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PLAN ACHIEVEMENT

PLAN ACHIEVEMENT deserves the attention of every Scouter and Group Committeeman in Canada. I hope that you will all study the Plan, examine your own Group or Council for strengths and weaknesses, hold discussion groups and make plans for the future so that the Service, Leadership, and Supporter targets will be achieved by the time of the Second Canadian Jamboree in 1953.

Let us all look unto ourselves in order that we may be prepared for the ever-increasing number of lads who want to join the Scout Movement. Our responsibility is to be so organized that we can meet this desire. Self-examination, careful thought, and sensible planning will help us to do so. Good luck to you all in this great endeavour!

PREPARE FOR CIVIL DEFENCE

Much useful time can be spent in training in first aid, rescue work, fire-fighting, traffic control, and so on, at this time so that you and your Scouts will be prepared to fit into any local civil defence schemes which may be developed. Scouters should examine the state of training with this in mind when preparing programmes for future months.

GROUP COMMITTEE REPORTS

Group Committees should submit brief annual reports to their sponsoring institution as well as the District Commissioner. In addition Group Committees are also required to submit audited Financial Statements at the close of each financial year. I am well aware that many Group Committees are failing in both these duties. I hope that readers of this column will bring this matter to the attention of Group Committee Chairmen in order that this point of administration may be more efficiently and effectively observed. We must conduct our affairs in a business-like manner and this is one of the basic requirements. This is a matter to which Group Contact Committees might well give some attention.

SCOUTS AND GENTLEMEN

At a King's Scout Recognition Ceremony recently I was much impressed with the smartness of the really grand lot of King's Scouts being presented with their badges and certificates by the Lieutenant-Governor. On several other occasions, however, I have noted how very sloppy some Scouts have been when receiving awards, etc. from some distinguished visitor or official. Scouters should coach their lads to present themselves on such occasions smartly dressed, shoes cleaned, hair cut and hands washed. Scouts should be taught to stand at the alert, to say "Sir", to salute on departing from the visitor.

All these points are hallmarks not only of good Scouts and gentlemen but are the outward signs of proper training by the Scoutmasters.

COURTS OF HONOUR

I have come across many instances of Scoutmasters refusing to allow their Courts of Honour to function properly. I hope readers will review their own procedure and ensure that the Patrol Leaders are being given reasonably free rein in the development of Troop programmes, projects and policies. One of our tasks is to produce young men who are capable of applying the democratic process to their problems as citizens. Our Patrol System is designed to give experience in this. Scoutmasters who refuse to allow their Courts of Honour to assume this responsibility and authority are in part defeating the object of the Scout training programme. Trust your Patrol Leaders, let them make their mistakes within reason. In this way they will learn and you will have made your contribution to their experience by providing the opportunity for them to do so.

D. C. Spry

Chief Executive Commissioner.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome Western Germany

IN the light of current world affairs, it is heartwarming to learn that Western Germany has formed a Federation of its three Boy Scout organizations, and has "Accepted responsibility for the guardianship of the aims, principles and methods of Scouting as originally suggested by our founder, the late Lord Baden-Powell." This is the first time that Germany has been a member nation in the International Conference and it comes at a most significant time in her history. Tired from three major wars within seventy-five years, the German people, it would appear, have come to realize that their extreme nationalism must be tempered.

To aid in their re-establishment as a nation The Boy Scouts Association is anxious to help in removing the kind of concept of themselves which the Germans have inevitably developed as a defeated people in a devastated land. Their feeling of being a subject race has to be supplanted by a new conception—something that will convert them from being subjects to being citizens, from holding a view of life governed only by duty to a view which sees duties, rights, and privileges in balance. Thus, we in Canada welcome the German Federation into the International Scout Brotherhood and will watch its development with interest and good will.

Fresh Determination

IT is always a happy moment to hear another person stand forth and state that he has become an enthusiastic player in the wonderful game of Scouting. As each day passes it is most encouraging to see how the spirit of Scouting claims more and more men and women, each anxious to play his or her part in the development of our youth. It was my privilege to attend a recent conference of Commissioners and District officials in Eastern Ontario and one of the most pleasant memories I shall always have of the gathering was just such a declaration. As the Conference drew to a close, one gentleman, who had sat silently through most of the discussion, suddenly asked if he might say a few words. He started by saying that he had never been a member of the Movement in his younger days but had gladly accepted a supporter's post in the hope that he might help in this worthwhile work with boys. He then said how very pleased he had been with the tone of determination which the conference had expressed toward "Plan Achievement", and assured the conference that his district would be one hundred per cent behind the Scouters who had indicated their desire to see this blueprint an accomplished fact by 1953. If we can all capture this sincere desire to see Plan Achievement as an opportunity to serve

more Canadian boys—and make Scouting for them a genuine adventure—then 1953 will indeed be a memorable year in our Scout history.



The Editor's Apology

FIRST of all I should like to say thank you to all those who have written wishing me success in this new phase of my Scouting career. I will do my very best to serve you by producing the type of magazine which you would like to read. The transition period in an editorial department is really quite a hectic affair and there were one or two errors which slipped through during this period, preceding the compiling of the Sept.-Oct. issue, which should be corrected. The caption under the picture of the civic authorities welcoming Apple Day should have read the city of Hamilton instead of London, Ont. On page 15, a story by District Commissioner James H. Mitchell appears to have been slightly confused. Mr. Mitchell's actual account of his plan for a progressive year by year programme came as the answer to a correspondence course question and the material was set as a story in error.

Plan Achievement

LET'S KEEP OUR EYE ON THE TARGET —

CANADIAN JAMBOREE, 1953

THE OBJECT OF THE PLAN IS:

The further development of the Boy Scout Movement in Canada through the selection and training of more leaders in order that more boys will benefit from Scout training and experience.

Plan Achievement



THE CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

IT is a tribute to our Scouters and their Committees that we can report to the world brotherhood of Scouting that Canada's "Plan Opportunity" which was introduced in 1947 has been a rousing success. New Scouters and those of long standing threw their shoulders behind the wheel, and devoted themselves to the objective of Plan Opportunity—to provide the opportunity for more boys to benefit from Scout training.

However we must not look back but into the future, realizing the fact that there are still many lads and prospective leaders who are missing the fun of this great game of Scouting. With the introduction of **Plan Achievement**, Canadian Scouters have been presented with a clear blueprint for the future development of the kind of Scouting which we want to see in our country. We have all had an opportunity to scan the Plan and to assess its values. Now let us make sure we have a firm grasp of the object of this scheme so that we may give it our full support.

First of all, let us be sure of one thing. Plan Achievement is not impossible, and it is not an easy way out. It is an opportunity to prove to our fellowmen that we intend to emphasize the **MOVEMENT** part of the Boy Scout programme. The object of the Plan is to provide well rounded citizens by assuring that every boy who enters our Movement will be well trained by leaders who themselves have recognized the necessity of training for the job of leading boys. To achieve this end we have been asked to concentrate on the target from three points—Service, Leadership, and Supporters. Let's look at each one of these points to make sure we understand why they have been selected.

The first point we are asked to concentrate on is Service, or more directly, a proper interpretation of our code to replace selfishness with service to others. It is most important to Scouters to understand that although we may have a firm grasp of the aims and intentions of the Boy Scout Movement, the public often needs to be reminded, and it is our duty to inform them by practical signs of readiness to be of service to the community, the District, the Province, the Nation, and indeed to all the free peoples of the world. The more our Canadian people realize what the Scout programme is

doing they will be more prepared to support our endeavours. Plan, with your Court of Honour, events which will convey this idea of Service to the uninitiated, and strengthen the feeling of pride that exists in all ex-Scouts and Scouters.

By obtaining more leaders who are anxious to train boys, we will make it possible for the Movement to expand. However this increase in leadership must be tempered with the understanding that a high calibre is required of the Scouter, and he must be willing to train himself to serve the boy. The aim is to have one leader for every ten boys so that the individual attention which is so vital in the Scout programme can be maintained. Under no circumstances should any leader attempt to do more than one job, and the more people we have doing less, the more the boy will profit. More extensive use of Assistants and Instructors will assure the boy of a more rounded training, and that, after all, is what we are all in this wonderful game for—the opportunity to serve those lads with the inquiring minds.

In the field of supporters we must recognize that to give the boys the kind of Scout training they are asking

for we must have more sponsors for the new Groups, which are going to spring up. If we continue to show our present sponsoring bodies how much we appreciate the facilities they are providing, it is more likely other similar groups will be willing to offer to sponsor a new unit or Group. It is very easy to forget the many little things which our sponsors do for us over a period of time, and even though they may be very busy people, the occasional *thank you* in the form of some good turn is most welcome and a guarantee of continued interest. It is important that every Cub, Scout, and Rover realize what the sponsoring group is doing for his particular unit, and that he be encouraged to offer his personal thanks to these people who have willingly accepted the responsibility of providing the training facilities.

Above all, we need more *trained Scouters* and if we want to attract the kind of men and women we would like to call our colleagues then we must present our programme to them in all its natural beauty and not wait for them to lift the veil themselves. Let's all get in behind this Plan Achievement and show our Cubs, Scouts, and Rovers that we are really anxious to give them the very best in boy training. Let's meet all obstacles with a smile and pledge ourselves to do our very best.

Here is a rather interesting display of Scouting books which decorates the Calgary, Alberta, headquarters. This is an effective way of helping Scouters as well as drawing the attention of the casual visitor to different phases of our programme.



Chips from the Gilwell Log

Being
ExtractsFrom
Part I

Correspondence Course

WE would like to take this opportunity of thanking "The Reader" for his very helpful advice and kind remarks on previous papers. I can honestly say I have really gained something from these Studies and I only hope that my ideas which I have formed on paper will, when I have a chance, work out in practice. I have been assisting in one of the local Troops when my time has allowed."

"I have learned much in Cubbing and Scouting from this Correspondence Course. It has been a great benefit to me as I am a new leader. I have also enjoyed it very much and hope to take the Part II this summer."

"Confidentially, if I had realized how enjoyable and beneficial this course would prove, I would not have put off beginning it for such a long time! Your comments have been most helpful and the suggested reading I have found to be so very helpful. Good Luck and continued success in this most helpful section of Scouting."

"I have thoroughly enjoyed doing the Correspondence Course. It is surprising how many books one can read and how many lectures attend and still feel you can learn a lot more."

"In concluding this study I would like to mention that even though I completed a study course several years ago and, last summer, had the pleasure of attending an "Akela" Gilwell course, I have enjoyed taking this course as a refresher and have come across many things that were rather vague before. *The Wolf Cubs Handbook* is always full of new information and without it a Leader would be in a rather hopeless position when it came to running a Pack."

"Through this course I have studied more points in Scouting and learned more for the benefit of the Troop and myself also. It refreshed my memory on Scouting. I thank you Mr. Reader and Scouting for the pleasures it has given me in the last nine years."

Emergency Training Can Be Fun

ARE you looking for a rather different Troop programme that can be fun and still be well geared to training? Here is a suggestion. With the Court of Honour and the Chairman of the Group Committee present, outline the following plan to them. Three men are required—the Group Committee Chairman's job is to get them—who will be required to take part in an evening exercise with the entire Troop. One man is supposed to have just been attacked by a person unknown, who clouted him on the head with a heavy object, knocking him into semi-consciousness, and robbing him of his wallet. This man is to be found at the side of a road with a messy wound on the top of his head—(use ketchup please). The second man is a displaced person from Europe, who has arrived in town on the 5.00 p.m. bus and is supposed to report to the immigration authorities for clearance of his papers. He was known to have got off the bus, but has not been seen since. He was believed to have been in a certain district of the town looking for an address. He can not speak English, and he was carrying a suitcase. That is the only description. The third man has just had a nasty spill on his

bicycle, having hit a particularly large pothole. He is thrown to the ground and received considerable injury to his arm. His bicycle is damaged. He is to be found sitting by the side of the road, examining his arm which is giving him great pain. His bicycle lies damaged beside him. This game requires considerable stage setting and the ability of the Patrol Leaders to keep the thing to themselves and act the part of anxious Scouts. Now comes the test of the ability of the Scouts to respond in an emergency. A regular Troop meeting is called and about half way through, the Group Committee Chairman arrives and asks for a few words with the Scoutmaster. With this over the Scouter turns to his Patrol Leaders and outlines the situation to them, explaining to them that the local authorities have requested the aid of the Boy Scouts in dealing with these problems. He assigns one problem to a patrol and then asks that they take what equipment they require and work as fast as possible.

It will be seen that the preparatory work for such a scheme needs to be carefully laid and that those entering into the game must remain serious until the final stage. Adventure is what our Scouts are asking for. Let's Go.

This is the happy group of Maritime Scouters who enjoyed the never to be forgotten thrill of a Wood Badge course. Mr. John Thurman, Camp Chief of Gilwell Park, England, and Major-General D. C. Spry, Chief Executive Commissioner, were visitors at the camp when the group pictures were being taken.





THE CANADIAN SCOUT BROTHERHOOD FUND

FROM coast to coast donations to the Scout Brotherhood Fund continue to pour in. Standing firm in their desire to help, in some small way, to relieve the burden which catastrophe has heaped upon some of our Units, Canadian Scouts, Scouters and supporters have contributed to date \$1,355.16 towards this fund. Every contribution will be acknowledged in the *Scout Leader* and we urge you to forward your donation to your Provincial Head-

quarters or direct to Canadian Headquarters, 306 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

"A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout."

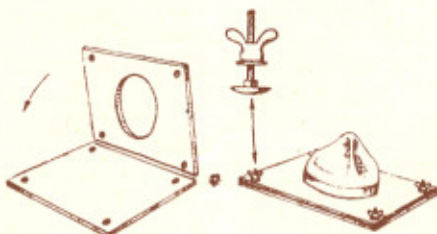
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Thanks from Greek Scouts

ON August 27th the Canadian Ambassador to Greece accepted the thanks of the Greek Boy Scouts Association represented by 2,300 Scouts and their International Commissioner, Mr. Nelas, who were gathered for a Greek National Jamboree. In addressing the assembled boys Mr. Nelas recalled the gift of 15,000 copies of the translated book *Aids to Scoutmastership* which Canada had sent Greece and then told the Scouts how their Canadian counterparts had again offered their assistance by providing thousands of staves to be distributed to Greek Scouts. In a simple but solemn ceremony one Scout from each of the 15 counties represented at the Jamboree was asked to come forward and receive a token staff to be carried back to his campsite. Mr. Benakis, Chief Scout for Greece, then took the stand and called on the Jamboree Scouts to say thank you by giving our Canadian Ambassador a rousing cheer. Token badges of the Jamboree were sent to Maj.-Gen. D. C. Spry, Chief Executive Commissioner, with an official letter of thanks which we pass along to all those who cut and marked the staves.

Mr. G. L. Magann, Canadian Ambassador to Greece, presenting token staves to fifteen Scouts representing the counties present at the Greek National Jamboree. The Greek boys said thank you by giving Canada's Ambassador three rousing cheers and asking him to pass along to all Canadian Scouts and Scouters their sincere thanks.



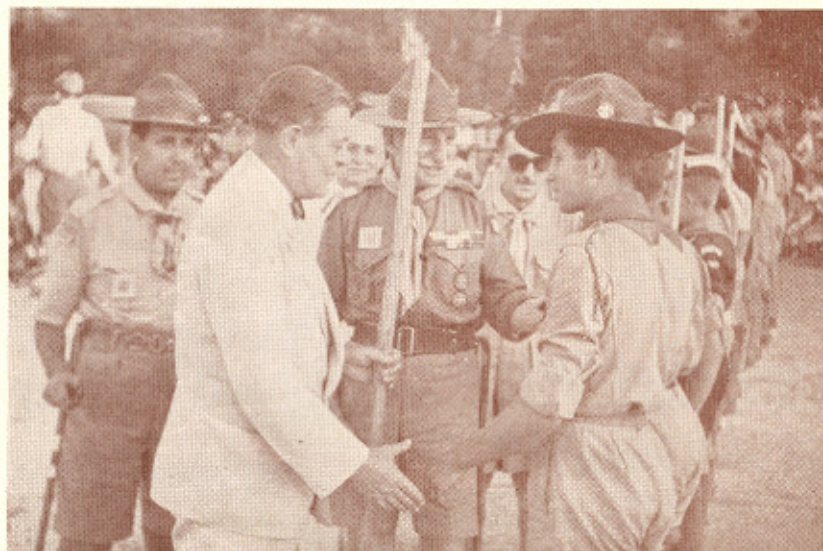
This is an easy-to-make hat press which will keep your Scout hat looking neat and tidy at all times. Two pieces of Masonite and four wing-bolts are all that is required. A leather thong or an additional inch and a half on the bottom piece will enable you to hang up hat and press.

Four Things To Do

Four things a man must learn to do
If he would keep his record true:
To think, without confusion, clearly;
To love his fellow-man sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and Heaven securely.
—Henry van Dyke

For age is opportunity no less
Than youth itself, though in another dress;
And as the evening twilight fades away,
The sky is filled with stars, invisible by day.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



NOW'S THE TIME FOR A PERSONAL RE-CHECK

How Well Do You Know Your Boys?

As Scouters all over the country swing into Plan Achievement, there is one point which comes to mind at the outset. Before we can sit down to draw up our plans we must ask ourselves the vital questions: How well do I know each boy in the unit? Do I understand his needs and the way he wants to be treated? Is my perspective that of the boy or the adult? For example *Scouting for Boys* should be read from the boy's point of view bearing in mind that the book was originally written for boys and not leaders. Here are eight questions to test your understanding. In each question pick the best answer and only when you have finished all eight look at page 31 for the answers.

1. There is a boy who is extremely shy and who does not make friends easily. How would you overcome this?
 - (a) Remind him of the fourth Scout Law.
 - (b) Tell him to snap out of it.
 - (c) Tell him you know he is different from the other boys and that you will try to help him.
 - (d) Have a chat with his P.L. and get his co-operation and that of the rest of the Patrol.
 - (e) Let him work out the problem by himself.
2. You have a Scout who has such a fear of water that he will not go in swimming. What would you do?
 - (a) Encourage the other Scouts to tease him.
 - (b) Explain to him that by learning to swim he may someday save his own or another life.
 - (c) Work with him individually and help him replace fear with confidence.
 - (d) Invite him to the edge of the water and then push him in.
3. The Less Chance Boy in your Troop cannot pay the camp fee.
 - (a) Offer to loan the lad money yourself.
 - (b) Get his P.L. to take up a collection in the Troop.
 - (c) Tell the Group Committee of your problems and with them work out a scheme whereby the boy can earn his way.
 - (d) Tell the sponsoring body that this is their responsibility.
4. Through your fifteenth sense you realize that two Scouts have had

a particularly bitter disagreement and are planning a nice little scrap after the Troop meeting. Both lads are equally matched.

- (a) During the Meeting speak to the lads separately and ask them to join you for a "Coke" after the meeting.
 - (b) Use the S.M.'s five minutes to tell a tale which says that Scouts should not fight with each other.
 - (c) Secretly let the fathers of the boys know and ask them to come along at the end of the meeting.
 - (d) Have the boys put the gloves on at the meeting.
5. You have a rather fat boy in your Pack and the other Cubs are continually making fun of him. At last he comes to you as Akela and says he is leaving the Pack because of this ribbing.
 - (a) Tell him to whistle and smile it away.
 - (b) Place all the fat Cubs in one Six.
 - (c) Tell him the tale of many famous people who have been fat.
 - (d) At story time point out to the Pack that they should not make fun of anyone simply because they have some characteristic which is different than their own.
 - (e) Encourage the fat lad to make fun of others because they are skinny, squirts or have some different, distinctive mark.
 6. At Scout camp you find that a boy is suffering from homesickness.
 - (a) Try to get him interested in some phase of camp life that will make him want to stay so that he can be a help.
 - (b) Ask his parents to come and get him.
 - (c) Have a quiet chat with him tell him that the feeling will pass off in a day or so.
 - (d) Give him so much to do he won't have time to think of himself.
 7. A boy that you know is mentally backward makes application to join the Troop.
 - (a) Explain to him, in a friendly way, that you think the de-

mands of the Scout programme are too much for him.

- (b) Offer to put him on a waiting list.
 - (c) Take him in but tell him that this is not an easy programme but that you will work with him and help him in every way possible.
 - (d) Ask the Troop to vote on him when they know the whole story.
 - (e) Welcome him to the Troop and personally dedicate yourself to give him special attention.
8. You discover that you have an 'apple-polisher' or potential Scouters pet. You want to give him the proper slant.
 - (a) Show indifference toward his excesses and without saying so, indicate that this type of behaviour is unbecoming to a Scout.
 - (b) At the story or S.M.'s five tell a story and bring in your own dislike of such a type of boy.
 - (c) As you are aware of the intent, air the whole matter before the Troop and thus shame the lad.
 - (d) As he probably is affecting the same attitude toward his teacher, ask the teacher how the problem is being dealt with.

A knot may someday save a life. Cubs love rope work if it is kept interesting by practical application.



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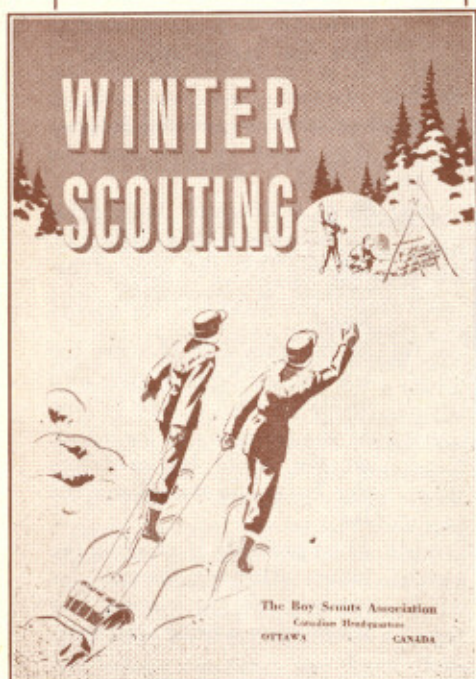
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THE ROVER WORLD

Ontario Rover Moot

By B. H. Mortlock

"CONSERVATION" was the theme of the 12th Ontario Rover Moot which attracted 240 Rover Scouts from all over the province to Kasshabog Lake, 35 miles north of Peterborough, over the Labour Day weekend.

The theme covered a wide variety of subjects, handled principally by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests which co-operated magnificently to make the weekend both a memorable and profitable occasion.

"Make it tough", the Rovers had asked the Ontario Rover Round Table which planned the details of this successful event—and tough it was—at least the long hike through the bush from the highway to campsite.

Eight members of the Lands and Forests Dept. staff, including the Hon. Harold R. Scott, Minister of Lands and Forests, lent their assistance. There were several lectures on subjects related to "Conservation" together with many practical demonstrations.

The Department brought to the campsite truckloads of fire-fighting equipment which was demonstrated and which the Rovers were permitted to use on imaginary forest fires.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the programme was touched off by the arrival of a Forestry Dept. airplane which landed on the lake and tied up at the campsite. A short talk by the pilot on the work of the aerial arm of Forest protection, was followed by his departure for another base 120 miles to the north. Contact was maintained with him by means of a portable short wave radio as he flew north. To illustrate the facility with which the forest protection services correlate their efforts, the short wave radio contacted forestry stations in many parts of the Province.

Motion pictures illustrating the Moot theme, and showing how a forest conflagration is handled, added to the completeness of the weekend's instruction. Another film demonstrated the "Sport of Orienteering".

Yet another educational feature of the Moot was a visit paid on Sunday morning to the mine of the American Nepheline Co. Nepheline is a rock product used in the manufacture of glass, china and pottery.

Other features of the Moot included two excellent council fires, at one of which the Hon. H. R. Scott was the guest speaker. These council fires were conducted by Bob Hunt of Toronto, whose song leading was outstanding. On Labour Day morning the Moot broke up into discussion groups when the subjects discussed and later summarized were, How to Handle Rover Training; Plan for Rover Scouts; First Canadian Rover Moot, 16 Year Old Rovers; Campcraft, and a question and answer session. Roman Catholic Rover Scouts attended Mass in Lakefield and a Communion for Protestants was celebrated on the campsite.

Camp Chief of the Moot was Wilf Hilton, Assistant Metropolitan Commissioner for Rovers, Toronto. He was assisted by an able staff, including Peter Dominick of Peterborough whose handling of local details was highly complimented.

Representing the Ontario field staff were A. L. Jackson, Eastern Ontario Field Commissioner, and A. S. Fleming, Southern Ontario Field Commissioner. Also in attendance were Arthur J. Tomlinson, Executive Commissioner for Newfoundland, and Ross Harris, Hamilton, a member of the Canadian Headquarters summer staff.

Canadian Headquarters was represented by B. H. Mortlock, Executive Commissioner for Publications, who opened the Moot and delivered the talk at the Rovers' Own on Sunday.

Communities represented at the Moot were Windsor, London, Brantford, Galt, Sarnia, Ingersoll, Kitchener, Guelph, Brampton, Hamilton, Port Credit, Long Branch, New Toronto, Cooksville, Willowdale, Allandale, Orillia, Peterborough, Parkhill, Cobourg, Trenton, Toronto, Tonawanda, N.Y., and Detroit, Mich.

Moot Sidelight: The Brampton Crew arrived with a meal on foot, a hen led on a rope. It was duly slaughtered, cooked in aluminum foil to provide a fully satisfying Moot Sunday dinner.



The Scout uniform lends itself to smartness. Rovers should set the example for their younger brothers by wearing it with pride.

There is one road to peace, and that is truth, which follow ye!

SHELLEY



Watch for the report on the Rover Leader's Gilwell Course held at Blue Springs Scout reserve this year.



AKELA'S DEN



Still Another Gift from Nature

THE early fall is a wonderful time for Cub nature rambles, and, when the time comes to sit down for a rest it is handy for Akela to have an interesting tale to tell about something which the Cubs have seen. For instance there is the tale of why the leaves change colour in the Autumn and then are blown to the ground to form that beautiful carpet of many colours which we walk on during our ramble.

Many people still believe the theory that the frost changes the colour of the leaves and then kills them, and they fall to the ground. This is quite untrue scientifically, of course, as trees in the tropics shed their leaves regularly once a year, although at different seasons, to maintain the health of the tree.

The leaf is really quite an important part of our life as it provides us with much of our food, indirectly, and is the manufacturing plant for the nourishment which the tree requires in its growth. All summer long the leaf is operating at top speed to provide the tree with its food, and it is quite natural that its delicate organs should eventually wear out. This, in fact, is what happens, and the tree provides for this in a most interesting way. First of all let us talk of what the leaf does. From the air the leaf extracts carbon dioxide, which we breathe out, then the roots send water to it from the ground, finally this is chemically combined with energy which a magic substance called Chlorophyll transforms from the sunlight. The result is food for the tree. Chlorophyll also gives the leaf its green colour and is a most important substance in the life of the tree. When the leaf has finished a normal life span, around late September or October for our deciduous trees, the tree withdraws most of the all important green colouring matter or Chlorophyll which is concentrated on the upper side of each leaf. When this is done other chemical compounds or mixtures occur in the leaf, the result is the beautiful colours of yellow, orange, scarlet and so forth. At the same time the tree is preparing to part with its leaves, a double layer of cells is grown at the base of the leaf stalk. These two layers of cells begin

from the outside edge and extend inwards. As they swell there is a separation between the stalk of the leaf and the twig to which it is attached until finally the leaf hangs onto the twig only by thin fibers. When the wind blows the leaf to the ground the resulting wound has already been covered by the first layer of cells and thus no infection can enter the tree from this source.

The tree could not live unless it had leaves and so while this process of change goes on the tree must also be preparing for the next summer. If you will look closely you will see sharp pointed buds in the angle between the leaf stalk and the twig. An outer covering protects these tiny buds throughout the winter, and, then, when the warm weather comes around, the tiny leaves will burst through, strong with the energy provided by the tree during the cold weather and ready to produce food quickly during the summer months.

We should have great respect for the beautiful leaves, as they rest from their summer of toil, for they can do one very important thing that no human can and that is to produce food from the chemical combination of carbon dioxide, water, and the energy which the green colouring matter Chlorophyll extracts from the sunlight.

If you your lips would save from slips,

Five things observe with care:

Of whom you speak, to whom you speak,
And how, and when, and where.

Start now and re-read one chapter a day of *Scouting for Boys*. The stimulus of an ever young mind will refresh you.

Here is a rather original game which was developed by a Part II Gilwell course recently. You might call it *Spiders and Flies*. Each Six sends out one Cub who is a Fly. The balance of the Six joins hands to make a spider. The object of the game is for each Spider to encircle a Fly other than the one from his own Six. Try this at the next Outdoor meeting your Pack has this Fall.

Learning By Doing

Here Are 5 Games Which Were Used at the International Cub Leader's Conference

Sanctuary. A number of hoops scattered over the ground—three fewer than the players. On signal, players run to find sanctuary by standing in a hoop. Those not successful are "thrown to the wolves."

Rattle-snakes. Team in circle. Leader in centre with swing-bag which he swings round, while someone outside the circle makes the "rattle." The Cubs have to jump over the "rattle-snake." Those who are touched by the bag are bitten by the rattle-snake and sit out.

Vampire-bat. Same game but swing-bag is circled over heads so that players have to duck to avoid it.

Bumble-bee and Hornet. (A game to develop the sense of feeling). Team sits in circle facing outwards, with eyes shut. Leader in centre has two sticks, on the end of one is tied a loose bunch of feathers (the bee) and on the other two feathers sticking straight out (the hornet). Leader touches someone lightly with one of the sticks and that person has to tell whether it was the bee or the hornet.

Grand Chain. (Good exercise for training in swerving for rugby). Team does the "grand chain"—first slowly, getting quicker, and then on a whistle signal they turn round and do it the other way.

Cub Game—Ball Throwing

THE Pack starts in one big circle, throwing a ball clockwise. If a Cub drops the ball, he must retrieve it and throw it in, but remain outside the large circle, acting as a fielder, until he is able to catch the ball, to return to the main circle. As soon as Akela blows the whistle, the Cub who is holding or catching the ball, at the time, moves into the circle. He will now leap about trying to intercept the ball. If he succeeds in catching it, he may return to the main circle. Thus three circles are formed.

We Feel Sure Rudyard Kipling Would Be Pleased

MISS Cooper of the Dundee, Scotland, Deaf and Dumb School in recognition of the value of Cub training for boys under her charge, has started to re-write the Jungle Books in Braille complete with illustrations of Bagheera, Chil, Kaa and others. In addressing the International Cub Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, Miss Cooper said: "Those of you who belong to this country and to other countries should do your best to get more Cub Packs started among deaf children, because from my own experience I find that the Cubs have made the boys blossom, so to speak, and there is more life in them than I ever saw before. I am quite sure that if you approach teachers of the Deaf in your own countries they will help you by giving the children the language that is necessary to enter into the spirit of Cubbing."

Dennis

Dennis is charming, debonair,
Has light blue eyes and wavy hair;
Dennis is never, never rude
And always says the things he should;
He would not think to lark about—
How could he when he's now a Scout?

Some of his less endearing traits
Keep cropping up in diverse ways,
He never could quite see the aim
Of getting soaked to help the game,
And he, ignoring conscience twinge,
At British Bulldog skirts the fringe.

But once inside the clubroom door
Who could compete at Semaphore?
Always a smile he does permit
Himself at Skipper's weaker wit,
He is, you know, a charming child—
I wonder why he drives me wild?

J. W. G. LOGAN.

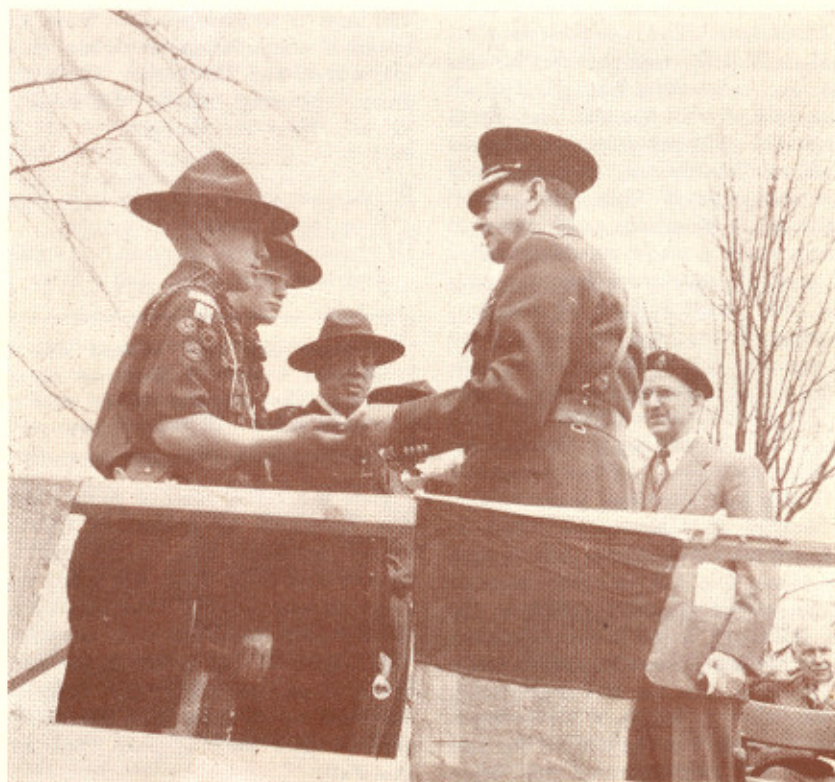
During his visit to North Bay, Ont., His Excellency the Chief Scout for Canada, presented three King's Scouts with their Badges and Certificates and at the same time presented the District Commissioner with his warrant. Left to right in the Scout party, King's Scout Don Haws, Larry Lamb, District Commissioner T. T. Johnston and King's Scout Harold Trenouth. Over 200 Scouts complete with a colour party greeted the Chief Scout and were inspected by him.



Are We Convinced of Our Aim?

WITHIN the next few weeks District and Provincial Headquarters will be calling on every Scouter to register his or her unit and to return the completed forms and registration fees as promptly as possible. Here is an opportunity for Scouters to set an example of smartness and punctuality to junior Leaders and indeed to the entire membership of the Association. It is quite

natural that if we expect full co-operation from others within the Movement, such as those who have the task of supplying badges etc., then we must be prepared to 'do unto others as we would have them do unto us'. Let's have pride in our Movement and prove to our supporters that we are all pulling on the same rope, and that our eyes never leave the target which is set forth in our aims. **Pledge yourself now to prompt and efficient action on registration this year.**



Young Canada's Book Week

*Books are keys to wisdom's treasure;
Books are gates to lands of pleasure;
Books are paths that upward lead;
Books are friends. Come, let us read.*

FROM time to time there appears an editorial in the newspapers or in the numerous magazines bemoaning the fact that there is so much 'trash' presented to young readers. Several governments have passed legislation designed to curb this influx of reading matter which is corrupting the young reader. Most of this legislation has been effective, but at best must rely on the co-operation of parents, and all others who work with young minds. In Scouting we have always encouraged our lads to read by offering Proficiency badges such as the Readers Badge, which requires that a Scout read several types of book in which he will learn the different forms of literary presentation and probably acquire the reading habit.

During the week of November 11 to 18 the Canadian Library Association has asked us to stand with them in their efforts to draw more young people into the realms which await one who grasps the reading habit. Several suggestions such as visiting your local library and examining the books with a guide, building a Troop library, or if you have one, putting it in order and suggesting a wider use of the available material, can be made, and the resulting interest will be ample reward. Every unit should have a library of books on Scouting for reference purposes, and the addition of other books which the boys have enjoyed or want to read will prove a strength to your training objective. Our duty is clear, we must not be content with editorial crusades of others, but join with them in the great task of opening the doors to good reading.

There is nothing quite like the real thing for a Pack Totem. Cubs of the 6th North Vancouver Pack inspect their new totem, a Wolf's head which was given to the Pack this spring.



SALTO, A HORSE OF THE CANADIAN MOUNTIES. By J. Paul Loomis. Price \$3.00. Publisher: Dodd Mead & Company (Canada) Ltd., Toronto, Ont.

Here is another of those refreshing stories of Constable Park Langdon of the R.C.M.P. and his wonder horse, Salto, written to stir the spirit of adventure in both the minds of boys of Scout age and Scouters. The book contains thirteen connected stories of mystery and problems which face Park Langdon and Mr. Loomis has skillfully used the theme of both the trained policeman and his horse solving each case *together*. It is more than another Mountie story in that Salto, the outlaw horse, becomes a member of the prized stable of the R.C.M.P., and proves that he can maintain the high tradition which has been established. This book is recommended as good reading for Scouts and would make an ideal prize or Christmas present for any boy.

PACK HOLIDAYS AND CUB CAMPING. By The Boy Scouts Association (England). Price \$1.25.

Here is the latest book which has come to Canada from The Boy Scouts Association publishing house and is obtainable through the Stores Department. This informative reference book is based on *Camping for Cubs* by Marjorie Neame and D. Francis Morgan which has, until recently, been the official handbook on the subject of Cub Camping. *Pack Holidays and Cub Camping* is the result of careful re-

search into the problems and precautions which must be taken in Cubbing by any Akela who plans to hold either a Pack camp or a joint Cub camp.

The reference material on such important considerations as Equipment, Shelters, and Food is excellent, although one must remember to maintain a Canadian outlook when reading over this matter. This book should be on every Pack Scouters bookshelf and, indeed, as Mr. Morgan points out in his preface, "It should also be read by those who are working with Troops as well; for they will be the more ready to appreciate the reason for Cubs going to camp—and now, perhaps, one should add, or for not going to camp."

WOLF CUB WAYS. By Y. S. Baume. Price \$1.00. Available through the Stores Department.

It is always interesting to see a rather novel approach to a subject, and this Akela has certainly accomplished this in her book. The narrative carries a Cub through his tests and provides interesting illustrations to go along with the 'ways and means' of passing the tests from Tenderpad to Second Star. Interesting stories are provided, and the book sparkles with human understanding as to just what sort of things Cubs really are interested in. Besides making an excellent gift at Christmas, we might suggest it as an extra 'bite' for any occasion, and certainly a very worthwhile addition to the bookshelf of any Pack Scouter.

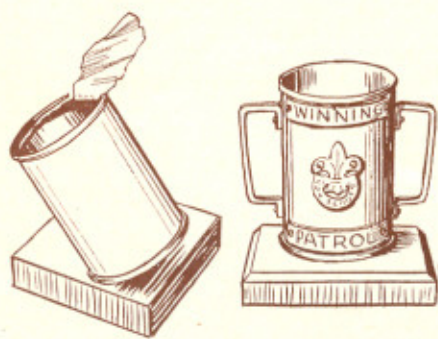


Sea Scouts of the 85th Vancouver Sea Scout Troop (Provincial School for the Deaf) stand rigidly at the alert as Scouter George Ashe invests Leonard Clarke as a Scout. The Investiture took place during an interesting programme which included an inspection by Provincial Commissioner T. W. S. Parsons and District Commissioner B. M. Hoffmeister.



Christmas Good Turns

IN reading the report of the Second International Cub Leaders conference held at Edinburgh, Scotland, from July 31st to August 15th, there appeared an idea for a Christmas good turn which might be worked up for the children's ward of your local hospital. Miss Barbara Innes of Scotland presented a puppet show with dolls which she and her Pack had carved from wood or created by stuffing dolls clothes. The heads were made of paper mache and the masks were fashioned from plasticine. A puppet show put on by Cubs would certainly be welcome in a hospital ward at any time, but the stories surrounding Christmas offer a wealth of imagination in making the puppets. Plan now and be ready to bring smiles to wan faces in the season of Good Cheer.



Looking for a different inter-Patrol trophy? From *The Scout* comes this idea of a tin can trophy. Each winning Patrol is required to add something to the trophy to make it look more presentable. For example when Patrol Leader Fred Ithell of the 45th North London Troop (England) received the tin can for his Patrol he mounted it on a strong board, added metal handles on either side, placed two half inch strips of copper to the top and bottom and applied the lettering. The whole thing was then painted with gilt paint and the result is what you see on the right. This type of thing can be great fun and a real test of ingenuity.

THE RELIGION
ON MY HONOUR
MY BEST, TO DO



AND LIFE AWARD
I PROMISE TO DO
MY DUTY TO GOD . .

SCOUTERS have a definite duty to perform in bringing the first part of the Scout Promise, Duty to God, before their boys. The Religion and Life Award was instituted expressly to help in this task and it is hoped more boys will be encouraged to qualify. C. E. Sadler, a Scouter in Elmira, Ont., recently completed his Correspondence Course and here is what he has done to interest his Scouts.

"The requirements of each faith were outlined to each Scout. The ministers and priest received copies of the requirements and were invited to attend our meetings at their convenience. When any of their "boys" were receiving badges they were again invited and asked to conduct our prayers, bearing in mind the faiths of other boys.

Parents were informed as to the design of the award, requirements of their Church and the need of more faith by their sons and minister. The ministry "put in a good word" for the movement and recommended that each boy be helped in receiving his award by the congregation as a body. It is surprising how many former non-supporters are real boosters now.

In our competitions the Awards re-

ceived special points for sections and completed test.

Attendance at Church, Sunday School, Masses, Prayer Meetings have always received points in competition, the boys find it a relatively easy way to get points but they receive something more valuable thru' their attendance and are fulfilling part of their Award.

We try mental somersaults using Biblical questions.

We tried some of the more willing fellows with opening and closing prayers.

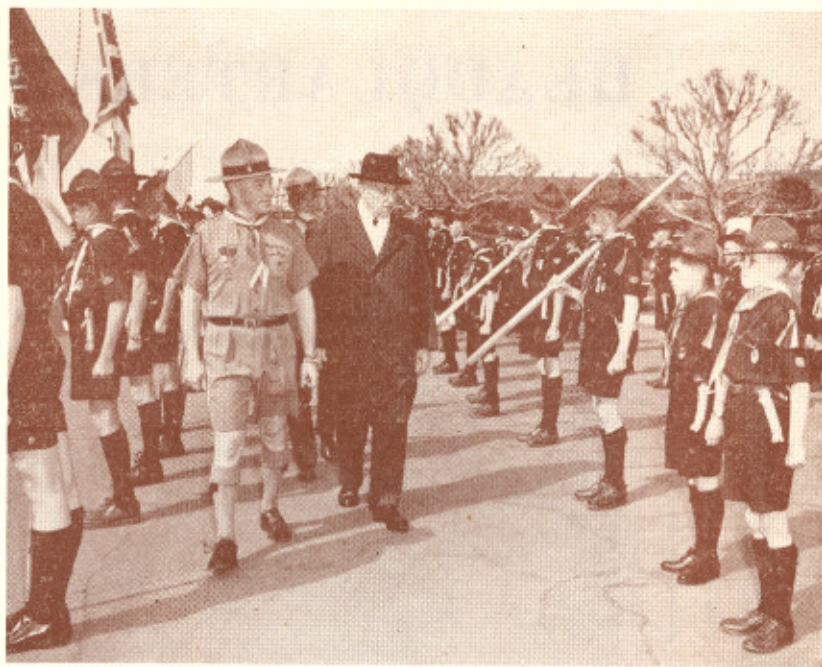
I don't know if I have imparted any new information on how to interest a Troop in their own Faith, I am a Church member but I do not hesitate to attend churches of other faiths, some of the fellows wonder if I am checking up, but I don't feel that I am, I am just trying to show them that *I go to Church* and by visiting other Churches showing that I am tolerant to other faiths exemplifying our fourth Law.

Educating parents to our aims helps very much and the ministry is a unit of our social set-up that can do more with a few words than we can with a book."

Out of Uniform Activities

THERE are several times during the year when Scouters are afforded an opportunity to assist their lads in activities which are not of a Scouting nature, but rather just good fun. If we are to gain the confidence of these boys then it is important that we take advantage of such occasions as Hallowe'en to add a little spice to our relationship with them. Hallowe'en parties can be as interesting as your imagination, and at the same time accomplish a good turn by preventing wanton destruction of property in search of excitement. One warning, however, must be signalled and that is that the boys do not want silent parlor games the entire evening, and their desire for excitement and adventure on this night of mystery must be met with well planned activities. The first requirement is to step into the boots of the lad, and try to understand the feeling of excitement which has captured his mind, and then go on from there. If a mixed party is the desire of the Troop, then by all means encourage it. Perhaps a barn dance in the appropriate gear—in any case they will use up a considerable amount of energy. Ask the boys to bring their friends to the party, and, in this way, more people will realize that these lads are also learning to have a good time apart from Scouting practices. Above all let the boys tell you what they want, and then help them to lay out their own organization and not depend on 'hand-outs'. Scouts are boys, and they have the same feelings as the gang who rip off the gates, cut clothes lines, and generally create havoc. Our job as Scouters is to re-direct this energy into having a good time without the unnecessary destruction.

Cubs, Scouts and Rovers of Shawville, Quebec, have been turning in their share of good turns lately. The lads built a wooden bench alongside one of the bus stops so that ladies and others might rest while waiting for the bus to arrive. The bench is painted in Scout colors and contains a rustic plaque to tell the public who has been of service. The boys have also provided a library for the local hospital by gathering books from several sources and then cleaning and indexing them. At a recent fair the Scouts turned out fifty strong and provided a first aid tent and a messenger service. During the afternoon a mother reported her two-year-old son lost and the Scouts quickly spread out and recovered the lad in a matter of minutes.



Smartness in Scouting is one of the moot points of Plan Achievement. There is no better way of attracting public recognition and support than a smartly turned out unit. The 27th Calgary Troop (St. Mary's) with Scouter Bob Talbot show His Honour J. J. Bowlen, Lieut.-Gov. of Alberta, and Provincial Commissioner W. J. Dick, that they are prepared to present a display of smartness at any time.

Opportunity Knocks

SCOUTS and Scouters of the 1st Chip-pawa Troop have come forward with a rather novel suggestion for raising funds and educating the public in one of the real values of Scouting. The Troop set up a model camp and then staged a barbecue to which the general public was invited. The display opened at 1.00 p.m. and lasted until 10.00 p.m. on a Sunday. Signal towers, camp gadgets and the skill of Scout cooking were on display and every minute was a busy one for the Troop and an interesting one for the public.

Calling Apple!!

WHEN Scouts decide to have an apple day in Nova Scotia there is nothing that is going to stop them. In Weymouth, N.S., the Scouts were faced with a very late delivery of their apple supplies. Undaunted they brought a Public Address system into use to direct the apple salesmen and the public and all entered into the spirit of the novel arrangement.

Answers to Scouter's Re-check—

- 1—(d); 2—(c); 3—(c); 4—(a);
5—(d); 6—(a); 7—(e); 8—(a).

"Our Forest"

THE 1st Castleton Troop in Eastern Ontario has established a Troop tradition which is not only helping in the fight for forestry conservation but is boosting the Troop funds. A rural Troop of fifteen Scouts, they planted 12,000 trees for the Township of Cramahe, and another 12,000 for a local farmer all of which netted them \$85.00 for Troop funds. This project was accomplished in 1949, and the Scouts enjoyed it so much that they offered to plant another 15,000 Scotch and Red Pine trees for the Township this year, for which they received \$55.00. The planting was done on the Patrol System with each Patrol selecting a section of land and then using their own organization.

Do your Patrol Leaders and Troop Leaders receive their copy of *The Junior Leader*? This magazine is produced with the idea of giving Patrol Leaders some assistance in the important duty of leading a Patrol. Order your copies now from your Provincial Headquarters and make sure every Patrol Leader receives his copy as soon as possible. Remember it is their magazine and therefore encourage them to send in their comments to the editor.

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES



A view of the site for the 7th World Jamboree.

SEVENTH WORLD JAMBOREE—1951

The Seventh World Jamboree will be organized by the Austrian Boy Scouts Association and will be held at Salzkammergut golf course. This is a beautiful campsite situated between Strobl and Bad Ischl, approximately thirty miles east-south-east of Salzburg, Austria.

The official opening will take place on Friday, August 3rd, while the closing ceremony will be held on Monday, August 13th.

It is not yet possible to give an exact statement of the cost for individuals of the Canadian Contingent, but listed below is an estimate which should be used in planning representation:

Ocean Passage, Halifax to London to Halifax	\$350.00
Sea and rail fare, London to Salzburg to London	50.00
Camp fee (estimate)	25.00
	\$425.00

Add cost of Canadian transport to Halifax and return.

Briefly, here are the details of the Qualifications, and such other information which we have on hand.

Grade: King Scout. (Note: Preference will be given to those with Bushman's Thong).

Age: Maximum—Must not have passed his eighteenth birthday by August 1, 1951.

Minimum—Since all applicants must have the First Class Badge, all boys must have passed their fourteenth birthday.

Health: All applicants must undergo a thorough physical examination and must have the medical form (to be issued later) completed when notified that they have been selected.

Vaccination: All applicants must submit evidence of successful vaccination within five years of the date of submitting the medical form.

Uniform: All members of the contingent will be expected to wear

standard Canadian uniform consisting of Scout hat, green flannel or drill shirt, blue shorts, blue stockings with green tops, black shoes. A special Canadian Jamboree scarf will be supplied by Canadian Headquarters. Each boy should be equipped with an old uniform of any type for wear inside Troop lines and when on kitchen duty, etc.

Provincial Quotas: The Canadian Contingent will consist of one Troop of 32 boys and three leaders unless applications indicate that this can be increased. On the basis of one Troop, the Provincial Quotas will be as follows:

Newfoundland	1	Ontario	10
Prince Edward Island	1	Manitoba	2
New Brunswick	2	Saskatchewan	2
Nova Scotia	2	Alberta	2
Quebec	3	British Columbia	5
La Federation		2	

If it is discovered that any province cannot meet its quota for any reason it will be transferred to another by Canadian Headquarters.

Leadership: Applications for leadership should be submitted to Canadian Headquarters via Provincial Headquarters, on a form which will be supplied on request. Final selection of leaders has been delegated to the Chief Executive Commissioner.

Selection: Selection of Scouts to fill the provincial quota will be made by the Provincial Commissioner. Provincial offices will arrange their own methods of receiving applications, and further requests for information regarding selection should be directed to your Provincial Headquarters.

As more information becomes available it will be published in *The Scout Leader* and *The Junior Leader* or by special bulletin from your Provincial Headquarters.

NOTICE REGARDING JAMBOREE BADGES

Badges and emblems issued for the 2nd American National Jamboree, 1950, and for previous Jamborees must not be worn on official uniforms after December 31st, 1950. Wearing of Jamboree badges is permitted only during the year of the Jamboree and therefore all Jamboree insignia should be removed at the end of this year.

PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT

The Boy Scout and Wolf Cub Diary will soon be off the presses and a full announcement will be made in the next issue of the *Scout Leader*. Also under production are Canadian Scout and Cub Christmas Cards. These cards have a typically Canadian flavour in design and are being produced in the traditional colours of Scouting and the Christmas season. Full description will be carried in the next issue of the *Scout Leader*.