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The Sign Post

MOST ENCOURAGING

Most encouraging are some of the reports from the Provinces regarding preparations for the Canadian Jamboree. It is refreshing to hear from areas where Jamboree plans, even to the holding of pre-Jamboree camps are well in hand. Those of us who are more directly concerned with the over-all plans and arrangements for the Jamboree, are only too well aware of the number and great variety of problems that arise in the planning. The Provinces, in planning their parts, are too confronted with numerous problems, all of which do not permit of an immediate answer. We hope that Scouters will do everything in their power to assist their Commissioners and their Province in Jamboree arrangements. The best way in which they can do this is to survey their own Troops, find out how many boys are eligible by age, and go to work to make them eligible by completing First Class Scout requirements by Jamboree time. The success of our first National Jamboree depends not alone on the staff at Canadian or Provincial Headquarters, but on the measure of co-operation given to them by every Scouter in Canada.

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READ THE EDITORIAL

I would like to draw your attention to the editorial for this month on the subject of "Test and Badge Standards". We must never lose sight of the fact that Scouting test and badge requirements are set up to meet the needs of the "average" boy, and that allowance must be made for the under-average, and stiffer tests provided for the particularly "bright" boy.

D. C. Spry

Chief Executive Commissioner.

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This depicts the crest designed for Canadian Jamboree, 1949. The crest will be on sale at the Jamboree and may be worn on sweaters, wind-breakers, etc., but not on official uniforms.

Editorial

Test and Badge Standards

WHEN Scouters meet together, it is almost certain that discussion will turn, sooner or later, to the standards upon which tests and badges are passed. Some Scouters adopt the school examination technique, which was farthest from the thoughts of B.-P. when the test and badge system was initiated. Nearly 30 years ago an "authority" drew up an elaborate scheme for standardizing the Scout test system which drew from B.-P. the following comment: "I hope that the compilers are not losing sight of the aim and spirit of the Movement by making it into a training school of efficiency through curricula, marks and standards. Our aim is merely to help the boys, especially the least scholarly ones, to become personally enthused in subjects that appeal to them individually, and that will be helpful to them."

In B.-P.'s opinion the principal guide to test and badge standards was **INDIVIDUAL EFFORT**. In his wisdom (and without doubt he understood the boyish mind better than most people in his generation) B.-P. realized that academic ability was not the only factor which made for progress in Scouting. This view was novel to many in his time, and yet it has since become widely accepted in education circles.

Nearly every Scouter has in his Pack or Troop one or more boys whose mental reactions are slower than those of the average boy. If we are to set a rigid standard, few of these boys would ever pass their Tenderpad or Tenderfoot tests. Moreover, to demand standards too high of boys incapable of attaining them serves only to discourage them in their efforts.

The Scouter who insists on perfection in test passing, rather than on individual effort, has lost sight of one of the fundamental purposes of Scouting. Even in the school students are not always required to get 100% to pass. In a

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HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ON...

CANADIAN JAMBOREE 1949

FURTHER details of organization and administration for Canadian Jamboree, 1949, have now been approved by the Jamboree Committee and are published here for the general information of Scouters and others interested in the Jamboree. It is suggested that you also read the paragraph under Headquarters' Notices on the back page captioned "Jamboree Staff Positions Open."

1. Eligibility

Age Limits. Any Scout born between 1932 and 1935 who reached the age of 17 years six months not earlier than January 1, 1949, and who by the time of the Jamboree has attained First Class Grade is eligible to attend.

The decision concerning borderline cases is left to the discretion of the District Commissioner or where there is no District, to the Provincial Commissioner.

Should there be Leaders wishing to attend in excess of requirements for Troops, they are invited to offer their services as part of the Camp Staff.

2. Provincial Contingents

Provincial Contingents are to be organized in standard Troops of 32 boys and 3 leaders as far as possible. No Troop should have less than 15 boys, nor more than 40. This arrangement may be necessary to accommodate odd numbers.

3. Troop Organization

Troops are to be numbered consecutively using provincial abbreviations as a prefix, e.g. Ont. 1, 2, 3, etc.

This will facilitate ration issue and will be used in the mailing address.

4. Contingent Headquarters

Where a province is sending more than two Troops, a small Provincial Contingent Headquarters may be added. A suggestion is:

Contingent Leader and Assistant
Quartermaster and Assistant
Two Runners.

5. Sub-Camp Organization

The camp area will be divided into sub camps, to which Provincial contingents will be directed. *Contingents will not be broken up.*

6. Applications

It is realized that changes in attendance figures will vary up to the last minute. This means that control of travel warrants of whatever form authorized by Canadian Passenger

Association and application forms must be decentralized.

The method of handling applications within Provinces, and the form they should take is left to the discretion of Provincial Jamboree Committees.

7. Equipment

(a) **Provision:** In order to decentralize the responsibility for equipment, each Provincial Council will be expected to make arrangements for its own requirements (this means tentage and normal camp equipment). If the Stores required are not available from

Scout sources they may be obtained through the local Military authorities rent free. Advice has been received that due to an increase in summer activities, it is most unlikely that the Ordnance Depot in Ottawa will be able to supply total requirements for all contingents. All Troop applications for equipment must be made through Provincial Headquarters. Tables and seats will be provided at the campsite.

(b) **Transportation:** Each member of the contingent is allowed to check 150 lbs. of baggage. Railway regulations say that camping parties may check tents and camping equipment up to this limit. This is in excess of what is taken into railway cars with the boy, and should be sufficient for all parties.

(c) **Flags:** Each organized Troop in Provincial Contingents will be expected to have a Troop flag and a Union Flag for use in March Past. In addition each contingent should be equipped with a Union Flag for use at Flag breaks.

8. Travel Arrangements

(a) **Rail:** The Canadian Passenger Association has granted the Boy Scouts Association a special rate of single fare for the round trip from any point in Canada to Ottawa and return. Those attending from Ontario and Quebec have agreed to pay their own fare and in addition, to subsidize the Jamboree to the extent of \$10.00 per boy in order that railway fares for those coming from distant points may be reduced.

The reduced fares will be available to those attending from Ontario and Quebec. For the remainder of Canada, railway fares have been pooled and the cost to any boy for railway fare alone is \$33.00. This does not include price of meals or berth.

(b) **Road:** Parties travelling by road should arrange to report at Jamboree site as early as possible on July 16, 1949. Directional signs will be erected on all main Highways. Sketch map showing connecting highways is being prepared and will be published later.

9. Procedure on Arrival at Camp Site

On arrival contingent leaders should report to the Administration Building where a guide will be provided to conduct the party to its camping area.

10. Rations

(a) Rations will be issued once

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George Jones



Joseph C. Harwood

Mr. Jones has recently been appointed a Field Commissioner of the Toronto Metropolitan Area, and Mr. Harwood, for some years an Ontario Field Commissioner has been named Executive Commissioner for Manitoba with Headquarters at Winnipeg.

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daily with the exception of milk which may be drawn twice daily. Times will be announced on arrival, rations will be issued on Troop basis. If a Troop desires to practice patrol cooking, subdivision of rations will be a Troop responsibility.

Ice will be provided together with field ice boxes.

Meals should be prepared to fit in with the programme.

(b) *Menus*: No firm menu can be laid down at this stage. As far as possible meals will be kept simple and will be so arranged that the evening meal is the main meal. Meals for the first day will consist of cold meat and/or fish together with such fresh fruit and vegetables as are available at the time and the normal bread and butter and beverage. In the main, menus will be based on the following pattern for the remainder of the camp.

Breakfast

Fresh Fruit or Canned Juice
Cereal
Bacon or Eggs
Bread
Marmalade or Jam or Honey
Coffee
Sugar
Milk

Lunch

Salad, Fish or Egg, or Cold Meat
or Macaroni or Spaghetti and
Cheese
Fresh vegetables in season
Fresh or Canned Fruit
Bread, Butter, Beverage

Dinner

Meat or Fish



The scene at Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, when Toronto Scouts who had received King's Scout Badges during 1948 were honoured at a Recognition Ceremony attended by many distinguished citizens, including Hon. Ray Lawson, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

Vegetables to suit
Fruit or Pudding or Cheese
Bread, Butter, Beverage

11. Fuel

A supply of wood for cooking and camp fire purposes will be available in each sub camp. Contingents occupying the sub camp will be responsible for the appointment of one Scouter to control issue.

12. Mail

A Post Office will be established together with telegraph facilities. Mail for delivery will be distributed with the rations.

Letters should be addressed as follows:

Scout John Doe,
Ontario Troop No. 2,
Canadian Jamboree 1949,
Connaught Camp,
Ottawa, Ontario.

13. Canteen

A canteen carrying normal supplies will be established. Suitable Jamboree souvenirs will also be on sale.

14. Medical

A First Aid post permanently manned by St. John Ambulance personnel will be established which will be co-ordinated with Ambulance and Hospitals.

15. Insurance

All Scouts attending will be covered against accidents and sickness by a special policy.

16. Activities

(a) *Provincial Arena Displays*: Each Provincial contingent will be expected to prepare and present a display, of at least one hour's duration. This may take the form of a presentation of Scouting skills, historical or topical events connected with the province, etc.

The displays considered the most outstanding will be selected for presentation on the final arena day, Saturday, July 23. A high standard is essential as the general public will be in attendance at all displays. It is hoped to have a different band in the Arena each day.

Contingents will be expected to bring their own materials for displays.

If spars are needed for pioneering projects it is requested that advance notice be given to Canadian Headquarters.

(b) *Camp Fires*: Mass Camp Fires for the entire camp to which the general public will be admitted will be held on July 18 and July 23 starting at 9.00 p.m.

Camp Fires in sub camps will be held on July 17, 19, 20, 21 and 22. These should be utilized for the re-



The 26th Hamilton Troop Minstrels who staged a very successful show, first to raise Registration fees, then to entertain American Scouts and finally to aid their Church mortgage fund. Harry Bryant is the Scoutmaster.

hearsal of songs and stunts for the Mass Camp Council Fires.

At all camp fires it is essential that emphasis be placed on good singing and original stunts and songs typical of various provinces and areas.

Each sub camp should appoint leaders for their various presentations.

(c) *Competitions*: It has been decided that there will be no competitive events other than:

(a) a prize will be given for the best carved staff brought to and used at the Jamboree.

(b) arena displays as outlined above.

(c) *Special Events*: Arrangements are being made for special daytime displays by outside organizations. To date the following has been arranged, July 19, 20, 9-10 a.m. Demonstration by R.C.A.F. Jet Squadron; others will be announced from time to time.

17. Visitors

The camp will be open to the general public from 2 p.m. onward on specified days on payment of a small admission charge.

Scouters in uniform will be admitted at half the price charged to the general public.

There will be no facilities for uninvited overnight guests. Independent camps will not be permitted on or near the Jamboree Site.

18. Entertainment

(a) *Movies*: The camp theatre will be open for showing of movies from 6.00 to 8.30 p.m. daily from July 18 to July 23 inclusive. Admission Free.

(b) *Excursions*: Arrangements are being made for sightseeing tours daily from July 19 to 22 inclusive. Facilities for 25% of the camp will be available daily starting at 10 a.m. There will be no charge for these tours.

19. Hygiene and Sanitation

Ablution and latrine facilities will be provided.

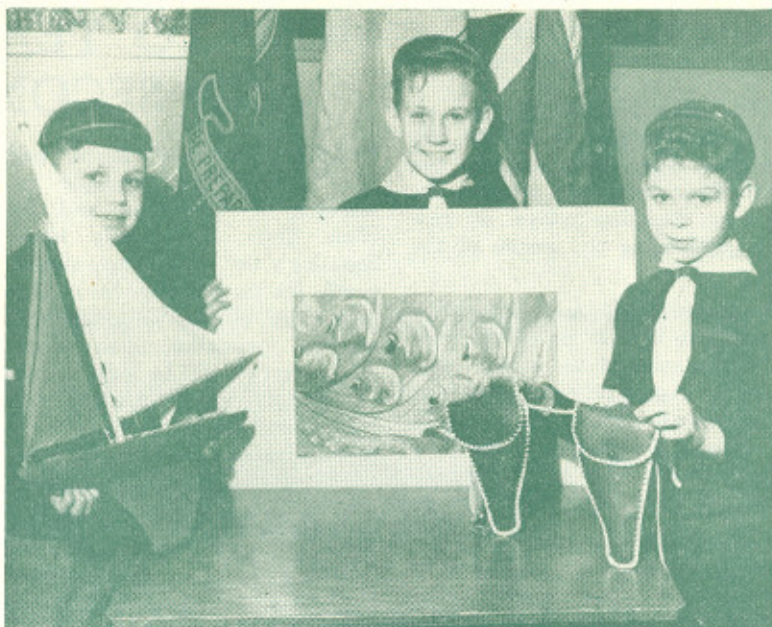
Running water is available.

Garbage will be collected daily.

20. Dress

All Scouters and Scouts will wear correct uniform consisting of hat, neckerchief, shirt, shorts, stockings and shoes. Sea Scouts will wear Sea Scout cap, shirt or jersey, neckerchief, shorts, stockings and shoes.

Everyone will be in full uniform from 2.00 p.m. each day and from 11.00 a.m. on the day of official opening, July 18th. Full uniform will also be worn at all religious observances. It is suggested that spare camp working clothes be brought to wear in the mornings and by those on duty as cooks, etc., at times when full uniform is the general dress.



Leatherwork, finger painting and boat building were among the many handiworks exhibited at the 80th Toronto Group's Country Fair and Hobby Show in January. These Wolf Cubs display some of the excellent exhibits.

Teaching the Star Tests

AKELAS should approach the teaching of the Star Tests with the realization that these tests, together with the Proficiency Badges are intended to retain a boy's interest for four years. With this in mind Cubmasters should not allow Cubs to slide through the Star tests in a couple of years, to be left with little to interest him for the next two years. The privilege of helping Akela instruct other Cubs is not a sufficient incentive to keep a lively youngster in the Pack.

Thoroughness should be the guiding rule of action in teaching these tests. Akela may look upon them as extremely simple, but they should remember they have an element of adventure and surprise to the Cub mind.

"Their silly little tests may seem haphazard" says Gilcraft, "but they have in reality been chosen with great care to help forward the all-round training of the boy and at the same time capture his interest."

Let us not be content with bare test requirements, but let us make the Star Tests the starting points for all sorts of Pack stunts. Let us have lots of games and yarns and acting utilizing the knots. Let's have the Pack spend a whole afternoon running messages, signalling and stalking instead of just having the boy run around the block with a message to pass his

Second Star test. There really is no limit to the number of interesting things which can be made to centre around the most innocent-looking Star Test.

Much of the First Star instruction will be carried out during the brief instruction periods at Pack meetings. These periods should not last longer than 10 minutes at any one time. Care should be taken by Akela that the instruction work is not treated so seriously as to kill the happy family spirit of the Pack meetings. Keep away, at all costs, from a class-room atmosphere.

If Sixers are expected to help Akela with some of the simpler star instruction at the Pack meeting, they should be given the opportunity to receive help with their own Second Star tests at a special session at Akela's home or after the Sixers' Council meeting, if time permits.

There should be no need to deal with book balancing, plank walking and other simple Star tests. In most cases the subject may be opened in some way so as to catch the interest of the boy. For knotting, yarns on how people's lives have been saved by use of the proper knot at the proper time; for the flags, stories of the saints and the knights may be

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told. The supervision of the first efforts of the learners should be left to the Sixer. Then Akela may call the Pack together for games utilizing the work done, knotting relays, or perhaps a game using the crosses of the Saints.

Discourage by all means the Cub who wants to try all his simple tests first. Mix in some of the harder tests, and do not compel them to work on the same test week after week. Simple tests make a good substitute activity when a Cub has been extending himself to pass some fairly difficult test.

By following this method the Cub's interest is retained, and he feels he is really making progress. It also avoids the possibility of the Cub finding himself facing only a few of the more difficult tests which might prove a discouragement.

It is wisdom too to arrange a schedule of tests so that a Cub does not complete his two stars before he has reached his tenth birthday. The First Star work can be spread, with care, over the first two years of his membership in the Pack, the Second Star over his third year, and the balance of his time in the Pack on the Proficiency Badges. This however should not be so rigidly maintained as to preclude the opportunity for the Cub to earn Proficiency Badges as he goes along.

If the Cub is allowed to complete his Star Tests before his tenth birthday, it is extremely difficult to spread the balance of his Cub training over the two other years of his Cub experience. It has been found by experienced Akelas that the Proficiency Badges are not sufficient to retain the interest of most boys until they reach "going up" age. As a result a good many boys have been lost to Scouting before ever reaching Troop age.

The Star tests should form the basis of all Pack activities. Plan the boy's progress. Fit the plan to the individual boy, so that his own efforts count. Cubs like to feel they are getting somewhere, and that the Cubmaster is interested in them as individuals rather than as a Pack as a whole. Each step is a signpost along the trail to his First and Second Star. Use positive methods in teaching boys their Star Tests. Make them exciting. Make them adventurous. Make them romantic.

HOW TO TEACH TENDERFOOT AND SECOND CLASS TESTS

"THOROUGHNESS" might well be the guiding principle in the teaching of Tenderfoot and Second Class Tests. The whole fabric of Scouting's test and badge system depends for its stability on a thorough knowledge of the basic tests. They are the foundation upon which the superstructure will be built, and unless the footings are strong and durable, the superstructure is likely to prove of little value to the boy in later life.

The Tenderfoot Tests

The Tenderfoot Tests are simple, but unless they are thoroughly learned they will soon be forgotten. They are basic to the whole programme which follows, both from the character building standpoint and from the technical aspects.

Except for the Promise and Laws, the responsibility for teaching the Tenderfoot Tests rests with the Patrol Leader. He may, and should delegate the task to one of his Scouts who is working on first class tests, one of which requires him to train a younger Scout. In any event the Patrol Leader should see that the training is adequate, and should himself give the young Scout a thorough test before passing him over to the Scoutmaster for the final test.

Teaching methods differ, but one important fact to keep in mind is that the teaching must be practical. A boy learns best by putting his training into practical use. It is one thing for a boy to learn how to tie six simple knots. It is an entirely different thing for him to learn them by their uses, to put each knot as it is learned to some practical use; to tie bandages with a reef knot, to join two ropes of different thicknesses with a sheet bend, and so on. A wise method in the final test should always be to pass knotting, not by the names of the knots but by their uses.

The Tenderfoot Tests are so simple that some Scouters are tempted to let the boy slide through. This is a mistake. The tests themselves should be so thoroughly understood that the boy will never forget them. The degree of efficiency demanded will of course depend on the boy himself, on his capability, and above all on the effort he puts into his work. (Read the editorial on test passing in this issue.)

The most important thing to remember in regard to the Tenderfoot Tests is that it is the Scoutmaster's responsibility to handle the Promise and Law himself. The Promise and its meaning should be so clearly understood, and



These three King's Scouts of the 20th Toronto Troop are but a few of the scores of Scouts across Canada who assisted the National Sanitarium Association in its Christmas Seal campaign last December. These Scouts distributed window display cards.

so ingrained upon the boy's memory that it will become a guiding principle in his daily life. The Laws too should not be treated as a memory test but should be dealt with at some length until the boy understands all the implications. We can never expect to make the Promise and Law an effective guide in a boy's life unless we do so. This is beyond the teaching capability of a boy, and so it becomes the Scoutmaster's responsibility, and no boy should be invested until such time as his knowledge and understanding of the Scout Promise and Law is thorough and certain.

The Second Class Tests

Guiding principle in the teaching of the Second Class Tests should be that they are outdoor tests. Games in the Troop room may be valuable in the teaching process, but they can never replace the teaching and passing of such tests under outdoor conditions. The boy who comes into Scouting for adventure will get little adventure in signalling across a room at the Troop's headquarters, but he will get a thrill by passing messages in the open country where background, visibility and all the other factors enter into its successful completion. The same theory applies to practically every other Second Class test. A boy cannot learn to use a compass or a handaxe, or identify trees, or make proper use of lashings and hitches in the Troop room. This has to be done outdoors.

By far the best method is to provide the boy with the opportunities to make practical use of the subjects covered by these tests, and to pass him when he has acquired skill in them. It is better for a boy to cook a meal on several hikes, and to be told that he has passed his cooking test when the Scoutmaster sees that he has acquired proficiency, than to set apart a time and a day when the test will be "officially" passed.

Again the question of responsibility for teaching Second Class tests comes into the picture. Some Scoutmasters make the mistake of assuming that only an adult is capable of handling these tests. As a matter of fact a good Patrol Leader, especially if he is a First Class or King's Scout is well able to lift this load from the Scoutmaster's shoulders. In fact it is better that wherever possible the onus for training the Scouts be left with the Patrol Leaders or with some Scout who is particularly apt on a given subject.

Nearly every Troop has some Scout



Brooks, Alberta, is very proud of its new Scout Hall, top, which replaces the former log building shown in the lower picture. The new building was purchased from the Eastern Irrigation School Division and moved to town. All local Scout and Guide groups were to be invited to the official opening during Scout-Guide Week.

who has a special aptitude for knotting or signalling or first aid, or some other of the Second Class tests. Take advantage of these special aptitudes by using these boys to train others in those subjects. No Scoutmaster can hope to know it all or be proficient in all things, and it is no reflection on his capabilities as a Scoutmaster that he turn over these training tasks to boys. The Movement seeks to build leadership qualities in boys. This is one method by which it can be accomplished.

If you have not already read the editorial in this issue of *The Leader* we suggest you do it now. It will give you the necessary background material on the test and badge system to correlate with what has been written here.

Old-timer Renews Promise

AMONG those who renewed their Scout Promise at the Auditorium in Winnipeg on the opening day of Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week was Bill Seller, one of the veterans among Scouts of the Winnipeg area. Bill was one of those lads who in 1908 caught the inspiration of Scouting from the first publication of *Scouting for Boys*. A cousin of his had attended B.P.'s experimental camp on Brownsea Island in 1907. He attended the first big Scout rally at the Crystal Palace in London, and was a member of the Scout Guard of Honour at B.P.'s wedding. A splendid story of this pioneer Scout appeared in the Winnipeg newspapers during Scout-Guide Week.

"We do not want a kind of imposed Church Parade but a voluntary uplifting of hearts by the boys in Thanksgiving." B.-P.

SCOUTS' OWNS

As we pointed out editorially last month, the Scouter is under obligation to concern himself with the spiritual aspect of a Scout's life. The Movement can never reach its highest ideal without recognition of God's presence. There are a variety of ways in which this obligation can be performed. First, and perhaps of greatest importance is the consistent encouragement of each boy to attend his family place of worship and to identify himself closely with the activities of his church.

Where Cubs and Scouts all belong to one religious denomination the Scouter can frequently exercise a great deal of the right influence through the holding of Scouts' Own services on special occasions and in camp. As a matter of fact Scout Sunday School classes are not unknown and the form these classes take is frequently that of a Scout's Own.

Where Scouts' Own services are held care must be taken to see that any boy who is forbidden to take part in any other religious observance but that of his own church, is not required to attend. In many places however, where Scouts of all denominations get together for such a service the form of service is not related to any particular denomination but is, to quote the words of B.-P. "carried on in such a manner as to offend none."

The form of service, or to put it more accurately, the order of service, is not important. The service must abound in the right spirit, and should be conducted not from an ecclesiastical point of view but from that of the boy. "Everything likely to make an artificial atmosphere should be avoided" says B.-P. "We do not want a kind of imposed church parade, but a voluntary uplifting of hearts by the boys in thanksgiving for the joys of life, and a desire on their part to seek inspiration and strength for greater love and service for others."

It is well to have hymns and scripture passages suggested by the boys themselves, and a talk (never a sermon) given by someone who understands boys. The prayers should be understandable to the boy. We can highly recommend the book "Prayers for the Brotherhood of Scouts" for this purpose.

Unfortunately Pat Leonard's very valuable book *Scouts' Owns* is not available in Canada just now, but every Scouter should have a copy on his shelf when again available. From this book we offer these hints.

(1) *Be natural.* You are in your Father's presence, not on the stage. Be natural. Don't use a special voice or a special intonation.

(2) Boys have limited powers of concentration and very limited capacities for remaining in the same position for any length of time. Make the service short.

(5) *Prayers*, like hymns, should be short and suitable. Simple extempore prayer, is often more effective than many prepared prayers, but it isn't every Scouter who can pray in this way. Don't forget that worship is giving rather than getting and that therefore prayers ought not to be limited to petitions and intercessions, but should also include praise and thanksgiving for blessings received.

(6) *The Talk.* Remember and profit by a boy's love of a good yarn. Don't over-press the moral. Boys see the point readily enough if there is one. Let the talk be short. This means more care over its preparation, but if you have anything to say 15 minutes should be enough in which to say it. (B.-P. went so far as to say "If a man cannot make his point to keen



The beautiful new chapel of the Victoria, B.C., District Camp. Heavy logs are used for seating.

(3) Let there be continuity of theme running all through the service, so that hymns, prayers, lessons and talk all lead in the same direction.

(4) Hymns play an important part in the general structure of a Scouts' Own. Remember these suggestions:

(a) Let them be suitable to the occasion.

(b) Many hymns are too long. Don't hesitate to leave out unnecessary or unsuitable verses.

(c) The tune is important, but don't sing unreal words simply because they have been set to a good tune.

(d) Hymn sheets or books are almost indispensable. Have enough to go around.

boys in ten minutes he ought to be shot.")

(7) *Co-operation.* A Scouts' Own ought not to be a one-man show. Let as many Scouts as possible take part. Discuss it with the Court of Honour and let them have a part in suggesting the hymns, and subjects for talks.

(8) *National Anthem.* The National Anthem is a hymn, and if sung at the end of a service should come before the final grace or benediction. It is not necessary however to leave it until the end. It is particularly effective when used after a prayer for the king or country.

One final word—again from B.-P.'s pen: "Boredom is not reverence, nor will it breed religion."



The Left Handshake

Wm. Collins Sons & Co. recently sent us a copy of the new book by Hilary St. George Saunders—*The Left Handshake*. It is the story of Scouting during World War II—and what a wonderful story it is. Scouters who are looking for Scout hero stories to relate during the Scoutmaster's Five Minutes at Troop meetings will find a full store of them here, enough to last for many months.

Any book by Hilary St. George Saunders attracts wide interest. He was the author of *The Battle of Britain* and other thrilling accounts of wartime activities in the old country. He has carried into this book that same appeal which made his books so eagerly awaited during the war.

This is a comprehensive book. It deals not only with Scouting in Great Britain but on the continent, all over the Empire and the United States. Canada's part is told briefly, and the work of the Scouts underground in occupied Europe provides some thrilling reading.

It includes a chapter on the Boy Scout Movement and its founder which provides excellent background for the

main purpose of the book. The final chapter deals, appropriately enough with the Jamboree of Peace in France in 1947.

We can most highly recommend this book to Scouters. Not only will it provide a veritable treasure trove of Scout hero stories, but it will doubtless leave you with the same feeling that its reading left us—very proud to belong to the Boy Scouts Association.

The Left Handshake: William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd., 53 Avenue Road, Toronto, Ont., or your local book shop, \$3.25 per copy.

Re-Affirming the Promise

It has been noticed that a new and unfortunate system has come into vogue in some Scout Troops when the Scout Promise is re-affirmed. Instead of making the Scout Sign (which exists for this purpose) the right hand has been brought up in the "closed fist" method, and as each part of the Promise is repeated, one finger raised until the three fingers are up in the regular Scout Sign. The Scout Sign is the official sign to use on this important occasion, and it is felt that no frills should be added.



Prime Minister Louis S. St. Laurent receives from Mr. Jackson Dodds, Dominion Commissioner, a beautifully bound copy of *The Left Handshake*. The book will be placed in the Parliamentary Library where the presentation took place. The Chief and Assistant Chief Librarians witnessed the ceremony.

An Ideal PRIZE

For Patrol or Six
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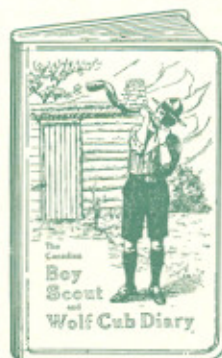
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Two Gallant Scouts Win Cornwell Badge

Two Canadian Scouts were honoured in the B.-P. Birthday Honours List with the award of the Cornwell Badge, highest decoration in Canada for "pre-eminently high character and devotion to duty together with great courage, endurance or gallantry."

Unfortunately one of these badges had to be awarded posthumously, the recipient having passed away. Here are the stories of these two gallant Scouts.

Patrol Leader Murray White

Patrol Leader Murray White, aged 17, of the 2nd Dartmouth, N.S., Troop, was a keen and active Scout until stricken in 1944 with a very severe form of tuberculous arthritis. He had an exceptional record as a Scout and was regarded by his Scoutmaster as a model Patrol Leader, keen, enthusiastic, resourceful and always interested in the progress of the boys in his Patrol.

His illness sent him to his bed, but he still continued his active interest in his Troop and his Scouts. Dr. M. D. Brennan who attended him said of him "During the whole course of his illness, he has carried on as a perfect example, as a good Scout should perform under adverse circumstances. At no time have I heard him complain of this, and I know there have been periods when he has suffered intense pain."

Frank B. Harris, District Commissioner wrote of him: "His cheerfulness and resourcefulness for the last three years has been amazing since he cannot help but know that both his parents died of the same disease. He has had exhibits in all our District Hobby Shows and, during respites from pain, has made model airplanes and lampshades. He also tries his hand at sketching and does rather better than average."

It was during his period of illness that he passed his First Class tests, and it was on B.-P.'s birthday last year that he received his badge in the presence of his Scoutmaster and fellow Patrol Leaders.

His Scoutmaster, A. D. Birdsall, said of him: "Despite his physical handicap Murray has continued his interest in the Troop and recently for his Handyman Badge not only described in detail all the points required, but reupholstered a small chair."

Harry W. Freeman, President of the Dartmouth Association, added his

tribute: "Since his illness forced him to give up school and all other active play and work I have seen Murray hundreds of times on the verandah of his home, and have already found myself marvelling at the way he greeted all his friends and passersby, and to see and hear him talk with his visitors you would not think that his illness was one that could not be other than fatal to him. . . . I consider he has lived in all respects true to the highest ideals of Scouting."

Scout Herbie Sam

You will recall seeing some months ago an illustration in *The Junior*

buzzer. He is completely trustworthy, and despite the fact that he is in a cast nearly up to his armpits, he wears the only parts of the uniform he can, his shirt, neckerchief and hat at every opportunity and is always smartly turned out.

Miss Dorothy Andrew, lady superintendent of the Solarium, says that Herbie has been a patient since he was five years old, and for eight years has been immobilised in a cast. She adds: "Herbie is an exceptionally bright boy. His enquiring mind and useful little hands have supplied sublimation for him to a great extent. There have



Above is pictured the presentation of his First Class Badge to Patrol Leader Murray White of the 2nd Dartmouth, N.S., Troop, who was recently posthumously awarded Scouting's Victoria Cross—the Cornwell Badge.

Leader of a splendid knot board made by Scout Herbie Sam of the Queen Alexandra Solarium for Crippled Children, Cobble Hill, B.C.

This is the Herbie Sam who was recently awarded the Cornwell Badge. Herbie, 13-year-old Chinese boy is a member of the Scout Troop at the Solarium.

Herbie Sam's interest and effort in Troop activities is outstanding, his Scoutmaster reports, not only for a Scout in the solarium but for any Scout. He is clever with his hands which is demonstrated in wood carving, knotting, splicing and making plaster casts. He is also an efficient sender and receiver of Morse on the

been times when discouragement was uppermost but never for long has the boy been lost to the interest in Scouts, airplanes or some other boys' pursuit of the mind. Never have I seen stouter courage in a child. I have never seen it in an adult."

Stampeders in New Role

CALGARY's famous Stampeders, winners of the Grey Cup in 1948, turned their hand to broom ball at the annual Boy Scout ice carnival at the Victoria Arena early in March. The famous rugby team divided itself into two teams and played both nights of the carnival.

THE CUB PRAYER

A paper by A.C.M. L. Gray of the
1st Kogarah Bay Pack, N.S.W.,
Australia

WHEN we close our meeting, we always close with a prayer known as the Cub Prayer. Now, this prayer can be said in two ways. It can be repeated off in parrot fashion, without bothering to think what is meant when it is said, or it can be said intelligently, when we really mean what we are saying.

Help us, O Lord. Now, we rarely ask for help ourselves unless we can't do something properly ourselves. So, in this prayer, you must be asking the Great Akela to help you with something pretty tough. Now what is the Great Akela asked to help with?

Well, He is asked to help us to serve Him, to do our duty, to be happy at play, to keep the Wolf Cub Promise, and then to give the satisfaction of knowing that our very best has been done. Now let's take each of these points separately. For the first one.

To serve Thee day by day. Now, what service is required. Well, that depends on one thing, what we can do. God hasn't written down for each one of us what he expects us to do individually, but what He expects may be summed up in the Cub motto: "Do your best." No one can do better than his best. And, if your best is done all the time, you will find that in time you will be able to do things better still each time; and, the Lord expects you to be cheerful all the time. One of the Scout laws says: "A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties." So, to prepare for keeping this law when Scouts, be cheery all the time. Everyone likes a happy person. If you are happy, you will make other people happy. And this is your biggest service to God, for the thing He wants most is for people to be happy. God isn't a grouchy old fellow with a big stick as some people seem to think, but he can be a real father and pal to you if you are cheerful.

Think of all the things He has given you to make you happy. He gives you the sun to make you nice and warm and when it gets too hot He has provided the sea for you to go swimming and cool down.

But is this all the service God requires of you? No, it isn't. Have you ever heard of King Arthur and his knights? Well they were men who endeavoured throughout their whole life to serve God, and they didn't believe

that to serve Him you only had to be good, but that you must do good. So Arthur's knights went around doing good, and they also had some high morals that we might consider.

Manliness

Now, one of these was manliness. Now, at present, you have not reached manhood. But in a few years you will reach this stage, and then you must act as a decent man should.

That is why we suggest that you do not smoke. Smoking does not help the body, and if we decide to take up smoking we usually give up physical exercises and do not develop into fine physical specimens, which is the height of manliness.

Another act these knights practiced

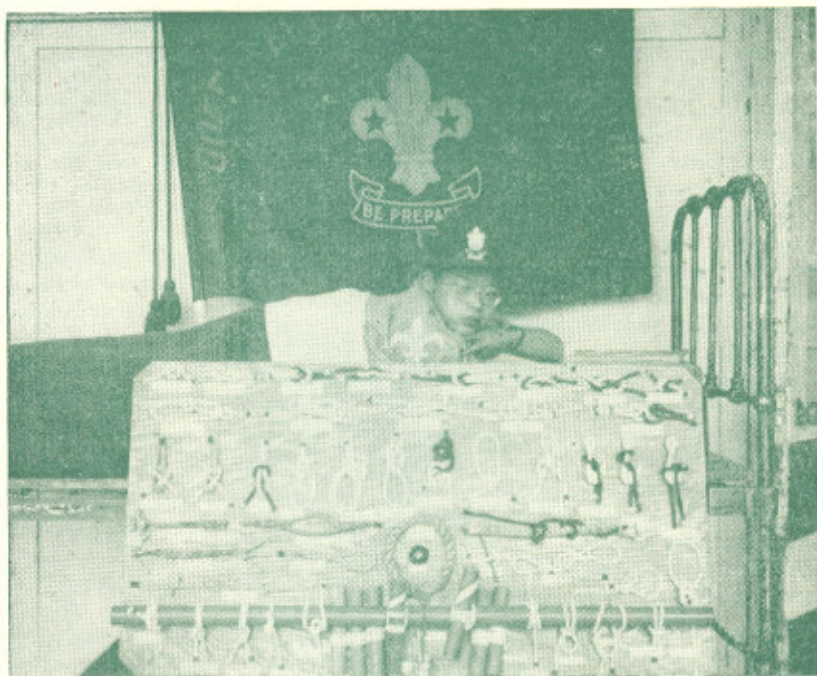
himself when that boy has hit him.

There are many other ways of serving God which we may find out if we read a book on King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table.

Now let's think of another part of our prayer.

To enjoy our play. Everyone enjoys to play. On a Saturday afternoon you see people playing tennis or cricket, swimming or sailing, or engaging in some other sport. How happy God must feel when he looks down and sees all the other people happy. We do feel happy when we are playing, don't we? Well why should we ask the Lord to help us enjoy our play?

Well there are some people who are known as bad sports. Now these bad sports are people who get narked and sulky when someone else is made happy at their expense. When you're



Here is Scout Herbie Sam of the Queen Alexandra Solarium Troop at Cobble Hill, B.C., who was a recent recipient of the Cornwell Badge. Herbie is shown with the splendid knot-board he constructed while in a plaster cast up to his armpits.

was courtesy. Now people always expect Cubs and Scouts to be courteous. Nowadays, men seem to be forgetting all about courtesy, but the Scout movement, if it shows itself developing boys in the ways of courtesy, should make them ashamed. So when you offer a lady a seat in the bus, or help a lady carry her case you are serving God.

Mercy

Another of these is mercy. Now, we can all hit boys smaller than ourselves. But it takes a good Cub to refrain from hitting a boy who is smaller than

playing football, do you ever hear anyone say, "I don't want to be goalie, you never have any fun there. I want to be a forward."

Or when a boy gets bowled for a duck he throws his bat on the ground and stamps off the field. Well do you think that being a bad sport makes anyone happy. No, it only makes others unhappy, too.

Why are people bad sports? It's because of one thing, they're selfish.

Have you ever heard of the boy who

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The Cub Prayer

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said: "I had a beaut party this afternoon. There were only three there, I, myself and me. I passed me a cake then I ate some and offered myself the rest. Gee, it was a good party."

You don't want to be like this boy. Selfish people don't make friends easily so don't be a bad sport, but always play the game properly and if you get beaten, be cheerful about it. So, if you ask the Lord to make you a good sport you will enjoy your play.

The Promise

Now let's consider another part of prayer, "To keep our Wolf Cub Promise." Now, Cubs don't break a promise once they make it. But if the promise is very hard and it is almost impossible to keep it and the Cub Promise is not an easy one to keep, so in the prayer we ask God to help us keep it. Now, in the promise you promise to do some things. Let us consider them one by one. To do your duty to God and the King is the first. To do your duty to God and the King you must serve them.

Well, you know how to serve God, but how about the King. We would all like to serve him but England is such a long way away. When war comes, our soldiers can do their duty by fighting for the King, and Scouts have done this too.

There was a Scout in the Royal Navy named Jack Cornwell who won the Victoria Cross for carrying out his duty. He was a boy on H.M.S. *Chester* in the battle of Jutland in the first World War, in which the British and German fleets fought.

Jack Cornwell worked on a big gun, and a German shell hit this gun killing all except two. Now, he could have run away, but he knew that to do his duty, he would have to stick to his post, so he stuck there amongst the dead men and later died of wounds. Now to remember him they have a badge for very brave Scouts and they call it the Cornwell Badge.

Your Way

You may not be able to do your duty in this way, but a way the King likes you to help him is to help other people around you, who are subjects of the King and who like to serve him. So the next time you throw a brick to see how close to Mrs. Jones' window it goes, ask yourself if you're doing your duty.

If you help other people, you are doing your duty to God and the King. And duty is so important that in our



When 14-month-old David Bond fell down a furnace cold air pipe, Scout Bunny Ricketts of the 218th Toronto Troop did some quick thinking and rescued the little fellow before he could smother. Bunny told his story on the Borden Cavalcade during Scout-Guide Week.

prayer we ask the Lord to help us to carry it out. Lord Baden-Powell said that duty should be the first consideration for any kind of our actions.

Let's take another part of the Promise: "To keep the law of the Wolf Cub Pack." Now, we all know the law. The Cub gives in to the old Wolf is the first part. Now, we all like to keep the law, but how many Cubs, when Akela asks them to do something, think, "I wish Akela wouldn't make us do this. I won't do it properly?" The Cub must give in to the old Wolf willingly. I don't know if any of you have broken this law, but I wonder if, when mother wants something done, and you are playing somewhere else, mother might get this reply, "Oh, gee, mum, I'm busy now. Won't afterwards do?" This law is not easy to carry out so God is asked to help.

The rest of the law: "The Cub does not give in to himself," isn't easy to keep either. It's easy to give up, isn't it? It's very easy to lose your temper, or to swear, or to take something that isn't yours. So, do keep our law: we really need to ask God to help us keep it.

Good Turns

The last part of the promise is "To do a good turn to somebody every day." Now, it's very easy to forget this part of our promise, but it's a very

important part, so we should ask God to help us with this part of our promise.

The last part of the prayer is: "And to rest, happy that we have tried to do our best." What a fine feeling it is to know that you have won through by sheer effort.

We can justly be happy, gratified and thankful, if we know we have done our best. So, in the prayer this part has been included, as God, if we ask Him, is very pleased to bring before your mind the good things you have done and the times you have done your best.

Prayer

I think it would be a good idea if, when you got up every morning, you said your Cub prayer. Don't think it's sissy to pray.

General Montgomery prays every morning and people don't call him a "sissy." So, don't take any notice of these people, as they don't know what they're talking about. But don't let your Cub prayer interfere with your ordinary prayers. Say your Cub prayer as well.

When you go to bed of a night, if you have not quite done as well as you might during the day, well, ask God to give you strength so that you can. And, if God has helped you during the day, as you asked Him, don't forget to thank Him.

It's very discourteous not to thank anyone when they've given you something, isn't it? So, whenever God helps you as you ask Him to in your prayer, just thank Him.

Scouting in N.S.W.

CUSTOM OF THE HOUSE

THE following is the usage accorded Scout terms, capitalization and abbreviations in Scouting generally throughout the British Commonwealth and Empire. We reprint it at this time for the benefit of those many new leaders who have not previously had the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the "Custom of the House."

B.-P. (The short reference to Baden-Powell) period after each letter. Hyphenated.

The Boy Scouts Association, no apostrophe after final "s" in Scouts. "The" may be dropped in a running sentence, but not in the title.

Boy Scout Movement. Movement is capitalized.

Other capitalizations are: Scouting, Wolf Cub Pack, Boy Scout Troop,

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1452 BOOKS DONATED FOR D.P. SCOUTS IN GERMANY

CANADIAN Cubs, Scouts, Rovers and Leaders contributed nearly 50% over the objective of 1,000 copies of *Tenderfoot to King's Scout* for the D.P. Scouts in Germany. At the time of going to press the total was 1,452. When it was realized a month ago that the objective would be well surpassed each Provincial Council was asked to name a number of Troops in Canada, which might find some of these books of value. As a result 254 copies have been sent to handicapped and Indian and Eskimo Troops in all parts of the country. The balance of 1,198 have been shipped to Germany where they will be distributed by the International Bureau Commissioner to D.P. Scout Groups.

Each book was inscribed with the name of the unit or individual who had donated it, so that it is altogether likely that many will receive acknowledgments from Germany in due course. It should be remembered that it will take some weeks for the books to arrive in Germany and be distributed.

Canadian Headquarters wishes to express its grateful thanks for the splendid response to this appeal. The fact that the objective was far exceeded is just another proof that

worthwhile appeals to Canadian Scouting never fall upon deaf ears.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:

39th Windsor, Ont., Troop (10); Crusader Patrol, 38th Hamilton, Ont., Troop (10); 1st Petawawa, Ont., Group (10); 1st Drummondville, Que., Troop (7); 1st Cremain Group, Vancouver Island, B.C. (6); 3rd Woodstock, Ont., Troop (10); 3rd London, Ont., Troop (10); Mission and District Local Association, Mission City, B.C. (5); 2nd Timmins (St. Matthews) Pack, Timmins, Ont. (10); 26th Toronto Group (10); Runnymede Scouts Own, Toronto (10); E. S. Tizzard, Owen Sound, Ont. (5); Beaver Patrol, 22nd Windsor, Ont., Troop (5); 1st Burlington, Ont., Troop (10); 1st St. Andrew's Pack, Owen Sound, Ont. (5); 1st Yukon Wolf Cub Pack, Whitehorse, Y.T. (3); 1st Penticton, B.C., Troop (10); 1st Whitewood, Sask., Pack (3); 14th St. Mark's, London, Ont., Troop (5); 38th London, Ont. (Mohawk) Troop (10); 33rd London, Ont., Pack (35); 1st Port Hammond, B.C., Pack (1); Rev. Cecil King, Manitou, Man. (1); Sherbrooke, Que., Scouts and Cubs (50); Chatham, Ont., Scouters' Club (23); 2nd New Glasgow, N.S., Rover Crew (8); South Burnaby Cubs

and Scouts, New Westminster, B.C. (25); 132nd Toronto Troop (5); First Cayuse Beach Camp Troop, Yubou, B.C. (10); 135th Toronto Troop (10); Bulldog, Beaver, Lion, Fox and Cougar Patrols, 135th Toronto Troop (5—1 each Patrol); Marsden, Sask., Troop (11); 1st Port Elgin, Ont., Pack (2); 6th Kingston, Ont., Troop (5); 1st White Fox, Sask., Troop (10); Eagle Patrol (2), Panther Patrol (1), Seal Patrol (1), Bulldog Patrol (1), all of 3rd Prince Albert, Sask., Troop; 1st Kapuskasing, Ont., Troop (15); Lion, Beaver, Fox, Wolf Patrols and S.M. 6th Ottawa Troop (5); 1st Niagara-on-the-Lake Troop, Ont. (5).

Sent to D.P. Camps in Germany 1,198
Sent to Needy Canadian Troops 254
Total donated (March 1st) 1,452

Custom of the House

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Rover Scout Crew, Wolf Cub, Boy Scout, Senior Scout, Rover Scout, Deep-Sea Scout (don't forget the hyphen), Sea Scout, Air Scout, Handicapped Scout, Troop Meeting Room, Flag. (Use word Flag in preference to Colours). First Class Scout, Second Class Scout, Tenderfoot Scout, King's Scout, etc. First Class Badge, Second Class Badge, All Round Cords.

(Newspaper editors do not have to conform to our customs).

Ranks capitalized are, Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Rover Leader. Short form, P.L., P.L.s, S.M., C.M., R.L., etc. Periods should always be used after initial titles and not P/L.

P.L.s is not used with an apostrophe unless it is possessive. A P.L.'s hat would appear with the apostrophe.

It is correct to say Staff; plural Staves.

It is neckerchief, not scarf.

Tenderfoot in plural form is either Tenderfoots or Tenderfeet. This issue may be dodged by using the phrase "Tenderfoot Scouts."

King's Scout Badge, use an apostrophe. Plural is King's Scouts.

Scouts' Own, with apostrophe after second "s" unless only one Scout is present.

It's Lady Cubmaster, not Cubmistress.

It is Second, not Seconder.

Neckerchief Slides: A "Turk's Head" is a slide of interwoven leather or other pliable material. A Woggle is a slide made of bark, carved wood or bone, etc.

The only exception to this latter custom is that the Gilwell neckerchief slide is generally referred to as the "Gilwell Woggle."



An Ottawa Scout signs his name to one of the 1,452 copies of *Tenderfoot to King's Scout* donated by Scouts of Canada to the D.P. Scouts in Germany. The books were officially received at Canadian Headquarters by Mr. W. A. Magill, Director of the March of Books Campaign.



THE DUFFEL BAG

*A page of helpful ideas from anyone, anywhere.
If you have a good one, tested, please send it in.*



Special Jamboree Neckerchief

A SPECIAL neckerchief will be worn by the Province of Quebec Jamboree contingent to Ottawa this summer, according to an announcement by the Provincial Council for that Province.

A Job for Rovers

COCHRANE, Ont., Rover Crew is undertaking an important work for its community, which might well be a pattern for other Crew objectives. Under the leadership of Rover Scout Leader Les Richardson the Crew has set out to gather material from early residents of Cochrane relating to the history of the community, with the object of producing a history of the town for its 40th anniversary in 1950. Definite assignments have been given to each Rover, and the co-operation of Cochrane residents has been sought through the local newspaper.

Echoes of World Jamboree

BOY Scouts from Madison, Wis., who attended the World Jamboree in France in 1947, have delivered 500 addresses on World Scouting; sent 100 lbs. of clothing to a family in Denmark; donated \$55 to help buy a printing press for a Troop of crippled Scouts in Paris, France; entertained a French Rover in the U.S.A.; sent camping equipment to a Troop of blind Scouts in France; sent a CARE parcel to Austria and kept up correspondence with Scouts in 28 different countries.

N.B. Commissioner Honoured

REV. Canon W. J. Clarke, M.A., B.D., B.S.E., many years Commissioner in New Brunswick, has been appointed a Chaplain and a Serving Brother in the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. This appointment has the approval of His Majesty the King and recognizes long and faithful service in the Order of St. John. Canon Clarke, acting S.M. and C.M. of the 1st Springhill, N.B., Group has been connected with First Aid for more than thirty years. During the Second World War he was Superintendent of a Brigade of the St. John Ambulance.



This is a replica of the Canadian Jamboree brand which will be available at the Jamboree. Those attending will be able to brand their belts, handbags or other leather equipment with the brand which will be available in all sub-camps.

A New Record

SIX Kitchener, Ont., Troops, bettering their previous record by 20 tons, collected 68 tons of waste paper in two weekends. There is still good money in waste paper collecting, but those planning such drives should complete arrangements for disposal before conducting a campaign. It has been found difficult to sell in those parts of the country far removed from paper mills.

Good Natured Banter

WE concur most heartily with these remarks by A. W. Hurl, Chief Executive Commissioner at Imperial Headquarters: "After any humorous reference to Scouting on the radio 25 B.P. Road (Imperial Headquarters) can be certain of receiving one or two telephone calls from indignant Scouters who demand that we should do something to stop these insulting remarks. I can give an assurance here and now that if it so happens that an insulting remark is made about the Movement we will take it up at once, but I have yet to hear myself, or be told of, any joke which can be classed as such. I cannot help feeling that these Scouters—I must stress there seem to be very few of them—have misinterpreted a piece of good natured banter. One of the greatest dangers in a Movement such as ours is that we may tend to take ourselves too seriously. If this ever happens it will be a sad day for Scouting, but I am confident that there are enough Scouters who share B.P.'s opinion that it is preferable for people to laugh with us than at us, to make sure it doesn't. We must never forget that it is not until a thing is of importance that it is worth making a joke about."

Lord Balfour Crew

THREE Squires were recently invested as Rovers in the Lord Balfour Crew at the Beth Yehuda Synagogue in Montreal. This lively Crew reports six members adding time to their service log by acting as ushers at a Home and School Barn Dance, while two other members serve regularly with members of the Fairmont Troop ushering at a regular weekly children's movie show.

World Rover Scouting

WORLD Rover Scout membership, according to figures released recently by the International Bureau, reached a total of 96,530 at the last census. There are Rover Scout sections operated in 31 countries in addition to the British Commonwealth and Empire. In British countries there are a total of 24,354 Rover Scouts. This year 3,500 Rovers from 23 countries will meet in Norway for the 12th International Rover Moot. A contingent consisting of 50 Canadian Rovers, under the leadership of Hal Taylor of Delhi, Ont., Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Rovers will attend the Moot. Also representing Canada at the Moot will be Mr. Jackson Dodds, Dominion Commissioner, and Major General D. C. Spry, Chief Executive Commissioner.

Why Is It A Jamboree?

PERHAPS you have wondered why a large gathering of Scouts is called a Jamboree. According to *Jamboree Magazine*, the official organ of the International Bureau this is the reason. B.-P. had a good ear for words, and liked to use new names for fresh developments in Scouting. When the idea of a great gathering of Scouts was under discussion he avoided such words as "Rally" and "Parade" as they were not quite suitable. So the word Jamboree came to his mind. He was once asked why he called a world camp of Scouts a Jamboree. He answered "What else would you call it?" Jamboree is now an accepted word for an international gathering of Scouts. The Winston Dictionary defines it: "An international gathering of Boy Scouts, occurring every four years."

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

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POSITION VACANT

Niagara Falls Association

Position—Executive Commissioner.

Age—Preferably under 35.

Salary—Start at \$2,400 with provision for annuity and car.

Qualifications—Good Scout background, preferably with Wood Badge training. Knowledge of District work desirable.

Duties—Control of Scouting through District Committee in the area Niagara Falls and Stamford Township with probable expansion to include nearby places not now under District organization.

Applications—Applications should be directed to Ontario Provincial Headquarters, 330 Bay St., Toronto, or direct to Canadian Headquarters, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa.

JAMBOREE STAFF POSITIONS OPEN

Canadian Headquarters is endeavouring to fill various Jamboree staff positions. It is felt that there are probably a number of leaders and Rovers who would be willing to undertake these responsibilities. It should be understood that those offering their services will have to meet their own travelling expenses to and from Ottawa and to pay the regular camp fee of \$15 to cover cost of their food. This is the way it is done at International Jamborees and Canadian Headquarters is not in a position to meet these expenses.

Positions open, and for which applications should be channelled through your Provincial Headquarters are as follows:

Co-ordinator of Arena Displays—1 and 4 assistants

Fire Marshal—1 and 2 assistants.

Traffic Control—15.

Canteen Workers—25.

Treasurer and Assistants—6.

Traffic Manager to handle bus and rail traffic—1 and 15 assistants.

Fuel Controller—1 and 4 assistants.

Sanitary Inspectors—6.

Those interested in offering their services are asked to apply through their Provincial Headquarters at the earliest possible moment. The above is only a partial list, other positions will be announced later.

NEW CHARGES FOR SCOUT FILMS

The National Film Society of Canada, distributors of Boy Scout Films, has found it necessary to increase its charges for the use of films. The new schedule of rates are now in effect. They are as follows:—Service charge on Scout films,

Black and White Sound \$1.00 per reel

Black and White Silent50 per reel

Colour Sound 1.50 per reel

Colour Silent 1.00 per reel

Maximum Service Charge 3.00 per film

Rental charges for films distributed by the Society on other than Scout subjects are as follows:

Black and White Sound \$1.50 per reel

Black and White Silent 1.00 per reel

Colour 2.00 per reel

PART II WOOD BADGE COURSES

British Columbia: Scoutmasters' Course: April 15th to 23rd, White Rock.

Akela Course: Near Nelson, August 20th to 27th.

Prairies: Scoutmasters' Course: July 24th to 31st, Camp Woods.

Akela Course, August 1st to 7th, Camp Woods.

WARRANTS OF APPOINTMENT

British Columbia: Muriel Rae Carlile, Courtenay; Douglas J. Renshaw, Courtenay; Donald Gordon Shier, Vancouver.

Manitoba: Dorothy Allward, Winnipeg; Charles Russell Beswath-erick, Russell; Joseph Samuel Drummond, Fort Churchill; Phillip E. Grey, Winnipeg; Gordon Brett Smith, Winnipeg.

New Brunswick: Thomas Edward Boldon, Fredericton; William Douglas Grey, Fredericton; Donald Thomas Mabie, Fredericton; Paul Larkin Worthen, Fredericton.

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Test and Badge Standards

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Movement which is based on an entirely different principle it is dangerous to adopt rigid standards which require a measure of efficiency beyond the boy's ability to reach.

Scouting is not a high wall over which the boy has to vault; it is a gradual process of training for a game in which the talents and inclinations of the boy are diverted into useful channels by the encouragement and understanding of his leader.

The matter can be summed up in B.-P.'s own words "Our standard for badge earning—as I have frequently said—is not the attainment of a certain level of quality of work (as in the school) but the amount of effort exercised by the individual candidate. This brings the most hopeless case on to a footing of equal possibility with his more brilliant or better-off brother. We want to get them all along through cheery self-development from within and not through the imposition of formal instruction from without."

It was necessary to set basic requirements for every test and badge, and these have been worked out for that mythical person, the average boy. For those who may be below average the Scouter must make allowance, and for those above average intelligence the tests may be made more severe. An understanding of this approach will do more for the development of boys than the enforcement of prescribed standards which are obviously beyond the boy's ability to meet.

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

B.-P. BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

His Excellency Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Chief Scout for Canada, announced the following Honours and Awards on the occasion of the birthday of the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, February 22nd.

"Cornwell Scout" Badge—2

An exceptional award in respect of pre-eminently high character and devotion to duty, together with great courage, endurance or gallantry.

Scout Herbie Sam, 12, 1st Solarium Duncan Group, Cobble Hill, B.C.—Who, although immobilized and suffering severe pain for eight years, has shown remarkable courage and fortitude which personify the true Scout spirit.

The late Scout Murray White, 17, 2nd Dartmouth Troop, Dartmouth, N.S.—For the remarkable courage and endurance which he displayed during four years of intense suffering.

Silver Wolf—2

For Services of Exceptional Character.

Eli Boyaner, Saint John, N.B.

Frank M. Smith, Regina, Sask.

Silver Acorn—3

For Distinguished Service.

Roy K. Armstrong, Regina, Sask.

Rev. Canon Wilfred John Clarke, M.A., B.D., B.S.E., Fredericton, N.B.

J. Harry Rigg, Oshawa, Ontario.

Silver Cross—2

For Gallantry with Considerable Risk.

Cub Wayne Norris Crowell, 9, First Truro Pack, Truro, N.S.—For his quick thinking and gallantry in rescuing a young boy who had slipped and fallen into Juniper pond and was in danger of drowning.

Scout Lawrence Leafloor, 14, 37th Ottawa Troop, Ottawa, Ont.—For his gallantry and presence of mind in attempting to rescue a boy from drowning in the icy Ottawa river.

Gilt Cross—3

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

A.S.M. John Brenton Dawson, 22, 16th Peterborough Troop, Millbrook, Ont.—For the manner in which he assisted in saving the life of a young woman who was in danger of drowning and for his efforts in attempting to save another companion, when their boat overturned in the rough waters of Rice Lake.

Scout Ralph Gorsline, 13, 2nd Collingwood Troop, Collingwood, Ont.—For his presence of mind and quick action in rescuing a woman from drowning in the rough waters of Nottawasaga Bay.

Scout Robert Whiting, 16, 65th Toronto Troop, Toronto, Ont.—For the courageous manner in which he rescued a young woman from the cold, choppy waters of Lake Ontario at night.

Medal for Meritorious Conduct—1

For Meritorious Acts.

Scout Kenneth Putzi, 13, Warner Troop, Warner, Alberta.—For the commendable manner in which he assisted another Scout when he suddenly became fatally ill and collapsed while walking home.

Certificate for Meritorious Conduct—3

For Meritorious Acts.

Scout Alec McBain, Jr., 16, 113th Toronto Troop, Toronto, Ont.

—For the prompt and efficient manner in which he rescued a companion from drowning in Killarney Bay.

Rev. E. A. Newbury, Cubmaster, 1st Jarvis Pack, Jarvis, Ont.—

For his courage in removing a flaming canvas which had ignited during a Cub meeting, from a Church basement.

Cub Howard Melvin Saunders, 11, 7th B. Oshawa Pack, Oshawa, Ont.—For his prompt action and presence of mind in rescuing a young boy who had fallen through the ice into the swift running water of Oshawa Creek.

Letter of Commendation—3

For Meritorious Acts.

Cub Robert Richard Chase, 11, 1st Fredericton Pack, Fredericton, N.B.—For the manner in which he assisted in rescuing a young companion who had fallen through thin ice into the St. John River.

Scout Roy Hammerstad, 15, 4th Flin Flon Troop, Flin Flon, Manitoba.—For his prompt action in quelling a fire in the chimney of a house thus preventing burning embers or sparks from igniting surrounding homes.

Cub Philip Parent, 11, 1st Fredericton Pack, Fredericton, N.B.—For the manner in which he assisted in rescuing a young companion who had fallen through thin ice into the St. John River.

Medal of Merit—22

For Good Services to Scouting.

Rev. John W. Barbour, Scoutmaster, Parrsboro, N.S.

David H. Barrie, Assistant Scoutmaster, Hamilton, Ontario.

J. Harold Bateman, District Commissioner, Oshawa, Ontario.

Percy Bowman, Scoutmaster, Galt, Ontario.

Rev. H. E. Bridgett, Cubmaster, Dauphin, Manitoba.

Charles R. Coleman, Scoutmaster, North Sydney, Cape Breton, N.S.

Thomas E. Collins, Assistant District Commissioner, West Vancouver, B.C.

Mrs. W. D. Coole, Cubmaster, Vancouver, B.C.

Fred Finlay, Area Commissioner, Toronto, Ontario.

Robbert Hartog, District Scoutmaster, Toronto, Ontario.

Thomas Hopkins, Chairman Board of Trustees, Oshawa Local Association, Oshawa, Ontario.

Arthur Thomas Jenkyns, Scoutmaster, Neepawa, Manitoba.

Henry H. Johnson, Assistant District Commissioner for Rover Scouts, Galt, Ont.

Clifford H. Kreig, Assistant Scoutmaster, Hespeler, Ontario.

Stanley R. W. Lovell, Scoutmaster, Galt, Ontario.

John Mc. A. Manning, Area Commissioner, Vancouver, B.C.

Miss Marjorie Menzies, Cubmaster, North Vancouver, B.C.

Frank G. McCoy, Scoutmaster, Edmonton, Alberta.

Ernest William Merritt, Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts, Victoria, B.C.

Guernsey F. Mudgett, Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs, Hamilton, Ont.

W. W. Park, Executive Local Association, St. Catharines, Ontario.

Cecil Stanley Perkins, Assistant Area Commissioner for Scouts, Hamilton, Ontario.

Mrs. Hannah Schroeder, Executive Local Association, St. Catharines, Ontario.

Bar to Medal of Merit—2

For Additional Good Services to Scouting

William L. Pierson, Executive Committee of Oshawa Local Association, Oshawa, Ontario.

Miss Ruby E. Young, Cubmaster, Moncton, N.B.

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