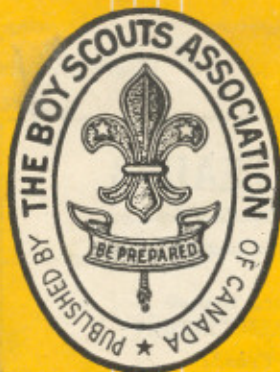


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"Lives May Depend on a Knot." B.P.



# THE SIGN POST

In the absence of the Chief Executive Commissioner in the west (at the time of going to press) we can think of no more appropriate message to use in *The Sign Post* than B.-P.'s last message to the Scouts of the World. It was found among his papers after his death. Dealing as it does with the fundamental Spirit and Purpose of Scouting it is well to be reminded of this message at the start of a new season. It might well be read at every Pack and Troop meeting early in the fall.

Dear Scouts,—If you have ever seen the play "Peter Pan" you will remember how the pirate chief was always making his dying speech because he was afraid that possibly when the time came for him to die he might not have time to get it off his chest. It is much the same with me, and so, although I am not at this moment dying, I shall be doing so one of these days and I want to send you a parting word of goodbye.

Remember, it is the last you will ever hear from me, so think it over.

I have had a most happy life and I want each one of you to have as happy a life too.

I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness doesn't come from being rich, nor merely from being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence. One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful and so can enjoy life when you are a man.

Nature study will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made the world for you to enjoy. Be contented with what you have got and make the best of it. Look on the bright side of things instead of the gloomy one.

But the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. Try and leave this world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best. "Be prepared" in this way, to live happy and to die happy—stick to your Scout promise always—even after you have ceased to be a boy—and God help you to do it.

Your friend,

BADEN-POWELL OF GILWELL

NOTE: This message, printed on card in two colours and featuring a picture of Lord Baden-Powell, is available from The Stores Dept., at 10c. It should hang in every Pack and Troop meeting place.

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## Editorial

### Dr. James E. West

WITH the passing in May of Dr. James E. West, Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America, Canadian Scouting has lost a warm friend. Few Americans contributed so much as he did to the welfare of American youth. Severely crippled as a child, and brought up in an orphan institution, he overcame many difficulties to become first a prominent lawyer, then Chief Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, and finally Chief Scout of the United States.

Dr. West's career was similar in many ways to that of the late President Roosevelt, whose intimate friend he was. On crutches for twelve years—he abandoned them when he felt they impeded his efforts to obtain work—he worked his way through school and college and entered the legal profession. As an active social worker among children it was a logical step for him to become interested in the Scout movement. When he became Chief Executive of the Boy Scouts of America in 1911 there were 61,495 boys in the Movement; when he retired in 1943 there were 1,553,080 active Scouts and leaders, and nearly eleven million boys had passed through the ranks. The Boy Scouts Association mourns with the Boy Scouts of America the loss of a great leader, who advanced Scouting not only in the United States but also in the wider sphere of world Scouting.

### The First 25 Years

THIS year marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of *The Scout Leader*. The first number was published in November, 1923, and its purpose was clearly defined in the editorial announcement in that issue which read: "*The Scout Leader* is published with the primary purpose of placing in the hands of every Scout Leader in Canada practical and seasonable helps for the carrying on of his work." This primary purpose has never changed. The magazine exists today to fulfill the role it was designed to fill a quarter of a century ago.

Before *The Scout Leader* came into existence the Canadian General Council published a boys' magazine, *The Canadian Boy*. This, like so many Canadian magazines for youth, encountered many difficulties and, after suffering financial reverses for several years was forced to suspend publication. At that time Mr. Frank E. L. Coombs, the first Editor of Publications, conceived the plan for *The Scout Leader*. He became its first editor. As the only direct contact between Dominion Headquarters and Scouters in the field the magazine has played an important part in standardizing Scouting practices and methods of leadership, and in fostering the spirit of Scouting. Before the publication of *The Scoutmaster's First Year* and *The Cubmaster's First Year* the magazine was the chief source of help for new leaders. Both books mentioned were compiled largely from material which had already appeared in *The Scout Leader*.

It has been necessary over the years to emphasize that *The Scout Leader* is not a news magazine of Scouting. True, it contains news items, but these appear because they carry in them ideas and suggestions of value to Scouters. The main purpose of *The Scout Leader* of "placing in the hands of Scout leaders practical and seasonable helps"—remains the same and the passing of the years has only served to prove the wisdom of this original conception.

It seems fitting on the occasion of the 25th anniversary, that tribute should be paid to Mr. Coombs, its editor for 23 of its 25 years. As a practical Scouter, skilled in Scouting techniques, and a man of the highest ideals, Mr. Coombs made a contribution to Canadian Scouting of incalculable worth. In addition to his work as editor, Mr. Coombs compiled the two books already mentioned, as well as *The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes*, *Tenderfoot to King's Scout*, and numerous booklets and pamphlets. These books and pamphlets have circulated in all to more than a million persons. Two years ago, Mr. Coombs retired, and is now engaged in community service work—carrying on the tradition of the "Good Turn" which for so many years was part of his Scout life. Needless to say, it is the first aim of those at present concerned with the production of *The Scout Leader* to carry forward the high ideals of its founder and first editor.

### The Canadian Jamboree

CANADA's first National Boy Scout Jamboree is to be held next summer. Boys born from 1932 to 1935, those from 14 to 17 years old as of January 1949, are eligible to attend. The qualification is first-class grade.

As was pointed out in February, those attending the Jamboree will be attending an historic event—the first Canadian Jamboree. It will help them "realize more vividly than heretofore just how much their local Troops are essential links in the general train of National Scouting and they will acquire a new sense of unity, one with another in a movement, which, in this country, stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific and reaches out to the remote places of the North and North-West."

"Scouts will be brought together from all parts of the land, and they will bring with them those diverse interests and characteristics which Scouting assumes in a vast and spacious country, and will prove for the interests of themselves and others how unity exists amidst such diversities."

Now is the time to see that boys of eligible age in your Troop are trained to meet first-class requirements.

### Planning and Imagination

INSERTED in this issue of *The Scout Leader* is a suggested twelve month's programme for Packs and Troops together with a planning chart for each unit. It is hoped the programme and chart will be widely used.

The successful operation of a Troop or Pack depends largely upon planning. Almost invariably, District Commissioners find that unsuccessfully operated units are those where little thought has been given to planning. It is well to remember that one of the essentials of good planning is elasticity. Programmes should be planned so that opportunity may be taken of local events in which Scouting may play a part. There are so many unforeseen things that can enter into the year's activities of a unit that it is unwise to make a programme so rigid that it cannot be changed. It was Robert Burns who said "The best laid schemes o'mice an' men Gang aft a-gley".

Another essential of good planning is the use of imagination. Boys soon tire of the routine way of doing things. Their minds are more receptive to imaginative means of instruction than the tutorial method of imparting knowledge. Romance, fun, adventure, and activity are all necessary if the Scouting days of the boy are to remain indelibly imprinted upon his memory in the years to come.

Plan now, carefully, progressively, and use imagination. Such preparedness makes for successful Scouting.



# Distinguished Canadians Pay Tribute On Scouting's Fortieth Anniversary

(Continued from June Issue)

## *The Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party*

The Boy Scouts Association of Canada has a splendid record, and I am glad to associate myself in the tributes that are being paid on the occasion of the Fortieth Anniversary of this Association.

The achievements of the Association are well known in Canada, and the objectives which it seeks to attain cannot fail to win the approval of all.

A sound mind in a sound body is a goal well worth striving for. The Boy Scout Movement has had notable success in developing in the youth of our country fundamentals of good Canadian citizenship, and this movement deserves not only the support but the assistance of all those who are interested in the future welfare of Canada.

JOHN BRACKEN

## *From the Leader of the C.C.F. Party*

The future of civilization depends in large measure on the type of training and leadership given the youth of democratic nations.

We in this country are fortunate in our freedom from compulsory youth movements which in some lands attempt to mould the citizenry on a single pattern.

This however brings such great responsibility to organizations like the Boy Scouts Association that they require the constant support of all of us.

I note that the Boy Scouts Association is celebrating its fortieth anniversary. May I take this opportunity to extend my congratulations on this long period of service, and to wish its members and supporters even greater success in the years ahead.

M. J. COLDWELL

## *From the Leader of the Social Credit Party*

Over many years of working with boys I have observed that those with Boy Scout training are almost invariably self-reliant and quite able to exercise initiative to a high degree. These qualities are fundamental to the pioneering spirit without which the present, and coming generation, will not be able successfully to develop Canada into the great country that she can be.

As the father of three sons, and on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary, I wish to extend to the Boy Scouts Association of Canada my own personal thanks and congratulations for the great work it has done over the years in helping our boys to grow up into four-square Canadian Citizens.

OLON E. LOW, M.P.

## *The President of The Canadian Chamber of Commerce*

It is, indeed, a pleasure to extend to the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association, my congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the celebration of their Fortieth Anniversary.

I know of no organization which has made greater contribution to the youth of Canada than the Boy Scout Movement, in the development of good citizenship. You stand very high in the opinion of the people of Canada,

and this is entirely due to a great appreciation of the work which you are doing.

C. BRUCE HILL, President,

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

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## *From the President, Canadian Congress of Labour*

As President of the Canadian Congress of Labour, I am very happy to extend greetings and congratulations to the Boy Scouts Association on the occasion of its Fortieth Anniversary celebration. The Boy Scout Movement has been a highly useful supplement to other educational activities carried on by schools and churches. It has developed desirable qualities of character through training in co-operation and leadership, and has been particularly valuable in providing recreation and the study of natural history. I have no hesitation in urging that it be given adequate support by the workers and the people of Canada.

A. R. MOSHER

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## *From the President, Canadian Manufacturers Assn.*

As President of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, I take great pleasure in extending the greetings, congratulations and good wishes of its membership to The Boy Scouts Association on the celebration of its 40th Anniversary during the current year.

"Scouting", embodying as it does in its aims, its objects and its methods, the principles of duty, service and obedience to the law is, and will continue to be one of the most constructive forces of our times toward the development of good citizenship, sound leadership and an appreciation of the true values of life—Honour, Truthfulness, Integrity, Dependability, Tolerance and Good-sportsmanship.

This great work deserves the fullest support of all interests in our country.

R. C. BERKINSHAW

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## *From the President, Trades and Labour Congress*

It is a pleasure for me to extend to the Boy Scouts Association, on its 40th anniversary, congratulations on its past achievements and good wishes for its continued success.

In operation the Boy Scouts Association has fully demonstrated its worth. The facilities provided in recreational education in the "Great Out Doors", away from the side walks and pool rooms, must commend itself to any thinking citizen.

I fully agree that any healthy boy has to race, chase and struggle. How, when and where he does it is more than a \$64.00 question. There is far more than that at stake. There are the unhealthy and dangerous city streets with the pressing invitations to delinquency or the good wholesome training in the healthy out of doors available through the medium of The Boy Scouts Association.

I have no hesitation in commending the work of The Boy Scouts Association as a valuable and worthwhile movement in the best interests of Canada and its future citizens.

PERCY R. BENGOUGH, President,

Trades and Labour Congress of Canada



## OVER 750 YEARS OF SCOUTING REPRESENTED IN THIS GROUP



For the first time in the history of Canadian Scouting, a national training course, devoted to methods of training and instruction, was held in June at the Canadian Scouters' Training Centre at Dunrobin, near Ottawa. Thirty-three Scout Executives from every part of Canada were represented on the course which was conducted by E. F. Mills, Executive Commissioner for Training, assisted by Major-General D. C. Spry, Chief Executive Commissioner, and W. L. Currier, Deputy Chief Executive Commissioner. Years of service as Scouts, Scouters and Scout Executives for the 33 candidates totalled 755 years. The 19 day course included three distinct courses, one on Cubbing, one on Scouting, and another dealing with the administrative duties and problems of Scout Executives. Pictured from left to right are, front row, Reg. St. J. Terrett, Toronto; H. E. D. Mitchell, Toronto; R. Ken Jordan, British Columbia; Arthur L. Jackson, Ontario; Tom Stark, Manitoba; A. D. Beattie, Dominion Headquarters; H. B. Holloway, Alberta; W. A. Speed, Nova Scotia, Cyril Dendy, Quebec; Walter B. LePage, Prince Edward Island; F. B. Hathaway, Vancouver; Gordon Williams, Hamilton, Ont.; Leonard L. Johnson, Dominion Headquarters; Jack Scrivener, British Columbia.

Second row—Harold Peverley, Sydney, N.S.; George E. Simmons, (Quartermaster); Patrick M. O. Evans, Saskatchewan; Percy Brady, Windsor, Ont.; J. L. MacGregor, (Asst. Q.M.); Donald M. Duncan, (Asst. Q.M.); E. F. Mills, Dominion Headquarters; Maj.-Gen. D. C. Spry, Chief Executive Commissioner; W. L. Currier, Deputy Chief Commissioner; B. H. Mortlock, Dominion Headquarters; Harry Firth, London, Ont.; A. L. Fleming, Niagara District, Ont.

Third row—Leonard C. Knight, Oshawa, Ont.; Arthur Paddon, Toronto; Percy Ross, New Brunswick; E. L. Callow, Ottawa; Leonard Wheeler, Galt, Ont.; Freeman King, Victoria, B.C.; Jim Moore, Toronto; Gerry Purkis, Toronto; Rendell Thring, British Columbia; Jack Atkinson, Ontario; Joe Harwood, Ontario.

In addition to a number of specialists on various subjects, the course had the co-operation and assistance of the Canadian Red Cross Society, the Boy Scouts of America Visual Aids Service, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Eli Boyaner, Provincial Commissioner for New Brunswick. Every Scout Executive had an opportunity to lecture or demonstrate during the course. The course was run along Gilwell lines, the executives living in Sixes for the Cub Course and Patrols for the balance of the course, cooking their own meals, and using regular Scout camp procedure.

### At B.S.A. Annual Meeting

CANADIAN Scouting was represented at the annual meeting of the Boy Scouts of America in Seattle, on May 19th and 20th, by Provincial Commissioner T. W. S. Parsons of British Columbia; Executive Commissioner R. Ken Jordan; and the following District Presidents and Commissioners in the West Coast Province: Messrs. R. W.

Craig, K.C., Okanagan South, District President; G. Mussallem, Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows, District President; Gilbert Garnett, Greater Vancouver, District President; Executive Commissioner, F. B. Hathaway, Vancouver; Major H. B. Hunter, D.S.O., Victoria, District Commissioner, and A. W. Gray, Kelowna.

The meeting was attended by Lord

Rowallan, Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth and Empire, who was honoured with the award of the Silver Buffalo. Lord Rowallan also presented the Silver Wolf to Amoury Houghton, President of the Boy Scouts of America. Lord Rowallan was the principal speaker at the gathering and received a tremendous ovation from the 2,500 people in attendance.



# Start Troop Meetings Right With a Prepared Programme

## A 4-Meeting Lay-out

- 7.10 Headquarters opened by Troop Leader or A.S.M.
- 7.15 Duty Patrol arrives and makes room ready, including preparation of Union Flag for breaking. Scoutmaster arrives.
- 7.25 Balance of Troop arrives.
- 7.30 Patrol Corners; roll call; inspection by P.L.'s; dues.
- 7.35 Troop called into Horseshoe formation by T.L. or A.S.M. S.M. takes over parade. Flag break. Scout Silence. T.L. makes attendance report. General inspection and points marked up on board. Special inspection—\*
  - (a) Hair (tidiness and length).
  - (b) Finger nails of left hand.
  - (c) Boots.  $\frac{1}{2}$  point off if not recently polished.
  - (d) Pocket contents, useful.
- 7.45 Lively Games—(Freeze)\*
  - (a) Knot Relay.
  - (b) Tunnel Ball.
  - (c) Crow's Tug of War.
  - (d) Hare and Hounds.
- 7.55 Patrol Corners—Instruction by P.L.'s.
  - (a) Tenderfoot Knots and their practical uses.
  - (b) Composition of the flag.
  - (c) Whippings.
  - (d) Morse Alphabet. (Freeze)\*
- 8.10 Quiet Game—
  - (a) Who Has Moved.
  - (b) Simple Remedies.
  - (c) Listening Game.
  - (d) Sleeping Pirate.
- 8.20 (a) Semaphore Relay.\*
  - (b) Sealed Message in Semaphore.\*
  - (c) Morse Relay.\*
  - (d) Sealed Message in Morse.\*
- 8.30 (a) Talk emergency mobilization.
  - (b) Daytime explosions, phones cut. (What would You do?)
  - (c) Explosions and blackout.
  - (d) Tracking problem.\*
- 8.40 (a) Scout Law Baseball.\*
  - (b) Emergency first aid talk and demonstration.
  - (c, d) Scout Law Charades.\*
- 8.50 Council Fire: Popular Camp Songs. S.M.'s Five. Notices. Scout Silence. O Canada. King. Flag. Duty Patrol named. Dismiss.

*Court of Honour*

\*Patrol Competition.

Games listed will be found below.

## Scout Programme Games

### Knot Relay

Troop in line of Patrols with P.L. in lead. P.L. holds one rope. On word GO, P.L. ties desired knot, runs to examiner and shows knot, returning to Patrol. Gives to No. 2 who in turn

also ties knot and runs to examiner, and so on down line. Patrol to finish first wins.

### Tunnel Ball

Players form huge circle facing right, legs spread apart. "It" takes position in circle. Ball is put into play by being rolled between legs to and fro. "It" must tag ball as it goes around through circle. No play when ball out of bounds which means outside circle.

### Crow's Tug of War

You will need a piece of rope 7 or 8 feet long. Face each other in the "full

observing positions of players. After leaving room, Leader will designate 2 boys to change positions and Scout then returns and is given 3 tries to say who has moved.

### Simple Remedies

A number of cards are made up, one set for each Patrol, with such items as "cloves," "iodine," and so on, written one on each card. In front of the Patrols, which are formed up as for a relay race, are a number of chalked circles, or cardboard boxes, with "Toothache," "Burns," "Stings," "Cuts," and so on, written inside them. As each boy runs up he has to place one card in its correct circle or box, e.g. if the card has "cloves" on it he puts it into the circle marked "Toothache."



Canada's Chief Scout, His Excellency the Governor-General, inspects the 1st Shilo, Manitoba, Troop in May. The Troop, organized little more than a year ago, was complimented by the Chief Scout on their smartness and turn-out. The inspection was followed on May 24th by the Troop's first weekend camp.

knee bend position," each holding one end of the rope. Moves are made by crow hops on both feet. At the word "Go" the tug of war starts with each boy trying to confuse the other, and retain balance, by hops. The one who pulls over the other wins. Try hopping toward your opponent sometimes. The surprise often bowls them over.

### Hare and Hounds

Troop forms circle, hands joined. Hare placed in centre of circle. 2 boys (hounds) outside circle. Purpose of game is for hounds to enter circle to get to hare. When hare captured, three other boys to replace hare and hounds.

### Who Has Moved

Boys in complete circle, seated on floor. Leader will send one boy out of room after he has had opportunity of

### Listening Game

One player is blindfold near one end of the room. The rest, one at a time, try to come from the other end as quietly as they can. When all have passed the listener states how many he thinks have passed on either side of him. The number should be varied each time, and be unknown to the listener.

### Sleeping Pirate

Boys in circle on floor with pirate seated in centre. In front of pirate is a whistle or knife. Purpose is for one boy in outer circle to creep to the pirate without being heard and steal object. Note—This game can be improved by arming pirate with water pistol which he can fire, instead of pointing finger.



## Scout Law Baseball

Patrol competition. One Patrol "goes to bat", P.L. of second Patrol in "pitchers' box". Pitcher "tosses up" question on Scout Law. Batter responds. If batter answers correctly, takes base. First batter moves on as succeeding batters "hit," that is, reply correctly. Incorrect reply puts batter out. Batter must begin reply while swinging imaginary bat five times in five seconds. Batter may turn and pass the question on to the catcher with "You answer it!" If the catcher answers correctly, the batter is "caught out." If he fails to answer correctly, batter takes his base. Points for Patrol for runs scored.

## National Immunization Week

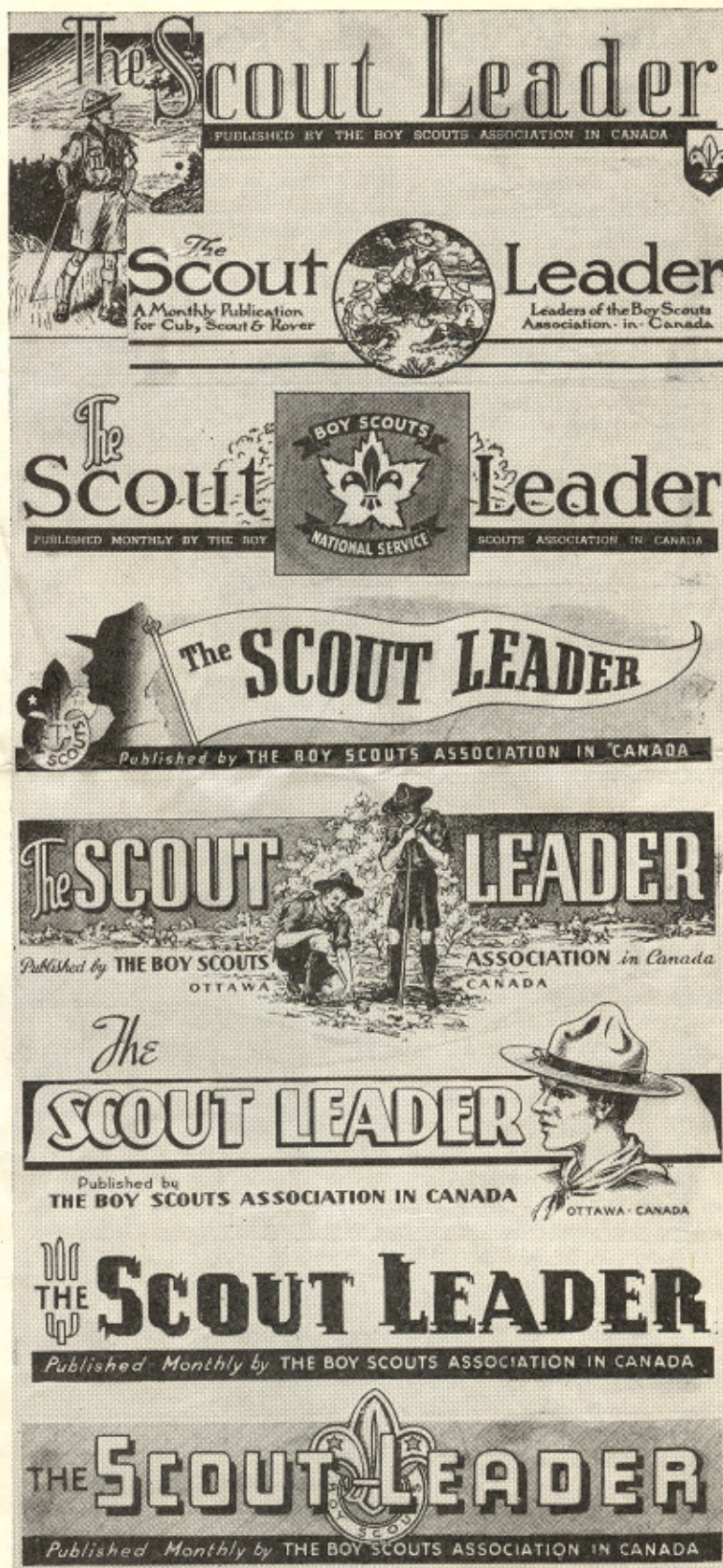
THE Health League of Canada is sponsoring for the sixth time National Immunization Week from September 12th to 18th. During this week an intensive campaign will be carried out to bring to public attention the importance of protecting children against preventable diseases.

The numbers suffering from diphtheria, whooping cough, scarlet fever and poliomyelitis has been cut in two during the past five years as a result of this campaign. Any co-operation Scouters can give to make the programme effective will be appreciated by the Health League.

## Raise \$250 with Superfluity Auction Sale

SMITHS Falls, Ont., Local Association reports a most successful "Superfluity Auction Sale" which netted the Association \$250 clear. District Commissioner Charlie Langstaff writes: "The Local Association, needing money lit upon the idea of this sale of almost any articles donated by the public such as old clothes, furniture, bedding, etc. This took the form of an auction sale at the local Market Place. The chairman of the Finance Committee, himself an auctioneer, offered his services. Three weeks before the sale, a quarter page advertisement was placed in the local newspaper, and copies run off and distributed by Cubs and Scouts. On the morning of the sale a public address system mounted on a car canvassed the streets. Public spirited citizens donated trucks to pick up the 'superfluities'. Local and farm people came to the sale, which lasted for five hours. Articles sold from 15c up to \$6.00 for a lawn mower. The net proceeds came to \$250. Advertising costs, \$75, were paid by local merchants. Scouts were on duty at the sale.

## SCOUT LEADER IS 25 YEARS OLD



Here are pictured some of the mastheads used on the front page of *The Scout Leader* during its 25 years of service to the Movement.



# Start Pack Meetings Right With Prepared Programme

## A 4-Meeting Lay-out

- 6.45 Pack Circle. Grand Howl.  
Prayers.  
Dues. Announcements.  
General Inspection.  
Special Inspection—\*  
(a) Hands.  
(b) Boots.  
(c) Teeth.  
(d) Hair.
- 6.55 Lively Game.—  
(a) Windy Clothes Line.  
(b) Travelling Ball.  
(c) Storm.  
(d) Circle Stride Ball.
- 7.10 Corners: Instruction in Star work.
- 7.25 Jungle Dances.
- 7.35 Inter-Six Games.\*  
(a) Block Relay.\*  
(b) Fishing Relay.\*  
(c) Stepping Stones Relay.\*  
(d) Leapfrog Relay.\*
- 7.45 Story—Akela tells or reads short story or chapter of community service or adventure story.
- 8.00 Council Circle—Songs.  
Short talk. O Canada.  
King. Prayers. Repeat announcements. Grand Howl. Dismiss.
- \*Six Competition.  
Games listed will be found below.

## Cub Programme Games

### Windy Clothes Line

Pack in relay formation. At far end of room a rope is stretched across 4 or 5 inches above the floor. Six clothes pins in front of each Six. On GO No. 1 picks up the clothes pins and tries to put them on the swaying line. 2nd Cub runs up, takes pins from line and carries them back to No. 3 who replaces them, etc. No holding of line allowed.

### Travelling Ball

The Pack is in rows. The last Cub in each Six has a ball or other object which is passed to the front Cub by Cub. As soon as the ball has left a Cub's hands he runs to the front of the Six. Thus the ball or other object remains in the rear of the Six, but the latter moves up the room or across the ground. The first six to cross the line wins. Any Cub bringing the ball to the front must return to the rear, and hand over the ball properly.

### Storm

Pack in circle, start walking; when Akela shouts "Storm!" all Sixes dash for their lairs and line up in front of same. First alert wins. To confuse the Leader may call such "False Alarms"

as "Lightning," "Rain," "Blizzard." Repeat 6 times.

### Circle Stride Ball

Pack in circle standing with legs spread. From middle of circle IT endeavours to throw a ball between a Cub's legs. The ball can be stopped only with the hands. Anyone letting it go through becomes IT.

### Block Relay

Pack in relay formation; at far end of hall is placed a circle of small blocks in front of each six, numbering one less than the boys is the Six. On GO first man runs, picks up all blocks, returns, and passing down left side of team hands one block to each player; goes on around to other side, collects each block, returns them to former place, races back, takes last place and tags Cub in front who passes on.

### Fishing Relay

Pack in relay formation. At other end of room in front of each Six a milk bottle and 3 clothes pins. On word GO, Cub runs up, picks up pins, holds same shoulder high and endeavours to drop them in the neck of the bottle one after the other. A count is kept of how many each Cub gets in and the next runner tries his luck. The winning Six is the one having put the most pins in the bottle.

## Stepping Stones

Relay game. Two pieces of cardboard for each Six. At word GO Sixer places cardboards on floor and walks the length of the room and back moving the cardboard at each step, so that he does not 'get his feet wet.'

Some have slipped off the stones and have become stuck in the oozy mud, so the rest rescue them.

## Leap Frog Relay

Sixes in relay formation. On GO, leading Cub runs out to half-way point between Six and marker at end of room; here he forms a back. The second Cub, as soon as the back has been formed, runs to back, leap frogs over and runs to marker at end of room, touches same, runs to back, who goes to end of Six, the running Cub forming the back for third Cub to go over. Every Cub to have a turn to leap frog.

## The Boy Scout Bible

For several years the Stores Dept. has been unable to obtain the popular Boy Scout edition of the authorized version of the Bible. Supplies have now reached Headquarters from Great Britain. The Bible is bound in Scout green leatherette and has the Scout crest on the front cover. The pages are gold edged. It is a self-pronouncing edition and has a number of maps of the Holy Land at the back. The Boy Scout Bible makes an ideal gift, and a copy should be in every Troop and Patrol library.

*The Boy Scout Bible*.....\$2.25



Eight Wolf Cubs and one Lone Scout, sons of military personnel at Fort Churchill, Manitoba, flew to Ottawa in July and attended the Ottawa District Cub and Scout camps. The Cubmaster is C.Q.M.S. Frank Spain, whose home is in Ottawa. The Group is seen on its arrival at Rockcliffe Airport, Ottawa.



# APPLE DAYS

## A "Scouty" Way to Raise Group Funds

UNDOUBTEDLY Apple Days have proved to be one of the best methods devised for the promotion of Scout Finances. According to records in the Ontario Provincial Office, 196 Ontario Centres last year netted Scout funds the aggregate sum of \$72,935. Since Apple Days were first held in Ontario in 1932, Scout funds have benefited from them to the extent of \$532,658.

While Apple Days may be staged at any convenient time, October appears to be the choice of most Provinces and most Centres. A successful Apple Day Campaign depends on careful and early planning.

This is a task in which the Group Committee should play a leading role. A special meeting of the Committee to deal with this project is advisable.

The Committee might divide itself into small Sub-Committees as follows:

**Publicity Committee**—To arrange for Apple Day publicity with the local press and radio and to deal with such publicity stunts as store window displays, window cards and posters (which might be produced by the Scouts themselves) and slogans.

**Purchase Committee**—To arrange for the purchase of apples and their delivery, to purchase Apple Day tags and to have all supplies on hand in plenty of time for Apple Day. This Committee should ensure the best quality fruit and should watch costs carefully.

**Sales Committee**—To set an objective for the community and to lay plans to attain it. To plan allocation of boys at strategic street corners, office buildings, factories, etc.; arrange schedule of times for boys to report for duty and plan so that no one boy will be on duty for an unnecessarily long period. Plan house to house canvass in residential section. Where it is more convenient to carry out the house or factory canvass on Friday evening, it is wise to do this. Many factories do not operate on Saturdays, and in some Centres it is found that many housekeepers are doing their week-end shopping on Saturday mornings. This Committee should also arrange for the Purchase Committee to have apples delivered to depots and boys' baskets replenished. This Committee should undertake the task of explaining their plan to the boys and enthuse them. Scouters should serve on the Sales

Committee and their principle duty would be to see that boys are on the job on time, neatly uniformed, and well briefed on salesmanship and courtesy.

**Accounting Committee**—This Committee will arrange for receiving, counting, recording and banking the proceeds of the drive and of reporting back to the general Apple Day Committee the results obtained.

Generally, as soon as possible after Apple Day is over, the general Apple Day Committee should hold a meeting to receive reports from all Sub-Committees, to deal with accounts and to extend congratulations to those boys and units which did outstanding work. This meeting should also draft a report of its receipts, expenditures, net proceeds, number of apples sold and number of boys selling to Provincial Headquarters.

From an Ontario Bulletin we reproduce these useful

### Points for Boy Salesmen

Following are suggested points for talks to boy salesmen in preparation for Apple Day. They will, of course, be altered or augmented to fit in with local arrangements. The boys, for instance, will need to be told where their depots are, who they will report to for duty and when, how they will get their apples, coin containers, etc., and to whom they will turn in their containers when they come off duty.

- 1—Apple Day is a job to be undertaken by all our members and every boy is expected to be on duty in some capacity.
- 2—Only through the heartiest co-operation of all boys and leaders can we hope to make this year's Apple Day the most successful yet.
- 3—Secure a good sleep the night before Apple Day. Then up bright and early on the morning itself.
- 4—Wear full uniform. If wet or cold, dress for weather.
- 5—We have only one date in the year for Apple Day. So, rain or shine Apple Day goes on and the task must be completed. Remember the 8th Scout Law.
- 6—Bring a six-quart basket, decorated if possible. The basket is essential.
- 7—Be at your post or depot on time and ready to tackle any job assigned.



- 8—Look smart and be on your toes. *Scouting is on parade.* Don't hold up telephone poles or walls.
- 9—Every person is a prospective donor. Don't let anyone get by without being asked.
- 10—Be courteous and polite even to people who do not buy or who give blunt replies.
- 11—If you are asked "How much?" reply, "No set amount, Sir, but as much as you can give to help Scouting."
- 12—A "Thank you" always and a snappy salute when possible.
- 13—Every apple counts as a possible gift to Scouting. Don't eat them.
- 14—Be careful how you approach people. Don't use such approaches as: "Wanna buy an apple," "Buy an apple," "An apple for a nickel," "Buy a tag." Use something like this: "Your Scout apple, Sir (or madam)." "Give to Scouting and enjoy an apple, Sir." "This is Apple Day, Sir. Will you help Scouting?" "Scouting would like your support, Sir."
- 15—Use of these small phrases will help to impress people with "Scouting on Parade": "Yes Sir," "No Sir," "Thank you, Sir," "Scouting thanks you, Sir". (Or Madam as the case may be).
- 16—Stay on the job assigned to you until relieved or until the definite time you are told to move to depot or some other spot.
- 17—Everyone on the job for a full day; a big day; the most successful Apple Day ever.

### In The Junior Leader

COMMENCING in the current issue of *The Junior Leader* is a series of articles dealing with *The Weather* and *The Weatherman's Badge*. Also appearing in *The Junior Leader* will be the article on *The Science of Backpacking* which appears in this magazine. These two items might well be included in plans for Troop and Patrol meetings.



## Using Imagination in FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT. 3-9 Unit Planning

ONE of the most necessary pieces of mental equipment required by the leader of a Pack or Troop is imagination. Perhaps this is an even more important requirement for the Cubmaster.

Contrary to the belief of some, everyone has an imagination. The value of that imagination depends entirely upon the ability with which it is used. Imagination is most active in boys, but it seems that as one grows older the desire to use the imagination frequently lessens.

The very structure of Scouting in all its phases demands the use of imagination. Without it, the teaching of Scout techniques, and indeed the spirit of Scouting itself, can become a form of routine instruction. B.-P., by using the jungle as a background for the Cub programme and woodcraft as the background for the Scout programme, himself displayed the necessity for the use of imagination.

As we have already pointed out, imagination is a gift possessed by all people. As with other gifts, some neglect it while others make full and adequate use of it. This gift is not one that can be developed without effort. It demands first the consciousness that the gift is there, and second a real effort to develop it. The right use of imagination is not a matter of momentary inspiration but is the result of hard and intelligent thinking.

At the Canadian Scouters' Training Course last June the possibilities of the use of imagination were ably demonstrated during the Cub course when one Six planned and executed a circus which proved to be one of the highlights of the camp.

The Cubmaster who develops his imagination can make an adventure out of every Star test, and the Scoutmaster can likewise turn instruction into a game that will appeal to the imaginative instincts of Scouts. Too often one hears of Scouts undertaking their First Class journey on the basis merely of a fourteen mile hike. With a real objective thrown in and with sealed orders, this same journey can be made an event which will long remain in the memory of the Scout undertaking it.

As we have already pointed out, the development of the imagination requires hard and intelligent thinking. It requires too background knowledge



Fire Prevention Week is the ideal time to stage a course in the Fireman's Badge. Nearly all municipal fire departments are glad to co-operate. The picture shows the 3rd Leamington, Ont., Troop taking part in such a course at the local fire station.

## PROGRESSIVE SCOUTING

A STORY has been told by a Commissioner who was looking for a Scout camp. Stopped on the street in a small town a boy came up to him upon seeing his Scout uniform. He asked the Commissioner if he was a Scoutmaster and not wishing to confuse the boy he agreed that he was something like that. The boy was all smiles, and with all the enthusiasm that he could muster he said "I am a Scout! We go hiking and camping, we cook our own meals, we have meetings. I am a member of the Fox Patrol. We are all going to be King's Scouts. Our Scoutmaster is a swell fellow". The Commissioner managed to break into the conversation and asked how long the boy had been a Scout. The reply was enlightening. "I joined last night".

Boys want Scouting. When they join they have all the expectations that they will make progress and do things. There is a real need that in every

and there is no better way to obtain this than to read and re-read the writings of the Founder. Scouting and the joys it has brought to millions of boys in every part of the world was the result of an imaginative mind. Successful Scouting in the future will still demand the constant use of imagination on the part of leaders.

Troop there be a clear picture of possible and expected progress which will be made. You will note that the boy in the story said that his Scoutmaster was a swell fellow. He must have had real enthusiasm and the ability to show the boy and the members of the Troop that they would go places in Scouting.

Through the Court of Honour there must be most careful planning. To show the Troop and the boy that things are going to happen there must be well laid down guides. Through the regular tests of Tenderfoot, Second and First Class our Founder has given us a trail of advancement. We must use this trail with its various signs and activities to assist the boy to make progress in his Scouting life.

The Scoutmaster must supply the encouragement, see that facilities are available and that instruction is given to assist any boy to make progress in his tests. Encouragement is perhaps the most important thing that any Scoutmaster can give the boy.

It is important that the question of progress be discussed frequently at Court of Honour meetings. This means that the whole question of Troop standards should be a frequent topic. There must be a carefully laid down plan providing a natural and encouraging sequence of progress. W.L.C.



# The Science of Backpacking

By D. B. King, High River, Alberta

## Part I—The Packboard

SPRING, summer, fall or winter, the outdoors has its attraction for the Scout. More than ever before Canadian Scouts are getting out into the open, no matter what the season. Scouting is founded on the boy's love for the outdoors, and in this every Scoutmaster should give his active encouragement. The fun of hiking depends a great deal on the method of transporting equipment. There are several schools of thought on this subject, but most are agreed that the packboard is hard to beat for hike transportation. So let's start from there.

Let's build a packboard.

Very few people, it seems, know the whys and wherefors of the packboard. We might define it as an air cushion, a space made and maintained between the wearer's back and the burden, so that no part of the actual load comes in contact with the body, yet distributing the weight of the load evenly across and upon the back. This is accomplished by means of a sheet of light canvas stretched taut over a wooden frame. The accompanying sketch will give you an idea of a simple packboard. (See Figure 1).

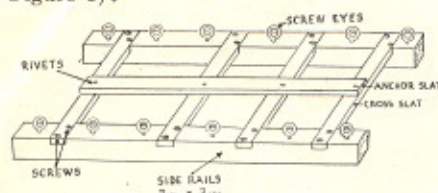


Fig. 1

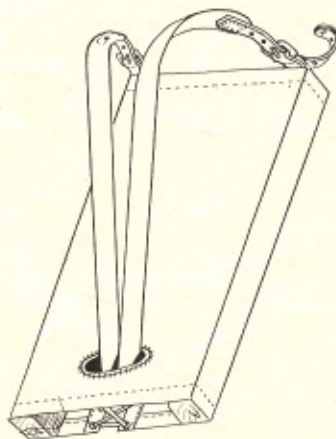
### A Simple Frame

Before starting, let me give you a word of advice. Do not worry about curving or bending any part of the frame, as it is really no more comfortable in the long run. Beware of freak ideas which others may have worked into their models. The simpler it is, the less work there is to it, and the less can go wrong with it. Make it strong and balanced, and don't try to skimp on weight. The one described is modeled after my own, designed through many years of mountain climbing. It will not warp or twist under even the heaviest of loads, and with the roughest of use. When on rough ground and in mountains, a board must not shift nor bend, as this tends to throw one off balance, possibly resulting in severe sprains or even loss of life. Follow the directions as closely as possible, referring to the diagram accompanying.

## Step One is the Frame

The side rails are of straight-grained spruce or pine. Do not use fir as it will split and splinter. Hardwood may be used if available, however the rails would not need to be so heavy, 1" by 2" would do. The soft wood should be 2" by 2". Four slats of hardwood separate the rails, and are let in so they are flush. Another hardwood slat is rivetted down the centre of these four to keep them from twisting, and also to tie to.

The size is of utmost importance, and may be determined in the following simple way. To get the length of the side rails, sit on the floor with the back straight against the wall. Put a mark about two inches above the shoulder. This length allows the board to rest on the middle of the buttocks and should reach to just under the ear. As for width, take the full measurement across the shoulders and subtract one inch. This makes for clearance of the shoulder blades, yet does not allow an overhang on the side. Do not attempt to shape the rails to fit the shoulder blades, as they will not touch them anyway. However the inside edge of the rails may be rounded to take the curve of the back. When the four slats are inset into the rails at the positions shown in Fig. 1, lay the frame down with the slats up. The centre brace is rivetted on top of the slats in this position, and this uppermost side will henceforth be called the BACK. The open side, next to the back, will be referred to as the FRONT.



### The Packboard Shoulder Straps

About six large screw-eyes are spaced on the back of each rail. Next, the shoulder straps are made. Purchase a

length of two inch webbing, available at any hardware or saddle shop. Each strap should be three feet long. Have an eight inch strap sewn on one end of each, and holes punched. With the board flat on the bench, back uppermost, lay the free end of the strap on the anchor slat (see Fig. 1) with the strap end hanging over the bottom end of the frame. The top ends of the straps are then secured to the anchor slat with tacks of a suitable length. Next the straps are passed twice around the slat and left there. With a small piece of leather fashion the buckle end of a belt, and secure one to each side rail to correspond with the straps. When fastened, the straps should pull from underneath the anchor slat. The extra turns prevent the straps from being worn or cut by the slat, and also allow for greater adjustment in length.

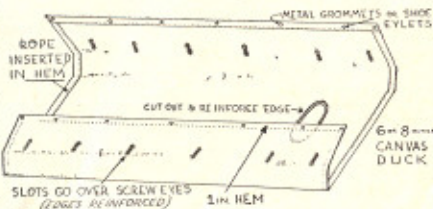


Fig. 2

### The Covering

Now for the covering. A piece of six or eight ounce duck is required for this. Cut out as shown in Figure 2, being careful to allow for the hem, which is quite necessary for strength. The strap slot may be either hemmed or reinforced with soft leather, as may also be the screw-eye slots. Small metal grommets or shoe eyelets are placed along each edge. The length of the canvas, with hem, is sufficient to cover the end screw eyes. In width, the hemmed edges should be at least an inch AWAY FROM the centre brace. No closer. When lacing, use a stout leather boot lace and draw as tight as possible. After leaving outside for a night, draw up again. A short piece of rope may be threaded through the hems at top and bottom to give greater support on the buttocks.

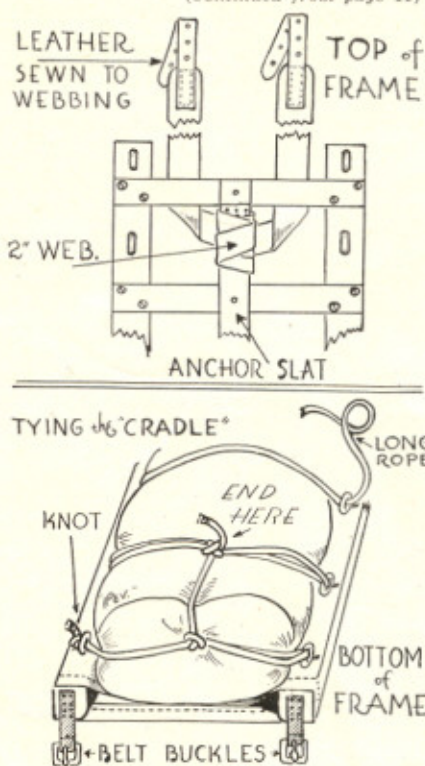
Contrary to popular belief, the pack is fastened over top of the canvas, not under it. You may also think that a screw hook would be better than the full eye for faster packing and unpacking, however I find that the ropes on the best of packs loosen, and the hooks allow them to slip off. It is much better to take a few minutes extra before

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## The Science of Backpacking

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How to use it.

starting, than to have to stop on the trail and repack.

To complete the picture, you will need two pieces of strong smooth rope, such as small sash cord. The packing rope should be about fifteen feet long. I shall tell you now what the other rope is for. As in Figure 3, place the board on the ground, back up. Directly on the board lay the tent or tarp. Then lay the pack, in a stout canvas bag, on the tarp. With the second rope, a short piece about five feet long, we tie what I call a "cradle". By following the illustration, you should have no trouble after the first time, as this cradle is left on the board, the pack being stuffed down into it each time. The cradle holds the bottom of the pack and supports nearly all the weight. When all is ready, you're on your own. It'll be tough for a while, it's real work, but if done right, **BACKPACKING IS FUN.**

Drawings by Field Commissioner Harold Pevelley, Sydney, N.S.

## Photographic Competition

SCOUTERS are reminded that the Photographic Competition sponsored by the Association closes on September 30th. Full particulars of the competition appeared in the April and May editions of *The Scout Leader*. A total of \$79 is offered in prizes.

## THE SCOUT BROADCAST

*Editor's Note.* The following article has been prepared by D.C.M. Jack McCracken of Ottawa, who has had considerable experience and success in conducting a brief weekly Scout broadcast over an Ottawa radio station.

By JACK MCCrackEN

SCOUT broadcasts have proved both instructive and popular in Ottawa. This statement is an expression of both Cub and Scout parents and of many people not directly connected with Scouting who have heard our weekly broadcasts.

For instance, one woman told me she had never realized the work and care attached to keeping bees until she heard a Scout tell how he earned his Beekeeper's Badge.

I should explain here that our Ottawa programme is very brief. We are given a three minute period each week on the Ottawa Humane Society's weekly broadcast and into that three minutes we manage to include a lot of information and news of general interest.

On the surface a Scout broadcast of this length may seem of little consequence and yet I am convinced that given adequate preparation, such a broadcast can be of immense value to Scouting. The success of our programme has been due in large measure to careful preparation of material, frequent rehearsals and the manner in which the Scouts "put it over."

A minimum of three hours is devoted to this preparation, and while this may appear to be a little overdone, I believe it is better to do this than to have a poor script which would have an adverse effect on the Movement.

When I undertook the broadcast I decided that I would give as many Scouts as possible the opportunity to speak over the radio. Our district is divided into four areas, so I alternately try to select a boy from a different area each week.

Suppose we have just completed a broadcast. Our next broadcast is a week away. Plenty of time, you say. Mentally you recall what area is next on your list, and what Troops are located in that area. Next you call the Scouters of some of those Troops and ask his permission to drop in on his meeting, and see two or three Scouts who are free Saturday mornings and who could meet on Friday afternoon for a rehearsal.

The Scouts selected, we have them read aloud, the script of a previous broadcast, checking voice, pronuncia-

tion, ability to read evenly, expression and punctuation.

You note perhaps that one boy pays little attention to punctuation, or has a tendency to slur his word endings, saying "soundin'" or "ringin'". Perhaps another boy has so much trouble reading his script that he has no time for expression. Finally you select a boy whose faults are easily corrected. Next we check over his uniform. He is Patrol Leader of the Beavers, a King's Scout, Bronze Arrowhead. We look over his Proficiency Badges and possibly find one that will make a good story for the broadcast. Slowly the programme begins to take shape. Thus your broadcast may become an interview on how the Scout earned his Handyman, or Beekeeper or Pathfinder Badge, filling in the balance of time available with Scout news items.

There are amusing stories of how the Scouts earned their badges and these are worked into the script. When discussing a Proficiency Badge on a programme we make a particular point of giving the full requirements. Who knows there may be a Scout listening who hadn't thought of trying to earn that badge, and he may realize that he is capable of earning another badge—and maybe, a new Cord.

Parents listening sometimes start a campaign at the dinner table.

"I heard a broadcast today John, about one of your proficiency badges, the Handyman's. You haven't got that one son. It certainly doesn't sound too difficult a badge for you. Why, only the other day you fixed the leaking tap in the laundry; you repaired the cellar steps. Why you—", etc., etc.

Result—the Scout realizes his parents are interested and with their support he decides to go after that badge.

Or again, the stranger listening will see that Scouts really earn their badges with considerable effort and perhaps will see and grasp the opportunity to act as an instructor in some subject with which he is familiar, in a Troop near his home.

Getting back to the preparation. We ask the Scout a few more questions about himself and then we are off to work on the script.

"Good morning, Cubs and Scouts.

"This morning we have with us in the studio Patrol Leader Earl Johnson of the Beaver Patrol of the 4th Troop. Earl has his King's Scout Badge and five Proficiency Badges, one to go until he gets his first all round cord."

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Write, cross out, check with P.O.R.—gradually the script is whipped into shape.

Next, we check up on local news items—badge awards in different Troops; a Pack has held a night of plays; a Troop held a weekend camp. For these items we check with the district office or phone a few Scouters, adding such items to the script.

### The Rehearsals

Friday, after school, along comes the Scout and we get down to work. He first reads the script over to himself and then out loud. Perhaps he has some difficulty with your phrasing, so we change it so that it will be phrased as he would himself phrase it.

We watch pronunciation, word endings and punctuation. We try to get him to unbend, relax—"just like you were talking to a friend." We go over it again and again. Soon forty-five minutes have slipped by and we stop for a rest—then back to work. The Scout is now getting the idea. He is relaxed. He speaks naturally. He is confident.

Next we check our timing. Perhaps we are ten seconds over, so we try it again speeding it up a little and finally "right on the nose."

The Scout is told to be at the studio at 10.15 the next morning and we go over the script once again in a vacant studio. Then to the main studio—we are seated before the microphone—there's the light—we are on the air.

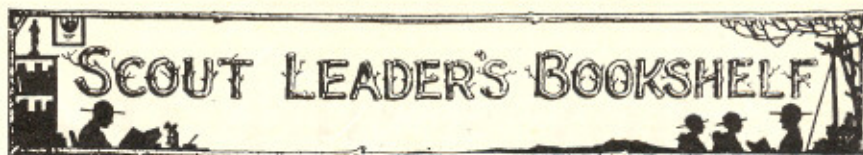
Personally I have enjoyed my own experiences in Scout broadcasting and I know that every Scout who has had a part has enjoyed it too. In fact I have no difficulty arousing enthusiasm among the boys.

There is no getting away from the fact, that broadcasting, even on a three minute programme requires a lot of time and effort, and requires a lot of preparation. Apart from the public relations value of this type of programme it is valuable in teaching Scouts self-confidence and good speaking. All of us know just how sloppy has become the speaking of most youngsters these days with the over-emphasis on slang and with careless enunciation.

### Broadcast Times

An important factor in the success of Scout programmes is the time of broadcast. The best time is in the early evening. This permits of Cubs hearing it before they go to bed, and Scouts hearing it before their Troop meeting or other evening engagements.

As in the case of our broadcast, when time is generously provided by another



### A Suggestion for Rovers

ONE frequently hears the complaint—there are not enough books for Rover Scouts. This is only true insofar as books written expressly for Rovers is concerned, but there are many Scout books which should find a place in every Crew library. One of them is *Exploring by Gilcraft*. Exploring deals with man-sized Scouting, the kind of Scouting Rovering exists for. First and foremost it is an outdoor book. True it will recall a lot of regular second and first class Scout work, but one needs to be constantly reviewing what one has learned.

The concluding portions of the book however should prove most helpful to Rovers because it ties in so well with directions indicated by B.-P. in *Rovering to Success*. Such chapters as Map Reading, Map Making, The Countryside, Highways and Waterways, Man and His Work, and Things of the Past, should be required reading for all Rovers.

*Exploring by Gilcraft*.....85c

society, and you have no choice in time of broadcast, it is inevitable that your listening audience will be narrowed down, but you have to make the most of the opportunity that is yours. One thing I would like to point out is that we make frequent reference to "Scouter" rather than any first names, and the Scout always uses "Sir" when replying to a question in an interview.

With regard to Cubs on the air, I have found that the majority are fine right up to the moment of going on the air, but when they actually are on the air they have a tendency to suffer from that old radio malady "mike fright."

Another little thing to watch for is changing voices around the 13-14 year old Scout. If the boy's voice is likely to crack in the middle of the broadcast it is better to change to one whose voice is sure.

I am not unaware of the fact that lack of space has made this article a bit sketchy, but I have dealt with the main problems in this type of broadcast. I can assure you that in Ottawa our efforts are well received and from the comments coming in, we are able to tell that we have a large and interested audience despite our Saturday mid-morning hour of broadcast.

### Aids to Scoutmastership

In the early years of Scouting, B.-P. conducted a training course for Scouters, and it was suggested to him that the notes of his talks be put into book form. *Aids to Scoutmastership* resulted from this suggestion. It is as its subtitle suggests "A Guide-book for Scoutmasters on the Theory of Scout Training." In 1944 the Boy Scouts of America, with the consent of Lady Baden-Powell, published a World Brotherhood Edition of this book. As a gesture of goodwill the American organization presented to Canada a set of the book plates, enabling us to reproduce the book at less than half its regular price. *Aids to Scoutmastership*, which takes the fundamentals of Scouting as laid down in *Scouting for Boys* and enlarges upon them, is one book every Scoutmaster should read. Its cost in this particular case is no bar. If it is not in your library now—order it right away.

*Aids to Scoutmastership*,

by Lord Baden-Powell 25c

### Letters to a Wolf Cub

This is one of the Gilcraft series, which in itself is a good recommendation for a Scout book. The book is composed of a series of 25 letters to a mythical Wolf Cub, Jamie by name, and is so expertly written that it covers in its hundred odd pages the whole romance of the Wolf Cub programme. The author, in an explanatory note says that he has made free use of the *Wolf Cub's Handbook* and the two Jungle Books, in order further to correlate them, in the hope that the grown up reader may be induced to read through these books more carefully. The Cubmaster who wants a new approach to Cubbing, and who wants to be able to explain Cubbing to his boys in language and simile that the boy of Cub age can understand will find this book invaluable. Since it was first published in 1928 there have been five editions, but it is not nearly as widely read in Canada as it should be. It is not the sort of book you will read and put on your library shelf to gather dust. It is the sort of book you will refer to again and again, and one that will be your constant companion in your Cubbing activities.

*Letters to a Wolf Cub* by Gilcraft 85c



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tested, please send it in.*

### Care of Camping Equipment

**A**LL too frequently when the summer camp is over, tents and equipment are packed and stored away for the winter, and no attention paid to it until the camping season comes around again.

The wise Scouter will have his tentage and other equipment thoroughly examined early in the fall, and will plan a programme for the winter in which the necessary repairs are made, tents waterproofed, and new equipment, where possible made by the Scouts.

One district reports that for a set fee, its tents are returned to the manufacturer who during the winter months makes minor repairs, waterproofs them if necessary, and returns them in the spring ready for use. Any major repairs are charged extra.

While this plan is probably the ideal plan for district owned equipment, Troops will find it more economical to do their own repairs and waterproofing. Also it is good training for Scouts to undertake this kind of work, which can be made into patrol projects or run as extra-curricular activities during the winter months.

In any event do not neglect your camping equipment. You will save a lot of time and headaches next spring if this very necessary work is undertaken during the coming months, and not left until the camping season when there are so many other preparations to be made.

### Help Flood Victims

**T**HE Scouts of the Airdrie, Alberta, Troop, undertook the collection of clothing for flood victims as a Good Turn, and gathered around 120 pounds of clothing in their small community.

### The Group Committee

**W**ITH the opening of the fall Scouting season, Group Committee activities should be resumed at once. It is suggested that at the first meeting of the Committee plans be set in motion for regular meetings of the Committee throughout the winter months, for prompt attention to annual registration of the Group, and to the securing of new blood on the Committee. Where possible members of the Group Committee should be fathers of boys in the Group who are actively connected with the church or other sponsoring body.

### Scouts Run Movie Show

**S**COOTS of the Fairmount Troop in Montreal operate a movie show for children every Saturday afternoon in the school gymnasium. A charge of 10 cents is made for admission. Regular big theatre films are rented, and the Troop has been producing a weekly profit of between \$50 and \$90. This they turn over to the Fairmount Home and School Club to operate an urban summer camp and a nursery school. The Scoutmaster is Irving Silvers.

### Woodcraft Night

**T**HE Okanagan South District in British Columbia reports a combined Woodcraft Night with the Girl Guides. The event was held in conjunction with the Penticton Sportsmen's Association. The highlight of the evening was the exhibition of a cougar kitten.

The cougar population of British Columbia is making severe inroads on other wild life of the province. The group was told of the habits of the animal and the efforts being made to cut down their predatory depredations.

### Pack and Troop Planning Chart

**E**NCLOSED with this issue to all regular Pack and Troops Scouters is a large planning sheet, featuring a 12 month suggested programme for Pack or Troop, together with a blank chart for use in unit programme planning. Dominion Headquarters has gone to very considerable expense in producing and distributing this chart, and it is hoped that Scouters will use it in planning their programme for the coming year. It might be pointed out here that the suggested 12 month programme is only a suggestion, and that local conditions, the condition of the Pack or Troop will have to govern the leader in the planning of his year's work. The programme includes important dates during the year, and offers suggestions of a general nature.

## HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

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Sanderson Kelly, Sunny Brae; Helen C. H. Holt, Saint John; Anita Albert, Edmunston.

*Manitoba*—Harold A. Clarke, Winnipeg.

*Saskatchewan*—G. Padley, Kamsack; J. E. Forsdick, Weyburn.

*Nova Scotia*—Mary Josephine Tobin, Halifax; Joseph Beverley Clayton Murray, Sydney.

*Alberta*—Martin Lamar Loose, Lethbridge; Rev. E. A. Justice, Lethbridge; Ernest S. Cooper, Edmonton; Alfred Cook, Calgary.

*British Columbia*—Gerald B. Reynolds, Vancouver; William David Love, Trail; J. A. Gunn, Mission City; Mrs. Rhoda Price, Cordova Bay; Dorothy Victoria Lindal, Victoria; Arthur Cyril Price, Cordova Bay; Roy Cater, Vancouver; James Colin Macsavaney, Vancouver; W. R. Jones, Powell River; Major-General Hoffmeister, Vancouver.

*Quebec*—Ben Pope, Montreal; Grant Innes Cunningham, Verdun; James Frederick Rowlett, Montreal; Douglas A. Kennie, Montreal; Sydney Kenneth Jolly, Montreal; Harold Cuthberts Clint, Quebec; Norma Grace Templeman, Drummondville; Florence Emily Douel, Montreal; S. Philip Bourke, Westmount; James J. S. Hayes, Montreal; George Walker, Montreal.

*Ontario*—Robert McKee, Jr., Mimico; Beverley B. Wannop,

Galt; Douglas E. Millikin, Kapuskasing; Gordon J. Chalmers, Kapuskasing; John R. Hall, Kapuskasing; Herbert Jennings, Kapuskasing; John B. Last, Kapuskasing; Lloyd Toal, Kapuskasing; Donald B. Scrivens, Kapuskasing; Helen L. Ainsworth, Toronto; Lorraine Alchin, Toronto; Marjorie Allan, Toronto; Charles K. Anderson, Oshawa; Robert H. Ansell, New Toronto; Thomas E. Black, Toronto; Robert D. Boston, Toronto; Helen B. Cobb, Oshawa; Helen B. Cooke, St. Catharines; Norma Cooke, St. Catharines; Shirley Cooke, St. Catharines; Howard Cranswick, Toronto; Joseph S. Cruden, Toronto; Pearl A. Dawe, Toronto; William C. Dawe, Toronto; Lynda C. Fairhart, Oshawa; Mavis D. Farnell, Toronto; Marshall V. Ford, Toronto; John W. Fox, Toronto; Edward J. Gawley, Toronto; Margaret Harrison, Toronto; Edward S. Honeyborne, Toronto; Constance Hood, Toronto; Donald A. Houlden, Oshawa; Gladys E. Hughes, Toronto; Herbert W. Lindsay, Toronto; Wesley W. McDonald, Chatham; Ian M. MacDonald, Toronto; Alan J. Mortimer, Toronto; John R. Newman, Toronto; Patricia J. Nolan, Toronto; Graham F. Phillips, Brockville; Margaret Stevenson, Toronto; Marion L. Swain, Oshawa; Louis A. Trainor, Toronto; Janet F. Wilson, Toronto; Margaret M. Wylie, Toronto; Eleanor Thomas, Toronto; Mabel Smith, Toronto; Robert J. Massena, Toronto; Donald D. Linthwaite, Toronto; H. P. Golding, Port Credit.



# HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

## DOMINION DAY HONOURS AND AWARDS

His Excellency Field Marshal the Right Hon. Viscount Alexander of Tunis, K.G., Governor-General of Canada, as Chief Scout for Canada is pleased to announce the following Honours and Awards on the occasion of Dominion Day, July 1st, 1948.

### Silver Wolf—1

*For Services of Exceptional Character*

W. R. Creighton, Ottawa, Ont.

### Silver Acorn—2

*For Distinguished Service*

Frank Foulds, Ottawa, Ont.

William Hardiman, Winnipeg, Man.

### Silver Cross—2

*For Gallantry with Considerable Risk*

Scout Roy A. Clifford, 15, Terrace Troop, Terrace, B.C.

For his heroic action in rescuing his brother from a fire in their home.

Cub Gordon St. Onge, 10, 15th Windsor Pack, Windsor, Ont.

For his quick action in rescuing a boy from drowning in the icy Detroit river.

### Gilt Cross—1

*Granted to those who do exceptionally well in case of emergency though without special risk to themselves.*

Scout Henri Chabot, 17, 1st Sherbrooke Troop, Sherbrooke, Que., Les Scouts Catholiques

For his presence of mind and quick action in rescuing his uncle from drowning in the Eaton river.

### Certificate of Merit—1

*For Gallantry*

Cub Ross Noble, 11, 1st Thistleton Pack, Weston, Ont.

For his presence of mind and prompt action in rescuing a young boy from drowning in the icy Humber river.

### Letter of Commendation—3

*For Gallantry*

Sea Scout Charles Jarvis, 16, Sea Scout George R. Liddiard, 18, Sea Scout Emile Manirsky, 17, 4th (1st Eastview) Ottawa Troop.

For the manner in which they remained on duty during a flood along the Rideau river in Eastview and rescued several people who were in danger of drowning in the water which was ice cold and covered with oil and debris.

### Medal for Meritorious Conduct—1

*For Meritorious Acts*

James W. Glass, A.D.C., Sea Scouts, Scoutmaster 4th (1st Eastview) Ottawa Troop, Ottawa, Ont.

For the efficient and effective manner in which he directed the work of his Sea Scout Troop during a flood along the Rideau river in Eastview.

### Certificate of Merit—1

*For Meritorious Acts*

4th (1st Eastview) Ottawa Sea Scout Troop

For the effective manner in which they carried out rescue operations during the Rideau river flood in Eastview.

### Medal of Merit—18

*For Good Services to Scouting*

Thomas E. Acheson, District Commissioner, St. Stephen, N.B.

Thomas Kenneth Allen, District Scoutmaster, Toronto, Ont.

Jean Louis Boulet, Assistant Commissioner for Cubs, Quebec, Que., Les Scouts Catholiques.

Leonard S. Bowman, Asst. Dist. Commissioner, Prince Albert, Sask.

Herbert Richard Denison, District Secretary, Vernon, B.C.

Robert L. Drake, Cubmaster, Rockcliffe, Ont.

Richard Edmunds, Asst. Dist. Commissioner, Richmond Hill, Ont.

Frederick T. Foster, Deputy District Scoutmaster, Toronto, Ont.

Frederick B. Frost, Group Committee Chairman, Toronto, Ont.

Roland Gale, Scoutmaster, Ocean Falls, B.C.

Thomas B. Kemp, Scoutmaster, Toronto, Ont.

Fred J. Kempster, District Scoutmaster, Ottawa, Ont.

Stuart Jack Lepper, Rover Scout Leader, Toronto, Ont.

William V. Oglesby, Toronto District Executive Committee.

Gerald G. Purkis, Field Commissioner, Toronto, Ont.

William C. Spettigue, Area Commissioner, Toronto, Ont.

J. N. Stephenson, Cubmaster, Gardenvale, Que.

George H. Weld, Toronto District Executive Committee, Toronto.

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## PRESBYTERIAN REQUIREMENTS

### The Religion and Life Badge

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The Scout must fulfil the following conditions to the satisfaction of his minister or in the case of a vacancy or Mission Field to the satisfaction of the Interim-Moderator of the Kirk Session:

1. Be a member of a Sabbath School (or in isolated areas a member of the Sabbath School by Post) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.
2. Secure the Diploma of the Junior Memory Course and the three seals of the Intermediate Memory Course of the "Presbyterian Memory Courses."
3. Pass one annual "Bible Study Tests" supplied to Sabbath Schools by the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies—8th Floor, 100 Adelaide St. West, Toronto 1.
4. Answer Questions 86-99 in the Shorter Catechism.
5. Recite two texts as scripture proof of each answer of Questions 86-99 in the Shorter Catechism.
6. Outline the system of government of the Presbyterian Church.
7. Be able to use the Bible to find the following passages:
  1. The Word made Flesh (John 1:1-14)
  2. The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:1-4)
  3. The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)
  4. The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)
  5. The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-54)
  6. The Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29-32)
  7. The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
  8. The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)
  9. Paul's Hymn to Love (I Corinthians 13)
  10. The Armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-17)
  11. The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21)
  12. The Mizpah (Genesis 31:49)
  13. The Aaronic Blessing (Numbers 6:24-26)
  14. The Apostolic Benediction (2 Corinthians 13:14)
  15. An Ascription of Praise (Jude 24:25)

For further information please communicate with the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 8th Floor, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1.

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## WARRANTS ISSUED

His Excellency the Governor-General, Chief Scout for Canada, has been pleased to approve the following warrants of appointment as Scouter (all offices).

New Brunswick—George Avard Robidoux, Shediac; Donald Alfred Doull, Moncton; Henry John Cripps, Moncton; James

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