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"It is for us, the living . . . to be dedicated here to the unfinished work they have thus far so nobly advanced."
—Abraham Lincoln.



THE FOUNDER
Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, 1857-1941

FEBRUARY - REDEDICATION MONTH

The Sign Post

TEACHING THE TEACHER

MUCH more co-operation can be obtained from school teachers if they know something about Scouting. In many Councils Informative Courses have been organized for teachers. Has your District done anything about this? Another way of teaching the teachers is to invite them to special group events or even make them perfectly welcome at any Troop or Pack meeting. Let them see Scouting in action. Let them see what Johnny learns and does in this game of Scouting. Knowledge gives understanding. Teach the teachers something about Scouting. They are very interested in the general development of the boys. Let them see that Scouting is complementary to the school programme and that together the formal and the informal types of education can do much to help Canadians both how to make a living and how to live.

NEW CANADIANS

We are now fortunate in having large numbers of foreign language members in Canadian Scouting. We welcome these brother Scouts into our Canadian Scout family. Let us make special efforts to show our pleasure by inviting these new Canadians to join or visit existing Scout Groups. Where for language reasons this is not possible let us endeavour to bring the special language Scout groups into District and Provincial events. I was very pleased to hear that such groups were present at the Eleventh Ontario Rover Moot.

These brother Scouts have suffered much in their own country. The very fact that they quickly linked up with Canadian Scout Groups on arrival here demonstrates their belief in the Scout Movement. Therefore, let us not only find, but make opportunities to help them feel at home in Canadian Scouting.

D. C. Spry
Chief Executive Commissioner.

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What We Think

Rededication

FEBRUARY—the month in which Lord Baden-Powell was born—provides an opportunity for all who are in the Scout Movement to rededicate themselves to the principles upon which Scouting was founded.

It would be difficult to enunciate these principles more clearly than did B.-P. himself in his preface to *Scouting For Boys* when he wrote:—"The aim of Scout training is to replace Self with Service, to make lads individually efficient, morally and physically, with the object of using that efficiency in the service of the community. I don't mean by this the mere soldiering and sailing services; we have no military aims or practices in our movement; but I mean the ideals of service for their fellowmen. In other words, we aim for the practice of Christianity in our everyday life and dealings, and not merely the profession of its theology on Sunday."

These principles are worthy of fresh consideration in this anniversary month. They are principles which have to be accepted without reservation, if those in the Movement are to be sincere in the work they have undertaken as leaders of boys. They are the principles which are embodied in the Scout Promise, and Scouters and Scouts alike have accepted them as the basis of Scouting.

Soon after he became Chief Scout of the Commonwealth Lord Rowallan touched upon this subject in a characteristic article in the *Chief Scout's Outlook*. "A Scout's honour is to be trusted", he wrote, "and when we take the Promise or reaffirm it in the presence of our boys—and this is important—let us make no mental reservations; if we have to do so then I maintain that we are better able to perform our service elsewhere than in the Scouts".

Most Scouters enter the Movement imbued with a spirit of service, and with a wholesome wish

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HOW YOU CAN ASSIST

National Financial Campaign Planned for February 6-22

ON January 4th Mr. Jackson Dodds, Dominion Commissioner, announced through the press that the Canadian Boy Scouts Annual Financial Campaign will take place from Feb. 6th to 22nd, 1950. Thus in communities large and small across Canada the appeal for financial support of Scouting will be made. Leaders of Packs, Troops and Crews are asked to do everything they can in support of the drive.

It is suggested that during the campaign period, and under direction of District Councils, certain activities be arranged for Cubs, Scouts and Rovers that will focus public attention on the work Scouting is doing for Canadian boyhood.

Canadian Scout Headquarters, through its Public Relations Service, is supplying Provincial Headquarters with posters, folders and other basic material for use in the campaign. Provincial Headquarters will distribute these supplies to District Councils.

"Scouts Today—Men Tomorrow" is the theme of the posters, folders, and other material. Among the suggestions offered for District activities to highlight the campaign is a series of window displays built around the various proficiency badges, both Scout and Cub.

Live displays—that is displays in which, as far as possible, actual Cubs, Scouts and Rovers take part, are advocated in the P.R. Service suggestion sheet entitled "Window Display Ideas", which District Councils and Financial Campaign Committees will find most useful.

During the campaign Scout Groups will show the people of their community what Scouting is and does, by holding open house and inviting parents and friends to see Scout Groups in action.

The observance of Scout-Guide Sunday on Feb. 19th, while in no way connected with the Financial Campaign, will help to point up the spiritual aspect of Scouting and will no doubt have a bearing on public re-action.

Included in the financial campaign material being supplied to Provincial Scout Headquarters, for distribution to districts, are the general-purpose poster, which will have a blank space at its

base to allow for printing in details of local objectives and other details if desired; a general-purpose, illustrated folder telling what Canadian Scouting is and does, and the following mimeographed helps:

Item No. 1—F.C.P.R.—"It Can Be Done By You!" (for campaign workers).

Item No. 2—F.C.P.R.—"Ideas for Radio Spot Announcements".

Item No. 3—F.C.P.R.—"Window Display Ideas".

Item No. 4—F.C.P.R.—"Talking Points".

Other material will be added, and efforts are also being made to have a 35 mm. motion picture trailer produced to enable districts to focus public attention on the campaign through local motion picture theatres.

Finally, recordings of addresses by Mr. L. W. Brockington, K.C., of Ottawa, Honorary Counsel for the Canadian Council of the Boy Scouts Association, and by Maj.-Gen. D. C. Spry, C.B.E., D.S.O., Chief Executive Commissioner of Canada's Boy Scouts, will be made available for use in local radio broadcasts during the campaign period.

No national objective will be featured in the campaign publicity as the



JACKSON DODDS, C.B.E.

Dominion Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association, who on January 4th announced the first Annual Boy Scouts National Financial Campaign, February 6th to 22nd.

campaign, while national in scope, is in actual fact an effort to co-ordinate provincial and local financial drives and to capitalize on national publicity and Canada-wide public attention.

Every Cub, Scout, Rover and leader has a part to play in The Canadian Boy Scouts Annual Financial Campaign from February 6th to 22nd, and upon their efforts will depend, in a large measure, this effort to provide the funds for the administration and expansion of the Boy Scout Movement in Canada.



What will we wear for winter hiking and camping? You'll find the answer in the new book "Winter Scouting", off the press January 15th. Price 25c.

REDEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLE OF THE DAILY GOOD TURN

THE Boy Scouts Association is probably better known to the world for its Daily Good Turn than for anything else—and yet it is a fundamental Scouters sometimes neglect. In this month of rededication it might be well to re-emphasize to Cubs and Scouts the importance of this uniquely Scout ideal.

A story which cannot be told too often is that of the Good Turn which brought Scouting to the United States. Here is the story—tell it to your boys.

The Unknown Scout

It was in the fall of 1909.

All day long the great city of London had been in the grip of a dense pea-soup fog. Creeping slowly in, it had covered the city and had practically stopped all traffic, slowed down all business in the British capital.

An American, William D. Boyce, a publisher from Chicago, had trouble finding an office address in the centre of the city. He had stopped under a street sign to locate himself, when out of the fog a boy approached him.

"Can I help you, sir?" asked the boy.

"You most certainly can," said Mr. Boyce. "I wish you'd tell me how to get to this address . . ."

"I'll take you there," said the boy and led on to Mr. Boyce's destination.

When they got there the American publisher reached into his pocket for a tip, but before he had a chance to offer it the boy snapped a hand into salute and said:

"No, thanks, sir! I am a Scout and a Scout is not supposed to take anything for helping someone."

"A Scout? And what might that be?" asked Mr. Boyce.

"Haven't you heard about the Baden-Powell Boy Scouts, sir?"

Mr. Boyce hadn't. "Tell me about them," he said.

And so the boy told the American about himself and his Brother Scouts. Mr. Boyce was very much interested, and, after he had finished his errand, he had the boy take him to the headquarters of the British Boy Scouts. There the boy disappeared before the publisher had had a chance to ask his name.

At the headquarters Mr. Boyce met Baden-Powell, the man who had created Scouting and who later became "Chief Scout of the World."

Baden-Powell told Boyce all about Scouting, and Boyce became more and more impressed with it. He decided that when he got home he would see to it that Scouting got under way in America.

And so, on 8th February, 1910, in Washington, D.C., Boyce and a number of other outstanding men, interested in boys, founded the Boy Scouts of America.

In this way a simple Good Turn done to an American by an English Scout brought Scouting to the United

States. One Good Turn to one man became a Good Turn to fifteen million American boys and men over a span of forty years—from that fall day in 1909 until today.

What happened to the boy? No one knows. He disappeared in the fog and was never heard of again.

But seventeen years after he had done his Good Turn, the highest award of the Boy Scouts of America was given to the memory of this boy who had wanted no award.

If you should ever visit Gilwell Park in England, the Scouter Training Centre a short distance outside of London, you will see a beautiful statue of an American buffalo. It is a large cast

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Patrol Leader John Payne

3rd Vernon Troop

*As a King's Scout you have prepared
yourself for service to God and your fellow men
and have shown yourself a worthy member of
the great Scout brotherhood*

*May you continue, under God's guidance,
to gain courage and strength to enable you
fully to discharge your duty to your Country.*

Alexander D. Lewis
Chief Scout for Canada

*Government House
Ottawa
Dated*

This is a reproduction of the new King's Scout certificate, to be issued to all King's Scouts through their Provincial Headquarters. Actual size is 10" x 8".

HOW TO OBSERVE Founder's Day

To honour the memory of the founder of Scouting, the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, February 22nd, or the nearest Sunday to it, becomes the occasion of anniversary services in the form of Scouts' Own Services throughout the world. In Canada this year, February 19th, is the date chosen for this purpose and, as we are co-operating with the Girl Guides Association in the matter, it will be known as Scout-Guide Sunday.

Where possible Scouters are asked to arrange for joint church services with both Guide and Scout Groups in attendance. Where no Girl Guide groups are active in a community, it is suggested that special Scout church services or Scouts' Own Services mark the World Chief Scout's birthday anniversary.

For the benefit of new members of the Movement and for the inspiration of those already familiar with the story, it is suggested that ministers officiating at these special services be asked to base their sermons on the Life of Baden-Powell. Copies of a leaflet giving an interesting review of the Founder's life can be obtained from your district or provincial headquarters.

Also available at Scout Headquarters is a leaflet of suggestions for joint Scout-Guide church services, featuring hymns, prayers and bible texts suitable for such an occasion.

In addition to holding church services to mark Scout-Guide Sunday, it is hoped that all groups will make full use of the week prior to Feb. 19th, to bring Scouting to the attention of the people in their own communities. To this end such gatherings as Parents' Nights, Father and Son, or Mother and Son banquets, Open House and Group Concerts are suggested as ways and means of bringing your group into contact with parents and friends. Of course, the wearing of uniforms whenever possible during this period, and especially at the Scout-Guide Sunday services, will help tremendously.

MR. SCOUTMASTER!

See that your Troop is represented at the

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At Valley Forge, Pa.

See January Scout Leader for
Qualifications.



How to travel in winter time! You'll find all kinds of information on this subject in the new "Winter Scouting" book, off the press January 15th. Price 25c.

PLANNING MEETINGS OF THE GROUP COMMITTEE

THE conversation had turned to "how to get people to come to meetings." A farmer in the group listened quietly for some time and then remarked, "We farmers don't worry so much about how to get the cow to come to the feed rack we spend our time thinking about how to improve the quality of the feed."

That tells the story of what is happening in many a Group Committee today.

Busy men make the best committee-men, and being busy, each one has several places where he is supposed to go on any one evening. And so he has a personal choice. Which meeting is he most likely to attend? The chances are good that he will choose the one which he feels will be the most pleasant, one which will have a well-planned program that starts on time and stops on time, with sensible physical arrangements and a worthwhile agenda.

A man does what he enjoys doing much more readily than he does what he is supposed to do. If there is competition for boys' time, we know that the answer for the Unit is to "put on the best show in town." We can apply the same medicine on the Committee level where we have competition for men's time.

There is no special magic required to put on good Committee meetings. It takes a lot of little things. Put those little things together and you can have meetings which compel men to attend. Here are just a few of them:

Plan It: This means more than just a good agenda. Think in terms of "staging a meeting" rather than "holding a meeting."

Pack It With Features: Here are the items found on a good agenda: opening

ceremony, roll call, introduction of visitors and guests, induction of new members, minutes of previous meeting, Scouters reports, Committee reports, discussion of some phase of Scouting administration, survey of new additional leader possibilities, announcements, closing.

That is the framework for what can be the "best show" and the most result-getting meeting in town.

Food: Don't underestimate the value of starting with a dinner or of finishing with refreshments. Food means fellowship, and fellowship is a happy basis for the work to be done.

Regular Date: Pick a standard date and stick to it—"the second Tuesday of every month" is the sort of date that men can remember and protect in their personal calendars. Don't just look for an "open date"; there is no longer any such thing.

Spend less time promoting attendance and more time preparing for a good meeting. It's easier to pull people to meetings than to push them there. Or, as our farmer friend said, "Improve the quality of the feed."

Entertaining Rural Troops

A WORTHY undertaking for any city Scout Troop, is to invite a rural Troop to spend a weekend in the city. Here they could be shown the sights of the city, and entertained in the homes of individual Scouts. Such a project will do much to increase understanding between rural and urban populations, and is good exemplification of the 4th Scout Law.

SCOUT LEADER'S BOOKSHELF

New Books in the Stores Dept.

FOR several years, a number of books familiar to older Scouters, have not been available, due to paper shortages and publishing difficulties in Great Britain. Conditions have improved sufficiently now to make possible our restocking these books, together with a number of new Canadian books. Space does not permit a full review, but all have been carefully studied by the Training and Editorial Departments at Headquarters and come fully recommended.

THE SCOUT HYMN BOOK: A pocket size booklet containing one hundred of the better known and more popular hymns, for use at Scouts' Owns, and other Scout services. Cloth cover, price 35c.

THE CHURCH SCOUT'S PRAYER BOOK: This book will be found particularly valuable to Anglican Scouts. It has an introduction by the Archbishop of Canterbury. This should not be confused with the Book of Common Prayer. While much of the material is from this book, it is specially prepared for Scouts. Pocket size, card cover, price 25c.

THE CATHOLIC SCOUT'S PRAYER BOOK: Prepared by Bishop Butt for Scouts, and published by the Catholic Truth Society. Pocket size, paper cover, price 10c.

SCOUTING FOR BOYS—40TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION: The Basic Book on Scouting, published in a special edition to mark the 40th Anniversary of Scouting in 1948. It has an introduction by Lord Rowallan, present Commonwealth Chief Scout, and contains the life story of Lord Baden-Powell, Founder of the Movement. Cloth cover, price \$1.25.

PUBLIC OCCASIONS: Twenty-three chapters on every Public Occasion with which Scouts are concerned. If you are at any time likely to help in organizing an Annual Meeting, Sports Day, Swimming Gala, Film Show, Cycle Marathon, Scout Carnival or any other type of Public Occasion, this book will give you the answer to most of your problems. Board covers, 170 pages, price \$1.25.

CUB GAMES AND SPECIAL PACK MEETINGS: A British publication compiled by K. Graham Thomson. Just

the sort of thing the Cubmaster is looking for to give variety to his programmes. An explanation of the use of games in the Pack, is followed by chapters on outdoor games, circle games, inter-six games, test games and miscellaneous games. The book concludes with 19 Special Pack Meetings, all of which are capable of being adapted to Canadian Cubbing. Heavy paper covers, price 95c.

GOD AND THE OPEN SCOUT GROUP: This new book by John Thurman, Gilwell Camp Chief, is not written for the Scouter who has a settled religious conviction and is a member of a worshipping community. It is intended primarily for those Scouters, who in these days have grown up with no settled convictions. It assumes no knowledge, no faith, but it challenges the reader to make up his mind what he believes, in view of his responsibilities to Scouts. Hard covers, price 95c.

MIXED GRILL: If you are an admirer of Jack Blunt, and what Scouter isn't you'll like this new book. His two



How does one plan a winter hike or camp? "Winter Scouting", the new handbook, will tell you how. Off the press January 15th. Price 25c.

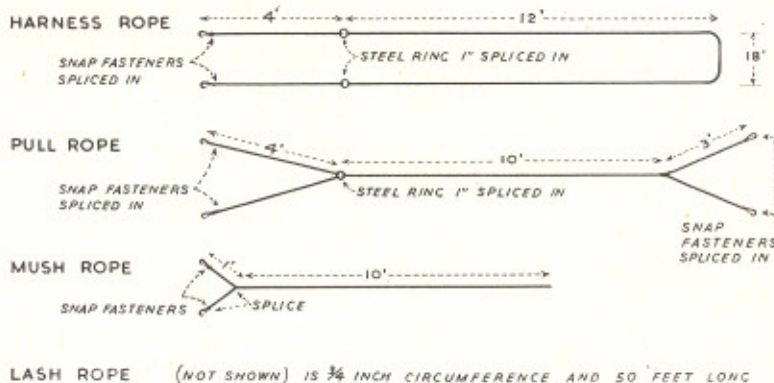
previous books of stunts and ideas have had a wide sale. It is written in typical Jack Blunt style, with gay good humour and a lot of laughs. It has ideas galore, in fact we've used some in our Troop already. Jack Blunt, who is a regular contributor to *The Scout*, puts his philosophy into a nutshell in the last piece in the book. We give it to you now. "Scouting is a great game. It always strikes as rather wonderful, the idea that a Boy Scout is just a normal boy with all his activities put into top gear. There's nothing mysterious about being in 'The Scouts'. We Scouts aren't a sect apart. We don't practice secret rites like eating plum pudding on top of a mountain just as the sun sets. Not a bit of it. We are a normal lot. Just ordinary lads with our everyday adventurous lives set to the music of health, happiness, brotherliness and Service." To help you keep your normal boys activities "in top gear" Mr. Blunt offers plenty of ideas. Hard covers, price \$1.25.

SONGS FROM "WE'LL LIVE FOREVER": This is a musical play of Scouting written by Ralph Reader, famous for his Gang Shows. This particular book gives only the words and music to the songs. While these songs are copyrighted by Mr. Reader they may be performed by Boy Scouts without permission. Card covers, price 85c.

"WE'LL LIVE FOREVER": The words of the entire show, including the songs, but without the music. This book likewise is copyrighted, but Scouts have permission to perform the entire show without permission. Card covers, price 85c.

PETER THE CUB: Older Akelas will remember Margaret Beech's "Peter and Veronica". This is the sort of book you can give as a prize or gift to a Cub, or to read to Cubs during the story period. It tells the story of how Peter, and the lonely little boy become Cubs and raise a village Pack, and how amongst other exploits, they explore a secret cave, find a hidden will, and rescue a drowning girl. Hard covers, price \$1.25.

CUB GAMES BY GILCRAFT: Hardly any need for us to recommend a Gilcraft book is there? All Gilcraft books are recognized as outstanding in their particular fields. Cub Games is no exception. There are 285 games in the book under six headings, Pack games, circle games, Star test games, team games, relays, playground games and sense-training games. All Akelas are aware that games are the chief feature



What's this all about? How to lash and load a toboggan. Complete information on this subject in "Winter Scouting", off the press January 15th. Price 25c.

of Pack activities, and good nature, sportsmanship, *esprit de corps*, perseverance, discipline and unselfishness are some of the chief qualities they inculcate. Cloth covers, price 95c.

RECREATIVE TRAINING FOR SCOUTS: "I strongly recommend this book to Scoutmasters" says E. F. Mills, Executive Commissioner for Training at Canadian Headquarters. It is from the pen of Col. R. B. Campbell, one time director of Physical Education at the University of Edinburgh, and former Inspector of Army Physical Training. Don't mistake this as a book written for military people. Col. Campbell is a District Commissioner in Scotland and has compiled this book especially for Scouts. Lord Rowallan in his foreword says: "This book is a MUST for every Troop library and will be a

standby for every Pack or Troop night, helping to build healthier, brighter, happier boys, fit to enjoy life to the full and to make a better place for other people, too". Hard covers, price \$1.50.

CACHE LAKE COUNTRY: With "tougher Scouting" the vogue of the day this book on life in the North Woods by John J. Rowlands will be found an admirable addition to your bookshelf. It is a veritable storehouse of information on woodcraft and nature, and although it has not been written particularly for Scouts, we nevertheless thoroughly recommend it. Hard covers, price \$4.75.

All books listed above are now on sale in The Stores Dept., or may be obtained through your Provincial Headquarters.

Gained a Wealth of Information

FROM a British Columbia Cubmaster's comments on his Correspondence course we quote: "I would like to take this opportunity to express my candid opinion on the course which I have now completed. Although I have been in Scouting for some years now, this Course has made me read and re-read the instruction books and I have to admit quite frankly that I have gained a wealth of information, some of which is new and some of which I had forgotten. I sincerely believe that not only

have I benefitted from this course, but my boys will also, as I shall endeavour to pass on to them the information gained. For the Scouter whose interest is lagging I recommend this course."

And this from a Quebec Cubmaster: "After receiving your comments on Study 1, I can see I've still a great deal to learn, and will greatly appreciate any further comments or suggestions."

A Correspondence Course will help you too. Write your Provincial Headquarters today for particulars.

A WIDE GAME WITH SCOUT TRAINING AS ITS EMPHASIS

ONE of the great attractions for boys in the early days of Scouting was the wide games which sought to carry out the training in the form of a game. This was in keeping with B.-P.'s injunction to remember always that Scouting was a game. All too few of these games are played today. Were more of them played there would be much less difficulty in holding the older boy in Scouting.

Recently in Penticton, B.C., Scoutmaster J. P. Stocks organized and carried out such a game. "The excitement and enthusiasm with which the Scouts took to this stunt was really something to see" writes Mr. Stocks. "At times the Scouters found it hard to suppress amusement at their earnestness."

The purpose behind the stunt was to give the boys an opportunity to put some of their Scout training into practical use, by creating conditions which appeared authentic.

Naturally a considerable amount of preparation was necessary. The services of three different men were obtained to take the part of "victims". These were carefully selected and were comparative strangers to the Troop. Each was given a certain spot or area and was instructed to be on "location" at exactly 8 o'clock on the night of the Troop meeting. Each of them had a role to play as described below.

No. 1 MAN—Was supposed to have been attacked by an unknown assailant, who hit him on the head, stole his wallet and left him in a semi-conscious condition. He was to be found at the side of the road with a messy wound on top of his head. Tomato ketchup was used to give realism to the wound.

No. 2 MAN—Was supposed to be a displaced person from Europe who had arrived in town earlier in the day. He

was supposed to have reported to immigration authorities but since getting off the bus had not been seen. He was believed to have been in a certain part of town looking for an address. He could not speak English, but was known to be carrying a suitcase. No other description was given.

No. 3 MAN—This "victim" had had a nasty spill on his bicycle, having hit a pothole in the road. He was thrown to the ground and had suffered injury to one arm. His bicycle was also damaged. He was to be found sitting by the side of the road, examining his arm, which was giving him great pain. His bicycle lay damaged beside him.

Each man was placed in a different direction from headquarters, so as to avoid Patrols clashing. It was decided to inform Patrol Leaders ahead of time of the plan, both as a means of putting the stunt over, and also to avoid the possibility of their finding out it was not authentic and perhaps spoiling it for other boys.

The Group Committee chairman was asked to arrive at 8 o'clock, bringing word of the need for Scout assistance. The Troop meeting got under way in the regular way, and the Scouts were in their Patrol Corners for instruction when the Chairman arrived.

The Chairman and the Scoutmaster then went to the Buffalo Patrol corner where the Patrol was informed that the Group Committee chairman had just had a call from immigration authorities concerning the missing D.P. and asking for Scout assistance. The Patrol was instructed to go out and look for the man, and to try and persuade him to come back to Scout headquarters, where he would be met by the immigration officer. The Lynx Patrol was also instructed to join in the search, and to leave the hall with-

out disturbing the other Patrols. It was pointed out that two Patrols were thought sufficient for the task.

As soon as these Patrols were away, the Eagle Patrol was approached, and informed that the Group Committee chairman had just seen a man who appeared to be in trouble and possibly injured. The P.L. was to get the Troop First Aid Kit and take his Patrol to investigate. The man's location was described roughly. The Patrol was likewise asked to leave without attracting the attention of the other Patrol.

Lastly the Cougar Patrol was visited and were told the predicament of No. 3 man, whom the chairman had noticed by the side of the road. Here again the boys were told to leave quietly. (They did not know the other Patrols were already out).

This Is What Happened

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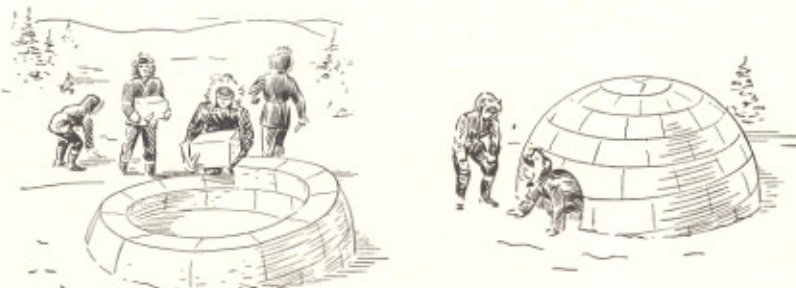
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WORTHY OF YOUR INTEREST

SOMERS HOUSE-LONDON

An outstanding example of what Scouting can do in a "less chance" area, is provided by the work of Somers House, which is established in a grim district of south-east London, as a memorial to Lord Somers, who succeeded Lord Baden-Powell as Chief Scout.

Somers House is designed to work quietly—even obscurely—but faithfully and steadfastly in Lord Somers' own way, for the advancement of Scouting in a district which needs Scouting badly.

Somers House provides a hostel where Scouters, young or old, may come and live, provided they will undertake Scout work in the neighbourhood. The plan design is that the hostel will pay for itself. Eventually, with a full staff of permanent residents, all faithfully fulfilling their undertaking to do Scout work in the area, Somers House will be in a fair way to fulfill its real object of helping and encouraging Scouting in as wide an area as it can cover.

The hostel was established without any appeal for capital cost. There is a society of The Friends of Somers House, the members of which subscribe annually to the funds which are designed for the upkeep of the wider objects of the House—the furtherance of Scouting. The work begins with the running of the Somers House Scout Group. Another Group has been started in the famous Old Kent Road, and shortly there is to be established a deaf mute Group.

In order to provide the necessary accommodation for this and other work, Somers House has recently taken over a disused building and in collaboration with St. John's Church an effort is being made to put it into shape. It is in a sad state of repair because its previous users, a boys' club ran wild and tore the place to pieces, going even to the length of prying up the wood blocks from the floor, breaking two pianos and turning on the water and flooding the whole building. This, will perhaps, illustrate the kind of work that Somers House has undertaken.

As has been pointed out, it is a grim neighbourhood, heavily bombed during the war. The building itself has a large basement which has been turned into a workshop with seven benches, besides

an instructors' room, a store and a drawing office. On the ground floor is a large hall which will be used for gymnasium and games, but the gym gear is unusable. There is a great need for seating. The gallery has been turned into a Cub's den. On the first floor is a Troop room, a "quiet room" and the chapel.

On the second floor are club rooms for the over 15's, and on the top floor a Senior Scouts' Den, a committee room, a store room, a P.L.'s Den, and a Rover Den.

Space does not permit a full description of the needs of Somers House. There is however a tremendous need for furnishings and equipment for every part. The problems involved are enormous, and possibly Canadian Scouts and Scouters would like to assist.

Familiar to Canadians would be the toymaking and repairing work done at the centre. In connection with the distribution of toys many of the workers surrender their candy coupons so that candies might be distributed with the toys to needy children, or to hospitals. Others are engaged in taking supplies of chopped wood to old people in the district.

A great difficulty, buried as they are in the heart of London, is to get out into the country because of the necessary rail or bus fares. The Senior Scouts have made themselves mobile by building bicycles, at a saving of 40% on shop costs. The same thing is being encouraged in the Scout Troop.

It may be that some of those who read this article may desire to help, for Lord Somers' sake and the sake of the work itself, which is an attempt to assert that Scouting is as much a remedy for the troubles of the underprivileged boy as a joyous activity for his more privileged brother.

Canadian Scouts and Scouters may help by becoming members of The Friends of Somers House, by sending an annual subscription. Collections on special occasions, such as Scouts' Owns, concerts, etc., may also be used to help with this work. Subscriptions sent to *The Scout Leader* will be forwarded to London, and may be designated for building repairs, equipment, the Camp Fund or the Warden's Discretionary Fund for general purposes.



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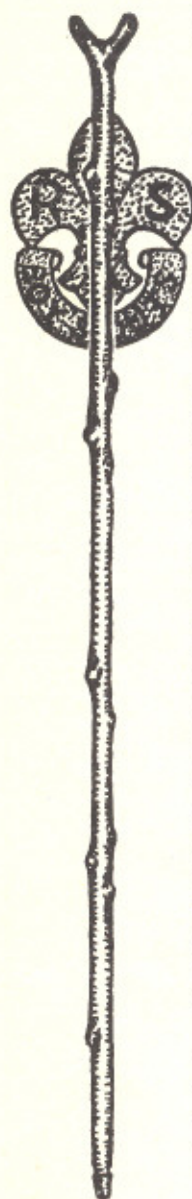
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THE ROVER WORLD

TWENTY-SEVEN members of the Canadian Rover Scout contingent to the fourth World Rover Moot in Norway held a reunion in Hamilton in November. The reunion was made the occasion to honour the contingent leaders, Harold C. Taylor of Delhi (A.P.C. Rovers, Ontario), and John A. Snow of Willowdale. The presentation speech was made by Rover Donald A. Houlden of Oshawa, secretary of the contingent, who lauded the leadership given by both men. This was, by the way, the second time that Harold C. Taylor has led a Canadian contingent to a World Rover Moot, the former occasion being the 1939 Rover Moot in Scotland.

Ed Joyce of Port Credit made the presentation of large silver trays, especially engraved, as a mark of esteem and respect from the contingent members. A telegram and a telephone call from the New Brunswick members, made the gathering 100% representative.

Provincial Commissioner for Ontario, W. H. J. Tisdale, was the principal speaker, and he paid tribute to the fine job the Rovers had done in selling Canada and Scouting abroad. He urged the Rovers to forge ahead in leadership and to give unstinted service to their fellow men by living up to the high ideals of the Rover Scout section.

Movies of the Moot, taken by Donald Bruce of Galt, were shown, and it was decided to hold the next reunion in 1950 at Camp Samac, Oshawa.

OBJECTIVE FOR 1950

Every Scout at least 14 Days
Hiking and Camping

Scouting in Fort Churchill

IN THE past we have commented occasionally on the lively Scouting carried on in Fort Churchill, Manitoba. Latest news comes to us by way of an R.C.A.F. officer and Scouter who has visited Fort Churchill on routine duties a number of times lately.

Fort Churchill boasts a Scout Troop of six Scouts and a Pack of nine Cubs. That represents every boy of Cub and Scout age in the community. Ample leadership is provided by members of the Canadian Forces stationed there.

Jim Kempton is Scoutmaster and Roger Mitchell is A.S.M. Those who attended the Jamboree last summer will recall Mr. Mitchell as second in command to Major Oglesby in charge of transportation. Cubmaster is Jim Chalmers and assistant is Sgt. Urquhart.

As a money raising stunt the Cubs and Scouts sold Christmas trees, having the sole franchise to do this in the town. They obtained their trees from another Troop on Hudson's Bay at Gillan.

The Group is also putting out the only community newspaper called appropriately enough "The Icicle". It will go out semi-monthly to start with.

The first investiture and the first Going Up ceremony were held on December 13th. The Group expects to organize a Rover Crew next fall.

Make Gift to Hospital

Scouts and Cubs of Nelson, B.C., for the second year in succession have made a Good Turn gift to the Kootenay Lake General Hospital. This year's gift comprised a number of hospital nursery receiving blankets. Commenting on the gift, George Turner, President of the Hospital Board, said: "It is an extremely hard task to provide all the necessary things for hospital patients, and it is gratifying to see that the Scouts and Cubs are prepared to do their share to help people who cannot help themselves."

Scouts Given Oil Shares

ALBERTA Scouts will share in that province's oil boom. President W. J. Dick of the Alberta Provincial



Troop Leader Harvie L. Walker Member of the 1st Penticton, B.C., Troop for six years, King's Scout with Gold Cord, Bushman's Thong and Cub Instructor's Badge, and a Patrol Leader for four years. Harvie, who was a 1949 Jamboree Scout at Ottawa, was recently the recipient of a letter of commendation from the District School Board for his efforts in saving valuable school equipment from a fire which resulted in the complete destruction of the Penticton High School. At considerable risk to himself he entered the building a number of times to save some of the contents.

Council has announced the gift of 6,000 shares to the Alberta Association from the Flank Petroleum Company, one of the independent group operating in the Leduc oilfields. Mr. Dick stated that the stock would be placed in trust and any earnings used to assist Scouting in the Province.

Scouts Again Abolished

Chinese Communists have banned the Boy Scout Movement in all parts of China where they hold sway. The ban is made on the grounds that Scouting "serves the interests of Fascism and Imperialism."

Learn Lifesaving

Ninety Vancouver Scouts are learning all about water safety in a special course at the Canadian Memorial Pool, arranged by the Vancouver Swimming and Water Safety Council. Qualified instructors are provided by the Canadian Red Cross.

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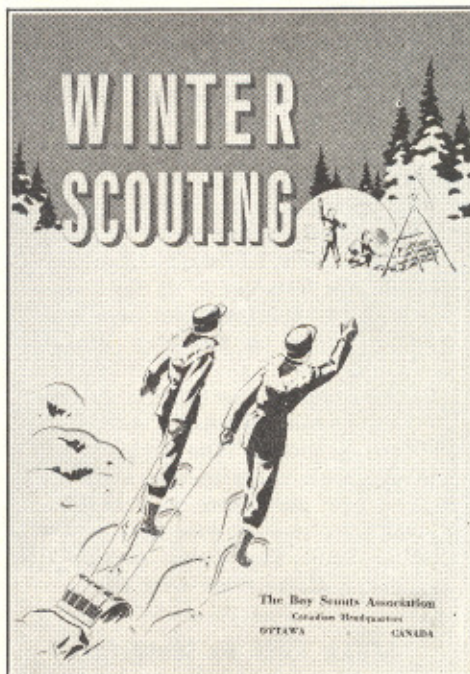
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What We Think

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to make a contribution to their country by helping to engender good citizenship in its youth. It is a high purpose, and its fulfilment calls for the assumption of serious responsibilities. Among them is the responsibility of setting the right example—in allegiance to the Scout Promise and in obedience to the Scout Law.

There is no better way of re-dedicating ourselves to the service of Scouting than to read again *Scouting for Boys*, *The Wolf Cub Handbook*, and *Rovering to Success*. The singleness of purpose which is inherent in Scouting in all its branches is reflected in these books. Scouters should read not only the particular book applicable to their own phase of Scouting, but all three, so that no matter to what part of the Movement they have offered their services they will understand the part they should be playing in their relationships with the other sections of the Movement. A fourth book, *Aids to Scoutmastership*, should be studied, as it contains much that is valuable for Cubmasters and Rover Leaders, as well as for Scoutmasters.

B.-P., who wrote all of these books, once said that he found it necessary to read them over every year. If the fertile mind and versatile pen which created the books found it necessary to resort to them continually, how much more necessary is it for all engaged in the Movement to return to these original sources—to revive their faith and restore their confidence in the great work of Scouting.

The Daily Good Turn

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of the Silver Buffalo Award that is presented to men who have performed especially distinguished service to boyhood. The inscription on its base reads: "To the Unknown Scout whose Faithfulness in the Performance of the 'Daily Good Turn' brought the Scout Movement to the United States of America."



There's a right and a wrong way to rest on winter hikes. This is the right way. Read all about it in "Winter Scouting", off the press January 15th. Price 25c.

WHY REGISTRATION?

IT is Registration time again—and every Pack, Troop and Crew must register with its Provincial Headquarters. The Registration fee, which is set by the Provincial Council, is the means by which your unit assists in financing the operations of the Movement in your Province and in the Dominion. Similar fees are paid by practically every service and fraternal organization. These fees assist in providing the necessary administrative services, the training of Scouters and boys, and the expansion of the Movement. It is the contribution of each boy towards giving the fun and adventure and comradeship of Scouting to other boys. Sometime in the past your Group was organized. Doubtless considerable ser-

vice was rendered by your Provincial Office and field staff at that time. That service was made possible by other existing Scout Groups. Your registration helps provide similar services for others. Not only does it assist your Provincial Headquarters, but it assists Canadian Headquarters too, because each Provincial Council makes a substantial contribution annually towards the operations of the national headquarters.

Registration is your stake in the Movement in Canada—it is your missionary effort. If you have not yet registered your unit and paid your Provincial Registration Fee—do it now. Be a unit in good standing, and a supporter of your own Movement.

HOW DOES YOUR GROUP USE YOUR HEADQUARTERS?

A NEWSPAPER clipping which came to our desk recently told this story.

"The Boy Scout Troop is to be asked to vacate House which has been used as the Troop's winter headquarters for the past three years.

"The Troop is asked to leave the building because the boys have persisted in causing a nuisance. In spite of repeated requests to the Scouts to take greater care of the building, they have continued to make marks on the polished hardwood floor, and act in such a way as to make the upkeep of the building increasingly difficult.

"The boys had been requested to take off their rubber boots before going into the room, but they had failed to do so. They took delight in sliding on the floor while wearing boots and made marks which are almost impossible to

remove. From time to time lights had been left on, doors which should have been left open had been locked and in one instance a lock was forced."

The report added that the Scouts had promised from time to time to give greater consideration to the welfare of the building, but the promise had never been fulfilled.

This is a sad commentary on an organization which exists to build good citizens. Such occurrences always result from lack of proper discipline, and an inadequate and consistent presentation by leaders of the real meaning of the Scout Law and Promise. Certainly where the Promise and Law are observed, and proper discipline maintained the incident related above could never have happened.



BRIEF BITS

About Scouting

Present "Christmas Carol"

Three St. John, Newfoundland, Troops combined early in December to present a special stage adaptation of Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol." The Troops participating were the 5th and 6th St. Johns and the 1st St. Thomas.

Scouts Receive \$500

In the will of the late Capt. J. C. Carruthers, the Boy Scouts Association of Nelson, B.C., were bequeathed \$500. Mr. Carruthers, a Nelson old-timer died about a year ago. Scouts were of great assistance during a fire at the Hostel for Aged Men a couple of years ago. Capt. Carruthers was staying there at the time, and it is believed that their good work may have been responsible for the bequest.

A Fine Story

On November 4th, a new Scout-Guide hall was opened in Grand Centre, Alta. Scouts and Guides were only started in this small community last January, with the first investitures in May. The hall, built on the framework of an old barn which was donated, is now fully complete, and the group is complete with Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Brownies.

Use Your P.L.s

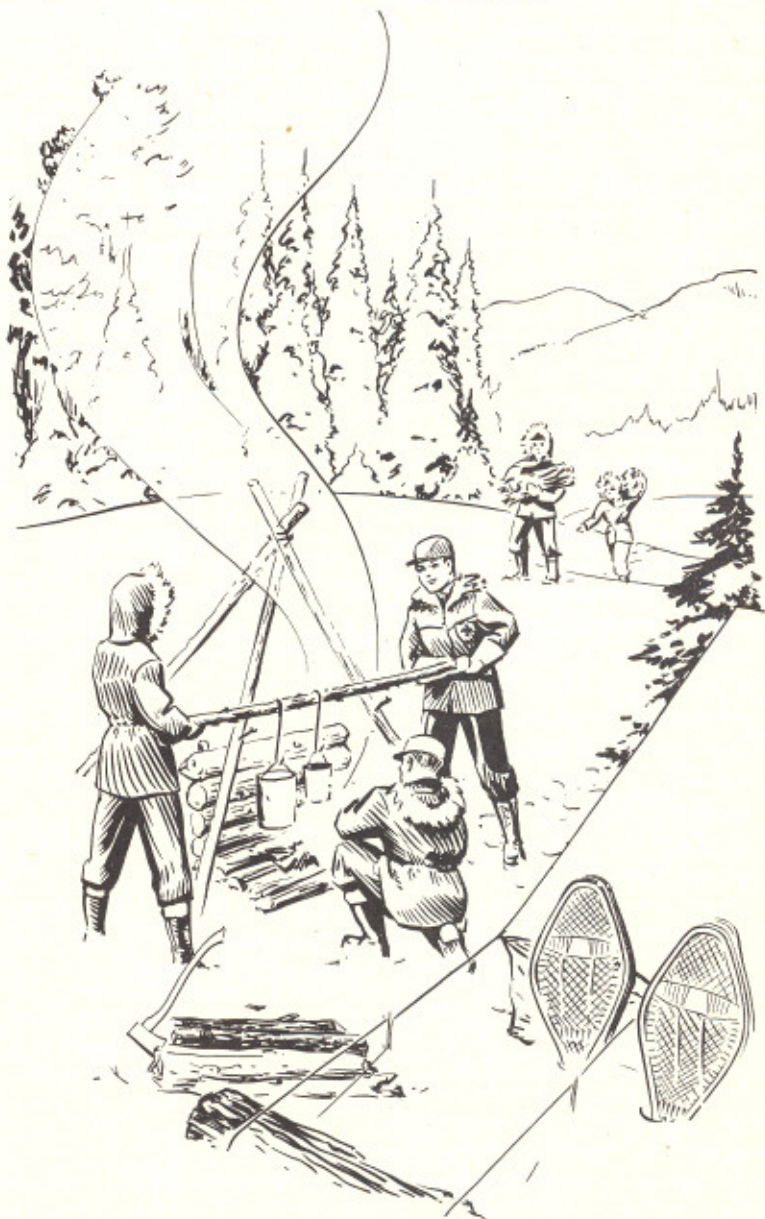
"THE best progress is made in those Troops where power and responsibility are really put into the hands of the Patrol Leaders. This is the secret of success in Scout Training." B.-P. said this in *Aids to Scoutmastership* and it is more than ever true today. The most successful Scouters are those who use their Patrol Leaders to the full. Give them responsibility. Pass on all orders to the Scouts through them. Meet with them frequently in the Court of Honour. Trust them—they'll not let you down.

One of Smallest Troops

ONE of Canada's smallest Scout Troops is located at Buffalo Creek in British Columbia. Here the Scoutmaster has carried on for three years with a total of three boys. This number is the total of Scout-age boys in the community. Great credit is due their leader for having carried on so effectively. It is interesting to note that the Group Committee is active and meets regularly. There are not sufficient boys of Cub age in the community to start a Pack. Of further interest is the fact that the Scoutmaster travels three miles each week to his Troop meetings, in summer travelling by bicycle and in winter by tractor.

Another Way to Make Money

THE lack of a market for waste paper in some parts of Canada has robbed many groups of the opportunity of raising funds by this means. Here's a new way, successfully undertaken by the Scouts and Guides of Calgary. Encountering a serious shortage of bottles just prior to the Calgary Stampede soft drink bottlers appealed to the Scouts and Guides for help, offering 2 cents for small bottles, and 5 cents for large bottles. The Scouts and Guides went to work and in a very short time collected 10,721 bottles with cash returns totalling \$258.55. This money raising effort might well be undertaken elsewhere in co-operation with bottlers.



This illustration, like all the others in "Winter Scouting" will teach you many things about living outdoors in winter. Off the press January 15th. Price 25c.



THE DUFFEL BAG



Dig Up Burdock Roots

To assist the Milton Improvement Society, members of the 1st Yarmouth, N.S., Troop, engaged in the task of digging up and destroying burdock roots in the various public beauty spots in the community.

Hear Conservation Talk

SCOUTS of the 1st Ferris, Ont., Troop recently had "Conservation" as the theme of their weekly meeting. Sam Barley, of the North Bay Hunters and Anglers Association, spoke to the boys on this subject and showed how they as Scouts could assist in the programme. To complete the project the Scouts attended the Home and School Club to see conservation pictures produced by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests.

Celebrate 40th Birthday

ON November 23rd, the 1st Nelson, B.C., Troop, observed the 40th anniversary of its formation. It was 40 years ago that a group of enthusiastic citizens gathered in the office of W. H. Bullock-Webster to organize a group on the plan suggested by the then Lieut. General Baden-Powell. S. A. Kelley was the first Scoutmaster. Twelve boys, in two patrols, comprised the first Troop. Today Nelson boasts of four Troops and five Packs, with 350 boys and 22 leaders.

The Scout Leader

THE Oshawa Times-Gazette has this to say about *The Scout Leader*. "The majority of Scout leaders subscribe to *The Scout Leader* and find in this publication a great help in the administration of their Troops. The fine games, helpful hints, and broad suggestions proffered by men who know, have been a successful aid to better Scouting for many. This magazine also provides Canadian Scouts with up-to-the-minute coverage on Canadian Scouting and gives them the benefit of knowing just what is going on in Scouting throughout the world."

Pack, Troop and Crew leaders are provided with this magazine without charge, but assistants and Group Committeemen may subscribe at 50c per year. Every active Scouter should receive it monthly.

You and Your Boys in 1950

IT is a foregone conclusion that the better trained a leader is, the better able he is to give his boys an attractive and lively programme. It is expected that 1950 will be the biggest year in Scouter training in our history. During the summer, John Thurman, Camp Chief at Gilwell Park, England, will visit many of the Gilwell Training Courses in Canada. Start now to plan your summer so that you can take advantage of one of these Part II Courses. If you haven't taken the Correspondence Course, start it now. You must be 21 years of age to take the Part II Course. Here are the courses already planned for 1950.

Canadian Scouters' Training Course at Dunrobin, near Ottawa, Akela, July 10-15; Scoutmaster, July 16-24.

Akela Courses

British Columbia, Aug. 12-18
Prairie Provinces, July 31, Aug. 5.

Quebec, Aug. 19-26

Ontario, July 22-29; Sept. 2-9

Scoutmaster Courses

Maritime Provinces, July 18-28

British Columbia, Aug. 19-27

Prairie Provinces, Aug. 7-18

Ontario, July 29-Aug. 6; Sept. 9-17

Several other courses are being planned and dates will be announced as soon as possible.

The above dates are subject to slight revision.

Help Santa Claus

Windsor, Ont., Scouts were assigned the special duty of handling the crowds at the annual Windsor Santa Claus parade.

Buttonhole Badges

EVERY Scout, Cub, Rover and Leader should be presented with a buttonhole badge upon investiture. These badges are not nearly as much in evidence as they should be. Scouters are asked first to set the example themselves by always wearing the badge when in civilian clothes, and second, to constantly remind their boys to do the same. The badge not only serves to identify Scouts and Cubs to one another, but also serves to keep the Movement in front of the public, and could encourage many a boy to join a Pack or Troop.

What Do You Think?

IT HAS been suggested that *The Scout Leader* and *The Junior Leader* accept advertising in its columns to increase their income and thus make possible larger magazines. This is done with Scouting magazines in the United States and the United Kingdom, as well as in many other Scouting countries. Before such a move would be undertaken in Canada we would like to have the views of our readers. We would appreciate readers writing the Publications Department at Canadian Headquarters outlining their views in relation to this proposed change in policy.

Japanese Scouts Re-organize

DURING the latter part of September, 3,000 Boy Scouts from all over Japan paraded through the streets of Tokyo as a part of a four day national convention of the new Japanese Boy Scout Movement. General Douglas MacArthur was elected Honorary Chief and accepted the office at a ceremony held in the Imperial Palace in the presence of the Emperor, the Empress and the Crown Prince. A number of top officers of the United States Army of Occupation were helpful in the organization of the new Movement. The Boy Scouts of America are planning to help the Japanese Scouts with a special project.

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SATELLITE COUNTRIES

As has been pointed out previously, Scouting in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania, has been banned by respective governments of those countries. It is understood that in those countries some of the leaders of boys are endeavouring to carry on under great difficulty and some are trying to continue writing to pen pals in the British Commonwealth and Empire. It must always be borne in mind that there is every probability that letters going into those countries are censored. It will readily be seen, therefore, that correspondence with boys in those countries might well endanger their safety.

For this reason, we suggest that Canadian Scouts and Scouters carry on no correspondence whatever with leaders or boys from countries listed above.

COMING EVENTS IN THE WORLD OF SCOUTING

1950

- Boy Scouts of America Jamboree, Valley Forge, Pa., June 30-July 6.
- Visit of Col. J. S. Wilson, Director of International Bureau, June.
- Visit of John Thurman, Gilwell Camp Chief, July and August.
- International Cub Conference, Scotland, August.
- International Committee meets in Portugal, September.
- International Training Team meets in Great Britain, Sept. 5-6-7.

1951

- 1st Canadian National Rover Moot.
- 7th World Jamboree in Austria.
- International Conference in Austria.

1952

- 1st International Scouters' Conference.

1953

- 5th World Rover Moot.
- 2nd Canadian National Jamboree.

1955

- 2nd Canadian National Rover Moot.
- 8th World Jamboree.

1956

- 2nd International Scouters' Conference.

1957

- Baden-Powell Centenary (Born Feb. 22nd, 1857).
- 3rd Canadian National Jamboree.
- 6th World Rover Moot.

1958

- 50th Jubilee of Scouting—World Jamboree in Great Britain.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

A glance at our census figures as at September, 1949 shows that there is one leader for every 11.08 boys.

This might at first sight seem a highly satisfactory state of affairs, but further analysis of the figures reveals a rather alarming situation and indicates need for some corrective action and that without delay.

There are 2370 Wolf Cub Packs, with a membership of 54,489; giving an average Pack strength of 23.98. This is a fair average with which little fault can be found. But what is happening to Wolf Cubs when they reach going up age? There are only 40,382 Boy Scouts in 2,272 Troops; an average membership of 17.77. The leakage between Pack and Troop and the smaller number of Troops as compared to Packs would indicate that there is need of a closer grip on Group System machinery; to wit the Group Council and the Group Committee. Where there is no Troop to which the Cub can go up, it should be seen to right away that steps are taken to provide the means whereby the Cub can round out his Scouting career. It is unfair to leave a Cub at a loose end when his Cubbing days are over. The Cubmaster should talk "Scouting" continually and should so shape the training that the Cub wants to be a Scout. The Scoutmaster should make conscious and frequent efforts to know the prospective Scouts in the Pack and make sure that they will be welcomed when they go up.

The figures for Scout Troops are not healthy. An average membership of 17.77 per Troop would indicate that we are not by any means making full use either of facilities or leadership potential. It is true that the very large Troop is deprecated, but while there are instances where a small community makes a Troop of 32 impossible, it can be said in general that a Troop of insignificant size is a very dull and uninteresting affair. What is needed is not a wholesale drive for membership, but interesting Scout programmes, lots of adventure, full use of the out-of-doors and some quiet recruiting on the part of Patrol Leaders and others. We wonder how many boys there are who would like to be Scouts if only a Scout would ask them.

The Rover Scout picture shows 2,086 Rover Scouts in 184 Crews. It is difficult to judge what is a fair sized Crew, there are so many different factors to be considered. But surely there should be more than 184 Crews. It may be assumed that there are 2,300 Groups in Canada and it is not unreasonable to complain that only 8% are complete.

We must take the long view of Scouting and realize that its purpose is to develop good citizens. Incidental to that aim we develop good boys on their way to becoming citizens. We cannot do this important job unless our machinery is complete and unless we make full use of the machinery we have. It might be a good target to set for 1950 that every Group will strive to be complete and every unit strive to be at full strength. The more boys, the better Scouting, the better Scouting, the better world.

DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE SCOUT INSURANCE?

ARE your Cubs or Scouts insured? There is an insurance plan in force which will give Cubs and Scouts adequate protection while on all Scout activities. The cost is exceedingly small, and for these reasons every Cub and Scout in Canada should be covered. Leaders are covered under the same plan. At the present time the following numbers are covered in the various provinces.

Prince Edward Island..... 859
Nova Scotia1,222

New Brunswick	1,822
Quebec	5,000
Ontario	45,543
Manitoba	736
Saskatchewan	1,789
British Columbia	7,846
Yukon	39
Total	64,865

In addition Scouts in Alberta are covered in a policy direct with the insurance company. Estimating the number covered in Alberta at 2,500, this would bring the total to 67,365,

out of a grand total membership of 109,350 or approximately 60%. Scouters who have not taken advantage of this plan are advised to apply to their Provincial Headquarters for full particulars.

Assist Seal Campaign

Boy Scouts of Victoria, B.C., assisted the Soroptomist Club in its Christmas Seal campaign by distributing 300 poster cards across the city.