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2ND AMERICAN NATIONAL JAMBOREE

The Sign Post

SCOUTING FOR BOYS

Scouting for Boys by the Founder remains as it always will the basic book on this great game of Scouting. Unfortunately today, far too few boys have copies of this book. I hope that we shall see many more Group Committees finding the funds to make it possible to give every boy on joining a Troop a new copy of this grand boy's book. I am sure that if every Group Committee could find the funds for such a project more boys would catch and fully understand the adventure and fun that is Scouting. What about it Group Committee-men? Perhaps one of the local Service Clubs might well take on this work, and I am sure they would be pleased to put a bookplate in the front of the book indicating the name of the donating club or institution. This same project should take place, in the case of Wolf Cubs, with the presentation of the *Wolf Cub Handbook*. I shall watch the sale of both these books in the Stores Department in the next few months to see whether any Group Committees or Service Clubs take up this suggestion.

STARDUST

I hope that more and more Scouters will realize that a Group Headquarters is not a refuge but a base from which active Scouting takes place. Too often I have found Groups who have not had an outdoor programme in months. Scouters will find considerable enthusiasm for outdoor Troop meetings, "Gatherings of Patrols," away from the usual meeting places. Beware, as I have said so often, of that 'basement fug.' Get out and get some stardust on your Scout uniform.

D. C. Spry
Chief Executive Commissioner.

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Editorial

"Remember that the boy, on joining, wants to begin 'Scouting' right away; so don't dull his keenness, as is so often done, by too much preliminary explanation at first. Meet his wants by games and Scouting practices, and instil elementary details bit by bit afterwards as you go on." B.-P.

THE playing fields now are marked out for baseball, and each team is playing at top tilt in a supreme effort to place well up in its respective league. Soon it will be time to line the fields for football, and, then, Canada's national sport, hockey, will take the limelight. What has all this to do with Scouting? It points up a problem which must be faced by us in the Scouting game as well as those who pilot our athletic clubs—PLANNING. If one is going to have a winning team, it is imperative that before the players take the field considerable time should be spent in training them to work together and to gain as much experience as possible. If one is an athlete, then one must work hard during this training period to acquire physical fitness so that one will be able to get the most out of the game and at the same time put one's very best into it.

As we start another Scouting year let us look at our 'game' from this angle. We are training young men to become better citizens by teaching them to play together. We want them to get the very most out of this grand game of Scouting, and, to this end, we have accepted the challenge of leadership. It is our duty therefore, as their coach to lay down a clear, decisive, well rounded programme to assist them in their development and, by example, inspire them to play together for the good of the entire team of Scouting. Our game is not a seasonal affair; we are the coaches in the training camp of life. Should we not then, do our very best to give these boys the

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MR. GEORGE N. BEERS
Assistant Executive Commissioner for
Publications

Meet the New Editor

By B. H. Mortlock

CANADIAN Headquarters is pleased to announce, and the Publications Department is happy to welcome the appointment of Mr. George N. Beers as Assistant Executive Commissioner for Publications. Mr. Beers assumes, with this issue, the Editorial direction of *The Scout Leader* and *The Junior Leader*.

Since the retirement in 1946 of Mr. F. E. L. Coombs, who was Editor of Publications for 23 years, the Publications Department has operated under the direction of one man. The heavily increased responsibilities and duties have made it necessary to enlarge the staff and Mr. Beers' selection was based on both his journalistic and Scouting qualifications.

A native of Campbell's Bay, Que., he is a son of the late Dr. Arthur Hope Beers and Mrs. Beers. He received his elementary schooling in Ottawa and Montreal and his secondary education at the Montreal Commercial High School. Following service in the Royal Canadian Navy, he attended Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Que., from which he graduated in Arts last June.

Prior to the war Mr. Beers was employed in the Legal Department of the Canadian National Railways and with the Lake St. John Power and Paper Company at Dolbeau, Que.

Enlisting in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1942, he saw service in the North Atlantic, Bermuda and the English Channel. During the war he

was married at Bishop's College Chapel to Norma Hunting of Huntingville, Que., also a graduate of Bishop's. They have two children, Janet, age 6 and Arthur, age 2.

George was a Cub and Scout in Montreal and gained both his King's Scout Badge and Bushman's Thong. Later he was a member of the Mackenzie Rover Crew in Montreal, and during the war was Senior Rover Mate of the Tweedsmuir Deep Sea Rover Crew at Halifax, N.S. As a Rover he gained his Rambler Badge.

He served as Scouter with a number of units in Montreal, Dolbeau, Quebec City and Huntingville, Que., and Halifax, N.S. In 1949 he was appointed Executive Commissioner for Sherbrooke District, Quebec.

Mr. Beers has completed his Akela Wood Badge requirements and has completed Part I of his Scoutmaster and Rover Leader Courses. During the 1949 First Canadian Jamboree he was in charge of the Canteen, and spent the balance of the summer as a member of Canadian Headquarters Staff.

In the field of Journalism he was, during the war, a regular contributor to the *Halifax Herald* and the Navy publication *The Crow's Nest*. While at Bishop's College he served as district correspondent for the Montreal newspapers, *The Gazette*, *The Star* and *The Standard*. He was for three years a member of Bishop's University Board of Publications and its president in 1949-50. His writings appeared frequently in the university literary review *The Mitre*.

The Executive Commissioner for Publications in welcoming Mr. Beers would like to take this opportunity to express his gratitude for the truly wonderful co-operation received from the Canadian Scouting fraternity during the eight years he has been privileged to edit the headquarters magazines. He bespeaks for Mr. Beers a continuation of this generous support. The Executive Commissioner remains responsible for the production of all headquarters publications, but will devote his time largely to editing, production and revision of the Association's books, pamphlets and other printed matter.

"The more a Scouter assimilates his inward ideas and outward dress with his Scouts, the more he is likely to be in sympathy with them and they with him."—B.-P. 1913.

For the Scout Troop

A 4-Meeting Lay-out

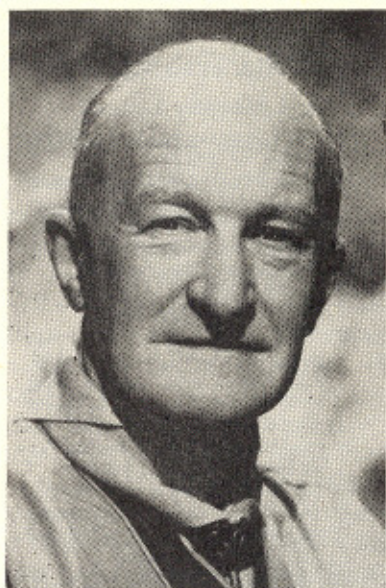
- 7.10 Headquarters opened by Troop Leader or A.S.M.
- 7.15 Duty Patrol arrives and makes room ready, including preparation of Union Flag for breaking. Scoutmaster arrives.
- 7.25 Balance of Troop arrives.
- 7.30 Patrol Corners; roll call; inspection by P.L.s; dues.
- 7.35 Troop called into Horseshoe formation by T.L. or A.S.M. S.M. takes over parade. Flag break. Scout Silence. T.L. makes attendance report. General inspection and points marked up on board. Special inspection—*
 - (a) Hair (tidiness and length).
 - (b) Finger nails of left hand.
 - (c) Boots. ½ point off if not recently polished.
 - (d) Pocket contents, useful.
- 7.45 Lively Games—(Freeze)*
 - (a) Knot Relay.
 - (b) Tunnel Ball.
 - (c) Crow's Tug of War.
 - (d) Hare and Hounds.
- 7.55 Patrol Corners—Instruction by P.L.s.
 - (a) Tenderfoot Knots and their practical uses.
 - (b) Composition of the flag.
 - (c) Whippings.
 - (d) Morse Alphabet. (Freeze)*
- 8.10 Quiet Game—
 - (a) Who Has Moved.
 - (b) Simple Remedies.
 - (c) Listening Game.
 - (d) Sleeping Pirate.
- 8.20 (a) Semaphore Relay.*
 - (b) Sealed Message in Semaphore.*
 - (c) Morse Relay.*
 - (d) Sealed Message in Morse.*
- 8.30 (a) Talk emergency mobilization.
 - (b) Daytime explosions, phones cut. (What would You do)
 - (c) Explosions and blackout.
 - (d) Tracking problem.*
- 8.40 (a) Scout Law Baseball.*
 - (b) Emergency first aid talk and demonstration.
 - (c, d) Scout Law Charades.*
- 8.50 Council Fire: Popular Camp Songs. S.M.'s Five. Notices. Scout Silence. O Canada. King. Flag. Duty Patrol named. Dismiss.

Court of Honour
*Patrol Competition.

Editorial

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training they need and are asking for, bearing in mind that the 'game' element must be retained. To carry this out we must have careful planning sparked with imagination, and the ability to shift to a new play in the event of unexpected odds.



COL. JOHN S. WILSON

Canada and World Scouting

By Col. J. S. Wilson, Director of the Boy Scouts International Bureau

My two visits to Canada since the close of the war have unfortunately been too short to enable me to see much of the practice of Scouting throughout the country, but I have been kept in touch with it through publications and letters and through the contacts that I have had with Canadian Scouters at International Conferences and Jamborees and Moots. I can truthfully say, therefore, that I am well aware of the fact that Scouting in Canada is today very much alive and go-ahead. That doesn't mean that it is going off on new lines but that it is rediscovering the adventure and the benefits of the trails that our Founder, B.-P., blazed for us in the early years of the present century. As a constant disciple of B.-P. that is a fact which pleases me intensely.

The Boy Scouts International Conference has been strengthened by having a Canadian member on its International Committee. The Deputy Chief Scout was elected to the Committee at the first post-war meeting of the Conference in France in 1947. He drew only a two-year period out of the hat, but at the meeting last year in Norway the Chief Executive Commissioner was elected to fill his vacancy and will serve for the full period of six years. Mr. Jackson Dodds consented, however, to continue to serve as an additional member of the Finance Sub-Committee, so his fifty years of banking experience is not lost to World Scouting.

Perhaps I should explain that Major General Dan Spry's election to the Committee was on his own merits. No country, not even Canada, has a right to a place on the International Committee. Its 12 members come from 12 different countries but are not representatives of these countries. They are expected to take a world-wide view of Scouting and not to represent narrow national interests.

I believe that it is of real benefit to Canadian Scouting that it should be directly connected with World Scouting. Formerly it was recognized as a branch of The Boy Scouts Association in Great Britain, its Mother Association. Now it is a full member of the Boy Scouts International Conference and of equal status in Scouting with any other country. It deserves that status and at the same time gives strength in international Scout affairs since Scouting in Canada portrays in my belief the sole object of the Conference "to develop co-operation and unity in Scouting throughout the world according to the suggestions of its Founder, the late Lord Baden-Powell." That is both a compliment and a challenge to Canadian Scouts to continue to set an example of real Scouting.

International goodwill and understanding can be taught and fostered through "Pen Pals."

"Sons of One Father, Brothers One and All"

"IT is expected that every Scout should belong to some religious denomination and attend its services."

The 2nd Calgary Troop has now carried to its logical conclusion the ceremony of presentation of the Religion and Life Award, described in *The Scout Leader* and *The Junior Leader* for July-August, 1950.

On Sunday, May 21st, the Scoutmaster, accompanied by four Scouts who had received the Award at a St. George's Day observance in Christ Church (Anglican) repaired to Wesley United Church and presented a member of the Troop to the minister to receive the Award in accordance with the requirements of that denomination.

The minister, in his address, commented on the fact that the Boy Scouts Association should have instituted an Award which makes such an inter-denominational ceremony possible.

In Memory of Canadian Scouter

THE central event during the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Boys' School at Palampur, India, was the opening of the new Guiton Memorial Hall in memory of the Rev. Geoffrey Guiton. The school, operated by the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, has 800 pupils and a lively Scout Group. Rev. Geoffrey Guiton, the former principal was a prominent Montreal Scouter before going to India where he was murdered by bandits while returning from a Scout camp. He was succeeded as Principal by Rev. Thomas M. Dustan, a former Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster of the 1st Bowmanville, Ont., Troop. Mr. Dustan is Scoutmaster of the Troop at the school and is a regular reader of *The Scout Leader*.

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Reward for Determination

The 1st Brantford, Ont., Troop which consists of forty sightless Scouts has again made the news columns. Clarence Morris, Patrol Leader of the Whippoorwills, gained his King's Scout Badge at a recent investiture. Clarence was a Wolf Cub at the Canadian Institute for the Blind School and has been a member of the 1st Brantford Troop for the past three years. Winning of the coveted King's Scout Badge is a real achievement for a totally blind Scout and we all raise a hearty cheer for this lad and his Troop.



Mr. Jackson Dodds, Deputy Chief Scout for Canada, who has been honoured with the award of Officier of the Legion de Honneur by the French Government in recognition of his services to The Canadian Red Cross Society.

Homemade Barometer

SENIOR Scout M. Howell, of the 1st Mitcham Troop, England, sent in an idea for a barometer which he has tried and found successful.

The equipment needed is a jam jar and a vinegar bottle. See that the bottle sits without wobbling when placed upside down in the jar with the neck of the bottle resting on the floor of the jar. Mix a little red ink with water and half fill the bottle with it. Invert the jar over the bottle and reverse, then gently raise the bottle until only an inch or so of coloured water remains in the neck.

The barometer should be placed in some place where it is easily seen, say close to a window.

When the column of water in the neck of the bottle rises to the level of water in the jar, good weather may be expected, but when it falls to an inch or so rain or high winds are probably imminent. The state of the weather to be expected may be gauged by the rise and fall.—*The Scout*.

Stand Clear!

There is the story which appeared in "The Shook News", the circular of the 4th Skjak Rover Crew which should be passed along to those with strong stomachs. A passenger, making his first trans-Atlantic crossing in rough seas, felt the urge to lean over the rail. An officer stopped by the chap and said: "I'm sorry, but you can't be sick here." The passenger regarded the officer a long tortured moment, then said sadly: "Watch".

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA 2ND NATIONAL JAMBOREE, VALLEY FORGE, PA.

NEVER before in the history of American Scouting have there been so many Scouts gathered together in one campsite. This is only one of the superlatives that can be applied to the success of the spectacular Jamboree which The Boy Scouts of America staged as a fitting climax to their "Crusade to Strengthen the Arm of Liberty." During the week of June 30th to July 7th 46,634 Scouts from every corner of the United States and eighteen other countries gathered on the beautiful and historic park grounds of Valley Forge in Pennsylvania, to celebrate the increasing prominence of Scouting in the United States of America. It would be quite impossible, even if we had the space, to paint a very concise word picture of the Jamboree, where every minute of every day was simply packed with some new adventure. However here is a sketch of some of the more outstanding events.

On Thursday, June 29th, the Canadian Contingent of 239 Scouts and Scouters arrived and set up camp on a hillside in the International Section. Troops and contingents from the many foreign countries and the United States continued to arrive by the thousands, and soon the vast city mushroomed into the complete Jamboree.

Friday was the official opening day, and the first day that all the Scouts at the Jamboree gathered together. As the Canadian contingent marched smartly along the roadside cheers of welcome greeted them from their American counterparts, and the many visitors who came to see the first great display and to hear Mr. Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, officially open the Second American National Jamboree. Thousands of boys poured into the great natural amphitheatre overlooking the erstwhile parade ground of General George Washington's Continental army some of them having been on the march for nearly an hour since leaving their campsites. In his address Mr. Truman praised the Boy Scout movement, and warned the boys that they must not be complacent but prepared to protect their liberty, and hold it high as a symbol for all the world to see. "I am confident that you will do your best to build a peaceful world,"

The Spirit of International Friendship in Action.

Left to right:
Andrew Wojciecki,
Poland;
Jack Jones,
Quarryville, Pa.;
Howard O'Hara,
Hamilton, Ont.;
Franklin Ruas,
Paris, France;
Bob Kimes,
Oil City, Pa.;
Ronald Hunt,
London, Ont.



Mr. Truman said in closing. Following this inspiring message, the Boy Scouts of America staged "The Valley Forge Story" depicting the thrilling tale of sacrifice and determination which George Washington and his Continental army wrote into historical annals during the bleak winter of 1777 and 1778.

Saturday, July 1st, the Canadian contingent marched smartly into horseshoe formation at their own flagpole to be led in special prayers for our Dominion. Each Scout was reminded of his duty to dedicate himself to the protection and honour of his country and Rev. R. Rolls, Canadian contingent chaplain, called on each boy to offer up a prayer of thanks for the benefits we all enjoy as Canadians. In the evening the International Section gathered at their campfire site, and each country presented short skits depicting some aspect of their national life and Scouting.

Sunday morning the entire Jamboree once again was on the move, and this time to fulfill the first part of their Scout Promise—Duty to God. Separate services were held for Roman Catholics, Mormons, Christian Scientists, Lutherans, Jewish and Protestant boys. In the evening a special Convocation service was held in the arena. Silently and reverently the vast throng again mustered in the great amphitheatre. It was undoubtedly one of the most moving scenes of the Jamboree to see over forty thousand boys each light a candle, hold it high as he silently pledged himself to protect the Freedom of Religion and then on the command, snuff out the candle and place

it in the pocket of his shirt over his heart to remind him of his solemn pledge. There was a gasp of awe from the 12,000 visitors as the darkness was momentarily a carpet of flickering lights and then utter darkness. Lanny Ross, ex-Eagle Scout of film and radio fame, lifted his voice in the hymn "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget . . ."

On Monday the Canadian contingent and 9,000 other Scouts moved off at 11.00 a.m. to tour historic Philadelphia. Although the trip was rather rushed because of the vast numbers of Scouts to be handled at each point, our lads did see many of the monuments which our American cousins hold dear as milestones in the struggle for Independence.

July the 4th held even more thrills for the Jamboree Scouts. All through the day there was an atmosphere of eager anticipation for the boys knew that General Dwight D. Eisenhower was to speak to them, and that there was to be a mammoth fireworks display. When evening finally came the Troops again filed into the arena area and sat silently as a pageant telling the story leading up to the adopting of the Declaration of Independence was unfolded before them. Then General "Ike" spoke to the Scouts, and ended by calling them all to their feet to repeat the Scout Promise. A hushed silence fell for a few moments over the vast throng and then in the words that launched the final attack on Europe that night of June 6th, 1944, he shouted, "Let 'er Rip" and the fireworks display was on. Five thousand

dollars worth of fireworks ranging from giant rockets to set pieces showing a naval battle and General Washington kneeling in prayer blazed for twenty-five minutes. Thousands of eyes followed each new blast or hiss, and one could feel the excitement like an electric shock running along one's spine.

Wednesday the Canadians played host to the International Section at a party held on one of the Troop sites. Two representatives from each country in the International section plus members of the United States Sectional Staff were present. Our Nova Scotia pipers played several request pieces and members of La Federation des Scouts Catholiques sang several French Canadian songs. The guests of honour were Col. John S. Wilson, Director of the International Bureau, Mr. Salvador Fernandez, Travelling Commissioner for Latin America, Maj-General D. C. Spry, our Chief Executive Commissioner, and Mr. Arthur McKinney, Assistant to the Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, who was Section Director for the International Section. Mr. Roy B. Oglesby, our Contingent Leader, was made Mountain Chief of the Blackfeet Tribe by one of the Section Staff, who is a full blooded Chief of the Blackfeet.

On Thursday evening the final pageant was presented in the arena. The theme for this show was "World Scouting." Dr. Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scout Executive for the Boy Scouts of America, addressed the assembled Scouts, and expressed the hope that the International Section had enjoyed the Jamboree as much as the Boy Scouts of America had enjoyed playing host. Col. Wilson then addressed the boys and told them of the part they were playing in fulfilling the great dream of our founder, Lord Baden-Powell, and finished by reading the final words from B.-P.'s last message. As Col. Wilson stepped back from the microphone several foreign countries, including Canada, presented Scouting displays and national pageants signifying the International flavour and wide appeal of the Scout Movement. The vast stage was backed by a huge world globe and directly in front of this was a trestle bridge over which representatives of the various countries marched to bring the Jamboree displays to a fitting and colourful climax.

Friday the Troops cleaned their campsites and prepared to move off. As quickly as they had come to this beautiful campsite the Scouts moved away. Buses and trucks arrived by the

Scouts from the 4th Halifax Troop who provided the Canadian Contingent to the Valley Forge Jamboree with an excellent pipe band. Besides being a feature attraction in the International Section the Pipers led our contingent to and from every Arena display.



hundreds, and marching feet once more were on the move behind their transports. This great army of Scouts prepared to return to their homes filled with the spirit of Valley Forge, and warm with the feeling of new and treasured friendships. As they went their several ways, vowing to write and even camp together again, each Troop paused to say a thank you to the men who had given so much in the planning and execution of this vast operation. The "Crusade to Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" has indeed many strong knights to carry its plans to fulfillment. As B.-P. wrote when he knew his time was nearly up, "With great content I leave it all in their hands; and to them I whisper God Bless you and prosper your efforts."

Education in Wood

Scouts in the Halifax District have undertaken to plant three thousand trees to help in the municipal drive to conserve the dwindling water supply. This is a most necessary and well directed 'Good Turn' which other Districts and units throughout Canada are adopting. The crusade to preserve our country's natural beauty and to combat such disasters as have been seen in Winnipeg and British Columbia is of great importance.

Ladies' Auxiliary Aim

The following paragraph is culled from a letter to members of a Ladies' Auxiliary by one of its past presidents. "The one aim of the Scout Ladies' Auxiliary is to be a help to the Scouts and leaders and the best way to help them is right at home. When your boy is trying a badge, give him encouragement and talk it over with him. He will get it more easily by talk-

ing about it. Give him your ideas and advice whenever you can. You will find that he will come back again and again for advice, and in this way both parents are more interested in Scouting."

From the George Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, Pa.

Almighty God
FATHER OF ALL MEN
to Thee we raise thankful hearts
for deliverance from forces of evil
and we pray for peace for all time.
Deliver us also, we beseech Thee, from
the greater danger of ourselves.
Have mercy upon us and forgive us for
our part in the present desolation of
the world.

Awaken us each one
to a sense of our responsibility
in saving the world from ruin.
Open our eyes and minds and hearts
to the desperate plight of millions.
Arouse us from indifference into action.
Let none of us fail to give his utmost in
sympathy, understanding, thought and
effort

that our children unto all generations
may live in a world free from
jealousy, selfishness and fear.

Fulfill in us and through us
Thy glorious intention that Thy peace,
Thy love and Thy justice may enter
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the regeneration of the world.

The aim of the Proficiency Badge is to encourage self-education on the part of the boy in a subject which interests him.—B.-P. 1916.



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When Duty whispers low, Thou must,
The youth replies, I can.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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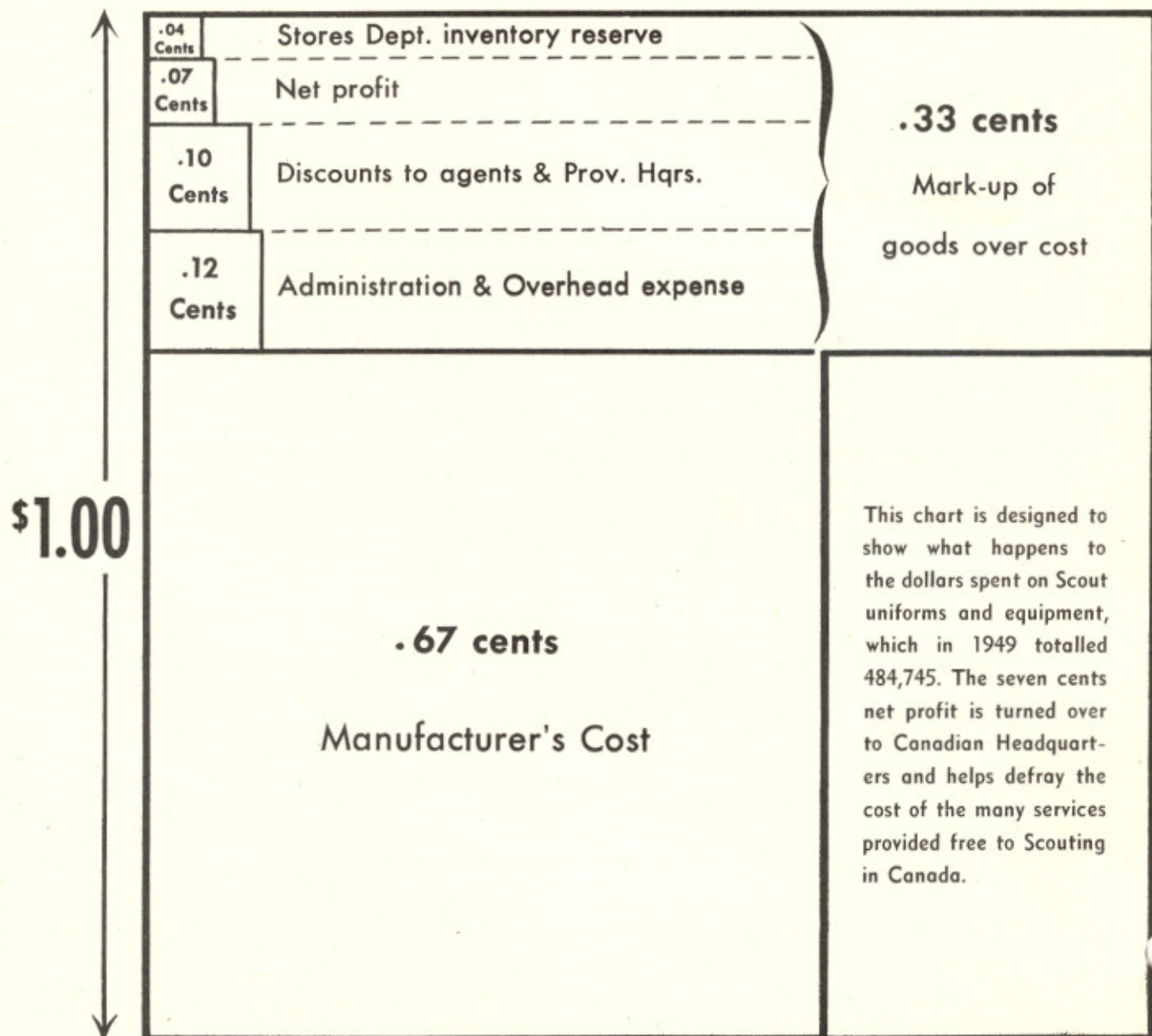
Scouts in Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., have outdone the legend of the boy who stuck his finger in the mythical dyke in Holland. These lads pitched in and built a dyke of sandbags to hold back the rising lake which was threatening an entire business block. Working from 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 a.m. the Scouts beat back the waters and saved much damage. Townspeople who had passed the Scouts at work with a smile, soon came to realize the gravity of the situation and pitched in to help.

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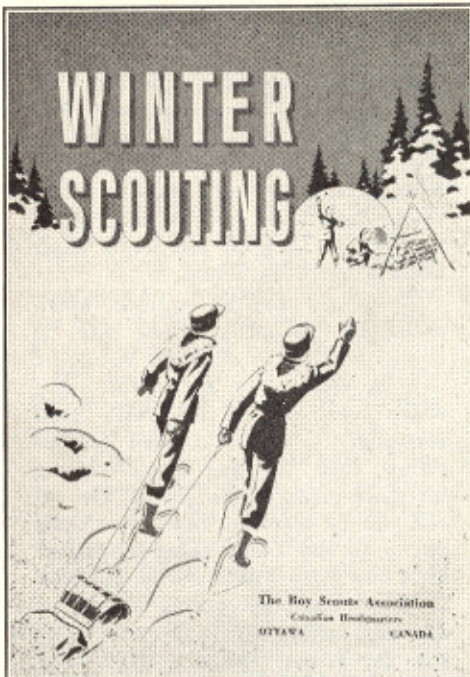
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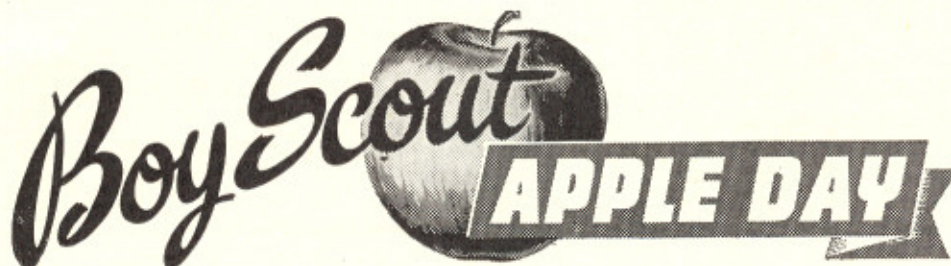
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AKELA'S DEN

Sleeping Pirate Without Gore

AN unfortunate bloodletting version of the favourite game "Sleeping Pirate" was seen recently in a Wolf Cub Pack.

There was the "pirate" sitting in the middle of the circle and in front of him was stuck in the floor, a huge sheath knife. It was one of those useless things fashioned from an army bayonet; useless that is as far as Scouting is concerned. In the hands of a commando trooper no doubt it would serve a very commendable purpose. It had a sharp edge and in his excitement the "robber" grabbed it and received a very bad cut on the palm of his hand.

It is quite unnecessary to use a knife for this game. In fact much more careful stalking and getting away can be effected by using a bunch of keys, they have to be collected quietly and as quietly taken away, and for the purposes of the game can be the keys to the pirate's treasure chest. We have seen other things used such as a whistle, some awkwardly shaped object such as a tent mallet, and on one famous occasion a balloon was pressed, and we mean pressed, into use.

Sometimes we see this game played with the "pirate" pointing wildly all round him, hoping that in some fashion he will point directly at the "robber". This, of course, is not the object of the game.

A better scheme is to arm the "pirate" with three tennis balls with which he has to hit the "robber" or else try again with another victim. Some Scouters use pea shooters giving pirate three tries, and one chap found at long last a good use for a water pistol around his Troop.

To return to the episode which prompted this outburst; one hates to quote the terrible example, but there were several things about the game which were out of line with good Scouting. It was discovered for instance, that "Sleeping Pirate" was a favourite game in the Troop. The result will be therefore that when Cubs go up to the Troop there will be at least one game which will be old stuff to them when everything should be new and interesting. It is sound practice for Group Scouters when they meet as a Group Council to clear such matters so that there will be no overlapping of games or instruction.

Then of what use is a sheath knife to a Cubmaster? Surely all the cutting that has to be done in a Cub Pack can be managed quite easily with an ordinary jackknife.

The knife in question was a re-fashioned army bayonet with a blade at least six inches long. None of the sheath knives sold by the Stores Department have blades longer than 4¾ inches. There are good reasons; four and three quarter inches provide a

blade quite long enough for all practical purposes and also, the length of knife blades is definitely restricted by law. One recalls Scouts being stopped by police in Montreal on their return from a Jamboree because they wore knives with too long blades. Ordinary common sense and observation of safety precautions would dictate that in Scouting we do not need to decorate ourselves with outlandish knives, daggers and machetes. No doubt they serve a very useful purpose in the hands of a commando trooper, but they have no practical place in Scouting.

Scout Library Sections

THE Vancouver Public Library is opening Scout sections in all its branches. Several other centres in Canada are following a similar policy, and it is hoped that Scout people in all places where public libraries exist will suggest to their Library Boards that such shelves be included. Headquarters will be glad to suggest a list of books suitable for Scout Library sections. Just write to The Publications Dept., Canadian Headquarters, The Boy Scouts Association, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa.

Start today and read at least one chapter of *The Wolf Cub Handbook* every week.

A Way to Raise Funds

Wolf Cubs at Rouyn, Que., recently made a house to house collection of egg cartons which they put on sale at the Rouyn public market at one cent each. The proceeds are to be used to send Cubs to camp who could not otherwise afford to go.

Cubs of the 21st Ottawa Pack believe in having the real thing for their Mascot. Freddie Reid and Ross Bounsall hold the "new chum" and there is no doubt about it he does look very happy and comfortable.



Let's Look Back

By Nina L. Edwards

The Story of Billy Green—a "Scout" of 100 Years Ago

Most school history books cannot include the little side-lights that give history its real fascination. We all know about the Battle of Stoney Creek, but how many know about Billy Green, who led the British forces from Burlington Heights in their successful night attack on the Americans on June 6, 1813?

Billy's father, Adam Green, emigrated from New Jersey to Canada in 1793 and settled on the mountain, a little to the south of Stoney Creek. Billy sounds like a sort of "Nature Boy", spending most of his time in the woods alone. From his own story, we can see him as a "regular fellow", high-spirited, venturesome, full of devilment. Perhaps parts of it are exaggerated, but his story is worth telling.

When word came that the Americans were camped at the Forty Mile Creek, "my brother Levi and me went down the top of the mountain about six o'clock in the morning. We got to the Forty and stayed out on the Peak till noon, when the troops came marching up the road. We stayed till all the enemy but a few were past. Then we yelled like Indians; I tell you them simples did run."

"Then we ran along the mountain and took down to the road. Levi ran across a fellow with his boot off, putting a rag on his foot. The soldier grabbed for his gun, but Levi hit him with a stick, he yelled and some of the scouts fired. We made our way to the top of the mountain again."

The Americans were on their way to attack the British forces encamped at Burlington Heights. The earthworks thrown up in anticipation of an attack are still to be seen in the Hamilton Cemetery and more information will be found on a stone in Harvey Park marking this historic site.

Billy Green decided to go to the Heights with his news and he says, "when I got there they took me for a spy, and then I had to tell them all I knew before they would believe me. It was about twelve o'clock, and they commenced to hustle."

As a matter of fact, Lt. Col. Harvey had sent out scouts to reconnoitre and then had proposed to the commanding officer that a night attack be made. It was a daring thing to suggest, but desperate situations call for desperate

measures and Harvey was given 700 men for the venture. He was probably only too glad, too, to have Billy Green, who knew the territory so well, for a guide.

As for Billy, he was probably having a wonderful time, right in the middle of all the fun and when an officer asked him if he knew the way he replied, "Yes, every inch of it."

The officer, he continues, "gave me a corporal's sword and told me to take the lead. Sometimes I would get away ahead and go back to hurry them up. I told them it would be morning before we got there. Some one said that would be soon enough to be killed."

"We got down on this side of the big Creek when three sentries fired, and ran over the South Creek. Then we came on more careful after that. I spied a fellow coming ahead against a tree. I told the man behind me to shoot, but the officer said, "No, run him through." The next one was at the church; he demanded a pass. I commenced to give him the countersign and walked up. I grabbed his gun and put my sword to him. The old gun had no load in it. He had shot the ramrod away."

According to Billy's story, he took part in the battle and we can well believe that he was right there in the front row. No doubt he was the hero of the district and told his story thousands of times before his death at the ripe old age of 89.

Billy Green was 16 or 17 years old at the time of the battle.

"To make the lads disciplined while using their own wits is our aim."

—B.P., 1910

Mailbag Gleanings Is Your Bicycle Taped?

Scouts of Prince Albert, Sask., have initiated a Safety Service to assist the local police force and to help protect those who ride the highways by night. Two strips of luminous tape are placed in parallel bars on the rear fender of any bicycle which is brought to the local police station. Of course the Good Turn is popular and the stock pile for servicing is growing daily.

Scouts Undaunted

Five Scouts who recently lost their direction in a heavily wooded area twelve miles north of Owen Sound, Ont., proved that they could live comfortably with nature. The five Scouts built a lean-to, killed and cooked a porcupine and when an aircraft searching for them appeared overhead they quickly built a fire and sent up a smoke signal by piling green boughs on the fire.

**Do your Assistants receive
The Scout Leader? It is an
idea log for all Scouters so
do encourage them to read it.**

The ability to deal with fire is a 'must' for every Scout. Here Mr. Laurier Courville instructs members of the St. Felix de Valois Troop at Cornwall, Ont., on the "Fireman's Badge".

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A Project for Ex-Scouts and Scouters

A BADGE Examination Panel is an important part of District Council machinery. It should be chosen with care and as with all other Committees, should be reviewed annually for the purpose of pruning out any dead wood and adding new members.

The members should be laymen, Scouters have quite enough to do without adding an additional burden. By using laymen, we spread interest in Scouting farther afield. Some of the men could be recruited from Old Scout Association. Retired Scouters could be used, thus giving them a means of maintaining contact. Some care is needed in the choice of chairman. He should have a good knowledge of Scouting and a keen perception of the aims of the proficiency badge system. This is a job that could be done by an ex-Scouter.

The most popular badges must be catered to first of all. When choosing men for these badges, some indication should be given of the number of boys they will have to meet and the frequency of these meetings. They should be armed with the latest regulations governing the badge in which they are interested, along with a copy of the pamphlet "Hints to Badge Examiners". This routine should be followed annually and is best accomplished at a meeting of all Examiners. The District Commissioner should call and chair this meeting to tell them of needs and progress and particularly to thank them. Refreshments served by Scouts make an excellent finish. Why served by Scouts? Mainly because so many of our adult leader and committee meetings seem so far removed from the boys. The more we can show boys off the better it helps to preserve a true perspective. For the less popular badges, a "reserve" list of examiners should be drawn up, and the men informed that they may be called upon only two or three times during the year. Arrangements should be made whereby boys are not kept waiting weeks or months for examination. This can be effected in large Districts by having Examiners serve small areas. It would mean a larger panel but the results would be worth the effort. Better results and relationships will be obtained by examining only two or three boys at a time, rather than dealing with large numbers on an assembly line basis. It should be remembered that personal contact is of extreme

value. Examiners should be given a choice of examining at their own homes, at Troop or Pack Headquarters or at District Headquarters. A great deal will depend on the gear and accommodation needed, for example, the logical person to examine for the Fireman Badge is the local Fire Chief or his appointee and the logical place to examine the fire hall.

It has been found that a good way to make appointments for examinations is for the Scouter to notify the Secretary of the Examination Panel who will in turn arrange date and place with the appropriate Examiner, then notify the Scouter. It is much more satisfactory to have the Examiner deal with one person only, then no confusion should arise. Another plan is for Examiners to set definite dates when they will be available for testing, but this plan especially in large areas often results in such a big attendance of boys that effective examining is difficult if not impossible. Again it must be pointed out that there must be no needless delay.

In order to avoid wasting the Examiner's time as well as discouraging the boy, Scouters should make certain that the boy stands a reasonably good chance of qualifying, before presenting himself for examination.

Examinations should be conducted on a very friendly basis. Resort to classroom methods should be avoided at all costs and credit for effort given. If a boy shows a genuine interest in his subject, shows evidence of having worked steadily on the project and is reasonably efficient, he should be given credit. The Examiner should understand that while we do not want badges to be given away, and boys

expect to undergo a thorough examination, there will be occasions when regulations may have to be bent a little in order to meet local circumstances and that standards may have to be adjusted to suit individuals.

Where service badges are concerned such as First Aider, Guide and House Orderly in the Wolf Cub section and the annual repass badges in the Boy Scout section, a standard must be set and adhered to.

Advantage should be taken of camporees, field days and rallies. If for example at one of these functions a Cub or Scout shows proficiency in knot tying, signalling, cooking, skipping, stalking, etc. and such proficiency is in the opinion of whoever is in charge, sufficient to warrant a pass in the appropriate badge or test, the boy should be given credit as having met the requirements.

Some Districts hold special test days, particularly for the Athlete Badge. This plan has much to commend it, but on such occasions there should be a staff on hand sufficiently large to ensure the smooth running of the operation.

British Scouts Tackle Any Job

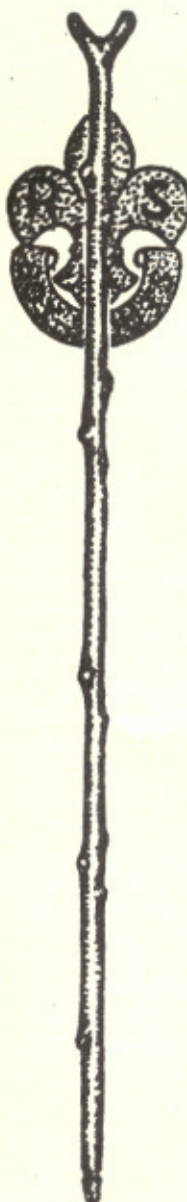
Among the recent reports on the British Scouts' "Bob-a-job" drive to raise funds, there comes to note two rather interesting items. Two trimly uniformed Scouts are doing a roaring trade as bootblacks in Piccadilly and have received as much as a pound (\$3.08) for a shine. A Rover Scout who was out looking for a "job" was called upstairs to the bedroom of an old lady who was very ill. She requested that he sing some of her favourite hymns, which the Rover did and very well.

Mr. Shirley G. MacDonald, Commercial Secretary of the Canadian Legation in Oslo, Norway, presents a Canadian Moose head to S/M Captain Olav Reed-Olsen, and his Troop. The beautiful head will hang in the Scout Hut at Nordmarka, near Oslo.



THE ROVER WORLD

ROVERING TO SUCCESS



CANADIAN Rovering is again on the upgrade after the natural relapse caused by the war. Quebec has held its first Provincial Rover Moot with great success and on Labor Day week-end the 12th Ontario Rover Moot will be held at Kaskabog Lake near Peterborough. Elsewhere we hear of local gatherings such as the Hamilton Rover Moot which is scheduled for October 21st and 22nd at Camp Nemo, and the Brantford Moot which will be held at Ebor Park on the first week-end in October. All these Moots are designed to bring together Rovers from many Crews for the exchange of campcraft and friendship. A rugged programme is planned and everyone is guaranteed a wonderful experience. Let's hear about your Moot and the plans you are making to attend the First Canadian Rover Moot in 1951.

Rover Leaders' Part II Gilwell

Here it is the first since 1939. At the time of going to press we hear of great plans for the first Rover Leaders' training course since the end of the war. Blue Springs Scout Reserve near Acton, Ont., is the location and the dates are September 20th to 24th. Art Paddon, Field Commissioner in the Toronto Metropolitan Area is to be Camp Chief, with a staff of trained R.S.L.'s anxious to put Crews through their paces.

Food for Thought

"Remember you are a brick in the wall, or a player whose job is to play his place in the team. We never fail when we try to do our duty—we always fail when we neglect to do it."—B.P.

Scouts and Rovers Help

Scouts and Rover Scouts of Sarnia, Ont., gave valued assistance to firemen and 100 R.C.A.F. personnel in fighting a serious forest fire in the Port Franks area.

A Short Ramble

Rovers of the 22nd Hamilton Crew with their Skipper, Harlie Duncan, managed to work in a short ramble of two hundred and forty miles to visit the 1st Orillia Crew. They were received with due formality and apparently the Orillia Crew outdid themselves with planned tours of their city plus wonderful meals and then the investiture of the Orillia skipper, Jim Page.

Chips from the Gilwell Log



"This question reminded me that in the Troop I am now leading, I had neglected this one phase of Scouting. Certainly it is most important that Scouts learn they are brothers to all Scouts everywhere, and that they have a special affinity with other Scouts of the Empire. Here, I think, is one of the places these Correspondence Courses are achieving a great deal by reminding Leaders of the many aspects of Scouting, which are all too often forgotten, when they become involved in the numerous details of running a Scout Troop. It is when they are asked specific questions concerning these forgotten aspects, they realize their own importance and their own fallibility."

"I have enjoyed this Course very much indeed. It has made me realize how much there is to Scouting and the great responsibility we have in working with the boys to produce good citizens or I should say to try to produce good citizens. In completing this Course, I wish to say, it has been time well spent and has made me realize in too many cases just how much I still have to learn. Thus it has been both beneficial and enjoyable."

"This Course has proved to be a great help to me and has increased my knowledge of Cubbing and as a result I feel I will be more competent to fill my position as Baghera of the Pack."

Make Your Plans Now to Attend

CANADIAN ROVER MOOT

BLUE SPRINGS SCOUT RESERVE

(Near Acton, Ontario)

DATES

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

1951



Apple Day, if well organized and carefully planned for, is a sure way to boost Troop funds. Above, London, Ont., Scouts started their Apple Day by enlisting the support of the Mayor and the City Council, thus assuring 'official' municipal support.

Fastest Creatures on Foot or Wing

Six miles a minute is not bad going—for man at least, although unaided the fastest that an Olympic games 100 metres speed champion can manage is only a little over 21 miles an hour. This fact is brought to light by E. R. Yarham, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, in an article in *Forest and Outdoors*. He goes on to give the following amazing facts about the speeds at which animals, birds and insects travel.

There is a minute insect which leaves Man, and the fastest aeroplane standing. It is a native of South America and is known as the Cephemyia. On the wing the human eye cannot make it out, nothing more than a blurred streak is seen. The only way by which its speed of flight has been estimated is by a marvellous split second camera.

Its common name is the deer botfly, and it hurtles along at 818 m.p.h., equal to about 400 yards a second! This means it could travel round the globe on the course usually followed by round-the-world planes in 17 hours. If it could not quite overtake a bullet, sound could not catch up to it. When scientists learn how to imitate its flight action the speed of planes will be tripled.

No animal or bird can stand comparison with that amazing speed, but there are some notable speedsters among them. Before the war racing cheetahs from the African jungle had been showing off their pace in England, and it is pretty impressive. These hunting leopards have been employed for centuries in Persia and India for hunting game, and their acceleration exceeds that of a racing car. From a standing start they can reach a speed of 45 miles an hour in two seconds. It is believed over 100 yards they are the fastest animal alive, and get up to 70 miles an hour. They can give the best racing greyhounds 40 yards start and a beating over a quarter of a mile.

A good greyhound can streak along at from 36 to 38 miles an hour, but even this animal and the cheetah are left behind over a long distance by the Indian Black buck. A cheetah can run down a buck over a short distance, but both it and the greyhound join the also rans when the buck gets into its stride. It takes from 19 to 22 feet at each stride. Dr. Andrews (who carried out with Dr. Charles Townsend the investigation into the deer botfly's speed), found a fleet-footed gazelle outpacing his motor car in the Gobi Desert of Asia, although he was travelling at 60 m.p.h. In Africa three impalla

(species of antelope) travelled in front of a car for three miles at 40 miles an hour, and then vanished into the bush, without showing any sign of exhaustion. Even rabbits, when terrified, can reach astonishing speeds. One in Switzerland, frightened by the lights of a car, raced ahead at 34 miles an hour for a distance of nearly two miles before it got into a ditch.

The speed for the English Derby works out at approximately 35 m.p.h., and to compare a racehorse with a hound the curious may like to recall the historic match between foxhounds at Newmarket over the Beacon Course, the distance being four miles 352 yards. It took the winning hound a few seconds over eight minutes, and it is said that of the sixty horses starting at the same time only twelve were in at the finish. The experiences of many big-game-hunters in Africa have been collated, and they go to prove that the average speed of game animals in that country is 35 miles an hour.

The elephant is one of the slowest beasts of all, although an enraged one can raise its charging pace to 24 m.p.h., but for a very short distance only. Its average pace is only two miles an hour, and if compelled to maintain the average pace of a man (say, three miles an hour), for any length of time, it would probably lie down and die. If an average runner took care not to go within 40 yards of an angry elephant, he would be safe, as an elephant could not give a man more than 30-35 yards in 200, and after that the elephant would slow up and walk. This would be on open ground—in cover or undergrowth the animal would crash through and catch the man.

Even fish can get up to respectable speeds at times, and these one must remember are achieved against the resistance of the water. The salmon swims at seven miles and the pike at ten, although greater speeds are achieved over short distances. The flying-fish is perhaps the fastest of all, for it attains a speed of some 35 miles an hour before it leaps out of the water. The mackerel is another speedy fish, and it can travel at 30 miles an hour.

In the bird world racing pigeons, under favourable weather conditions, have been known to achieve 90 m.p.h. Driven game birds average from 40 to 50 miles, and swallows can certainly exceed the 100 miles an hour mark. Experimenters took a mother swallow from the nest and placed an identification tab on her foot. The bird was taken by car for a distance estimated

to be 79 miles in a straight line. Other observers waited at the nest, and the mother, having been released, returned to her young in 43½ minutes. This works out at 108½ miles an hour. The speed of birds is sometimes grossly over-estimated, and it is fairly sure that only one or two at most get anywhere near the 200 miles an hour mark sometimes quoted. The Dutch hawk is one of the fastest, and it can cover two miles a minute when on business bent.

It is possible that the eagle may attain 120 to 150 miles an hour on occasion. Dr. Fraser Darling watched the astonishing flight of a golden eagle in the Highlands. The bird was being pursued by two peregrine falcons, themselves wonderful fliers. The eagle rose from the height of a thousand feet to four thousand feet and, having reached her height, made another sweep and landed on a buttress cliff at an altitude of 2,000 ft. The time taken was one and three quarter minutes and the distance as measured on the Ordnance Survey map was 3½ miles. The eagle flew therefore at 120 m.p.h. and at the same time gained a thousand feet. On the level it is obvious the flight would have been swifter.

For the Cub Pack

A 4-Meeting Lay-out

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

*Six Competition.

A Progressive Year by Year Programme

By James H. Mitchell, District Commissioner, Oliver, B.C.

ASSUMING one is proceeding to build a Troop from the very grass roots: Having appreciated the problem and considered all the factors, one sets an objective and evolves a Plan. Let us say that it appears attainable to have King's Scouts working towards Bushman's Thong at the end of three years. With luck, and if one is working with older boys, we may do better, but even if we have to raise our sights to four years, we keep our eyes on the Objective and adhere to the Plan.

We proceed to build a HOUSE.

1st Class Tests are taken, and at the finish, we have a nice crop of Ambulance Man Badge-holders.

Signalling may have been started early, or somewhere along the way. It should be Morse, and there is usually no trouble in digging up an instructor. But whether it be by qualified Instructor or stumbling, amateur S/M, please, no flags until we have our alphabet down pat by flash, card and buzzer, and are actually sending and receiving messages. Because of its simplicity, the flag is the out of doors equipment, so, having some proficiency in Sigs., we can safely bear down on proper flag technique without killing the whole thing with long, tedious flag drill.

We are now pegging away at 1st Class subjects, we have some K.S. Badges and probably many others. Responsibility for instruction can be gradually transferred to the P.L.'s, at Troop Meeting and their own Patrol Meetings. We possess esprit, and have come to appreciate our own snappy discipline, based on self-control and good manner. Our Investitures and Cub Coming-up Ceremonies are Lodge ritual. Our INTERIOR FINISHING and DECORATION are moving smoothly forward.

Our OUTSIDE FINISHING goes on Outside, of course, and by this time we know a surprising lot about how to camp in an organized and competent way. We know the various kinds of cooking fires and fireplaces, we have spoiled enough grub that we know pretty well how to avoid spoiling any more. We know axemanship, and use knots and lashings as a matter of course. We have kept careful record of our days under canvas and meals cooked. Some of us may have the Camper's Badge.

We now see fulfilment of the prediction that it is possible at 14 to have 1st Class, "A" Cords and K/S. We have been careful all along to point out that K/S is not the final goal. We have more Cords to obtain, and we are aiming at Bushman's Thong as well.

And we make it!

Lost Persons, Children

A half-witted girl of fifteen left her home and took to the mountain timber. The neighborhood turned out to search. Her tracks were crossed many times, indicating she was eluding and hiding from the searchers, which proved to be the case.

1st Oliver Troop went out by Patrols, as for a Wide Game, in earnest this time. After considerable bafflement, the girl was located, and caught.

Contact had been maintained throughout by Morse flag between the Patrols and the S/M on the valley floor. News of the girl's discovery and the point where the searchers would be coming out was flagged down the same way, and the Scouts found themselves in receipt of not a little praise for an efficient job. All that fun, and this too!

War

During the anxious days of the first year or so of war in the Pacific, besides being organized in case of fire, First Aid teams of older Scouts were available, in emergency, to come under the orders of the local detachment of the Women's Red Cross Corps.

As soon as more has been made known, and suggestions for organization have progressed farther, it will be good business to inform Scouts regarding such things as flash, blast, radiation, etc., to be expected in the event of super-civilized war on our continent, and work out specific opportunities for Scout service to Be Prepared for.

General Comment

I do not believe it is possible to foresee any form of emergency in the precise form it is likely to take. It should be sufficient for the Scouter and Court of Honour to give some general thought to each, but the actual planning should be under the general head of "Emergency."

Before making final plans for your yearly programme, read Scouting for Boys once more.

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

His Excellency Field Marshal the Right Honorable Viscount Alexander of Tunis, K.G., Governor-General of Canada, in his capacity as Chief Scout for Canada is pleased to announce the following Honours and Awards on the occasion of Dominion Day, July 1st, 1950.

SILVER WOLF—2

For Services of Exceptional Character

Archbishop Philip Carrington, Quebec, Que.
M. L. Douglas, Brockville, Ont.

SILVER ACORN—8

For Distinguished Service

Clarence G. Blake, Sherbrooke, Que.
Allan T. Corner, Montreal, Que.
Cyril J. Dendy, Montreal, Que.
Walter H. Gibson, Tillsonburg, Ont.
R. Ken Jordan, Vancouver, B.C.
Roderick A. MacGregor, New Glasgow, N.S.
G. King Shields, Toronto, Ont.
John A. Walker, Halifax, N.S.

SILVER CROSS—1

For Gallantry with Considerable Risk

Scout Gordon Dwyer Smith, 15, 2nd New Glasgow Troop, New Glasgow, N.S.—For his presence of mind and gallantry in going to the assistance of a man who had been caught by the tide while bathing in Melmerby Beach on Northumberland Strait.

GILT CROSS—1

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

Scout Andrew Avison, 14, Silverton Troop, Silverton, B.C.—For the manner in which he attempted to rescue two boys from drowning after they had fallen through the ice on Lake Slokan.

MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT—6

For Meritorious Acts

Patrol Leader Wm. Bryce, 15, Cub Dalton Edwards, 12, Scout Donald Moore, 15, Patrol Leader Harold Turner, 14, all of the 52nd Windsor Troop, Windsor, Ont.—For their prompt and efficient manner in which they rendered assistance when an aeroplane crashed into a tree during a blinding snowstorm.
Cub James Ewart, 10, 1st Kingston Pack, Kingston, Ont.—For his prompt assistance to another boy who had fallen through the ice on Kingston Harbour.
Assistant Scoutmaster Donald J. Lockie, 21, 66th Toronto Troop, Ont.—For his prompt action and presence of mind in preventing the strangulation of a child who had a penny stuck in its throat.

MEDAL OF MERIT—14

For Good Services to Scouting

Thurston D. Archibald, Westmount, Que.
Sydney Bateman, Thetford Mines, Que.
Robert J. Black, Brantford, Ont.
Ray N. Bryson, Toronto, Ont.
G. Alan Buchanan, Windsor, Ont.
Clem Burton-Smith, Vancouver, B.C.
Michael J. Fewer, St. John's, Newfoundland.
Frank S. Hunt, Niagara Falls, Ont.
James H. Joyes, Windsor, Ont.
Gerald Langmaid, Fredericton, N.B.
Ray G. Olson, Toronto, Ont.
Allan B. Strong, Montreal, Que.
Clarence G. Price, Sherbrooke, Que.
Paul Whitwell, Toronto, Ont.

BAR TO THE MEDAL OF MERIT—1

For Additional Good Services to Scouting

E. Dean Wilkes, Oakville, Ont.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT—1

For Good Services to Scouting

George N. Beers, Huntingville, Que.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION—2

For Good Services to Scouting

Newman T. Hunter, Sherbrooke, Que.
Jas. R. Sangster, Sherbrooke, Que.

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FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

During the recent visit of Col. J. S. Wilson, Director of the International Bureau, the question of correspondence with Scouts and others claiming to have had connection with the movement who are now in countries behind the Iron Curtain was raised. Col. Wilson requested that any letters received from this source be forwarded to Canadian Headquarters where they might be checked and under no circumstances should they be replied to directly. This advice has sometimes been ignored in the past and as a result, Col. Wilson informs us, two Scouters in countries behind the Curtain have lost their lives.

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FRENCH LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

Several requests have been received from the various Provinces for Scout publications in the French language. There are a number of such books available and requests for information on these publications should be forwarded to your Provincial Headquarters.

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THE NATIONAL FILM SOCIETY

The name of The National Film Society has been changed. In order to avoid some of the confusion with this society and the National Film Board, the name Canadian Film Institute has been adopted to replace that of The National Film Society. The address remains the same, 172 Wellington Street, Ottawa.



King Scout Morley Brown, 1st Lakefield Sea Scout Troop, who had the honour to receive his coveted King Scout Badge and certificate from His Excellency the Governor General, Chief Scout for Canada.