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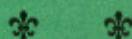
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## The Sign Post

### DO IT WELL OR NOT AT ALL

Whenever we put on a display or demonstration in front of the public I hope we will make a thumb-rule to do it to the very best of our ability or not to attempt it at all. To put on a badly run show courts criticism of the whole Movement, not only of the group concerned. Therefore, all of us must ensure that the events are of a high standard and worthy of the reputation of the Movement.

### MANNERS

The 5th Scout Law is applicable to all of us and I hope that Scouters will continually bring to the attention of boys the importance of courtesy and good manners. In the day and age in which we live, and in certain quarters, courtesy is hardly fashionable. However, Scouts and Scouters are and should be good examples to the general public in this important aspect of living with and for other people.

### VISITING V.I.P.s

Several districts I know of have now made it a habit to have a Scouter or a Rover Scout telephone any very important personage who happens to be visiting the town or city, in order to offer any small service and to welcome the V.I.P. on behalf of the District Council.

### CORONATION BEACON FIRES

As many of you already know, His Excellency, the Governor-General and Chief Scout, has asked that we establish a chain of beacon fires from the Atlantic to the Pacific at the time of the Coronation. Advice and instruction on this project are being issued, and I hope that all Scouters will do their very best to meet His Excellency's splendid suggestion.

*D.C. Spry*

Chief Executive Commissioner

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## Guest Editorial

By G. E. PURKIS

*Assistant Executive Commissioner for Training*

EVERYONE is interested in brief, descriptive statistics and as Scouters or Supporters of our Movement, I know you will be interested in the following figures:

This year nearly 149,000 boys will reach Cub age.

In 1954 nearly 170,000 will be eight.

In 1955 an additional 184,000 will be ready to enter Cubbing.

This year 131,000 boys reach Scout age.

In 1954 140,000 will be 12.

In 1955 145,000 will be ready to enter the Scout section of our Association.

What do these figures mean to us who are engaged in the game of Scouting?

First of all it suggests that we must "Be Prepared" to receive into our Movement a tremendous influx of recruits during the next three years. Being Prepared is not simply a matter of waiting and wishing. It means action, and planning. It means training and education. The Canadian General Council has taken the stand that every boy who wishes to become a Scout should be given the opportunity to join our Movement.

For nearly a decade we have been drawing upon a fairly constant annual crop of boys, and even though the Scout age population of boys has remained much the same, we have made tremendous increases in our numbers. This

indicates sound administration, training and organization upon which to build as we accept the challenge that faces us.

This also suggests that now is the time to plan our action. The flood is upon us and most sections of Canada are already feeling the flow. But the crest is still to come. Every Group and District must seriously take stock of its resources and plan for an unprecedented growth of our Movement. Sponsor-ing institutions that are not at present taking advantage of the Scout Programme should be made aware of the facts. Canadian Headquarters has produced numerous pamphlets designed to fill this need and they are yours free upon request to your District or Provincial Headquarters.

The training of committee men and Scouters must receive renewed emphasis so that we may speak with knowledge, and, therefore, with confidence and enthusiasm as we tell Canada of our aims, methods and needs. In this, our final year of Plan Achievement, I urge you to take personal stock. If you need training, plan to take it in '53. If you can train others and spread the Scout Spirit to a wider field, offer your ideas and services to your Commissioners.

Let us roll up our sleeves and tackle the job in the spirit of adventure—in the spirit of Scouting for Boys.

### THE SECOND CANADIAN JAMBOREE

Have you told your boys and their parents about the Second Canadian Jamboree? It is to be a grand adventure and you will want your Troop to be represented in your Provincial Contingent. Watch *The Scout Leader* for details of the Jamboree of Achievement.



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January 3, 1953.

Dear Editor:

This time last year, after reading in *The Scout Leader* the announcement of the forthcoming "Indaba", I could scarcely think of anything else!

The week spent at Camp Tamaracouta, taking the Gilwell Training Course for Cubmasters, had been one of the most wonderful experiences I had shared in. I felt that it would be possible to actually visit Gilwell Park, and participate in the "Indaba", something of the same marvelous spirit of our Training Course would be experienced.

Perhaps because the Indaba was such a great experience, is one reason it has taken me some time since returning from Britain to actually write this letter. Even coming home on the boat, my enthusiasm could not wait for a Pack Meeting to begin to share the new games, songs, stories, new ideas, things seen and done. The Purser granted permission and I had a Pack Meeting then and there, in the Verandah Cafe, on board R.M.S. Scythia. Besides the "ordinary" boys of Cub age, there were thirteen Cubs and a few Scouts on board, and the announcement of a meeting brought them along. An Akela from Saskatchewan also appeared, as well as a Brownie leader from Town of Mount Royal, so we had a fine morning. It was stormy elsewhere, but in our "Jungle" we did not even know what the weather was like. The lads asked for another Pack Meeting, so next day we were at it again. The Cubs who were able to wear their uniforms were so proud.

I think this impression—the great spirit of friendship as expressed in the World Brotherhood of Scouting—was felt more than any other at the Indaba. We all seemed to have common problems—Semaphores was just as hard for African Cubs as Canadian Cubs; our games had different names, but taught the same things—yet we all recognized the greatness of the Movement begun by Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, and our responsibility to live up to the Founder's rules of the game.

Since returning home, my Pack has received letters from fellow Cubs in Britain; we have had Christmas Greetings from other countries; stamps have been ex-

changed by ardent collectors. All this is just the beginning of many other such contacts, I feel sure. When these lads grow up, they will carry with them this spirit of brotherliness, I feel.

We all appreciated the wonderful work done by British Scouters to prepare the way for the Indaba, and afterwards, many of them took valuable time to show us London as only a dweller of that great city could. In Scotland, we met with the same hospitality. Friendships have been made that we hope will be renewed whenever the "Second World Scouters' Indaba" is held. As a respectful suggestion, would it be possible for Canada to consider holding such a conference? We are so much more fortunate than Britain in obtaining food, to only think of one problem, yet Britain managed in spite of food rationing.

Many reports have been compiled of the Indaba, and you have read the one in *Jamboree*, so this letter does not pretend to be a report. Rather, it is just to tell you how very much I appreciated being present at the Indaba. I have spoken to three Ladies' Auxiliaries, our Group Committee, a Provincial Conference, and of course to many friends and relations about my experiences at the Indaba. I think that the Indaba has been an excellent means of giving Scouting information to many who did not know much about our great Movement.

In closing, may I express appreciation for our Canadian Contingent's Leader—the Venerable Archdeacon Resker. He was always patient with us, always had a good sense of humour, encouraged us, and advised us, as only a real Scouter could do. We enjoyed his early morning services in the outdoor chapel at Gilwell, and we enjoyed his company in less serious moments. He was a grand "Padre". Mr. J. L. MacGregor, too, gave us much of his valuable time, and offered many suggestions that helped us. We were only sorry that he could not actually camp with the Canadian Contingent.

In 1952, when I learned that "Indaba" was not just a word in "The Just So Stories" of Kipling's, but really it came to life in experiences that I shall never forget.

Respectfully,  
M. JEAN HOWE, C.M.,  
Knox Crescent & Kensington Park.

• Many thanks for this very interesting and informative letter on the first World Indaba. We have heard from many sources of the grand success and the many things learned by everyone who attended this great meeting of World Scouters. Here is source material for a discussion on the brotherhood of Scouts for any Scouter.

Christmas Eve, 1952

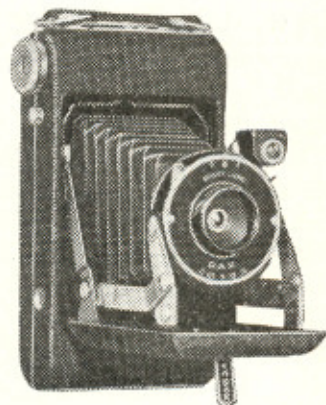
Dear Editor:

If you have space to publish the following, I'd appreciate it.

How many of our fellow readers have found themselves confined to a hospital at Christmas time? Those who have, know the loneliness of Christmas Eve. Tonight is Christmas Eve. Tonight we were treated to some caroling by a group of Scouts, from the 1st Tetreaultville Scout Troop. This Season is the time to spread good cheer. I'm sure I can say for all patients that their "good turn" was much appreciated, so from all of us here, thanks a lot fellows for remembering us this Christmas Eve.

Yours in Scouting,  
PENTON RAMSPERGER,  
c/o 6085 Sherbrooke East,  
(Grace Dart Hospital),  
Montreal 5, Quebec.

• Letters like this are always a pleasure to read. We know that good turns performed by every Cub, Scout, Rover or Scouter are appreciated and that the people involved have a wonderful time living the Scout Promise. Have you planned a Group Good Turn for March?



## THERE IS STILL TIME TO ENTER THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

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# Scouting Digest

## Alpine Hikers

The British Columbia Mountaineering Club has invited any Troop or Group in the Greater Vancouver District who are interested in colour slides or talks on mountain climbing to contact them.

Under the leadership of Mr. Jim Addie of the British Columbia Mountaineering Club, 11 Scouts enjoyed a very interesting hike and climb on Mount Dam recently. The boys were shown how to take care of themselves in the woods, how not to get lost and what to do if they did get lost. They were shown techniques of trail hiking such as how to kick steps in the snow. This training is preliminary to actual mountain climbing. Mr. Addie hopes to take a number of Scouts and Scouters on another trail hike on Mount Seymour early in the Spring.

## A Busy Week-end

The week-end of November 29 and 30 was a big event in the Scouting circles of the Toronto Silver-Mount District.

The District had planned a week-end camp at Camp Samac, Oshawa, for the Scouts of the various Troops, it was the first attempt of its kind, 56 boys of all grades registered for it and we started out hoping for the best.

The programme was mainly based upon the Patrol System and how it works, everything was done in Patrols and the activities were all on instruction and practical work, such as Pioneering, including Tower and Bridge building, Camouflage, Night Stalking in the Moonlight, First Class Journey and Log Writing. The week-end was so successful that plans are under way for one in 1953 taking in 3 days.

The whole thing was well planned by a committee headed by Scoutmaster Harry Royle of the 147th Toronto Troop, they did a swell job, the cooking was ably taken care of by an old Scouter, Wally Pixton. We had visitors out on the Sunday and 72 sat down to dinner. As D.C. I was invited to go

along as a guest and critic, and did not know what kind of a programme was lined up until I took part in it, which I think is the way District events should be arranged. Let the Committee do the work and planning with the D.C. in the background.

THOMAS W. CORNER,  
D.C. Toronto—Silver-Mount.

## Cookshire, Quebec, Boy Scouts Hold Sugar Social

Scouts of Cookshire held a Sugar Social last year in the United Church Hall. In the afternoon, the boys were busy as bees, setting up tables, bringing in snow, and getting everything in readiness. In the evening, from seven to ten o'clock, March 15th, the party was in session, and all who came enjoyed the doughnuts, pickles, sugar on snow, and coffee. Everyone enjoys a sugar social and it is a wonderful opportunity to bring parents into the life of the Pack or Troop.

## Scouts Prepare for 'Stampede'

Calgary Scouts began practice early in the new year for the annual Boy Scout's Ice "Stampede" to be held in March at the Corral.

Scouts wishing to take part in the "Stampede", one of the largest winter shows in Calgary, were asked to meet at Scout Headquarters on a set date. The show was explained to them, and names of participants taken.

Feature of the show will be the Musical Ride, in which 36 boys on skates will participate.

The boys must be aged 13 to 16 years, between five feet, seven inches in height, and in good physical condition. Also they must have their parents' consent to take part in the show, and must have a full No. 1 uniform and a pair of skates.

Scouts selected for the Musical Ride will not take part in other events on the programme, and they must be able to devote two periods a week to practice.

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# AKELA'S DEN



## WIDENING THE CUB GRIN

By SCOUTER D. R. KING, High River, Alberta

Wolf Cubs love Play Acting as much as they do Stories. If you have never tried having your Pack act a story, you and they are missing something. Here are a few thoughts on play acting and *The Scout Leader* will carry some of the stories mentioned, in the next issue. Have you any stories to contribute?



WHEN one knows how much Baden-Powell loved acting it is not difficult to imagine why he declared it such a vital part of the training of boys. A boy, especially one of Cub age, actually *sees* a story as it is told to him. In his mind he is colouring it and following it in spirit, so that consequently it requires very little effort to transform him into one, or even more than one of the characters of the story.

It is on this store of imagination that B.-P. based much of his teaching, whereby through emulation and acting-out the boy may feel closer to, even a part of, the principles which he is learning.

This applies not only to instruction. B.-P. was, at heart, a humorist. He loved nothing better than a good laugh. And so it is with the boy. To keep him interested, even through the duller lessons, it becomes necessary to introduce a certain amount of humor. This may effectively be done by following this simple formula: Take equal parts of Cubbing, Imagination and Humor; mix well and apply at regular and frequent intervals.

To this end the following skits have been developed, some very simple, some rather more complex, each one designed to offer a balance of the three ingredients mentioned above. Now in order to present these little plays most effectively, combining talent with competition, it is generally best to split the Pack into two equal groups, each vying with the other. With the Pack seated in a

circle, Akela, or whoever is to tell the story, first warns them to listen closely, then reads slowly the main points of the story, perhaps embellishing it with local names, or even changing the plot to conform with local happenings. Upon conclusion of the reading, the two groups are given the run of the hall, within limits, of course, and five or ten minutes, (depending on the skit) to gather the necessary properties and to work out their respective actions.

It would, of course, be better to have each Six act as a separate group, however it will be found that after the first to have given their versions the story has somewhat dulled and becomes merely a repetition of the first. Also, the time element enters the picture, for the skit should be only a *part* of

the meeting, not a meeting in itself.

Much of the success of the story and the ensuing action will depend upon the manner in which the story is originally presented to the Pack by Akela or Baloo. Actions, tone of voice and manner of speech should be used to illustrate more clearly the characters and situations involved. Therefore it is advisable to begin with the simplest yet most descriptive plot available, such as a Cowboy-Indian scene, or a Circus scene, and work up to the more detailed stories after they have had a few easy ones to get used to. By having such sessions every few weeks the boy is automatically encouraged to use his imagination, and strange and weird are the fantasies these young minds are able to conjure up.


A group of Vancouver Cubs enjoyed a visit to a display of Indian and Chinese masks which was sponsored by Vancouver Art Teachers Association.

What will they dream of after seeing these masks?

Picture courtesy Visual Education Department, Vancouver School Board







# BIRD HOUSES

Our friends, the birds, will be glad to build their nest, lay their eggs, hatch their young, destroy insect pests, and entertain us with their songs, if we will but convince them that we are their friends. A practical way to do this is to build and provide feeding stations, shelters, bird houses, watering places, and natural nesting spots for both song and game birds. These spots may be along fence-rows, in corners of yards, lots and parks.

Take a trip over the home place, including dooryard, pasture, garden, fences, fields and forest areas around the home. Make a rough sketch and jot down on the sketch locations where you may place bird houses, shelters, feeding platforms or watering places, and where you may develop fence row nesting places for the birds. Look for natural material such as old shocks of corn that may be used for both summer and winter as a natural shelter. Locate brush piles that might be used as shelters, instead of cleaning out the woodland so that birds and game find it impossible to obtain shelter. Cats and other predatory animals can easily find and destroy the eggs and young of birds when all shelter is removed. Plan for a definite year-round service to encourage birds to live in your neighborhood. When you have provided the helpful devices suggested, then you will want to encourage other Scouts in your community to do likewise, until your whole community may easily become a bird sanctuary.

A Scout will hardly need plans and specifications in order to build any of the pictured houses and shelters. You should know, however, the size of the opening for the particular type of bird which you desire to attract. Most bird books will give this information. Consult your teacher if you have difficulty in finding such a book. The materials to be used are fairly well indicated in the drawings. So many can be utilized! Rustic wood, odds and ends of boxwood, scrap lumber, old leather, rubber, tin, cocoanut shells, gourds, bark, certain grasses, vines, and even roofing or tar paper may be transformed into attractive houses or shelters. It is important to remember that the completed project must be weather-proof to withstand rain and storms. Paint may be used to accomplish this, but remember that bright colors may scare tentative tenants as may also the smell of fresh paint, so for painted houses, use soft colors that will blend with their surroundings, and be sure that the paint is thoroughly dry before placing the house.

Make a fine collection, and get the help and cooperation of your manual training teacher, local cabinet maker or carpenter. Arrange to get help and advice from these men at times convenient to them. Hold an exhibit of the finished products. Perhaps you might arrange for a contest among your Scouts. Develop a community interest in bird-houses, and you will be helping your bird-friends. You may also be helping yourself at the same time in complying with requirements in nature-study for the Naturalist or Stalking Proficiency Badges. It is also quite possible that you may find some customers among your neighbors who may wish to purchase some of your handcraft work.

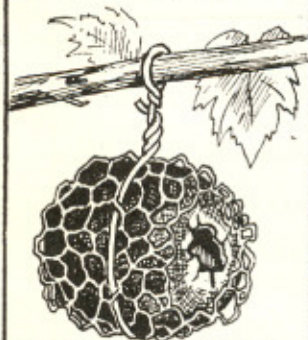
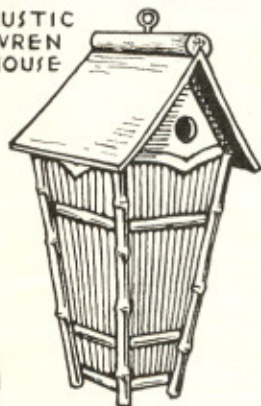
If you have an exhibit, send us a picture of the Bird Houses.

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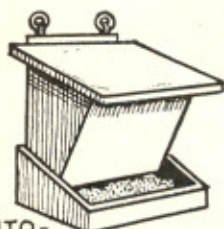


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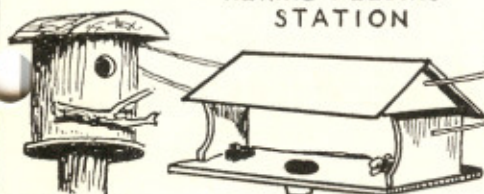


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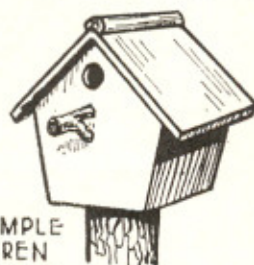


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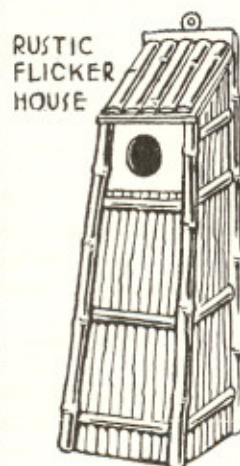
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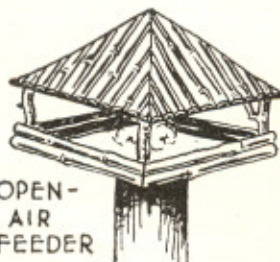
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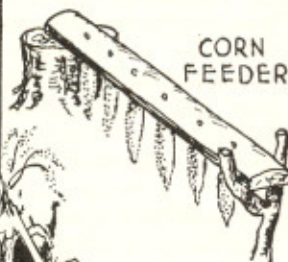
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## PLANNING THE FIRST CLASS HIKE

The Final Test and the Greatest Adventure in his Scout Career. With these two points in our minds, let's be sure the First Class Journey is well developed before we hand the instruction sheets to our Scouts.

THE First Class overnight journey should be the highlight adventure in a boy's Scouting career up until that time. Of course, it can be a highlight in two senses—it can be highlighted by poor planning and no imagination—or it can be a memorable event in which a Scout not only tested his efficiency in hiking and camping, but learned something too.

Here is a sample of the kind of hike from which a Scout will get lasting benefits. It was planned by District Commissioner Ian Welsman of Barrie, Ont.

The two Scouts were taken to a spot in the country some distance from their Troop Headquarters. They were then given the following sealed orders.

*Instruction No. 1.* You are at Grid Reference 324260. Rumours are about that a group of cattle rustlers are operating near a small lake near the town of Barrie. Police are investigating but are apparently being watched by members of the gang and their movements reported to the leader.

It is hoped that you will be able to assist authorities by getting information which they are unable to obtain without giving away their strategy. It is known that the rustlers do not operate over weekends, so with reasonable care you can collect the necessary data. (This was a weekend journey.)

Proceed to 335267 (this was a high hill). Take a bearing from here to the radio mast. This must be accurate as portable directional radios will be carried by the police when the time comes for action, and it will be necessary to get a cross bearing with this point and another bearing you will take later on. Sketch this location. (This was a cross-roads.)

*Instruction No. 2.* Proceed from here to 315292. Report on the condition of the bridge at this point and give special consideration to whether it is likely

that heavy loads of cattle could be transported across it. Your opinion is important as, if the bridge is unsafe the road south from here will not have to be patrolled. Sketch the bridge and report on materials used in its construction and any signs of recent repairs. Then open next Instruction.

*Instruction No. 3.* When you have completed the survey proceed to 315295 and go through gates. This is where the rustlers are supposed to be operating. Report on any suspicious signs. Water from spring is said to be good but play safe and either boil it or use Halazone tablets. An accurate estimate of the number of cattle pastured here would be helpful. Select a suitable campsite, get permission to use it and leave a well marked trail in case of trouble. A sketch and description of your camp should be made and information given on the meals cooked, weather, wind direction, etc. Leave no sign of your camp when you depart, as it will make the gang suspicious.

(The camp was visited and inspected by the Scoutmaster the next night.)

*Instruction No. 4.* You will proceed to grid reading 342297. (A high hill.) From here you will take your second bearing on the radio mast. Then proceed to 361309 and sketch this spot. (A cross-roads.)

*Instruction No. 5.* In order to leave as little evidence of your having been in the vicinity as possible return by route touching 378319 and 389301 to 390269. Sketch this (bridge over creek) and proceed and report to your Scoutmaster.

*Note.* The hike had added interest because there had been several cases of cattle thefts in this area, of which the Scouts were aware. To add to the interest and adventure the two Scouts experienced heavy rain for several hours of the journey.

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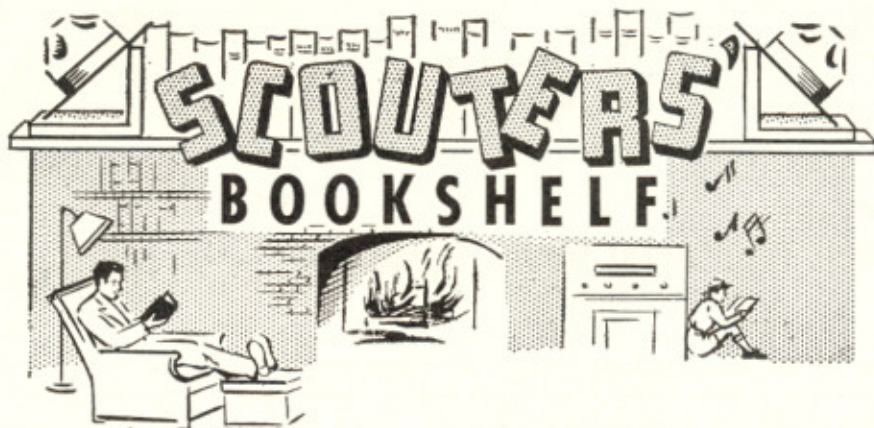
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We have just had the pleasure of reading three more of the very interesting booklets produced by the Science Research Associates of Chicago. This series, which comes under the heading, Life Adjustment Booklets, would prove very valuable to any Rover Crew interested in presenting material to Rovers for study in connection with the Rover Progress Badge.

Each booklet is well and carefully written by an expert or experts in the field. The method of presentation is clear and concise and usually sparked with illuminating line drawings. We would also recommend this series to be read by all Scouters as it concerns various age groups. There is a wide list of titles and if you are interested in this type of material, as we feel sure you are, we suggest you place your order direct with the Science Research Associates mentioning the review which appeared in this magazine.

**The Greatest Hobby in the World—Stamp Collecting.** By DOUGLAS PATRICK. Published by Ryerson Press. Price \$1.35.

I started my stamp collection as a boy and as the years go by my interest in this hobby has not diminished. This book, based on material used over the air by the C.B.C. Stamp Club, is full of interest, not only to the beginner but also to the person who has collected stamps for many years. It is of particular interest to Canadians because of the chapters dealing with Stamps in Canada. The chapter on "The Study of Paper" is invaluable to both the

new and old collector. The last chapter dealing as it does with answers to such questions as "The Watermark", "Surcharge and Overprint", "The Smallest Stamp", "Coil Stamps", etc., is of real value to the collector. The book also gives an excellent list of reference books and there is a useful glossary of words most commonly used in identifying postage stamps.

This is an ideal book for Pack and Troop libraries and would make an ideal gift. Any boy or leader interested in Stamp Collecting will find it extremely useful. It contains all the necessary information required for the Stamp Collectors Badge.

W. L. CURRIER

**Be Prepared—The Life and Illusions of a Scoutmaster.** By RICE E. COCHREN. Published by Wm. Sloane Associates, N.Y. (George J. McLeod Ltd., 73 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ontario). Price \$1.00.

This is a book well worth reading by all Scouters. The author is a radio script writer and consequently he has written in a fine but restrained language. His trained mind has grasped the essential features, incorporating with them the necessary action without which such a book would fall flat. He tells of the triumphs, failures and satisfactions which are his experience as a Scoutmaster of twenty years experience. Right from the moment when he is pitchforked into a Troop as a green Scoutmaster to the point where he says that in spite of the nerve wracking, scar-producing and sweaty years he has endured, he thinks he will do twenty more. You will thrill with the author and his Scouts as they encounter rattlesnakes and angry mothers, flat tires, smelly latrines, sprained ankles, cold stew, bellowing fathers and a million Troop meetings to arrange for.

Mr. Cochren is the kind of Scoutmaster in whom B.-P. would have

gloried. He has a keen sense of humour and a very deep and understanding appreciation of what we are all trying to accomplish in Scouting. The chapter on "A Good Deed Daily", is worth the price of the whole book. Incidentally he prefers the term "Good Turn".

For pure enjoyment we recommend that you obtain a copy of this book.

E. F. MILLS

**Aids to Scoutmastership.** By Lord Baden-Powell. Your Provincial Headquarters, or Stores Dept., Ottawa. Price 45c.

This review is addressed particularly to Rover Scout Leaders, some of whom, perhaps, do not realize that its message is as vital to their work as it is to the Scoutmaster.

Since *Aids to Scoutmastership* was first published in 1920, there have been hundreds of books published dealing with the general subject of understanding and leading boys, but few, if any carry as much weight of practical experience and knowledge as does this book. And this is understandable, because it is generally recognized today that B.-P. had perhaps a better understanding of the working of a boy's mind than any of his contemporaries.

Rover Scouts are, after all, boys growing up, and the psychology of the Rover Scout is but the lengthening psychology of a teen-ager. So the reading of *Aids to Scoutmastership* is important to the Rover Scout Leader, and we doubt if any R.S.L. will not find his task lighter and more understandable as a result of his reading this book. It is not possible here to go into detail, but the chapter headings will give some idea of what the book deals with. These are: How to Train the Boy, The Boy, Scouting, Scouting for Citizenship, Character, Health and Strength, Handcraft and Skill, and Service to Others.





## ROVER QUESTS

### Saskatchewan Provincial Rover Conference

By R. W. CARRY

*A successful conference, great plans for the future of Rovering in Saskatchewan and a Provincial Moot are some of the items covered in this interesting report. The Scout Leader, on behalf of all its readers sends best wishes to Saskatchewan Rovers. Let's hear from you soon again.*



THE First Provincial Rover Scout Conference, since World War II, was held at District Headquarters in Saskatoon on Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7. Rovers from Prince Albert and Regina, along with Senior Scouts from Saskatoon, discussed the various topics with enthusiasm and concluded by forming the Saskatchewan Rover Scout Council.

Rovers and Leaders arrived in the city during the afternoon and were all registered and allotted to Patrols in time to sit down for dinner at 5.00 p.m. The first session was opened by the Chairman, Rover Leader R. W. Carry, 1st Regina Crew, with Prayer and Flag Break. Delegates were welcomed by District Commissioner J. K. McCullagh and greetings, on behalf of the Provincial Commissioner, were extended by Deputy Provincial Commissioner C. R. Lennan. A message from our Chief Executive Commissioner, D. C. Spry, was read.

Topics presented by various leaders and discussed Saturday evening were "The Rover Crew and the Group", "The Purpose of Rover Scouting", "The Squire and the Sponsor" and "The Training Stage". The Rovers found many points for discussion as the Rover Programme was unfolded before them. It was said that "Rovering is making MEN out of Scouts", and the young men present were anxious to follow this through.

The latter part of the evening was spent watching movies and around an Indoor Campfire, under the leadership of Field Commissioner D. R. Milne. The Saskatoon Girl Guide Cadet Company were guests and added their own songs and skits. It was through the efforts of these young ladies that dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday was

served at District Headquarters. Four films were shown and these included "Survival Under Atomic Attack" and "The First Canadian Rover Moot".

Sunday morning found the Rovers out bright and early to listen to an inspiring address on "The Crew and the Church" by Rev. D. Wilkie. The First Duty of all Scouts was presented in a man to man fashion. To be a MAN in this modern world is no easy task, but those present resolved that if a task is worth doing, it is worth doing right. The Rovers and Leaders then attended Morning Services, at their own churches, in groups.

Following lunch, Provincial Executive Commissioner T. P. Stark gave an interesting account of his trip to the First World Rover Moot, at Kandersteg, Switzerland, in 1931. This is "ancient history" now, but Rovers have not changed much, and stories of pre-war Europe were very interesting. The visitors were then taken on a sight-seeing tour of the city. The University proved to be the point of greatest interest.

Rover Leader E. F. McPhail, 3rd Prince Albert Crew, was chairman of the Sunday afternoon session and led the discussion of the "Rover Vigil and Investiture". This, the most important of Rover ceremonies, was discussed very thoroughly and it was apparent that all present realized just what this means in a young man's life. C. L. Welch, President Saskatoon District Council, was present and extended greetings on behalf of the local body. General topics affecting Rovering in the province were discussed for the balance of the afternoon. It was the result of this that the Rover Council was formed to plan future Conferences and a Moot. Jim Hetherington, 1st Regina Crew, was elected Chairman. The Conference was a grand success.



## What Is God?

I finished reading from the book  
And slowly lay it down—to look  
In the earnest eyes of my young son  
For he, with wondering puzzled face  
Sat silent for a moment's space  
And then, these questions asked me  
one by one.

Daddy—What is God?  
To see him—must we be dead?  
Does he live in heaven—like the bible  
said?

Is heaven in the sky?  
How far above the clouds?  
Is it further than a bird can fly?  
Is he a king?  
Is he a merry soul?  
Does he have fiddlers play and sing  
For Him—like Old King Cole?  
Please—tell me Daddy—  
What is God?

How can you tell a boy of five  
That God is real—and quite alive?  
What can you say to satisfy  
The questions that within him lie?  
And so in deep and meditated thought  
I searched within my soul—until I  
caught

The meaning of the story I had read  
Within the bible—and I said—  
God is the love of a mother  
For the babe against her breast  
God is the patience the robin has  
As she slowly builds her nest.  
He is the clasp of friendship—  
The simple prayer of the child,  
The wrath of the good—against evil—  
The strength of the meek and the  
mild.

God is all goodness, all mercy—  
All kindness, all brotherly love,  
For no matter our method of worship  
He listens to all—from above.  
Yes—God is the lesson life teaches—  
If safe in His pathways you've trod,  
No need for your Daddy to tell you—  
Love will teach you—my son—  
What is God?

It isn't till after I've finished  
And my little man's head starts to  
nod

That I realize he is still puzzled  
Tho' I'd solved for myself,  
"What is God?"

SGT. LYLE C. WILSON,  
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Scout—April 4th-12th.

To be held at Oliver, B.C.

Cub—August 29th-Sept. 5th.

To be held at Camp Barnard, near Victoria, B.C.

#### Quebec

Scout—Aug. 22nd-29th.

Tamaracouta.

Cub—July 11th-18th.

near Joliette.

#### Maritimes

Cub—Aug. 24th-29th.

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Cub Courses are open to all Registered Scouters of twenty-one years of age and over.

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No. 121 Monday, June 5-Saturday, June 20.

No. 122 Monday, July 6-Saturday, July 11.

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No. 124 Tuesday, August 25-Sunday, August 30.

Scout Courses are open to all Registered Scouters of twenty-one years of age and over.

No. 218 Saturday, April 11-Sunday, April 19.

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No. 220 Saturday, June 6-Sunday, June 14.

No. 221 Saturday, June 27-Sunday, July 5.

No. 222 Saturday, July 18-Sunday, July 26.

No. 223 Monday, August 10-Tuesday, August 18.

No. 224 Tuesday, September 1-Wednesday, September 9.

No. 225 Saturday, September 19-Sunday, September 27.

Rover Courses are open to all Registered Scouters of twenty-one years of age and over.

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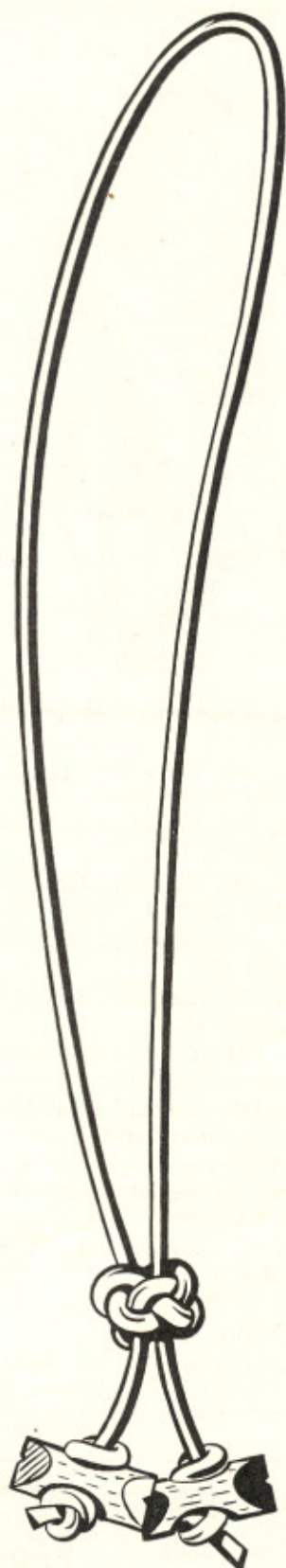
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## A Message from the Camp Chief

Dear Scouter:

I am writing this letter with the sole intent of focusing your thoughts on the unquestionably important subject of books as a training medium. Somehow, the term "training" very often causes us to conjure up distorted impressions of what may be involved. My dictionary defines it as a state of being prepared which I think is an admirable definition. I am sure that many experienced Scouters must look back to their early leadership efforts with wistful meditations of the better job they might have done had they been better prepared.

In your desire to become, or to continue to be, an efficient leader may I submit that you give earnest consideration to books as a means whereby you can reach, to some degree, a state of being prepared. I would make particular mention of the basic handbooks which contain so much of B.P.'s original writings. These are books which obviously should be STUDIED not only in the beginner stages but periodically and in the light of experience. Scores of other books have been written about Scouting and its many related subjects and most of them have value in one way or another.

You may be a Wood Badge holder of twenty years standing or have just become a Scouter this month. In either case you will find something listed on the opposite page which will assist you in your Scouting. The successful leader is never finished in the search for new material.

I feel that I would be missing an opportunity if I did not mention our organized Training Courses. I sincerely believe that every Scouter, who has not taken a training course of some kind, would do so if circumstances permitted. When John Thurman, the Camp Chief of Gilwell Park, visited Canada in 1950, he was asked what he considered the most important feature of training courses. He replied, "The effort made by the Scouter to get to one". This continues to be true and will always remain so. The ultimate responsibility is yours. If you genuinely believe that you have a contribution to make in shaping the character of the boys who come into Scouting then surely no effort is too great in fitting yourself for the role you have chosen to undertake. Opportunities for attendance at organized courses are becoming increasingly available in every part of this vast country. I do hope that 1953 will provide the opportunity to which you have been looking forward.

I wish you good luck in all your endeavours in behalf of the boys to whom you are giving leadership.

Yours sincerely,

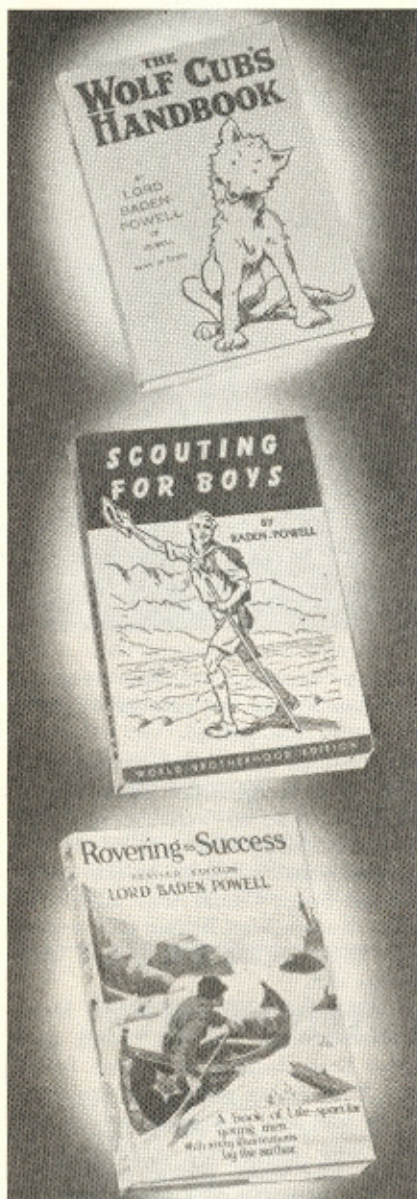
*John L. MacGregor*

Camp Chief, Canada.

These Books Are Available Through  
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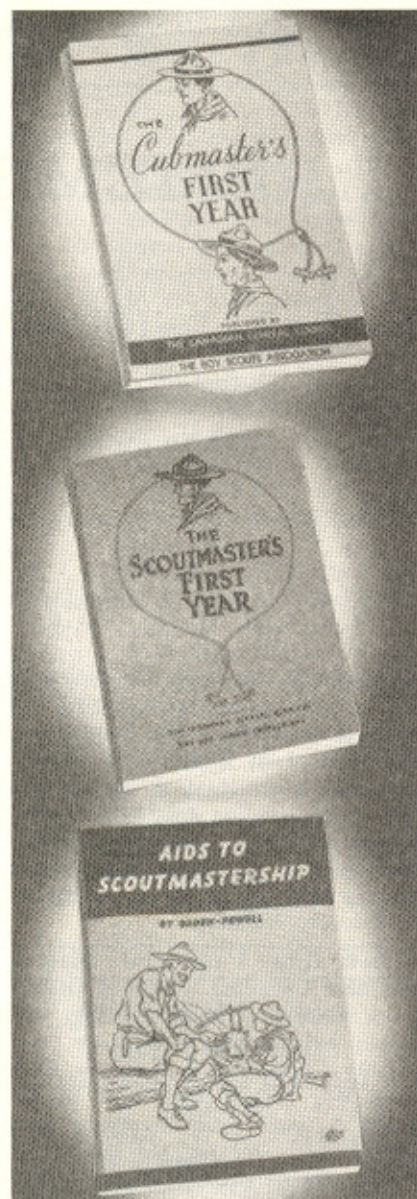
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# I REMEMBER

By L. L. JOHNSON

Executive Commissioner for  
Public Relations



ALMOST 22 years have gone by since a Canadian contingent of 11 young men attended the First World Rover Moot in Kandersteg, Switzerland, in 1931, yet, as I look at the illustration heading this article I remember so many details, I remember them as if it were only last summer that we went on that joyous adventure, for adventure it was.

These things I remember: Meeting the other Canadian Rovers in Ottawa for a week's pre-Moot training; welcomed by Mr. W. L. Currier, now Deputy Chief Commissioner for Canada's Boy Scouts, we stayed at the Y.M.C.A. and spent interesting days getting ready for the big trip—I remember the hundreds of interested civil servants in the various Government buildings looking on with amazement when we practiced erecting our balloon silk tents on one of the Government lawns not far from the Parliament Buildings.

I remember the thrill of going out to the R.C.M.P. Barracks at Rockcliffe to rehearse a Canadian dramatization specially written for us by an Ottawa lady. We were fitted out with colourful costumes—typical of Canadian types—fisherman, lumberman, habitant, cowboy, miner, Mountie, Eskimo and Indian. I remember that the Eskimo outfit was the real thing, loaned to us by Col. Burwash of Arctic exploration fame—it was so real that it carried a terrific odour with it and we dubbed

the wearer "Stinky", much to his disgust.

I remember the bus trip from Liverpool to London, during the long night hours—not much of a sightseeing trip, but, we were in England and that meant a lot. I remember getting lost in London while trying to make my way back to our hotel after visiting relatives and was quite upset when an English Bobby—I thought all London Bobbies were infallible—told me he'd never heard of it when I asked him to direct me to our hotel.

And then there was the trip across the English Channel—on a pitch black night with rain teeming down and waves mounting. I remember one Rover asking what the little wooden bowls in the main saloon were for—we soon found out when the little ship pitched and rolled in the heaving sea. I remember getting into a taxi in Paris with another Rover and all our gear. We were literally being taken for a ride, I thought, when we passed our destination for the sixth time. I remember the startled look the taxi driver gave me when I suggested that six times round the course was enough.

I remember riding on electric trains in Switzerland—quick, clean and quiet transportation through the cleanest country I've ever seen. I remember, acting upon impulse, taking a flying trip over Berne, the thrill of it and the terrific impression of courtesy which the tourist agency, air line and other service attendants gave us, not par-

ticularly because we were visiting Canadian Scouts, but because we were visitors to Switzerland.

We arrived at Kandersteg very late at night in a torrential downpour—I remember that so well, because the Moot authorities took pity on us and suggested that we sleep in the International Scout Chalet that night. We joined Rovers from Britain and several other countries and slept as only tired Rovers can.

I remember waking up at the Moot in the mornings with the feeling that I had been sleeping in a deep freeze unit. I remember poking my head out of the tent and being amazed to find the camp completely enveloped in clouds, like white cotton candy you find at Fall Fairs—wispy stuff and cold as billy-o. The sun didn't get down into Kandersteg valley, a picturesque spot surrounded by mountain peaks, until about eleven in the morning. Only then did we start to thaw out.

I remember we became part of "C" Crew, 89 kilted Scottish Rovers and 11 Canadians, and what grand fellows those Scouts were. Our Crew leader was a giant, blond Scot, Captain Jock Neish, an inspiring leader and the very essence of all that is finest in Scouting. We felt privileged to have the Scottish Rovers as camp mates, and we got along famously together.

Camp fires were held in a natural amphitheatre at the base of several mountains. Flood lights focused on the stage made it possible for all 3,000



Rovers and the thousands of visitors to enjoy every number presented. I remember the Swiss Scouts enacting the historic fight for Swiss Independence so realistically that some of them must have carried some whacking bruises to show for their enthusiasm. Fires were lit on every mountain peak that night as part of the Independence Day celebrations.

I remember the enthusiasm with which the Canadian contingent's playlet was received. The colourful costumes created terrific excitement among the other Rovers who plied us with questions about Indians, cowboys, Eskimos and Mounties. Many were convinced that some of us were dyed in the wool specimens from Canada's wild and woolly West. I remember that we enjoyed every minute of it, too.

Most of all I remember an incident I have told and re-told of when the Canadian contingent entertained one Rover from each of the other 21 countries represented at the Moot. I picked out a dark-skinned Rover from India, a romantic figure in his turban, and asked him whether in his country, where the caste system is so dominant, Scouting really worked. I remember his writing in my autograph book in Sanskrit and the translation: "Hindu, Mohammedan, Sikh and Christian, become as one in the Brotherhood of Scouting".

I remember our beloved Chief, "B.-P." camping with us, visiting us, talking with us and inspiring us. Of course he was the most photographed personality at the Moot and was ever so patient with those of us who wanted to "get a picture of the Chief". I can still see him using a thumbstick as a measuring rod to find out which Rover had the longest hair—a competition he introduced during the sports day programme, on the spur of the moment.

I remember finding out how really useful a Rover thumbstick can be, as an aid in climbing and as a brake in descending steep slopes. Then there was the thrill of ascending several thousand feet by a mountain railway car, set at a steep angle, and, eventually arriving at the top to step out among the clouds. And the thrill as the Scottish Rover pipers led us up a short road to the mountain peak inn where we had a wonderful meal and came out to find the clouds dispelled by sunshine and a lifelong memory awaiting us as we viewed mountain tops and lakes studded about the landscape.

Our visit to Geneva, by lake steamer, is another memory I cherish, and our visit to Interlaken with its famous flower clock and beautiful gardens, and our climb to Blausee Lake, well named for the sky blue colour of its waters up in the mountains high above our campsite.

And our return journey with a visit

to the famous Palace of Versailles, back to Paris for more experiences—visiting Napoleon's Tomb and many other historic spots including the Arc de Triomphe and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. And so back to England, to hear "Big Ben", to visit Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, Imperial Scout Headquarters and many other "read about" places.

Yes, I remember many things about our trip to the First World Rover Moot and this I know, that I count it as one of the highlights of my life, an experience I would not have missed for the world, and worthwhile from every point of view. I remember that it was at the First World Rover Moot after listening to B.-P., and talking to my Indian Rover friend, and seeing Scouting break down the barriers of colour class and creed, that I made up my mind that I would go on with Scouting to the end of my days.

If I were a Rover in Canada today I would leave no stone unturned in my efforts to enjoy the experience of attending a World Rover Moot. If you are looking for memories that will last you a lifetime, if you want to see for yourself how Scouting is done in other parts of the world, if you want to see Scouting at its finest, then go to the Sixth World Rover Moot in Kandersteg next summer. You'll never regret it, I assure you, for I went to the First World Rover Moot and I remember.

## FOR YOUR GAMES BOOK

**Charge!**—Two teams line up at opposite ends of the room. On the word "Charge!" they run through each other to the opposite side trying to bring as many opponents with them as possible. All captives join the team which captures them. After a whistle is blown, those not captured are free. Charging with head down is not permitted.

**Pass Ball**—Two teams line up on opposite sides of a centre line with one player from each behind the opponent's goal line. The referee throws the ball in over the centre line. Whichever player catches the ball must throw it to another member of his own team and so on, the object being to throw it to the receiver who is over the opponent's goal. The ball may not be carried, dribbled, or moved in any other way except by throwing. Should the ball

touch the floor, go out of bounds, or be mishandled in any way, the other team receives a throw in. Nobody is allowed to touch the player who holds the ball, the penalty being a free throw from the centre line. Should the receiver miss a ball thrown to him over the goal line, there is no score and the other team receives a throw in from that point. A basketball is best but even rugby balls can be used. In a dispute over possession the referee will throw in again.

**Competition**—The Scoutmaster sets a test for the Patrols such as building a flagpole from staves. Whichever Patrol finishes first in a satisfactory manner has the privilege of setting the next test and also whatever head start they may have gained. Points are given for speed and thoroughness.

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# **An Important Announcement on Plan Achievement**

From several communications received at Canadian Headquarters regarding Plan Achievement, it appears that the printed Targets set for completion by July 1953 are in some cases impossible.

Inasmuch as, the underlying object of the Plan is to encourage Scouters to plan a progressive, adventurous programme for their units, the following recommendation has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council.

1. That the set Targets remain as a national ideal standard.
  2. That the final year of Plan Achievement end December 31st, rather than July 18th.
  3. That District Commissioners and/or Provincial Commissioners be encouraged to use their discretion in awarding 1953 Plan Achievement Special Awards. That is if the District Commissioners or Provincial Commissioners feel that the unit has achieved adequate progressive Targets in 1953, an award should be made.
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# Are You Interested in Statistics?

## STATEMENT OF CENSUS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1952

Provinces	Wolf Cubs	Boy Scouts	Sea Scouts	Lone Scouts	Rover Scouts	Rover Sea Scouts	Grand Total Boy Members	Adult Leaders	Dec. 31, 1952 Total	Dec. 31, 1951 Total
Nfld.	515	1,282	22	—	14	—	1,833	45	1,978	1,687
P.E.I.	506	356	—	60	—	—	922	86	1,008	970
N.S.	3,462	3,262	—	82	49	—	6,855	592	7,447	6,662
N.B.	2,652	2,005	—	82	94	—	4,833	524	5,357	5,150
Que.	5,651	3,490	55	65	156	—	9,417	829	10,246	9,756
Ont.	39,504	19,072*	531	—	1,190	104	60,401	5,705	66,106	57,653
Man.**	5,367	2,432	—	65	77	—	7,941	802	8,743	8,355
Sask.	2,977	1,900	15	75	24	—	4,991	544	5,535	5,653
Alta.	6,423	3,584	13	78	46	—	10,144	905	11,049	8,805
B.C.	11,423	5,293	62	10	210	8	17,006	1,739	18,745	16,834
La Fed.**	2,095	3,622	—	—	592	—	6,309	1,263	7,572	7,235
TOTAL 1952	80,575	46,298	698	517	2,452	112	130,652	13,134	143,786	
TOTAL 1951	70,348	42,636	614	794	2,426	81	116,899	11,861		128,760
Increase	10,227	3,662	84		26	31	13,930	1,273	15,026	
Decrease				277						
Percentage										

\*Includes Lone Scouts.

\*\*Figures as at 30 June, 1952.

## NOW LOOK HERE—DO WE STOP PLANNING?

### RECORD OF MALE BIRTHS 1930-1950

Year	Number	Present Age
1930	124,852	22
1931	123,622	21
1932	121,082	20
1933	114,388	19
1934	113,323	18
1935	113,293	17
1936	113,289	16
1937	113,143	15
1938	117,862	14
1939	117,594	13
1940	125,279	12
1941	131,175	11
1942	140,582	10
1943	145,725	9
1944	146,652	8
1945	148,912	7
1946	169,945	6
1947	183,973	5
1948	178,123	4
1949	182,084 including Nfld. 188,339	3
1950	184,055 including Nfld. 190,908	2





## Plan Achievement's Special Award

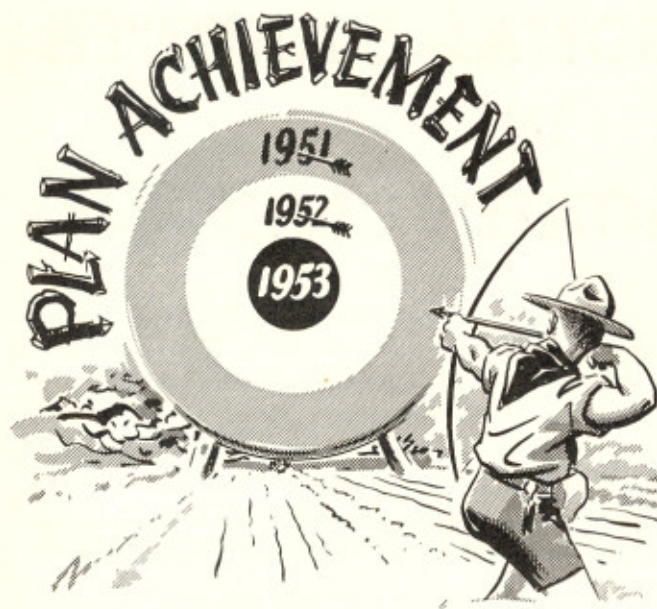
The illustration above is of the Plan Achievement Special Awards which, with the year markings changed, have been awarded to those units who met their target in 1951 and 1952. This Special Award is worn on the Troop, Pack or Crew flag at the hoist beginning at the top with the 1951 award. Winners of the 1951 Plan Achievement Award were listed in *The Scout Leader* and those who achieve their 1952 targets, and advise their District Commissioner or Provincial Commissioner, will also be listed in this magazine. We hope that the 1952 list will far surpass the 1951 list. These awards are colourful and make a fine addition to any unit's flag but they are the least important aspect of Plan Achievement.

Like the grade system of Tenderpad to Second Star and Tenderfoot to First Class Scout, the badges awarded are not the most important part of the programme. Through the badge system we try to encourage our boys to make steady progress through the game of Scouting. We feel that it is important that each individual make some progress at each meeting and that eventually he be rewarded for his efforts by the presentation of a small badge. Every Scouter who has ever presented any badge, particularly the Tenderpad or Tenderfoot badges, knows the thrilling experience this is for a boy and how proud he is of his badge. It is wonderful to have accomplished something upon which you have set your sights.

Plan Achievement is really the badge system in a national plan. With Scouters, the committee who drafted this plan, are concerned that every member of the Association make regular progress. As a result, more men and women will come forward, train themselves, and thus assure that more boys will have the opportunity of enjoying the Scouting game. If every community in Canada sees units who are anxious to help in the community, boys and Scouters who are putting into practice the grand idea of the Good Turn, they will provide adequate training facilities and leadership. There is a saying that most of us have heard—"one picture is worth a thousand words". That is true but the picture must be a *good one*. The same thing applies to the Good Turn. One well executed community service is worth many, many speeches by anyone. We need the speeches too, but let's provide our people who inform the public and solicit their support with action pictures to which they may point with pride.

As Scouters, Committeemen, Ladies' Auxiliaries or Supporters, we have shown by our service that we believe in the great dream of our founder, Lord Baden-Powell. We know that he would want us to continue to push forward and have accepted this plan on our directional map. Let's orient ourselves to this map, show our units the way and really go over the top in 1953.





## How Can The Parents Help with Plan Achievement?

So often when we decide to do something in our Packs, Troops or Crews, we neglect to tell our Parents just what we are planning. Most parents are anxious to help if given the opportunity. How many of your boys' parents know what the unit is doing in Plan Achievement?

Group Committees and Ladies' Auxiliaries are important and necessary parts of each group but we should not stop there in bringing parents into the life of the Scout group. Parents send their boys to us believing that we have a wonderful programme through which the lads can learn a great deal. However few of them know very much about Scouting and it is our duty to tell them as much about it as possible.

Most business firms today work according to a plan drawn up by the company executives and directors. Both men and women are familiar with "three year plans" for the improvement and advancement of their business life. Therefore we can expect that they will have a real sympathy for the scheme outlined in Plan Achievement. If Plan Achievement were presented to parents in the proper light—as a master blueprint for the development of Scouting in Canada—they would be most anxious to co-operate and help their boys and Scouters achieve their targets. For example the target of a Pack Ramble each month could be achieved much easier with the full co-operation of the

parents in making sure their boys attended and perhaps being on hand to provide some refreshments when the Pack returns. The Cubs would love to see their Mothers and Dads enjoying Cubbing.

Let's get these Mothers and Dads together this year and show them what the Pack, Troop or Crew has set for 1953 targets. Ask for their advice and help in meeting these targets. Ask the fathers to compare Plan Achievement with the present development plan on which their companies are working. There is one thing that will surely come from such a meeting. Your boys' parents will be far more interested in what you and your Assistants are trying to accomplish than they would be if you sent them a letter saying "Plan Achievement is a great thing". We ask our boys to put their Scouting into action, let's show them that we are doing just that by inviting their parents to talk the problem over with us and give us the benefit of their experience. Plan Achievement is for everyone—Cub, Scout, Rover, Scouter, Committeemen, Mothers, Dads and Supporters.

There are a number of pamphlets which have been prepared by Canadian Headquarters to aid Scouters and Committeemen in telling the story of Scouting to parents. A complete list of these pamphlets is yours for the asking from the Publications Department of Canadian Head-

quarters. Obtainable free from your District, Provincial or Canadian Headquarters. Call a meeting of parents soon and provide them with the brief but concise material contained in our various pamphlets.





# OUR PERSONAL TARGETS IN PLAN ACHIEVEMENT

Canadian Scouters and their supporters have pledged themselves to putting Plan Achievement across. We have agreed that it would be to the advantage of the boys we are privileged to lead to work out our programmes on the basis of a master blueprint. Plan Achievement as an experimental blueprint has proved a success. It is now in the final year—the year of the Jamboree of Achievement—and of course we are all most anxious that this year be the very best.

If Plan Achievement is to be the real success that we want it to be then it boils down to individual effort. If each one of us, be it Cub, Scouter or Group Committeeman, sets an individual target within the pattern worked out for the unit, we will have taken the first step to ensuring that the unit targets will be met. For example, if a Scouter completes plans now to hold a Bronze Arrowhead course

as part of his personal targets, he has accomplished one whole target for the Troop this year. If Akela has re-read the booklet on Plan Achievement (available from your Provincial Headquarters—free) within the past month, a personal target has been reached. If we expect each boy in the unit to become enthused and anxious to see his unit go "over the top", then we must be convinced that Plan Achievement is right and show the way by example.

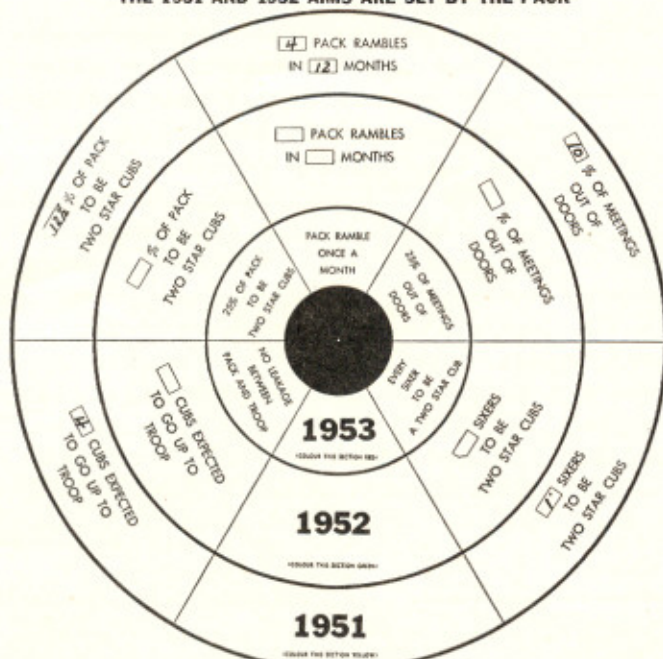
If you have not set your 1953 objectives yet, why not sit down now with the Pack, Troop or Crew targets and see how much more you can help. If you're a sceptic then it might be comforting to know that in the past two years many sceptics have proved that the plan can and does work and it is grand fun playing the game of Scouting within this framework.

## PLAN ACHIEVEMENT TARGET

45 CANADIAN PACK  
1951-1952-1953

"PLAN ACHIEVEMENT" sets for specific targets to be reached by the SECOND CANADIAN JAMBOREE in 1953. These aims are indicated in the 1953 circle of this target.

THE 1951 AND 1952 AIMS ARE SET BY THE PACK



PACK SCOUTERS WILL ENTER IN THE BORDERS THE AIMS OF THE PACK, YEAR BY YEAR, EITHER BY NUMBER OR PERCENTAGE

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE 1953 AIMS BE LEFT BLANK UNTIL THE PLANNING FOR THE YEAR 1953 TAKES PLACE AT THE END OF 1952

AS THE 1951 AIMS ARE COMPLETED THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF THE 1951 CIRCLE ARE COLOURED IN GREEN

AS THE 1952 AIMS ARE COMPLETED THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF THE 1952 CIRCLE ARE COLOURED IN GREEN

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Even with the revised target system for 1953, the colourful target forms can and should be used with the Pack. Cubs like to see just what has been done and what they have yet to accomplish. These forms and the booklet on Plan Achievement are available Free from your Provincial Headquarters. Order your copies today and place them in a conspicuous place in the Den. Ask each Cub to have a good look at the target and then decide what he is going to do about it.









# PLAN ACHIEVEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

The following questions and answers are presented with the intention of helping Scouters to see more clearly the underlying object of Plan Achievement. It is obvious that local conditions may present many problems which can only be answered by your District or Provincial Commissioner. We hope these will be useful to you.

- Q. Our Pack was organized in November, 1952. How do we fit into Plan Achievement? Can we be accorded any recognition for attempting to follow the general outline of the Plan?
- A. By all means set targets for the Pack to be reached by December, 1953. Present these targets to your Commissioner, and, if he approves of them, you will receive a 1953 Special Award if you reach these targets.
- Q. If we have one Cub who reaches the age of 12 and then is unable to join a Troop, do we miss our 1953 target of "no leakage between Pack and Troop"?
- A. As in the other printed targets, no leakage between Pack and Troop is the ideal standard. If it is absolutely impossible for a Cub to "go up" to a Troop, then it is quite likely that your Commissioner would recognize this and you would not lose your Award.
- Q. We have had one Scout qualify for his Bushmans Thong in 1952 but he has now left the Troop. If we do not have another Bushmans Thong awarded in 1953 do we miss our targets?
- A. In gaining one Bushmans Thong in the Achievement years you have met the requirement. However your 1953 Targets should include a number of Scouts passing some of the qualifying badges for the Thong.
- Q. In the target, "every Patrol Leader to be a First Class Scout", does this mean that these must be active members of the Troop in 1953?
- A. The quoted target is, once again, the national ideal standard. The answer to this question will depend on local conditions. Definite advancement and improvement over 1952 targets is the aim.
- Q. We have three Scouts in the Troop who will be unable, through work on Saturdays and other considerations beyond their control, to complete the 14 days camping and hiking standard required of each Troop. Do we lose our award?
- A. This is a decision that must be made locally by your Commissioner. Provided the circumstances are clearly outlined when you submit your targets, it is likely that allowances for this sort of thing will be made. The object is to maintain an outdoor flavour, for every boy, in our programmes.
- Q. We understand the Wood Badge qualification means that one Scouter in the Group must either have previously qualified or have qualified during the Plan Achievement period. Does this leader still have to be in the Group? What if he qualified in one group and then moved to another? Which Group gets credit? What if he moved to the District Staff?
- A. The group in which the Scouter qualified for his Wood Badge gets the credit for having the trained Scouter. If he sets personal targets in the group to which he has moved, which include training himself still further, then he will be setting the example and thus encourage his boys to achieve *their* targets. If the Scouter moves to the District Staff, the group he was associated with previously gets the credit for having a trained leader.
- Q. If it is impossible for a Scouter to obtain time off from work to take Gilwell Part II training, will the unit miss their targets?
- A. This is a local decision but it is highly unlikely that any Commissioner would be so unimaginative as to penalize a unit under such conditions.
- Q. Should each Pack, Troop and Crew set targets for 1953?
- A. Unless you are in a position to accept the printed targets which appear in the *Plan Achievement Booklet*, targets should be set for 1953 and forwarded to the Commissioner for approval.
- Q. Will there be another Plan introduced in 1954 as a follow-up to Plan Achievement?
- A. No, there will not be another plan launched in 1954. However it is hoped that Scouters will follow the impetus set by Plan Achievement.





By now many Scouts and Scouters have seen the lovely calendar produced this year by The Bank of Nova Scotia. This fine scene was painted especially for The Bank of Nova Scotia by Fred Finley, O.S.A., A.R.C.A., who is associated with the Ontario College of Art and is widely known for his outstanding paintings depicting the Canadian scene. In commissioning the artist, The Bank of Nova Scotia has paid high tribute to the Association. Here the original painting is presented to F. J. Chalk, President of the Toronto Metropolitan Council by H. L. Enman, President of The Bank of Nova Scotia.



What is that one for, Sir? You can almost hear the question as you look at the eager hand of the Wolf Cub as he points at the much decorated breast of Rear Admiral Sir Richard Bevan, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., D.L. Sir Richard is a County Commissioner in England and has been touring Quebec and Ontario bringing messages of inspiration to many different gatherings. Working on a very tight itinerary, this outstanding sailor and Scouter has been the personification of the Scout spirit. *The Scout Leader* wishes to convey, on behalf of all its readers, our sincere thanks to Sir Richard Bevan for his contribution to Canadian Scouting in our final year of Plan Achievement. We wish him God Speed and a safe journey home after a task well done.



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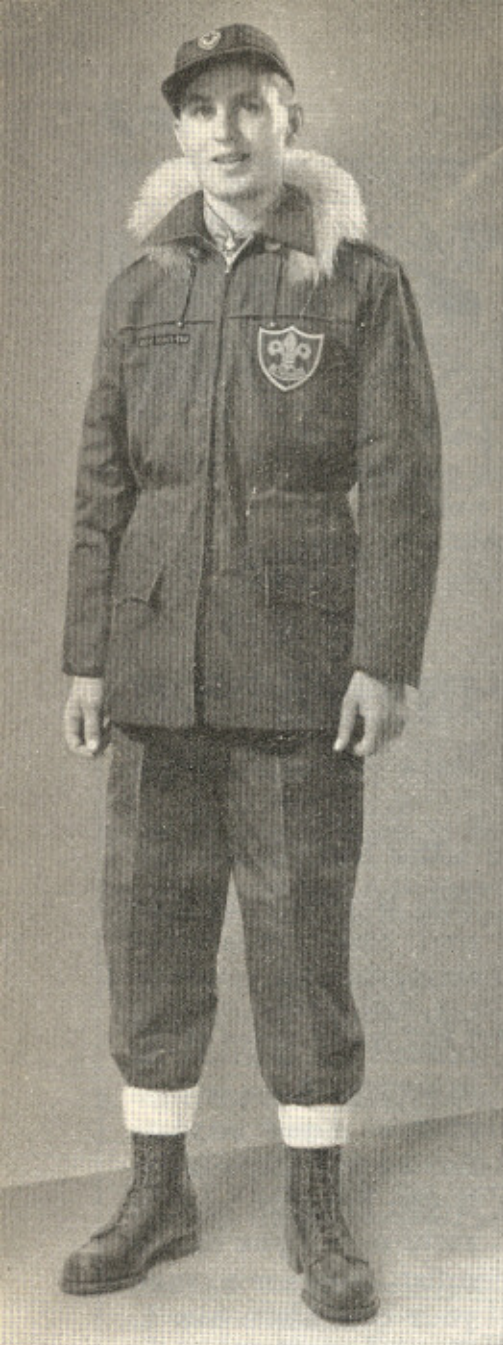
*The Scout Leader?*

This is your magazine and there must certainly be things which you would like to see printed. It is quite a task to satisfy all the wishes of our many readers but we can and will try. If you have an idea, a picture, or if you are an artist, why not send your comments etc. to The Editor. You can be sure of a reply and also that your idea will be given careful consideration with a view of giving our readers just what they would like to read. Take up your pen now and write to—

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