for the following season.

Even in tropical countries where there are no winter frosts, the leaves do not last for more than a year, and are dropped by the trees at various seasons. In these tropical forests there is no one time when all the trees are bare, but each type of tree casts its leaves at a particular period of the year.

The dropping of the leaves is therefore a deliberate act on the part of the tree, in order to provide for its health and growth. As is generally known, the food required by the growing parts of the tree is manufactured in the leaves; in fact the food of animals as well as plants is fundamentally dependent upon the action of the leaves. The replacing of the leaves by a new crop annually is therefore of great importance in the economy of Nature.

The process of dropping the leaves by our deciduous trees is an interesting one. Late in September or early in October a double layer of separating cells is grown by the tree at the base of the leaf-stalk. These two layers of cells begin from the outside edge and extend inwards. Through the swelling of these cells a separation is caused between the leaf stalk and the twig on which it grows, and this separation is increased until finally the leaf hangs only by the woody fibres at the centre of the stalk.

When the process has gone far enough, the wind shakes off the leaf, which falls to the ground. But the tree has taken the precaution of healing the wound before any wound is caused. In other words, there is already a layer of protecting cells covering the wound when the leaf falls off, so that no infection can enter the tree from the outside air.

Before casting its leaves, however, the tree withdraws the most important parts of the green colouring matter which is so important in the life of a

tree. This colouring matter, called Chlorophyll, is concentrated in the cells on the upper side of the leaf. It is the wonderful substance which makes use of the energy of sunlight for the process of manufacturing food.

The ingredients used are carbon dioxide, obtained from the air by the foliage, and water gathered by the roots and sent up to the leaves. The process of manufacturing the food consists in uniting chemically the carbon dioxide and water to form sugar, and for this process a large amount of energy is required. The Chlorophyll has the mysterious power of using the energy of sunlight for the process of chemical combination.

Before the leaf is cast by the tree, the Chlorophyll is broken down chemically and the most important parts of it are withdrawn into the twig. What remains in the leaf, forms other chemical compounds, which give us the beautiful Autumn colours scarlet, yellow, orange, etc. These substances can be spared by the tree and it is therefore no loss in parting with them when the leaves fall.

Attention has already been given by the tree to the production of leaves for the next summer. Early this spring the trees produce the little sharp-pointed buds which will burst out into the leaves of next summer. These buds can be seen in the angle between the leaf stalk and the twig on any of our deciduous trees. The summer season is

so short and there is so much work for the leaves to do during the few months when weather conditions permit them to work at full speed, that it is important for the tree that the leaves should have a good start when the warm weather arrives.

The leaf buds are provided with an outer covering which protects the delicate tissues inside, and once these have been produced in the form of buds, the tree carries them through the summer in this form. They are so well protected that they can also stand the cold of the following winter, and are all ready to burst through the outer covering and develop into leaves with the approach of warm weather next spring. The purpose of producing the buds a year in advance is to give the leaves the best kind of good start and thus save time when their activities are so quickly needed.

Australian Cubmaster Wants Correspondents

PATRICIA Long, Akela of the 1st Clifton Gardens Wolf Cub Pack in Australia, would like to link her Pack with a Canadian Pack so that they may correspond and thus learn more about each other's part of the world. The Pack is two years old and has 15 members. Any Cub Pack wishing to correspond with the Australian Pack should write Miss Patricia Long, Cubmaster, 1st Clifton Gardens Pack, 32 Waters Road, Cremorne, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.



THIS BEAUTIFUL CHAPEL AT PEACEHAVEN CAMP, OPERATED BY THE SOUTH WATERLOO DISTRICT IN ONTARIO, IS A MEMORIAL TO THE SCOUTS OF THE DISTRICT WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE WAR. IN 1936 A PLOT OF 10,000 TREES WAS PLANTED ON THE SITE, AND THE CHAPEL IS ERECTED IN A CLEARING AMONG THESE TREES WHICH MANY OF THOSE WHO DIED HELPED TO PLANT. LEFT, THE CHAPEL ENTRANCE; RIGHT, A VIEW OF THE CHAPEL.

Scouting Events—Coast to Coast

Over 50 Scouts and leaders from Johnson City, Tenn., toured in Quebec this summer and were guests of the Three Rivers Troop for an overnight stay. The Tennessee Scouts financed their trip in a novel way, undertaking to deliver the semi-annual issues of the telephone directory in their city. The funds amassed in this manner enabled the Scouts to make a big swing through the United States and Canada at an individual charge of only \$20.

The 30th Ottawa Sea Scouts made their third annual goodwill tour in August. Eight members made a 700 mile bicycle and boat trip which took them to Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls. The unit was completely self contained, each Scout carrying 65 pounds of equipment, including cooking utensils and camping gear. They were under the leadership of Sea Scoutmaster George Ashe.

Major F. B. Hathaway, a native of Kitchener, Ont., has been appointed Executive Commissioner for Greater Vancouver, and has taken up his new duties. Mr. Hathaway started his Scouting in Stratford, Ont., and later organized and led Scouts and Cubs in Elmira, Ont. He took his Wood Badge and Akela courses this summer.

According to the Timmins-Porcupine *Advance*, Clifford Doiron, 14-year-old member of the 4th Timmins Troop, was instrumental in saving the lives of two men in the Mattagami River. One of the men got into difficulties, his companion tried to bring him to shore but was unable to do so because of the drowning man's hold on him. Young Doiron went to the rescue and helped get both men safely to shore where artificial respiration was applied on one of them.

A warning is sounded in a story from Haddonfield, N.J., where two Boy Scouts were killed by a train while hiking along the railway tracks. Scouts should never be permitted to hike along the railway right of way.

Glen Ford, the noted film actor, devotes two nights a week to Boy Scout work, because he believes the Movement can do much to prevent juvenile delinquency. Glen Ford used to be a

Scout himself and has great faith in the programme of the Movement.

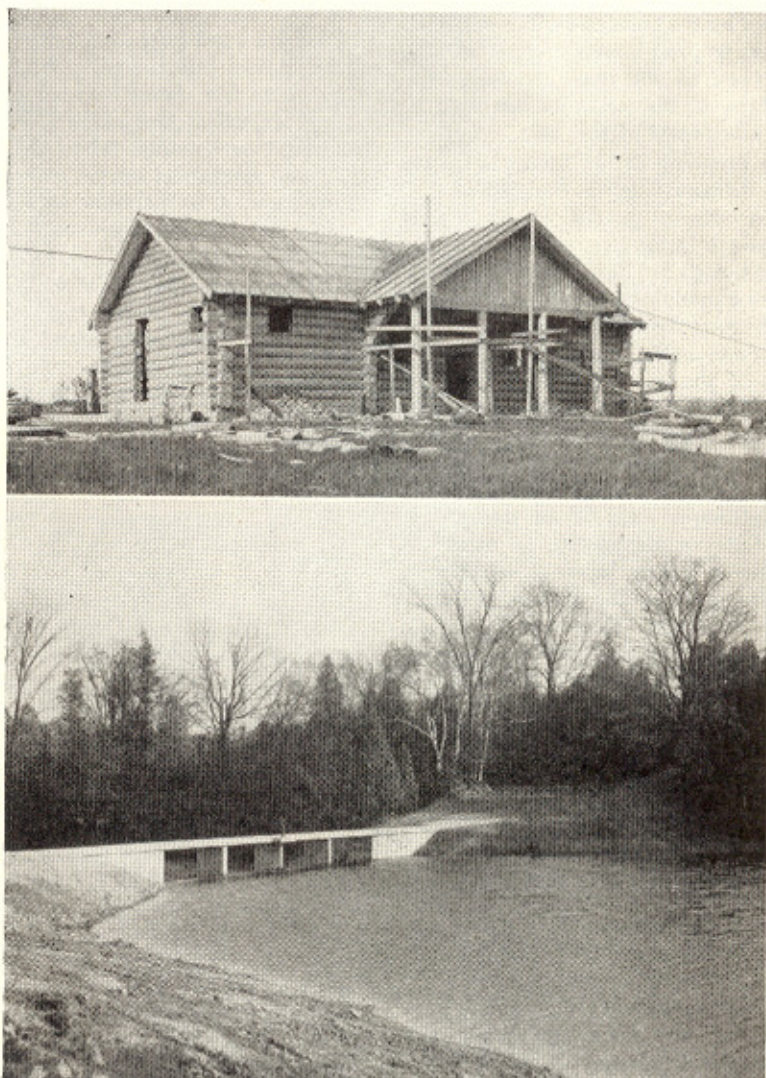
A number of Scouts of the 31st Assumption Troop in Windsor, Ont., have enjoyed international Scouting contacts this year. In May Scouts Jack Reid and Dick Gignac accompanied by S.M. Vincent Pare, and A.S.M. John A. H. Duffie, assisted at the Catholic Scout Ceremony in Washington, D.C. Later in July, P.L. Ernie Pare and Scouts Laforet and Bondy camped with some 250 American Scouts at Camp Theodore Roosevelt in Maryland. A.S.M. Duffie accompanied the

Scouts on this trip. An American Scout returned with the Canadians for a visit to Windsor.

Six Troops and seven Packs took part in the Vancouver East District Field Day in June when a programme of track and field events, and Scout and Cub craft activities was run off. The 14th Pack won the Cub shield, and the 37th Troop won Scout honours. Mrs. S. F. Cullington is Cubmaster of the 14th and E. Sutherland Scoutmaster of the 37th.

A joint Scouters'-Guiders' Club has been formed in Summerside, P.E.I., with an initial membership of 16.

Kimberley, B.C., Rovers operated a refreshment booth at the Rotary Carnival in aid of the Artificial Ice Fund.



ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF LORD ROWALLAN'S ONTARIO TOUR WAS THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF CAMP SAMAC AT OSHAWA. THIS MAGNIFICENT SITE WITH ITS BUILDINGS WAS PRESENTED BY COL. R. S. McLAUGHLIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL MOTORS LTD. UPPER PICTURE SHOWS ONE OF THE BEAUTIFUL LOG BUILDINGS—THIS ONE, THE MAIN COUNCIL HOUSE. LOWER, THE DAM, WHICH CONVERTED A SMALL CREEK INTO A MAGNIFICENT SWIMMING POOL.

At an impressive service in Our Lady of Help Church, Wallaceburg, Ont., new flags of the 5th Troop were solemnly blessed.

In a letter to the editor of *The Toronto Telegram*, a reader highly commended the Sea Scouts of Ashbridge's Bay for the manner in which they carried out a rescue.

Over 200 Wolf Cubs attended the ninth annual Cub Field Day in St. Catharines, Ont., in June when the Eccles Trophy was won by the 9th Pack.

1st Drumheller, Alta., Wolf Cub Pack was presented with new flags in an impressive ceremony by their sponsors, the Kinsmen's Club.

Thirty members of the 38th London (Centennial) Wolf Cub Pack were conducted on a tour of the local police station.

Fifth Avenue Scouts, Medicine Hat, Alta., held a parents' night and gave a demonstration of Scout work. Later they played their fathers at volley ball, defeating their dads 13 to 0.

Two Scouts, one from Ottawa and another from Montreal, while on holiday in Peterborough, Ont., spotted no fewer than six Union Jacks flying upside down during the Orange parade.

Viscount Alexander, Chief Scout for Canada, inspected several Scout Guards of Honour on his recent tour of Canada. Newspaper reports tell of such inspections in Windsor, Ont., and Calgary, Alta.

Dresden, Ont., Scouts took first honours at a Cyclorama held at Wallaceburg in May. Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies joined in the programme of events.

Earl of Athlone Elected

THE Earl of Athlone, former Governor-General and Chief Scout for Canada, has been elected a Vice-President of the Boy Scouts Association in Great Britain. On Lord Rowallan's return to London, the Earl will be decorated with the Silver Wolf in recognition of his services to Scouting in South Africa and Canada. The former Canadian Chief Scout is a frequent visitor to Imperial Headquarters where he keeps in close touch with Scouting in the Empire.



COL. R. S. McLAUGHLIN, DONOR OF OSHAWA'S NEW CAMP SAMAC. THE SITE AND BUILDINGS ARE VALUED AT NEARLY A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS. COL. McLAUGHLIN HAS LONG SHOWN A KEEN INTEREST BOTH IN SCOUTING IN OSHAWA AND IN THE WIDER DOMINION FIELD.

COVER PICTURE

THIS month's cover picture is the most recent picture of Canada's new Chief Executive Commissioner, Major-General Daniel C. Spry, C.B.E., D.S.O., who took office on September 5th, succeeding Dr. John A. Stiles, O.B.E.

General Spry is not new to Scouting. He has had the practical boy experience so desirable for one filling this most important Executive Office in Canadian Scouting. Here is General Spry's record in the Scout Movement.

Cub Record

General Spry was a member of the 2nd Calgary, Alberta, Cub Pack for two years.

Scout Record

At the age of 12 he went up to the 2nd Calgary Troop where he gained Second Class rank.

He joined the 9th Halifax Troop on his removal to that city on October 19th, 1927. He passed his First Class Tests as follows:

Swimming	October, 1927
Bank Account	November, 1927
Signalling	October, 1927
First Aid	November, 1927
Tree Felling	December, 1927
Map Reading	January, 1928
First Class Journey	January, 1928
Cooking	February, 1928
Training Tenderfoot	May, 1928

Proficiency Badges

Swimmer	October, 1927
Fireman	October, 1927
Laundryman	October, 1927
Missioner	November, 1927
Ambulance	November, 1927
Starman	November, 1927
Public Health Man	December, 1927
Healthyman	December, 1927
Handyman	January, 1928
Rescuer	January, 1928
Pathfinder	January, 1928
Gardener	February, 1928

Entertainer	February, 1928
Master-at-Arms	February, 1928
Leatherworker	May, 1928
Printer	May, 1928
Citizen	May, 1928
Accident Prevention	October, 1928

All Round Cords

Grade A	February, 1928
Grade B	February, 1928
Grade C	October, 1928
Nova Scotia Community Service Badge, 100 hours	December 1st, 1928.
King's Scout, February 21st, 1928.	
Promoted to Patrol Second, January, 1928.	
Promoted to P.L., March, 1928.	

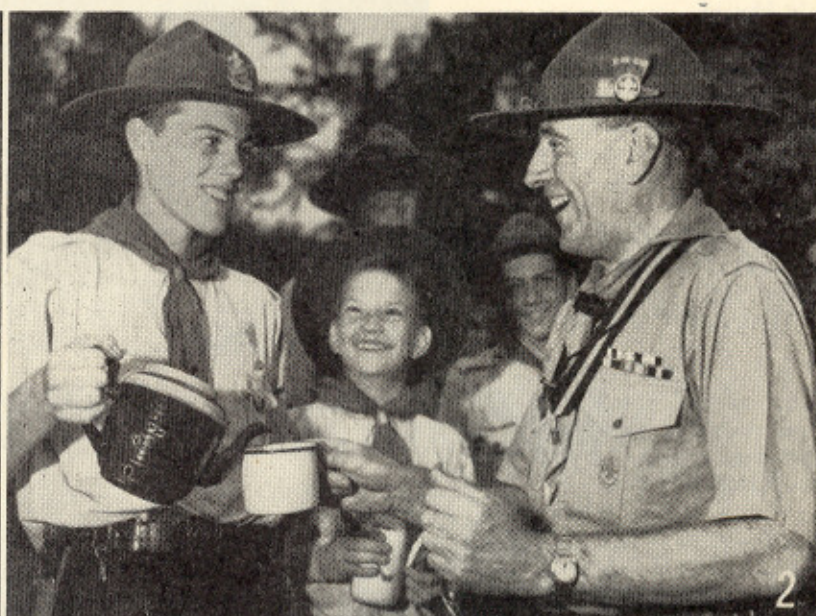
Rover Record

General Spry joined the 9th Halifax Rover Crew, September 26th, 1928, as a Squire. He became Rover Mate, and subsequently Senior Rover Mate, a rank he retained until his departure from Halifax.

A Tribute to Scouting by a Scout

BACK in 1937 Bradley Curry, now of Willington, Ohio, joined the 23rd Cub Pack in Toronto. Today he is a Chaplain's assistant in the American Air Force, and an Assistant Scoutmaster with an American Troop. In a letter to Dominion Headquarters he pays this tribute to Scouting: "I might add that I owe much to the Canadian Scout Movement and especially to the Scouters of the Niagara District. What I learned stood me in good stead on many occasions in the Phillipine Islands during the war, and has set me on the road to a worth-while vocation with the Y.M.C.A. A million thanks for your kind co-operation." Mr. Curry served as ACM of the 2nd Niagara Falls Pack, ASM of the 2nd Niagara Falls Troop, and Acting CM of the 5th Niagara Falls Pack.

A Pictorial Review of Lord Rowallan's



It is not possible to reproduce even a small part of the hundreds of pictures which have been taken of the Chief Scout's tour. We have selected some of the better pictures showing some of the early events in the tour, and more will appear in November and December. (1) An unusually good

picture of the Chief, taken at his Press Conference at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa. (2) During his Windsor, Ont., tour, the Chief stops to have a cup of tea with members of the 40th Windsor Troop. (3) He poses for a picture amid flags of many Troops and Packs during the first rally

of his tour at Ottawa. (4) "My goodness, look at them come. Is there no end to them?", Lord Rowallan asked as Toronto's 6,000 Cubs rallied from every direction for a Grand Howl at Toronto's Varsity Stadium. (5) The Chief salutes, as accompanied by A. W. Hurll, Imperial Headquarters Secretary,

Triumphant Tour of Ontario Centres



he reviews the 20,000 Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies at Toronto. (6) The Chief made a brief stop at Chatham, Ont., (the Maple City) to attend a grand rally of Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies from Kent County. Here he is seen addressing the rally, only a small part of which ap-

pears in the picture. (7) Windsor adopted a unique plan when its huge rally was cancelled by health officials because of the Infantile Paralysis epidemic. Sidewalk rallies were held all over the city, and the Chief drove 25 miles in an open car through city streets visiting each Group. Here he

stops to greet a Pack and Troop on a street corner. (8) At London, Ont., Lord Rowallan walks a "monkey bridge" set up as part of a splendid demonstration by the Scouts of the London District. *The Scout Leader* would appreciate receiving good glossy prints of Lord Rowallan's Tour.

OF COURSE IT WORKS

A Chat on the Patrol Method with Green Bar Bill

From *Scouting*, U.S.A.

DID you ever feel like jumping up and down, screaming your head off, and tearing your hair out by the fistful? Well, I did the other evening.

After a meeting one of the Scoutmasters cornered me, and this is what he tooted in my ears for one solid hour.

"That Patrol method idea may be all right—in other Troops. But it won't work in mine. The boys aren't ready for it. They can't decide on anything. They like to be told what to do.

"None of my boys has shown any leadership ability. There isn't one who can get the others to do what he tells them. Why don't we have the Patrols try to meet on their own? It won't do. The fellows would just fool around if I left them to themselves.

"Our attendance? Well, it has picked up since we started Troop meetings with softball. When it gets dark we go inside for the rest of our meeting. Advancement? It's getting better after I put the Tenderfoots into one group and the Second Classers into another and started instructing them myself.

"Training boy leaders? Haven't time. I've too much work the way it is, just running the Troop, to take on". . . and so on, far into the night.

What Can We Do About It?

We may as well face the situation. We still have a few of this type of Scoutmaster. As long as we do it is up to us, the majority, who know that *there can be no Scouting without the Patrol Method*, to strive to make every man who takes on the job of Scoutmaster believe in the Patrol system and use it.

What can we do about it? Not much by talking. Mostly, we can influence others by the way we ourselves make use of the Patrol system.

The first thing we have to do is to reaffirm our own belief. And that isn't hard when we consider the goal we are striving for; citizenship training and character building. We know that one of the best means of building character in boys is to place responsibility on young shoulders. And the Patrol system does exactly that. Each boy has his part in making the gang into a strong unit. He helps to plan the activities of his Patrol, to make decisions,

to carry them out in a co-operative manner.

The Patrol system is an experience in democratic living, which a boy can understand and appreciate. As Baden-Powell himself said the Patrol system "Is the one essential feature in which Scout training differs from that of all other organizations, and where it is properly applied, it is absolutely bound to bring success."

"Properly applied . . ." That's the second, and really important point. "Properly applied" means simply letting boys form their own gangs under the leadership of one of their own number, and giving boy leaders the necessary guidance and training.

Now let's imagine that the Scoutmaster we spoke of before finally sees the light, and decides to try the Patrol system. How would he go about it? Pretty much in the same manner in which a Scoutmaster would start a new Troop, or the way an old-timer would reorganize his Troop when necessary.

Forming the Patrols

In a small Troop, very often all that is necessary is to ask the boys to form their own Patrol teams, by simply getting into Patrol huddles. One gang may be larger than the other, but what of it? If that's the way the boys want

to work together, Okay. (Of course a Patrol should not consist of more than eight boys).

In a larger Troop, voting may work better. Each boy writes down on a sheet the fellows he'd like in his Patrol, and the Patrols are formed on that basis.

Electing Patrol Leaders

We've used democracy in forming the Patrol. We use it again to let the boys within each Patrol elect the leader they want to follow.

But before the voting, tell your Scouts what to look for in a good Patrol Leader: energy and initiative, a high degree of Scout spirit, helpfulness and friendliness, a fair Scoutcraft ability, a sense of humour, and a good supply of common sense.

Here's where the Scoutmaster usually has his major qualms: The boys didn't pick the fellows he felt would "be good for them." Well, this is a democracy, and "we the people" have spoken. It is up to the Scouter to get behind the boys chosen and help them, and inspire them in their jobs so that they will live up to the expectations of their boys.

"Jobs" I said, not just "job". A Patrol Leader doesn't have one job only, he has two; he is leader of his Patrol and leader in the Troop.

The Patrol Leader's Duties

Here's a bird's-eye view of the Patrol Leader's two jobs.

(1) As leader of his Patrol, he plans, with his Scouts, Patrol activities; he leads his gang by personal example, and gives each of his Scouts a chance



TWENTY-TWO SCOUTS OF THE LIONS OWN TROOP IN TWO HOURS PLANTED 1,000 FIR TREES AT RUDD PARK, SAANICH, NEAR VICTORIA, B.C. THE SCOUTS, BESIDES PERFORMING A PUBLIC SERVICE WERE WORKING ON THEIR FORESTER PROFICIENCY BADGE.

to do some leading too; he encourages his Scouts to learn Scoutercraft, and trains and examines them in requirements; he is responsible for routine business, but lets others keep records; he makes a special effort to know each Scout well enough to be a real help to him.

(2) As a leader in the Troop, he is a member of the Court of Honour, and helps plan the programme of the Troop as a whole; he brings decisions of the Court of Honour back to his Patrol.

That boy leader is one of the most important persons in Scouting. But don't expect him to just step in there and perform. He needs guidance and training. That's exactly what he gets in the Court of Honour.

The Court of Honour

The Court of Honour, where Patrol Leaders meet with other Troop Leaders, has been called "the heart of the Patrol system." And that it is. It is where activities of all Patrols are decided upon. The Court of Honour lays out the year's programme. It decides upon themes and develops the details.

The planning meetings of the Court of Honour are formal (or fairly formal) sessions. But from time to time the Court lets down its hair and goes on a romp. Those are occasions when the court functions as a Leaders' Patrol, going through the motions of a regular Patrol, taking a Patrol hike, camping overnight, learning new skills. There's lots of enjoyment when Patrol Leaders, Scoutmasters and other Troop leaders got out together. But there's more to it than just fun. Those activities provide the best possible training for Patrol Leaders. They experience the activities of a real Scouting gang—and of course, each will want to make his Patrol exactly that kind of a gang.

Let Them Lead

Getting boy leaders elected and training is not enough. They must be given a chance to lead.

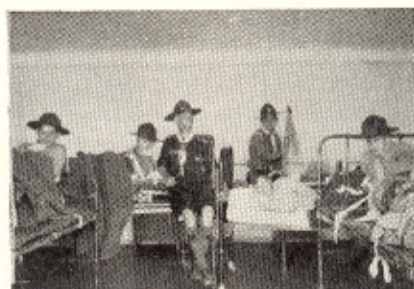
Let's quote B.-P. again—"To get first-class results from the Patrol system, you have to give the boy leaders real free-handed responsibility. If you only give partial responsibility, you will only get partial results."

"Train 'em, Trust 'em, and let 'em lead!" Remember that slogan. It's the key to success.

"But it won't work in my Troop." There he is again, the Scoutmaster who doesn't understand Scouting, who doesn't believe in the ability of boys to govern themselves—who frankly, doesn't belong in Scouting unless we



ON HIS WEST COAST TOUR LORD ROWALLAN VISITED THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA SOLARIUM SCOUT TROOP, SOME OF WHOSE MEMBERS ARE SHOWN HERE. TO THE RIGHT, COL. DOPPING-HEPENSTAL, THE SCOUTMASTER, INVESTS A SCOUT IN BED.



John A. Stiles Says Farewell

As this issue of *The Scout Leader* goes to press, I am retiring from the office of Chief Executive Commissioner. Since May 1915 I have been in Scouting in one capacity or another, twenty-seven years as a member of the staff at Dominion Headquarters. The man who will be taking my place is Major-General Daniel C. Spry who has been in Scouting since he was a little boy. He is young, strong, well-trained, full of energy and has an inspiring vision of the possibilities of Canadian Scouting. I commend him to your

tender mercies for without your help he cannot succeed.

In saying farewell to the many hundreds of Scout Leaders whom I have learned to know and love, I plead with them not to forget that their only excuse for being in Scouting is that they may have something to do with forming the characters of Canadian boys, especially along the lines laid down by our Founder, the late Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell. Your influence, brother Scouter, will not be through telling the boys bluntly what you are after, but mostly by living the life of a good Scout yourself. Your job is to look for and bring out the best that is in every boy. Remember the Troop really belongs to the boys. They through the Court of Honour should have a big hand in running it. Watch carefully for leadership material. Pride yourself in the number of leaders you graduate.

But I was speaking of my retirement, retirement from my present post, but certainly not from Scouting. I hope to be a Scout to the end of my days. So, farewell and good luck. The best is yet to be.

can teach him what Scouting is. For he is wrong—dead wrong.

The Patrol system works—every time—IF PERMITTED TO WORK. And through it, an earnest Scoutmaster comes closest to reaching the aim of Scouting. The Patrol system does develop character, does provide training for democracy, does make for a strong Troop, and does simplify the Scoutmaster's work.

And that is as much as you and I can expect from a system which is part and parcel of real Scouting.

PARENT CO-OPERATION

A Necessity for Successful Leadership in Troop or Pack

WHEN Scouters get together, the topic of parent co-operation is almost certain to crop up.

If we were asked if parent co-operation is desirable in Scouting, we would answer—not only desirable, but essential to the Group if it is to carry out its full programme of character training.

We believe that most Scouters will agree that it is both desirable and essential, but not all are agreed on the method best suited to achieving it. Of course there is no infallible means by which perfection in parent co-operation can be assured. Much depends on the tact and personality of the leader. However there are certain fundamentals which would apply in most cases and with the majority of parents.

Get To Know Them

It must be obvious that you cannot have the full co-operation of Scout or Cub parents if you are a complete stranger to them. The very first effort then should be directed toward getting acquainted. If you have not made it a habit to do this, your task will be a fairly heavy one, but not nearly as heavy if you plan to undertake it bit by bit and with unceasing regularity.

A father and son, or mother and son banquet, or a parents' night at the Troop or Pack will give you the opportunity to meet the parents as a group, but individual contacts are to be preferred.

Visit Every Home

One Scouter we know sets aside one night each week, a Tuesday, which he gives over to visitation. He tries to make two visits in the one evening, but sometimes discussions go on, and the evening perhaps spreads out over a social cup of tea and only one call is accomplished. In any event it is better not to rush calls.

What does one expect to achieve on these calls? First perhaps, one gets an insight into the home life of the boy, a bird's eye view of the environment in which he is growing up. The Scouter finds out whether the parents are really interested in the boy's Scouting progress, or whether, to them, Scouting is just an evening's engagement for their son, when they know where he is, and that he is under some sort of leadership which will keep him out of mischief.

These Will Co-operate

Other parents look upon Scouting, in the same light as they view the Church and the School—combining efforts with them to make their son an upright, healthy, wholesome high principled young citizen. You'll not be lacking in co-operation from this latter type. They will be the parents who will want to provide transportation when it is needed, will be willing to open their homes for Patrol meetings, and who will offer their services in a variety of ways to assist you in the work you have undertaken.

It is well to explain to parents just what progress their son is making; where he should be, what is expected of him, and what in your opinion is keeping him from making normal progress.

Frequently you will come across the parent who knows his boy is fond of Scouting, and who will use as a punishment for some minor misbehaviour, the weapon of keeping him away from meetings. It is well to explain to these parents that Scouting is a character building endeavour, and that to keep the boy from meetings is tantamount to keeping a boy from going to church because he has misbehaved. It simply aggravates his bad habits rather than helping him overcome them.

Personal Interest Counts

Visiting time is also the time to find out just how your Scouts are doing at

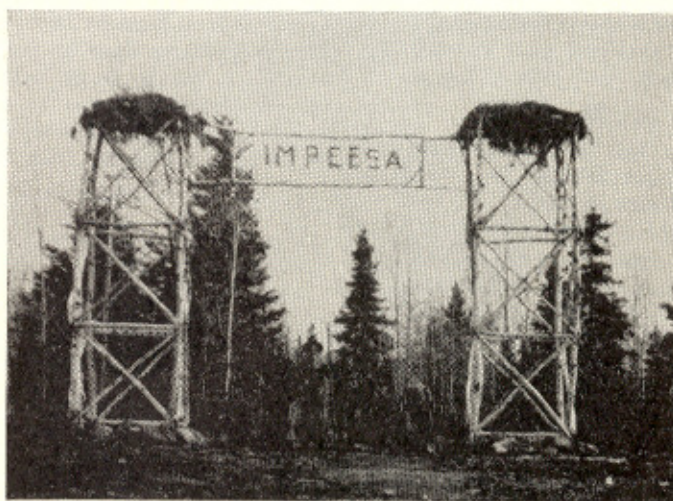
school, and how they react at home to the provisions of the Scout Law. It is a great opportunity to seek and get the co-operation of parents in helping the boy, not only to become proficient in his Scouting, but what is more important, proficient in his living out the principles of Scouting as embodied in the Law and Promise.

Frequently on these visits you will find that a father was a Scout and is expert in some particular Scouting activity. He may be interested in first aid or signalling, through previous military training, and here is the opportunity to enlist his services as an instructor on occasion, if of course, of the desired type.

Parent-Scouter relations are given a tremendous lift by a little display of personal interest in the Scout as an individual. It is wise to know the birthdays of your Scouts and Cubs, know what he is doing in school, in the field of sports and athletics. It is amazing what loyalty and real friendship can be built up between a Scouter and parents by the thoughtful display of a personal interest in their son. Elsewhere we tell the story of a Scouter friend of ours, who built up the very friendliest relations with parents through carrying out these little personal touches which mean so much, both to the boy and his parents.

About Parental Fears

Sympathetic understanding of parental fears is also important. We recall one Scouter, busily engaged early in the summer getting his boys off to a weekend camp. In the midst of loading the boys into cars, his telephone summoned him. It was one of the Scout



THIS IMPOSING ARCHWAY MARKS THE ENTRANCE TO NORTH BAY, ONT., NEW CAMP IMPEESA, OFFICIALLY OPENED THIS YEAR. THE ARCHWAY WAS BUILT BY THE 3RD NORTH BAY TROOP, ON SIX SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORK PERIODS. CONSTRUCTED OF WHITE BIRCH IT IS 20 FEET HIGH AND 20 FEET WIDE.

mothers. She was worried. Johnny, although not the youngest of the family was more than usually close to his parents because of considerable sickness. He was now on his way over to the Scouter's house, and the mother was worried. He had never been away from home before, and both parents were a bit perturbed now he had left the house.

Now that may seem a bit childish for grown-up people, but the Scouter didn't see it that way. A parent himself, he understood something of that mother's feeling. Her son, still suffering from a discharging ear was to be away from the careful and personal attention of his mother for a couple of days and nights, and she just wanted to be sure that he was going to get proper attention, and that should he become homesick he would get sympathy and not laughter. The Scouter assured the mother of his personal interest in the boy.

A few days later the mother called the Scouter to tell him just how thrilled Johnny had been with his first away-from-home experience. He had come home full of the fun and good times he had had and the manner in which he had been cared for. The mother was most grateful, and she was sold, both on camping as a worthwhile pastime for her boy, and on Scout leadership because of the personal attention and sympathetic consideration given her son. Her final remarks were something like this—"If there is anything I can do at anytime for the Troop, please let me know."

Happiest of Partnerships

We know it is asking a lot of a Scouter to not only get to know the parents of his boys, but to understand and sympathize with them. But it makes for the happiest of all partnerships—the parents and Scouter, working as a well-knit team to the same end, that the boy grow up to be a healthy, proficient, clean living whole-some young Canadian citizen.

Headquarters Notices

His Excellency the Governor-General, Chief Scout for Canada, has been pleased to approve the issuance of the following warrants of appointment.

District Commissioner

Malcolm Jennings, Humber Bay, Ont.; Roy M. Urtel, Long Branch, Ont.; W. S. Morrison, Arvida, Que.

Scoutmaster

Robert A. MacDonald, Sydney, N.S.;

How One Scouter Does It

ONE Scouter with whom we are intimately acquainted wins the co-operation of parents by thoughtful attention to little things. In his diary is the birthday of every Scout in the Troop, and each receives a card when that important day comes around. When one little Scout, just up from the Cubs, was in hospital following an appendectomy, he called to spend an hour with him, and as he left handed him a couple of chocolate bars and candy. It not only impressed the Scout, but it earned the gratitude (and the interest) of his parents.

On another occasion a Scout who wished to go to camp did not get his application in. Knowing there had been illness in the home the Scouter paid a visit. The reason the application wasn't in was simply that the parents, trying to pay for serious operations and expensive treatments, together with hospital bills, just didn't know if they could manage it. The Scouter, remembering that most people have pride, suggested that perhaps it would be helpful if part of the Scout's fees could be paid, the parents paying the balance. The parents were delighted (and grateful too) and the Scout went to camp, knowing nothing of the private little arrangement between his parents and the Scouter.

In another instance a Patrol Leader, heading toward his King's Scout Badge, wanted to go to camp, but had to make a decision—either a new bicycle he had wanted for ages—or camp. He made the natural decision. He chose the bicycle which was going to last him for years and give him pleasure for a lot longer period than the camp.

But the Scouter wanted the Patrol Leader at camp, to provide the best opportunities for completing his First Class and King's Scout requirements. He told the story in confidence to the minister of his Church. The minister decided that the church had a fund to help out in such a case. The P.L. went to camp, knowing only that an interested friend wanted to help out as his father was still overseas.

It is the attention to little details like this that builds up that spirit of willing co-operation on the part of parents.

Remember the little things, birthdays, scholastic achievement, a boy's confirmation, his prowess in athletics. Congratulate him when he accomplishes things, either inside or outside the Troop. It will reap big dividends in a harvest of true and abiding affection between Scout and Scouter, and between parent and Scouter, to the mutual benefit of Scout, Scouter and Parent.

Eric J. Mullaley, Halifax, N.S.; Frederick A. Kannenberg, Truro, N.S.; Neville G. Stonell, Dauphin, Man.; William D. Ladbrook, Toronto, Ont.

Assistant Scoutmaster

John Henry Spencer, Belleville, Ont.

Cubmaster

Reginald F. Parson, Toronto, Ont.; Jack Thomas A. Smith, Toronto, Ont.; Rena Preston, Kingston, Ont.; Agnes Pirie Munro, Toronto, Ont.; John Kileeg, Toronto, Ont.; Pauline Frink, Ottawa, Ont.; John Ross, Toronto, Ont.; Stanley Heather, Toronto, Ont.; Francis T. Naish, Penticton, B.C.; David Henry Eadie, Weston, Ont.; Delbert A. Judd, Kingston, Ont.; Margaret M. Fraser, Toronto, Ont.

Assistant Cubmaster

Ray Harrison, Toronto; Dorothy Anna Lowther, Toronto; Robert S. Taylor, Weston, Ont.; Angus Rees, Toronto; Ronald W. Selater, Toronto;

Christina May Bunker, Toronto; Jean Williams, Saanichton, B.C.; Harold B. Moore, Toronto; William Gibbs, Toronto; Fred Backman, Toronto; Eric D. Stewart, Toronto; Walter T. McQueen, Toronto; Charles Bruce Morgan, Toronto; Benjamin J. Good, Toronto; John Allan Farquharson, Toronto; Dorothy Carr, Toronto; John S. Nelson, Toronto; Elizabeth M. Danter, Toronto.

TROOP OBJECTIVES

For November

Service at Fall Fairs.
Open Scout Toy Shop.
Prepared for Christmas Good Turn.
Remembrance Day, November 11th.
St. Andrew's Day, November 30th.
Twig Alphabet Hike.
Father and Son Hike with Campfire.
Every Scout Registered.

CHINS-UP FUND Apple Day—Plan It Carefully



MAY we remind all interested persons that the Chins-Up Fund will officially close at the conclusion of Lord Rowallan's Tour. Donations since the start of the Fund until September 14th now total \$60,189.38. Many more donations, which are being presented directly to the Chief Scout will be acknowledged later. In places where the Chief Scout has yet to visit, officials are reminded that donations to the Fund may be made at rallies for the Chief.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged: Leveck, Ont., Group Committee; 10th Calgary Troop; Office Counter Box, Alberta; 6th Edmonton Troop; 2nd Grand Prairie, Alta., Pack; 12th Edmonton Pack; Calgary District Assn.; Niagara Falls Assn.; 1st Hardington, Ont., Pack; 1st Winona, Ont., Troop; Kingston, Ont., Scouters Meeting; 14th Brantford, Ont., Pack; London Girl Guides Assn.; London Boy Scouts Assn.; 2nd Flin Flon, Man., Pack; R. G. Roberts, Man.; Assinaboia, Man., District Executive; 1st Delhi, Ont., Group; 18th London Pack; 3rd Yorkton, Sask., Troop; North Bay, Ont., Camp Opening; 5th Oshawa, Ont., Troop; 3rd Fort William Troop; 17th Winnipeg Pack; Winnipeg N.E. District Executive; 18th St. Patrick's Pack, Winnipeg; 1st Thornhill, Ont., Pack; 33rd London Pack; Ont. Prov. Headquarters Counter Box; 2nd Pack, 2nd Troop, 3rd Pack, 3rd Troop, 4th Pack, 4th Troop, 5th Pack, 5th Troop; 6th Pack, 6th Troop, 7th Troop, 9th Group, 10th Troop, 10th Pack A, 10th Pack B, 12th Group, all of Port Arthur, Ont.; Port Arthur Local Assn.; 31st Vancouver Troop, 1st West Vancouver Pack; South Vancouver Church Parade; Public Opinion Broadcast, Vancouver; Duncan, B.C., Scouts' Own; Victoria District Circus; Ganges, B.C., Troop; 24th Vancouver Pack; Kimberley, B.C., Assn.; Chemainus, B.C., Group; 11th London Pack; 11th Hamilton Pack; 31st Hamilton Pack; 11th Kitchener Troop; 15th Kitchener Troop; 1st Collingwood, Ont., Rover

OCTOBER is the month for Apple Days, and this year should see a new record created for sales and in the amount raised for Scout purposes. Apples are more plentiful and more reasonably priced this year, and there will be no need to substitute oranges or peanuts, as had to be done in some centres last year.

The success of Apple Day depends on careful organization, good publicity and good salesmanship.

Two big factors as far as the Scouts and Cubs are concerned are, first, Courtesy; second, Full Uniform.

In organizing your campaign have committees to handle each specific task; one to buy the apples, another to look after publicity, another to look after sales; and another to look after money.

Only sealed boxes should be used, and no Scout or Cub should be permitted to handle money.

Map out the entire district, and see that every home, every factory and every office is covered. Arrange for store window displays, movie theatre lobby displays, theatre slides, window cards.

Have some capable person give your boys a talk on salesmanship, stressing that a happy smile is the biggest sell-

Crew; 11th, 40th and 46th Hamilton Troops; 47th Winnipeg A Pack; Maritime Gilwell Course; 41st Troop, 12th Pack, 52nd Pack, 4th Troop, 5th Troop, 4th Pack, 46th Troop, 10th Pack, 2nd Group, 44th Pack, 25th Troop, 31st Troop, 45th Pack, 38th Troop, 52nd Troop, 37th Pack, 15th Pack, 29th Pack, 23rd Pack, 40th Pack, 27th Pack, 43rd Troop, 44th Troop, 48th Pack, all of Hamilton, Ont.; 20th B Pack, Aldershot, Ont.; R. D. F. Bourne, Hamilton; 1st Georgetown, Ont., Troop; 1st Winona, Ont., Troop and Pack; Miscellaneous; 1st Niagara-on-the-Lake Barnard Crew; 4th Kingston Pack; 3rd Kingston Pack; 1st Brockville Group, Kingston Local Association; 4th Brockville Pack, Kingston Scouters' Club; 48th I.O.D.E. Chippawa, Ont., Girl Guides, Niagara Falls Local Association, 13th Niagara Falls Group; 8th Niagara Falls Troop; 8th Niagara Falls Pack; 14th St. Catharines Pack; 1st Port Dalhousie, Ont., B Pack; 5th Kingston Pack; 2nd St. Catharines Pack; 6th St. Catharines A Pack; 17th St. Catharines Pack; 10th St. Catharines Pack; Miss Joyce Reynolds, St. Catharines.

ing asset any boy can have. Remind them that full uniform should be worn by all salesmen, shoes should be shined, uniforms and neckerchiefs neatly pressed.

Prizes are frequently offered to boys making the largest sales, but in doing this note should be made of the sales opportunities the boy has at his particular sales station.

Do not let Scouts or Cubs stay on duty too long. Two hours at a time is quite enough for any boy, but older boys might be given two periods.

Buy the best apples. Polish them well. Set a minimum price. Give a tag to every buyer, to save him being repeatedly approached to buy. Be smart. Be courteous. Be alert. It will pay big dividends.



THE 2ND HAMILTON SEA SCOUT TROOP BUILT THIS SNIP CLASS SAIL BOAT DURING THE WINTER MONTHS, AND USED IT AS AN APPLE DAY DEPOT IN THE HEART OF HAMILTON'S BUSINESS SECTION LAST YEAR. OPEN FROM 6 A.M. TO 6 P.M. OVER \$200 WORTH OF APPLES WERE SOLD.

A new Scout Group is being formed at Baden, Ont., in the North Waterloo District. At the first meeting 15 Cubs and 30 Scouts joined the Group which is being sponsored by Livingstone Presbyterian Church.

Dates to remember in October. Fire Prevention Week, October 6th to 12th; Thanksgiving Day, October 14th; Halloween, October 31st; Apple Day (set by district); Census Day, October 31st.

Retiring Staff Members Honoured

Dr. John A. Stiles, retiring Chief Executive Commissioner, and Frank E. L. Coombs, retiring Editor of Publications, were honoured at a gathering at Dominion Headquarters on August 30th by members of Dominion and Ottawa District headquarters staffs. Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the Commonwealth, was present, and on behalf of the joint staffs of the two headquarters, and Dominion Field Commissioners in the field, presented each with a beautifully engraved silver tray. Tribute to Dr. Stiles' long and faithful service to Scouting was paid by Deputy Chief Executive Commissioner W. L. Currier, while an appreciation of Mr. Coombs services to Scouting was given by Associate Editor B. H. Mortlock. Each recipient, although taken completely by surprise made suitable replies, expressing appreciation of their association with members of the staff, and their opportunities for service to Canadian Scouting over many long years.



To Higher Service

★
Arthur F. Niven, 25, Canadian Army,
ACM, St. Anthony's Pack, Montreal.

★
F/O Raymond Edge, 23, RCAF, Sr.
Sixer, King's Scout, Gold Cord,
ASM 14th Toronto Group.

★
Flt. Sgt. Donald D. C. Stewart, 21,
RCAF, King's Scout, Winnipeg.

★
Trooper Clifford L. Miller, 33, Fort
Garry Horse, Scout, Winnipeg.

★
Edward Marks, 20, Canadian Army,
Scout, Winnipeg.

★
Ralph Eric Wesley, 27, RCAF, Scout,
Winnipeg.

★
Lt. Jack R. Purchase, 19, Canadian
Army, Cub and Scout, Winnipeg.

★
P/O Roy Taylor, 24, RCAF, Cub and
Scout, Winnipeg.

★
Jack Johnson, 19, RCN, Scout, Win-
nipeg.

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Flt. Sgt. William Tropp McEwen,
RCAF (with RAF), Cub, Scout,
Winnipeg, ASM, 10th Toronto Troop.



Make It the Biggest Yet

There is no scarcity of Apples this year

ORDER YOUR SUPPLIES NOW!

October is the traditional month for Scout Apple Days—but the wise Scouter will not leave it until October to order his supplies. Plan your Apple Day now. Estimate your requirements of tags, window cards and window stickers. Then send in your order and you will be sure of having them in plenty of time. Your window cards and stickers should be used well in advance of Apple Day.

APPLE DAY TAGS

Always give a tag when selling an apple. It prevents the embarrassment of trying to sell the same person twice. Smart new tags, with the Scout-Apple imprint on one side, and a "Thank You" on the other. Strung ready for use.

Price, per 1,000.....\$2.00

Apple Day WINDOW CARDS

Printed in two colours on heavy card, with coloured block for you to mark in the date. Post them in store windows and on posts.

Price per Dozen.....\$1.15

Apple Day WINDOW STICKERS

"Support your Local Boy Scouts—Buy a Scout Apple" is the message on these 23" by 6" window stickers. They are gummed all ready to put up.

Price per Dozen.....35c

PLAN EARLY - ORDER EARLY

The Stores Department
THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION
306 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa

A page of helpful ideas
from anyone, anywhere.

THE DUFFEL BAG

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



TO HELP FINANCE THEIR TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES THIS PAST SUMMER THE 101ST TORONTO TROOP STAGED A CIRCUS LAST APRIL. HERE IS A SCENE FROM THE CIRCUS WHICH PLAYED TWO NIGHTS TO RECORD AUDIENCES.

Fire Prevention Week

OCTOBER 6th to 13th is Fire Prevention Week throughout the North American continent. The Dominion Fire Commissioner, W. L. Clairmont, urges that every Scoutmaster and Cubmaster give instruction on Fire Prevention and what to do in case of fire, during the week. Mr. Clairmont by the way is keenly interested in Scouting, has a son in the Scouts and serves as a member of a Group Committee. Scouters may co-operate by arranging courses in the Fireman's Badge (a King's Scout qualifying badge), in which local fire officials will be happy to co-operate. Cubmasters may assist by having a fireman give a short talk at their Pack meeting during the week, or taking the Cubs on a visit to the Fire Station, always an exciting event for Cubs.

Four thousand Boy Scouts who visited His Holiness the Pope at his summer residence, Castel Gandolfo, were told that they have "a spiritual function in world reconstruction, especially in the religious and moral life."

Correcting An Error

IN *The Scout Leader* in September a typographical error gave the price of Apple Day Tags in the Stores Department advertisement as \$1.25 per thousand. This should have read \$2.00 per thousand. The correction is made in the current advertisement.

Help Drive for Cancer Cure

SCOUTS of the Niagara District are spending their spare time searching for the insect known as the "walking stick". The Banting Institute in Toronto has appealed for thousands of these insects which are being used in research in connection with a cure for cancer. The insects, which look much like an ordinary twig, have a long slim body, six long spindly legs and are usually found on trees. They vary in colour from a greenish brown to brown, and are quite harmless. They are wanted alive, as the eggs are used in the experiments.

That Left Hand Shake

As he has toured Canada, Lord Rowallan has told the story of the origin of the Scout left hand shake. The story came from the grandson of an Ashanti Chief who was taking a Scouter's training course in Britain. It is related that in one of the African campaigns Lord Baden-Powell captured an Ashanti Chief and greeted him in a friendly fashion by offering his right hand. The Chief however proffered his left hand, pointing out that "the bravest of the brave shake hands with their left hand, as in order to do so they must throw away their greatest protection, their shields."

Honoured by Belgian Government

MAJOR General D. C. Spry, C.B.E., D.S.O., Chief Executive Commissioner for Canada, has been honoured by the Government of Belgium with the award of Croix de Guerre (1940) with Palm, and made a Commander of the Order of the Crown with Palm. While these decorations were awarded early this year, official announcement was not made until August.



WHO CAN RESIST BUYING AN APPLE FROM A SMARTLY UNIFORMED CUB LIKE JOHN BAKER OF TORONTO, ONE OF HUNDREDS OF CUBS WHO HELPED MAKE TORONTO'S 1945 APPLE DAY, DESPITE SHORTAGES, THE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR HISTORY.

Advertising Mat Service

SCOUTERS are reminded once again that advertising mats for Apple Day, Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week etc., should be ordered from the Editorial Department and not the Stores Department. This was emphasized in the September *Scout Leader* advertisement, but still many orders were sent to the Stores Dept. Please remember, advertising mats are ordered from the Editorial Dept.

Troop Fees Are Raised

ONE Ottawa Troop, which for years has had a five cent weekly Troop fee, has raised the fee to 10 cents weekly. The Court of Honour in making the increase agreed to provide each new Scout coming into the Troop with his neckerchief, a copy of *Tenderfoot to King's Scout*, and his badges and shoulder knots free. The Troop members in voting on the change were unanimously in favour. Through this method no Scout will be embarrassed by lack of the necessary money to purchase these things.