

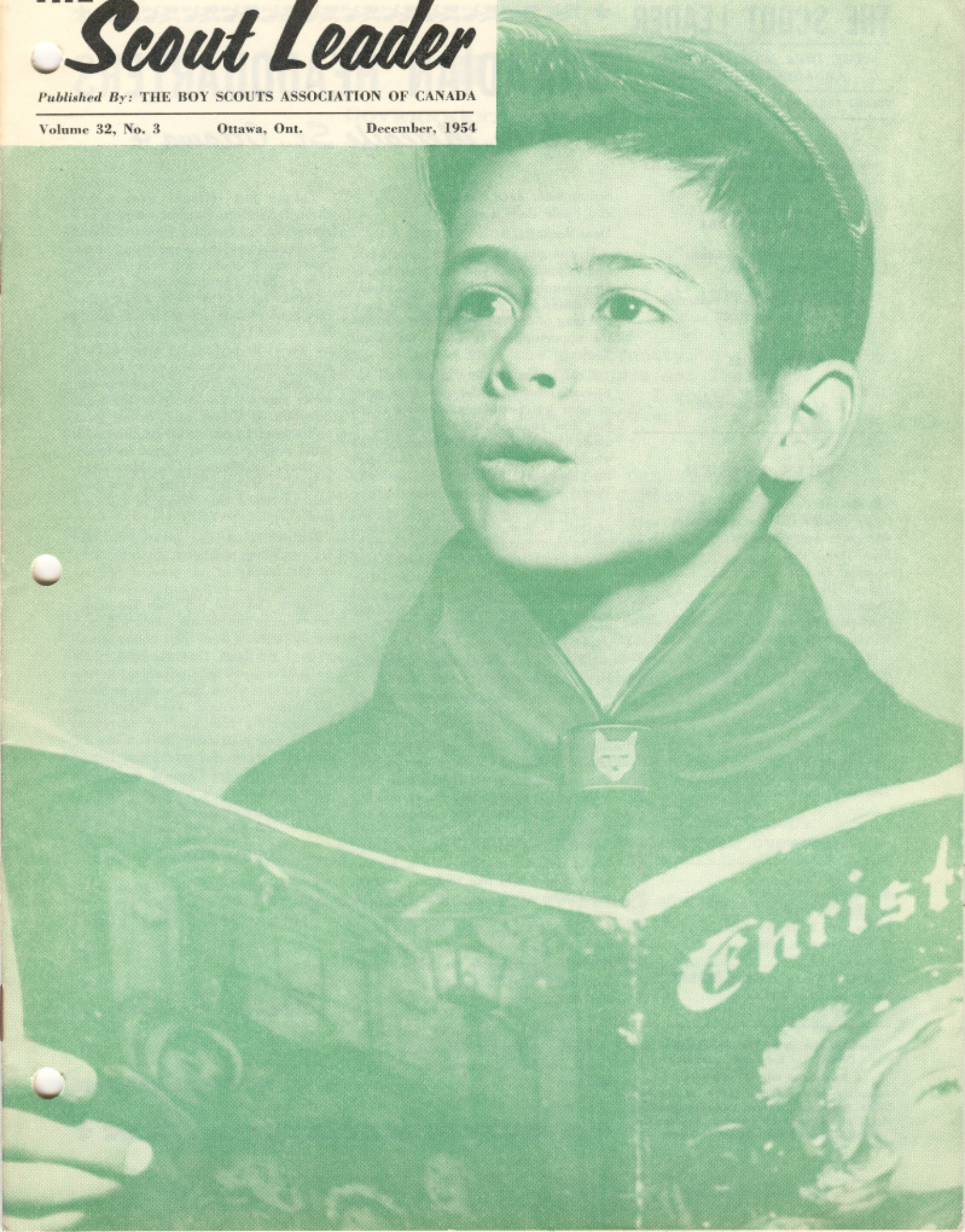
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# CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS

*306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4*

Scoutmaster Jack Young,  
2nd Shale Falls Troop.

Dear Jack:

It was good to hear from you again and to know that you and your family are planning a real "old fashioned" Christmas this year. I too have been thinking of Christmas and the wonderful opportunities it offers for Good Turns.

I can't think of any gift I shall appreciate more than the one which came in your letter—that is, the news that you and your Scouts are planning to assist two Scouts from Germany who would not otherwise be able to obtain the necessary dollars to attend the World Jamboree. I'm extremely happy that you thought so kindly of my suggestion. It is a wonderful opportunity for us and certainly provides an ideal way to put across the Brotherhood of Scouting to our boys. In your letter you asked how boys are chosen for this assistance. Well, it has been decided, to make it easier for others who may take up this idea, to clear all requests to assist through Canadian Headquarters. This means that if a Group wishes to sponsor a Scout by paying his Jamboree Camp Fee and providing him with say \$20.00 spending money, all they need do is drop a line to Canadian Headquarters naming the part of the world from which they would like their Scout to come. We will then contact the International Commissioner of the country concerned. If, on the other hand, a Group has a definite contact with a boy or boys they would like to bring over to the Jamboree, then they simply advise us of the action they are taking. All monies for Camp Fee and incidental expenses should be forwarded to Canadian Headquarters to be held in trust. I know you will be happy to know that many other Groups are taking up this Good Turn idea. By the way, I must correct an error in my last letter. I referred to the 1st Tillsonburg Troop—this should have been the 3rd Tillsonburg.

I have just returned from a trip through Western Canada where I had many thrilling Scouting experiences and saw much good Scouting being done. However, I could not help thinking that we have a long way to go if we are to come up to the ideas which other members of our international family have about Canadian Scouting. I think we would be performing a Good Turn to ourselves if we paused every so often to have a good look at ourselves and make sure we are going in the right direction. It is very easy, in our great enthusiasm, to get so carried away with some project that we forget to follow the basic programme of our Movement. I have always found that it is a good idea to follow this advice in my own life.


Christmas is the great Christian festival which points up the importance of the family in our way of life. As Scouters it is important that we remember this and not plan too many activities in this season which will take our boys away from their homes. However, I do hope that the 2nd Shale Falls Troop will take advantage of the opportunity which this season provides for Winter Scouting. Your Scouts will be expecting this kind of adventure and if you plan carefully you can be sure of a wonderful experience. If you do hold a Winter Camp I would like to hear all about it when you write.

Please give your family my warmest regards and I do wish you all a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

P.S. I hope Santa Claus is good to the children.

Sincerely yours,



Chief Executive Commissioner.



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To The Wolf Cubs, Boy Scouts, Rover Scouts  
and Scouters of Canada.

It is a great pleasure for me to send you all at this season  
my sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas.

During the year 1954, I have had the opportunity to see Cubs,  
Scouts, Rovers and Scouters in many parts of Canada and I want to  
say how very proud I feel to be your Chief Scout. I would also  
like to add a note of appreciation to those of you who have turned  
out, smartly uniformed, to greet me in my travels.

The year ahead holds a great challenge for Canadian Scouting.  
We are to be the host country for the 8th World Jamboree being  
held at Niagara-on-the-Lake from August 18th - 28th, 1955. I'm sure  
that all of you are thinking of this grand adventure and are plan-  
ning to have your Group represented in the Canadian Contingent.

I would like you, however, to think of another point in con-  
nection with the Jamboree. Our Chief Executive Commissioner,  
Mr. F. J. Finlay has issued a challenge to all Canadian Scout Groups.  
You have been asked to provide the camp fee and a small amount of  
spending money for Scouts who will be unable to bring dollars from  
Sterling Area Countries. You have also been asked to open your  
hearts and homes to provide hospitality to these boys while they  
are in our country. This is truly a wonderful opportunity for us  
to demonstrate our "Good Turn". We can make it possible for more  
boys to come to the Jamboree and thus enrich our own experiences  
while showing that we believe in the Brotherhood of Scouting. I  
urge you to give this challenge your careful attention and I hope  
you will plan now to sponsor one or more Scouts coming from overseas  
to the 8th World Jamboree.

I send you all my warmest Christmas greetings and my best  
wishes for the year of the "Jamboree of New Horizons".

Chief Scout for Canada.

Christmas, 1954.



### From Our Founder's Writings

"When all was over and a sigh of relief was going round, there suddenly sprang to his feet one of the members of the 4th Hussars' team, who said: "Now gentlemen, you would probably like to hear me address you on the subject of polo!" It was Mr. Winston Churchill. Naturally there were cries of: "No, we don't! Sit down!" and so on, but disregarding all their objections, with a genial smile he proceeded to discourse on the subject, and before long all opposition dropped as his honied words flowed upon their ears, and in a short time he was hard at it expounding the beauties and the possibilities of this wonderful game. He proceeded to show how it was not merely the finest game in the world but the most noble and soul-inspiring contest in the whole universe, and having made his point he wound up with a peroration which brought us all cheering to our feet. When the cheering and applause had died down one in authority arose and gave voice to the feelings of all when he said: "Well, that is enough of Winston for this evening," and the orator was taken in hand by some lusty sub-alterns and placed underneath an overturned sofa upon which two of the heaviest were then seated, with orders not to allow him out for the rest of the evening. But very soon afterwards he appeared emerging from beneath the angle of the arm of the sofa, explaining: "It is no use sitting upon me, for I'm india-rubber," and he popped up serenely and took his place once more in the world and the amusement that was going on around him. I have often remembered the incident on occasions since then when in politics or elsewhere he has given proof of his statement."

From *Indian Memories*

By Sir Robert Baden-Powell,  
1915

**SCOUT STAMPS** We will send you post paid 5 beautiful foreign stamps commemorating world and National Scout Jamborees for only 25c in coin—write

TOPICAL STAMPS, Box 732, London, Ontario

Dear Sir:

Have you seen a book called "I Live in the Woods"?

It is written by Paul Provencher and is published by Brunswick Press Ltd., Phoenix Square, Fredericton. It costs \$4.00.

Provencher is a professional forester and as such he has done a whole lot of light-weight camping and hiking. There is a fascinating first chapter on the voyageurs of early Canada. He does not tell us much of anything new except that his idea of clothing is different in some ways from what we would advocate and his idea of summer headgear also differs, but then of course he has written about conditions in New Brunswick which I imagine are different in some degree from conditions in the British Columbia woods.

But it is most interesting to note that he advocates quite a few quirks which we have used in our texts, so that it is most satisfactory to get them from a practical forester. He even writes about fire bows, but like so many more who have done the same thing, he refrains from telling what woods are best for fire by friction. He also warns that if a person is going to sleep out in the open during winter, he will have to have a cord of wood to do an effective job. There again I imagine he is thinking in terms of the soft woods. In any case I would think that cutting a cord of wood would work up enough heat and exertion that one would be so dog tired that he would sleep anyway. There are some really first class hints on canoeing.

You have heard me say that there is always something new to learn in Scouting. Well, in this book the picture of a Bowline is given, and although I have been tying bowlines since 1910, it is the first time I have known of its being called a Bull Knot! Just goes to show the futility of knowing knots by name only.

I think that this book would be a good addition to a Rover Crew's library.

Yours sincerely,  
E. F. Mills.

■ Thank you very much for the reminder. This book was reviewed in the February 1954 issue of *The Scout Leader* and we most heartily endorse it as an excellent book.

Dear Sir:

At a recent Central Ontario Regional Conference, the writer, together with two Cub Leaders, took part in a session called "Imagination in the Cub Program". During the session we were asked to make up a song to the tune of "Little Brown Jug."

Following is the song we composed:

"Akela and I work with the rest,  
In a meeting place we think is best,  
She loves singing, we love plays,  
Cubbing fills our happy days.

Chorus:

Ha Ha Ha  
You'll agree,  
That Cubbing is  
The best for me.  
To work and play for other boys,  
Is something every Cub enjoys,  
Our stars to win and points to earn,  
That's the way the Cubs will learn."

Ernest Atkin,

District Commr., Guelph.

■ Thanks for passing along your "imaginative" song. Are there any others who would like to make such a contribution?

Dear Sir:

It has been in my mind for some time to write to you but I have been overwhelmed with letters from Brother Scouts and friends in all parts of the world following my retirement from *The Scout* for health reasons. It has been a serious breakdown, and I am not out of the wood yet, though glad to say there has been a marked improvement since I returned from my second spell in hospital.

How I wish I were coming over for the World Jamboree next year. It would be just grand to meet the good folk who were so friendly to me in '49.

Who was responsible for that charming write-up about me in *The Scout Leader*? When I read it I was quite overcome with emotion. It is a wonderful gesture you are all making to one who has been richly blessed in being able to do the job he liked doing.

Will you please remember me to the gang at Metcalfe Street and any other of my Canadian friends who may enquire after me. Cheerio for now.

Yours as ever,

"Dim",

F. Haydn Dimmock.

# SCOUTING Digest



Little girls who think they have a monopoly on the domestic attributes had better look to their laurels, for the 1st Cub Pack of Listowel, Ontario, has entered one of the former fields of female endeavour. On September 10, the Head Office of the Unitarian Service Committee received a lovely hand-knit afghan. Attached to the cover was a photograph of the Cub Pack holding up their masterpiece. The thirty boys had wanted to do something for Korean children, and after inquiry, decided that quilts were needed more than anything else. Each of the members of the Pack knitted squares, even sewing them together themselves.

The afghan is composed of squares of every conceivable hue . . . never had such a colourful quilt been received by the USC!

## Scout Training Is Put To Use

A thirteen-year-old Boy Scout used his training and quick thinking to prevent what might have been a disastrous fire at his home in Wellington, Ont. His younger brother in some manner set fire to the curtains in the kitchen. Stanley Breadbridge remembered to keep the doors shut so as not to cause a draught to fan the fire, then threw water on the blaze with a dipper. The fire extinguished, he then proceeded to call his father and mother, who were visiting relatives, asking them to come home.

## Fund Raising Ideas

From Hawkesbury, Ont., come the following money-raising projects: 1. Sale of Christmas trees at one dollar.

Permission obtained to cut trees. Scouts and Cubs obtain orders in advance. Officers, Committee, and older Scouts do the cutting and trucking. 2. Waste Paper. Clean newspapers rolled in single sheets so that one sheet at a time may be taken off the roll. Sell to shippers of household furniture at 2 cents per pound (\$40.00 a ton). Used to pack dishes, etc.



The above photo shows Cadet Captain Morrison W. Hewitt being presented with a sword by the Duke of Edinburgh during his recent visit to Victoria, B.C. Mr. Hewitt was awarded this honour upon his appointment as the outstanding Cadet in Canada with executive ability. He was a Wolf Cub, Scout, Assistant Scoutmaster and is presently on leave as the Scoutmaster of the 52nd Hamilton Troop. His father is a group committeeman and his mother a Cubmaster and staunch supporter of the Ladies' Auxiliary in Hamilton.

## A Happy Investiture

It was a happy day for Sinclair Weapincappo and Louis Whiskeychan when they were recently invested as members of the 43rd Windsor, Ont., Troop.



This is a doubly important ceremony for the two boys are full-blooded Cree Indians from the eastern shores of James Bay.

For the past five years these two Scouts have been patients at the Essex County Sanatorium, victims of a disease which seems to find such fertile soil among Indians—Tuberculosis. A fellow patient, Ronald Deslippe, encouraged the two Indian boys to join with him in trying Scouting skills.

For the Investiture ceremony, shown above, the 28 members of the 43rd Troop stood by and immediately after the ceremony the boys were congratulated by the 72 members of the two Cub Packs and 12 Rover Crew members from the same Group. In the picture, left to right: Louis, Ronald, Sinclair, Assistant Scoutmaster Robert Lawson and Scoutmaster Rod Macdonald.

## Hold Ninth Annual New Year's Camp

Fourteen Scouts and Rovers of the 11th Kitchener Group held a 4-day camp over the New Year holiday last year. The traditional New Year Camp was the 9th annual held by the Group. It took place at the Rover Crew's Cabin at Everton Scout Forest which has a capacity of 14. In the 4-day camp the campers hiked over 40 miles. Each year the camp is noted for its extensive hiking features.

# AKELA'S DEN

## Ideas for the Holiday Season

By TALL PINE

Boys of all ages enjoy a party. Knowing this, wise Cubmasters will be planning now for a Christmas Party for their Packs. Here are a few hints which we hope will help you as you draw up your programme.

**H**ow are you doing with your holiday planning? What about a Christmas Party for your Pack? Actually it may consist of many of the regular programme items only camouflaged with the Christmas spirit. For example, see the Christmas Games listed on the Games page. Here are some further ideas:—

1. Have each Cub bring in a small amount of money. The old wolves purchase a supply of inexpensive gifts, wrap them gaily and have them presented by Santa Claus (Group Committee man or a Dad) at the Christmas Party.

2. R.C.A. Victor has an album of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" with Lionel Barrymore as Scrooge. Beg, borrow or steal the album and play it for your Sixers at a Sixers' Council. If they like it they won't mind hearing it again at the Christmas party. If they don't like it, better not use it in your programme.

3. Tell the story of the First Christmas and the Three Wise Men. Tell the stories found in this *Scout Leader*.

4. Have the Cubs act out their favourite Christmas carol and/or story. Read and act out the poem "'Twas the Night Before Christmas".

5. Be sure to have a tree—even if it is only a table model. When lighted it creates a wonderful atmosphere for singing carols and telling stories.

6. Before the party, have the Cubs make up the ornaments (candy cups, popcorn string, stars, etc.) and then they can decorate the tree and hall and also take their items home for their own tree.

7. If room permits, have the Cubs bring along their younger brothers or sisters to the party. If your Pack has room for additional boys, then have your Cubs invite a friend to the party. He will want to come back.

8. Hold a combined meeting with another Pack to share expenses and make greater use of Scouters.

9. Be sure to have plenty of candy. Finish up with light refreshments.

In addition to your own Pack holiday programme, remember that this is the period of "giving" and encourage your boys to give more than they receive. For example:

1. Have them work on simple little gifts for their Mothers and Dads. Make a knitting box for Mother out of an old ice cream carton and a tie rack for Dad out of scrap wood. Also they could make simple wreaths and table decorations using pine cones, branches, green and red ribbon, etc. for their homes.

2. Give joy to other people by carol singing. Try to hold it indoors so that the Cubs may be smartly uniformed. The concourse of a public building such as a railroad station is a good spot. Practise the carols beforehand. A musical instrument will help. Keep the programme short. Make use of the carol sheets put out by the newspapers and certain large business firms. Old folks' homes and children's homes are other good spots in which a smart, alert, happy group of carol singers will bring much happiness.

3. Birds must eat so encourage your Cubs to make and use bird feeding



platforms which could be a plain board screwed to a windowsill. Suet, grain, bread crumbs are welcomed by the birds.

4. Tell your Pack of the Scout Brotherhood Fund and encourage them to bring part of their Christmas money to be deposited in a special container under the Christmas tree in your Pack den.

5. After Christmas, collect and make up a scrapbook of Christmas cards to be delivered by Sixes or Cubs to the children's ward of the hospital or to the Children's Home to provide many hours of pleasant perusing by the children.

6. The same thing can be done by having your Cubs bring in their older and/or extra toys to be made up into parcels for presentation to local Children's Hospital or Home.

7. You may even wish to visit and put on a variety show for the old folks at the local home. Nothing spectacular but a few simple skits, well rehearsed—singing of popular songs and, of course carols in which the old folks join, rhythm band if you have one and if possible, the presentation of little gifts to the inmates—playing cards for example are inexpensive and appreciated.

8. Shovel off the snow from the church steps and from the walks of the homes of old people in the location.

Finally, use your assistants to take the Pack out on one or more Rambles during the holiday period. Send a Cub-Instructor along to build and keep a roaring fire going so that the Cubs may roast a weiner and have a chance to warm up. Play active games and do active things to keep the Cubs moving. Have a supply of candy for use as "iron rations". The main thing is to get them out in winter as well as summer.

**CHRISTMAS IS THE SEASON FOR "GOOD TURNS". ENCOURAGE YOUR BOYS TO LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES AND THRILL FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF GIVING SERVICE.**

## Christmas Games

1. *Trim the Tree.* Divide the Pack into two groups, line them up in relay formation. Attach two large sheets of paper to opposite wall, give each boy a crayon of a different colour. On signal, first Cub runs up to his paper and outlines a Christmas tree. Next Cub runs up and draws in a stand. Other Cubs in turn draw in an ornament or light. First team to finish trimming its tree wins.

2. *Jigsaw.* Cut up a supply of old Christmas cards into jigsaw pieces. Divide Pack into teams of two boys each. Give each team a jigsaw card in an envelope. First team to assemble card correctly wins. Then let teams exchange cards and try again.

3. *Christmas Candy Hunt.* Prior to Pack meeting, hide pieces of cellophane wrapped Christmas candy around hall. Tell the Cubs that these are

hidden. They can pick up only one piece at a time and must bring it to their Sixer before getting another. The Six with the most pieces of candy in a given time wins.

4. *Searching for Santa.* Get a small toy Santa Claus and partially hide it somewhere in the hall. At the opportune time, announce that you have hidden Santa in the hall and they are to find him. The fun of the game is this—when a Cub locates Santa, he should not give away the location but keep on looking without saying a word and in a minute or so be seated and watch the others look. The last two or three Cubs will provide much entertainment.

5. *Newspaper Christmas Tree.* Give each Cub a sheet of newspaper. Explain that when lights go out, they must tear out the form of a Christmas Tree from the paper. Put

lights out for two minutes. Have each Six present best "tree" and then pick winner from that lot.

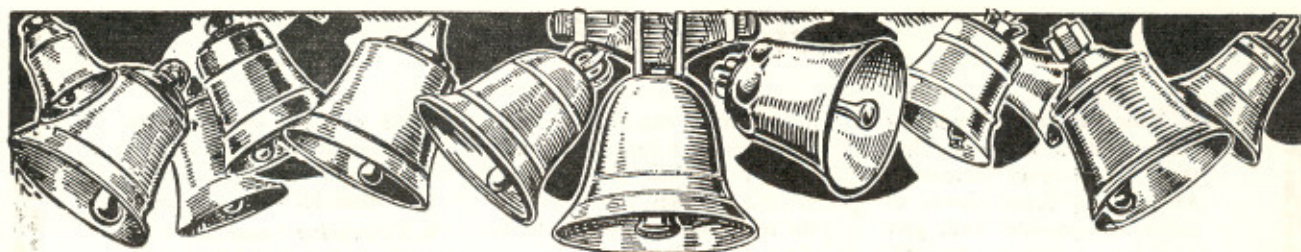
6. *Nutcracker Sweet.* Each Six sends a Cub to represent it. Each boy is given five brazil nuts, almonds, or other nuts to crack, and a small hammer. First boy to crack and eat his five nuts wins a prize. The prize is another nut—(variation—use peanuts, to be shelled by hand).

7. *Reindeer Butting.* Sixes line up for relay. Each "Rudolph" butts orange to goal line with head, then runs back with it (the orange, that is) and gives it to next reindeer.

8. *Stuck-up Relay.* Sixes line up for relay. Each Cub runs to a table, where he must chew and swallow a piece of taffy, caramel or other "sticky" candy. Then he runs back to touch off next Cub.



Each frosty bottle tells you why the tingling, delicious goodness of Coca-Cola is so refreshing — so welcome everywhere.



## Christmas Legends

PEOPLE who collect stamps are fond of relating that every stamp has some history or tradition behind it. And it is so with china, coins, old silver and other equally interesting collections.

But ask Wrightson Christopher, a Christmas legend collector for many years, and his eyes will light up with the true collector's joy in telling of his prized possessions. "The roots of Christmas customs go very far into the folklore of the Scandinavians, the Europeans, the Romans, even into prehistoric Druid times. The Christmas legends we know today often come down so far their origin is lost in antiquity. Later legends are closely allied to the religious beginnings of this day."

A genial gentleman in his early fifties, Christopher is general manager of Rust Craft, and a leading collector of Christmas legends. He has found that the legends of old have a place on modern-day greeting cards—that people actually do practice in their homes the customs of an earlier day.

### Yule

"Take the word 'Yule' itself . . . this word originated with the ancient Northern peoples who thought of the sun as a wheel revolving around the earth and which reached its solstice in the winter. This cycle of the sun was known to them as the *Hweol*."

Peering further into the ancient history of the Druids, Mr. Christopher learned that the priests among this ancient people were among the first to celebrate the Yule period by burning a log which they blessed with much ceremony. Every year a brand was saved to rekindle the new fire.

Among other Europeans, the Romans were the first to celebrate the season in a pagan ceremony consisting of a procession and the lighting of candles. Later the Christians merged this ceremony into the festivity commemorating the birth of Christ. And, as it happens, this was later merged in other parts of Europe with the winter solstice festivities.

### St. Nicholas

The traditions of Christmas are many. Some can be traced, but most are lost in the dim recesses of history. The story of St. Nicholas, patron saint of children, is one rooted in fact. A man named Nicholas was born in Asia Minor back in the 9th or 10th century, the son of a wealthy bishop and a charitable mother. When his parents died, Nicholas gave away everything his parents left him. After his death he was named as the patron saint of children whom he particularly loved.

"I am often asked," notes Mr. Christopher, "whether homes all over the world have Christmas trees. The answer is no. It is the Christmas *crib* which is more widely known as a symbol. It is the *creche* in France, the *Nacimiento* in Spain, and the *Krippe* in Germany. In many European countries the crib is carried through the streets by groups of singing children and is a feature in many homes during the Christmas holidays just as the tree is in the Northern European countries and here."

### Gifts

It is interesting that Santa Claus is not widely known around the world as a gift-bringer. Mostly, it is the Wise Men who arrive bearing gifts, especially in Eastern and Southern Europe. In Hungary the gifts come from the Angels, in Poland from the Stars, in Greece St. Basil is the gift-bestowing patron saint, while in Denmark it is an elf—Jule-nissen.

### Candle

Among the ancient legends of Christmas is the legend of the Christmas candle. It tells of a shoemaker who lived in a cottage on the edge of a village. Although a poor man, he placed his candle in the window each night to guide travellers. Despite wars and hardships and illness his light never wavered. This inspired the villagers and at the Christmas season every villager placed a candle in his window. The custom grew and became universal. This beautiful story has been enshrined in a "legend card".

### Christmas Rose

Another undying tale is the legend of the Christmas Rose. A little shepherdess watching from afar wept because she had no gifts to offer the Christ Child. As her tears fell to the ground, flowers sprang up. These the child gathered and hastened to bring to the infant Jesus to add to the gifts brought by the Wise Men of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Europe, and for that matter, all the world, is filled with reminders of ancient Christmas customs. The "Wassail" bowl, today the Christmas punch bowl, is delivered from the ancient Saxons. In those days, "Wassail" was a greeting which meant "What hails?" or "How fare you?"

Christmas carols, for the most part, are known in all parts of the world. Their origin, in most cases, is lost, but they are thought to be the spontaneous outburst of joyousness of ancient peoples at the Christmas season.

### Pine Cone

There is an interesting German legend which explains the origin of the pine cone, widely used at Christmas time. This tells of a poor woman climbing a mountain to pick up pine cones for fuel. She was approached by an elf who told her to "take only the cones under this tree". The woman picked up the cones indicated and when she arrived home she found that they had all turned to pure silver. Thus, the silver pine cone which we know today.

### Pinata

A feature of the Mexican Christmas celebration is the unique Pinata, or fragile earthenware painted with a doll's face, a bull-fighter or some other figure. Children are blindfolded and given sticks. When the jar is shattered a shower of gifts, fruits, and sweets tumbles out.

The Bohemians have a tradition that if a girl cuts a hole in the ice at midnight on Christmas Eve she will see her future husband. Thus, as midnight approaches on the Holy Day, you will see girls with little hatchets wandering



out to nearby lakes and frozen brooks, anxious to see the face of their lover-to-be.

### Stork

Japanese Christmas cards usually bear a symbol of the stork, which is a way of saying "I hope you live one thousand years", believed to be the life cycle of the stork. The turtle is used similarly because a turtle is supposed to live 10,000 years.

Many of the well-known legends have been immortalized in Christmas Cards. One legend has it that when Christ was born all the trees burst into blossom and bore fruit. Birds sang and all the forest was transformed into a magic garden. There was a sound of bells on the night air and a multitude of angels singing.

Thus, today our Christmas cards often show a stork at the top of a tree trimmed with shining balls, glittering tinsel, tinkling bells and candy canes, all proclaiming the happy message.

### Bells

Another legend immortalized in cards is the origin of Christmas bells. In the town of Lochen, Holland, there once hung in the church tower two bells with a clear tone unforgettable to those who heard them. However, these bells had never been baptized and one night, so the story goes, they disappeared from the church tower.

At midnight on the eve of Christmas, the familiar bell tones were heard through the town. Though the bells were never found their chimes continued to ring out over the town each Christmas at midnight. Today Christmas bells have become traditional.

Wrightson Christopher, the man who collects Christmas legends, uses religious and folktale "symbols of happiness" on Christmas greeting cards. In the friendly, loving custom of cards sending, Christmas legends are universally interesting as they help to portray the true spirit of Christmastide.

### Fables of the Flowers Tell the Christmas Story

The plants and flowers that are now one of the wonderful parts of our Christmas season are surrounded with legends full of deep meaning.

#### Mistletoe

The story of mistletoe, the plant that today is associated with the gay side of the Christmas season, was originally symbolic of serious and sacred matters. The white berries are said to be the radiance caught from the guiding star when the Wise Men made their gifts to the Christ Child. They symbolize purity and peace. According to Norse legend, the plant is sacred and must

## Jesus, Your King, is Born

St. Jean de Brébeuf  
"Jésous Ahatonhia"  
Eng. Text by Kind Permission of the Jesuit Fathers  
and the translator, "J. Edgar Middleton"

16th Century French Folk Song  
"Une Jeune Pucelle"

1. 'Twas in the Moon of Win-ter Time, When all the birds had fled, That  
migh-ty Git-chi Ma-ni-tou Sent an-gel choirs in-stead. Be-fore their light the  
stars grew dim, And wand-ring hun-ters heard the Hymn: Je-sus, your  
King, is born, Je-sus is born: In ex-cel-sis Glo-ri-a.

REFRAIN: (Unison or 4 parts)

2. Within a lodge of broken bark  
The tender Babe was found.  
A ragged robe of rabbit skin  
Enwrapped His beauty round.  
And as the hunter braves drew near,  
The angel-song rang loud and clear:  
Refrain:

3. The earliest Moon of Winter Time  
Is not so round and fair  
As was the Ring of Glory  
On the helpless Infant there,  
While chiefs from far before Him knelt  
With gifts of fox and beaver pelt.  
Refrain:

4. O Children of the Forest free,  
O Sons of Manitou,  
The Holy Child of earth and heav'n  
Is born to-day for you.  
Come kneel before the radiant Boy,  
Who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.  
Refrain:

not touch the earth, hence our custom of hanging it high at Christmas. The monks of the monasteries termed it "The Wood of the Cross" and attributed to it supernatural powers. The Druids of ancient Britain made the gathering of mistletoe a sacred ceremony. In Scandinavia the plant was so revered and cherished that it was thought that if enemies met beneath it in a forest they disarmed and kept a truce until the next day.

#### Poinsettia

A little Mexican waif on Christmas Eve had no gift to take to the Cathedral, so not wishing to enter empty-handed, she picked a weed along the

roadside and climbed the steep path to the church. She knelt and laid her gift on the altar, and as she rose to go, she saw that the poor little weed was suddenly a beautiful poinsettia or the "Flower of the Nativity", as it is called in Mexico.

#### Holly

The legends regarding the holly also date back to the Druids, who believed the evergreen leaves of the holly were proof that the sun never deserted it and it was therefore sacred. Legend also says that the Crown of Thorns was composed of holly, and that before the crucifixion the berries were white but turned crimson, like drops of blood.

# BOB BROWNE—WOLF CUB

By NORMAN McMILLAN, Caledonia, Ont.

Here is Part Three of the Story of Bob Browne. Bob is seeking his Observer Badge this month and we hope many of your Cubs will want to do the same.



## Cub Observer

AFTER school on Friday the Pack went on a ramble to Thomson's Bush. Akela had given clear order. Every Cub was to bring a lunch and be home by 9 o'clock. Daylight Saving Time permitted them to remain later than usual.

When Akela called the Pack to order only three Cubs were missing. "Pack", the Old Wolf announced, "we're going to have lots of fun today. This ramble is held for a very special purpose—to discover as many birds and animals as we can. Let's call it a Cub Observer ramble."

"Will it help us to earn the Cub Observer Badge?" Ian Smith asked. "It certainly will", Akela replied. "I know four Sixers that are very anxious to earn that badge. This is their chance. But it's an opportunity for all of us to learn more about the habits of the wild life just outside Cedarhurst."

The Cubmaster looked with affection upon the eager faces before him. "Now, I'm not going with you," he said.

A universal groan escaped from the lips of the assembled Pack.

"Not going, sir?" frowned Tony Arrell, "but why? . . . it won't be any fun without you!"

Akela smiled. "Let me explain," he said, "I'm not going just NOW. Earlier this afternoon Baloo and I laid a trail . . . with signs on the ground . . . made from twigs and stones. Baloo is hidden out there now. You must find him. Bagheera will go with you but he won't help you find the trail . . . not unless you get hopelessly lost and you are much too clever for that."

Tony Arrell stuck out his chest. "We'll not get lost, Akela. We'll find Baloo and roast him for supper."

The Cubs laughed as Akela nodded to Bagheera and the twenty-one Cubs started down the path towards Thomson's Creek. They had gone barely two hundred yards when Bob Browne shouted to the others.

"There's an arrow . . . formed from twigs . . . it's as clear as clear."

Wayne McAdam raced ahead, bent on discovering the next sign. Suddenly he stopped in his tracks and called to Bagheera.

"Sir, what does this mean?"

On the ground was a sign unfamiliar to Wayne.

"That's a Scout sign," exclaimed Bagheera. "Some day very soon—several of you will be going up to Scouts. That will be a great day in your life. You will learn many Scout signs in your Tenderfoot tests. This is one of them. What do you think it means?"

Tony ventured a guess. Pointing with his thumb he said, "Go seven miles that way!"

Bagheera smiled down at the smallest member of the Pack. "Have a heart, Tony, Akela would hardly send us on a seven mile ramble on an empty stomach. No, Cubs, it means there is a message hidden seven paces in the direction of the arrow. We can't expect you to know the Scout signs when you're in the Cubs but we thought it would be interesting for you to learn a few."

Bob Browne immediately paced off the distance. One—two—three—to seven.

"There's no message!" exclaimed a disgusted Tony.

"Perhaps it's buried," suggested David McMillan.

"Here it is," shouted Tony in triumph, holding a paper aloft.

"It was under this stone. There's writing on it."

"Read it out," clamored the others.

The message read:—"Go to the large maple tree near the cairn. There you will find another message."

It was Bob Browne's alert eyes that discovered the message at the maple tree. It was hidden in a cleft near the base of the tree.

"Baloo," the message read, "is hidden 300 yards from here. Find him!"

As if shot from a catapult the Cubs scattered in all directions. For ten minutes they searched. Baloo was well hidden for they could find no trace of him.

"He must have gone home!" exclaimed a weary David.

No sooner had he uttered the words than a blood-curdling growl reached their ears.

"Listen!" shushed Jamie, "I heard a growl and it came from no bear or I'm a monkey's uncle."

Suddenly Bob Browne tripped and fell headlong to the hard ground. Before his amazed eyes as he lay there, the object over which he had tripped rose, shook itself and laughed aloud.

"Its Baloo," shouted Bob, "I found him . . . he was hidden under these branches and old straw."

Bob will always remember the Observer Ramble. After supper Akela called in the lists they had made. It was a long list. The Pack had spotted 3 Downy Woodpeckers, 2 Scarlet Tanagers, 16 Crows, 8 Robins, dozens of starlings, 2 Groundhogs, 7 Grey Squirrels, 1 Turtle, 1 Rabbit and 2 Snakes.

For ten minutes Akela discussed with them the habits of the birds and beasts of the woods. Then the Pack sang—sang with a gusto that surpassed even the singing of the birds—sang as if they wanted all the world to hear.

At last when they could sing no more, Akela told them a thrilling tale of boyish courage and adventure.

"And now, Cubs, the Grand Howl and our prayers. Let us thank God for the wonderful time we've had together."

There were times when Bob Browne found it difficult to pray. This was not one of them. From a heart filled with goodwill he prayed. "Thank you, dear Father, for this day and my chums and Akela and all the others. Make me a real Cub always. Amen."



## ROVER QUESTS



### What Rovers Think

May we suggest that you put these questions to your Rover Scouts and then send in their answers, in summary, to the Editor.



We feel sure that Rover Scout Leaders throughout Canada will be interested in the following summary of the discussion periods at the 1st B.C. Provincial Rover Scout Moot.

Q. Is a Rover Den essential?

A. It was agreed that a Rover Den is essential as it provides a Crew with a meeting place, a place to work on service projects, and provides a home in which to entertain visiting Crews. The Rover Scouts felt that the most important piece of equipment in their Den was the Altar.

Q. How may we give practical service?

A. This was approached from three avenues; District Functions, Group Functions and Civil Defence. The Rovers felt that their Crews should be ready to assist the District as a whole, but warned that Rover Leaders must watch that this type of service is not overcome. In Group Functions, many Rovers expressed the opinion that too many Group Committees approach Rover Scouts to fill in as Leaders for Packs and Troops supposedly for a short period, and then forget all about going after a Scouter. Rovers felt that there should be a period of two or three years between Roving and assuming responsibility of Leadership, as there is a great danger in confining one's time to Scouting alone. In connection with Civil Defence Rovers felt that their unhappy experiences were due to lack of proper liaison as to the type of service required with Civil Defence Authorities. The following are a list of Service projects suggested by the Crews:

- (a) Toy Shops
- (b) Construction of a Group Cabin
- (c) Assist with Blood Donor Clinic
- (d) Cooking and other Services for Headquarters Staff at a Camporee
- (e) Providing Water Safety Patrols
- (f) Cleaning up and maintaining Historic Sites

(g) Compiling and shipping Food Parcels

(h) Providing entertainment at Old Folks' Homes

(i) Assisting with Troop and Pack

Q. Are present Rover Age Limits satisfactory?

A. All agreed the present admitting age of sixteen is not too satisfactory, seventeen was felt a more suitable age. A great deal of discussion took place on the maximum age of Rover Scouts. However, there was no agreement as to when a young man became too old for the Rover Crew.

Q. Should the B.-P. Guild of Old Scouts be organized?

A. Yes, it was felt that this could greatly assist the Movement in keeping the interest of the adult community. Likewise young men unable to be active in a Crew due to education or

vocation could remain connected with Scouting. Older members of the Crew who were no longer too active would have a place to go and thus would not feel that they were through with Scouting, it might assist also in keeping their financial interest.

All agreed that it would be better to name the Guild—"The B.-P. Guild of Scouts" rather than Old Scouts.

Q. The Rover and his girl friend.

There is a wonderful opportunity provided to the Rover Leader to better understand his Rovers when meetings of the Rover and his girl friend are encouraged. These meetings should not occur too frequently but should not be shyly approached. Certain activities should be kept for the Rover Scouts only, such as Investiture, thus careful planning for the joint meeting is desirable.



During a recent visit to Saskatoon, the Archbishop of Canterbury was deeply impressed with the very smart Guard of Honour provided by Scouts. Above, the Archbishop is seen walking with Mr. Linton Tooley of the Saskatoon District.

# Winter Scouting

Let's give our boys the adventure and fun they joined Scouting to find

WHAT happens in your Troop when the temperature takes a sharp drop of 20 or 30 degrees? Does the Court of Honour decide that this is the time to suspend hiking and camping activities until warmer weather or are they anxious to accept the challenge of Winter Scouting? Every Scoutmaster will accept the axiom that boys join Scouting for fun and adventure yet many of us start looking for all sorts of excuses when anyone mentions Winter Camping. Certain factors definitely do enter in—hail, rain, etc.—yet isn't it amazing that they do not seem to interfere much with other boy activities.

Perhaps the most important planning to be done before engaging in Winter Camping is with the programme. If we decide beforehand to have plenty of fun, keep our Scouts on the move and adapt the various Scouting skills to winter conditions, we can be sure the boys will enjoy the experience. The handbook *Winter Scouting* contains many useful suggestions and it is suggested that you look through it before setting about your programme planning. In the Ottawa District last year, over two hundred Scouts took part in Winter Camping. District Scouters organized a week-end camp for 34 Scouters and conducted this experiment as a Specialization course in Winter Camping. With some equipment borrowed from the Canadian Army, experienced winter campers as Patrol Leaders and a carefully planned programme, the course was a complete success. More important was that these Scouters returned to their own groups enthusiastic about the potentialities of Winter Camping and took their own boys out into the snow. All of their planning was based on the handbook, *Winter Scouting*. Perhaps this plan would work in your district or group and if you would like more information on the Ottawa experiment, write to their headquarters at 78 Sparks St.

Many of us alibi our way out by saying that our Scouts haven't the right clothing. If this is so then why don't they stay indoors all winter? Our boys have the clothes and all they need is instruction on how to wear them properly for Scouting activities. Scout shirt, sweaters, wind resistant jacket or raincoat, light wool socks, shoes,

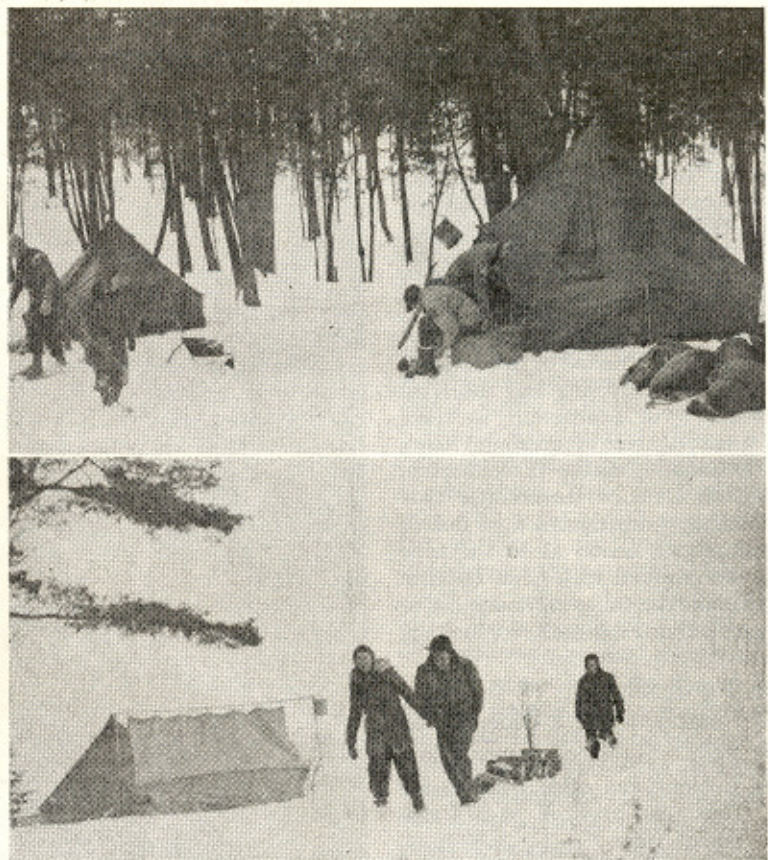
rubbers or galoshes, and, mittens are all that is needed. The secret is in wearing them properly to gain the most insulation. Not one extremely heavy garment but layers of lighter clothing for better insulation. Boys should be kept moving. Therefore, they will have to remove clothes to avoid perspiration and add them to keep warm.

What about sleeping equipment? Here again it is the method of using sleeping bags or blankets that really matters. The covering should be water repellent (not waterproof) and preferably form an envelope for the bag or blankets. Use large stitches for closing blankets as these can be easily removed after the boys come home. Plenty of insulation beneath the camper is essential and for this you can use straw, boughs and even layers of newspapers. Keep dry and you will keep warm—remember perspiration is WET.

For tents, you require only what you use for regular camping. Probably the best type of tent for most of Canada is an open face type so that you can build a reflector fire in front of it and thus heat the tent. Above all remember to pitch it carefully so that you have no drafts sweeping through to chill the bones.

Everyone eats more in Winter Camp and it is important to plan for plenty of good hot food. One pot meals such as stews, and chowders are excellent. Fatty meats with plenty of gravy and lots of hot tea or cocoa should be included in any winter menu. Remember what the Indian said, "White man crazy—eats three times a day, hungry or not. Indian eats when he feels like it". This is a good rule for Winter camping. Eat when you feel like it and plan your menus accordingly.

If you want to go winter camping and be comfortable you can and there will be no mosquitoes to bother you. If you don't want to go you can always find an excuse. Get a copy of *Winter Scouting* now and try it out in practice. You can be sure your Scouts will enjoy this thrilling experience and ask for more.



Here are some of the Ottawa, Ont., Scouts who enjoyed Winter Scouting last year. Over 200 Scouts took part in Week-end Winter Camps with the weather dropping to 27° below zero on one occasion.

## PARENT COOPERATION



By WHITE PLUME

Let's make sure our Parents know that we want them to play a part in the Pack, Troop and Crew programme.

WE ALL KNOW the nursery rhyme—"There was an old woman who lived in a shoe, who had so many children she didn't know what to do . . ." However, if Scouting had been operating in her time a great many of her problems would have been solved as her boys could have joined a Cub Pack, Scout Troop or Rover Crew.

However, when parents permit their child to join the Boy Scout Movement their own responsibilities to their child do not decrease, but rather increase. You see, Scouting is not a thing apart from the home, but a programme that ties in with the family. While our programme provides interesting activities for boys, we cannot hope to achieve the desired moral and spiritual aims of our Movement without parental co-operation.

This all sounds very fine in theory, but how do we bring a boy's family into Scouting, enthuse them, and set about informing them of what is expected of them in the Scout Programme. All too often Committeemen and Scouters complain about the lack of parental co-operation, but when they are pinned down to explain what they really mean by "co-operation", and what they really have done to obtain this co-operation we find that nothing specific has been planned, nor has there been a definite approach to the parents.

First of all, it must be clearly understood that only the well-run unit which has enthusiastic boys in it will be able to stir parental imagination through the enthusiasm of their own boys. This is the first and most important step.

Many illustrated pamphlets have been produced for the use of Scouters. They are available in quantity, free of charge, from your District or Provincial Headquarters. Do make use of these useful "tools".

The first night a boy attends a Pack or Troop meeting be sure to give him

a copy of "A Word to Parents on Cubbing" or "Twelve Good Reasons Why Your Boy Should Become a Scout". Both these pamphlets are directed at the boy's parents to stir up their initial interest in our Movement. There is also an application form attached to each of these pamphlets and you should insist upon parents completing these forms when their boy joins the Movement. When a parent has to do something before their boy may join, the effort initiates interest.

The pamphlet "We are partners in Cubbing" is intended for distribution to the parents of a boy immediately after his Investiture. This pamphlet suggests how parents may assist their boy's progress through the Cub programme. It outlines specific responsibilities that parents may undertake and invites them to participate in Group activities. Headquarters does not publish a similar pamphlet for Boy Scout Troops, but Scouters interested in this approach to parents of Scouts could adapt this idea and write an "Open Letter to Parents" for use in their own Troop. By the way, be sure to invite parents to the Investiture of their son.

For real results in getting parent co-operation, nothing succeeds better than the personal visit. The very busy Scouter may find it difficult to follow through with this plan, but how about getting assistants to take on some of this responsibility? It is also a good idea to have a member of the Group Committee responsible for following up parents of New Chums and Recruits. What line of approach do you make on such a visit? First of all, tell them the purpose of the visit. Tell them how you are trying to help them with the training of their son in some of the time he spends outside of home, church and school. Explain how home encouragement is essential. Tell them that you expect them to have their son

turn out regularly on all unit functions properly uniformed. Describe your money-making schemes and explain the necessity of regular payment of dues and annual registration fees. Find out their hobbies and skills and tell them how their services can be used. For example, say the man-of-the-house is a plumber who has stamp collecting as a hobby. He need not turn out to regular Troop meetings, but he could hold Proficiency Badge interest groups in his own home any night suitable to him on the subjects "Plumber" Badge and "Stamp Collector". Say Mother is a good cook (and what mother isn't) why not let her carry out instruction for the "Camp Cook's" Badge and first class cooking requirements. Every parent has a contribution to make to the Scout training programme of the Troop.

Some parents will act as Badge Examiners. The illustrated pamphlet "Notes for Badge Examiners" should be made available to parents to arouse their interest, and to give them some guidance as to what is required.

Open nights, family picnics, the annual Father and Son or Mother and Son or Parent and Son Banquet are all aids to tie Scouting in with family life. These affairs should all be planned well in advance so that parents may be informed of future plans of the unit and thus be able to arrange their own personal time to participate in these activities with their children. Mass group and parent activities need careful planning. Programmes should be short, fast moving and have parent and boy participation. The Canadian Headquarters Service Bulletin illustrated "Father and Son Banquets" gives a detailed description of planning such an affair. Follow this plan and you will have sure-fire success.

If your group has a Ladies' Auxiliary, Cub, Scout and Rover mothers are invited to join it. It is the Scouters responsibility to see that the membership committee of the Auxiliary receives notification of new boys joining the group so that there may be a follow-up to invite their mothers to join.

Fathers who show an active interest in the Movement should be kept in mind for the group's Annual Meeting when the new Group Committee is appointed or elected.

Scouting is unique in many ways. As far as parental relations are concerned it is one of the few youth movements that has a place for mother, father and child. Let us do all in our power to bring the family into Scouting. The latent interest is there; we just have to show the way.



Next year we will be able to add a Canadian Stamp.

## Scouts On Stamps

ON June 22nd, 1954, at the London, England, Headquarters of the Boy Scouts International Bureau, Mr. A. C. Andrews of Stanley Gibbons Limited, presented on behalf of the firm two frames of postage stamps of the World connected with Scouting.

Major General D. C. Spry, Director of the International Bureau, accepted one of the frames. This will be hung in the International Bureau's Headquarters. Mr. R. T. (John) Thurman, Camp Chief of the International Training Centre, Gilwell Park, received the other frame and this will be hung in the Museum at Gilwell.

Stamps have always been popular with boys, Scouters and others in the Movement and it is hoped that these frames will give the thousands of visi-

tors to both centres an opportunity of making closer acquaintance with these stamps specially issued to promote the Boy Scout Movement.

The frames include the Mafeking stamps and the new Falkland Isle dependency stamps showing "Captain Scott's Discovery". The latter stamp is included due to the Discovery's early association with Sea Scouting.

There exists an International Association called Scouts on Stamps Society. The Society's Headquarters is in the United States of America and presently has a membership of nearly 300. The objects of this Society are to promote interest in Boy Scout Stamps and anyone who will be interested in a membership in this Organization is asked to write to The Editor of *The Scout Leader*.

# STAMPS

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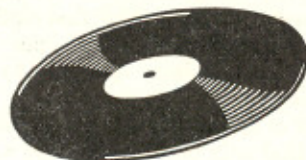
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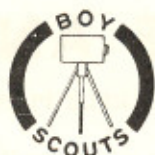
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**PHOTOGRAPHER BADGE**

In this month's issue of *The Junior Leader* we have concluded the series on the Photographer Badge. Reprints of the material covering this badge will be available very shortly. These reprints cost only 10c each and may be ordered from The Editor, *The Junior Leader*, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4, Ont.

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Have you a Scout or Rover Scout in your area who has attended a World Jamboree or Rover Moot? If you have, you will find that if you invite him to your Troop, ask him to tell your Scouts about his adventures, etc., you will build greater interest in the World Jamboree being held here next year. Here is an idea for your Christmas Party or your next Parents' Night.

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# ASK ME ANOTHER

By PURPLE PLUME

ONE of the most popular forms of entertainment in this stage is the quiz. Quiz programmes, as we know, occupy a prominent place in radio and TV schedules; magazines and newspapers abound with quiz columns and so, too, the social party contains a quiz. As a fair cross-section of the populace takes part in quizzes one may safely assume one is in good company when participating.

To conduct a simple quiz all that is necessary is a master of ceremonies, equipped with a list of suitable questions (and the correct answers) and an audience willing to take part.

It would seem that the Quiz, if it is not overdone, and this should be emphasized, has a part to play in Scouting. The carefully thought-out quiz is a useful medium for training and the revision of training.

There are a number of ways that a quiz can be conducted. For example, there is the straight-forward question and answer:

Q. What two things should Scouts leave after camp?

A. Nothing and thanks.

Then there is the True or False type of question:

Q. True or False? A Wolf Cub may wear a green-backed Service Star.

A. False. A Wolf Cub's Service Star has a yellow back.

The *Junior Leader* has recently carried a third type of quiz, where the Editor shows a picture of an article and asks "What, or who, is this?"

Again, we have the type of quiz which requires the selection of the correct answer from a number of possible given answers.

Q. The Rambler Badge may be earned by: (a) A Sea Scout, (b) Wolf Cub, (c) Rover Scout, (d) Lone Scout.

A. (c).

Here is another example of selective type of quiz:

Q. Which word does not belong to the following group: (a) Altar, (b) Reflector, (c) Council, (d) Compass, (e) Star.

A. (d)—All the remainder are types of fires.

Yet another example of the selective answer quiz:

Q. "Beaver" is to "Blue and Yellow" as "Eagle" is to "Green and—(a) Red, (b) White, (c) Purple, (d) Black, (e) Blue.

A. (d)—the colours are Patrol Shoulder Knot colours.

No doubt in many cases, you will use a combination of the above different types of quizzes and probably invent others.

Here are some ideas for quizzes which may be used in the Inter-Patrol Competition. Perhaps it would be as well to mark the score as in any Inter-Patrol Relay Game—4 for the winners, 3 for the second Patrol, 2 for the next and 1 for the losers. This system is better than giving a Competition Point for each question answered correctly.

This is a general Scouting Quiz:

1. Q. What is the part of the flag nearest the staff called?

A. The hoist.

2. Q. What are the colours of a Rover Scouts Shoulder Knot?

A. Red, Green and Yellow.

3. Q. Where did B.-P. hold the first experimental Scout Camp.

A. On Brownsea Island, Poole Harbour, Dorset, on the south coast of England.

4. Q. Who wears a purple hat plume (badge)?

A. Any Commissioner.

5. Q. What qualifications must a boy have to earn his Wood Badge?

A. None. A boy cannot earn the Wood Badge, it is awarded to a Scouter who has successfully completed a certain course of training.

6. Q. Who is the Chief Scout for Canada?

A. His Excellency The Governor-General.

7. Q. May any Scout who has been a Wolf Cub wear the Leaping Wolf Badge?

A. No, only those who have been Cubs with the Second Star.

8. Q. Is it alright for Scouts to hitch-hike if the distance is under ten miles?

A. No, never. Hitch-hiking is a form of begging and is not permitted.

9. Q. Name a make of automobile which commences with the letter "M".

A. Morris, Mercury, Mercedes, etc.

10. Q. What do the ten points on the two stars of the Scout Badge remind the Scout about?

A. The ten Scout Laws.

You will note that question 9 has nothing in common with the remainder of the questions. This is known as the mental somersault. This is a good idea if one uses it sparingly.

Now turn to a True and False General Scouting Quiz:

1. Q. True or False—A Wolf Cub wears yellow garter tabs?

A. False—He wears green tabs, the same as a Scout.

2. Q. True or False—The Seventh World Jamboree was held in Austria?

A. True—At Bad Ischl, near Salzburg in 1951.

3. Q. True or False—The Golden Rule of making up a camp bed is to have as much under you as over you?

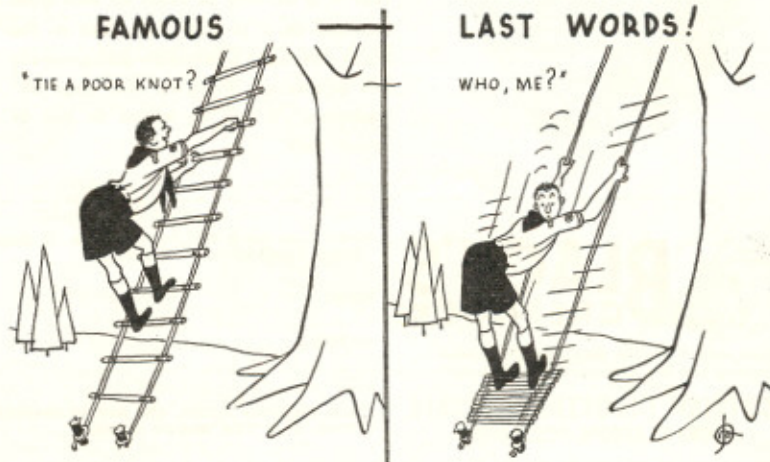
A. True.

4. Q. True or False—The knot in the end of a Scout's neckerchief is to remind him to do his Good Turn?

A. True.

5. Q. True or False—A Scout shakes hands with the left hand only when in uniform.

A. False—A Scout shakes hands with another Scout with the left hand whether in uniform or civvies.





6. Q. True or False—The Anchor Badges may be earned by "Land" Scouts in addition to Sea Scouts earning them?

A. True.

7. Q. True or False—A Queen's Scout must re-pass his qualifying Queen's Scout Proficiency Badges annually?

A. False—Just Ambulance Man.

8. Q. True or False—A Rover Scout may carry a staff when in uniform?

A. False—He carries a thumbstick.

9. Q. True or False—A Scottish Scout may wear a kilt instead of shorts?

A. True.

10. Q. True or False—A Second Class Scout may earn any ten Proficiency Badges?

A. False—Only six.

Next we have a Selective Morse Quiz:

1. Q. Y in Morse in (a) — .. — (b) — — , — (c) — . — —

A. (c).

2. Q. The "Call Up" sign is (a) ... — , (b) . . . — / . (c) — . . . / .

A. (b).

3. Q. The opposite to K in Morse is (a) — . — (b) . — . (c) . . — . .

A. (b).

4. Q. L in Morse is (a) . . — . (b) . — — . (c) . — . .

A. (c).

A. (x).

5. Q. SOS in Morse is (a) . . . / — — — / . . . (b) . . / — — — — — / . . . (c) — — — — — / . . . / — — — — —

A. (a).

6. Q. . — . — . is (a) Move Left (b) Signing Off (c) Wait.

A. (b).

7. Q. The opposite to N is (a) . — (b) . . (c) — —

A. (a).

8. Q. The number "3" in Morse is (a) . . . — — (b) — — — — . .

A. (a).

9. Q. "Erase" is (a) Series of dashes (b) Series of dots (c) Series of dots and dashes alternately.

A. (b).

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Ten little new boys, standing in a line  
One wasn't old enough and then there were nine.

Nine little Tenderfeet, hatbrims very straight,  
One moved to Winnipeg and then there were eight.

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One joined the Sea Cadets and then there were seven.

Seven First Class Scouts whittling on sticks,  
One got a transfer and then there were six.

Six Green Cord Scouts learning how to dive,  
One met a girl friend and then there were five.

Five Bushman Thong Scouts living by the Law,  
One took up baseball and then there were four.

Four new Queen's Scouts at a Jamboree.  
One fell behind at school and then there were three.

Three Red Cord Scouts cooking Hunter's Stew,  
One grew "too old for Scouts" and then there were two.

Two Gold Cord Scouts hiking in the sun,  
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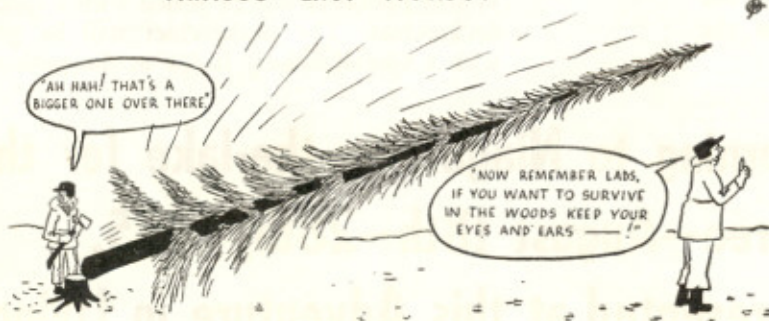
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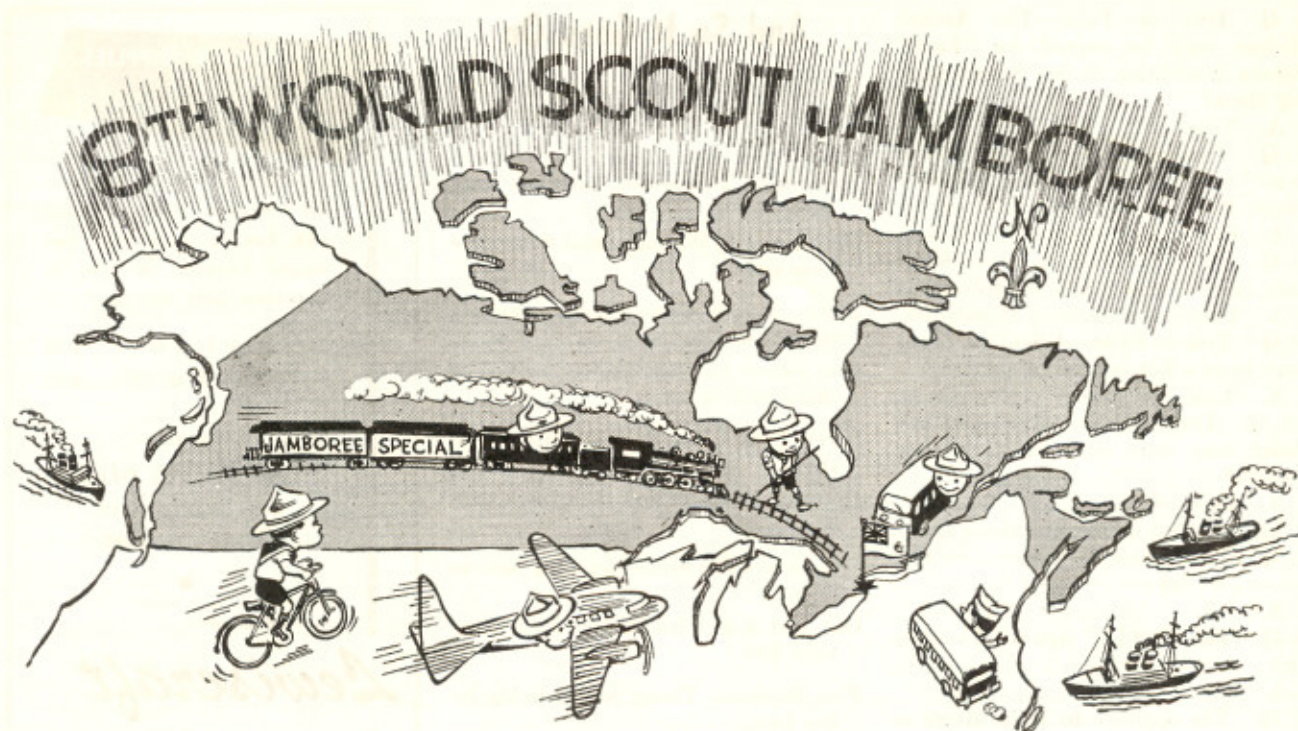
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Here are a few interesting facts about the World Jamboree.

- Mothers will be fascinated to learn that Jamboree Scouts will require 500,000 lbs. of potatoes, 140,000 quarts of milk and over twenty tons of meats. To serve one meal the quartermasters will issue over 45,000 Hot Dogs and 20,000 pies.
- The Canadian National Exhibition will welcome Scouts from all over the world on the opening day of the Exhibition. This day will be called "International Boy Scout Day". Jamboree Scouts will move from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Toronto in force to attend the Exhibition and will be the guests of the C.N.E. for lunch and dinner.
- We have already heard from a troop of 8 Scouts in Wakefield, Que., who have asked for permission to sponsor *two or more* overseas Scouts to the Jamboree. This will cost the Troop \$50.00 per boy, \$30.00 for the camp fee and \$20.00 spending money. It is suggested that other Canadian Groups might be interested in assisting boys who can't bring dollars from their countries to attend the Jamboree. Ask your Provincial Headquarters for details.
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