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INDIAN CHIEF IS HONORARY CUBMASTER

Chief J. Mathias of the Capilano Indian tribe, North Vancouver, B.C., is seen as he was invested as Honorary Cubmaster of the 3rd North Vancouver (Capilano) Wolf Cub Pack by Cubmaster R. B. Cumming. The Chief, who has two grandsons in the Pack, presented the Pack with a beautifully carved totem, also shown in the photograph.

The Sign Post

PACK! PACK! PACK!

THIS month should see all Packs running to their totems. Let us make sure that many new boys are given the opportunity to run with the Pack this year. A good Pack is always at full strength and with a waiting list of eager chaps watching their names move up to the top of the list.

Akelas should make sure that their Packs are not too large for the number of leaders available. The minimum scale should be one adult leader for every ten Wolf Cubs. Does your Pack reach this standard? If not, what is your Group Committee doing to find you some helping hands? Have you asked the Chairman? Or have you a Group Committee at all?

AN IDEA FOR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Scouters should encourage their boys to attend church regularly every Sunday. Instead of arranging only occasional Group church parades, it is suggested that Scouters should encourage boys to attend church and Sunday School in uniform one Sunday each month. In this way the problem of arranging a parade and thus disrupting the normal routine of the church can be overcome by the boys going with their parents and friends in the normal way. It must be remembered that to be successful the Scouters themselves must set the example.

JAMBOREE JOHNNIES

Has your group a Jamboree Johnny? If you have no boy who attended the First Canadian Jamboree, I suggest you invite a Johnny from another group to come along and tell you the story of this great event. Perhaps he can show you his snapshots, the Jamboree newspaper, and some of the things he swapped. Certainly he has a boy's story to tell. Let's give him the opportunity.

D. C. Spry

Chief Executive Commissioner

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Editorial

Remembrance Day 1949

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them,

In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; and their departure is taken for misery,

And their going from us to be utter destruction; but they are in peace.

—Wisdom of Solomon iii.

ONCE again November 11th is coming around and once again we shall be asked to remember those who gave their lives in two World Wars in the defence of our way of life.

Memories are short. Perhaps the power to forget our misery and remember only the joys of life is a good thing. Perhaps it would be better for us if we could remember some of the lessons we were taught by the events leading to the wars, the misery and suspense of the actual period of hostilities, and the solemn vows we made that the future should be one of world brotherhood and peace.

Already there are signs that some people have forgotten those who gave their lives. They begin to want Remembrance Day turned into a holiday. The result is that in many cases, observance of the day is a rather hit and miss affair. Usually the two-minute silence is punctuated by the sound of unsynchronized factory whistles signalling the start and finish of separate and different periods of so-called silence. Frequently outdoor services are ruined by the sound of street noises and by children who play and shout in the near vicinity.

The children cannot be blamed if they are not aware of the reason for this observance. It might be well to remember that we now have some Wolf Cubs within our ranks who would have only the vaguest of memories concerning the last War.

Scouters will do well to speak to their boys in advance of Remembrance Day, telling them of some of the sacrifices which were made

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The Hidden Ingredients

By J. S. Wilson, Director, International Bureau

THE Scout programme must have the appeal to adventure in it. It must not degenerate into mere theory and platitude. There is need to encourage Winter Scouting in those climes where winter comes. Climbing, mountaineering, pioneering, sailing, these and others are all activities that appeal to the growing boy. The Wolf Cub starts out with the exercise of his imagination; the Boy Scout is sufficiently advanced to carry that exercise into actual practice in the open; and through the unit of the Patrol to learn the benefits of co-operative activity; the Rover Scout goes farther and at the same time has the hard task of relating his imagination to the exercise of his powers in everyday life—encouraged maybe by Longfellow: "Let us, then, be what we are, and speak what we think, and in all things keep ourselves loyal to truth."

But the whole progress under God depends on our leadership. We must all work together to ensure that progress. We require knowledge; we require training; we require the inspiration that our Founder continues to give us through what he has written for us while he yet had time. We must have high aims and high ideals. We must have a firm belief in the possibilities of Scouting—in our own Scout Group, in our Country, in the World. Our mission is to bring boys to an understanding of themselves and of each other, to accept goodwill as a natural factor that they can take with them into manhood and that they can exercise as Old Scouts. Only in these ways can we achieve for them the joy and happiness which our Founder, B.-P., insisted was the true reward of service.

Camping de Luxe

DID you ever think of camping without insects? No mosquitoes, no wasps, no bees, no ants, no house flies, no black flies, no deer flies, no horse flies, no insect powders, no sprays, no . . . it doesn't seem possible.

Did you ever think how nice camping would be without the usual heat troubles? No sunburn, no heat prostration, no summer colic, no sour milk, no soft butter, no refrigeration difficulties, no matter how hard you think it is hard to imagine.

Where is this insectless land where such marvelous camping conditions

can be found; where there is no poison ivy, no green apples, no unripe fruit to destroy the equilibrium of the boy's internal economy? Is it some remote Pacific island? Does it cost a small fortune to reach? Why is it not more popular as a camping place?

It is right here in Canada. Right on your own back doorstep. You don't believe it? Then try a week-end camp during the winter.

Here, all the minor annoyances are removed and the only problem which is substituted is that of living comfortably in cool weather. This is not a very difficult thing during the waking hours, particularly since the new Scout Winter uniform has become available. Then the only problem left is that of sleeping out when the temperature is low.

It would be wrong to say that there is no problem here, but it is not wrong to say that this difficulty is frequently overestimated. Man has been able to live in much more rigorous climates than those presented by the *Canadian Winter* south of the 55th parallel and he has lived with much less in the way of equipment than we have at hand.

Certainly the idea of Winter Camping provides a challenge to even the most experienced campers, but it is a challenge that every healthy red-blooded boy would like to accept.

Pick your boys well, and start with a few week-end camps just to get the feel of things. Taking care of oneself during the cold weather is as important as being able to camp out during the summer and a young man's woodcraft education is not complete until he is able to do both.

Here is an adventure which will attract the older, more experienced boys and add zest to the programme at a time when a new horizon is necessary to retain their interest.

Try it. You will be surprised with the results.

World Membership Up

THE Biennial Report of the Boy Scouts International Bureau shows that total membership of Scout associations throughout the world at the end of 1948 was 4,306,010, as compared with the last report for 1946 which showed 4,061,624 members. There are 42 countries registered with the International Bureau, with most parts of the British Empire being registered with Great Britain. Canada however holds separate membership in the Bureau. Recognition has been withdrawn from the Czechoslovakian Association and the Hungarian Association has withdrawn. Both these countries are under the political influence of Russia which banned Scouting many years ago.

Put yourself in the boy's place.



Don't let that term "winter camping" scare you. Pictured above is one of the tents in use at the first winter camp of a Windsor, Ontario, Scout Troop in February, 1948. As a result of this successful adventure, this Troop now regularly conducts overnight winter hikes. Winter camping is real Scouting and a challenge to every Scout Group in Canada. How about your Group—Have they got what it takes?

Relationship of The Scouter To The Group Committee

To be, or not to be: that is the question, Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,

Or take to arms against a sea of troubles And by opposing end them?

This little passage from Hamlet is very reminiscent of the moanings which are sometimes heard from Scouters who "enjoy" their misery in trying to run their particular unit without the help of their Group Committee.

The big question is not whether there is "to be or not to be" a Group Committee, that point is fortunately taken care of in P.O. & R. The real question is whether the Scouter shall "suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" and try to run a one-man show, or encourage his Group Committee "to take arms against a sea of troubles and by opposing end them".

Too frequently the Scouter regards the Group Committee as a number of office boys whose duty it is to do such jobs and only such jobs as he shall distribute. He becomes convinced of the worthlessness of Committees in general and "his Committee" in particular if they do not act like the genie of the lamp and run at his bidding whenever he gives tongue.

The basic error in this outlook is contained in the words "his Committee", for the Group Committee is not

subordinate to nor the possession of the Scouter.

In the Lecture Course for Group Committees the purpose of the Group Committee is clearly outlined:

"Broadly the role of the Group Committee parallels that of a School Board. The Committee is to the Group Scouters as the School Board is to the school teachers. It remains in the background to decide matters of policy as between the Group Units and Leaders, and the church, institution or other groups of citizens which sponsor the Scout Group. It does not interfere with the actual running of the Units except under rare and exceptional circumstances calling for drastic action".

Thus the relationship of the Scouter to the Group Committee and the Group Committee to the Scouter is clearly delineated.

Later in the lecture such subjects as the Group Charter, Finance & Training are taken up in detail.

This course of lectures on Group Committees may be obtained through Provincial Headquarters. New Committees and old Committees which feel the need of enlightenment concerning their duties and responsibilities could do well to arrange for this service.

Scouting for Boys should not only be in the hands, but also in the brains and heart of every Scoutmaster.

There Is No Substitute for Experience

We tell our Scouts and Cubs that the best way to learn is by doing. How true! But do we follow this plan with our Assistants? They will never learn their job, no matter how many training courses they take, unless they are given plenty of responsibility in the running of the Troop or Pack.

It is also important that new leaders get a fairly wide experience not only in their own units but in others as well. If a leader is confined to his own unit it is only natural that he will assume that their particular way of doing things is the only and right way.

One of the fine things about Scouting is that there is provision for originality in interpretation. This is good so long as the main idea is not lost. It might be worthwhile considering the possibility of seconding assistants to other well-run and approved units for definite periods. We have in mind one district where when a Troop Leader, let us say, had arrived at the stage of being an Assistant Scoutmaster he was sent off to work in another Troop for six or eight months. The Commissioner considered that this plan was good. It gave the new leader a wider experience and the absence from his own Troop made it possible for him to return under an entirely different light than being still Jim Jackson the ex Troop Leader.

During Boy Scout Week, one district gave all their Scoutmasters and Cubmasters an opportunity for experience. They put all their names in one hat and Troop and Pack numbers in another. The Scouters then drew and had to run the meeting of whatever Troop or Pack they drew for one night. It is always a good thing to see how other people work.

"Very Informative"

Extracts from Correspondence Course Studies

"The course is very complete and I have gained immensely from it."

"I have found this course very informative. It made me read many fundamentals I should have missed otherwise. I think I know enough of the theory of Scouting now after having done this course to be a much better leader. I thank you."

Have you taken your Correspondence Course Yet?



Pictured above is a typical Canadian Scout Group Committee in session. This committee, like hundreds of others in communities from coast to coast, is "essential and vital" to the operation of a successful Scout Group. The accompanying article tells you why.

Every boy has his own individuality, and every boy will require a different handling.

B.-P. SAID

Extracts from the writings of the Founder
Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell



THE form of discipline which we offer him something attractive in its endeavour to inculcate into the boys is not the so-called military discipline, where a lad obeys the word of command for fear of reproof or punishment if he declines. Ours is that deeper form of subordination of one's own desires to a sense of honour, and of loyalty and obligation to authority. The fact of the boy being trusted to carry out his duty at all times, whether on or off parade, makes discipline part of his character by continual practice from the high motive of sense of duty and "playing the game".

Method of Practising Our Principal Aims

Let me revert for a moment to our three aims of training a little more in detail, because it is on these three heads that our training is mainly based, and on which its success depends.

1. Individual Character.—Our training for the Scout badge is largely based on the practice of observation, and on deduction of meaning from items observed. This is, scientifically, the basis of education in almost any line, but the fact is unfortunately as yet insufficiently realized.

Giving the boy personal responsibility is another most powerful lever towards putting character into him. It is an almost unfailing means of curing wild or irresponsible spirits. But its value in these respects is not yet recognized, and some teachers still hesitate to employ it. It is just those who use it to the full—who expect much of their boys from the boys' sense of honour on being trusted—it is those who get the big results from it.

Give your Patrol Leaders real responsibility and hold them answerable for every little thing which happens in their Patrols, whether it is blamable or praiseworthy.

Self-control is one of the important points required in character to resist temptations to gamble, laziness, self-abuse, smoking, and so on. These points should be taken in detail and the principle acted upon that contempt or ridicule shown for the vice make a lad willing to quit it the moment you can

Care for his own health and physical development is an important step in a moral as well as a physical sense, because you give the lad some idea of personal responsibility in the matter. I strongly urge the simple exercise given in *Scouting for Boys* and the use of the cards therein recommended as a really effective means to this end—better than all the physical drill in the world.

2. Handicrafts.—A Scoutmaster cannot, of course, be so all-round an expert as to be able to teach his boys every handicraft. But it is a mistake to suppose that that is his business. What he can do is, find other men, experts in their own line, to teach his boys. I strongly advise consultation with your technical schools staff—they can be most helpful, if only with advice and suggestion—though in most cases they will probably go further and help.

3. Public Service.—The specializa-

tion of the Troop in one form or another of service for others has for its object to give a point, in the Scout's eyes, to his training. He will go on drilling at fire brigade work, or whatever it may be, without boredom, knowing that it is for a certain aim and end. So it gives him practice in willing discipline and handiness under a sense of duty to others, without looking for reward—a very important step in the practical development of duty to the State.

4. Loyalty.—And that sense of duty should be extended to his own leaders by a feeling of loyalty and "playing the game" rather than by one of compulsion or fear of punishment. It is well to impress this in any way that you can on the boys. For instance, if one offends, it is a useful practice to call a court of honour of his comrades to judge him rather than to punish him yourself; you thereby show that you trust them to see that you are not discounted by one of their number disobeying your wishes. Cultivate this sense of loyalty among them as the best form of discipline.

Extend it to the officers of the Movement generally, so that the boys feel they are all comrades with other Troops of whatever class or creed in serving the same heads—and especially the King in his double capacity as head of the Scouts and head of the Empire.

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The 39th Windsor, Ont., Troop is very proud of the fact that twelve of its members are King's Scouts—which is quite a record for one Troop. This picture should serve to encourage Courts of Honour to see if their Troops have as many King's Scouts—proficient in the service of the community—as they should have.

A CHRISTMAS GOOD TURN

By this time we shall have heard the first murmurings of a commercialized St. Nick as we are warned that there are only so many more shopping days to Christmas.

As the season approaches the usual Christmas records will be dusted off and Bing Crosby will be singing Holy Night from the loudspeakers set up at vantage points along the street.

Santa Claus will make numerous appearances, for commercial purposes only, at various stores and in street parades staged for the benefit of the local business firms. He will vary his appearance to suit his whims, by altering his stature, changing the texture of his whiskers and varying his voice from a full round-bellied bass to a high and unconvincing tenor.

Amid all this commercialized clamour there still exists the real unadulterated spirit of Christmas with its message of peace and brotherhood. Struggling to be heard through an increasing *crescendo* of synthetic Christmas jollity is the true message of the angels, "Peace on Earth to men of good will".

Our Opportunity

Cubs, Scouts and Rovers can and do add their voices to the true message of Christmas when they sing carols in various public places for the sheer love of telling the Christmas story.

Here is a Christmas Good Turn which can bring happiness to many who may otherwise miss even the

make-believe Christmas spirit of the commercial world. Hospitals, particularly Children's Hospitals, Homes for the Aged and other such institutions have felt the happy influence of Scout and Cub carol singers in the past as they have brought their message of goodwill.

Last Christmas, the heart of weary travellers in one city were lightened by the carol singing of the Cubs and Scouts who came to the Union Station to sing of Christ's birth.

No Collections

Incidentally the practice of singing in buildings is much more to be desired than that of singing in the open. The sweetness of boys' voices is easier heard inside and protection from the weather should not be overlooked. Such singing should be done of course for the glory of God and for the pleasure that the boys get from their musical interpretation of the message of the Christ child. There should not be any taint of commercialism or begging for whatever cause connected with this good turn. People should be able to listen for the joy of listening without being asked to contribute to any cause no matter how good.

Here, the real spirit of Christmas may be exemplified as the Scouts and Cubs blend their voices with those of the Rovers and the Leaders in a musical offering to the spirit of the new-born Christ.

It's Fun—Isn't It?

Here are some interesting comments from Scouts at a recent Silver Arrow-head Course, (from a district report):

"We certainly are kept busy at this camp, but it makes it more interesting and there's plenty to learn each day."

"To think I can go home and know how to spin a rope. Nobody ever showed me this before."

"Chief, why can't every Troop learn how to make plaster casts and plaster models like we have here."

"We never took splicing in our Troop—but, it's fun isn't it."

"I've learned so many new things up here I'll hardly know where to start when I get back to the Troop."

The report concludes with this comment from the Course Leader:—"Now, the questioning mind asks, how can Scoutmasters hope to keep boys in Scouting if they do not plan to give them Scouting activities of an interesting and challenging nature?"

Don't try to do everything yourself. Shift the responsibility on to your Patrol Leaders and let them pass some of the responsibility to the individual Scouts.

Will you help your boys to share this wonderful experience? Will you permit the sick, the tired and the afflicted to receive that message from your boys? If you wish to participate in this Christmas Good Turn the time to start is now.

Scout Leaders will need to discuss the project with the Court of Honour. Cub Leaders will want to talk about it with the Cubs. Perhaps the help of a musician will be necessary. If this is so the search must start at once.

There should also be another search. Besides the old familiar carols the repertoire of the boys should include some of the very beautiful but not so familiar old carols of both English and French origin. There are also many beautiful modern carols to be sung. Here is an adventure into music, combined with an adventure into the world of goodwill which should be the privilege of every Scout and Cub at Christmas. Will you assist him?

Carol, sweetly carol,

A Saviour born today?

Bear the joyful tidings,

O, bear them far away.

Carol, sweetly carol,

Till earth's remotest bound

Shall hear the mighty chorus,

And echo back the sound.



Wolf Cubs in West Winnipeg District sang carol programmes in two Winnipeg railway stations last December 23rd to the delight of large crowds of travellers. This photograph shows the Cubs under the leadership of A.D.C. Miss Mary Dutton, singing around the giant Christmas Tree in the C.P.R. station.

Prepare Now for Your Next Camp

WHAT about the 1950 camp? Yes, I know, you are just recovering from the 1949 effort and there is a bit of re-organization to be done this month, but still it might be well to give your annual Troop highlight some thought.

First of all, with the Court of Honour go over the records and experiences of 1949 while they are still fresh in their memories. Was the site all right? Was the programme sufficient? Was there enough actual Scouting done? What was outstandingly good and what even in the slightest degree was bad?

After this is done it might be a good plan to decide what will be the main activity of the Troop in camp next year. Do they want to concentrate on pioneering, nature lore, just good camping, backwoodsmanship, wide games, or what? If some decision can be arrived at for any one or more specialties, it is an easy matter then to frame the winter's programme around these ideas. If it is pioneering, then much time can be spent on learning lashing, making models, and so forth but tak-

ing care that every boy, even the newest Tenderfoot, participates. If it is going to be nature lore, then the Troop can do some work on plaster casts, leaf impressions, bird watching, tree identification and starmanship.

Backwoodsmanship would provide an opportunity to experiment during the winter with gadgets of different kinds and who knows, perhaps some new inventions.

Start Early

The main point, however, is to start early to stimulate interest in the 1950 camp and have some plan to follow. If the boys have ideas about what they will be doing, this interest will be all the more keen.

Nothing is worse than a camp in which there is no programme and where from one day to the next nobody seems to know what will happen. Sometimes we are told that certain activities cannot be undertaken because the boys are not far enough advanced. The remedy seems to be to plan ahead what will be done in camp and in the months previous to camp put in some sound training. Start now and you will be prepared for your 1950 Troop Camp.

The Solution?—A Waiting List

How frequently do we hear Scouters excuse their oversize Packs or Troops by the oft-repeated rationalization "But what can I do? I simply cannot turn them away?"

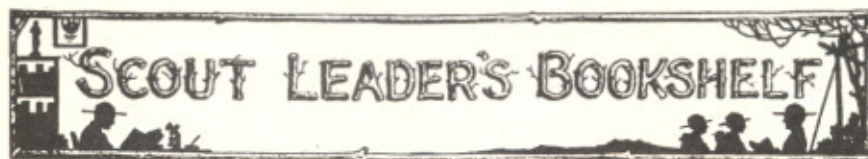
The truth of the matter is that the same Scouters are more concerned with their own personal gratification in having an oversize group than they are concerned with the proper training of their boys. They do no service to the Movement or the boys by trying to run meetings with more members than the normal number. B.-P. has frequently warned against this error, but some Scouters, in the enthusiasm of their own self-confidence, feel that they can succeed where others fail.

As proof of their success they point to the large turn-out of boys and say that they must be happy or they would not come. "Happifying" is not the prime purpose of the Scout Movement however. Scouting endeavours to present a programme of character building which requires a great deal of individual attention from the Scouts. This personal interest cannot thrive under the conditions produced by an oversize group.

As long as a few individuals endeavour to do the impossible, by taking into the fold all the boys who seek admission, the need for new leaders is not taken seriously by the Group Committees or parents. In this way the search for new leaders is not encouraged and, what is more important, the boys do not receive the proper leadership in the Group.

Junior Scouting for Wolf Cubs and extra-curricular school examinations for Scouts will not do in place of the Scouting programmes, and this is what inevitably evolves when units become too large to handle.

What is the solution? Obviously the "Waiting List". If the waiting list is small, the boys will eventually be able to join as the normal movement of older boys takes place. If the waiting list becomes too large, a clamour will be set up which will result in a more industrious search for new leaders. In the meantime the boys who belong to the units will be receiving the Scout programme and not some inferior substitute which turns out parlour Scouts and Cubs who wear the uniform and badges and go through the motions, but never come into contact with the most important part of the training which is known as the "Scout Spirit".



Scouting and Young Canada's Book Week

YOUNG Canada's Book Week, Nov. 12th to 19th, is of direct interest and concern to all of us in Scouting. Take a look at its purposes:

- 1—To encourage more reading of more worthwhile books by more children at home, at school, at the library.
- 2—To remind adults of the importance of a child's contact with the best books.
- 3—To make adults more aware of the good children's books of the past and the present.
- 4—To stress the needs for such books in every community.

Now We Can Help

Where there is no library service for boys and girls, Young Canada's Book Week offers an opportunity for members of a community (including Scout Group Committees, parents and Scouters) to see that their boys and girls will no longer be deprived of the opportunity to read good books.

If you already have a Children's Library in your community, is it ade-

quately housed, supported and staffed?

Are the people who live in the community familiar with the library and its resources and services?

Do parents encourage their children to use the library? Do they take an interest in what their boys and girls are reading?

What about school libraries? Are they adequate for the needs of the boys and girls in the schools?

Each of us has a responsibility in answering these questions.

How to Celebrate the Week

There will be a national celebration. The CBC will carry network programmes in both English and French. There will be articles in newspapers and magazines.

All this is intended as a background to your local celebration. It is this local observance which is important, because this is what will make Young Canada's Book Week mean something in the lives of individual Canadian boys and girls.

The Scouting Angle

First and foremost, encourage every
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Tired but happy, shown above are the men and women who were charged with the operations of Canada's very successful First National Jamboree. Every Province from the Atlantic to the Pacific is represented to attend the Jamboree. He is flanked by the directing staff of the Jamboree, with the Camp Chief, Eli Boyaner of Saint John's.

Editorial

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on their behalf. Many Scouts gave their lives during these two wars and these should afford a special bond of memory.

At meetings held during the week of November 11th, Groups might consider having some little ceremonial of remembrance at their meeting. Perhaps they might especially remember the Scouts from their own Group who went away and did not return. Here is an opportunity for the effective use of Scout Silence.

Special emphasis should be laid on the deportment of the boys whether in uniform or not, if they are in the vicinity of or attending one of the Remembrance Day Services. Widows, parents and other relatives of those who gave their lives will be attending these ser-

vices and no boy would willingly add to their grief by thoughtless behaviour. It remains only to remind them of these facts.

But thoughts on Remembrance Day should not only be of the past. It is of no use to think only of that which is gone. The future lies ahead for all and from the past we learn the lessons which we must apply in the days to come. Macfie expresses the thought in his poem, "The Wanderer of Liverpool".

Go forth to seek: the quarry never found

Is still a fever to the questing hound.

The skyline is a promise—not a bound.

Adventure on, for from the littlest clue

Has come whatever worth man ever knew;

The next to lighten all men may be you.

Adventure on—and if you suffer, swear

That the next venturer shall have less to bear,

Your way will be retrodden—make it fair.

Think, though you thunder on in might, in pride,

Others may follow fainting, without guide,

Burn out a trackway for them, blaze it wide.

B.-P. Said

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Issue of Orders

A great means towards effective obedience is the art on the part of the Scoutmaster of giving clear orders. This is more important than you might imagine. But so very many officers fail, both in the army and in business, from



ional Jamboree. All paid regular camp fees, and most of them came long distances at their own expense to work, perhaps harder in this group of workers. In front row, centre, is seen F. Haydn Dimmock, Editor of *The Scout*, who came from Imperial Head-John, N.B., the second from Mr. Dimmock's right, with General Spry, the Deputy Camp Chief between them.

not having the power of giving clear instructions. It is a failing of which they are not aware themselves—they only know that though they give an order the boys are stupid and never seem to carry it out the way it should be done. They forget to look at the question from the boys' point of view, and to see that the instructions which they have given are vague or involved, and do not exactly convey the idea intended.

1. You must know exactly what you want done as a first step. Think out carefully the steps to it and the possible mistakes which might arise in its execution.

2. Then put your instructions into short and simply-worded orders which can be understood by the least intelligent boy.

3. And don't forget—for this is an important point which is generally forgotten—to tell the reasons for your instructions.

4. Add a smile: for a cheery commander gets willing obedience.

5. Give responsibility to the Patrol Leaders or individual Scouts concerned. Expect them to carry out their orders, and whatever you do don't start doing the work yourself. Sit back and let them do it—otherwise you will have them always leaning on you to help them.

Book Week

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Cub to own and read a copy of *The Wolf Cubs Handbook*. Every Scout should own and read a copy of *Scouting for Boys* and no Rover will be satisfied until he owns and has read a copy of *Rovering to Success*. These are starting points.

Each unit of the Group has books which are specially designed for its use. Some of these, like *The Jungle Books for Cubs*, as well as *Tenderfoot to King's Scout* for Scouts, and other books should be owned by the boys individually. A set might well form the basis for a group library for use

by members of the various sections. (See pages 26 and 27 of Stores Catalogue for list of Scout Literature).

Finally, it is most important that you make sure that your local library has these Scouting books on its shelves. In many cases where such books were lacking they have, during Book Week, been presented to local libraries by Scout Groups and local Associations. Herein lies a real challenge and an opportunity for a practical good turn which will benefit many boys both within and outside the Movement.

Scouts will, of course, serve as ushers at special meetings during Young Canada's Book Week, and will assist in every way possible. Let us do more than just read about this important Week, let us make it a reality in our respective communities.

Discipline in the Troop is very necessary but it must not be at the expense of discipline in the home.

THE ROVER WORLD

THE CHALLENGE

From *The Scouter*, August, 1949.

Winter Service for Rovers

WITH the rapid increase in the number of people in Canada who take to skis during the winter, a new field for service has been opened up for Rovers.

The possibility of accidents to skiers is always present and as new trails are opened up and new converts to the sport are obtained, the need for experienced first-aiders who can also ski grows greater every year.

In the past, working under the direction of the Red Cross or the St. John Ambulance Association, some Rovers have done splendid work in Ski Safety Patrols, combining thereby both service and an active participation in a healthful outdoor sport.

Rover Crews who are searching for some opportunity to serve would do well to consider this possibility. If undertaken however, it should be handled in a business-like manner which would ensure a regular and unbroken service during the hours agreed to by the Crew in consultation with one or the other of the aforementioned first aid organizations. Nothing could be more pitiful than to accept such a responsibility and not be at hand at the hour of need.

"AND so," said Philip, "you would say the Rovers of today are not what the Rovers of yesterday were."

Delta grinned: "Well, you'd hardly expect them to be, Philip, would you?" he said. "Haven't you ever returned to your old school and found how much smaller most of the boys were than in your time, and how much less accomplished and discovered how the school had gone down and wasn't what it used to be! But actually I imagine the Rovers of today are (potentially anyway) as good as they were: it's the Rovering itself I wonder about."

"Expound," said Philip.

"Well," said Delta, "I am, as you know, one of these persons, irritating or otherwise according to your point of view, who have a bonnet with one or two bees in it. And one of the

most persistently noisy is this: that the Old Man knew what he was doing! Or to put it another way—whenever the Movement has diverged to any extent from the path B.-P. blazed out, sooner or later it has found itself astray. Or to put it a third way so that there will be no danger of my not making myself quite clear, the nearer we keep to B.-P.'s ideas on a particular subject, the more likely we are to be right and the more certainly will our efforts be crowned with success.

"Now I've always thought that one of the most remarkable things that B.-P. gave Rovering was its motto, 'Service.' Or as each young Rover might be proud to consider it, in the fastness of his secret self: 'I serve.' And in the days when I was a young Rover that motto almost marched before us in letters of flame. It was a

blazing challenge from the first moments of our Vigil, till, through our Investiture, we entered into our life as Rover Scouts. And there were very few Rovers who after those quiet hours of self-examination and dedication (which is after all only bringing the solemnity of the Scout's investiture to a man's level) did not feel that he must make an attempt to meet that challenge and go out, if only for a few brief months of his life, to do some service which demanded some self-sacrifice, and which he would otherwise have not done."

"And you think that 'Service' as an ideal shines less brightly than it did?" asked Philip.

"God forbid that I should say that," said Delta; "I simply wonder whether Rovering comes as so great a challenge to the young Rover today as it used to do. I simply wonder whether Rovering isn't tending to look in on itself too much and to consider its astounding motto too little, whether it isn't fussy about insignificant little details and not mindful enough of its high purpose. Please forgive me, Philip, if I say it reminds me a little of religion. When religion fails it is because it has become soft and flacid and easy-going and appeasing; but when it issues a challenge and demands discipline and effort and self-abnegation it attracts and succeeds."

"I couldn't agree more," said Philip.



Practical Scouting service is illustrated in the above picture. Shown in action is the Ski First Aid Patrol operated by the 1st Deep River, Ontario, Troop. They are bringing in an injured skier, on a toboggan.

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Entertainment Or Disappointment

IT won't be long now until we hear of Troop and Pack concerts and displays. But what about starting planning well ahead, assuring that the show is sufficiently rehearsed, obtaining adequate assistance in the presentation of the various items and so forth.

To put on a really good show does take a lot of time and it is well to keep this fact in mind.

Some shows we have seen have been good, many just passable and to be truthful, almost as many have been poor. A poor show is a bad advertisement for Scouting, unfair to the boys and by no means a compliment to the audience. On the other hand a well run concert or what you will, is a credit to all concerned.

There are some pitfalls which can be avoided. First of all, if you contemplate a show built around Scout or Cub activities, omit items such as first aid and signalling. Unless they can be dramatized, they are quite dull and uninteresting to the audience.

How True! How True!

The usual run of these things is to see a group of boys crowded round the patient with their backs to the audience and finally they hoist the poor chap on a stretcher and exit to the polite but bored applause of the on-lookers who have had no chance to see what was going on and many of whom would not know anyway whether or not a good job was done.

Signalling displays usually run to a message being taken from a member of the audience and sent from the stage to the back of the hall. Few of the audience know the techniques of signalling and they quite politely accept the fact that the job was done properly, but there is very little entertainment value. But if in the course of some item such as a lively game a boy can "stage" an accident and it is treated on the spot, then interest is aroused. An interruption during the programme, calling for simple signalling, is a worthwhile item. But in the average show dealing with activities, it is better to concentrate on good lively games, jungle dances in which there is some dressing up, gymnastics and indoor pioneering. It is universally accepted now that we do not include investiture ceremonies in displays. They are much too important and solemn to be regarded as entertainment items.

Words to the Wise

If you must have a chairman who will be asked to provide the usual "chairman's remarks" be sure that his time is limited. Then we have those well known camp fires. It is a fact that at an actual council fire, the boys sit round in a circle, but in your show, have them in a semi-circle facing the audience. Choose good songs such as sea chanties and folk songs, rehearse them well, have a good accompanist, have the boys sing instead of shout (they can do that if you use a yell or two), call in outside help in the rehearsals if you do not feel up to the job yourself, and do not make the camp fire programme last too long.

If you lean to dramatics, try using two or three one-act items instead of a long three-act affair. This will give more boys a show, will develop more interest from the audience, and make rehearsals easier. Start rehearsals early, and as soon as possible get the boys into costume if costumes are needed. This adds to the fun of rehearsal, accustoms the boys to the costumes and in the case of Wolf Cubs is particularly useful.

Something Different

Have you ever tried mimes? These are quite easy to do, need no rehearsals for words, and can be most diverting. You take a poem or story in which there are a number of characters and lots of action. Then you have somebody read the script, being sure that he is a good reader with clear diction and good timing. During the reading of the piece, the boys act out the story. This lends itself to all sorts of improvisation. I have seen mimes using poems of Robert Service, notably *The Shooting of Dan McGrew*, items from some of Dickens novels, Wolf Cubs have mimed some of the Mother Goose rhymes and it has been known for Scouts to do a good job with Alfred Noyes' poem *The Highwayman*. But there is no need to give a detailed list, the field is as wide as English and American literature. All that is needed is a search.

Surprise Everybody

One last thought, start on time, even if only half the audience is there; it will be good training for those who come late. Finish promptly on time. Do not use up more than an hour and a half. Long drawn out displays can become very tiring to everybody and it is a good plan to have the people

leaving, wishing that the show had lasted a bit longer.

If you want to explore the idea of mimes still further, you can get in touch with any firm publishing books of plays. They have a fairly good selection of mimes complete with instructions.

It Is Also True in Canada

IN his "Outlook" in the September issue of the *Scouter* Lord Rowallan made the following statements:

"I am always coming up against new terms which seem to be quite gratuitously introduced into Scouting and some which have grown far too sturdily. I don't know when "good deed" first appeared, but I am quite sure that B.-P. never used it. It has a horribly sanctimonious sound about it. In the Cub Promise B.-P. said "good turn", a much more satisfactory phrase, and I only wish people would use it instead of "good deed". Then, more and more, "Scout Officers" is being used instead of "Scouters". This may have some justification when we are dealing with the outside public, but even for them surely Scout Leaders is a better term.

"Sea Scouting often produces the most remarkable terminology, particularly at the end of a war when young sailors come into Scouting who have not been Scouts themselves, and sometimes older sailors too. For them "Sea" and not "Scouting" is the important word. But Sea Scouting is just Scouting carried out on or in the sea, and some of the very finest Scouting is to be found under these circumstances.

"I heard of one Sea Scout Troop which refused to call its Patrols "Patrols" preferring to call them "Decks", although why on earth they should wish to do away with the good old word "Patrol" I cannot understand. The limit, however, was reached on a March Past when a young Sea Scouter gave the order "No. 1 Ship's Company, eyes right". He must have been ashamed of his Scout Badge and the Troop, which had a very honourable record.

"Too often the word of command "Attention" or "shun" is given instead of "Alert". It is all very puzzling and I am afraid rather insulting to Scouting as a whole. Let's stick to the words B.-P. used, they are still the best, and the best Troops still use them. The best Troops too make use of the Hand Signals for Silent Drill, using the Troop Call instead of those dreadful whistles, which always reminds me of a football referee."

Hallowe'en—And Your Cubs

EEK!—Witches, ghosts, cats, brooms, apples, candy, pumpkins, lanterns, Hallowe'en and boys all add up to activity. Clowns, pirates, old ladies, tough characters with imitation whiskeys, and a general air of excitement means a wonderful opportunity for leaders to put over one of those rip-roaring, never-to-be-forgotten experiences which live in the minds of the boys, and at the same time to do a good turn to the community by channelling the activities of roving spirits into an evening of good clean fun which does not include the removal of door-steps from the homes of aged widows, the badgering of eccentric old men and the usual damage and mayhem consequent upon the moving of supposedly immovable objects.

Akela, this is a really good opportunity for you to have one of those "special" nights which the Cubs enjoy so much. With the help of your assistants, and a little preparation, a simply glorious night can be staged. The boys will thank you for a grand time. The general public will thank you for reducing the number of casualties. The parents and doctors will thank you for the reduction of pains in the tummies which are inevitable as a result of too much candy, apples and excitement.

A Community Good Turn

Scouters will also remember that the older boys appreciate an evening of good clean fun. They too can do a community good turn by organizing the efforts of the gremlins in their Troops. Directed fun can be most enjoyable on Hallowe'en, but uncontrolled spontaneous practical jokes can sometimes lose their savour!

And what about going a step farther? Some Groups really make their Hallowe'en parties into community good turns by inviting all the children of the neighbourhood to share their fun with them. With a little organization, which includes the Group Committee and the Mother's Auxiliary, it might even be possible to get the Scouts making toffee apples, candies and cookies, all of which would be excellent practice in cooking.

Move over fellows, I'm getting so enthused about the matter of Hallowe'en parties I think I will have one myself, and let's not think of ourselves as martyrs, we'll enjoy it just as much as the boys will.

Game of the Month—Cubs Shipwrecked on a Desert Island

SHIP strikes a rock. Cubs swim ashore on to a desert island.

Ship will take some time to sink.

Captain decides that crew will swim out to ship and rescue what each thinks will be of most use on the island to them.

A number of cards are placed all over the deck of the ship . . . (one end of the Pack Den). Each card has printed on it a name of an article or a description of the goods, e.g. 5 lb. butter, 20 lb. sugar, \$5 bill, 40 lb. sausages, blankets, tent, rope, a gun, magnifying glass, bathing suit, 100 cigarettes, a sheet, dead donkey, cow, hens, seeds, dog, a Bible, etc., etc. Sufficient cards for two for each Cub and a few over.

On the back of each card, unknown to the Cubs, are marks (in code) according to the value of each. Some will be worth nothing, e.g. \$5 bill, gun (no ammunition), cigarettes, etc.; 20 lb. sugar might score 20 points, and so on.

Cubs line up on desert island in Sixes. On the word "Go" one Cub from each Six swims to the ship, looks at the cards without picking them up and selects one card, swims back with it, and the next Cub from his Six sets out. Each Cub goes twice.

Each Cub in turn reads out what he has rescued. Pause when necessary for comments from Cubs, e.g. what is the use of a \$5 bill on a desert island?

Finally, collect up the cards and add up the marks. Six with the highest score wins.

—R. B. HERBERT.

Two New Games Message Obstacle

A message is passed around the Six, each Cub having to tackle some obstacle before repeating the message to the next in line. Specimen obstacles: (a) Cub eats slice of bread and jam; (b) Cub ties certain knot; (c) Cub unties knot; (d) Cub signals part of message; (e) Cub collects three leaves; (f) final Cub writes down message.

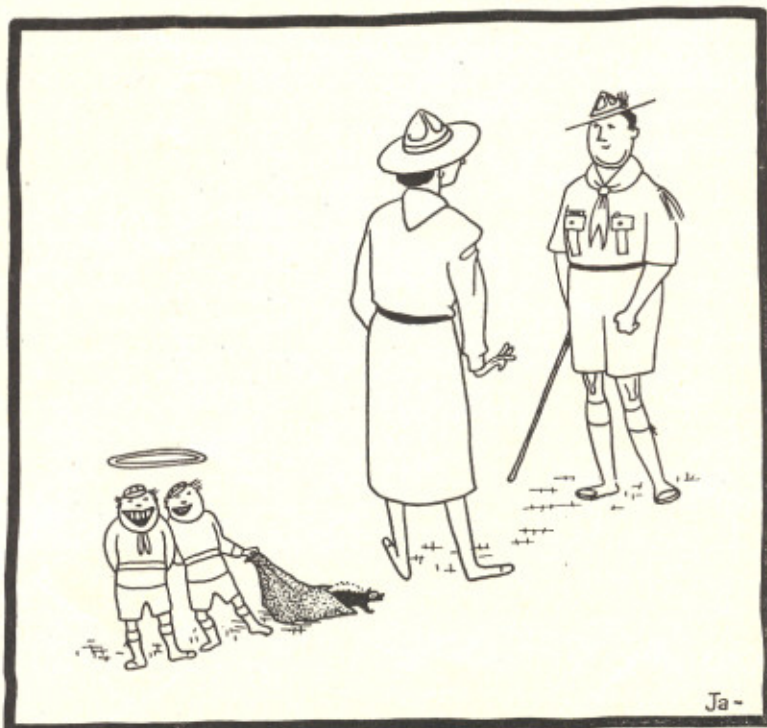
Leaf Exchange

Sixes in corners of den or small field.

Each Cub has a scarf tail. Akela has four (or number of Sixes) leaves, each representing one Six. She shows two leaves. The Sixes indicated by them change places, while the other Sixes try to catch their tails. Tail-less Cubs either sit out or join the Six which has captured them.

—The Scouter, March, 1948.

Besides getting to know the boys themselves it is very important to get to know their parents.



"Yes, Akela, I'll always remember my visit to your Pack!"

By Jack Akroyd, Toronto, Ont.

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General Spry Appointed to International Scout Committee

It is with pleasure we announce the appointment, for a six-year term, of Maj.-Gen. D. C. Spry, C.B.E., D.S.O., our Chief Executive Commissioner, as a member of the International Scout Committee. The appointment was made at the recent Twelfth Biennial Scout Conference in Elvsaeter, Norway. Our Dominion Commissioner, Mr. Jackson Dodds, C.B.E., of Montreal, who has been a member of the International Committee for the past two years, was named a member of the Finance Committee of the International Bureau. Both Mr. Dodds and General Spry attended the International Conference as did Mr. C. H. P. Killick, of Winnipeg, Provincial Scout Commissioner for Manitoba.

Next World Jamboree in Austria in 1951

At the recent International Scout Conference held in Norway it was decided that the next World Jamboree would be held in Austria in 1951.

Now is the time to start making preparation for Canadian representatives to attend this gathering.

The raising of funds covering the expenses of the boys is always a problem, but if attacked in the near future the length of time over which the money is to be raised should make the job a reasonably easy one.

Troops might consider the matter of sponsoring one of their own boys and start immediately to lay plans to raise the necessary funds and to ensure that they will have boys with the necessary Scouting qualifications. The healthy competition for the honour of being the boy chosen for the trip should also prove stimulating to the whole Troop.

Attendance at one of these World Jamborees is not only an honour and a thrill, it is an opportunity which comes only once in a boy's lifetime. Enthusiasm for the project will be in direct relation to the enthusiasm displayed by the Scouters.

Now is the time to prepare so that our next Jamboree Troop will be well-skilled in all phases of Scouting and a real credit to Canadian Scouting.

Assist at Open House

WINDSOR, Ont., Scouts, many of whose fathers are employees of the Chrysler Corporation, acted as ushers and guides at the Chrysler Open House in July. The Scouts distributed souvenirs to all visitors and assisted in many other ways. They were taken completely by surprise when, at the end of the day, each Scout was presented with a rucksack, pair of sandals and a wallet from the company.

Saves on Dish Towels

SCOUTMASTER W. A. Groulx of Port Arthur, Ont., reports a new method of dish washing used by the Port Arthur contingent at the Jamboree. All Scouts were responsible for washing their own dishes. On the completion of each meal, all garbage was scraped into containers, and the dishes washed, first in hot soapy water, and then placed in a dish bag complete with draw string, and the whole swirled around in another container of very hot water containing a disinfectant. They were then drained and hung up to dry. By placing the dishes and cutlery in a bag, loss of articles was eliminated and the necessity for tea towels dispensed with.

Good News for Rover Scouts

IN order to meet a demand for a Rover Scout Sports Crest similar to those featured in the catalogue for Cubs and Scouts (see page 24 of the current catalogue), the Stores Department has now made available a Rover Scout Sports Crest specially embroidered in red and yellow, which Rovers can now place on their winter uniforms or other sports garment. These crests can now be obtained direct from the Stores Department, Ottawa, at a cost of 25 cents per crest.

Regarding Neckerchiefs

THE Stores Dept. at Canadian Scout Headquarters, Ottawa, has available a fair assortment of Official Neckerchiefs. Leaders are requested to write to this department for the list of "Neckerchiefs Available." This list gives in detail the colours, styles and, of course, the price.

Alpine Camping

FROM Vancouver comes the news that two Troops have recently held Alpine camps in the Black Tusk Meadows, Garibaldi Park, high in the mountains north of Vancouver.

These rugged pioneers decided to try a practical application of Scout training in the mountainous terrain and under the varying weather conditions found in those parts.

The 20th Vancouver Troop under Scoutmaster Denis Underhill, accompanied by three assistants and twelve Scouts, and the 27th Vancouver Troop under Scoutmaster H. Morely Watson, accompanied by two assistants and six Scouts, spent a week each at the campsite.

An advance party with gear flew into Garibaldi Lake from whence the equipment was packed to Black Tusk Meadows by the Scouts who came by boat and train to Garibaldi Station.

Activities at the camp included mountain climbing and swimming in the somewhat cool waters of the mountain lake. Tilting matches using rafts constructed by the Scouts were a feature of the swimming periods. (Seems like a good way to get the fellows in. Ed.).

The boys earned most of the necessary cash for the trip and plans are under way for another similar adventure next year. No mention has been made concerning the yodelling ability of the boys, but it is undoubtedly satisfactory.

South Peel Camporee

SIXTY Scouts and Leaders from Inglewood, Brampton, Norval, Lorne Park, Cookville and Burnhamthorpe in Peel County attended the first South Peel Camporee over the Civic Holiday weekend. A splendid programme of Scoutcraft was carried out and the Shield winners were the 1st Inglewood Troop representatives. This Troop has only been in existence since February. The Shield, by the way, was made by one of the Scouts, a Japanese lad from the 1st Norval Troop. Competitions were staged in Troop sites, knotting, fire lighting, tracking and estimations. Skipper Percy Oke of Port Credit was Camp Chief, and was assisted by Bill Sommerville, E. A. Woodhouse, Doug Squires, and Port Credit Rovers.

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

WARRANTS OF APPOINTMENT

His Excellency the Viscount Alexander of Tunis, K.G., Governor-General and Chief Scout for Canada, has been pleased to approve of the following warrants of appointment:

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Saskatchewan: Frederick J. England, Regina.

Prince Edward Island: Harold William Fry, Charlottetown.

Boys, Bikes and Behaviour

WHEEEEEEEEE—The sound of skidding tires jarred me out of my usual calm and I turned back quickly to see a stalled car, its driver still obviously suffering from the effects of the near accident. Two boys on bicycles were riding along with self-satisfied smirks on their faces little caring that they had probably just felt that breath of the grim reaper as he reached out to gather them in.

Disregard of traffic laws and the fundamentals of road courtesy is not the exclusive fault of the young, but since we are concerned primarily with boys and their behaviour it might be wise to confine these remarks to boys, bikes, and behaviour.

Courtesy Declining

To one who has returned to Canada after a few years in another country, an astounding change for the worse can be noted in road courtesy at all levels and ages. For the most part signals of intent are not used. Traffic instructions and laws go unheeded, and the foolhardy behaviour of both pedestrians and vehicle operators leads one to believe that the guardian angels must be working overtime to keep even a small part of our population alive.

Not the least of the offenders is the adolescent bicycle rider who thinks it smart to show off his ability to ride

without the use of hands, to ignore traffic signals, and to careen around all over the road without regard for the nerves or rights of others. Against this type of mass behaviour police forces are impotent. Proper road courtesy cannot be enforced it can only come from a recognition of the need for rules of the road and a personal desire to play the game according to those rules.

We Can Help

Scouters could do a great deal towards the reduction of this disregard for common sense and courtesy on the road by bringing up the subject frequently and reminding their boys that Scouts are courteous at all times. This includes the common courtesy of the road. It is not sufficient to speak to the boys once and then forget the matter. To be effective, the subject should be brought to the attention of the boys frequently and it should be kept fresh in their minds. Only by continuous repetition will the lesson be driven home.

Any Scouter who has witnessed the passing of a young life as the result of a traffic accident will need no urging as to the importance of this matter. Those who have not witnessed such a calamity should make every effort to ensure that they never do. Attention to road courtesy is the surest way to reach this desirable ideal.

Best Known Troop

THE 8/15 Chiswick Troop in London, England, claims with some truth that it is the "Best Known Troop in the World." As their Good Turn the Troop runs a Scout Hostel at their headquarters to put up Scouts from overseas travelling through London. During the past few years they have played host to hundreds of Scouts. In the first half of this year they have put up 400 Scouts from 22 different countries. On one day in August they expected 160 guests, a record number.

Scouts Do Not

NEAR one large Canadian city some months ago, two Scouts on a hike were seen throwing stones at a passing freight train. This is not only a dangerous practice but is completely un-Scouting. Scouters might well mention this matter in their instructions to Scouts leaving for hikes.

If you are 21, plan to start a Correspondence Training Course Now. Fill in the enclosed form.

Let every boy look upon you as a friend to whom he can go for advice and guidance on all subjects.

The Editor is most grateful to the members of Canadian Headquarters Staff who have produced the material for this issue while he was on a tour to the West Coast.