



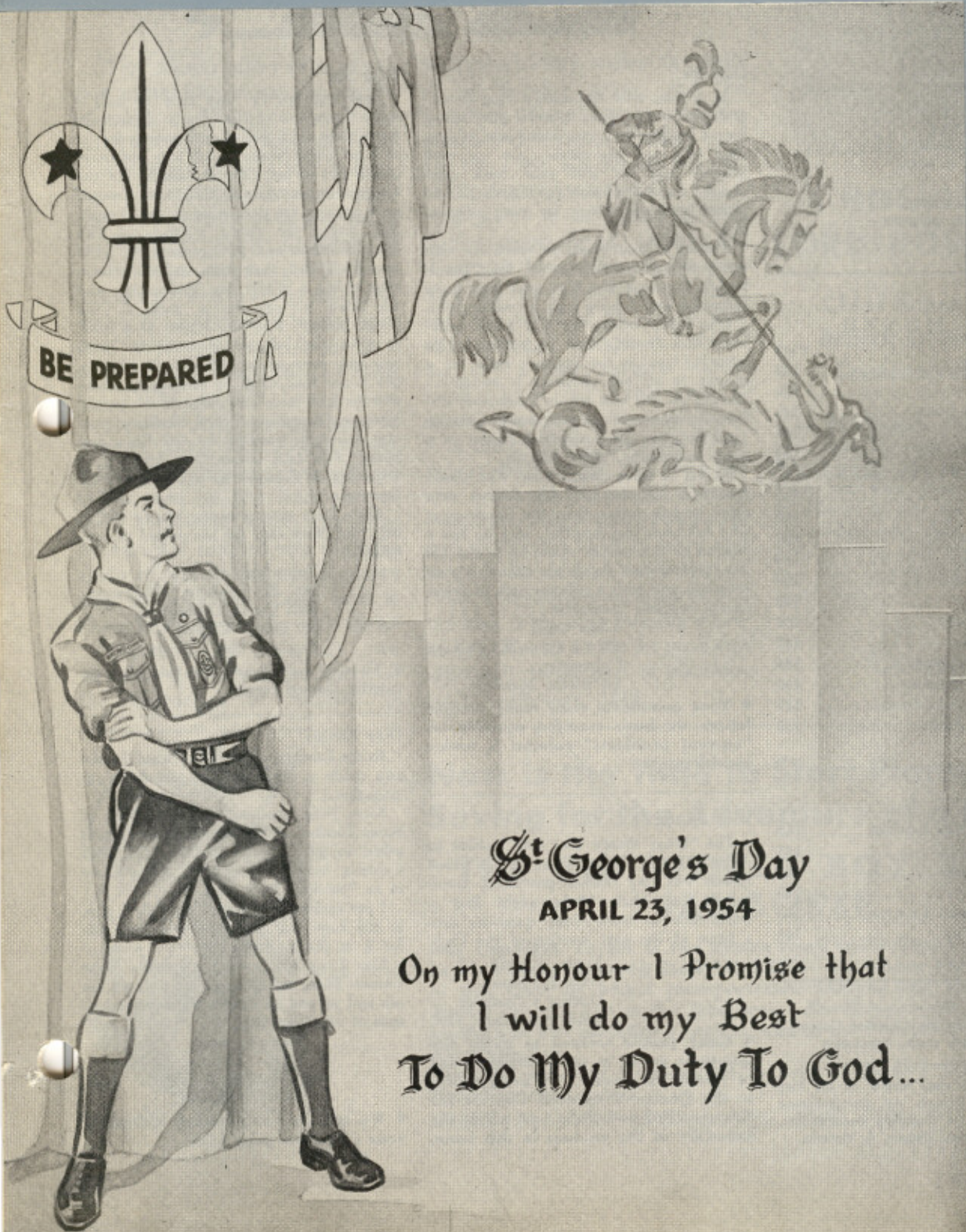
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Dear Sir:

As a very new Cubmaster, may I congratulate you on your splendid publication. Never having had any experience at any time with the Movement, you can well imagine how my first year (now completed) was full of doubts, misgivings, and rather frantic searching for more information.

Thanks to your magazine, combined with my now dog-eared copy of the "Handbook", it seems the first year was quite successful and I have high hopes for 1954.

Like many others we had many problems. Mr. Jacobi's first suggestion in his letter to you in the January issue re: a column to air our problems is wonderful. Having no one else within reasonable distance to discuss things with makes Cubbing (and Scouting too I should imagine) in a small community, more difficult.

So far I have found that *The Scout Leader* is my one and only contact with other leaders (other than the Scoutmaster who has been very helpful), so I do feel a column of this nature would be a real life line. Several back copies are always a good reference and with a column such as Scout Jacobi suggests invaluable.

Yours truly,  
(Mrs.) Joyce MacDonald,  
Cubmaster,  
1st Birtle, Manitoba.

■ Your comments echo many similar letters we have received recently. A "current problems" column is under consideration.

Dear Editor:

The "What Would You Do?" section in Akela's Den of the last issue of *The Scout Leader* was very thought-provoking. Leaders of the Akela Clubs might find it worthwhile to work these questions into a game at the next meeting of the Club.

Yours sincerely,  
Irma Sanderson,  
District Cubmaster,  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

■ Many people seemed to enjoy the questions posed in the February issue of *The Scout Leader*. We are grateful to the Quebec Provincial Council for this material and hope you enjoy the summary of the sessions in this issue.

Dear Sir:

Last year for the first time we held a scrap metal drive for funds. Prominent cards were displayed at entrances and exits of our Church weeks ahead, also announcements put in our Church bulletin. All the Committeemen passed the word around, each naming the date when it would start, also giving the phone numbers of two Committeemen and arrangements for pick-up. Each had their own half-ton truck. One giving a whole day Wednesday, and the other, his one day a week off. The Scout Leader's boss also loaned us a truck so with the help of some of the boys pick-ups were made. After each pick-up, the donor was asked to call again, whenever he had more accumulation of metals. Wire coat-hangers in good condition were also collected, bundled by the Cubs and boxed. Now each Group Committeeman is enquiring of Cleaners to secure orders for their sale.

With these arrangements, lots of willing help, our drive thus far has netted us over \$400.00.

Yours truly,  
Mr. K. Newland (Chairman),  
64th Group Committee,  
St. Peter's Church,  
Toronto, Ont.

■ Thanks very much for this idea on raising Group funds.

Dear Editor:

In the January copy of *The Scout Leader* you made a request for articles for our magazine.

Some little time ago, at a meeting of Scout Leaders of Vancouver Island, I was asked to give a paper on the "OUT" in Cubbing from the viewpoint of an Akela of an "outside" Pack (not city).

I am enclosing a copy of the talk I gave in the hope that you may find some use for it in the magazine.

May I say how much I enjoy *The Scout Leader*. There are always ideas that we can use and we can all benefit from the experience of other Scouters.

Yours sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Dorothy Dalton,  
Cubmaster, Sidney "A" Pack,  
Sidney, V.I., B.C.

■ We are sure our readers will enjoy your article on page 156.

## Editorial



As Scouters it is most important that we have sincere religious convictions and that we play an active part in the religion of our choice. At this time each year, we should pause and take stock of ourselves so that we will be in a better position to lead our boys and young men in an active "Duty to God".

As we approach St. George's Day, April 23rd, it was felt that you would like to read what our founder wrote to Scouters about religion. Here in a few words is the spirit on which our Movement's Religious policy is based.

"Very closely allied with education comes the important matter of religion. Though we hold no brief for any one form of belief over another, we see a way to helping all by carrying the same principle into practice as is now being employed in other branches of education, namely, to put the boys in touch with their objective, which in this case is to do their duty to God through doing their duty to their neighbour. In helping others in doing daily good turns, and in rescuing those in danger, pluck, self-discipline, unselfishness, chivalry, become acquired, and quickly form part of their character. These attributes of character, coupled with the right study of Nature, must of necessity help to bring the young soul in closer touch spiritually with God."

"Personally, I have my own views as to the relative value of the instruction of children in

Scripture history within the walls of the Sunday school, and the value of Nature study and the practice of religion in the open air, but I will not impose my personal views upon others."

"I prefer to be guided by collective opinions of experienced men, and here a remarkable promise stands before us. Scouting has been described by various men and women of thought and standing as "a new religion"—three times I have read it this week. It is not, of course, a "new religion," it is merely the application of religious training of the principle now approved for secular training—that of giving a definite objective and setting the child to learn and practise for himself—and that, I think everybody's experiences will tell him, is the only training which really sticks by a man for good and ultimately forms part of his character."—January, 1912.



### A MESSAGE FROM LORD ROWALLAN

**Chief Scout of the  
British Empire and  
Commonwealth**

*As St. George's Day comes round once more we remember our Brother Scouts across the seas and in other lands and wish them the courage of St. George to face the difficulties and disappointments they may meet on life's journey, with the goal clear before their eyes of Peace and Goodwill to all men.*

*Rowallan.*



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Scouters, too, will be required to help as leaders and members of Headquarters services.

**START PLANNING AND SAVING NOW FOR THE JAMBOREE!**

# FOR YOUR GAMES BOOK

If you have a game or campfire stunt that your boys have enjoyed, why not pass it along to others through *The Scout Leader*. Just write down the details and send it along to the Editor after your next meeting.

## CHALK RUGBY

Apparatus required: One small piece of chalk (it must be too small to be easily broken) and two boxes.

Two Patrols are matched against each other, or a small Troop is divided into two. The boxes are placed at either end of the hall and each team lines up along the wall near its box. The umpire puts the chalk in the middle of the room and blows his whistle. Then the game starts, and the idea is to score a goal by marking with the chalk the end of the opposite side's box. When a goal is scored the umpire blows his whistle and the teams line up again. The first to score three goals wins. (You can make any rules you like, but it is essential, as in football, that "holding the ball" (the chalk) be not allowed. The umpire awards a "free" for this).

## THE SALESMAN

A "stranger" arrives unexpectedly at the Troop meeting with a case of samples and tries to persuade the Scouter or T.L. to buy, showing goods, with patter, and quoting prices. Scouts gather round and listen. After the "stranger" has been thrown out, Patrols are asked to submit list of articles offered with prices. P.L. writes list in consultation with his Patrol and only three minutes given to compile it.

## MAGIC SQUARE

Line whole Troop up at one end of room, and then in full view of all, draw a chalk square, about one yard sides, near the other end. Troop has a good look at the square for about one minute, then the lights are turned out. On whistle, whole Troop tries to fit itself into the square in the dark. After two minutes blow whistle to stop all movement, and turn on lights. Patrol with most boys in the square wins.

## SHIP IN A FOG

Each Patrol forms a team and two teams are blindfolded with their handkerchiefs or scarves and put in single file each team holding on to the boy in front. The P.L. is not blindfolded and stands apart. Then two chairs are placed at the other end of the room close together to represent the harbour mouth. On whistle, each P.L. of the two competing teams, shouts orders to his "ship", trying to pilot it first into the harbour. First whole team through wins.

## TANK RACE

Each Patrol or team is grouped standing as closely together as possible, and a rope lashing is tied fairly tightly, waist high, round the whole group. Each "bundle" is placed on one line, and on whistle, has to run to a distant

parallel finishing line. The first team to finish intact wins.

## RELAY RACES WITH MEDICINE BALLS

Patrols stand in single file. Boy in front holds medicine ball which on "go" signal he passes over his head backwards (or through his legs) (or "under" and "over" alternately) and boy behind him carries on. When the ball reaches the end of line the holder runs to front, while all the rest take a pace back, and the movement is repeated till all have run from the back. The first Patrol to finish wins.

Note.—You can make excellent medicine balls by stuffing old worn-out football covers with paper or rags.

## SELF-CONTROL GAME

Line up two Patrols about six feet apart facing each other. Put some "wag" between the lines whose job it is to make the players move or smile or speak. The umpire calls out every player who shows the slightest sign of doing any of these things, and after two minutes the Patrol with the most left wins.

## PLAY-ACTING

Arrange for each Patrol to make up and act a little scene or play. These can all be put on one evening as a change from the usual routine.



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**Take Your Scouts Out  
for Pioneering Fun.  
Encourage Them to  
Learn By Doing!**

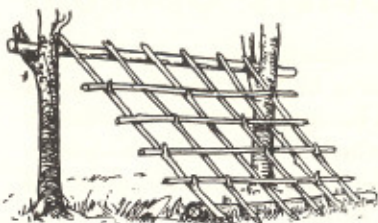
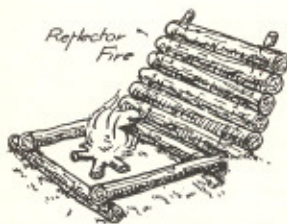
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# Mr. Scoutmaster

Here are a few hints on programme planning for the next few weeks as you prepare for Troop Camp. Planning now will pay great dividends later when you move into camp.

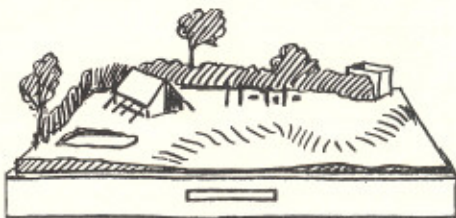
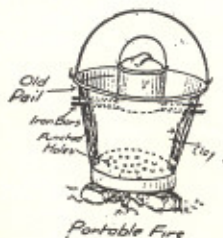
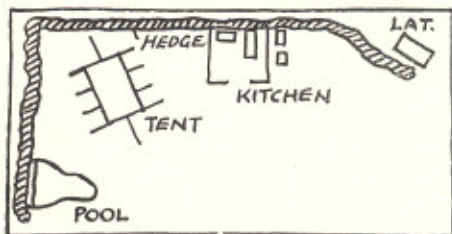
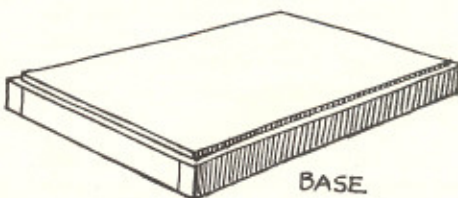
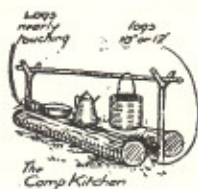
All of the illustrations appearing on this page are things that can be practiced indoors. However it is suggested that you go out and really have your Scouts try building fires, constructing a lean-to, lay out a campsite, solve

In Scouting we believe that the best way to teach boys is by having them actually perform each task. Plan your hikes now and make sure your Scouts have the opportunity and adventure of learning by doing.



simple tracking problems and take part in an organized tree planting expedition.

It is important that they make a fire keeping in mind what is to be cooked and how long they will require heat. Shelters look easy but when you come to build one you will find all sorts of problems, and the same can be said for every other project.





# AKELA'S DEN

## What would you do?

### Scouters Opinions

Judging from the number of letters and comments received about the questions which appeared under this heading in the February issue of this magazine, we feel sure that you will be interested in a summary of the discussions from the Quebec Provincial Scouters' Conference. These are not the answers to the questions but rather one group of Scouters' opinions in a summarized form by Cubmaster R. C. Boright.

(1) The answer was unanimous in that we should take him in but not as a Sixer. He should be taken in as an ordinary Cub. The absenteeism in Cub Packs always makes it possible to have an extra boy. He will fit in somewhere.

(2) Once again the answers were almost unanimous in that boy was the vital commodity here, not Pop's feelings, but Pop should definitely be Akela at Pack meetings and son should be just another Cub and this should be explained to the boys, I think, early in your son's life in the Pack and the problem will be pretty well taken care of as long as they understand that there is no favoritism being shown. The boy and fairness are the two vital things.

(3) While the answer to that one is personal attention to the boy away from Pack meetings, the Pack should be kept small so that you can put your finger on every activity that's going on at Pack meetings and extra duties be given to this boy. That still might not solve your problem—you might find it necessary to send him home from the Pack meeting—not expell him from the Pack but possibly send him home for the balance of the meeting. If you do that by all means contact the parents and explain to them and they may be able to help you considerably in handling that particular boy. At this point I would like to point out the necessity of the Akela knowing something of the boy's home life. It is very essential and it will help you to know and deal with each boy as an individual.

(4) This is where the duty of the Group Council enters the picture. If we had close harmony in all sections of the Group Council, the Scoutmaster was advised a year in advance of the boys who would be going up to the Troop in that time and could make provision for them. The problem is one of harmony in your groups and can usually be solved by the Group Council at Work.

(5) We decided that the boy with the Second Star and the badges should be given a chance. Make him Sixer on probation and if he does have the ability it will soon become apparent. He should have the chance over a younger boy who has not yet earned his Second Star.

(6) Our answer on this is that lack of programme planning was the cause of this boy being far too advanced in his Cub work. The whole programme of Cubbing is planned to keep a boy busy for four years and some of them are bright enough and intelligent enough to cut that down to six months. In that case he should go up to the Scouts as soon as he is eleven. It all boils down to programme planning. With the programme properly interpreted you would not find yourself in this situation.

As to what you will find for him to do for the next six months or a year—he should be given a chance to instruct in First Star work (not the physical tests) and I would like to suggest here on my own (this wasn't found by the groups) that some extra projects could

be given to this boy to do. If he has already earned twelve badges he must be quite proficient in handicrafts and other work and I think that a few projects such as, possibly, making a Totem Pole or something of that kind, could keep him quite well occupied.

(7) The Conference decided that the only thing to do here was to have a meeting of the parents of the boys already in the Pack, parents of boys waiting to join the Pack and then put the problem of finding new leaders to start the new Packs required. A small group well run is much better than a half job on a large scale.

(8) That was very simply answered. I don't think there was any hesitation concerning "thumbs down" on the request simply because it is not a Cubbing activity.

(9) Our answer to that is, the boy should be taken aside, reminded of his Law and Promise and given a chance to play the game fairly and squarely and made to understand that he was only cheating himself and nobody else. Public ridicule of a boy is extremely dangerous and should never be used!

(10) Here again we have the necessity of the Group Council. The Scouter should be able to set up a policy which the group is going to adhere to and should a difference of opinion arise on such things as uniforms then it should be taken to the Group Committee and they should decide. Personal example, though, is always the best teacher.

The uniform was decided upon by our Founder, Lord Baden-Powell. Boy and leader should be extremely proud to wear that uniform exactly as it was recommended by our Founder. Only in very rare circumstances should boys be permitted to wear jeans.

Dear Hugo:

My District Commissioner was just over to see me and left me two books to read, *Scouting for Boys* and *The Wolf Cub Handbook*.

Why read the books anyway? After all almost anyone can run a Cub Pack or Scout Troop!

This Baden-Powell fellow, who lived so long ago, started the whole business we know,—but my gosh his ideas must be outdated by now. Of course, I've never bothered to find out,—anyway my boys are different, the district they come from is entirely different from anywhere else and I just have to change the programme to suit them.

Well, getting back to books, my D.C. is insisting that I read *Scouting for Boys* and *The Wolf Cub Handbook*, as if all I had to do is read books,—I have other things to do. It keeps a fellow busy you know running a Cub Pack with 50 Cubs and a Scout Troop with 10 Scouts. He even had the nerve to ask me to drop the Cub Pack or let someone else take over the Scouts,—No sir I told him if I'm going to do a job then I'm going to do a good one,—as if ten Scouts were enough to bother with, besides they are quitting all the time, I don't expect there will be any at all in a couple of weeks. Ever since they came home from that Patrol Leaders conference full of ideas about Court of Honour and Patrol Meetings, sometimes I wonder what those people from Headquarters are thinking of putting such stuff and nonsense into the minds of boys.

He also said that a Pack should be limited to 32 and that there should be some Assistant Leaders,—well what can you do when the little fellows come down and ask to join, you can't send them away,—and this business about Assistants. I had one once and I was letting him learn for a couple of months by standing in one corner out of the way and watching, he quit,—I was just as glad, I don't need an Assistant anyway. I don't believe in Cubs learning knots and things so all we do is play games. The boys don't stay more than a year or two but there are always lots of 7 year olds waiting to join.

The D.C. said he was going to talk to my Group Committee about me, he was angry I think, but after all I don't tell him how to run his District so why should he tell me how to run my Pack and Troop.

Well I must run now, I have a Pack Meeting tonight, I haven't got a programme ready but I don't use a programme anyway.

As ever, Elmer.



How many Good Turns have you planned for your Pack, Troop or Crew for the coming month? In London, Ont., Cubs collect eggs and distribute these among eighteen institutions including orphanages, Children's Hospital, Home for the Aged and a Salvation Army Hostel.

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## Wood Badge Training for the Not so Young

By ANDREW B. McCARTNEY, Toronto, Ont.

I HAVE just survived Part Two of my Wood Badge Course and for those who hover hesitantly at the brink, I would like to record my impressions. After reading them, I do hope whatever excuse you offer, whether it be age, lack of time, or domestic shackles, you will decide that it is at least worth a trial.

You will finish the Course with a complete answer to the question that haunts many of us, 'Why am I not getting the same out of Scouting as I did at one time?' You will find you have not been putting the same into it; that you were in need of a Refresher Course. You will go back to your Troop with the same beliefs and enthusiasm as of old. No matter how much you think you know or how many times you have read *Scouting for Boys* you will assuredly finish the Course feeling that you must have skipped a few pages somewhere along the way.

I refused to be convinced by those most intimately concerned with my welfare that I was well past the age when I should be dangling at the end of a rope (minus the noose) over a wet, very wet creek. It was, to say the least, foolhardy to climb a beech tree with my Patrol, to be out of reach of the flood that was to sweep the area to a depth of six feet within twenty minutes. It was suicidal to perform the ancient ritual of laying the Gilwell ghost.

And so the crystal gazers went on and on prophesying that I would be the victim of broken limbs, torn scalp, plantar and palmar callosities, et cetera, in fact, everything but the bubonic plague.

Did I heed their counsel? Did I falter? Well! N-N-No!

The end of the Course found me not quite supple in body but the stimulus to mind was exhilarating. Long after the pains have gone, I shall remember with pride the happy weekends I spent with those grand fellows of my Patrol. Yes! and the whole Troop.

It was at times gruelling and certainly no one could complain that the sweat glands were permitted to lack in their normal function.

The thrill of putting into practice, under ideal conditions, all that you have read and tried, provides as much kick as when you first learned to ride a bicycle. To walk—almost—across the

monkey bridge you helped to build midst the jeers and cat calls of the Crows and the Sparrows was only one of the many highlights. No doubt they prayed it would collapse. They must be very intimate with the forces for evil because it did. But the tawny old Owls enjoyed the joke too. Stout fellows, the Owls.

To watch, spellbound, the felling of that twenty foot mass of dead wood; to hear its thundering crash through the ferns; to take part in the mad dash to trim what was left after the crash was a thrill only to be equalled in the timber lands of the great North.

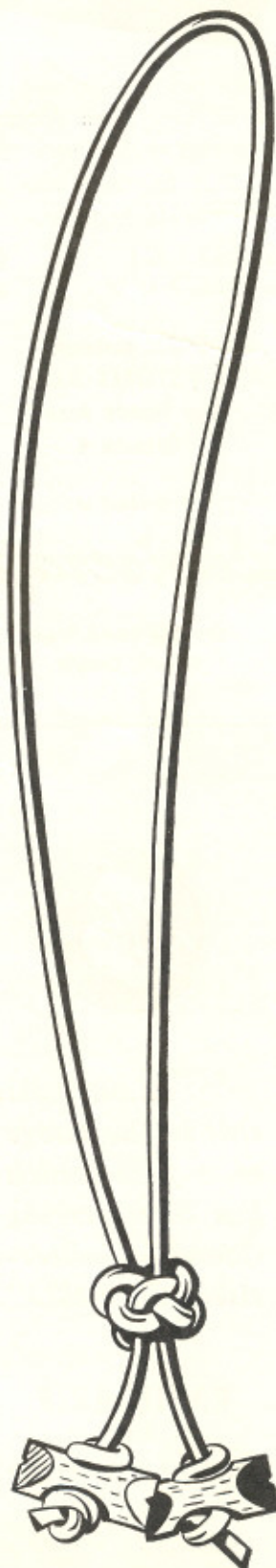
Estimating, knotting, splicing, fire lighting, tracking the imaginary forest giant to its lair, making a plaster cast of the strangely human foot-print and our dismay when the plaster was set to discover that the Chief must have walked that way before us added to the thrill of the greatest game on earth.

And the S.T.A.'s! All the spare time I had was fully accounted for by more compelling forces than the training staff could exert but we made the gadgets and we used them, we sketched the Gilwell hut, the patrol bird, the Council fire; varieties of leaves were collected, the weather was logged (there was plenty of it for everybody). We learned our hand signals and our staff drill and when it came to spinning the rope! Hoppy was an amateur.

We attained high marks for our cooking. Our Chief said so. By the way, if anyone wishes to send him fruit, he is in a private ward. At inspection, we scored and we retained our pennant until the end. Somebody said there was one for each Patrol just to keep us from attacking the brass. The Owls nearly lost out, however, and were very annoyed when someone dropped that square inch of newsprint on our camp site so that they could harangue us on the advantages of keeping a tidy site. However, revenge was ours when Roy, our P.L. for the day, bluntly and with mistaken pride, informed the inspection party that morning, "it isn't ours sir, because we can't read."

Yes! the Course had its lighter side and it was with a sigh of relief mingled with contentment that we bedded down at the end of each day.

Equipment was the last word and I would be failing in my praise if I did not mention the tents. I do not think they have been officially approved yet but a brief description will prove their value, particularly in wet weather. They were fitted almost on every side with a peep-hole just big enough to pop your head through





around three o'clock in the morning and find out if the rain was as wet outside as it was inside. It generally was! It is surprising that so many of us returned to our homes in the end, after our nocturnal pyjama parades staged in retrieving our gear that got a little "damp". I do believe, though, the Blue Cross is now appealing for more funds in order to remain solvent.

Did you ever see a troop of adults play "Port and Starboard"? Thin men and fat, tall men and short, shrivelled, crippled and bent, wheezing like auld kirk organs. When the enemy attack finally had been beaten off we received our medals of merit in the horizontal. Then the call to action stations drifted across the still air, "Notebooks and pencils in two minutes". We were at the alert before you could recite all the verses of "The Shooting of Dan McGrew".

It was only through the untiring efforts and generous hands of the Quartermaster and his willing band of helpers that we had such reserve of stamina for the exercises we were obliged to undergo. They were responsible for keeping the weaklings well nourished and alive for the tortures to be inflicted on the morrow.

The highlight of it all was our overnight hike. It was with some relief and yet tinged with regret that we left the campsite on that fourth weekend which was to mark the end of the Course. I never saw milestones so far apart in my life and I am certain the Chief must have moved them in the night.

We suffered our mishaps and had our worries. When Harry, for instance, not even out of sight of headquarters, followed his P.L. a little more blindly than faithfully, sunk to his right knee in soft, dirty, grey, oozing mud. The Patrol nearly followed him in their mirth.

Well! I was the P.L. It was my fault so I decided to give up my own reserved sock (singular, in case it hap-

pened a second time). I was assisted in my decision, of course, by the threat of six Scout staves pointed at my head.

What a panel of sartorial judges would have said about uniform smartness at the outward end of that trail I would not dare contemplate, as we reached our rendezvous a trifle be-draggled perhaps but at least happy.

Supper was cooked during a thunder-storm and from the befuddled faces of our bovine visitors at Kennedy's farm, they must surely have thought that the men from some unchartered planet had arrived at last.

We were "soothed" to slumber that night by the rumblings of the heavens. We felt that our rest was well earned.

In the morning we set off as if we had just stepped out of the Scout store, clean-shaven, uniforms immaculate and hats at the proper angle. We were on our last lap, urged on by the thought of roast beef, potatoes that were not to taste like charcoal, green peas and carrots, luscious pie and coffee that was to taste just like coffee.

Somehow we recorded our log on the journey (why could not we be equipped with portable typewriters) and as time wore on, with only the last few miles to cover, I was lagging behind, borne down by my "light-weight" pack. Not only did my Patrol carry my pack, they would willingly have carried me.

Such was the spirit which permeated the whole Course. Such is the true brotherhood of Scouting.

We marched back to camp tired in limb but with a song in our hearts; with an uprightness of carriage and the flush of victory on our cheeks, we greeted the Chief on our return singing with the energy that remained, "We're On The Up-ward Trail".

A glorious adventure was at an end and to all of those who contributed to the pleasure of it, many thanks.

Again I would commend Part Two of the Wood Badge Course to all of you who have yet that thrill to enjoy.

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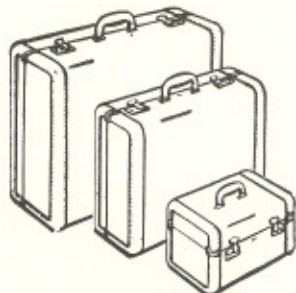
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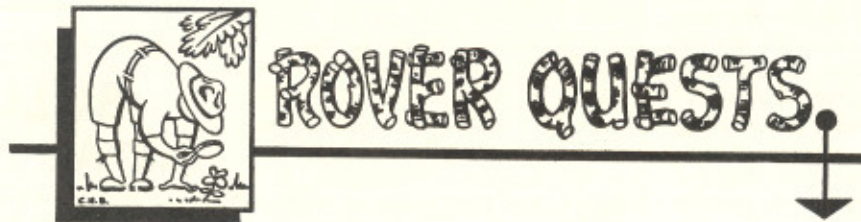
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## WHAT'S WRONG WITH ROVERS?

If we are to keep every section of our programme functionally in the most efficient way, it is important that we look inward and examine our structure from time to time. Your comments on this article will be welcomed by the Editor.

WHAT'S wrong with Rovers? and I mean Rovers and not Rovering for there is very little wrong with the Rover Plan. In the past it has been the plan of Rovering which has been attacked and blamed for the failure of this section of the Movement to come up to expectation. It is my contention that it is the individual who is at fault and, in qualifying this statement, I hope to lay bare the cause which of itself will suggest a remedy.

As I write this I feel the phantom hordes of Rovers rise up around and threateningly jab their pipes at me for daring to criticize or suggest anything is wrong. They don't like criticism and will argue until they win their point or, failing that, go away and sulk. Of course it is the prerogative of this age group to argue anything and everything—just for the sake of argument, and this is good. But all too often Rovers seem to convince themselves of their own righteousness and become aloof and a law unto themselves.

No one will deny that something is wrong in this section. Statistics show something amiss. In Canada in 1952 there were 48,568 Scouts but only 2,480 Rovers. In Great Britain there were 212,027 Scouts (including Seniors) but only 13,547 Rovers. That is only between 5% and 6% of Scouts become Rovers. There are many reasons why the figures for Rovers will always be less than those for Scouts but they do not begin to add up to so great a discrepancy. So you don't believe in figures—tell me then, why is it that the mere mention of Rovers in Scouting circles brings an immediate and adverse reaction? This is practically a world-wide reaction—can all these members of our "family" be wrong?

How then has this lamentable state of affairs come about? I would suggest two reasons. In the early days there were naturally many mistakes but Rovers were slow to profit by them.

Secondly there was a period of bad Rovering when Rovers thought they knew everything—a period of poor camping and behaviour in public. Today Rovering is handicapped by this bad name and perhaps labouring under an inferiority complex (expressed by inverted superiority).

How can Rovers overcome the handicaps of the past, outgrow the selfish ego of the present and help Rovering to fulfill its part in the scheme of Scouting in the future?

First they must keep the aims of Rovering clearly in mind. These may briefly be said to be to protect the Scout Troop (otherwise someone would present a reason for having 25 year-old Patrol Leaders), to complete the training of the Boy Scout and to provide a bridge between the realm of boyhood and the adult community in which he will so soon find himself.

Now if this aim is clear it becomes quite obvious there is no room for that over-grown Peter Pan who wants to stay in the Crew all his life—if he hasn't completed his training and crossed that bridge by the time he is 25 there is nothing more Rovering can do for him. Hundreds of arguments have been put forward to justify "Daddy Rover" but none of them have any weight when the test of the aims is applied.

B.-P. said that Rovering was a "Brotherhood of the Open Air and Service". Where this and the aims of Rovering has been adhered to, Rovers have flourished and performed their proper functions. The Brotherhood of the Open Air speaks for itself—it is the Service part I would like to develop.

A young man from about 16 to 20 is occupied with finding out about himself and the things which affect him in his efforts to find his niche in life. This tends to make him a somewhat selfish individual and the way many Crews interpret the Rover programme

does much to emphasize this selfishness, by over-emphasizing individuality. This I am convinced is the tap root of evil in the Crew. For so long has it been said that a Rover's first duty is to himself that it has been taken as an unqualified truth. But it doesn't mean that if a Rover is late for work he can drive past a stop light. It is only a comparative truth—he must give full attention to his education, work and family life, so that he may be able to fulfill his proper function in the community and where activities of the Crew interfere with these he is right to put himself first. Where this is not done Rovering's defeating itself. However, this same young man must make some sacrifices of his free time and his own wishes in the performance of Service in whatever form it is needed. He must perform this service willingly, humbly and to the best of his ability.

You will say you know all this—that I have said nothing new nor disclosed any hidden secret to the success of Rovering. True!—there is nothing new here, except perhaps for some the realization of the truth. But the secret of success lies in maintaining the balance—the very delicate balance in encouraging a young man to an understanding of a well rounded life, helping him to find himself, while keeping down his ego by showing the real pleasure of self-denial. It is the maintenance of this balance that the skill of the Rover Leader is shown. This Scouter must be a man of mature mind, experienced in the ways of the world and with an unquestionable faith in his material, his medium and his God. A man who will be an example and whose opinion will be respected by those he guides. So long as he subscribes to the Law and Promise, it is not important that he has had previous Scouting experience. The young Leader who runs with the Scouts seldom has sufficient experience on

which to draw and is too much "one of the boys" to command their proper respect.

Most Rovers and Rover Crews give what, in all fairness, they think is Service and they may still be wondering what I am trying to say. The Service given by most of them is a Service they want to give, given in the way they wish, when they feel like it. This, of course, is a very weak type of service and fits more into the category of self-indulgence. Rovers must be prepared to answer any reasonable call made upon them to accept responsibilities, even if it is an unpleasant assignment, willingly and with a smile and to carry them out as they have promised. The hedging and shilly shallying that goes on when the average Crew is asked to do something they have no interest in or interferes with a hike or Crew Meeting, is something to make one feel ashamed they wear the uniform of the Boy Scouts! A young man will gain much more from a well executed Service project job than he will from any hike or Crew Meeting.

Look at your Crew. Is it taking in the majority of the fellows leaving the Troop? Is it helping them to complete their Scout Training and guiding them to the world of the adult? Is it showing them the real meaning of service that they may grow to manhood with a balanced view of their place in the community? Is it helping them to keep their Scout Promise in a manner compatible to their age? Is it setting a fair example of young manhood for the boys in the Pack and Troop.

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Scouts and Scouters in St. Catharines, Ont., are well prepared to play an active role in Civil Defence. In the above photo Scouts are shown as they quickly formed a barrier to hold back crowds at a recent Civil Defence exercise. What are you doing about Civil Defence Training?



# SCOUTING Digest

## Scouts Plan to Collect Clothes for Eskimos

Boy Scouts of the Hamilton-Beach, Ont., area plan to collect clothing for the relief of needy Eskimos. The Rover Scouts at the beach staged a paper drive at intervals, said the Rev. P. F. F. Wilkinson, Rector of St. Andrew's-by-the-Lake Church. During their next paper drive they would ask also for contributions of used clothing.

Recently word came from the North about the plight of a hungry band of Eskimos and its dogs. The Eskimos had missed the annual caribou migration, and had had a scanty fall's fishing, before reaching the Arctic settlement of Perry River, 1,100 miles northeast of Edmonton. An R.C.A.F. plane flew in emergency food supplies.

The Rovers at the Beach had developed special interest in the plight of the Eskimos, through some firsthand information, said Mr. Wilkinson. One boy's father had travelled through that region recently on business and had brought back news of their condition.

## Scout Team Makes TV Debut With Unique Programme

High praise for the successful television debut of Second Preston St. Clement's Crinolin team, before the cameras of CFPL television, London, Ont., recently has been received by the team personnel.

The show was proclaimed by the station director, J. Plant, and staff personnel, as one of the finest they have presented on "Hi Time", and many local television fans watched the presentation on their sets.

An interview of the director and each member of the team was followed by a display of the art of spinning the Hindu Crinolin.

Cubmaster Bud Pautler is director of the team and Queen's Scout S. Stewart the Captain.

They also performed as guests of the 7th Guelph Troop at a Queen's Scout Investiture ceremony, and for the

ladies' night of the Knights of Columbus held in Preston.

The team has, with each performance, developed new acts and they plan to build for the district Scout show, a bigger and even better performance.

## Lady Cubmasters Attention

We have the names of two Lady Cubmasters from France who would like to correspond with Canadian Lady Cubmasters. They are Sylvette Perraud and Paulette Bierry. Any Lady Cubmaster wishing to correspond with these Cubmasters is asked to write the Correspondence Secretary, Canadian Headquarters, The Boy Scouts Association, Ottawa. Both will correspond in English.

## Have You Seen Any?

The Vancouver Natural History Society is experiencing a plan to solve the nesting grounds of the near extinct "Whooping Crane" and thus help to save it from imminent extinction. They are anxious that every interested individual write a letter to Mr. C. B. W. Rogers, 3100 Main Street, Vancouver, B.C. Meanwhile, if you have seen any Whooping Cranes, please report all the details to Ducks Unlimited, Edmonton, Alberta.

## Scouts Received by Bishop Leverman

Several hundred Roman Catholic Boy Scouts were received by Most Rev. Alfred B. Leverman, Bishop of Saint John, N.B., at a special ceremony held in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception recently. Presentation of Badges and blessing of Religion and Life Awards also highlighted the ceremony.

## Scouts Trim Doon Trees

Forty-five Kitchener and Bridgeport, Ont., Scouts made their annual tree-trimming assault on the Kitchener

sewage treatment plant reforestation lot at Doon recently.

Participating under the direction of zone forester William Thurston and plant supervisor Ward Shantz, were Scouts of the 5th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 15th, 17th, 20th and 22nd Kitchener Troops and the 8th Bridgeport Troop.

The zone forester explained why certain trees had to be thinned. The branches trimmed off were used to build a fire for the Scouts to cook their lunch.

Scouters Don Smith, Walter Fixter, Richard Kirsh, Charles Geisel, Robert Simpson and Executive Commissioner T. L. Wheeler were in charge of the boys working in the bush.

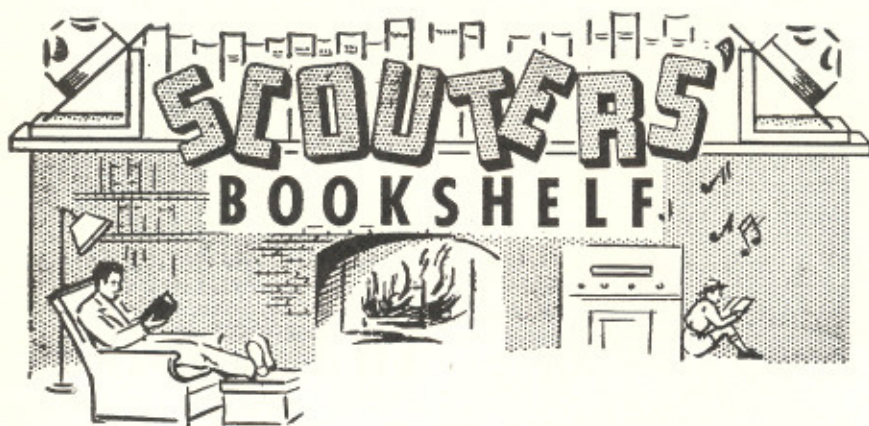
The Scouts will do a further tree-trimming job at the Waterloo sewage disposal plant bush very shortly.

## Troop Newspaper

We have just received a note from the Editor of the 82nd Buffalo, New York Troop, in which he asks if we would advise that his Troop Newspaper the TO-KALI would like to exchange with other Troop Newspapers. If you have a Troop Newspaper or a District Bulletin that you would like to exchange, please contact Mr. Kenneth M. King, 89 Grape Street, Buffalo 4, New York.

## Dedicate Scout Cabin

The Owl Patrol of the 1st Milton, N.S., Troop recently dedicated a new Scout cabin that had been erected to the memory of Queen's Scout "Bobby" Whynot, a member of the Patrol who lost his life in an auto accident in September 1951. The Owl Patrol are all Queen's Scouts and plan to use this log cabin as a meeting place for their Patrol, which will likely become a Rover Crew very soon.



**Autograph of God.** By Archer Wallace. Published by The Ryerson Press, Toronto, Ont. Price \$2.00.

This is one of the most refreshing books we have had the pleasure of reading for a long time. It is like a breath of fresh air rushing into the stuffy atmosphere of our everyday problems and anxieties. Dr. Wallace is a skilled author who is in love with life and fascinated by people. In this little book of short essays he shares with us many of his observations during a life that has been rich with many friendships and acquaintances. One writer has said after reading *Autograph of God*, "to read Dr. Wallace is like walking abroad with a naturalist." Everything becomes alive and vital in life and he helps us to place ourselves in proper perspective. Dr. Wallace has received international acclaim for his works for many years and typical of comments he has received is this one from David A. MacLennan, Professor of Homiletics at the Yale Divinity School, "If there are any citizens of civilized communities who have not discovered this Canadian wizard of heartening tales and essays, let all such get this book forthwith!" This book is highly recommended for all Scouters who enjoy good reading. G.N.B.

**Twice Over Lightly.** By Eric Nichol. Published by The Ryerson Press, Toronto, Ont. Price \$2.25.

Many and long have been the arguments about what can be classified as "Canadian Humour." I doubt that there is such a thing or can be in a country as heterogeneous as ours but certainly Eric Nichol has given Canadians and others throughout the world many hilarious hours. Many people point to the late Stephen Leacock as the foremost humourist of Canada and if you have enjoyed his writings then you will surely be highly entertained by Mr. Nichol's works. Most of us

suffer from lack of enough laughter in our lives and are inclined to blame our everyday need for making a living or the shroud of the A bomb and the H bomb. Most Scouters have found part of the answer by playing the game of Scouting where the boys we work with certainly provide many hours of lighthearted humour. This little book will help you keep up to your boys and shed still more rays of sunshine into your life. G.N.B.

**The Fur Brigade.** By Dickson Reynolds. Published by The Ryerson Press Limited, Toronto, Ont. Price \$3.25.

With marked success, Canadian authors are presenting us with Historical Novels which are providing excellent background for a clearer understanding of more formal works of Canadian History. By meeting, playing and working with our pioneers who carved a new nation, we are better able to appreciate all they did and feel great pride in their achievements. In this exciting novel, the author takes us to the side of a young boy in the employ of a large fur company in the interior of British Columbia. Walking with him we know the thrill of a boy making his dream come true as he is given permission to join a great Fur Brigade, under renowned leaders, in their long and dangerous trek to the coast. Every chapter and indeed almost every page leads on to excitement and thrilling episodes. If you think boys have changed very much over the years you will be in for a great surprise when you read the thoughts of the hero of this tale. This is the story of a boy who wanted what every Scout wants today—Adventure. This is a story for boys of Scout age but any "boy" of any age will enjoy reading this fine novel about Canada's storied past. G.N.B.

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*Coastal Region—Unattached Region:* 1st Bamfield, Pack; 1st Ucluelet, Pack and Troop; 1st Harrison Hot Springs, Pack and Troop; 1st Port Alice, Pack and Troop.

*Crow's Nest District:* 3rd Fernie, Pack.

*Northern Region—Unattached Groups:* 1st Bralorne, Pack.

*North Surrey Delta District:* 1st Hjorth Road, Pack and Troop; 1st Strawberry Hill, Pack; 1st Ladner, Pack; 1st Cloverdale, Troop.

*Okanagan South District:* 1st Penticton, Troop and Crew; 2nd Penticton, Troop; 5th Penticton, Pack; 1st Summerland, Pack.

*Trail-Roseland District:* 3rd Trail, Troop.

*Nelson District:* 1st Emerald, Pack and Troop; 1st Salmo, Pack and Troop; 6th Saviours, Troop.

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*North Burnaby District:* 1st North Burnaby, Troop.

*Unattached Interior Regions:* 1st Merritt, Pack and Troop; 1st Nakusp, Pack and Troop; 1st Riodel, Pack and Troop; 1st Grand Forks, Pack.

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*North Okanagan District:* 1st Vernon "A" and "B", Pack and Troop; 2nd Vernon, Pack and Troop; 3rd Vernon (Green) and (Blue), Packs; 4th Vernon, Pack and Troop; 5th Vernon, Pack; Coldstream, Pack and Troop; Armstrong, Troop.

*Prince Rupert District:* 1st Prince Rupert,

Pack and Troop; 2nd Prince Rupert, Pack and Troop; 3rd Prince Rupert, Pack; 4th Prince Rupert, Pack.

*Northern Region:* 1st McBride, Troop.

*Langley District:* 1st Langley, Troop; 2nd Langley, Pack; 1st Milner, Pack and Troop; 1st Otter, Pack; Murrayville, Pack and Troop.

*Duncan Chemainus District:* 2nd Chemainus, Pack; 1st Shawinigan Lake, Pack and Troop; 1st Quamichan, Pack and Troop; 1st Duncan "A" and "B", Packs and Troop; 2nd Duncan, Pack.

*Victoria District:* Baptist Emmanuel, Pack; Belmont "A" and "B", Packs; Cadboro Bay, Pack; 2nd Cathedral, Pack and Troop; Chinese, Pack; Colwood, Pack and Troop; Cordova Bay, Pack and Troop; Deep Cove, Pack and Troop; Dunsmuir, Pack; Elks Own, Pack and Troop; Esquimalt "A" and "B", Packs and Troop; Fairfield "A", "B" and "C", Packs and Troop; Garrison, Pack; George Vale "A", Pack and Troop; James Bay, Pack and Troop; Jordan River, Pack and Troop; Keating, Pack and Troop; Langford, Pack; Metchosin, Pack and Troop; Marigold, Troop; Mt. Tomie "B" and "C", Packs and Troop; N. Quadra "A" and "B", Packs and Troop; Oak Bay "A" and "B", Packs; Oaklands, Pack and Troop; Parkdale "A" and "B", Packs and Troop; Royal Oak, Pack and Troop; St. Johns, Pack; Saanich-ton, Pack; St. Louis College, Pack; St. Michaels, Pack; Sidney "A" and "B", Packs and Troop; Sooke, Troop; Tillicum "A" and "B", Packs and Troop; University School, Troop; Lions Own, Pack and Troop; View Royal, Pack and Troop; Lions Own Handicapped, Pack; Willows "A" and "B", Packs and Troop; Windsor Park "A" and "B", Packs and Troop.

*Kamloops District:* 1st Kamloops, Troop; 3rd Kamloops, Troop.

*Fort George District:* 2nd Prince George, Pack and Troop; 3rd Prince George, Pack.

*Omineca District:* 1st Fort St. James, Pack.

# PLAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS--1953

Here is the first list of units who have qualified for Plan Achievement Awards in 1953. All units who have achieved their targets will be listed in forthcoming issues of this magazine.

**Greater Vancouver District**

*Centre Area:* 8th Augustana, Pack; 50th "B" St. Giles, Pack and Troop; 65th Canadian Temple, Pack and Troop; 33rd Shamrocks, Troop; 70th Salvation Army Citadel, Troop.

*Dunbar Point-Grey:* 31st (1) Mowgli, Pack, (2) Seeonees, Pack; (3) Soangetaba, Pack; 31st Vancouver, Troop and Crew; 29th Vancouver, Troop; 34th Vancouver "A" and "B", Packs and Troop; 41st "B", Pack and Troop and Crew; 80th Vancouver, Pack and Troop; 89th Vancouver, Troop; 102nd Vancouver, Troop.

*East Area:* 1st Seymour, Pack; 24th St. Margarets "A", "B", "C", Packs and Troop; 26th St. Saviours, Pack and Troop; 28th Thunderbirds "A", "B", Packs and Troop; 69th Grandview Baptist, Pack; 94th Zion United "A" and "B", Packs and Troop.

*Kitsilano Fairview Area:* 5th Fairview Baptist, Pack and Troop; 15th Henry Hudson, Pack and Troop; 18th Skookums "A" and "B", Packs and Troop and Crew; 22nd Cdn. Memorial Church "A", "B" and "C", Packs and Troop; 35th Community Group, Pack; 38th Holy Trinity, Pack; 46th Crown Memorial, Troop; 47th St. Marks, Pack; 48th St. James "A", "B" and "C", Packs and Troop; 53rd Central Christian Church, Pack; 64th Chalmers United "C", Pack; 68th St. Chads Own, Pack.

*North Vancouver Area:* 4th North Vancouver, Pack and Troop; 5th North Vancouver, Troop; 7th North Vancouver, Troop; 8th North Vancouver "A", Pack; 12th North Vancouver "B", Pack; 14th North Vancouver, Troop.

*Richmond Area:* 1st Richmond, Troop; 4th Richmond, Pack and Troop; 5th Richmond, Pack; 7th Richmond, Pack; 8th Richmond, Pack and Troop; 9th Richmond, Pack and Troop.

*South East Area:* 7th Vancouver "A" and "B", Packs and Troops; 9th Vancouver, Pack and Troop; 49th Vancouver,

Troop; 55th Vancouver, Pack and Troop and Crew; 57th Vancouver "A" and "B", Packs and Troop; 83rd Vancouver, Pack; 87th Vancouver, Troop; 97th Vancouver, Pack and Troop; 101st Vancouver, Pack.

*West Vancouver Area:* 1st St. Stephens, Pack and Troop; 2nd West Vancouver St. Georges, Pack; 2nd West Vancouver St. Andrews, Pack; 3rd West Vancouver United Church, Pack; 4th West Vancouver Caulfield, (2) Packs and Troop; 5th Horseshoe Bay, Pack; 6th Lions Shada and Mang, Packs; 7th St. Christophers (2), Packs; 2nd West Vancouver, St. Patricks, Pack.

*Richmond Area:* 1st Richmond (St. Albans), Group; 4th Richmond (Steveston United Church), Group; 5th Richmond (South Arm United Church), Group; 8th Richmond (Brighthouse United), Group; 9th Richmond (R.C.A.F. Station), Group.

*Southeast Area:* 7th Vancouver Group and Ladies' Aux.; 9th Vancouver, Group; 55th Vancouver, Group and Ladies' Aux.; 57th Vancouver, Group; 97th Vancouver, Group.

*West Vancouver Area:* 1st West Vancouver, Group; 2nd West Vancouver, Group; 4th West Vancouver, Group; 6th West Vancouver, Group; 7th West Vancouver, Group.

#### GROUP COMMITTEES and GROUP LADIES' AUXILIARIES

16th Vancouver, Ladies' Aux.; 25th Vancouver, Ladies' Aux.; 31st Vancouver, Group and Ladies' Aux.; 34th Vancouver, Group; 41st Vancouver, Group and Ladies' Aux.; 80th Vancouver, Group and Ladies Aux.; 89th Vancouver, Group.

*East Area:* 24th St. Margarets, Group; 26th St. Saviours, Group; 28th Thunderbirds, Group; 69th Grandview Baptist, Group; 94th Zion, Group.

*Kitsilano-Fairview Area:* 15th Henry Hudson, Group; 5th Vancouver, Ladies' Aux.; 15th Vancouver, Ladies' Aux.; 22nd Vancouver, Ladies' Aux.; 53rd Vancouver, Ladies' Aux.; 48th Vancouver, Ladies' Aux.; 35th Mount Pleasant, Group; 38th Holy Trinity, Group; 68th St. Chads, Group.

*North Vancouver Area:* 3rd North Vancouver, Group and Ladies' Aux.; 4th North Vancouver, Group and Ladies' Aux.; 5th North Vancouver, Group; 6th North Vancouver, Group and Ladies' Aux.; 7th North Vancouver, Group; 8th North Vancouver, Group and Ladies' Aux.; 11th North Vancouver, Group and Ladies' Aux.; 12th North Vancouver, Group and Ladies' Aux.; 14th North Vancouver, Group.

#### ALBERTA

34th Calgary, Troop; 1st Banff, Troop; 1st Raymond, Troop; 18th Calgary, Pack and Troop; 1st Lloydminster, Troop.

#### ONTARIO

3rd London, Pack; 4th London, Troop; 5th London, Troop; 7th London, Troop; 9th London, Pack and Troop; 10th London, Pack; 11th "B" London, Pack; 12th London, Pack and Troop; 17th "B" London, Pack and Troop; 19th London, Troop; 20th London, Pack; 21st London, Pack and Troop; 24th London, Pack; 25th London, Pack and Troop; 26th London, Pack and Troop; 27th London, Pack and Troop; 30th London, Pack; 31st London, Troop;

42nd London, Pack; 45th London, Pack; 47th London, Pack; 56th London, Pack; 60th London, Pack; 1st Blenheim, Troop; 44th Toronto, Pack; 53rd Toronto, Troop; 87th Toronto, Troop; 237th Toronto, Pack; 244th Toronto, Pack; 1st Prescott, Pack; 3rd Prescott, Pack; 1st Chesterville, Pack and Troop; 1st Norwich, Pack and Troop; 2nd Tillsonburg, Troop; 1st Windsor (Mowgli), Pack; 16th Windsor, Pack; 22nd Windsor, Troop; 23rd Windsor, Pack; 24th Windsor (Seconee), Pack and Troop; 41st Windsor, Pack; 43rd Windsor (Seconee) and (Mowgli), Packs; 58th Windsor, Pack; 1st Belleville, Troop; 2nd Belleville, Troop; 4th Belleville, Pack and Troop; 5th Belleville, Pack; 8th Belleville, Pack; 152nd Toronto, Troop; 52nd Toronto, Crew; 146th Toronto, Pack; 80th Toronto, Troop; 4th Toronto, Troop; 71st Toronto, Troop; 90th Toronto, Pack; 172nd Toronto, Pack; 185th Toronto, Pack; 2nd Perth, Pack; 2nd Timmins, Pack and Troop; 4th Timmins, Troop; 5th Timmins, Troop; 6th Timmins, Pack and Troop; 7th Timmins, Pack; 11th Timmins, Troop; 7th St. Thomas, Pack; 8th St. Thomas, Pack; 3rd Toronto, Pack; 12th Toronto, Pack and Troop; 32nd Toronto, Pack and Troop; 28th Toronto, Troop and Crew; 65th Toronto, Troop; 66th Toronto, Pack and Troop; 74th Toronto, Pack and Troop; 79th "B" Toronto, Pack and Troop; 102nd Toronto, Troop; 121st Toronto, Pack; 178th Toronto, Pack; 241st Toronto, Pack; 504th Toronto, Pack and Troop; 1st Iroquois, Pack and Troop.

#### QUEBEC

St. Thomas (33rd Montreal), Eastern District, Pack; Westmount Park, Westmount District, Pack; Crawford Park United, Southern District, Pack; All Saints

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#### NOVA SCOTIA

1st Westville, Pack; 1st Sherbrooke, Troop; 1st New Ross, Pack and Troop; 1st Liverpool, Troop; 5th Truro, Pack.



Scouts and Scouters of Sussex, N.B., are helping the New Brunswick Travel Bureau in their effort to stamp out Ragweed throughout the Province. Above a group of Scouts are shown pulling the weed on Sussex's Main Street. Have you performed a Community Good Turn?



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# INFORMATION PLEASE!

Many of our readers expressed interest in the series of questions and answers for Group Committeemen which appeared in the February issue of *The Scout Leader*. We hope you will enjoy this set and make sure your Group Committee see them.

**QUESTION 1.** What would you suggest as a minimum and maximum number for Group Committee?

**ANSWER.** We are on a very risky ground when we try to generalize on a question like this. Every situation must be judged on its own merits. P.O. & R. states that a Committee may not consist of less than three persons. However, experience seems to indicate that the minimum called for in the rule is not sufficient if a Group Committee is to do all that it is supposed to do, without causing a heavy load to be carried by a few people.

The free pamphlet "Group Committee Working Kit" suggests that a Group Committee should consist of a Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Chairman of a Sub-Committee on Camping and Activities and a Chairman on a Sub-Committee for Training and Advancement. The Sub-Committees should consist of at least two persons each. This, then, calls for a Group Committee of at least seven persons. Where this plan is followed successful Group Committee operations seem to be the result.

Some Group Committees have found it a good practice to have a Vice-Chairman. The purpose of having a Vice-Chairman is two fold. First, to have an Officer who can substitute in the absence of the Chairman. Secondly, to have a man in training to succeed the Group Committee Chairman. This works out very well where it is understood that terms of office will be limited to two or three year periods.

**QUESTION 2.** Should we invite ladies to act on our Group Committees?

**ANSWER.** Once again this depends upon the local situation. There is nothing in the rules to prohibit a lady from becoming a member of a Group Committee and if the sponsoring insti-

tution wishes to appoint a lady they are quite at liberty to do so. However, experience seem to indicate that ladies can serve best on a Ladies' Auxiliary. They seem to find more to interest themselves by being associated with a group of Cub and Scout mothers; and furthermore the objectives of the Ladies' Auxiliary are such that it helps their boy be a better Cub or Scout.

It must be remembered that a Ladies' Auxiliary is formed at the request of a Group Committee. In effect, they are a Sub-Committee of the Group Committee. As their name implies they are Auxiliary. It has been found good practice to have an officer of the Ladies' Auxiliary sit in on Group Committee meetings and report as to the progress of the Ladies' Auxiliary. On the agenda of the Group Committee meeting this would come under the heading of reports of Sub-Committees and the ladies would report at the same time as the Camping and Activities and Training and Advancement Sub-Committees.

**QUESTION 3.** Why is our Committee asked to pay a quota to a District or Provincial Headquarters?

**ANSWER.** We must keep in mind that the Boy Scouts Association is a very large organization and it does require some administration and hence administrative costs. Furthermore, when a sponsor accepts a charter to operate a Boy Scout Group it is understood between the sponsor and the Boy Scouts Association that the Association will train leaders proposed by the Group Committee. This all costs money. The Association operates many things that benefit the local Group directly or indirectly and all of these activities and projects do not produce any revenue but actually cost money. For example, many books are subsidized. Pamphlets and promotional

material are free. This very magazine is given free to the majority of people who receive it. The list of services is really endless.

Now who pays for this? Money comes from many sources. A glance through the Annual Report of the Canadian General Council will indicate the exact source of revenue. Similarly a perusal of your District or Provincial Annual Report will reveal where the money comes from. A small portion of the revenue does come from quotas as it is felt that the Group who actually receive the benefit of all that Senior Headquarters do should make some contribution for the services they do receive.

You may be interested to know that Groups pay quotas to Districts—Districts to Provinces—Provinces to Canadian Headquarters—and Canadian Headquarters to the International Bureau. A portion of the money you pay as a quota eventually finds its way to the Interantional Bureau to promote good Scouting throughout the World. This is indeed a concrete example of living the Scout Law of Brotherhood.

**QUESTION 4.** Our Scouts and Scouters are taking part in a programme of training. We don't seem to know very much about the methods used to put across the ideals of Scouting. Is there any short course we can take, and how do we go about receiving assistance?

**ANSWER.** I suggest you ask your District Commissioner to conduct a "Scouting Explained" Training Course which is designed primarily for Group Committees. This Course may be conducted in one evening of four or five hours or you may wish to have it spread across several Group Committee meetings. Some Committees have found it very beneficial to have one of the yarns given on the Course at



each Group Committee meeting over a period of months.

If you decide to have this Course put on in one evening or maybe two, why not invite the members of your Ladies' Auxiliary to join you on this Course. It will be interesting to them and you will get a Group of well informed supporters to assist you even further.

**QUESTION 5.** Several of our members have been asked from time to time to speak to Service Clubs, etc., on Scouting. Where can we obtain information for such an address?

**ANSWER.** Canadian Headquarters puts out a great many pamphlets concerning information to be disseminated to the general public. Ask your Provincial or District Office to send you copies of the pamphlets "Fundamentals of the Scout Method", "Scouting as Practical Training for Citizenship", "What Scouting Is and Does", "Important Facts About Scouting". I also suggest you peruse a copy of "Scouting for Boys". You will find many good ideas in this basic book of Scouting.

May I suggest that at your regular Group Committee meetings you set apart ten or fifteen minutes for the purpose of learning a little more about Scouting. You may get your Scouters to give a short address at each meeting or ask one of the District Scouters to attend the odd meeting and make a presentation. Your Training and Advancement Chairman may wish to use the above suggested pamphlets as a basis for a series of talks to the Group Committee.

**QUESTION 6.** Our Group will be without a meeting place in six months. There is no other hall available for such activities. Should we consider building a Scout hut?

**ANSWER.** This is really a matter for the Sponsoring Institution to decide.

It is the sponsor's responsibility to provide a suitable meeting place for its Scout Group.

However, if the Sponsoring Authority feels there is a need to construct a Scout hut they should proceed with caution. The holding of real estate in the name of The Boy Scouts Association has legal implications. It would be just as well if the sponsor and the Group Committee consult the Provincial Council concerning our policy regarding real property before any steps are instituted to proceed with the plans for the building of a Scout hut.

You state there is no other hall available for Scout activities. I strongly urge you to review this situation thoroughly. Experience seems to indicate that in the majority of communities throughout Canada meeting halls are available. True, they may not have all the facilities and may not be constructed just the way we would wish but good Scouting has been done under adverse conditions. Troops have been known to carry on on a Patrol basis with each Patrol meeting in turn in the homes of its members. When the Troop gets together they do so out-of-doors and carry on all activities out-of-doors.

**QUESTION 6**

How often should the Group Committee meet?

**ANSWER**

This will depend upon the local situation. Some Committees prefer to meet regularly once a month on a specific day of the month, others prefer to meet quarterly. Still others prefer to meet when the need arises. However, there is a danger in not setting some kind of a specific pattern of meeting as interest is apt to fail and the Committee will cease to function efficiently.

Experience seems to indicate that the Committee that meets on a specific day every month gets things done.

## PROFICIENCY BADGE INFORMATION



How many Scouts in your Troop hold the above Proficiency Badges? Through the pages of *The Junior Leader* in the past and in issues now in the planning stage, we have provided a great deal of information designed to help Scouts gain the badges illustrated.

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## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Judging from the number of letters and comments received about the questions which appeared under this heading in the February issue of this magazine, we feel sure that you will be interested in a summary of the discussions from the Quebec Provincial Scouters' Conference. These are not the answers to the questions but rather one group of Scouters' opinions in a summarized form.



(1) Here our two groups were very unanimous. It has been discussed much today that the boy is more important than the Troop's standing and, definitely, the P.L. of the Moose Patrol should be given the job, trusted and encouraged to do it well. With the ten days available, a little follow-up should ensure that it would be, but, regardless, the Troop should stand or fall on his performance.

(2) While we confess that none of us had been perhaps entirely free from the temptation to "paddle" and some of us had, upon occasion, fallen into the error, there is no doubt as to principle—*paddling should not be done*—especially by the P.L. However, as to what should be done, we thought in this question that we should know more about the boy—whether he was just a naturally high-spirited boy or a "Bad Egg", as sometimes occurs, or a special problem. He was obviously a new Scout, due to his age, and also it was early in the Camp period. We thought that, perhaps, the answer would be for the S.M. to take him aside and have a quiet talk along the lines of reminding him of his Scout Promise and Law. We felt that for most cases this would have the desired effect.

(3) Well, here again, the re-action was rather automatic. They would resign! That was not our official decision however. Some of us would just faint! We thought that here was a typical example of the need for early contact between the Cubmaster and the Scoutmaster as to the boys who would be coming up over the next year or so. We thought that it should not have been a shock to that Scoutmaster to know that they were coming up. Several suggestions were made but they all reflected purely local conditions. Perhaps, the final answer would depend on your local conditions. Sorry, we can't give you a group answer on that one.

(4) What has happened is the result of short-sightedness on the part of the Scoutmaster and, obviously, the line that said he had depended on the P.L.s for everything was, perhaps, the key note. Because he had depended on

them to such an extent, he had kept them there too long not allowing any natural progression in the Patrols. He had lost the boys immediately behind that group of sixteen, seventeen year olds so that he didn't have, possibly, the Seconds to fall back on. The recommendation, which is not entirely the answer to the question, was that we shouldn't keep our P.L.s too long and should provide some outlet. The Rovers, naturally, disagreed with one of the suggestions put forward but it was one which we felt may have to exist. That is, to provide some sort of bridge between the Scout Troop and the Rover Crew depending on their ages, of course. You can have P.L.s who have been in there two or three years and yet have not reached Rover age. It may be necessary that they be moved in order to make way for the other boys coming up, in which case we would recommend a Senior Patrol until they are of Rover age. For the present, our only recommendation would be to do all possible to repair the damage by perhaps getting those fourteen or fifteen years olds, which we have lost, back into the Troop, and getting the sixteen and seventeen year olds into Rovers. Here again, is an example of the need for long-term planning.

(5) As an A.S.M. we thought that was rather a ticklish question but we had to presume that the A.S.M.'s opinion as to the S.M.'s ability was correct. Also that he had given his views to the Scoutmaster and they were either ignored or disagreed with. Based on that we thought that the A.S.M. should discuss the matter with the District Scouter because we thought it to be a technical problem. If there was something indicated in the question as to whether the man was fit to handle boys, then it should be discussed with the Group Committee.

(6) Well, as far as the discussion groups were concerned there was no doubt that we would go ahead and appoint new P.L.s and, encourage the older boys to go on into Rovers. If there was not a Crew available at the time, they could be formed into a Senior Patrol, used temporarily as

Troop Leaders and Quartermasters and so forth. Naturally, the Rover section thought this was evading the question, but there was a feeling that the special duties only be a temporary measure and that undoubtedly the Scouter had an obligation to help form a Rover Crew where none existed.

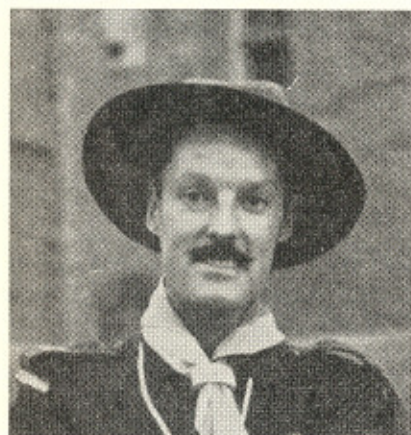
(7) Undoubtedly this is a question we have all run across which we felt could be answered simply. First, in ourselves remembering that there is no "general" standard for tests and badges. That it has to be, or is, according to the individual effort and proficiency of the boy. All we had to do was to remind the P.L.s that they have promised to do their best and that the other Troop's standards were really no concern of theirs—they had given their promise to do their best—and in so doing try to build up pride in their own Troop's standards without regard to standards of any other Troop. There was some discussion, of course, as to how much farther we should take it from this answer to bring some uniformity throughout the district. This worked all the way from challenging the other Troop to a "Field Day" and thereby showing the difference in standards although we agreed that this would only confirm our own P.L.'s views, but it might improve the standard in the other Troop rather than effecting any change in ours. It was also suggested that the question be discussed with the District Commissioner.

(8) Well, we feel that the basic fault comes down to that little emphasis on "the programme *you* are running" and we were quite unanimous in our opinion that the proper use of the Patrol System and Court of Honour by having the P.L.s plan and run the programmes, would answer this question of the basic fault and would also answer the second part as to how we could retrieve the situation.

(9) This was one question in the discussion in which we got far away from the subject. However, we did generally agree that part of the error was undoubtedly in having Johnny come up at age 11, although it was conceded possible that he was one of

those truly bright boys who did get ahead and therefore, as far as tests were concerned was ready for Scouting earlier than the rest of the Cubs. We feel though that had there again been this contact between Scoutmaster and Cubmaster and knowledge of the boy coming up, the Scoutmaster would know something about the problem he was likely to face. There were several methods, all of which lead to trying to slow the boy down. One being to see, because he is the brighter type, that a higher standard of his tests be required as he passes the various skills. He should have been instructed by the Scouter that there are certain age requirements and why it is important and necessary that he stay within the time limits. Others suggested building his interest in Proficiency Badges, along with Grade Tests and gradually try to slow him down. He also should be encouraged to help with their skills.

(10) We thought probably that this was answered due to the fact that we had already decided in our previous questions that we should allow the young fellows of fourteen or fifteen years of age to advance and encourage boys to go into Rovers upon reaching the age of sixteen. If there was a Crew immediately available encourage him to go directly into that rather than make a place for him in the Troop. Failing that, use him as an Instructor, a Cub Instructor, or as a Troop Leader with special duties, but don't upset the normal line of progression of those fourteen or fifteen year olds.



SCOUTER BRUCE COOMBES  
Ville St. Laurent, Que.

We thought you might like to see a picture of the winner of the Jamboree Crest Design Competition announced in the last issue of *The Scout Leader*. Bruce is a New Canadian, 38 years old, who has been active in Scouting here and in England for many years.

## Trigger Topics:

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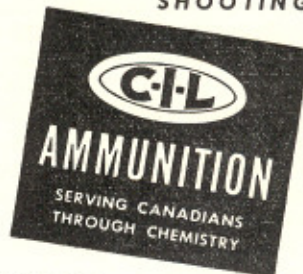
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## TAKE THE PACK OUTDOORS

By CUBMASTER DOROTHY DALTON, Sidney, British Columbia

Cubs learn a great deal more and enjoy testing their skills when they are conducted outdoors. Here is what one Akela thinks.

**B**EFORE we can answer this question, we must of course be quite familiar with *The Wolf Cub's Handbook*, and then if we are quite honest with ourselves, I am sure that most of us will have to admit that we are not taking every opportunity to use the OUT in our Pack Programmes.

Let us examine ourselves and see WHERE and WHY we fail. Perhaps we have just taken a District Training Course in which the OUT has been strongly brought before us and we go forth with fresh and new ideas and a strong determination to put the OUT into practice. Or, perhaps, we have just successfully completed our Part I Gilwell Correspondence in which we have been able to put down in black and white "How best can we give our Cubs the "OUT" in Cubbing?", but the question is, "Are we putting that knowledge into actual practice in our Cub Activities"? Perhaps at first we do, but when the Winter months are with us and our outside activities are limited, we gradually slip little by little, often without realizing it, into a rut, and our Pack Meetings become cut and dried and we find ourselves sticking more and more to our Pack Dens and the OUT is gradually lost sight of. However, even during the winter months, we can bring the OUTDOORS indoors by 1) Yarns about wild life and their winter habits, 2) By keeping a Nature Log in which are recorded the changes in nature,—the trees, the absence of certain birds or the first flight of geese flying south, etc., but, the Game of Cubbing as the Chief meant it to be, is essentially an OUT-OF-DOORS affair, and Akela's real opportunity comes in the Spring, Summer and Fall.

The Cub is naturally curious. Are we, through the Study of Nature, satisfying his curiosity and his wish to explore and awaken in him the wonders of God? Through OUT-OF-DOOR training, the Cub will develop a love of Nature, an appreciation of beauty and an increased capacity for the simple pleasures of life. Are we helping our Cubs to do this? For example: To tell a Cub that his Duty to God means

that he must be the best kind of fellow he knows how to be, say his prayers regularly and to attend his Church and Sunday School, will leave him quite cold, BUT take him OUT in the wide open spaces where he is close to Nature, and without his being aware of it, he will come closer to God than anything Akela can teach him in the Pack Den.

Let us ask ourselves a few questions—

1. Do we take our Cubs OUT when we are teaching them the Points of the Compass?
2. Do we take them OUT when we are instructing them to be Observant of the Seasonal changes in the trees, or when we are studying the habits of wild life?
3. Do we take them OUT when we are instructing on the GUIDE Badge and actually visiting the places with which we want them to be familiar—The Police Station, the Fire Hall, the Doctor's office, the Drug Store, Hospital or Public Telephone?
4. Do we take our Pack OUT for Nature rambles with the definite object of identifying certain trees, shrubs, etc., and ending up with a real camp fire with songs, play-acting and yarns, with now and

again a weiner or marshmallow roast for special occasions?

5. Do we take our Pack OUT on a clear cold Fall night, when we can observe the stars, and when we can develop the other senses of Hearing, Smelling and Feeling in the dark?
6. Do we encourage our 10-year-old Cubs to go to Cub Camp where he will experience the thrill of playing, eating and sleeping in the OUT-DOORS?

These are only a few ideas, but I think you will agree, contain much food for thought.

Cubs are always willing to go OUT, but real effort and determination are needed on the part of the Old Wolves. Akela will have to plan the Pack activities well and with a very definite object in view. If we will do our best to digest every "Bite" that the Chief has given us in *The Wolf Cub's Handbook* and put these "Bites" into actual practice, then I am sure our Cubbing will be the "OUT" game that "B.P." meant it to be, and we shall be able to answer "Yes" to the question "ARE WE GIVING OUR CUBS THE 'OUT' IN CUBBING AS LAID DOWN FOR US BY B.P.?"



There is a great difference between sending semaphore across the floor of an indoor meeting hall and actually sending it outdoors with a proper background. Why not plan a ramble now that will include some time for your Cubs to practice such skills as signalling in the great outdoors. It is much more fun for the boys and for you.

**All Eyes Looking Toward Niagara-on-the-Lake -- in 1955**

# STORIES FOR CUBS AND SCOUTS

## The Story of Bozo, the Elephant

THIS is the true story of Bozo, the circus elephant, who was sentenced to death. Bozo had always been a well-behaved beast, and the children loved him. In the centre of the circus-ring he used to waltz and pirouette as a dancer; he would lie down and play dead. At the grand final act of the circus, he would lead the band, carrying the flag of the United States in his trunk. But no more. Three times within a week he had tried to kill his keeper. He had roared at boys and girls with peanuts as if he would like to trample them down. Nothing, it seemed, would calm him down; so Bozo must be put to death.

The Manager, who must have had a hard heart, decided to make up for the loss of Bozo by selling tickets to those who wished to see Bozo shot. Crowds filled the great circus tent that Saturday morning, and they saw a pile of rifles, stacked and ready. Bozo, behind the bars of a large circular cage, trudged around a never-ending circle, as if he well knew what was coming.

Outside the cage, stood the ring-master, in a shiny top-hat and tail-coat. He was just about to give the signal for the shooting to begin, when a hand was laid on his shoulder. Beside him stood a short man, with a small brown moustache, with thick glasses, and a brown derby hat.

"Do you really want to kill that elephant?", asked the short man. "Wouldn't you rather keep him alive?"

"No chance", said the ring-master, "he is a bad elephant, nothing can make him well again".

"Let me go into the cage", said the short man, "and in two minutes I will show you you're wrong".

Then the unknown man quickly removed his hat and coat. He removed his glasses and tucked them in his waistcoat pocket. "Now", he said calmly "you may open the door".

At the rattle of the lock, Bozo halted. He turned bloodshot eyes towards the steel door. The little man stepped inside and slammed the door behind him.

Bozo gave a warning squall of temper. But softly the small man began to speak. At the first few words, the elephant became suddenly quiet. The spectators could hear clearly what the little man said, but they could not recognize a word. It was a strange

language, but to their surprise, Bozo seemed to understand it. The huge body remained stiff, as if paralyzed; while the droning voice went on. Presently everyone heard a new cry; a small cry from the dangerous animal, like the cry of a small child. The enormous head began to wag from side to side. Now the little man came nearer. He lifted his hand and patted the long trunk. With the end of it curled around his wrist, he slowly began to walk with the elephant round and round the cage.

Finally the little man left the cage and asked for his hat and coat. "There is nothing bad about Bozo" he told the ring-master. "He was just homesick. Anybody can get homesick. I talked to him in Hindustani—he's an Indian elephant and that is the language he used to hear. He will be all right now for a long time".

With those words the little man disappeared in the crowd. His name—Rudyard Kipling.



## The Story of a Scout Hero

By B. H. MORTLOCK

Executive Commissioner for Publications, Canadian Headquarters

ON November 14th last, the Chief Scout for Canada, Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, C.H., Governor General of Canada, officiated at an impressive ceremony in the Ballroom of Government House, Ottawa, when awards for gallantry were presented to a number of Scout recipients. Following the ceremony the Deputy Chief Scout, Mr. Jackson Dodds, C.B.E., entertained the recipients at a luncheon in Ottawa's Chateau Laurier.

I happened to be sitting next to a 16 year old Montreal Scout, David Perlman, who had been decorated with the Silver Cross. David was the kind of boy you would conjure up in your mind as the picture of a real Scout. He was obviously the type of boy who loved the out-of-doors. He was clean cut and smartly uniformed—and he

was, as all Scouts should be, very modest. So I had little success in obtaining from him the details of the action which had brought him the award of the Silver Cross.

But the records at Canadian Headquarters reveal the facts—and here they are.

June 17th, 1952 dawned clear and sunny—the sort of Saturday David Perlman, his young cousin and his two uncles had hoped for when they planned their fishing trip to Lake Blanche, Que. It was a happy quartette which piled its gear and lunch into the car and headed for the lake. Parking the car a mile from the lake, they hit off along the trail through the woods, loaded their gear into the rowboat—and away for a day's fishing.

If you're acquainted with the lakes in that part of Canada, you'll know that sudden squalls are likely to descend over the lake and play havoc with a small rowboat. And that is just what happened that Saturday morning.

Sweeping across the lake the wind and waves soon capsized the small boat, and its four occupants were thrown into the water—two of them non-swimmers. But David Perlman was a Scout, both skilled and prepared, and perhaps what was more important on this occasion—he kept his head.

As the boat capsized the anchor dropped. Calling to his companions to hang on to the boat, he pulled his Scout knife and cut the anchor loose. Calmly advising his relatives to hang on for all they were worth, he took the rope and swam through the rough waters, pulling the boat 125 feet to shore. Some idea of the task he undertook is revealed in the fact that it took thirty minutes to get the boat to shore.

Here, one of the uncles collapsed from exhaustion, as David in his bare feet ran the mile to the parked car, and returned to the scene to take his relatives to their homes.

David Perlman would be the very last person to call himself a hero, but he did exhibit in the best tradition those traits of a good Scout—preparedness, skill, quick thinking, and cool headedness. It was for these traits, so well exemplified, that David Perlman stood last November 14th before the Chief Scout for Canada to receive the Silver Cross.

## OPERATION "NITE-FLITE"

### Outline of Game

THE Troop will be divided into two equal teams, Smugglers and Revenue Men. The Smugglers will endeavour to deliver their loot to an individual, known to them personally but, unfortunately, known only by description to the Revenue Men.

#### Smugglers

Rendezvous for the Smugglers will be in front of the Public Library. The loot will be divided among all participants. The contact man will be made known to them—the password disclosed and the general area in which the contact man is to be found. Smugglers may cross the river via the Low Level, 105th Street or High Level Bridges. No cycles may be used, no hitching of rides in cars or trucks. If you decide to cross the bridge on foot, only the regular pedestrian walks may be used. Each Smuggler will be provided with fare for two trips on a city bus. Any bus crossing the three bridges mentioned above may be used.

#### Revenue Men

Revenue men *must* remain on the south side of the river and may *not* cross any bridges. They must *not* be within 50 yards of the approach to any of the bridges. Revenue men will be provided with fare for three bus trips. Revenue men will have a complete description of the contact man, the password and the general area in which he may be found.

#### Tagging

Members of both teams will wear Scout Hat, Neckerchief and Shirt, hats must be worn at all times and may not be carried in the hand or otherwise camouflaged. Smugglers *will not* offer flight, fight or create other disturbance. Once they are spotted, on a bus for instance, he will sit or stand quietly—accept from the Revenue man a card showing he is out of the game. The Smuggler must then return to the hall as quickly as possible, using his card as a pass through the Revenue lines.

If on the street, the Revenue man must be close enough to recognize the Smuggler and on calling his name, the Smuggler must stop and be tagged with the card, then returning to the Hall.

Should the Revenue men identify the Contact man they will be credited with all loot delivered to him. They will be given a card by the Contact man

and the Revenue men will then continue on the lookout for the Smugglers.

#### Timing

All watches of both teams will be synchronized with the 6.00 p.m. radio time of Station CBX. All members of both teams must watch the time in order that the game may be concluded and all members accounted for in good time. Please note that all members of both teams *must* be in the Scout Hall at 9.00 p.m. The Contact man will leave his position at 8.30 p.m. and there will, therefore, be no point in continuing the game from either side after that time. Both teams may return to the Hall free of tagging after 8.30 p.m. Points will be deducted from both sides for all members returning after 9.00 p.m.

#### Courtesy Pays

Remember this is a Wide Game. You will be *meeting, riding, talking* with the public. Always act in a courteous manner. Do not run, jump, hide or otherwise disturb passengers on any public conveyance. Take your seat and remain there—acting as if you were on any normal trip. If you see a Revenue man get on the bus—accept your card graciously—proceed to the nearest stop to Headquarters and get off.

Revenue Men too, must take care in dealing with the public. *Do not* stop a bus and ask if there are any Scouts on as passengers. Revenue men *must not* ask for transfers. Once your 3 tickets are used up, you must content yourself with tagging the men on the street.

*All of you are in Scout uniform*—the success of this and future games will depend on all members going quietly about their business without disturbance of any kind to the public at large.

—4th Edmonton Venturer Troop

#### SLEEPING BAGS \$8.95

2 Bags for \$17.50. New Army type bag. Olive drab heavy covering. Fully wool and cotton batt filling. Zipper Side closing. Inner lining is warm flannel Kasha. Size 32" x 76". Plump pillow is attached.

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Here are four (4) small booklets for Leaders which have recently been approved by Headquarters for Canadian use.



No. 1—100 IDEAS FOR TROOP MEETINGS: Troop Meetings ought to be so good that Scouts can't bear to miss them. So good that the Scout goes home saying: "We had a dandy Troop Meeting tonight". This booklet will give you many ideas for an interesting Troop Meeting.

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# HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

His Excellency the Right Honourable 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, 1954.

## Silver Fox—1

*To non-residents of Canada for Services of Exceptional Character to Scouting*

The Lord Rowallan, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland.

## Silver Acorn—2

*For Distinguished Service*

Lieutenant Colonel H. J. Heasley, Waterloo, Ontario.  
Mr. Arthur H. Ward, Ottawa, Ontario.

## Bronze Cross—1

*For Gallantry with Special Heroism*  
(Posthumous)

Late Scout Ernest Villeneuve, 14, 3rd Troop, The Pas, Manitoba.—For his outstanding bravery in rescuing his sisters from their burning home at the cost of his own life.

## Silver Cross—2

*For Gallantry with Considerable Risk*

Scout Peter Smith, 10th Toronto Troop, Toronto, Ont.—For his presence of mind in rescuing a boy from drowning in the Georgian Bay near Meaford, Ont.

Scout Alastair Watson, 1st Three Rivers Troop, Three Rivers, Que.—For his presence of mind in rescuing Mrs. Beaudry and her son from the St. Maurice River.

## Gilt Cross—5

*For Gallantry with Moderate Risk*

Scout Robert Ronald Richardson, 6th Windsor Troop, Riverside, Ont.—For his presence of mind in rescuing Danny Hastings after a sail boat they were in capsized on the Detroit River.

Scout Ralph London, 6th Troop, Hampton, N.B.—For his quick thinking and presence of mind in rescuing John E. Riley from the Kennebecasis River after he had fallen off of a bridge, striking his head on the rocks of the abutment and falling into the water in an unconscious state.

Cub Brian Kilby, 1st Chesterville Pack, Chesterville, Ont.—For his quick thinking and presence of mind in rescuing Anne Kelly a non-swimmer who had fallen into a hole below the dam on the Nation River where the children were playing.

Scout John Dirom, 1st Somenos Troop, Duncan, B.C.—For his presence of mind in helping in the rescue of Billy Davis, a non-swimmer who was in danger of drowning in Somenos Lake when the boat they were in filled with water.

Scout Howard Bell, 1st Somenos Troop, Duncan, B.C.—For his presence of mind in helping in the rescue of Billy Davis, a non-swimmer, from Somenos Lake and then giving him artificial respiration until he recovered.

## Medal for Meritorious Conduct—2

Scout Earl Malcolm Tryburn, 12th Port Arthur Troop, Port Arthur, Ont.—For the calm and efficient way in which he rescued two little girls from McVicar's Creek.

Cub James Lovegrove, 1st Parkdale Pack, Montreal, Que.—For the calm and efficient way in which he, although seriously injured, fetched help for his brother when they fell into a quarry.

## Certificate of Merit for Gallantry—1

Scout Robert Patrick Byrne, 1st Blairmore Lions Troop, Blairmore, Alta.—For his presence of mind in rescuing Scout David Morrison who had slipped through a hole in the ice on the Crow's Nest River.

## Certificate for Meritorious Conduct—7

A.S.M. Lloyd Fear, Storer Troop, St. Lambert, Montreal, Que.—For his quick thinking and presence of mind in connection with the apprehension of two men who endeavoured to rob St. Lambert's Church.

Scout Guy Sinnett, 1st Gaspé Troop, Gaspé, Gaspé County, Que.—For the prompt and efficient manner in which he rescued Lionel Sinnett after he had fallen through very thin ice in Gaspé Bay.

Scout Peter Anderson, 1st Eastend Troop, Eastend, Sask.—For the prompt and efficient manner in which he rescued Darlene Smith after she had fallen in a hole in the Frenchman River.

Cub Harold Paul Sjostrom, 1st Youbou Pack, Youbou, B.C.—For the prompt and efficient manner in which he rescued Virginia Martin and Floyd Dan Martin after they had fallen off a log into Lake Cowichan.

Scout Robert Miltmore, 1st Chesterville Troop, Chesterville, Ont.—For the prompt and efficient manner in which he assisted in the rescue of Clare Hartwell who had floated out on a log near the dam on the Nation River.

Scout Adrien La Flamme, 1st Chesterville Troop, Chesterville, Ont.—For the prompt and efficient manner in which he assisted in the rescue of Clare Hartwell who had floated out on a log near the dam on the Nation River.

Scout Meredith Barker, 1st Chesterville Troop, Chesterville, Ont.—For the prompt and efficient manner in which he assisted in the rescue of Clare Hartwell who had floated out on a log near the dam on the Nation River.

## Certificate of Merit for Good Services to Scouting—2

John Henderson, St. James, Man.—For his good services to Scouting with the Greater Winnipeg Council.

Colin McPhie, President, South Shore District Council, Longueil, Que.—For his good services to Scouting with the South Shore District Council.

## Bar to the Medal of Merit—3

*For Additional Good Services to Scouting*

George E. Groombridge, Past District Commissioner, Peterborough, Ont.

W. G. Loney, Assistant District Commissioner, Kitchener, Ont.

Neil A. McLennan, District Scoutmaster, Flin Flon, Man.

## Medal of Merit—16

*For Good Services to Scouting*

John J. Brookes, Asst. Area Commissioner, (Rovers), Toronto Centre Area, Willowdale, Ont.

Robert Stanley Brown, Rover Leader of the 66th Toronto Crew, Toronto, Ont.



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John Donald Carmichael, Asst. Area Commissioner, Rovers, Toronto North Area, Toronto, Ont.

Arthur Copeland, Asst. Area Commissioner, Badges, Toronto East Area, Toronto, Ont.

David R. Dills, Scoutmaster, 1st Acton Troop, Acton, Ont.

Frederick J. Huish, Field Commissioner, Greater Vancouver District, North Vancouver, B.C.

Ernest Kumm, District Commissioner, Foremost, Alta.

John F. McCracken, District Cubmaster, Ottawa, Ont.

Lloyd Nyland, Scoutmaster, Waterloo, Ont.

George P. Offer, District Cubmaster, Ottawa, Ont.

Louis Pronovost, Commissioner for Scouts, La Federation des Scouts Catholiques de la Province de Quebec, Montreal, Que.

Father Alexander Renaud, Chaplain, La Federation des Scouts Catholiques de la Province de Quebec, Quebec City, Que.

Frederick Archibald Richens, President, Edmonton District Council, Edmonton, Alta.

Wilfred G. Shiner, Secretary, Peterborough Local Association, Peterborough, Ont.

Eric Stanley Tanton, District Commissioner, Summerside, P.E.I.

Miss Ethel Young, District Cubmaster, Winnipeg, Man.

## Letter of Commendation for Meritorious Conduct

James Ellis, 1st Paisley Troop, Paisley, Ont.—For the meritorious manner in which he rescued Gail MacNeill who had fallen into the Teeswater River.

Scout James Hagen, 1st Wallaceburg Troop, Wallaceburg, Ont.—For the meritorious manner in which he assisted in the rescue of Herman Smith from the North Branch of the Sydenham River.

Scout Bruce Hunter, 1st Wallaceburg Troop, Wallaceburg, Ont.—For the meritorious manner in which he assisted in the rescue of Herman Smith from the North Branch of the Sydenham River.

Scout Aubrey Hollis, Centenary Queen Square Troop, Saint John, N.B.—For the meritorious manner in which he assisted in the rescue of Carol Louise Cross, who had fallen in the water at Likely's Beach, East St. John.

Cub Barry Millett, 175th B Toronto Pack, Toronto, Ont.—For the meritorious manner in which he assisted his grandmother out of her burning cottage when the kitchen took fire from the stove pipes.

Scout Peter Ralph, 164th Toronto Troop, Toronto, Ont.—For the meritorious manner in which he assisted Mrs. Lowes move her belongings out of her trailer after a fire had started in a shed 30 feet from the trailer.

Scout Kenneth Simpson, 1st Wallaceburg Troop, Wallaceburg, Ont.—For the meritorious manner in which he assisted in the rescue of Herman Smith from the North Branch of the Sydenham River.

## STAFF VACANCY

### Field Commissioner—Province of Manitoba

The Province of Manitoba is looking for a Field Commissioner to replace one of their staff members who has been transferred.

Applicants should be between 21 and 35 and have Wood Badge Training. Public speaking ability will favour the applicant.

Salary will be commensurate with ability and experience. Applications should be addressed to your Provincial Headquarters.

### Field Commissioner—Province of Alberta

Applications are invited for the position of Field Commissioner in the Province of Alberta. Applicants should be between the ages of 21 and 35. Wood Badge Training desirable but not essential. Public speaking ability will favour the applicant.

Salary commensurate with ability and experience. Applications should be addressed to your Provincial Headquarters.

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### Field Commissioner—Canadian Headquarters

Applications are invited for the position of Field Commissioner at Canadian Headquarters. There are at present two (2) such vacancies. Applicants should be between 21 and 35. Wood Badge Training is desirable but not essential.

Initial application should state clearly other business or professional training and educational standard. These Field Commissioners will be required to travel extensively throughout Canada being on call to fill staff positions anywhere within the country. Starting salary for probationers will be \$3000.

Applications should be addressed to your Provincial Headquarters.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Canadian General Council will be held in the Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa, Ont., on Friday, April 30th, 1954 at 3.00 p.m., and not in the Public Schools Administration Building as previously announced. All Scouters and others interested, who might be in Ottawa at that time, are cordially invited to attend.

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.

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## CONTRACT CANCELLED

Notice is hereby given that the arrangement between the Libby, McNeil and Libby Co. Ltd., of Chatham, Ont., and The Boy Scouts Association in Canada, whereby labels from the products produced by the former were exchanged for items sold by this Association, is now terminated.

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## PLAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Plan Achievement Award Crests for 1953 will be somewhat delayed owing to production difficulties. However all winners of these awards will have their names published in *The Scout Leader*, and Crests will be forwarded as soon as possible.