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The Sign Post

RE-READING P.O. & R.

Quite frequently District, Provincial, and Canadian Headquarters receive enquiries from Scouters which could easily be answered by the Scouter's turning up the appropriate section of *Policy, Organization and Rules*. This brings to mind the necessity for all of us to re-read from time to time this most important publication. Many of our problems and questions can be settled and answered by reference to P.O. & R.

"PUTTING IT ACROSS"

Dr. Carter Storr's booklet, *Putting It Across*, is a wonderful contribution to the Scout Movement and I do hope that all Scouters and many Patrol Leaders will study this book in order that they may be better able to "put across" the spiritual and technical aspects of Scout training. This well illustrated booklet can be read in a very few minutes but is worthy of some hours of thought and study. If every Scouter and Patrol Leader would use the methods outlined for the instruction of boys, the standard of training throughout the whole Movement would be greatly improved. If you have not seen this booklet get in touch with your District or Provincial Office as soon as possible.

PREPARE FOR CIVIL DEFENCE

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

D.C. Spry
Chief Executive Commissioner

Guest Editorial

By E. F. MILLS

Executive Commissioner for Special Duties

IN MY youth, I knew a very fine man, one of whose favourite expressions was "Put first things first". Now, I know perfectly well that timeworn clichés lose much of their original force, but the wisdom of giving everything its appointed place in our lives is surely apparent. Certain things get priority because their value demands it.

The first part of our Promise is "To do my duty to God". No one can deny that section its rightful place, in the forefront, yet can every Scouter say honestly that he is giving duty to God its deserved spot in his programme? I know full well the difficulties surrounding a Troop of mixed religions, I was Scoutmaster of one, and it can and should be done.

In a unit where the mixture of religions makes it possible, the Scouter can quite easily arrange for a passage of the Holy Bible, to be read at the opening ceremonies or at the closing ceremonies. It should be read by one of the boys who has been warned a week ahead so that he is prepared. . . The lesson should be chosen with some care so that it has some bearing on the life of the unit, or fits in with the ecclesiastical season of the year. Incidentally, choosing suitable Bible readings can be a grand training for Scouters. There are some useful suggestions in the book "Scouts' Own".

Then there is the matter of prayers. Again if it is possible, every meeting should begin and end with a prayer read by one of the boys, as well as one read by the Scouter. Help can be had from two books, "Prayers for the Brotherhood of Scouts" and "The Catholic Scout's Prayerbook".

A very common practice is for the Scouter to call for "Cub or

Scout silence". When all heads are bowed and there is complete silence for a period ranging from one to two minutes, and in some instances this is all that happens. I am all for personal prayer but calling it "Scout Silence" and hoping for the best won't do. I submit that to be fair to the boys and at the same time to get the full effect of this personal prayer the Scouter ought to announce something like this: "Now we will have a short period of silent personal prayer during which time let us thank God or ask for God's help for whatever the Scouter feels is most important at the time". In this way the boys' thoughts are directed, the silent period will have a meaning and the boys will not be merely going through the motions. Surely it is not difficult to find things to thank God for; the end of a good camp, the gift of Scouting, the recovery of a boy who has been ill; and we certainly need Divine guidance.

Another place where we can stress duty to God is at an Investiture. This is an opportunity that should not be missed, the right atmosphere has been created and a short, simple, sincere talk will make a lasting impression.

Then there are those quiet periods around the camp fire with the embers glowing and an occasional flame shooting up. I have found boys to be in a most receptive mood under such conditions, but in small groups, and best of all when they lead the Scouter into discussion of duty to God.

But boys like to be practical. I knew a young theological student who was in charge of a prairie parish one summer. He was interested in boys but had had little or no training in boys' work. He

collected a small group of boys around him and did his best to hold their interest by a programme of athletics and some yarns about foreign missions, a subject on which he was very keen. Eventually he realized that his foreign mission programme was not hitting the ball and being a wise chap he said to the group, "Look here, you boys seem to enjoy your baseball, which you would have had anyway, but I know that you are not enjoying the church side of the programme and I feel that we must do something about it, have you any suggestions?" "Yes, let's paint the church" was the reply. They did, and were amazed when at the finish of the job they were told they had been doing missionary work. A good feature was that each day's work began and ended with a short service inside the church.

It is an easy matter to get Scouts to be practical. I visited a Rover Scout Crew recently who had repaired and painted all the chairs in their church; I also know boys every Sunday to collect hymn books left behind in the pews. These are only two instances of a practical way of entering into church life, but there are many more.

Finally, what about the Scouter? You cannot say much about Duty to God, unless you personally are setting a good example.

I know a Scoutmaster who was a wizard at practical Scouting, but was a bit difficult at times even with his Group Committee. However, any shortcomings he had were fully compensated for by the fact that at any morning service in his church, he could be seen sitting with from six to ten of his Scouts. He was bringing Duty to God into his Troop life.

AN APPEAL FROM THE SCOUT BROTHERHOOD FUND

On behalf of the flood victims in
England, Belgium and Holland

As soon as the various news services flashed the story of the great havoc caused by the recent floods in England, Belgium and Holland, Canadian Headquarters, on your behalf, offered assistance through the Scout Brotherhood Fund.

Thanks to the many contributors to THE CANADIAN SCOUT BROTHERHOOD FUND we were able to make this offer of help.

We feel sure that many individuals and groups would like to send contributions to this fund to be used in aiding our brother Scouts to recover from this tragic disaster.

Details as to how we may be called upon to help are not yet available but all money gifts will be administered by The Scout Brotherhood Fund Committee.

"A SCOUT IS A FRIEND TO ALL AND A BROTHER TO EVERY
OTHER SCOUT"

Here is your chance to put this law into action by sending your donation to:—

The Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund (Flood Relief)
The Boy Scouts Association
306 Metcalfe Street
Ottawa 4, Ont.

All donations will be acknowledged in *The Scout Leader*.

CANADIAN GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

Notice of Annual Meeting 1953

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association will be held at the Public Schools Administration Building, 330 Gilmour St., Ottawa, Ont., on Friday, April 24th, 1953 at 3.00 p.m.

A report of the Executive Committee on the work of the past year will be presented and the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held.

*By Order of the
Executive Committee.*

His Excellency The Chief Scout has graciously consented to attend. All Scouters and others interested, who might be in Ottawa at that time, are cordially invited to attend.



OUR COVER STORY

The Story of Queen's Scout Ronald Furness

By THOMAS W. CORNER

District Commissioner, Former Scoutmaster, 135th Toronto Troop

THE stage for this tragedy was a baseball diamond on a lovely sunny morning in June, 1949. The boys were having a grand time and the game was close, a batter at the plate and the winning run on third base, smack, there was the crack of the bat hitting the ball, the boys began to move, the peg was to home plate, the runner began his slide and the catcher came out to meet him. As they met there was another crack, not very loud, but loud enough for those close at hand to hear. The catcher got up and shook away the dust from his clothing, he had stopped the runner from scoring. The runner tried to rise, but groaned and fell back in pain. It was all too evident, the last crack had been the sound of a leg bone breaking. This was more than a broken leg to the boy, his future plans began to tumble before his eyes as he lay there waiting for transportation to take him to the hospital.

But let me introduce you to the boy, the hero of the story, his name, Ron Furness, a member of the 135th Toronto Troop. The ball players were all members of the Troop. Now, Ron, had just been presented with his 1st Class Badge a month previously. He was headed for his Queen's Scout Badge and had also registered for the 1st Canadian Boy Scout Jamboree to be held in Ottawa in July, 1949. The Troop was also going to camp in August and it was headed for Camp Kennabi, Haliburton. His mind could only dwell on the Jamboree and the Scout Camp. The days dragged by and finally, after three weeks, his leg was X-rayed and it was found necessary to reset it again. This was done and a silver plate attached to the bone for support and Ron was home again for another long wait of six weeks.

That was the final blow to his Jamboree ambitions. The boys of his Patrol were frequent visitors and so was his Skipper. They were always ready to keep his spirits alive. Early in August, the Doctor decided Ron should pass up the Scout Camp, another blow to his already shattered system. He was gradually losing weight and the leg was not healing, but he kept cheerful

and began to make plans for the next year. School started back again and Ron was still in bed. Scout meetings opened up again and he was still missing. However, he was up and around later and he visited his Skipper to talk over his future plans for getting his Queen's Scout Badge. Between them, arrangements were made for his learning the Ambulanceman's Badge and when the Scoutmaster was satisfied, Ron had his Dad take him up to the Examiner's home to try for the Badge and he was quite proud when he passed it. This did a lot for him, his P.L. and boys of the Troop kept him informed as to Troop activities and he kept studying at home.

Finally, he returned to school and met another slight accident and in October his leg began to show signs of bending, so it was back to the hospital again. The silver plate was removed and the leg reset without it and so another ordeal of waiting. His schooling and Scouting were done at home. He was promoted to Patrol Leader by the Court of Honour. His Second kept the Patrol in line and kept Ron up to date on all the happenings. Time marched on and it was Spring again. Ron had been away from school a year, but he passed his exams. He had also kept up in his Scout work. In May,

he was at the Father and Son banquet and he hobbled up to the head table to receive his Service Star, his merry blue eyes twinkling with pride and joy at being back with the boys again. He took charge of his Patrol at Camp Kennabi that year, and did a bang up job, and Skipper and he had become fast friends.

When the Troop opened up again in September, he was back in his rightful place and every boy and leader was proud of him. The Troop had organized and run a dance to help pay some of his expenses. Ron was their pride and joy and here he was back again and still smiling after all of his setbacks and heartaches.

May, 1951, rolled around and Ron was presented with his Queen's Scout Badge by Field Commissioner George Kerr at the 135th Toronto Group Annual Banquet. He was shaking with excitement that night. He had finally achieved two of his three ambitions, Camp Kennabi, first and then his Queen's Scout next. Next in line is the 2nd Canadian Boy Scout Jamboree in 1953. We are all hoping he can make it this time, it was only grit and determination that kept him going. If ever a boy lived up to the 8th Scout Law, he did. He is a credit to Scouting.

Here are a group of Scouts and their Scouter of the 1st Lejac, B.C. Indian Residential School Troop practicing lashing in preparation for summer camp. Pioneering is one adventure all Scouts look forward to and enjoy. Is it in your Programme?



AKELAS DEN



Last month, on this page, we ran an article about encouraging Cubs to act out stories which are first read aloud to them. Here are three stories sent along by Scouter D. R. King of High River, Alberta. He has tried them all and tells us that they have been a grand success. We are still looking forward to seeing any stories you might like to pass along to other Scouters. Write a story now.

The Lost Mine

Reading time: 1½ min.

Acting time: 10 min.

ONE fine summer day many years ago, when the West was still wild and woolly, two rough and tough prospectors were hiking along the Highwood River, searching for some trace of the famous old Lost Lemon Mine. Their outfit was packed on the back of one tiny old donkey, an animal who was so lazy that he kept falling asleep as he walked. The two men would try to wake him up and keep him going by shouting at him and spanking him, but he slept on. So one of the partners would pull on the rope and the other would get behind and push, and so they moved slowly along the valley. By and by they stopped to rest by a small stream, and while one was getting a drink he saw something in the water.

"Hey Luke!" he yelled to his pard, "Come over here and see what I found." He held up a rusty old shovel.

"By Jeepers!" exclaimed Luke, "I bet this is close to where the old mine is. I bet this is part of their tools."

And without more ado the two miners unloaded the donkey, who was standing asleep under a tree a little way off, and started to dig furiously all around the place where they had found the shovel. In a moment they were very tired, so they sat down to rest. Just then a wild war whoop echoed along the creek valley and before the two men could think, a band of howling Indians swept down upon them. Grabbing their rifles and six-guns, the two white men threw themselves down in the rocks and started firing at their enemies. The Indians, on their fast little ponies, laid low along the horses' necks and fired at the miners from underneath. Round and around the helpless men they rode, screaming and whooping at the top of their voices, and the explosions of the guns rolled up like thunder.

The white men held their own for some time, but suddenly Luke threw up his arms and rolled over, dead. His pal grabbed his guns and fired faster than ever. Finally one Indian, who had ventured too close, was thrown to the ground as his horse was shot out from under him. The redskin lay on the ground, stunned. All at once the Indians closed in on the lone man, and in a moment it was all over. The Indians jumped off their ponies, scalped the two white men, leaped onto their horses again, and thundered off into the hills, voicing loud cries of victory.

As the last of the band was riding away into the distance, the lone Indian regained his senses. Seeing his friends disappearing, he cried after them,

"Hey fellas, wait for me!"

But they didn't hear him. So in frantic haste he looked around, spied the donkey still under the tree, still asleep, and running to him, jumped on his back. Now the little animal wasn't going to be rushed into anything, and only by pushing, pulling, yelling and pleading, was our red friend able to follow his comrades into the safety of the hills.

The Circus

Reading time: 1 min.

Acting time: 10 min.

IS THERE anybody here who doesn't like a circus? Of course not. Well, today we went to a circus. Boy oh boy, it was really good. First of all we went into a great big tent, as big as this hall, and found some seats and bought some popcorn. Pretty soon a man wearing a tall black hat, came into the centre and announced: "LADEEEEEES AND GENTLEMEN, TONIGHT WE ARE GOING TO BRING YOU THE GREATEST SHOW IN THE WORLD." And he went on to tell about all the different things which they had to show us. Then the man, who is called the Ringmaster, introduced the first act. It was a beautiful lady riding a huge white horse and dancing on its back. They went round and around the ring while the lady jumped off and on. Then the Ringmaster announced another act, this time a pair of acrobats who rolled and jumped and twisted most amazingly.

When they were through a clown,



Here is one of the most renowned bands in the land. The Kitchenaires of the Knox Crescent & Kensington Pack in Montreal, Que. Miss Jean Howe, the Cubmaster, tells us that this band can really give forth on a Parents' Night.

all dressed up, sneaked out behind the Ringmaster and started acting funny. Everybody nearly died laughing at him. And while they were watching him a big cage full of wild lions and tigers was pulled out into the ring, and the Ringmaster announced this act, and another lady, with a long whip, went into the cage with the lions and tigers and made them sit up and beg, and lie down, and roll over, all the while cracking her whip like a pistol going off. Then the Ringmaster announced they were going to show us the only dancing elephant in the world, and a huge elephant, all dressed up in a hat and coat, came out and started dancing. When he was done, a cowboy on a black horse came out and rode around the ring doing all kinds of marvelous tricks with a long rope. Then the clown came out again and tried to imitate him, but the cowboy chased him and lassoed him. Finally all the actors and the animals came out into the ring and bowed to the audience and the show was over.

Rustlers

Reading time: 1½ min.

Acting time: 10 min.

WAY out in the middle of the bald-headed prairie a huge herd of longhorn cattle is being herded towards town. The cowpunchers are working their clever ponies back and forth and up and down the herd, keeping the steers in order and together. Every so often a balky or wild critter will suddenly break away from the group and go romping away. After him spurs a cowboy, rounds him up and heads him back to the rest. The herd is fat and lazy. They move slowly across the dry grasslands. Soon night begins to fall.

As the sun goes down behind the purple mountains the riders circle around the herd, gathering them into a tight bunch so they will settle down and not stray away. The herd moves about restlessly for a while as one of the cowboys sits on his horse or rides around them, keeping guard. The rest

of the herders climb off their ponies, picket them to some trees nearby, and start making camp. Soon they have eaten supper and are rolled in their blankets around the fire. For a little while all is still in the night, save for the sad, lonely song of the guarding cowboy as he rides slowly around the sleeping cattle.

Suddenly, out of the night there comes the explosion of a gunshot. Instantly the cattle are on their feet, bellowing in fear and milling around in circles. The cowboys too are awake, pulling out guns and running for horses. With wild yells and bloodcurdling whoops a band of masked men rides down upon them, firing six-shooters into the air and chasing the cattle in a ragged line before them. The herd breaks into a stampede and thunders away across the prairie with the rustlers right behind them, leaving the cowboys standing alone, watching them. They cannot give chase because one of the rustlers has sneaked up and cut all their horses loose. Only the lone guard is left with a horse, and he is too busy trying to hang onto the bucking animal to do any chasing tonight. A deeper silence descends upon the group of horseless men. Then one of them speaks the feelings of the group. Very quietly he says:

"SHUCKS!"

Have You Planned a Ramble?

What will your Pack be doing next Saturday? May we suggest that if you have not planned a Ramble that you set aside this day now and then set about to find an objective for the Pack. Cubs love to go out on the adventure trail and there are hundreds of things you can teach on such an expedition. However the main objective should be just to have fun and give the Cubs an opportunity to show you some of the other fascinating parts of their character. After the Ramble you will know how to deal with your "problems" just that much better.



Many Scout Troops Own Their Own Woodlots

Boy Scouts in Ontario are among the Province's most conservation-minded citizens according to Lands and Forests official opinion. They are particularly interested in the reclamation of wastelands by reforestation to provide homes for wild birds and animals, to help restore good water tables in several dry areas and prevent floods and soil erosion, as well as to bolster the future economy of the Province in which they like to live, by creating new forests.

A number of Boy Scout Troops actually own their own woodlots. Some of these woodlot areas were part of the camp sites at purchase but some were bought separately. Some of the properties were treed at purchase—others had to be planted.

One thing is certain, some of these Troops will be well-nigh self-supporting at some future date from the sale of pulp-wood or lumber from their woodlands. For instance, the Scouts of the Toronto Metropolitan Area owns a large tract on Drag Lake in Haliburton County.

It is understood that one Eastern Ontario Troop, at least, has already made money from the sale of Christmas trees, poles and fuelwood harvested from the Troop's own woodlot in thinning and improvement operations. This money has helped to provide the Troop with Scouting equipment and, as well, has purchased Christmas cheer for less fortunate children in their community.

Libby's

"Good on Camping
Trips"





Scouting Digest

Scouts Entertained by R.C.A.F.

For the past few years Constable James Archer of the R.C.M.P. Detachment in Montreal has been leading a Troop at MacKay School for the Deaf. Boys come from all over Canada to attend this school and it has attained national fame. This past Christmas the R.C.A.F. Association's 304 Beaver wing sponsored a Christmas party which included the traditional Santa Claus who presented each boy with a gift. After watching an excellent display in which each Patrol demonstrated a Scouting activity, Mr. Binns, a former Scout and President of the R.C.A.F. Association's Beaver wing, complimented the boys and their leader on their smartness and efficiency.

Handicapped Scouts

Just in case you have not seen it, the Feb. 7th issue of The Saturday Evening Post has an article on Handicapped Scouts. It is titled "Gamest Kids in the Country"—well worth reading . . . Starts on page 26.

Carol Singers

On Ukrainian Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the members of the 1st Andrew Troop, accompanied by the Scoutmaster and Cubmaster, toured the town singing carols in Ukrainian. By this means they collected over \$100.00 to help send their representatives to the Canadian Jamboree.

Buy Bowling Alley for the Blind

Wolf Cubs of the 10th Moncton, N.B. (Synagogue) Pack recently raised \$85 by their own efforts and presented it to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind for the purchase of a miniature bowling alley, to be used by the blind in their Club, at gatherings and social events.

Scout Wins Civil Defence Award

Patrol Leader John H. Antimiuk of the 1st Dundurn, Sask. Scout Troop

won an award of \$25, presented to the best student out of 109 lads taking a High School Fire Wardens' Training Course at Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., recently. Some 30% of the students taking the course, under the auspices of the Saskatchewan Civil Defence Organization, were Boy Scouts.

Scouts Staff Blood Donor Marathon

Scouts of Montreal were warmly commended for their assistance at the recent record breaking Blood Donor Marathon which ran over a period of 37 hours and produced a total of 2,040 bottles of blood and 3,400 pledges. The Centre was continuously manned by Scouts on a 3 hours shift system with the Montreal Rovers working throughout the night hours and the only trouble experienced was that of persuading the willing helpers that their shift was over. The marathon which was a community effort was held at the Hussars Armoury and the organizational work of the Scouts was proclaimed as a great factor towards the outstanding success of the event.

First City Cub Pack Studies Driver's Book of Auto Road Rules

First Nanaimo, B.C. Cub Pack is gaining national recognition for its work and study in highway safety.

Recently, the police court was the scene of another group of talks organized by Wm. Gordon, provincial driving examiner.

Talks on the general safety rules, not only on the highway but elsewhere were given by Constables George Brasseur and Lowell Davidson.

A talk on various local accidents and how they happened, was given by a *Free Press* reporter.

The Cubs were given motor vehicle driving test books. Each boy will study the question and answer pamphlet, familiar to all drivers who have taken their driving test. Later this month, the boys will meet at the drivers' examination school and write the normal

driving test. Prizes will be awarded.

Following the talks, the boys were taken on a conducted tour of the cells. Clanging the cell doors closed proved to be one of the highlights of the evening for them.

Nineteen keen, enquiring minds kept up a continual barrage of questions, ranging from well thought out highway problems to methods of escaping from the cells.

Canadian in Pantomime Role

Miss Sheila Smith, Assistant Cubmaster of the 1st Lakeview, Ont., Wolf Cub Pack, played the part of the Fairy Queen in the Pantomime "Puss in Boots" recently presented by the Roland House Players in London, England.

An annual event, this year the pantomime raised about 500 pounds sterling for the Roland House Scout Settlement in East London.

Scouts of the Canadian Contingent to the Coronation will be guests at Roland House for a few days during their visit to the U.K. this year.

Union Jack Marks 347th Birthday

London, April 12th, 1951.

The Union Jack is 345 years old today. April 12th, 1606, King James I ordained the flag signifying the union of England and Scotland should be the national flag. The Cross of St. Patrick was added in 1801.

Best Seller

In Detroit, statisticians of the *Free Press* maintained that the four books with the greatest distribution in America were the Bible, Sears-Roebuck catalogue, "McGuffey's Reader," and "The Boy Scout Manual." In 1951 more than eight million new Bibles went into circulation in the U.S.A. The latest Sears catalogue had a print order of 7,200,000 copies alone. "McGuffey's Reader" has topped the 135-million mark. . . . Incidentally, comic-book publishers disposed of 800 million copies in 1951—a 700 per cent increase in ten years.

When You're Feeling Low

By SCOUTER HARRY McCARTNEY

HAVE you been having trouble with the Pack lately? Have you felt discouraged and inadequate as you and your Assistants strive to put across the Wolf Cub Programme in your Pack? Well, read on and take heart from the following story.

The scene is a school in the city of Toronto, the players fifteen Cubs of the 120th Pack. The Star, well, I'll let you judge that for yourself. At twelve noon Mrs. Buesnel, the Cubmaster and I entered the building and made straight for a gaily decorated hall where a real hue and cry was in progress. Stepping in the door we were greeted with shout of, "Here's Akela" and fifteen small boys came over to meet us, some came hobbling on crutches, some in wheel chairs and one or two painfully walking on artificial legs. For ten minutes Akela stood and listened to all that had happened to these youngsters the past week. Just a word of encouragement here, or a hearty laugh there made their faces shine. Then came the Grand Howl and an Investiture, it was difficult to tell who was prouder Akela or Tommy as the latter very slowly made towards her with his crutches left behind leaning up against the wall. It must have been a great moment for Tommy when Akela reached out and took his left hand and when the impossible happened and her smile widened. It wasn't easy for Tommy to salute, but salute he did and as he made his way round the circle and at last shook me by the left hand, I knew that I was shaking the hand of a very brave little Cub.

In the game period that followed I must have lost pounds as I tried to follow Mrs. Buesnel's example and be everywhere doing everything at the same time. The sing song was just as much fun, some of the Cubs just couldn't sing but their eyes followed Akela's every word and they sang through her.

As the school bell rang for time up, there was a scramble as the boys in wheel chairs struggled for the privilege of being pushed back to their classroom by Akela. I could not help thinking of the pied piper as down the corridor went happy little children struggling to hold on to their Akela.

There is nothing amazing in the story you have just read, but there is something wonderful. What a simple thing a smile or a kind word is, yet

how much happiness is derived from them.

It made me think that those of us who have Packs with boys who are physically and mentally normal should think of the grand work being done by our fellow Scouters in Handicapped Packs and Troops across Canada. We should pause frequently and realize that they face many problems which are much greater and infinitely more difficult to solve.

The visit to this Handicapped Pack renewed my faith and I feel sure that with me you will resolve that we ought to live up to the great tradition being made by such Scouters and give our very best to the boys committed to our charge.

When Ordering Films

Leaders are asked to take special care when ordering films as listed in "Visual Aids for Canadian Scouts" (available from Canadian Scout H.Q., Ottawa, at 50c). The names of various film supply companies are given, in alphabetical order. A number of leaders have overlooked this point and have ordered a variety of films from Associated Screen News, the first company listed. Some five different suppliers of films are listed in the Visual Aids catalogue, initially on pages 11 to 13.

When films are wanted they are generally wanted in a hurry. Much valuable time is also lost when leaders write direct to Canadian Scout H.Q. for general films. C.H.Q. in turn has to re-route the letters to the Canadian Film Institute or some other film supplier. Please order films direct from the suppliers and not from C.H.Q.

EXTRA THIN EXTRA TASTY



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ROVER QUESTS

TEACHING NATURE LORE

By D. CARMICHAEL, Toronto, Ont.

Here is one of the most important parts of the Scout programme presented by an experienced Scouter. The teaching of Nature Lore is a must for the Pack, the Troop and the Crew and it can be wonderful fun. If you think you can't do it, then read this article carefully. If you're an expert you will enjoy the illustrations given by the author and may find a new slant you had not tried.

WHEN I first started to encourage Nature Rambles in the Crew, I was very careful not to try to force it down their throats, but just made my own bird observations while outdoors, and casually passed them on to whoever happened to be with me at the time. This has been the attitude we have taken, even today after several years of learning more about Nature. It's taken for granted now

that, whenever the Crew is out on a ramble, items of interest are going to be studied, and if some of the Rovers don't want to stop and watch, or listen, then no one is going to make them. But people are naturally curious, and if half the group stop to see a particular type of plant or bird, it's almost certain that the rest will stop also. They gradually learn the art of becoming inquisitive about everything

around them.

We can't expect everyone to pursue the hobby of Nature study to such a degree that all become experts. The best we can do is to see that they become exposed to the germ of Nature lore, and it will then be just like any other infection, in that some will succumb more quickly than others, while some will hardly react at all! If we can just get them outdoors, and let them see what fun it is to know something about nature, and how much more we get out of our trips if we do recognize what we have around us, they may take an interest in it. However, if it still doesn't awaken any interest, then at least they've got the exercise out of the ramble, and they're that much healthier anyway!

Some of the lads in our Crew are still not interested in nature—they would utter horrible groans if the suggestion was made that we have a six o'clock bird hike—but nevertheless, when out in the woods, they accept the fact that the others are interested and quite readily join in the activity of the moment, just because it was more fun to do so than to walk along and ignore it. For example, we took an "exploring" trip to Lost Lake, a spot we had never visited before. We didn't start out with the idea of looking for nature, but we just picked it up as we went along. One of the chaps, a Forestry graduate, was attempting to catch various insects. Most of our boys were new at this insect game, but they were intrigued at the speed with which the killing bottles did their work, and also by the beautiful colours of some of the insects they examined after they were caught. Before we reached the lake, everyone was chasing butterflies and beetles and practically anything with wings, and having a wonderful time.

And speaking of chasing butterflies, we don't call our trips "nature hikes". We just say we're going to some spot, and it's understood that anything of interest will be the subject of examination, whether it's an abandoned lumber sluice, or animal tracks, or some odd-looking fungus, but since we're going to be out in the open, we're more liable to run into something interesting in the nature line than anything else. Some people will associate nature trips with those cartoons of some absent-minded professor leaping gaily over hedges, laden with various books and bags, and waving a four-foot butterfly net, in a desperate attempt to catch a "perfect specimen of *Pyrameis stantana*" (or Red Admiral, if you're interested!) But there's nothing sissy



about nature study. After all, the Indians knew about birds and animals, and which plants could be eaten, and because they knew it they lived in country where a white man would starve. We often point out such plants

this can't always be done, but a Scouter or Rover is more readily accepted by a group of Scouts than a layman, and it's easier for him to get his message across.

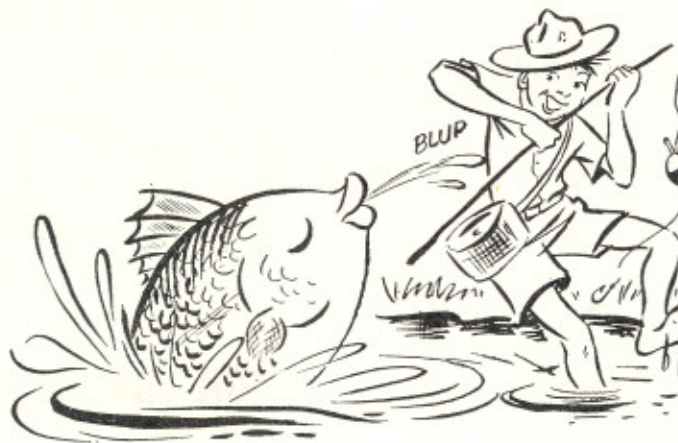
Just taking one bird hike, will not

that it does pay to take an interest in a boy, and see that he learns a subject. I once had a young Scout come to me to pass his Naturalist badge. He had a hazy idea of it, and I got the impression it was all "book-larnin", with not much field work behind, so I asked him to come back in three months. His face fell a foot, and I felt like a stinker, but I didn't really think that he was a budding naturalist at that stage, and couldn't help his own Troop with the badge, once he passed it: I contacted his S.M. and asked him to encourage the chap to keep at it, and made arrangements with him to go out with me and see what the two of us could find. He had the interest, and the determination to earn the badge, and three months later he knew his badge inside out, and was really following up the leads offered. I lost track of him then, and years later met him at the last Cyclorama. I asked him what he was doing, and he said he was in charge of the Naturalist booth. The booth was a grand one, and won first prize for the best display. I must admit I was proud of him, and felt that maybe in a small way I had helped him to find some of the pleasure he was so obviously getting out of Nature Lore.

to Scouts if they are with us, and they get quite a kick out of the knowledge that they too might be able to survive in the woods if they had to—after all, it's only part of their motto of "Being Prepared".

I think the idea of not having too expert a leader is a good one. I took about 50 Cub leaders on a ramble, and concentrated on showing them what they would be most likely to see every day. I saw and heard many birds of the rare type, but didn't bother to pass them on to the group, for they wouldn't have had a good chance to see them, or pick out their songs from half a dozen others going on at the same time, and it would confuse them. One Cubmaster on the hike, told of a similar expedition which was headed by a super-expert who was so good that he practically stunned the group with his

produce the desired effect—a Scout should have plenty of opportunity to get interested in this hobby. If there is no nature lover in a Troop, or even in a group, perhaps the system we tried here could be adopted. The Crew ran a series of hikes for Patrol Leaders in the District and since it was just for P.L.'s, they came, as we made out it was an honour to be invited. On these hikes, we picked out trees, and plants, and birds, and tried to show how much information would be required for them to pass some of their badges. When a boy saw that it was within his grasp to get his Stalker's Badge, or his Naturalist, and that by doing so, he was partially qualifying for his Bushman's Thong, he was often quite interested in learning more. Later, we allowed other Scouts to come on the hikes, and the P.L.'s reports were enough to bring



knowledge with the result that they were more interested in listening than in looking.

I feel that if Scouts could be helped by Scouters, instead of outside naturalists, they get along better. Maybe

them out, so that it was quite an interesting winter, and before it was over, many of the Scouters were on hand to see what was interesting the boys so much!

And I'll close with a story to illustrate





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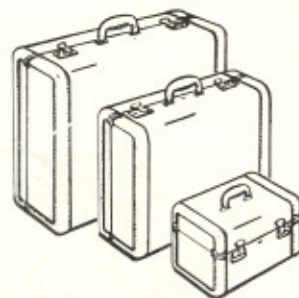
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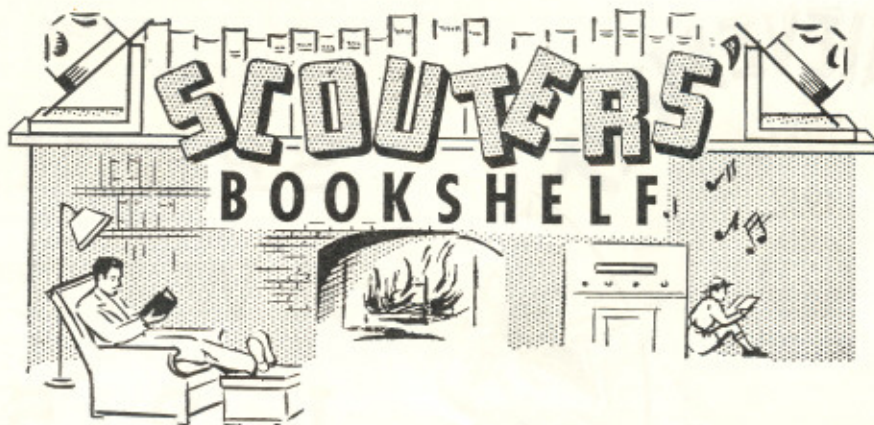
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This latter proves to be hard work, but a good turn by Bill brings him a contract with State Electric who were building a huge Hydro-electric dam on the Ottawa River. Bill, and his readers, learn many new things concerning this project and all is going along beautifully for Bill when suddenly—disaster strikes! In this book, which ends in an exciting climax, one again meets Mike, the incorrigible dog, and Rene Fortune who both share Bill's adventures.

Like the others of the Bill Hanson series this novel contains, beside adventure, valuable information for the young reader. It is a real family story to be enjoyed by all ages.

The Circus of Adventure. Published by Macmillan & Co. Ltd., Toronto, Ont. Price \$3.00.

The well known English authoress, Enid Blyton, has written a series of adventure stories involving four children, Jack, Philip, Dinah and Lucy-Ann, and their amusing parrot Kiki, who provides many laughs.

In this seventh book of the Adventure series, we meet a new boy Gussy, who appears bossy and conceited, and leads the whole family into plenty of trouble and excitement, which includes a mysterious airplane ride, a castle with secret passages, a travelling circus and escapades that will leave the reader sitting on the edge of his chair.

Vividly illustrated by Stuart Tresilian we highly recommend this thrilling story for the youthful bookshelf.

The following is a quotation from Angelo Patri's "Child Training."

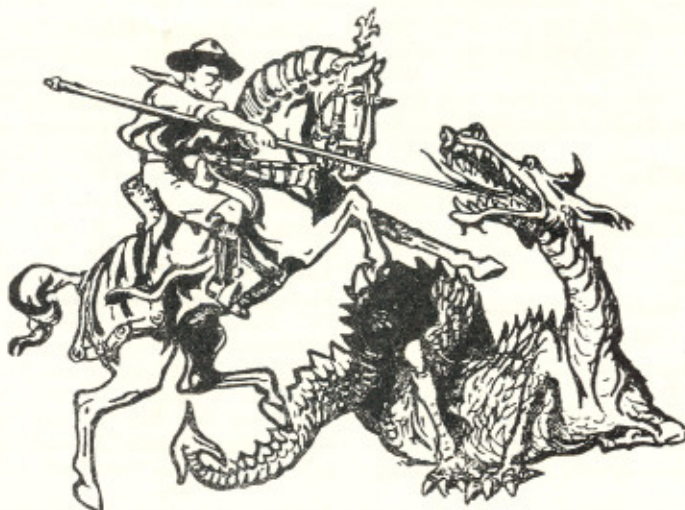
"The best companions in the world for a boy are a book and a dog and another boy. He usually gets the other boy with ease and nonchalance. Sometimes he gets the dog. The streets yield a rich harvest of both. But books are different.

"Books lie out of a boy's beaten path. They are still, quiet things that must be hunted out of silent corners. They are generally associated with clean hands and hushed rooms. All this is foreign to the normal boy. Books must be trained into him as one trains toothbrushes, and hooks for hats, and door mats.

"If you don't provide the training, some one, or something else, will. The flaring, screaming billboards give him daily lessons in reading. The writing is large and the pictures are arresting and he can read while he gallops by. He would have to be blind not to.

"There are the movies. A boy can read a whole story and keep going at full speed all the time. The room is not light and airy, and the light does not fall over his left shoulder, and no one says a word about clean hands. He is thrilled. He is amused. He has only to sit and look and the thing has come and gone like a vision. And all so easy.

"One of his chums discovers a story, almost as good as the movies, in a cheap book. He passes it on and your boy has begun to form his taste in books—unless you have been alert and kept ahead of the billboards and the movies, and the cheap books."



April 23rd, 1953, is St. George's Day. St. George is the Patron Saint of Scouting and your boys should hear his story told in your own way. Plan a Special Good Turn for April 23rd now!



SPECIAL AWARDS 1 9 5 2

Here is the first list of units who have hit their 1952 Plan Achievement targets. On behalf of all our readers we offer our congratulations to these units and feel sure that their boys are enjoying the Scouting game more thanks to careful planning.

All 1952 Award winners will be announced in *The Scout Leader*.

ONTARIO AWARDS

1st Simcoe (St. James) Troop, 1st Pt. Dover (Sea Scouts) Troop, 12th Toronto Pack and Troop, 3rd Toronto Pack, 17th Toronto Pack, 28th Toronto Pack and Troop and Crew, 32nd Toronto Pack and Troop, 66th Toronto Pack and Troop, 74th Toronto Pack, 79th Toronto Troop, 102nd Toronto Pack, 178th Toronto Pack, 180th Toronto Pack and Troop, 504th Toronto Troop.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AWARDS

East Howe Sound District—1st Britannia Beach Pack and Troop, 2nd Britannia Beach Pack, 1st Woodfibre Pack, 1st Squamish Troop.

North Okanagan District—1st Vernon "A" Pack and Troop, 1st Vernon "B" Pack, 2nd Vernon Pack, 3rd Vernon (Green) Pack and Troop, 3rd Vernon (Blue) Pack, 4th Vernon (All Saints) Pack and Troop, 5th Vernon Pack, Coldstream Pack and Troop.

Cowichan Lake District—1st Mesachie Pack.

Duncan-Chemainus District—1st Quamichan Pack, 1st Duncan "A" Pack, 2nd Duncan Pack.

Mission District—2nd Mission Pack, 1st Cade Barr Pack.

Prince Rupert District—1st Prince Rupert Pack and Troop, 2nd Prince Rupert Pack and Troop, 1st Prince Rupert Pack and Troop, 1st Port Edward Pack.

Unattached—Interior Region—1st Green-

wood Pack and Troop, 1st Merritt Troop, 1st Nakusp Troop.

Group Committees—Interior Region—1st Greenwood Committee, 1st Nakusp Committee.

Nelson District—6th St. Saviours Troop.

Chilliwack Hope District—1st Chilliwack, Salvation Army Pack, 4th Chilliwack Pack, 1st Vedder Crossing Pack, 1st Hope Pack and Troop, 2nd Chilliwack Troop, 3rd Chilliwack Troop.

New Westminster District—2nd Tweedsmuir Pack, 3rd Holy Trinity Pack, 8th Nideros Lutheran Pack, 9th 6th Ave. United Bear and Panther Packs, 10th Grace Hall Pack.

Unattached—Northern Region—2nd Terrace Pack, 1st Pioneer Pack and Troop.

Victoria District—Belmont "A" and "B" Packs and Troop, 1st Baptist Pack, Baptist Emmanuel Pack, Brentwood Pack, Cadboro Bay Pack, 2nd Cathedral Pack and Troop, Chinese Pack, Colwood Pack and Troop, Cordova Bay Pack and Troop, Deep Cove Pack and Troop, Elks Own Pack and Troop, Esquimalt "A" and "B" Packs and Troop, Fairfield "A", "B" and "C" Packs and Troop, Gorge Vale "A" Pack and Troop, James Bay Pack and Troop, Jordan River Pack and Troop, Langford "A" and "B" Packs, Marigold Pack and Troop, Metchosin Pack and Troop, Mt. Tolmie "A", "B" and "C" Packs and Troop, Luxton Pack, N. Quadra "A" and "B" Packs and Troop, Oak Bay "A" and "B" Packs and Troop, Parkdale "A" and "B" Packs and Troop, Royal Oak Pack and Troop,

Saanichton Pack, St. Johns Pack, Sidney "A" and "B" Packs and Troop, Sooke Pack, Tillicum "A" and "B" Packs and Troop, University School Pack and Troop, View Royal Pack and Troop, Victoria Lions Own Pack and Troop, Victoria Lions Own (Handicapped) Pack, Willows "A" and "B" Packs, Windsor Park "A" and "B" Packs and Troop, Belmont Troop.

Coastal Region—Unattached—1st Ocean Falls Pack, 1st Bamfield Pack and Troop, 1st Uchuelet Pack and Troop, 1st Harrison Hot Springs Pack and Troop, 1st Port Alice Pack and Troop.

ALBERTA AWARDS

6th Edmonton (Blue) Pack, 6th Calgary (Jubbulpore) Pack.

NEW BRUNSWICK AWARDS

1st Moncton (St. George's) Pack and Troop, 2nd (Moncton) Wesley 2 Packs and Troop, 3rd Moncton St. Bernard's 2 Packs, 4th Moncton St. John's 2 Packs and Troop, 5th Moncton 1st Baptist Pack and Troop, 7th Moncton Presbyterian Pack, 8th Moncton Central 2 Packs and Troop, 9th Moncton Highfield Pack and Troop, 10th Moncton Judean Pack, 1st Parkton Pack and Troop, 1st RCAF Lakeburn Pack, 1st Dorchester Troop, 1st Riverview Pack, Humphrey Memorial United Pack.

QUEBEC AWARDS

Trinity Memorial, Montreal Pack and Troop, Chambly-Richelieu Pack and Troop, 1st St. Johns Troop, Ephraim Scott Memorial Pack.

• HAVE YOU SET YOUR 1953 ACHIEVEMENT TARGETS? •

PREPARING FOR TROOP CAMP

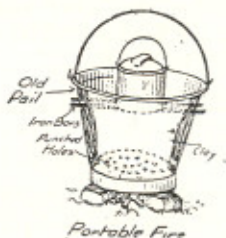
Many units will be well along in planning for that great adventure, the Troop Camp. One of the most important things to remember is that no unit should embark on a camp without careful training on hikes beforehand. Here are a number of fires which you might like to introduce your Scouts to, so that they will be prepared for Camp. Building fires is an ideal objective for a day or week-end hike and if done the play-way can be great fun.



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FIELD STOVE
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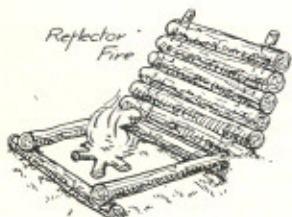
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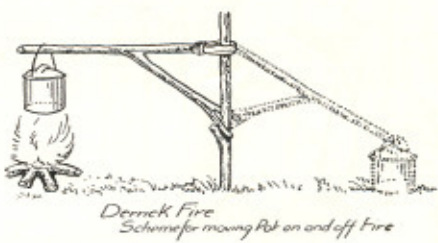
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sausage, bacon, salami sausage.

Sugar? Ten pounds of sugar was taken in the form of a 2 oz. bottle of 500 saccharine tablets.

How do you reconstitute dried eggs? What is the best way to mix powdered milk? Are powdered potatoes good?

If you are interested in dehydrated foods, their use in camping, and hopeful hints on menus and cutting down weight and space in packing for a trip, contact Skipper Windsor.

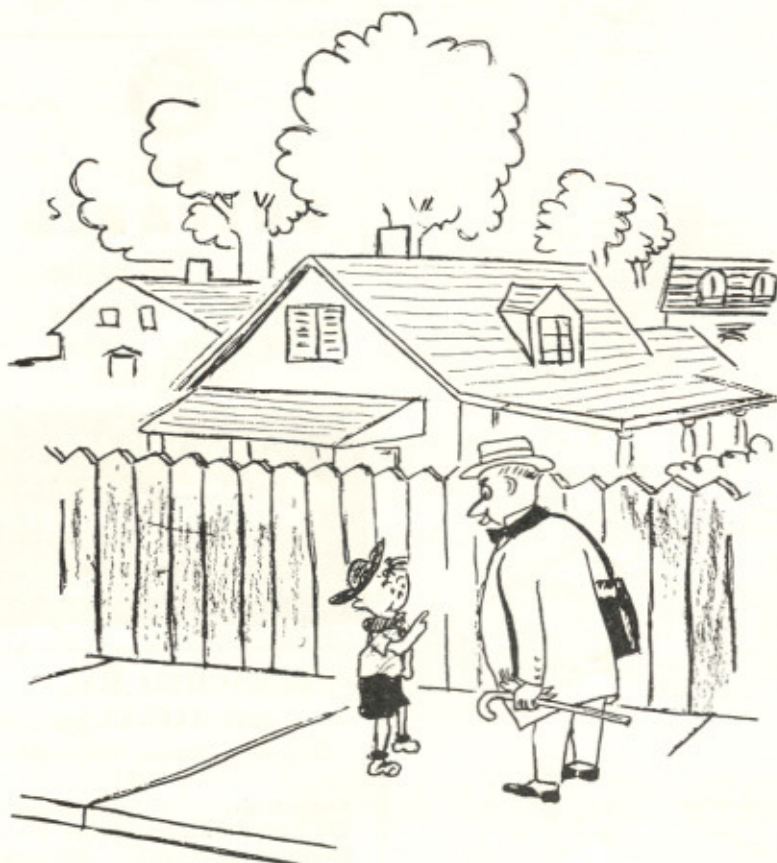
Discuss these ideas with your Scouts and experiment on your next hike or weekend camp.

Easter Holiday Hikes and Rambles

Have you planned a special Hike or Ramble for the Easter holiday period. This is an ideal time when Cubs, Scouts

and Rovers have a few spare days to put into practice all the things they have learned during the winter. Plan to go outdoors and enjoy real Scout-ing during the Easter Holidays. Easter Monday is April 6th.

THE PATHFINDER



“City Hall? Well, sir, you climb over this fence, go through Johnny’s house, out the kitchen door to the alley, go left down the alley till you come to where there’s a loose board in the green picket fence”

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JAMBOREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO COMPETITIONS

There will be two competitions at the Second Canadian Jamboree being held at Connaught Ranges, near Ottawa, July 18-26, 1953. The First competition will be for the best carved staff. At the last Canadian Jamboree many beautiful pieces of carving were displayed and it was hard to choose a winner. Let's see an even greater number of entries this time. There will also be a competition for the best Camp-

fire Robe. Here is an opportunity for your Scouts to show their creative ability. Encourage them to start on their Campfire Robes now so that they may have a better opportunity to bring home greater honours to the Troop.

Prizes for these competitions will be announced later in *The Scout Leader*.

JAMBOREE FILM

All in Canadian Scouting will welcome the announcement by Mr. E. Littler, Jr., President of the Walter M. Lowney Co. Ltd., of Montreal, that his company will sponsor the making of a motion picture film of the Second Canadian Jamboree by a professional firm, next July 18 to 26 at Connaught Camp, Ottawa.

The Lowney Company, manufacturers of chocolate bars and package chocolates (Page & Shaw, and Lowney's) will spend many thousand dollars to ensure the production of a first class 16 mm. sound film, with colour of the Jamboree, Mr. Littler stated.

Crawley Films of Ottawa will make the film. They have a full time staff of 63, with offices in Toronto and Montreal, and have produced 382 major films to date. In 1952 Crawley Films turned out 53 films

for industry, government, education and television in Canada, United States and Europe. They have won 28 national and international awards in the last four years.

Upon completion of the film, the Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association will purchase prints of the film in sufficient quantity to supply one to each Provincial Council, as well as to the Canadian Film Institute for general distribution. Prints will also be sent to British Scout Headquarters in London and to the national headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America.

It is expected that the Second Canadian Jamboree film will run to 800 feet with a showing time of about 20 minutes.

QUARTERMASTER ANXIOUS TO HELP

The Quartermaster and his staff are anxious to provide menus that will please all. Where possible, special foods will be provided for Jewish Scouts who request same. In addition, if an entire Patrol of Jewish Scouts will be attending the Jamboree, the Quartermaster is pre-

pared to issue special and separate rations to this Patrol. Adequate notice must be given to Canadian Headquarters if such special rations are required. Address this notice to Mr. G. G. Purkis, Canadian Headquarters, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4, Ont.

JAMBOREE NEWSPAPER

As at the First Canadian Jamboree, there will again be a Jamboree Daily News. The format of the paper is to change, the Editor tells us, but you can be sure that an even better coverage of the daily news will be

provided to Jamboree Scouts and their Scouters. Make sure your pre-Jamboree Camp adventures are passed on to the Editor and if you would like to help on the paper, send your name in now.



HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

C.H.Q. ACQUIRES VALUABLE FIRST EDITION OF THE SCOUT

The archives of Canadian Headquarters have been enriched by the acquisition of a copy of Volume 1, No. 1, of *The Scout*, the British Scout magazine, which was founded by Lord Baden-Powell early in 1908, just after the publication of *Scouting for Boys* in fortnightly parts.

The copy is the gift of T. W. Foster, an Edmonton, Alberta, Rover Leader and former District Commissioner. It has been carefully preserved through the years. Canadian Headquarters is having it permanently bound in a leather cover and will place it on display.

The edition is dated April 18th, 1908, contains 24 pages, and the first article is "How I Started Scouting" by General Baden-Powell.

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STAFF VACANCY—FIELD COMMISSIONER, SASKATCHEWAN

The province is enlarging its staff and is looking for the services of an additional Field Commissioner. No actual area of the province to be covered has yet been set but the standards are the same as those that have been advertised heretofore.

The salary, however, now offered is a starting salary of \$3,000 and up depending on the experience of the applicant. Applicants should be under 35 and have Wood Badge training. All applications should be submitted to Canadian Headquarters, Attention: Administration Department.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

His Excellency the Right Hon. Vincent Massey, C.H., Governor General of Canada in his capacity as Chief Scout for Canada is pleased to announce the following Honours and Awards on the occasion of the anniversary of the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, founder of The Boy Scouts Movement, February 22nd, 1953.

Silver Wolf—4

For Services of Exceptional Character

A. S. Buesnel, Toronto, Ontario.
Lt.-Col. Lionel H. Millen, Hamilton, Ontario.
Ernest F. Mills, Ottawa, Ontario.
William L. Currier, Ottawa, Ontario.

Silver Acorn—4

For Distinguished Service

Major G. H. Weld, Toronto, Ontario.
R. V. MacCosham, Edmonton, Alberta.
W. Ray McClelland, Ottawa, Ontario.
C. Gordon Cameron, Toronto, Ontario.

Silver Cross—2

For Gallantry with Considerable Risk

Scout Samuel Melendy, 14, 1st St. Thomas Troop, St. John's, Nfld.—For his presence of mind in rescuing a boy from drowning in Beaver Pond.
Scout Gordon Campbell, 13, 1st Cardinal Troop, Cardinal, Ont.—For his presence of mind in rescuing a boy from drowning.

Gilt Cross—2

Scout Christopher P. Carr, 14, St. Matthias Troop, Westmount, Que.—For his quick thinking and presence of mind in rescuing two girls from drowning.
Dick Greenland, Roblin Boy Scouts, Roblin, Man.—For his quick thinking and presence of mind in rescuing a boy from drowning in the icy waters of Goose Lake.

Cornwell Badge—1

Scout Raymond Floryn, 16, 28th Scout Group, Toronto, Ont.—For his remarkable Scout-like determination and fortitude.

Medal for Meritorious Conduct—1

Cub Peter Sadlier-Brown, 9, 57th (St. John's) Ottawa Pack, Ottawa, Ont.—For the calm and efficient way in which he piloted a motorboat in an effort to obtain help for Mr. Schieman even though he had never operated such a boat before.

Certificate of Merit—4

For Gallantry

Scout Mark Gertridge, 13, 1st Gaspereaux Troop, Gaspereaux, King's County, N.S.—For the prompt and efficient manner in which he rescued a girl from drowning.
Scout Paul Crocker, 15, St. Luke's Troop, Saint John, N.B.—For the prompt and efficient manner in which he rescued a girl from drowning.
Scout Orville Thompson, 12, 1st Oshawa Pack, Bowmanville, Ont.—For the prompt and efficient manner in which he rescued another boy from drowning.
Scout Donald N. Eastwood, 15, 1st Drummondville Troop, Drummondville, Que.—For his presence of mind and the manner in which he helped in the rescue of a boy from drowning.

Certificate for Meritorious Conduct—9

For Meritorious Acts

Scout John Kavanagh, 13, 1st Deep River Troop, Deep River, Ont.—For his presence of mind and the manner in which he helped with the rescue of four men from drowning.
Scout Jim Moodie, 14, 1st Deep River Troop, Deep River, Ont.—For his presence of mind and the manner in which he helped with the rescue of four men from drowning.

Scout Jerry Bachynski, 14, 5th Wallaceburg Troop, Wallaceburg, Ont.—For his presence of mind and the manner in which he helped with the rescue of another boy from drowning.

Scout Joseph Daniels, 14, 5th Wallaceburg Troop, Wallaceburg, Ont.—For his presence of mind and the manner in which he helped with the rescue of another boy from drowning.

Robert Showers, Troop Leader, Windsor Park Troop, Victoria, B.C.—For his prompt and efficient manner in which he rescued a boy from burning after he had fallen into a camp fire.

Cub Larry Ketch, 11, Meadow Lake Pack, Meadow Lake, Sask.—For his prompt and efficient manner in which he rescued his brother from drowning in the Waterhen River.

Cub Arthur R. Finnie, 11, 4th Flin Flon Pack, Flin Flon, Man.—For his prompt and efficient manner in which he assisted in the rescue of a girl from drowning in Hapnot Lake.

Scout Lawrence B. Kenny, 12, 2nd Flin Flon Troop, Flin Flon, Man.—For his prompt and efficient manner in which he assisted in the rescue of a girl from drowning in Hapnot Lake.

Cub Garry M. Nowazek, 11, 3rd Flin Flon Pack, Flin Flon, Man.—For his prompt and efficient manner in which he assisted in the rescue of a girl from drowning in Hapnot Lake.

Medal of Merit—17

For Good Services to Scouting

Robert A. MacDonald, District Commissioner, Sydney, N.S.
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Frances Tamblin, Assistant Cubmaster, Port Arthur, Ont.
John A. Snow, Assistant District Commissioner, Willowdale, Ont.

Vernon Peach, District Scoutmaster, Area 1, Windsor, Ont.
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Mrs. Emil H. Palmer, Cubmaster, Vancouver, B.C.

Mrs. Percy J. Collins, Cubmaster, Vancouver, B.C.

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

Certificate of Merit for Good Services to Scouting—4

Henry H. Ward, Assistant Cubmaster, 17th Winnipeg Pack, Winnipeg, Man.—For his good services to Scouting.

Charles H. Waldon, Scoutmaster 3rd Portage Troop, Portage la Prairie, Man.—For his good services to Scouting.

Mrs. Eva D. Smith, Cubmaster, Killarney, Man.—For her good services to Scouting.

Mrs. C. C. Heard, District Secretary and Treasurer, North-East Winnipeg, Man.—For her good services to Scouting.

Letter of Commendation for Meritorious Conduct

William Miller, Assistant Cubmaster, 5th North Burnaby Pack, North Burnaby, B.C.—For the meritorious manner in which he assisted a boy in order to save him from drowning in a deep pool.

Scout Ronald Lewis McCavour, 14, Cathedral Troop, Saint John, N.B.—For the meritorious manner in which he rescued a girl from drowning.

Scout Paul Williams, 15, 1st Drummondville Troop, Drummondville, Que.—For the meritorious manner in which he rescued a boy from drowning.

Scout Charles Gravett, 15, 1st Drummondville Troop, Drummondville, Que.—For the meritorious manner in which he rescued a boy from drowning.

Cub Dan Parker, 11, 2nd Qualicum Beach Pack, Qualicum Beach, B.C.—For the meritorious manner in which he assisted in directing traffic for several hours when six telephone poles were blown across the main highway.

Scout Warren Heard, 12, 2nd Qualicum Beach Troop, Qualicum Beach, B.C.—For the meritorious manner in which he assisted in directing traffic for several hours when six telephone poles were blown across the main highway.

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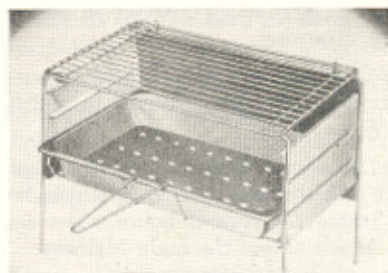
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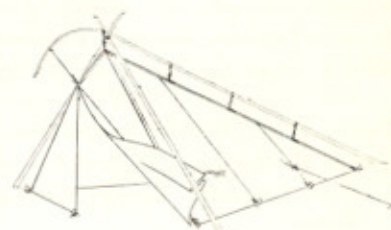
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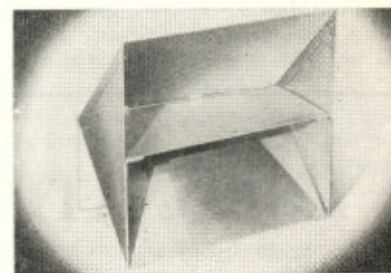
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