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The King Is Dead!

Long Live The Queen!

THE death of King George VI, Patron of the Boy Scouts Associations in the Commonwealth and Empire, was a grievous personal loss to every member of the Movement.

King George VI was more than a Patron in name. He took a lively interest in the affairs of the Association, and frequently displayed his appreciation of its work, by rewarding its members in his New Year and Birthday Honour Lists. This personal interest came from close association with the Movement. As Duke of York he served as President of the Boy Scouts Associations in Yorkshire and in London. He honoured with his presence, in full uniform, the great London Wolf Cub Palava in 1921, the Imperial Jamboree at Wembley in 1924 and the London Cub Palava in 1926. It was at this time that the Founder bestowed upon the late King, the highest award for service in Scouting, the Silver Wolf.

His Majesty enjoyed nothing more than to spend a few days in camp with a group of boys, and for some years he sponsored a boys' camp to which were invited boys from slum areas of the large cities and boys from more affluent homes. It was not unlike the original Brownsea Island Scout Camp, at which B.-P. had followed the same principle.

To a gathering of youth he once expressed these personal views on good citizenship:—

"I want you to realize", he said, "that you have a great responsibility to take up with the duties of citizenship that lie before you. You may think that our problems have nothing to do with you; that it is other people who have them to solve. But don't believe that. It is only when every man and woman realize their responsibilities to their country that a happy country can result, because not one of us is put into this world for himself alone. Make yourself effective in your job, and do it with all your might, because dishonest and ineffective work is wrong to your fellows and to your country. Therefore we must all do the best we can."

In that expression His Majesty might well have been expounding the Promise and Laws of Scouting. His whole life was one of devotion to his people and his realms in every part of the world. He strove constantly to achieve in both his personal and public life, all those things for which Scouting stands.

Thousands of Canadian Scouts greeted His Majesty on his visit to Canada in 1939, and today there hangs in Canadian Headquarters a letter from The King expressing his pleasure at having seen so many Scouts during his tour.

Scouting mourns with the peoples of the whole Commonwealth and Empire the passing of a great and good man—whose exemplary life, and whose loyalty and devotion to great ideals provides a magnificent example to all who wear the uniform and give allegiance to the aims of this Association.

The words of Abraham Lincoln in his famed Gettysburg Address might well be paraphrased here:—

"It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the work he has thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from this honoured dead we take increased devotion to the cause for which he gave the last full measure of devotion."

In like full measure we re-affirm our loyalty and devotion to the young Queen who now ascends our ancient throne to bear the burdens of state, so nobly and heroically borne by her illustrious father.

Mourning

The established period of mourning for the late King, which will continue until May 31st, 1952, will be observed by the Scout Movement throughout Canada, in conformity with advices sent out through the press and the more complete details issued by Provincial Offices.

In accordance with Rule 134, P.O. & R. the mourning emblem worn when in uniform will take the form of a two inch crepe band around the left arm above the elbow.

It is suggested that the band be worn by all ranking Scouters, Commissioners and Rover Scouts. Wearing by Cubs and Scouts optional with Groups.

In view of the fact that flags borne by other organizations may carry mourning emblems, Scout flags on similar occasions may if desired bear two three inch crepe streamers of about the length of the flag, and secured above the flag with a small bow.

During the period of mourning, flags flying from Troop headquarters flagstaffs should be flown at half mast; that is, the upper edge of the flag at the half-way point of a single mast, or half-way between truck and cross-wards in the case of a flag-staff of this type.

At "flag break" in the Troop room the flag may be broken out at the top then lowered, and at "lowering", first raised to the top then lowered.

It is assumed, that all Scout entertainments, banquets, etc., were cancelled until after the funeral, that units took suitable part in memorial services, and that at the first meeting following announcement of the King's death appropriate tributes were paid to the memory of His Late Majesty and the promise re-affirmed.

Mourning bands 2" wide and 18" long can be obtained from the Stores Department at a cost of 25 cents each.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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Farewell Message From The Chief Scout

THE time has come, sooner than I had expected, to say farewell to the Cubs, Scouts, Rovers and Scouters of Canada. It seems such a short time since the late Dr. Cody came to Rideau Hall to ask me to be your Chief Scout.

In the intervening years I have attended many Scout functions, have seen your membership increase by thirty per cent, and have had the privilege of decorating many of your members for gallantry and devoted service.

My experiences as your Chief Scout have only served to confirm my conviction that Scouting can play an important part in developing the kind of good citizenship this magnificent country will need as it takes its increasingly important part in the councils of the nations.

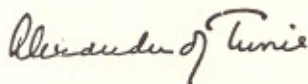
I have said many times during my tenure of office as Governor General of Canada that no country in the world has a future so bright with opportunity as Canada. To take fullest advantage of this opportunity, and to play its full role in the comity of free nations, only an informed, efficient and loyal body of citizens will do.

In the Scout Movement you have a truly wonderful opportunity to make a valued contribution to this country's future greatness. That you will meet the challenge I do not doubt.

You have made great progress in these past few years and in bidding you farewell it is my earnest wish that this progress will be accelerated in the years ahead.

I send you my best wishes and wish you God Speed in your efforts.

Sincerely yours,



Chief Scout for Canada

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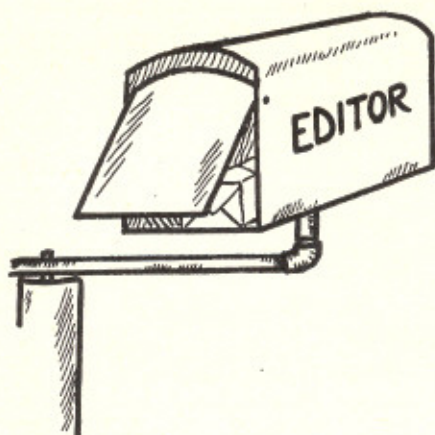
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Dear Sir:

From time to time we hear about groups which are not doing their full job. Our Scouter's Club has asked me to write to *The Scout Leader* to tell about a Group Committee which we think is doing a particularly fine job. We mean the Committee of the Air Force Trenton Group.

This Group Committee is elected by the Group sponsors, the Breadner Home and School Association (Breadner School is the school for children of RCAF personnel of RCAF Station Trenton and 6 Repair Depot, who live in married quarters).

Here are some of the things that the Group Committee has done:

1. Obtained most of the leaders for Packs and Troop.
2. Obtained finances for new units.
3. Obtained and delivered shoulder patches.
4. Completely organized Apple Day.
5. Arranged for Cub outings supplying transportation and programme including supervision of games.
6. Arranged for independent badge examiners and supplied forms to be used.
7. Renewed charter each year on time. Supplying forms to Scouters.
7. Obtained insurance for all boys.
9. Obtained meeting places.
10. Holds regular meetings.
11. Organized a very successful system of paper pickup with profits going to Packs not to Group Committee.
12. Has always given Scouters a free hand, never interfering with training or organization details of Packs or Troop.

Particular credit should go to F/Lt. (Robbie) Robinson, secretary-treasurer, who has been the sparkplug of the present Group Committee and who has given a great deal of his own time and energy to the cause.

WO II A. R. MURDOCH
Chairman
Air Force Scouter's Club
Trenton, Ont.

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Dear Sir:

With this letter I am enclosing three news items that I think will be of interest to you.

Our Troop has an enrolment of nine Scouts with many changes in the year.

The Scoutmaster, Jack Beaton, employed with the Airlines, A.S.M. Douglas Hardy, R.C.A.F. personnel.

The Troop is building a cabin at Goose River seven miles from camp. We have two Sponson canoes and go on weekend canoe trips up and down the rivers. Scouting is a big help to the boys here in Goose Bay as there is so limited recreation for them here.

Wishing you all the best in Scouting.

Yours truly,
D. J. HARDY, A.S.M.,
R.C.A.F. Station,
Goose Bay, Labrador.

* * *

Dear Sir:

In measuring heights of objects using the methods in *Tenderfoot to King's Scout* and other methods, we have found that it is sometimes awkward to place an eye on the ground. An easier way is to carry a small pocket mirror, and to place this on the ground where the eye should be, lining up the staff with the top of the object. The mirror may be tilted or twisted, for unlike the dirty water method distances are measured from the mirror and not from the eye or feet.

We have found the mirror works well with the inch to foot method.

Yours sincerely,
BOB STARK, A.S.M.

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Dear Sirs:

Have just returned from a hearing as a member of a Grand Jury for our county, dealing with an enquiry into the death of a Boy Scout, last May.

It appears that this Scout along with three other Scouts (not in uniform) were on their way to Camp Nemo, (Hamilton District Camp) along No. 5 Highway at 1.15 a.m. when the rear lad was struck by an auto, tossed in the ditch, killed on impact. No blame attached to Scouts.

Suggestion—that all Scouts riding bicycles on roads and highways after dark, for the protection of themselves and operators of motor vehicles, be obliged to tie to their left leg a white handkerchief or similar item, in such a manner that the action of pedalling would attract a motorist approaching from front or rear. This in addi-

tion to a white rear mudguard and red rear reflector.—That when travelling in Patrols, each cyclist keep a distance of at least 25 feet apart, so that, in heavy traffic a car may go between them.

Hand or whistle signals may be worked out for direction of cycling Patrol.

Yours very truly,
G. VINCENT DUNSTON,
Former Scouter, Oakville.

Dear Scouter:

I'd like to thank you and the members of the Staff of your Association for the copies of *The Scout Leader*, which you have so generously sent to me during the past months.

Would you kindly forward my name and address to various Scoutmasters and Scouts in and around your province, who are interested in *stamp exchange and friendly correspondence*. I'm sure there are among my fellow Canadian Scouts many who are keen to correspond with a Scout from a British West Indian Island and may write to me.

Please note that I am 25 years of age, a Secondary School Teacher and a District Scoutmaster of Grenada's local Association. I have successfully gone through Part II of the Wood Badge Course in Trinidad, B.W.I., under Mr. John L. MacGregor of Canada.

I hope and will like to establish with Canadian Scouts, that sense of goodwill and fellowship which exists among Scouts from all parts of the world as embodied in the Scout Law.

(It's a good thing if you can publish whole or part of this letter in your monthly Scout Magazines.)

In regard to the magazine—*The Scout Leader*, I consider it top among leading Scout literature, and would love to continue receiving same always.

Thanking you sincerely and best wishes to the Scouts of Canada for the coming year.

Good luck in Scouting and good hunting.

I am,
Fraternally yours,
I. G. ROY McNEILLY.

P.S. In exchange for Canadian, British Empire and foreign stamps, I'll send numerous stamps of all the British West Indian Islands.

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Chief Scout Awarded Silver Wolf

THE order of the Silver Wolf—highest Scouting award in the Commonwealth—was presented to Canada's Chief Scout on January 26th at Government House where Viscount Alexander, as Governor General, has handed out hundreds of decorations and awards to others.

As Governor General he was Canada's Chief Scout and though he was a busy man, with many chores to attend, he found time to do everything possible to build up the Scouting organization in Canada.

Jackson Dodds, of Montreal, Deputy Chief Scout for Canada, made the presentation. With him at Government House were Major-General Guy R. Turner, of Ottawa, Chairman of the Honours and Awards Committee, R. D. Mulholland of Ottawa, Honorary Treasurer and Major-General D. C. Spry, Chief Executive Commissioner of the Canadian Boy Scouts Association.

The citation reads as follows: "His Excellency, as Chief Scout for Canada, by his interest gave the Canadian General Council, its Committees and Scouters its desire to achieve greater things for the boys of Canada.

"His Excellency has given encouragement and inspiration to the Boy Scout Movement and has at all times exhibited his interest in its growth and development.

"His Excellency dealt with all the routine tasks of signing Warrants, Wood Badge Parchments for yearly applications and other documents. He graciously insisted that he should personally present each year the awards for gallantry and exceptional service at Investitures at Government House. The Chief Scout of the Commonwealth, Lord Rowallan, has recognized His Excellency's very outstanding services of exceptional character by awarding him a Silver Wolf."

The Sign Post

IMPROVISATION

So often these days one finds people only too ready to accept things handed to them free of charge and ready made. I hope we in the Scout Brotherhood will not lose the pioneer ability to improvise. We will gain so much more satisfaction, and be so much better prepared for emergencies, or even for pleasant living under peaceful conditions, if we know how to improvise, if we know how to make the best use of the simple materials that lie around us.

As I write this I think back to a splendid Silver Arrowhead Course that I visited in New Brunswick on one occasion, where the lads were camping with no canvas and no rope. In spite of these intentional handicaps, these Scouts were living well with improvised materials.

Let us look at our Packs, Troops, and Crews, and see what we can do to improvise from existing materials rather than to look for the shiny expensive neon-lit model.

SCOUT BROTHERHOOD FUND

"A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout". A Scout is also prepared, and one of the ways in which Canadian Scouting as a whole can be prepared to help its brothers is through the Scout Brotherhood Fund. I do urge every Group to do what it can to make small contributions to this Fund so that the Fund will have sufficient monies in hand to meet any unexpected request for help. Already there has been great response to this general appeal, and the Fund has made several contributions of great help to the Movement in various places. I hope your particular group has done or will plan to do its part for the Scout Brotherhood Fund.

D. C. Spry

Chief Executive Commissioner.



The Royal Visit



Royal Tour Sidelights

Royal Visit Pictures Opposite

From Coast to Coast our Royal Visitors saw throngs of Cubs, Scouts, Rovers, Scouters and their Sisters in the Girl Guide Movement, all anxious to pay tribute to their Princess and her Duke. At each stop the Princess and Duke paused to acknowledge this tribute and we have been able to gather the pictures shown opposite to illustrate this. Unfortunately there are not pictures of each stop but then the important thing is that Canadian Scouting turned out to greet the Royal visitors and to assure them of the loyalty of their Brother Scouts in every section of our nation. The pictures are: 1, An inspection in Saskatoon, Sask. 2, A very lucky King's Scout receiving his certificate from Her Highness in Prince Edward Island. 3, A Scouter joins the Royal couple as they look over the typical western meal served them in Calgary. 4, Brownies and Rangers joined the "Scouts" in Calgary. 5, Another King Scout Investiture at Kamloops, B.C. 6, Handicapped Scouts and Cubs receive Her Highness' attention. 7, Their Highnesses at the banquet table in Calgary. Notice the Duke's white Stetson. 8, Her Highness was particularly impressed with the smartness of the Cubs. 9, Once again handicapped boys receive attention, this time from the Duke.

Praise for Girl Guides

ONE of the proudest people in Saskatoon, Sask., was the Girl Guide Commissioner, Mrs. W. T. Mallory.

"The nicest turnout of Guides we've seen in Canada," the Hon. Mrs. Andrew Elphinstone, lady-in-waiting to Princess Elizabeth, told her as she followed Her Royal Highness and the Duke of Edinburgh when they walked informally among the Guides and Brownies.

The Princess asked Mrs. Mallory how many Guides and Brownies there were in the Arena and how far they had come. As well as Saskatoon packs and companies they were there from Vonda, Nipawin, Maidstone and Bruno, and they had a close-up look at the Chief Ranger Guide of the Empire as she strolled around the square which they outlined on the ice surface.

The Princess seemed to hesitate a moment as she came down from the dais after the presentation of the \$130 from the school children, but then to their delight she turned to the Brownies.

She may have wondered why those to whom she spoke first did not answer, but this was explained by Capt. Mary Kirkham when she told her she had

been speaking to deaf Brownies, children from the School for the Deaf. The Princess told her it was nice to see so many Guides.

"You look very smart," the Duke of Edinburgh told Capt. Betty Mauchel, as he paused in front of the Rangers, girls who have graduated from Guides.

The Duke of Edinburgh who has been a Sea Scout, gave many a small boy a thrill as he asked Cubs about their badges. Generally they forgot to salute and say "yes sir" when spoken to but they will never forget the October day when Princess Elizabeth and her husband visited Saskatoon.

Scout Hero Talks to Royal Couple

WHEN Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh visited Calgary, they talked to many Boy Scouts, including a Lone Scout from Tilley who, although the Duke didn't know it, has been recommended for a life-saving medal named after the Duke's family.

The Scout was Bobbie Wardie, 16, who had been nominated to receive the Mountbatten Medal for his action in rescuing 2½-year-old Frances Burchak from a water-filled cistern last summer.

Their Royal Highnesses questioned Bobby about his home town and his Lone Scout badge when they stopped to chat.

Man-to-Man!

IT is going to be a long time before one Cub from Saskatoon, Sask., forgets the heart-to-heart, or man-to-man chat he had with Prince Philip. They talked about his badges (the Cubs), one of which was a Collectors. The Duke asked him what he collected and upon being told it was stamps said, "I do too when I have time, have you any of the latest issue?" The Cub was a trifle excited and confused by this time and replied that he did have a few, forgetting completely H.R.H. was probably talking about the new Canadian four-cent stamp which showed the heads of himself and the Princess. And after it was all over the Cub remembered the instructions of a red-coated Mountie that if he was spoken to by Their Royal Highnesses he must salute and say "Yes, Ma'am" or "Yes, Sir". Of course he forgot to do anything of the kind.

Treasured Hand Shake

WHEN young Scout Frank Dickie, of Swift Current, Sask., presented the Duke of Edinburgh with his present from the city, the Duke simply tickled the crowd with the way he returned the boy's salute and warmly shook his hand and talked to him.

At the park, while Princess Elizabeth and the Duke were shaking hands with a small Boy Scout, two of his less fortunate friends discussed this momentous occasion in the life of their young Scout.

"Gee, I wonder what his hand feels like now," murmured one.

"Run up and see," advised the other.

Princess Presents King Scout Badges to Two City Lads

IN what is believed to have been the first such ceremony of its kind in Canada, Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth presented King's Scout badges to two members of the 1st Kamloops Troop at Riverside Park.

Presentation of the badges was an unscheduled part of the programme at the park.

Notification that Her Royal Highness had agreed to make the presentations reached District Scout Commissioner O. E. Harvey just as the Scouts and Cubs were leaving Kamloops United Church at 4 o'clock Friday to parade to the park. The notification was contained in a telegram from the Royal Train.

The Duke of Edinburgh remarked during the presentation ceremony how pleased he was to see two King's Scouts from the same small city. His Royal Highness inspected the proficiency badges of each lad, and identified every one.

Both the Princess and the Duke questioned the lads about their age, their Troop and their length of time as Scouts.

Their Royal Highnesses were friendly and interested, and their graciousness put both lads at ease.

"So you're Stuart Nanson," Her Royal Highness said as the lad came to attention in her presence.

And the Princess made Tom Kenal grin when—remembering her Girl Guide training—she said, "Oops! wrong hand!" as she extended her right hand.



Scouting Digest

Sid Shovels His Way to Boy Scout Party

SID Smith, Toronto Maple Leaf left winger, rates an "E" for effort according to the 145th Toronto Pack. Sidney braved a heavy snow storm to appear as guest speaker at their annual Christmas party at the Keeleale Community Ratepayers hall. Smitty had to shovel himself out from a snow-drift in front of his Scarboro home and was slightly out of puff when he arrived. However he "wowed" the 145th Toronto Pack for the second year running.

One Good Turn Prompts Another

EVERY Saturday morning Scouts of the 2nd Hanwell Troop in England, are doing a Good Turn—delivering shopping for old or infirm folk. They had done so for more than two years without payment—and then the B.B.C. heard of them. They were featured in the "Younger Generation" programme, and as a result a London firm, Lilley and Skinner wrote: "We think this is a very fine idea and to encourage it we shall be happy to give the Troop one of our trade cycles which we do not use."

Flying Soap Box Derby

THE Prescott, Ont., branch of the Canadian Legion organizes and sponsors an annual Soap Box Derby for Scouts in this District. The main idea of this annual event is to test the ingenuity of the boys who enter the competition. The rules and regulations governing this Derby are explicit in stating that the event is strictly a boy's adventure. Each entry must build his own car which consists of "bits of everything". However, each Scout competes not only for a personal victory but also to bring glory to his Troop and his neighbourhood.

Lord Baden-Powell, founder of our Movement, was always an enthusiastic supporter of this sport which requires strenuous physical endeavours and skilful manoeuvring.

Christmas Good Turn

ONE Group in Moose Jaw, Sask., carried out an excellent good turn in conjunction with their Christmas party. After the party was over they took their Christmas tree complete with trimmings and handed it to a family, who would otherwise not have had this touch of Christmas joy.

The boys also made sure they saved enough candies from their party so they were able to make up several bags for the children in the family.

Scouts Study Civil Defence

A SPECIAL group of King's and First Class Scouts recently completed a five-week course in traffic control given by Constable Luke Flinn of the Halifax, N.S., Police Department. Part of the Civil Defence Corps, the Scouts will be detailed to assist in the traffic control programme.

Eighteen Scouts from the Halifax-Dartmouth area attended the lectures and will return regularly for further instruction.

A member of the police motorcycle squad and a traffic authority, Constable Flinn will also conduct the follow-up courses for Scouts.

Youth on Danger List After Accident

Six persons were seriously injured in an accident on the Pictou Road in Truro, N.S.

THE night of the accident the Owl Patrol of the First Valley Troop was having a Patrol meeting nearby. It was the usual Boy Scout Patrol meeting—discussion, games and study. Then the accident occurred. To ordinary boys it probably would have been just a horrible spectacle. But not so to the Owls. They helped take the injured from the wreckage, directed traffic, helped take the injured to the hospital—they even cleaned up a lot of the mess on the highway.

Commenting on the accident, Ted Emmett of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said the Scouts did a grand job and certainly deserved a lot

of credit. Scoutmaster Charles Wright of the First Valley Troop said "I'm certainly proud of the way they acted".

Allen Gullen, Assistant Scoutmaster of First Valley Troop, who was visiting the Patrol at the time, directed the efforts of the Scouts and he really did a good job.

This is the story that didn't get printed—and so, to the long list of Boy Scouts who have performed good deeds, are added the members of the Owl Patrol, Patrol Leader Clinton Marble, Chesley Brown, Stewart Reid, Bobby Campbell, Ralph McNutt, LeRoi Bartlett and Clarence McCalum.

How Does Your Log Compare With This One?

THE 2nd Alberni, B.C., Troop has logged a total of 870 miles of travelling on camping and hiking expeditions during the past year. The boys are great hikers and keen outdoor Scouts all year round.



John Snow, Assistant District Commissioner for York Central District in Ontario, is the Leader of the Canadian Contingent to the Caribbean Jamboree. John was an Assistant Rover Leader on the Norway Moot Contingent and an experienced and capable Scouter.

Are You Looking for Games?

Shipwreck Sailor

A good method of teaching the boys to tie bowlines, or in fact any other suitable knot, is to invent an adventure story in which the said knot is used in a practical way. For instance the P.L. can stand at one end of the Scout H.Q. and throw a rope to his Second, who ties a bowline around himself, and is pulled "ashore" by his P.L. The Second, in turn, throws the rope back to the 1st Scout, and so on down the line.

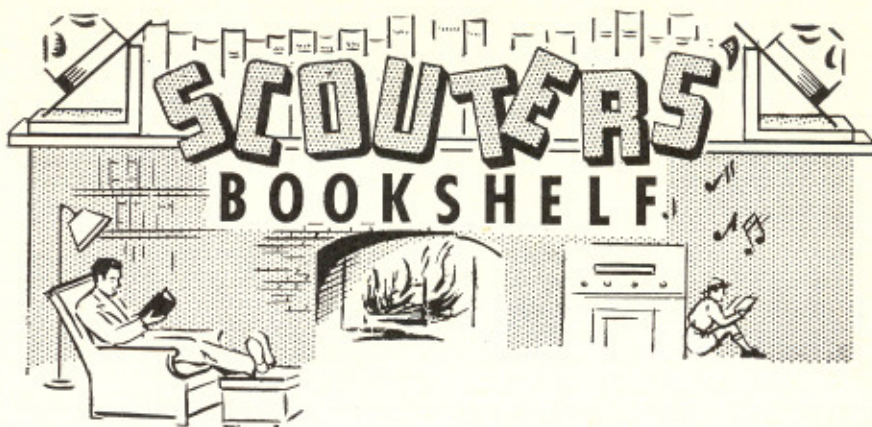
Falling Debris Relay

Patrols in Indian File, graded with the smallest Scouts in front. P.L.s facing Patrols, anything from 6 to 12 feet from the front man. P.L. throws dixie (or bucket or frypan, chair, or missile of odd shape) to front man, who returns it and then ducks down, making himself into a compact ball to withstand falling "debris". P.L. then throws the missile to each Scout in turn, who ducks after returning it and hopes that succeeding Scouts are good catchers! The rear Scout has to catch the missile twice and then the remainder of the Patrol stand erect one by one to catch the missile from the P.L. The first Patrol to finish wins. Catch must be repeated each time P.L. or catcher drops the missile or lets a part of it touch the floor.

Rabbit Burrows

Cubs in threes. Two standing with hands on each other's shoulders are the tree, the third crouching down between them is the rabbit. There should be two odd Cubs, one of whom is made a dog and the other a rabbit. Dog chases rabbit, who can take refuge by running into any tree. As he runs in, the rabbit already there must run out. If dog touches rabbit they change roles.

Have you seen the Visual Aids Catalogue produced by the Public Relations Department of Canadian Headquarters? Order one today for only 50c from The Public Relations Department, 306 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa 4, Ont.



BIRDS ARE YOURS. By Robert S. Lemmon and Don Eckelberry. Published by the Macmillan Company of Canada Limited, Toronto. Price \$2.50.

We have seen a great many books lately dealing with Bird Life but this small volume by Robert S. Lemmon and Don Eckelberry is one of the finest and easily read books on this subject that have come to hand. The author is an all round naturalist and Managing Editor of *The Home Garden* but his special interest is in birds. Don Eckelberry, the artist, has been a staff artist with the National Audubon Society for a number of years and has been seen widely in illustrations of the Audubon Bird Guides.

This little booklet is not a serious study of the Bird Life of this country but rather deals with such things as why do birds behave as they do, what strange materials do they weave into their nests, which birds are courtship showoffs and have chips on their shoulders. It is written clearly and concisely and would be an ideal book to give to any young man interested in pursuing this fascinating hobby of the outdoors.

FINDERS, KEEPERS. By Myra Reid Richardson, illustrated by Don Freeman. Published by the Macmillan Company of Canada Limited, Toronto. Price \$3.25.

In *Finders, Keepers* one has the recipe for a lively, humorous and very human story in three twelve-year-old boys, a poodle, a Scottie and an enormous St. Bernard named Cricket, who has a natural instinct for constantly rescuing animals and children, a temperamental Mother Bear and her two cubs and lastly a number of odoriferous skunks.

The boys search for a good home for Cricket where the people will not only love him but can afford to feed him; their crusade against Mountie, a man who maltreats dogs, their cham-

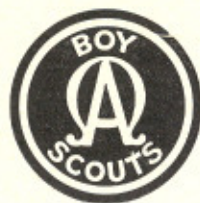
pionship of Hal so that he may be a real boy in blue jeans and not a sissy in white flannels as his Grandmother wishes; an exciting and rather perilous over-night bear hunt in the mountains; plus very understanding parents despite the dilemma make a story that can be thoroughly enjoyed by children and adults. Myra Reid Richardson shows indeed that she has a keen understanding and sympathy for twelve-year-olds with their many problems and joys, highly recommended.

A LAND DIVIDED. By John T. Hayes. Published by Copp, Clark Company, Toronto. Price \$2.75.

Using the adventure packed history of Canada's Maritime Provinces in the year 1775 when France and England were preparing for the struggle of the rich land of Acadia, John F. Hayes has cleverly woven fact and fiction into a novel of high courage, danger and excitement.

In *A Land Divided* we join Michael Harvey and his French cousin, Pierre Duchaine, in search for Michael's father lost on patrol. The action packed story takes them through a series of adventures including meeting an English spy inside Fort Beausejour, a night encounter with a band of prowling Indians, and Michael's discovery of his Father, only to fall into the hands of the French himself. All this only serves to keep the reader completely fascinated as the story progresses.

Many colourful figures and places of early Canadian history live again in *A Land Divided*, and the day to day life of these early pioneers is vividly portrayed. One finds oneself feeling with the Acadians the darkness of those days of their tragic expulsion. This book should indeed find favour among the old and young readers alike. It is highly recommended and will be a valuable addition to any Troop library.



The Religion and Life Award

FOR the information of new Scouters in the Movement, and as a reminder to others, we are publishing the requirements of the *Religion and Life Award*. Individual church requirements will appear in this and future issues of *The Scout Leader*. Scouters should discuss these requirements and instruction in them with the Scout's own minister or rabbi. Roman Catholic Scouters should consult their diocesan superiors with regard to their requirements.

Description

The award, as illustrated, consists of a great circle, green on red, the symbol of eternity, recalling the fact that life is eternal. In the circle are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega, the symbol of God himself, the Eternal One, reminding us that the worship and service of God must form a part of our life's programme, from the beginning to the end.

Location

This badge, which is for Scouts of Second Class or higher grades, is to be worn on the right breast of the Scout shirt, immediately above the "Boy Scouts—Canada" badge.

Requirements

It is understood that the requirements governing the issue of the badge eventually are to be laid down by the national officials of the churches or religious bodies concerned. In the interim, pending such action by official church bodies, the Boy Scout's Minister, or Group Chaplain, as far as the Boy Scouts Association may be concerned, is to have full liberty of action in outlining such requirements for the Badge as may be acceptable to him. Generally speaking, however, it is understood that the award is to be granted in recognition of faithful service in or for the Church or its organizations, and satisfactory attendance over a period of time.

The requirements might also include the satisfactory completion of such courses of study of the Bible, church history, etc., as might be assigned him by the Group Chaplain or the Minister of the church the Scout is attending.

Instruction

The instruction of Scouts desiring to qualify for the award will be the responsibility of the Group Chaplain, the Scout's Own Minister, or the appointee of the Chaplain or Minister.

Presentation

The presentation will be made by the Chaplain of the Group or, in the case of boys not belonging to the parent Church, by the Minister of the Scout's own Church.

N.B.—The word "church" will be assumed to include chapel, synagogue, mosque, mission, etc. The word "minister" will include priest, rabbi, etc.

Where Obtainable

The badges are obtainable from Provincial Headquarters at a cost of 20 cents each.

General

We must continually remind ourselves that "duty to God" comes first in the Scout Promise. Therefore, because of its importance in the education of the Scout, Scout Commissioners, Scoutmasters, and Group Chaplains are urged to pay special attention to this award.

That Scouting is fundamentally religious was repeatedly emphasized by Lord Baden-Powell, the Founder. We, therefore, realize the importance of religious training but recognize that such training is primarily the responsi-



These are the Scouts who received Gallantry awards at the last Investiture ceremony held at Rideau Hall, by His Excellency The Chief Scout for Canada. Left to right: Robert Jank, Arthur Proud both of the 1st Hanover Troop, Ont.; Harold Doane, 1st Shelburne Troop, N.S.; Earl Rogers, 1st Frankford Troop, Ont.; Alan McCurdy, 3rd Truro Troop, N.S., and Mrs. Erskine (seated), who accepted a posthumous award for her son, Cub Larry Erskine of 10th Pack, Port Arthur, Ont.

bility of the Church and the Home. The church which sponsors a Scout Group, appointing the Group Committee and nominating all the Scout Leaders of the Group, has full control and authority over the religious programme. On his part, the Scoutmaster is responsible for maintaining co-ordination of the religious features and spiritual implications of Scouting with the Church's religious training, while he is, at the same time, responsible to his District Scout Commissioner for the purely secular features of the training.

ANGLICAN REQUIREMENTS

The Church of England in Canada has given approval to a set of tests by which Scouts in Anglican Troops may qualify for the Religion and Life Award. The tests are to be passed *annually* by Scouts having their Second Class Standing. At least 8 of these requirements must be fulfilled. Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 are obligatory.

1. Serve in the Church, Sunday School, or some definite organization of the church in some capacity requiring regular service, and show satisfactory attendance at Church services.
2. Demonstrate a general knowledge of how the Anglican Communion and the world brotherhood of Scouting help to promote better feeling of goodwill and mutual respect among all nations and races.
3. Pass an examination on a Scripture study course or other suitable course conducted by his Church, Church School, or similar organization. (N.B.) The passing of the annual G.B.R.E. Examination will suffice for this.
4. Form the habit of daily devotions (prayer and bible reading), and have a working knowledge of the Book of Common Prayer.
5. Recruit one or more boys not already having a church or Sunday School connection.
6. Contribute regularly from his own savings to one or more church funds.
7. Have a brief knowledge of the story of the growth of the Church.
8. Have a fair knowledge of the ornaments of the church and the Ministers.
9. Be able to outline the government of the Church of England in Canada from the individual parish to the General Synod. The examiner for the badge is the Rector of the Parish or some responsible person appointed by him.



**THE BIGGEST TRAINING YEAR IN OUR HISTORY
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From coast to coast we hear of Scouters who are planning to attend Gilwell Part II (Camp) Courses during the late spring and summer of 1952. *The Scout Leader* has carried a list of these courses being held in Ontario, the Prairies, British Columbia and the Maritimes and we are pleased to report the following courses from the Province of Quebec.

If you are a Quebecer or would like to take your course in the old Province of Lower Canada, check these dates against your summer plans.

Dates	Campsite	Course
May 30, 31 and June 1 (two week-ends)	Camp Tamaracouta	Cubmaster
June 6, 7 and 8	Camp Tamaracouta	Cubmaster
August 16 to 23	Camp Tamaracouta	Cubmaster
June 14 to 21	Camp Tamaracouta	Scoutmaster

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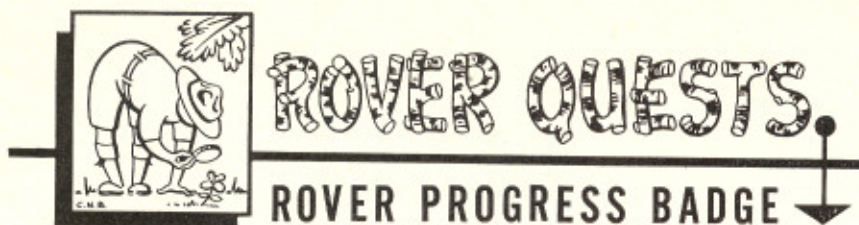
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The Spiritual Life of the Group by Kenneth C. Sparrow. A book that will help Leaders to a simple interpretation of rulings on Religious Policy. Price35c

All these books may be ordered through your Stores Department Agent, your Provincial Headquarters or direct from

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By W. L. CURRIER,

Deputy Chief Executive Commissioner, Canadian Headquarters



This is number three in the series of papers presented to stimulate discussion at the First Canadian Rover Moot. May we suggest it as a topic for study by your Rover Crew, with a few lines to the Editor on your conclusions.

You are all invested Rovers—some of you are still pursuing your education and some because of circumstances have had to enter the business world. Roving must recognize the individual and his needs.

The Rover Progress Badge is designed to do just that. No matter what you are doing, no matter where you may be, no matter what your position in life, this Badge offers you as an individual a chance to further develop yourself and make progress in those things in life which are of greatest interest and value to you.

The outward recognition of Rover Progress is in the form of a lanyard made by yourself on which you place one or up to five diamond knots signifying that you have qualified in one or more subjects of your own choosing. The material of which the lanyard is made depends upon the decision of the individual Rover Crew.

The Progress Badge may be earned under five headings: World Affairs; National Affairs; Cultural Subjects, Scout Craft and Handicrafts, Hobbies, Sports. The main idea is to encourage you as an individual to develop yourself along lines in which you have a personal interest. It allows you to prove to your Rover Scout Leader and Brother Rovers that you have a real understanding of the subject in which you say you want to make progress. It is important for each of us to realize that in order to qualify for the lanyard and one of the diamond knots, we must submit to the Rover Leader and the Crew our records and then by a talk, demonstration, discussion, expedition, or any other method prove to the Crew and the Rover Scout Leader that you have been active and made progress. You fellows know the most difficult task is not convincing the outside

examiner that you know your stuff but convincing the Group who know you best. They will know if you actually have worked at your subject. You cannot fool them by cramming. It is a real test. You have to know your stuff well enough to convince the people who know you best that you have put an honest effort into it.

For a moment let us think of the five headings.

World Affairs:—Once we could cut ourselves off and it did not matter what any other country did, but now everyone of us is affected by conditions beyond our own country. Actually distance means nothing any more with the jet plane and radio communications. How important it is to know and really understand the world in its larger aspects. Any Rover who has an interest in this important phase of our life, who takes time to study this problem will not only help himself but his fellow Rovers in taking their places as understanding future citizens of the world.

Closer to each of us is the development of our own Nation. This is another part of the Rover Progress Badge. Under this heading the Rover has many interesting and extremely difficult problems to study. Any one of them might lead to a life-time job. If several Rovers in the Crew undertake the study of the different subjects and are then able to convince the R.S.L. and Crew of their understanding and interest, I am sure you will realize that they by their study have helped everyone in the Crew in their understanding of the problems facing them as citizens. Another sub-heading is Cultural Subjects—Art, Drama, Literature, Music, Comparative Religion, Science, Public Speaking. Here again in any Crew you have a chance to develop a diversity of interests. Think for example of music. Suppose one person in the Crew interested lives in this field. By his study and then by having to show his interest to you and others, he will play a part in developing Music Appreciation in the life of the Crew. I know that each of you can think of how

persons in the Crew can through their interest in one or more of these sub-headings develop not only themselves but assist in rounding out the knowledge of other members of the Crew.

Quite naturally another sub-heading of the Progress Badge is Scout Craft. I want to make clear that the Rover Progress Badge and Scout Craft does not mean active leadership in the Group. It means a study of the Movement. Training yourself so that when the day comes when you have found yourself you can take up active leadership and so pass on to your younger brothers the many things you found of interest in your life as a Cub and Scout.

Another of the five sub-headings under the Progress Badge is Handicrafts, Hobbies and Sports. I think you will agree that here is an absolutely unlimited field for the individual. Many of us at the present time have Handicrafts in which we are very interested. Some of us have Hobbies which take a great deal of time while others go in actively for Sport. I hope you realize that under the heading Sport, it means playing and not being a spectator. The Proficiency Badges of the Scouts give many suggestions for subjects which a Rover might develop under this part of the Rover Progress Badge. It is important that in making progress under this section that we have a high standard and that anyone who qualifies should be able to instruct others in their special subjects. Within any Rover Crew it is better to have each individual person interested in a different subject than to have twenty experts on one subject. The Crew itself will be richer by such experience.

In everyone of the parts of the Rover Progress Badge, we must be careful to see that no one part of it places too much demand on any one individual. It is just as dangerous to study we will say Economic Geography under world affairs to excess as it is when organized sports take too much time of an individual.

The basic idea behind the Rover Progress Badge is to enable you to grow with a balanced interest and a balanced purpose. It is not a function of Rover Scouting to produce men who are superb experts in a limited field. It is to balance and to broaden your outlook that all our efforts should be directed. ●●●

AKELA'S DEN

The Oldest Pack in the World

By GRAY EAGLE
in *The Scout*

ONE evening I went to visit the Oldest Cub Pack in the World. It is the 1st City of Westminster Pack and it meets in London, very near the Houses of Parliament. This Pack really has the right to call itself the oldest. In the days before Cubbing really started, when so many young boys tried to join the Scouts and were not allowed to because they were too young, our Founder, B.-P., decided to give these boys something of their own, and he began to think of a game he called "Cubbing".

The 1st City of Westminster Pack was the first Cub Pack to be formed and it holds a certificate, dated January, 1914, saying that B.-P. recognized it.

But B.-P. did more than that. At the time the present Lord Baden-Powell, Peter, was a baby B.-P. allowed him to be made an Honorary Sixer of the Grey Six. He was carried by his mother to visit the Pack.

Now, if you are good at sums, you will be able to reckon that this Pack is thirty-seven years old, and it was to the 37th birthday party that I was invited.

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We met in a large hall and were given tea with plenty of nice sandwiches, cream buns and birthday cake.

After that the parents arrived. Lord Baden-Powell was the guest of honour and he brought with him his two sons, Robert and Michael, a Scout and a Cub. The Cubmaster reminded Lord Baden-Powell of his visit to the Pack when he was four months old, but Peter said he didn't remember it! After the Grand Howl there was much fun when a Guide came in bearing a large baby doll wrapped in a shawl and took it round for all the Cubs to see—just as Peter had been carried by his mother on that day so long ago. Lord Baden-Powell was very much amused by this.

Then the Cub display started. We saw a small boy put his head round the door and ask if he could join the Cubs. He was brought in and the rest of the programme showed the parents just what he would do during his Cub life.

He was shown Jungle Dances by the Cubs—and seldom have I seen Jungle Dances done so well and with so much real acting. And you would have loved the magnificent tiger skin, complete with head and wicked looking teeth, which the Cubs used for the Death of Shere Khan—and wasn't Mowgli proud when he could put his foot on its head. Secretly I expect the Cub was rather glad it was just a skin, for it looked so fierce!

Then the Cub was enrolled and began to learn his Star tests, with knotting and shoe-cleaning, and so on. The parents were shown the story of the Union Jack, in which St. Andrew and St. Patrick led in their bands of followers, dressed as fishermen and priests. But St. George was the finest. He and his followers were dressed in shining armour and mounted on horses—borrowed from a school which had used them in a pageant.

There were games during the programme and then, at the end, we saw the Cub go up into the Scout Troop.

Then Lord Baden-Powell spoke to the Cubs and the parents. He told the Cubs that, although he didn't remember being brought to see their older brothers so long ago, he did remember every minute of his own Cub days because he had such fun.

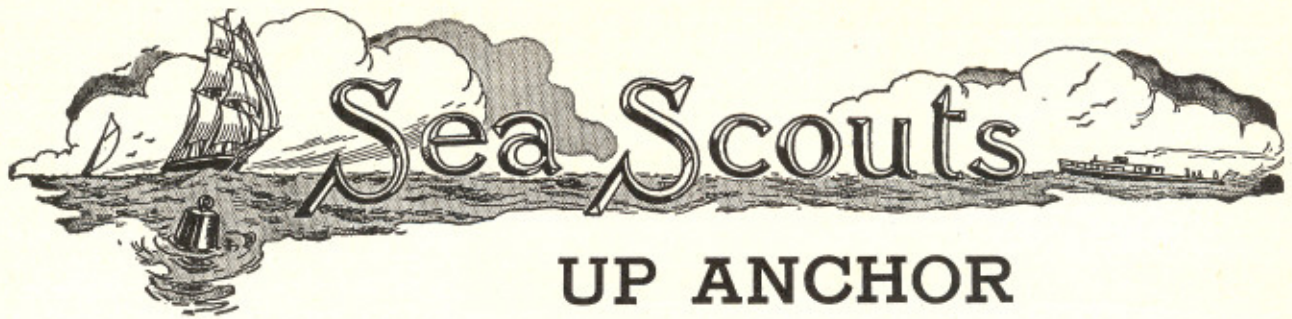
Next Robert and Michael were invested as Honorary Sixers of the Reds and the Tawnies, as their father had been made a Grey Sixer so long ago.

After this there was a camp fire and then we all went home. A very jolly evening; a good programme done by keen Cubs who looked as though they thoroughly enjoyed it—and I know their audience did. I hope they will ask me again!

Good Hunting, Cubs.



These triplets were all invested as Cubs on the same evening and there is no doubt from the gleam in their eyes that they really mean what they say, "Akela, We'll Do Our Best".



Sea Scouts

UP ANCHOR

WE HAVE just received, and had a great deal of pleasure reading, "Hard Tack", the Troop newspaper of the 12th Hamilton Sea Scout Troop. The current issue of this Troop bulletin lists a number of very interesting items and we would like to pass them along for other Sea Scouters to see.

First of all this "ship" has decided to investigate the possibilities of an Amateur Radio set-up so that they may contact other Scouts in various parts of the world. At the same time the Troop is busy cleaning up and re-fitting their boat equipment so that they will be prepared for launching. They have also decided to have their own band and just in case you are interested, all members must wear whiskers and play one of the following instruments; piano, guitar, trumpet, wash-board, slide whistle, jews harp or drums. This sounds like a really hot band and we hope to hear more of it.

As the 12th Troop is sponsored by Christ's Church Cathedral (Anglican) most of the Troop are members of this Church. They hold a corporate communion on the 4th Sunday of every month, September to April. In their notice to parents regarding this corporate communion, Scouters have inserted this very important paragraph "To our non-communicants and members of other denominations, a most sincere welcome is extended. Once again we say to the parents, it is not our intention or policy to take your

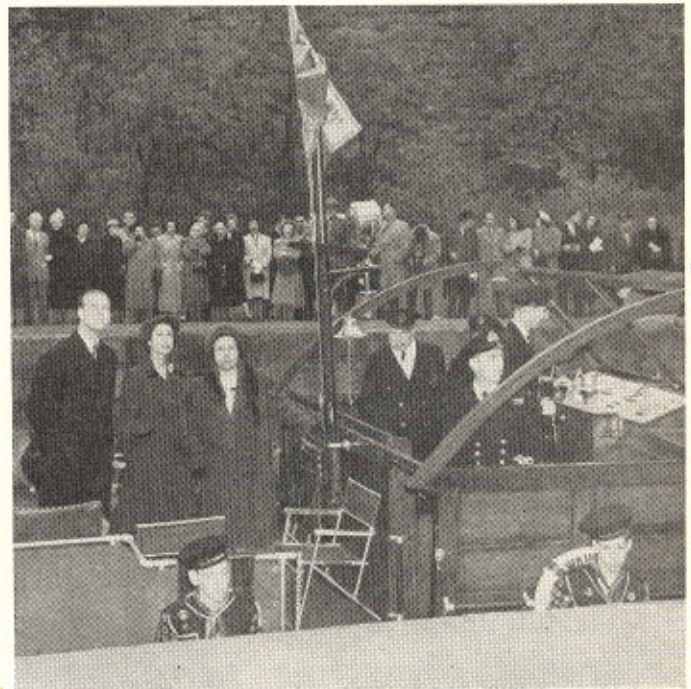
boy away from his Church, but on the contrary, we feel it is a compelling influence that may awaken in your lad a Church consciousness that will most certainly pay dividends. No pressure or influence is used in any form".

Although the 12th Hamilton is an active Sea Scout Troop they believe in being all round Scouts. Just to prove this they report that five mem-

bers of their Troop recently took part in a week-end Winter Camping exercise designed to qualify them for the Winter Camping Badge. At the same time four other boys were taking a course on the Trackers Badge.

To all the Scouts and Scouters of the 12th Hamilton our sincere best wishes and we look forward to hearing from you again.

Sea Scouts in Ottawa, Ont., provided side boys for the Royal Yacht during the cruise of the Royal party down the Rideau Canal and the Ottawa River. Other Sea Scouts were out in small craft to salute the Royal Yacht as she passed by. The Duke was a Sea Scout.



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The Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund

THROUGHOUT 1951 Canadian Scouts, Scouters and their Committeemen and supporters have given concrete evidence that they intend to stand firmly behind the Scout Brotherhood Fund. It has been clearly established and a well-known fact that such a fund is necessary if we are to deal with emergencies in a Scout-like fashion. If you have not yet contributed to this fund, we would like to suggest that you talk it over with your Pack, Troop or Crew at their next planning

meeting.

Cheques should be made payable to the Boy Scouts Association and earmarked the Scout Brotherhood Fund or the Tent Fund (\$50.00 per tent).

1st Bamfield Group Committee,	
Vancouver, B.C.	\$5.00
Rev. F. H. Sinnatt,	
Springhill, N.S.	\$5.00
Total amount to date	
(December 31st, 1951)	\$2,369.16
Total amount expended to date	
(December 31st, 1951)	661.60
Balance	\$1,707.56

We also wish to acknowledge the following contributions to the Caribbean Tent Fund portion of the Scout Brotherhood Fund.

Halifax District Council.....	\$ 55.00
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PLAN ACHIEVEMENT 1951 AWARDS



OUR sincere congratulations to the members of the units and Groups listed hereunder who have achieved their 1951 Targets under Plan Achievement. If you have not yet forwarded your report to your District Commissioner or Provincial Commissioner, as the case may be, may we suggest you do so just as soon as possible. All Plan Achievement Awards for 1951 will be listed in *The Scout Leader* as soon as they are received.

The following are all from New Brunswick: 1st Moncton (St. Georges) Pack and Troop; 2nd Moncton (Wesley) Pack and Troop; 3rd Moncton (St. Bernards) Pack; 4th Moncton (St. Johns) Two Packs and Troop; 5th Moncton (1st Baptist) Pack; 6th Moncton (Rotary) Troop; 7th Moncton (Presbyterian) Pack; 8th Moncton (Central) Two Packs and Troop; 9th Moncton (Highfield Baptist) Pack; 1st Dieppe Troop; 1st Parkton Pack and Troop; 1st Riverview Pack; 13th Moncton (L'Assomption) Pack and Troop; 1st Clair Pack and Troop; Edmundston East Pack and Troop; St. Anne de Madawaska Pack and Troop.

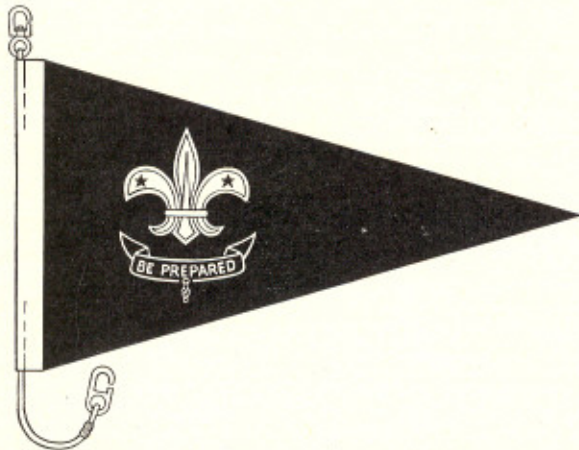
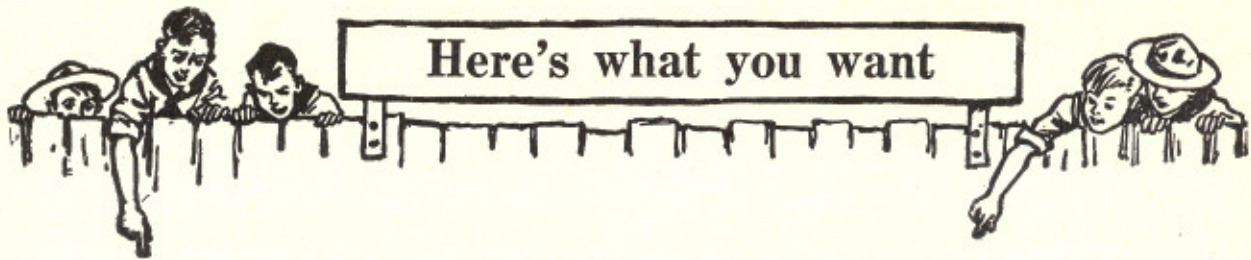
The following are all from British Columbia: 1st White Rock Scout

Troop; 1st Quamichan Cub Pack; 2nd Duncan (St. John's) Cub Pack; 1st

Quamichan Scout Troop; 1st Duncan Scout Troop.



From many South Central Ontario communities came boys and their Scouters to welcome the Royal Visitors in Niagara Falls, Ont.



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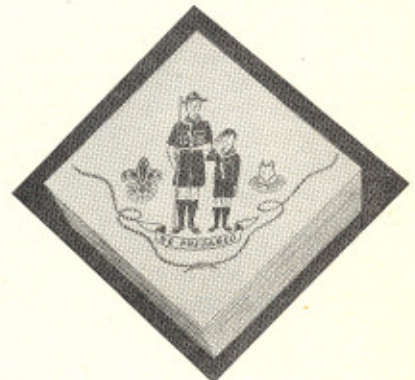
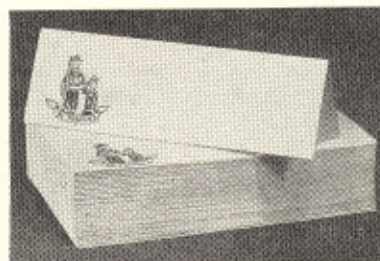
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