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The Sign Post

ANYONE CAN "PIG" IT

Some time ago Canadian Headquarters produced a pamphlet "Smartness in Scouting", This is a consolidation of some five other publications on this general subject and, it is evident from its circulation, it has served a useful purpose. Smartness is a lot of little things-a well pressed scarf, clean shoes, a well cared for hat, an upright posture and a broad grin. Check your own uniform and general appearance. You can set the standard for your group by your own example. It pays dividends in general efficiency and makes for a happy self confident Pack, Troop or Crew. Anyone can "Pig it", but it takes leadership and example to produce a smart group.

IT'S HARD

The source is unknown but I think some of you may get pleasure from this:

"To apologize,

To begin over,

To admit error,

To be unselfish,

To take advice,

To keep on trying,

To think and then act,

To profit by mistakes,

To forgive and then forget,

To take a deserved blame,

BUT IT ALWAYS PAYS!"

OLDER BOY-OLD STORY

How many boys are there in your Troop over fifteen years of age? If you are losing older boys have you and your Court of Honour studied the problem? There are many Troops which retain the interest of older Scouts through rugged, adventurous programmes and by placing responsibility and authority on the shoulders of these young men.

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Chief Executive Commissioner.

Editorial

In a very short time Christians everywhere will be celebrating the most wonderful birthday the world has ever known. It is the one season of the year when everyone who calls himself Christian, strives to live the new spirit brought into the world some two thousand years ago with the birth of their Saviour. Christmas is an amazing season. Everyone sets out on the adventure of making others happy, and in thinking of others before self, they make sure of true happiness for themselves. Unfortunately, for many, this is one of their few excursions into the realm of unselfishness but the results are truly marvellous to behold.

Did you ever pause to think that the spirit of Christmas is much like the spirit of Scouting?

Christmas is the season of "happifying". Our Founder coined many
words and phrases but this one
best portrays the spirit of our
Movement. It at once conveys
those things we think of at Christmas, "to light the dark places by
the radiance of your own supreme
happiness in giving to others or
rendering a service". This is the
idea we want to put across to our
boys at this season. It has been
clearly demonstrated that personal
example on the part of Scouters is
a sure lead for boys. At this time

of year we have an added help in the wonderful results obtained when everyone is doing his utmost to make his neighbour happy. Here is a wonderful, living example for Scouts, although we must be sure to remind them that, with Scouts "happifying" does not begin or end with the Christmas season-it is an all year project. However, during this season we should urge our boys to take advantage of the many opportunities for good turns. Encourage Christian Scouts to follow the trail blazed by their Master. Remember that boys are not interested in listening to long discourses on the values inherent in the fundamental of the good turn, but they can know the thrill of "happifying" if given the opportunity to put it into action.

The story of Santa Claus and all other associated secular aspects of Christmas have their place, but, we must never forget to keep uppermost in our minds the true reason for the great celebration—The Birth of Jesus Christ in a lowly stable at Bethlehem. He has broken the new trail and holds the lamp before all Christians when darkness settles down. The trail is not an easy one but the reward is everlasting and worth more effort than we will ever put into it.

A "happifying" Christmas to you all.

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The Chief Executive Commissioner

And All of Us Here at Canadian Headquarters

Wish Scouters and Other Readers

of The Scout Leader

A Very Merry and Joyous

Christmas

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SUGGESTED JAMBOREE MENUS

Here is the first draft of the Jamboree Menus as it was thought you might like to try them on hikes this winter and next spring.

Jamboree Patrol Menus (10 Campers) Lunch (Snack) Saturday, July 18 Canned Corned Beef Lettuce Tomatoes Mayonnaise Bread Margarine Jam Bananas Milk Saturday, July 18 Supper Minute Steaks Onions Potatoes Spinach Bread Margarine Canned Plums Cookies Milk Breakfast Sunday, July 19 Tomato Juice Dry Cereal Eggs Bread Margarine Marmalade Milk Sunday, July 19 Lunch Canned Salmon Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cucumber Mayonnaise Bread Margarine Prunes Sunday, July 19 Supper Apple Juice Pot Roast of Beef Potatoes, Carrots, Onions Bread Margarine Ice Cream Milk Breakfast Monday, July 20 Oranges Dry Cereal Bacon Bread Margarine Honey Lunch Monday, July 20 Canned Pork and Beans Carrots Bread Margarine Canned Peaches Milk Supper Monday, July 20

Canned Beef Stew

Potatoes

Canned Peas

Bread Margarine

Cake

Milk

Breakfast Tuesday, July 21 Orange Juice Hot Cereal Eggs Bread Margarine Jam Lunch Tuesday, July 21 Canned Meat Lettuce Tomatoes Mayonnaise Bread Margarine Oranges Milk N.B. Extra oranges for Scouts on tour. Supper Tuesday, July 21 Hamburgers Potatoes Canned Corn Canned Beets Bread Margarine Canned Fruit Salad Milk Wednesday, July 22 Breakfast Apple Juice Pancakes Bacon Bread Margarine Corn Syrup Lunch Wednesday, July 22 Cheese Cucumber Lettuce, Radish, Tomatoes Mayonnaise Bread Margarine Oranges N.B. Extra oranges for Scouts on tour. Supper Wednesday, July 22 Sausages Canned String Beans Potatoes Bread Margarine Canned Cherries Cookies Milk Breakfast Thursday, July 23 Grapefruit Juice Hot Cereal Bacon Bread Margarine Marmalade Milk Lunch Thursday, July 23 Peanut Butter and Grape Jelly Sandwiches Egg and Lettuce Sandwiches Bread Margarine Bananas Milk N.B. Extra bananas for Scouts on tour. Supper Thursday, July 23 Spaghetti

Bacon Cheese

Canned Tomatoes

Bread Margarine Pineapple Breakfast Friday, July 24 Apple Juice Dry Cereal Eggs Bread Margarine Jam Milk Lunch Friday, July 24 Canned Sardines Lettuce Tomatoes Mayonnaise Bread Margarine Oranges Milk N.B. Extra oranges for Scouts on tour. Supper Friday, July 24 Fish Cakes Pickles Potatoes Canned String Beans Bread Margarine Pie Milk Saturday, July 25 Breakfast Grapefruit Juice Dry Cereal Bacon Bread Margarine Marmalade Milk Lunch Saturday, July 25 Hot Dogs Cheese Tomatoes Buns Mustard Relish Peaches and Biscuits Milk Saturday, July 25 Supper Minute Steak Onions Potatoes Canned String Beans Bread Margarine Cake Milk Sunday, July 26 Breakfast Oranges Dry Cereal Eggs Bread Margarine Jam Milk Sunday, July 26 Lunch (Snack) Canned Corned Beef Lettuce Tomatoes Mayonnaise Bread Margarine Peanut Butter

Oranges



Group Committeemen Meet

"Group Committees form the strong backbone of the Boy Scout Movement", said Mr. Eli Boyaner, Provincial Commissioner for New Brunswick, during his address to a Group Committee Conference held recently in the Moncton, N.B., district. Over fifty Group Committeemen were in attendance, representing nearly every Scout Group in the Moncton District.

Cubs Form Pack at R.C.A.F. Base in England

With more than 200 Air Force families now living in the vicinity of the R.C.A.F.'s No. 1 Fighter Wing at North Luffenham, England, the demands of the younger Canadians for entertainment and organized training pose no small problem.

One of the first items to be organized at North Luffenham for the children of this Canadian invasion has been a Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop. Under the leadership of Flying Officer Harry Chalmers, of Edmonton, the 1st Edith Weston R.C.A.F. Cub Pack was recently formed with more than 20 young boys between eight to twelve years taking part.

The Pack is not restricted to Canadians only, for there are now three English boys with the group. During the summer months the Pack meets outdoors once a week, under the leadership of LAC I. E. (Ingmar) Larsson, of Vancouver, a 20-year-old radio technician serving with the Fighter Wing. LAC Larsson was a member of a Cub Pack in Vancouver and a Scout with the 2nd Nelson Scout Troop as a Troop Leader. He joined the R.C.A.F. in 1950 and came to the United Kingdom in November 1951.

The R.C.A.F. Pack will be adding a touch of distinction to their uniforms soon, when their official neckerchiefs will be emblazoned with a yellow maple leaf, an appropriate symbol, since this 1st Edith Weston R.C.A.F. Cub Pack is doubtless the first such Canadian Cub Pack formed outside of Canada.

Scout Radio Broadcast

Through the co-operation of Station CJRL and its Manager, Mr. G. McClean, Scouts and Scouters in the Keewatin District of Ontario are able to broadcast interesting items and local news to their supporters. We have just had the pleasure of hearing a tape recording of one of the Keewatin Scout broadcasts which featured a message by Rev. W. Brady.

Through the co-operation of local celebrities, such as the Mayor of either Kenora or Keewatin, Fire Chief, Clergy, President of the District Council, etc., this programme has been able to bring to its listeners the support of the leading citizens of their communities.

Scouts, of course, are worked into the programme and provide the introduction and some of the entertainment. Another feature of the broadcast is a short talk by the Lone Scoutmaster to Lone Scouts in the District.

If you are contemplating a Scout broadcast in your District and would like to know more about the Keewatin broadcast planning, it is suggested you write direct to Mr. E. A. Steers, Box 305, Keewatin, Ontario. A Canadian Headquarters publication, The Public Relations Handbook, is also available free from your Provincial Headquarters.

Winter Camp Near Shilo

That the spirit of adventure is not lacking in our young boys of today, was indicated by the enthusiasm and vigour that was displayed at a Boy Scout camp held near Camp Shilo, Man., last winter.

The boys met at the Scout Hall, Shilo Camp and proceeded to Camp arriving early on a Saturday afternoon. It was held under real Winter Camping conditions, there being 12 to 18 inches of snow, which had to be cleared from the site of each tent and the temperature ranged from 12 to 35 degrees below zero.

Four tents were erected and the prime job of collecting sufficient wood to keep warm was then begun. Darkness found the campers comfortably established for the week-end. An enjoyable camp-fire, with songs and skits, was held before bedding down for the night.

This camp, the first real effort for general winter camping was unique, inasmuch as, it showed the possibilities for a really active Scouting programme throughout the winter. Heretofore outdoor activities, apart from isolated hikes, have been limited to the summer season but it has been proved that the game of Scouting can now be carried on during all seasons of the year. With this in mind, other camps will be arranged in the near future. A number of Leaders and older Scouts trained for winter camping by an Army winter indoctrination course, will form the nucleus around which future programmes will be arranged.

Scouts Raise Funds—on Cards

Cubs, Scouts and Rovers of the 11th Kitchener Group found that selling Christmas Cards can be very profitable.

Last year was the first time the project was undertaken and the group net profit was \$225.

Scouts Hold 7th Annual New Years Camp

14 Scouts and Rovers of the 11th Kitchener Group held their 1951 New Years Camp at Everton Scout Forest. The annual camp, which is traditional, lasted four days. The campers travel to within five miles of the camp and transport their packs and food to the camp by sleigh. The Scouts and Rovers sleep and eat in the Group's Rover Scout Cabin.

Programme includes hiking, winter sports, Scout craft and the cooking of all meals. The Scouts hiked 35 miles by foot during their four days in camp.

Here is real adventure and the Kitchener Scouts and Rovers plan to hold a similar camp this year.



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The Pack and The Christmas Good Turn

During the season of . . . "goodwill to all men", we have a wonderful opportunity of putting across the idea of service to others. Cubs will appreciate an opportunity to put into action this basic principle you have taught them.

NAT a wonderful season Christmas is for boys of Cub age and what a grand opportunity for Akela to put across the underlying principle of the Good Turn. When a Cub takes his promise to . . . "do a good turn to somebody every day" he is quite sincere, but, like all small boys, he needs constant encouragement and the opportunity to put this promise into action. May we suggest that Akela's story time each meeting from now to Christmas contain a reminder of the importance of the good turn and that your programme plans include items that will provide an opportunity for the Cubs to put their Promise into action. It is most important that we put across the idea that it is much more fun to give than to constantly be on the receiving end of good actions. The Good Turn is one of the most important fundamentals of the Scouting game and we must do our utmost to instil it in the minds of Cubs.

There are many ways of putting the Good Turn into action at this time of year. Most communities have someone who is very interested in music and it is suggested that perhaps they could be approached to teach the Cubs to sing as a choir. Such a group visiting a hospital at Christmas time to sing carols brings a great deal of cheer to those who will not be able to enjoy many of the wonderful things of Christmas. If you prepare the ground by telling a story of the wandering minstrels and the old fashioned Christmas singers you will find that Cubs will be interested in forming a choir to carry out this Good Turn.

Then there is the Christmas Toy Shop. For many years Cubs have helped their older brothers carry out this good turn throughout Canada, Last year we

received many letters and reports of excellent Toy Shops-all of them ensuring that those families who are "down on their luck" have a much happier Christmas. One Group's Ladies Auxiliary, for example, knit many, many pairs of woolen mitts of different sizes and colours which they turned over to the Scouters a week or so before Christmas. These were then divided among the various parcels and you can be sure they were appreciated. Mission schools in Canada's northland were adopted by other Groups who made sure that a goodly supply of Christmas cheer reached them on time. Still others sent Christmas parcels of scarce articles to England and other countries who still suffer ration restrictions.

Many of you will remember that at one time the sending of picture books to hospitals and nursery schools was an accepted thing. This seems to have fallen out of popularity for some reason or other despite the fact that the Children's Hospitals and others still ask for picture books. It is great fun to prepare these picture books and here is still another suggestion for putting the Good Turn into action. All the equipment that is required is a number of magazines and old Christmas Cards, a pair of scissors for each Cub (both brought from home by the boys), several large jars of glue, an adequate supply of brown wrapping paper cut to the size of the pages for your book and newspaper to cover the tables or floor the Cubs will be working on. You can be sure the Cubs will have a wonderful time putting these picture books together and that those who receive the work will appreciate it very much. Do make sure that everything in the book is kept clean as it carries the Pack's reputation with it.

Finally there are the numerous individual Good Turns to be done, such as helping carry parcels home, etc., which we must always encourage. Let's all make Christmas 1952 brighter with more Good Turns by Cubs and Scouters.

The Scout Leader would like very much to hear of your plans for Christmas Good Turns so that we may pass along your ideas to others. When it is all over do take a few moments to write us.

A Suggested Cub Meeting Closing

For further information on this subject see Chapters 12 and 25 in Cubmaster's First Year, also P.O. & R. Religious Policy.

After the Grand Howl (all caps on floor at Cubs' toes).

Cub Silence (Each boy in his own way, as he has been taught gives thanks for the many good things he has received, or the Scouter might suggest something special that has or might have come to notice).

The following said by the Scouter:

Good-night Prayer

"Father unto Thee we pray,
Thou hast guarded us all day,
Safe we are while in Thy sight,
Safely let us sleep tonight.
Bless our friends, the whole world bless,
Help us to learn helpfulness,
Keep us ever in Thy sight,
So to all; we say good-night."
Then altogether repeat:
The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer. Everybody hats on—

Wood and water, wind and tree, Wisdom, strength and courtesy, Jungle favour go with thee.

Finishing with salute and Scouter's parting remark—

Good night Cubs—Good Hunting.

OUR CUB PACK

By SCOUTER HARRY McCARTNEY, Toronto, Ont.

often it is convenient to forget just that. Recently our Cub Pack had been slipping down the hill, and one night Baloo, Bagheera and myself decided we would find out what was wrong. It was arranged that they should come over to my house on Friday night and we would thrash the whole thing out.

Friday night came and after the usual preliminaries we got down to business. At Baloo's request our two Cub Instructors were invited but I expected them to sit like a pair of dummys all night. That I was very much mistaken was soon to be proved. It was they who supplied the awful truth, we were in a rut, nothing ever happened, it was always the same old stuff. Then what could we do to remedy it. Give the Cubs adventure, use your imagination the kids want to do something. My respect for my Cub Instructors was rising with every word they spoke. Here I thought was a mine of information and ideas and up to now I had been too stupid to appreciate it. Young men who could still think with the mind of a Cub and at the same time be as wise a leader as could be found. After our meeting was over I straightened out the programme we had planned for the following Wednes-

Wednesday night, and I was on my way to the Pack with the programme (the first in a long time) burning a hole in my pocket. I was amazed to see on my arrival that there was at least thirty Cubs there, where had they all come from? What was that, Bagheera, Jimmy and David had called them all up to see if they would give it another try. I blushed with shame as I looked over to where our two Cub Instructors were clearing out the rope box. Looking around I saw many familiar faces back with us again.

We had a wonderful time that night.

We reorganized the whole Pack and played new games, tests were quite easy when you played at them and what a thrill at the end of the night to find you had passed. The Cubs were never idle one moment and it was yoted the best night in months.

We dropped in for coffee before going home and it was with a light but grateful heart that I thanked Jim and David for all they had done. Another meeting was planned for Friday night so we could draw up a three month programme and we would need to have a Parents' Night soon and perhaps a party for the Cubs. We could return the compliment and invite the St. Johns Pack over. Oh! there was so much to do but at last we were on the up and up.

Three Pack Games

Observation game, for aiding speed in fitting different shapes to their partners, and memory test.

Observation Game

Different shaped cards cut out in half moons, triangles, rectangles, circles etc. About 7 pairs for each Six, with instructions on each.—Hop-skip, run, walk on return trip. Run up, find pair, read instructions and follow on return. Winning Six is speed, less point for each error in pairing.

Storm

Pack in circle, start walking; when Akela shouts "Storm!" all Sixes dash for their lairs and line up in front of same. First alert wins. To confuse the Scouter may call such "False Alarms" as "Lightning", "Rain", "Blizzard". Repeat six times.

Circle Stride Ball

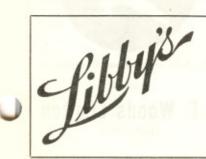
Pack in circle standing with legs spread. From middle of circle IT endeavours to throw a ball between a Cubs legs. The ball can be stopped only with the hands. Anyone letting IT go through becomes IT.



In many parts of Canada there are Scouters who are doing a wonderful piece of leadership with handicapped groups. Above, Mrs. Dorothy Collins of Vancouver is shown investing a Cub in his hospital bed. Mrs. Collins has been working with a handicapped group on the West Coast for a number of years and her many stories about these Cubs would thrill any listener. By the way, Mrs. Collins also attended the First Canadian Jamboree as an assistant in the Canteen.

Akela's December Check List

- ☐ How about entertaining another
- Take the Pack on a nature ramble pointing out how trees etc. prepare for winter.
- Ask one Six to prepare a story on how and why birds head south in the winter. Your librarian will help if asked.
- ☐ There is still time to organize a Cub Choir.
- Have a Scout or Scouter who attended the First Canadian Jamboree tell the Pack about the thrill and adventure that awaits them in the Troop.
- ☐ Will you have a Pack Christmas Party?
- Encourage your Cubs to enter the Photographic Contest.

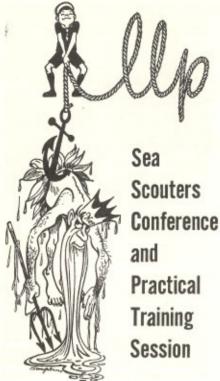


"Good on Camping
Trips"









FIRITY Ontario and Quebec Sea Scouters met for an enthusiastic week-end at Lakefield, to discuss the promotion of Sea Scouting within their areas, and to acquaint themselves with the new Sea Scout Manual by actually doing sailing, rowing, paddling, etc.

Chairman of the Conference was J. Harry Rigg, of Oshawa, who conducted the discussions on such topics as The Bosun's Whistle, Programme for Sea Scouts, Promoting Sea Scouting, and Crafts for Sea Scouts. Individual Sea Scoutmasters gave the lectures.

Ken Jakins, President of the Ontario Council for Sea Scouting and host of the conference, was in charge of the practical side of the gathering, and he and his Sea Scouts gave many demonstrations on proper sailing and boating techniques. Ex-Chief Petty Officer Lee, R.N., of The Grove Preparatory School, which is a naval academy north of Lakefield, was a great help during the course, and assisted greatly in the practical instruction. Ex-Chief Petty Officer Lee also put at the disposal of the delegates a large number of dinghies, cutters, and canoes. During the Saturday night banquet, Executive Commissioner Frank C. Irwin of Ontario gave a stirring address to the Scouters, urging them to carry back to their Troops all they learned during this week-end, and promote real Sea Scouting for the enjoyment of the Scouts under their jurisdiction.

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Regional Commissioner Bob Johnston also spoke to the delegates on the Sunday luncheon, held in the Lakefield Hotel.

Pictures of the Owen Sound Camporce were shown by Bob Taylor, of Weston, Assistant Provincial Executive Commissioner for Ontario.

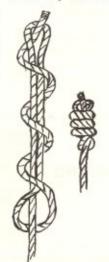
The Campfire, under the leadership of Bob Taylor, featured sea chanties, under the direction of Stan Metcalfe of Ottawa, and entertainment by the Montreal Sea Scouters.

On Sunday morning Scout's Own was held under the leadership of Scoutmaster D. A. Houlden, Oshawa.

In looking back on the value of the conference, it was felt that Sea Scouting in Ontario and Quebec had made a very opportune and important step. Through the medium of actual experience, the Lakefield host and his associates gave the delegates a firmer basis for winter training, and provided them with a course to sail next summer. This conference, coupled with the Owen Sound Camporee, was felt to have increased the potential of Sea Scouting in Ontario and Quebec, and to have provided Sea Scouting with the impetus to carry on toward greater achievement.

Heaving Line Hitch

A weight on the end of the line is a big help, but a solid weight is out of the question, because it might save the patient from drowning by cracking his skull. Try this instead.



Our illustration shows a hitch made from the line itself. It is known as a heaving line hitch, and when pulled taut it makes a handy weight that is not likely to damage the patient. It comes in handy, too, for pioneering practices. Try your Scouts on this and then practice flinging the line on a target made of a stick hammered into the ground. Put a crossbar lashed to it, to represent a man's head and shoulders.

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Scoutmaster's Check List

- ☐ Will you have a Scout Toy Shop this year?
- Every Patrol should have a copy of the book Winter Scouting. There is adventure in the Winter hikes you can plan now.
- Encourage your Scouts to install Bird Feeding Stations.
- ☐ Has the Court of Honour decided on the Special Troop Christmas Good Turn?
- How are the other Scouts going to help in sending their representatives to the Second Canadian Jamboree.
- □ Have a Scout or Scouter who attended the First Canadian Jamboree or an International Jamboree tell the story of his adventures.
- Axemanship requires a particular skill in Winter. Now is the time to prepare for practical opportunities by outlining the theory of Winter Axemanship.



Chips from a Gilwell Log

Being an extract from a Correspondence course answering the question on Physical Fitness.

HYSICAL fitness enters into the programme for the most part in an incidental way.

Encouraging habits of cleanliness was one method that B.-P. emphasized for it is chiefly a matter of getting the boy to keep himself physically fit. We leaders should at all times be an example of cleanliness in the hopes that the boy will reproduce similar habits in himself. A more specific method is inspection, at the Troop meetings; the influence of this depends largely on the strength of the Patrol

competition and a general spirit of pride in being a Scout and all a Scout stands for.

Camp provides a better opportunity for developing habits of cleanliness and fitness. Sanitation in all the routine aspects of Camp life is a must. In camp the Scoutmaster can do much to make the boy conscious of sanitary health measures.

Activity and exercise are of importance in a programme. Active fun games or "steam off" games in the Troop meeting help some. Hiking and camping although they serve other functions help in the building of physical fitness. These should be energetic adventures. It is well to hold meetings out-of-doors when and where possible for the out-of-doors is conducive to physical fitness.

Physical health without mental health is meaningless. Essential to a state of physical mental preparedness are a cheerful outlook on life, fellowship, good attitudes and a well balanced and broad list of activities and interests. The Scouter can informally help the boy in many little significant ways to make a satisfactory adjustment to his environment, preparing him physically and mentally for a career of healthy citizenship.

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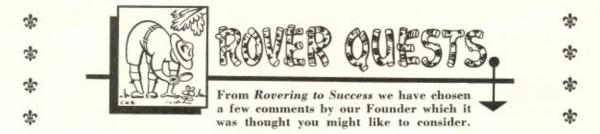
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Character and Intelligence; Handicraft and Skill: Health and Strength; Service for others and Citizenship.

Rovering is not only a brotherhood, but a jolly brotherhood, with its camp comradeship, its uniforms and its "dens" or meeting places all the world over.

Since it is a Brotherhood of wanderers, you can, as a member of it, extend your travels to other countries, and there make your friendships with Brother Scouts of other nationalities.

This side of our Movement is not only interesting and educative, but it is going to make a real step in ensuring a future peace of the world through mutual goodwill.

The object of Rover Scout training is to enable young men to develop themselves as Healthy, Happy, Useful Citizens, and to give each his chance of making a useful career for himself,

It gives the older boy an aim for remaining under helpful influence at the difficult time of his life when he is just entering manhood.

It provides Scouting for young men with its joy of Backwoodsmanship and Nature-craft.

Be careful, if not on your own, at least on their account. You can see for yourself that you have here a tremendous opportunity if you like to use it doing a great good for your younger brothers. You can set the line for them to follow by your own behaviour in the direction of cheery and manly friendliness and straight living and clean talk.

So far as those who are already members of the Scout Brotherhood are concerned-and others too for that matter-I would lay stress on the possibility and necessity of "service" in the ordinary surroundings of the Rover

Scout's life and would point out that the Rover Scout must first of all try to apply his ideas in his ordinary life. This seems to me to be a better crown of Scouting experience than sending the fellow on to new fields in which to function. In this way I hope we will consolidate the whole idea that lies behind Scouting and emphasize what we really want, which is to bring the ideals of Scouting into our everyday life, and thus to bring it to pass that other people are touched by its magic and helped by its ideals.

It helps young men of over 18 years of age, who may desire it, to train for warrant rank as Scoutmaster or Instructors in the Scout Movement.

It gives young men the opportunity of doing useful service for others on a recognized footing.

As a Rover Scout, besides making yourself a better man and a better citizen, you are, whether you know it or not, being looked up to by boys in your Scout Group and your neighbourhood. Boys are awful imitators, and I use the word "awful" advisedly, because it fills one with awe when one thinks what harm or what good one might be doing for boys in the example we set for them.

So it is that, as a Rover Scout or older boy among your younger brothers, you have a responsibility on your shoulders which at first you may not realize. You may be guiding many a boy to good or bad according to what you do or say yourself.

"To be good is noble-but to teach others to be good is nobler-and much less trouble". That is what Mark Twain says, but I am doubtful about the last phrase, since the teaching is largely through personal example, so you have to be careful.

THIS CHRISTMAS NIGHT

GEORGE COLES STEBBINS Moderately slow.

- 1. Through the woodland God's voice whispers 2. Through the snowflakes, gently falling. Softly when the day is done; Nature there is holding vespers.
 - Altars glow in setting sun.
- Comes the chime of Christmas bells; We may hear the angels calling; Joyful news their message tells,
- 3. Through our hearts new joy goes bounding, Love is quickened, eyes are bright; May we feel God's care surrounding All our souls this Christmas night. J. NEWELL STEPHENSON

SNOW SHOE CHOICE AND CARE

of snow-shoes from which to choose and great care should be exercised in purchasing a pair. Faulty snow-shoes can leave you almost stranded when in deep snow, and if the webbing sags in use it will become an intolerable nuisance, causing very heavy going. Of course, the first consideration should be the quality and the materials used in the manufacture of the equipment. Buying well-known and reliable makes is always a good policy.

The type of snow-shoe best fitted for the kind of country in which they will be used is the next thing to consider and in this regard, you have many choices. The illustration shows three designs commonly used. Of these there are many variations to suit individual taste and needs. On the left is the long and narrow "Fort George", 12 x 48 inches, with a slightly upturned toe. This type is extensively used in British Columbia and certain parts of Ontario.

The snow-shoe on the right is the "Ojibway", which comes in sizes from 9 x 40 inches to 12 x 60 inches. Both this and the "Fort George" are excellent for open, hilly country. The "Ojibway" differs from the "Fort George" mostly in the fact that it has a very high turned up toe. When following dog teams or for use on hard trails and places where the snow is not too deep, the "Ojibway" is preferred.

For travel in heavy bush land the "Bear Paw" type of snow-shoe is best. One style of these is shown in the illustration. Bear Paws are made in extremely wide patterns, some being almost round with a short tail and others shaped similar to a bear paw print. Sizes vary from 18 x 32 inches to 14 x 28 inches. Often "Bear Paws" are made with open toe and heel, so that the framework may be hooked over small inequalities in the snow surface to assist in climbing.

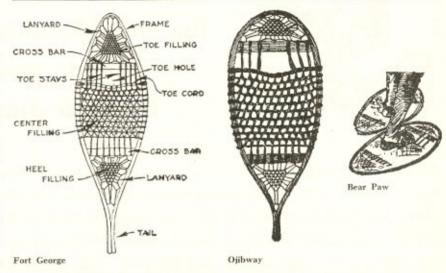
The Shestnut Canoe Company Limited, Fredericton, N.B., Canada make a full line of excellent quality snowshoes and harness and provide most styles in either the fine filling or the non-sag filling. Their non-sag is most generally chosen for average use.

So far as your choice of size, this should be governed by your weight and the type of country in which you will travel. As a guide, the sizes recommended by the above company are as follows: 11 x 40—for boys, girls and ladies of light weight and men behind

dog teams; 12 x 43—for heavy children and ladies of medium weight; 13 x 44 to 15 x 52—for general use for men. However, these sizes are a rough guide and the first smaller sizes quoted will actually carry quite substantial persons if there is any crust at all on the snow.

Regarding care of snow-shoes. you

should never use oil on the webbing or it will stretch and become useless. The treatment to give is an occasional coat of good shellac when the webbing is perfectly dry. When the shoes are used in wet snow, they will need shellacing more often than when the snow is dry. Also, an occasional coat of varnish will keep the wood in good condition.







This is Worth Looking into

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Canadian Headquarters publishes the only Monthly Boys Magazine in Canada and it is available for your Junior Leaders.

THE JUNIOR LEADER is produced as an aid for the very important fellows with the very big responsibility, your Troop and Patrol Leaders, and Lone Scouts. It is available to these Scouts, free of charge, and needs only your application to your Provincial Headquarters.

We require your wholehearted co-operation in this effort to give our Junior Leaders additional training. Because of mailing problems we rely on Scouters to distribute **The Junior Leader** to the Troop and Patrol Leaders and, accordingly the magazines are mailed direct to the Scoutmaster. The articles and

illustrations are angled for the month listed on page one of each issue and it is most important that the magazine be in the hands of your Scouts in that month. We will try our best to provide training aids, how-to-do articles, stories and ideas for Patrol meetings. If you have any suggestions for the improvement of the magazine they will be welcomed by the Editor. We know that all Scouters are anxious to bring as much of the adventure of Canadian Scouting as possible to their Scouts and believe that with your co-operation The Junior Leader can help a great deal.



If you, your assistants or members of the Group Committee and Ladies' Auxiliary would like to receive this magazine, it is available at a subscription rate of 50c per year.

Let's Help Them to "Paddle Their Own Canoe"



THERE IS STILL TIME TO ENTER THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

It has been decided to extend the deadline for entries to the Photographic Competition from December 31st, 1952 to February 28th, 1953.

This gives our readers a further period to snap the prize winning photos and put your group into the picture.

Here is an ideal way of boosting Troop funds to send your representatives to the Second Canadian Jamboree.

Please be sure your photos are accompanied with a note listing your unit number and town or city name and province.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

A total of \$100.00 is offered in Prizes by The Boy Scouts Association for entries submitted in the Photographic Competition. Entries will be received under three classes:

CLASS A

Cover subjects. Suitable for reproduction as front cover pictures for *The Scout Leader* or for pamphlets. Outdoor pictures of Scouts, Sea Scouts, Senior Scouts or Rovers, against picturesque backgrounds of sky, water or landscape. Good indoor activity shots.

CLASS B

Cub subjects showing Cub activities or groups with interesting faces or illustrating any phase of the Cub programme.

CLASS C

Scenes and Portraits. Portraits of individual Scouts, Cubs or Rovers of any age, or of small groups engaged in activities, or against suitable outdoor (particularly camp) or indoor backgrounds.

PRIZES

Class A

1	\$20.00 in cash			
2	\$ 5.00 in merchandise	from	Stores	Dept.
3	\$ 3.00 in merchandise	from	Stores	Dept.
	Class B			
1	\$20.00 in cash			
2.	\$ 5.00 in merchandise	from	Stores	Dept.
3	\$ 3.00 in merchandise	from	Stores	Dept.
	Class C			
1	\$20.00 in cash			
2	\$ 5.00 in merchandise	from	Stores	Dept.
	\$ 3.00 in merchandise			
	16 consolation prizes of \$1.00 each		\$ 16.00	
	Total prize money			

All entries to be marked with name and address of sender, and class entered; A, B, or C.

All entrants must be registered members of The Boy Scouts Association

Entries close on February 28th, 1953

Winners announced in February issue of The Scout Leader Prints should be glossy finish

JUDGES

Mr. Fred Warrender, Commercial Photographer, Rapid Grip and Batten Ltd., Ottawa.

Scoutmaster Stan Metcalfe, General Photographer, Ottawa Mr. G. N. Beers, Editor, The Scout Leader and The Junior Leader

The Boy Scouts Association retains the privilege of using any prize winning photograph. All pictures not winning prizes will be returned to sender provided a stamped, self addressed envelope is enclosed.

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE STAFF

Canadian Headquarters has at present several vacancies for Field Commissioners, who may be posted anywhere in Canada.

The Executive Staff in Canada is small and it is important that the present high standards be maintained. If you are interested, it is suggested you contact your District or Provincial Headquarters for an application form. For your guidance, the following standards are required:

- (a) Age, between 21 and 35.
- (b) Education—must have completed at least final year of high school or its equivalent.
- (c) Health—Good health, physically fit and of well groomed appearance.
- (d) Personal and Home Life-Exemplary.
- (e) Religion—Must belong to some religious denomination and faithfully carry out his religious duties.
- (f) Salary—Starting at \$2,400 and up depending on experi-

In addition, the following are considered advisable:

- (a) Good Scout background.
- (b) Administrative ability.
- (c) Aptitude for sports and other outdoor activities.

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(d) A background of business experience including dealings with the general public.

Please be sure that your application is directed to your District or Provincial Office as no application forms will be accepted at Canadian Headquarters from any other source.

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1951 PLAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Shaar Hashomayim Pack, St. Matthias Pack, St. Leo's Troop, St. Matthias Troop, Shaar Hashomayim Troop, Montreal, Que.; Jacksonville Cub Pack, Jacksonville, N.B.

THE CANADIAN SCOUT BROTHERHOOD FUND

Balance brought forward \$	\$802.61	
Eastern Dist. Wolf Cubs, Girl Guides, Brownies, Que.	37.56	
26th Vancouver Pack, B.C.	5.00	
1st Barons Cub Pack, Alta.	10.00	
Gilwell Course St. Vital, Man.	4.00	
8	859.17	

Expenses incurred in aiding training in the International Field (Mexico) 20.30 To develop and expand Scouting in the Magdellan Islands 49.35
Balance \$789.52

THE HOLGER NIELSEN METHOD

The Executive Committee of The Canadian General Council have approved the teaching of the Holger Nielsen Method of Artificial Respiration in addition to the Schaefer Method now in use. Wherever it is required that Scouts know the Schaefer method under present test requirements, it should be added that they know the Holger Nielsen Method as well. Further details of this method will be inserted in the necessary textbooks. Please refer to the illustrated article on page 63 (opposite) of this issue.

POLICY STATEMENT-D.P. SCOUTING

Policy as laid down by International Committee of the Boy Scouts International Conference:—

"All D.P. Scouts who eventually take up residence in a country where there is already a recognized member association of the International Conference shall have the choice of becoming members of that Association or of relinquishing their Scout membership. On settlement, they cease to be in a state of transition and are bound by the laws of the country of their adoption: Scout Associations of the country of adoption are recommended to allow such Scouts to belong to groups sponsored by the leading men of the nationality of origin and, until citizenship of the country of adoption is achieved, to take a modified form of Scout Promise which must, however, include some expression of loyalty to the laws of the country of present domicile."

QUEEN'S COLOUR FOR CORONATION CONTINGENT

We have received from Imperial Headquarters in London, the Union Flag Colours carried by the Canadian Scout Contingent at the Coronation of King George the V as its King's Colour. This beautiful silk colour with the Scout Crest and the word "Canada" will be taken by the 1953 Canadian Scout Contingent to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, as its Queen's Colour.

During the ceremonies in 1911 the colour was carried by Mr. Frank C. Irwin, who was then one of our Scouts and who is now Executive Commissioner for Ontario.



The Jamboree of Achievement

Connaught Ranges (near Ottawa), July 18th-26th, 1953

There are Only 8 Months Left To Plan Your Participation

Like a great giant awakened from sleep the spirit of a Canadian Jamboree is again stirring our country. Already we have seen and heard of all sorts of plans from the Patrol seeking ways to raise funds to help their Troop representative, to District Councils purchasing the necessary Patrol Equipment for their groups (which will later be used as district equipment to encourage light-weight camping), to Provincial Councils planning the Troop and Contingent Headquarters equipment and the wonderful displays which will be staged, and, finally to Canadian Headquarters where everyone is devoting himself to a particular responsibility of the Headquarters Staff. Will you be there to see the final stage of Plan Achievement and see the proud flags of those who have won their Plan Achievement Special Awards?

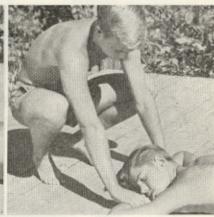
THE HOLGER NIELSEN METHOD OF ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION



The victim should be placed on a firm support and if possible the body should be inclined slightly toward the head so that the fluids may drain better from the mouth and nose.



Make sure that the tongue or foreign objects Bend the clows and place the hands one upon are not obstructing the mouth, nose or throat, the other. Turn the face to one side resting the This should be checked when the victim is forehead on the hands. placed in position and between cycles.







The hands are placed on the back of the vic-tim with the heels of the hands resting on the imaginary line joining the armpits. Note that thumbs are touching, and fingers comfortably spread.



Rock forward with elbows straight, until your arms are approximately vertical and allow the weight of the upper part of your body to exert slow, steady, even pressure downward on the back.

Find an imaginary line across the victim's back joining the armpits. This is the line upon which the heels of the hands will be placed when the operation has begun. Kneel at the head of the victim on one knee, placing the knee close to the victim's arm and just a little at the side of his head. Place the opposite foot near his elbow.



Rock forward with the elbows locked, using weight of upper part of your body to exert slow, steady, even pressure downward on the victim's back until the lines hip-to-knee and victim's back until the lines hip-to-knee and shoulder through wrist are vertical as illustrated above. The total time of pressure should be two seconds. Note: The spreading of the fingers assures that the pressure that follows is exerted over the largest possible surface.



Release the pressure by removing the hands from the back of the victim without giving any push with the release. Rock slowly backward. As you do so slide your hands to the victim's arms just above the elbows. Note: No abrupt swing this, but a smooth motion until you rest on your heels, with hands in position on the subject's back.



Grasp the victim's arms just above the cllows and draw upward and toward you until you feel a resistance and tension on the victim's shoulders. Keep the cllows locked. Let the victim's arms drop back to the ground. The entire cycle should be done to the count of five, each count taking one full second, or twelve times to the minute. However, during practice sessions, the time should be slowed to ten cycles per minute.



NOTE: When ordering please order by the number of the card or cards as listed. We suggest that owing to limited quantities your order should be sent AT ONCE.

PRICE PER DOZEN .85c

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Say it with these Scout (Cub) Christmas Cards. Just received from England and specially produced for members of the Association by which to send their Seasonal Greetings.

All are of the "folder" type with appropriate wording and are sent complete with envelopes ready for mailing.

- No. 1 "MY CHOSEN WAY"—A print of an original photograph by G. N. Berry with a timely verse by Ralph Reader. An excellent card for Scouts and for Rover Scouts.
- No. 2 "THE PATHFINDER"—A replica of the well known painting by E. S. Carlos, with appropriate Christmas and New Year Greetings. A typical Scout card.
- No. 3 "GRACE BEFORE MEALS"—A brightly coloured card that will have an especial appeal to Wolf Cubs for the Christmas Season.
- No. 4 "SATURDAY AFTERNOON"—Another excellent card for Wolf Cubs depicting a ramble through the woods on a week-end. An attractive coloured card.

B-P's LIFE IN PICTURES



A "MUST" FOR EVERY LIBRARY
PRICE .85e

In this picture life of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting, you will follow the amazing adventures which crowded the years from his birth in 1857 to his death in Kenya in 1941. As you turn the pages his character and his talents will be revealed to you and you will begin to realize the greatness of the man and his genius. You will better understand why he had so many friends and followers and why he will be always remembered.

Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth and Empire says in his foreword:

"These pictures will tell you how and why be became one of the great men of all times, and help you to be ready for the chance when it comes to you".

This book should certainly be in every Group Library, and every Leader and Scout will want to possess his own copy.

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