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“The danger has crept in of the Movement becoming too academic, demanding high standards of efficiency testings and all that. We have to be aware of this.”



“One can say that there are four essential points to look for in a Leader. 1. He must have wholehearted faith and belief in the rightness of his cause. 2. He must have a cheery, energetic personality with sympathy and a friendly understanding of his followers. 3. He must be confident in himself through knowing his job. 4. What he preaches he must practice.”



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“The character of a Nation depends on the individual character of its members.”



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“The conditions under which the next generation will live will be very different from those of 20 years ago.”



“As the wonders of nature are unfolded to the young mind so too its beauty can be pointed out and gradually become recognized. When appreciation of beauty has once gained a place in the mind it grows automatically in the same way as observance and brings joy in the grayest of surroundings.”

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Editorial

With marked success, Canadians in every field of endeavour have accepted the challenge to play a prominent part in International Affairs. We in the Canadian Scouting family can feel justly proud that our former Chief Executive Commissioner, Maj.-Gen. D. C. Spry, has been called to the Directorship of the International Bureau following his outstanding demonstration of leadership within his own country and as a member

of the International Committee.

As we think of our Founder this month, it was thought you would like to read the tribute paid to our new Director as he assumed office, by Mr. Jean Salvaj, member of the International Committee, and his humble but confident reply. This is reprinted from JAMBOREE, the magazine of The International Bureau of The Boy Scouts Association.

"IT IS for me a most pleasant duty to act as spokesman for everyone here and to express our welcome to General Daniel Charles Spry—whom we already know much better as Dan—in the work he is taking up next November as Director of the International Bureau.

"At the close of his report the present Director has written the following words:

"I feel that it is all for the benefit of our Movement that I should hand over to a man who is twenty-five years younger than I am. The fifth phase of World Scouting which has now started requires as Director a man of energy, persistence and vision. Dan's work as part-time deputy director over the past eighteen months (now two years) shows him to be just that man."

"The International Committee fully and unanimously support our Director in all that he has written.

"I am afraid Dan's modesty must suffer for a few moments while I recall a few salient facts from his career. Starting as Major in 1939 he became a Major-General, commanding a division, when little more than 30 years old—the youngest General Officer of the Commonwealth forces.

"At the end of the war he was appointed Vice-Chief of Staff of the Canadian Army with every prospect of advancement to the highest ranks of his profession—and I would like to include his wife Betty in our thanks—feeling that hope for the future of the world must rest in our youth and particularly in the Scout Movement, gave up all that his high office had to offer socially and materially. He has thus devoted his intelligence and his great ability as an organizer and an inspiring leader to the service of the Boy Scouts of Canada as their Chief Executive Commissioner. He has laboured for seven years in this role—years full of achievement both in numbers and quality.

"Two years ago the International Committee asked him to fill the post of Deputy Director of the International Bureau, especially concerned with the Western Hemisphere—with the aim of preparing him for future Directorship.

"I wish to voice here the profound appreciation of the entire Scout World to the Canadian Scout Association, to its Chief Scout, His Excellency the Governor-General, and to his Deputy, Mr. Jackson Dodds, for the fine and Scoutlike gesture they have made in releasing Dan to the service of International Scouting.

"I must refer to the way in which Dan has carried out his task in Latin America. He has given ample proof of his powers of adaptability in dealing with other circumstances without in any way compromising fundamental principles.

"I am certain that the choice of the International Committee is an extremely happy one.

"Dan—in the name of all the fifty-seven countries of the Scout world and of all of us here today—I want to say how delighted we are that you are taking up the high calling of Director of the Bureau.

"You may be sure of our support, our understanding and our friendship."

To this General Spry replied, speaking first in French, in the following words:

"In accepting the invitation of the International Committee to undertake the difficult task of succeeding Colonel Wilson, I am well aware of the immensity of the responsibilities involved, as well as the limitations of my own abilities to cope with them. I shall commence my new duties in November with great respect for the opinions of others, who enjoy greater knowledge

and wider experience—not only of Scouting—but of the world as it is, not as we might wish it to be.

"In the light of Colonel Wilson's long experience and great ability, his close association with B.-P., his long period as Camp Chief at Gilwell Park, his knowledge of so many countries of the world, his very exemplary service to his own country, and his deep belief in the rightness and soundness of the basic principles of our Movement—I realize how difficult my task is to be. Next to B.-P. himself, no one has done more for Scouting than John Wilson. Next to B.-P. we owe John Wilson more thanks than any other man.

"I can assure you that I shall do my best to be of service to the Movement as far as my own personal limitations permit. I do not claim to have any easy solutions to our problems—nor can I suggest smooth roads to follow into the future. I can, however, help *you* to follow the direction in which that man of our time, B.-P., pointed. If I did not have very deep conviction in the rightness of this direction, and in the true worth of Scouting, I would not be here.

"I will make suggestions from time to time, and I hope all concerned will realize that this will be done, not as criticism of the past, but rather as an aid to the future growth and development of Scouting. You may rest assured no suggestion of change in the fundamentals of our Movement will come from me. Rather, it will be my duty as your servant, to help *you* to apply these same fundamentals, for the good of the thousands and thousands of boys all over the world, who dream of being Scouts.

"My task will be to help YOU make these dreams come true."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Windsor Junior Chamber of Commerce, I would like to extend our thanks to The Boy Scouts Association for their work in our recent "Lite-A-Bike for Safety" campaign.

The very enthusiastic co-operation of Mr. "Perc" Brady and Windsor District Scouts helped put this project over in record time.

Briefly, the campaign operated as follows. The Windsor Jaycees sold reflective red tape to 2,700 motorists, (applied by us to the rear bumper of the car) which has proven to greatly reduce rear-end collisions. The profits from this campaign were used to buy 7,000 6" strips of tape, for the rear fender of school children's bicycles to be applied at no charge. Boy Scouts from each school recorded the number of bicycles, picked up the tape at their Headquarters, and organized crews to apply the tape to the bicycle fenders.

Again, may I say thanks to The Boy Scouts Association.

Yours sincerely,
Gino Rocca,

Windsor Junior Chamber of Commerce,
Traffic Safety Chairman.

● **Thank you for an interesting letter. Good Turns are our business and this is an excellent idea for community service.**

Dear Sir:

Mr. Bud Jacobi's letter is very interesting. (January issue). I would like to suggest some other topics for discussion.

(1) Where do Scouters stand in relation to the Rover Crew? B.-P. in "Rovering to Success" suggests Scout Leadership as a field for Rovers.

(2) Are Troop Leaders really necessary? Most Troops seem to have them but couldn't most of their functions be performed just as well by the P.L.s? If there is no Assistant, a Troop Leader may be the next best thing, but he is hardly an adequate substitute. And are we doing the right thing for the boy when we cut him off from the normal experience of working with a Patrol? If he is a good deal older than the rest of the Troop, we may be doing him a disservice by holding him back from Rovering. If he is about the same age as the other P.L.s, isn't his leadership most needed in the Patrol where he can pass on his spirit to the other boys? And don't we court petty jealousy and unfriendly rivalry by selecting one boy from among several worthy candidates? The same applies to Senior Sixers.

Yours truly,
Don Mole,
Winnipeg, Man.



Meet Our New Chief Executive Commissioner

Our Chief Executive Commissioner will be writing the Guest Editorial in the next issue of *The Scout Leader* and so it was felt you would like to meet him in this issue. Although commitments will keep Mr. Finlay close to Ottawa in the next few months, he is looking forward anxiously to meeting Scouters throughout Canada as soon as possible.

We feel sure all our readers will join in welcoming our new Chief Executive Commissioner and wishing him every success in his latest undertaking on behalf of Scouting.

ON January 1st, 1954, Mr. F. J. Finlay resigned his post as Secretary of the Bank of Nova Scotia to become Chief Executive Commissioner of the Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association, succeeding Major General D. C. Spry who is now the Director of the Boy Scouts International Bureau.

Mr. Finlay was born in London, England, on February 27th, 1903, and has been active in the Boy Scout Movement since 1916 when he joined the 63rd Glasgow Troop in which he eventually became a Patrol Leader. With the Glasgow Troop from 1916 to 1919, Mr. Finlay next served as an instructor of Scouts in the Dominican Republic in the West Indies starting in 1926.

In Canada Mr. Finlay was an Assistant Cubmaster of the 58th Toronto Wolf Cub Pack in 1940, Cubmaster of the Pack from 1940 to 1944 and Scoutmaster of the Troop from 1944 to 1948. He was also District Scoutmaster for Mount Pleasant District, Toronto, from 1944 to 1948. He became Area Commissioner for Toronto North in 1948, Deputy Metropolitan Commissioner in 1951 and Toronto Metropolitan Commissioner in 1951. He has been a member of the Ontario Provincial Scout

Council since 1950 and of the Canadian General Council since 1951.

The new Chief Executive Commissioner has the enthusiastic support of a Scouting family in his new field of endeavour. Mrs. Finlay, the former Miss Gwendolen Edith Baird, was a Girl Guide and Cadet from 1916 to 1923; a Brown Owl in Guiding in the West Indies during 1924 and 1925; and Assistant Cubmaster, then Cubmaster of the 58th Toronto Cub Pack from 1943 to 1953. Their two sons have come up through Scouting as Cubs, Scouts, Patrol Leaders and King's Scouts. John is now a Master at Upper Canada College while David is in his fourth year at Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

Mr. Finlay was educated in England and Scotland. He is an Associate of the Institute of Bankers in Scotland, a Fellow of the Canadian Bankers' Association and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.

Mr. Finlay was with the Royal Bank of Scotland from 1917 to 1921. He joined the Bank of Nova Scotia in 1921 and held posts in the Dominican Republic from 1921 to 1931 when he came to Canada. He was appointed Assistant Inspector in 1934, Inspector in 1939, Assistant Secretary in 1941 and Secretary in 1945.

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.

POSTMAN

Pack sits in a circle on the floor. Every Cub is given the name of a town. One Cub, with his scarf in his hand, stands in the middle. At two different places a letter-box is chalked on the floor. The Postman calls out, "I have got a letter to post". The players cry out, "Where does it come from"? The Postman gives the name of a town and runs away followed by the Cub to whom the name of this town has been given. The Postman suddenly puts his letter (scarf) in the letter-box, and runs back to the open space in the centre of the ring. The Cub picks up the scarf and tries to hit the Postman with it. If he succeeds in doing this the Postman goes and stands in the circle and the other Cub becomes Postman.

SHOP WINDOWS

Small cards with a single letter on them are placed on the floor in a circle. The Cubs stand around in a circle just outside the cards. At a given sign all the Cubs run round in one direction (to the right or left) until Akela calls, "The Shop is open". The Cubs stop running and pick up the nearest card and put it on the toe of their shoe. Akela, with the Old Wolves, walks around the circle of Cubs and gives each Cub in turn the name of a shop.

Before she can count 10 the Cub must have named an article beginning with the letter on his card, which can be bought in the shop. If he cannot do that, then he must mention any article that can be obtained in the shop or he loses a point.

PACK HOCKEY

This is an uproarious game. The Pack is divided into halves and each half sits close against the two long sides of the H.Q. as close to the wall as they can. Each side is then numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc. In the middle of the two remaining sides hockey goal mouths are chalked (or otherwise indicated). A tennis ball and two chair legs (or two "quarters" of a Scout staff) are in the middle of the room. When Akela calls a number, e.g. 9, the two "nines" rush out, each grabs a "stick", and tries to put the ball into his opponent's goal. They can race after it anywhere, e.g. get it from underneath the sitting (and usually by this time screaming with excitement) Cubs. There are no rules, except kicking the ball with the feet is not allowed. Akela's decision as to goals is final.

TOSS RELAY

Each team has a ball, wooden block, or other suitable article. Each boy in turn throws the object which must cross a certain line, then runs up to

retrieve it and hand it to the next boy. For the sake of the lights etc., suggest playing it outside.

MUSICAL FESTIVAL

Each Patrol chooses three songs one of which they will sing, one they will whistle, and one they will play using whatever instruments they can improvise. Competitions can be run off one Patrol at a time or all together, depending on your oral perception, and endurance!

SIX-MAN BASKETBALL

One boy from each side will serve as the other team's basket using his arms with hands clasped to form a hoop. He will be allowed to pivot but not move from the spot and will help his own team.

DISPATCH RUNNERS

A Scout is sent out to take a note to some well-known spot, say a store or post office near to camp. He will there get the note stamped with the postmark or signed by the storekeeper and return. The rest of the Scouts are posted by their leader to prevent him getting there by watching all roads and likely paths by which he will come, but none may be nearer the objective than two hundred yards. The dispatch runner is allowed to use any disguise and any method of travelling that he can hit upon.

NOW IS THE TIME TO START PLANNING AND TALKING ABOUT THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

THE 8th WORLD JAMBOREE

Which is to be held in Canada from August 18th to 28th, 1955. Standard for Canadian Scouts will be First Class which means that all those Scouts who are now Tenderfoot or Second Class fellows will be eligible if they really have the opportunity to advance.

Our target is two Scouts from each Troop! Will your Troop be represented?

Further details will be published as they become available.



HERE ARE THE DATES FOR WOOD BADGE COURSES IN CANADA THIS YEAR!

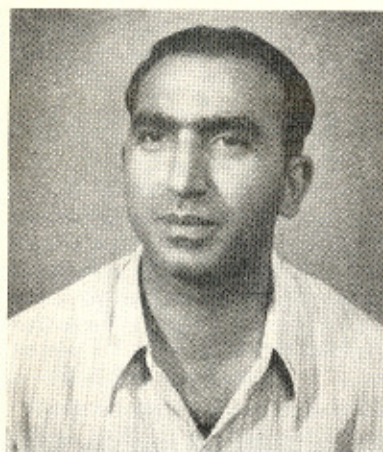
EACH of us recognize that we must train ourselves for the vocation we have adopted if we expect to make a success of our work. It is natural, therefore, to assume that in the leadership of boys and young men it is necessary that we take advantage of opportunities to improve our ability as Scouters.

It is almost impossible to describe the marvelous spirit which exists at a Wood Badge course as there are so many component parts to this adventure in living. The fellowship with others dedicated to the same ideals that you are in a surrounding which inspires spiritual reflection, the opportunity to talk over problems with experienced leaders, the fun and healthy atmosphere and the million and one things that make every day a complete adventure—that's Wood Badge Training.

Plan now to take part in one of these courses where you will enjoy a holiday packed with activity that will help you to a more thorough understanding of the Spirit of Scouting and enable you to put across your programmes with more vitality. Check your holiday schedule and then if you require further information contact your District or Provincial office.

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| British Columbia | Cub | near Vernon, B.C. | Aug. 28 to Sept. 4 |
| | Scout | near Haney, B.C. | July 17 to 25 |
| Prairie | Cub | Gimli, Manitoba | July 19 to 24 |
| | Scout | Gimli, Manitoba | July 5 to 14 |
| Ontario | Cub | Blue Springs, Ont. | July 26 to 31 |
| | | | Aug. 23 to 28 |
| | Scout | Blue Springs, Ont. | July 17 to 25 |
| | | | Aug. 28 to Sept. 5 |
| | Rover | Blue Springs, Ont. | July 31 to Aug. 5 |
| | Scout | Crooked Creek | Weekend of: May 8-9; 15-16; 22-23-24; 29-30 |
| | Cub | Crooked Creek | June 5-6; 12-13; 19-20; 26-27 |
| Maritimes | Cub | Sussex, N.B. | July 24 to 31 |
| | Scout | Nova Scotia | Aug. 7-17 |
| Quebec | Cub | Lac Cloutier | May 21-25 |
| | Scout | Tamaracouta | Aug. 21-28 |

LET'S MAKE 1954 THE LARGEST AND BEST YEAR AT WOOD BADGE COURSES IN CANADA



SCOUTING IN INDIA

By PACKASH SAMUELS

Vice-Principal of St. Paul's School, Palampur, Punjab, India

Mr. Samuels is now in Canada attending University and has kindly agreed to write a series of articles about Scouting in India for *The Scout Leader*. This is his introduction and the series will be continued next month.

Scouting in India

BEFORE I write something about the Scouting in India, I would like to extend to you the warmest greetings and 'Good Scouting' on behalf of the Scouts and Guides of India, especially from my district. During the course of my last Scout meeting in the school, the Group Leader came forward and asked me to convey the following message to their brother Scouts in Canada, "We are proud to be members of this world-wide movement and we share with the Scouts in Canada their endeavour for good Scouting."

After the attainment of independence in 1947 when all differences that existed previously between the different Associations disappeared, the Boy Scouts Association (India) and Hindustan Scout Association merged themselves on 7th November 1950 under the name of the Bharat Scouts and Guides.

The first Guide Association in India which all along was functioning as a separate organization for girls, also joined the Bharat Scouts and Guides on 15th August 1951.

"The Bharat Scouts and Guides" is, therefore, the only Scout Association in India functioning both for boys and girls. The scout section of the Bharat Scouts and Guides is affiliated with the International Bureau of the Boy Scouts Association and the Guide section is affiliated with the World Association of Guides and Girl Scouts.

Aims and Objects

The aims and objects of the Association are to engender:

- 1—Reverence for God/Dharma (Dharma—non-believers in God).
- 2—Selfless service to country and humanity.

The Association is a non-official organization and is non-political, non-sectarian and non-commercial in character and is not connected with any

religion, social class or political party.

The objects of the Association are to be obtained:—

1. By teaching boys and girls and young men and young women to revere God/Dharma.
2. By moulding their character and making them good citizens.
3. By training them in Scout craft or Guide craft and habits of observation, discipline and self-reliance.
4. By inculcating in them loyalty, patriotism and thoughtfulness for others.
5. By teaching them useful handi-

crafts and services.

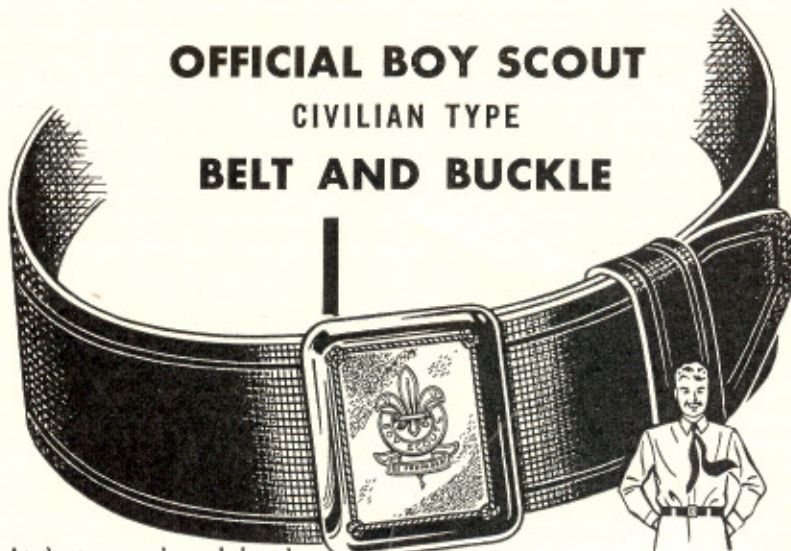
6. By promoting their physical, mental and spiritual development.

7. By teaching them to serve and live in harmony with their fellowmen irrespective of race, creed or caste, and to work in co-operation with other agencies.

8. By teaching them to subordinate their personal interests to the welfare of others.

9. By requiring adherence to the Cub, Scout, Rover, Bulbul, Girl Guide and Ranger Promises and Laws by their respective members.

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INFORMATION PLEASE!

This is a special page of questions and answers for Group Committeemen. It is suggested that you bring this copy of your magazine to the next meeting of your Group Committee and make them acquainted with the questions. The Editor would be pleased to hear if this material is useful to your Group so plan to write your reactions and those of your Committeemen.

QUESTION 1

Should we require of the Scouters in our Group a report on the progress of each section or is this interference beyond our sphere of responsibility?

ANSWER

Yes, the Group Committee is quite correct in asking the Scouters of the Group to submit a monthly report on the progress of each section in the Group. Rule 67 of P.O. & R. definitely states that the duties and powers of a Group Committee are to organize, establish and supervise sections of the Group. The word supervise covers this question.

Rule 67 of P.O. & R. also states that the duties of a Group Committee include the preparation and submission to the District Council and the Sponsors an annual report covering the activities of the Group. This report must include a schedule of real property and audited financial statements.

If a Group Committee is to supervise and is also obliged to submit reports to the District Councils and Sponsors it is quite evident that they can only carry out these two functions providing they obtain periodic reports from the Scouters and also pay a periodic visit to the units of their Group so that they can see for themselves what is taking place.

It should be stated here that Scouters are usually very busy people and elaborate reports should be avoided. Scouters should be expected to report unit strength, unit attendance, tests passed, activities completed and contemplated, difficulties encountered and overcome, and they should also give a brief summary of the financial picture of the unit.

QUESTION 2

What can we do to encourage more parents to turn out for a Parents' Night or Annual Group Meeting?

ANSWER

This is two questions and not one. The problem of getting parents to turn out for a Parents' Night is quite different from that of getting them to turn for an Annual Group Meeting. Let's deal with the Parents' Night first.

Securing parent support is a long-range proposition. It begins the first night a boy turns up to the unit meeting. Make certain that the new boy takes home with him the very first night some information about Scouting and, if possible, an application form should go to the parents and a follow up made by a personal visit. Nothing succeeds like success and if a unit is running a good programme that the boys are enjoying, they will go home and tell their parents all about their activities and thus parent interest is stimulated and the whole process snow balls. The enthusiasm of the boys will soon transfer itself to the parents.

As to the actual parents' night, it is essential that we consider the whole evening from the parent's point of view. For example it must so be arranged that the majority of parents can get to it at a time most convenient to them. Furthermore there should be sufficient notice given of the parents' night so that parents can arrange for baby sitters, cancel engagements and otherwise secure a free evening away from home.

When sending out your invitation make certain that it appeals to the parent's pride in their child. The

Parents' Night programme should be a fast moving affair. No delays, long drawn out inspections or instruction periods. Periodically a special programme is desirable but generally speaking parents like to see what their Scouts or Cubs do at a regular meeting.

An offer of free eats at the end of the evening is also an additional attraction that will encourage parents to turn out.

And now to deal with the Annual Group Meeting. Here again an early attractive notice is essential and it must appeal to the parent's sense of welfare for their child.

Plans for the Annual Group Meeting must be carefully laid. Annual reports must be carefully drawn up and attractively illustrated. Information should be vital but not long winded. A nominating Committee set up by the retiring Group Committee should draw up a list of likely candidates for the Group Committee.

Experience seems to indicate that parents do not like business meetings but they can be encouraged to attend if there is a short display of boys' work prior to the actual business meeting. After the display is completed the boys can retire and then the Annual Business Meeting can commence. It is a good idea to invite the District President or District Commissioner and/or their representatives to attend this meeting and one of them may be asked to chair the business meeting and the election of the new Group Committee.

QUESTION 3

How long should a chairman of a Group Committee hold office?

ANSWER

Rule 66 of P.O. & R. states that Group Committees are appointed

annually. This, of course, limits the tenure of office of any Group Committee Chairman. However, it appears to be a common practice for Group Committees to become self-perpetuating. This is not a good situation. For the health of a Scout Group it is essential to have the Group Committee prepare an annual report as to their stewardship of the Group and to present it to the head of the Sponsoring Institution or report to the parents in the case of a Group not sponsored by an established institution.

Many Group Committees find it expedient to limit a Chairman's tenure of office to not more than two or three years and in the meantime a vice-chairman has been groomed for the job. This system has many advantages. For one thing it insures a flow of new blood into the Group Committee offices every year or two. Secondly, it builds up a backlog of men who have had the responsibility of being the Chairman of a Group Committee. Past Chairmen are valuable assets to any kind of a Committee.

In any event, a Group Committee Chairman should hold office only as long as he continues to do the job efficiently. The sponsor should have no compunctions about asking for his resignation if he is not doing the job.

QUESTION 4

Do we have any responsibility for the equipment, such as tents, etc. that the Group own?

ANSWER

Once again we refer to Rule 67 of P.O. & R. Sub-section 1 states that the Group Committee is responsible for the supervision of the Group. Sub-section 11 states that the Group Committee is responsible for the preparation and submission to the District Council and to the sponsors an annual report covering the activities of the Group. It also states that this report must include a schedule of real property, etc. Sub-section 8 also states that the duty of the Group Committee is to

assume responsibility for all Group property.

One member of the Group Committee should be delegated to make periodic checks concerning all Group property and not only maintain in good condition what is already owned but also see that Scouters have the proper equipment to do the job of training in which they are engaged.

QUESTION 5

How can we encourage our Scouters to take training so that they will be in a better position to lead boys? What courses are available and where do we find out about them?

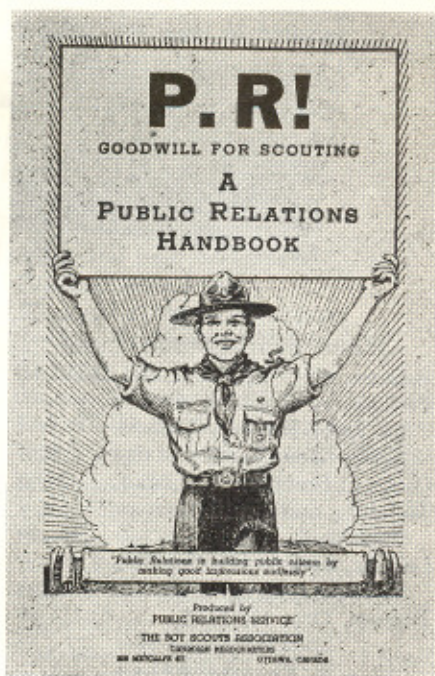
ANSWER

When you secure a new Scouter that is the time to present the training programme to him. Part of your recruiting technique should be to explain what training is available and also have an agreement that your new Scouter will take training at the first possible opportunity. Get your District Commissioner to discuss this subject with your Scouter.

What courses are available? To begin with there are the Courses offered by the Boy Scouts Association. This includes such things as information courses, preliminary training courses, correspondence courses, camp courses, and special courses arranged through your District. In addition we must not overlook training that is offered in the community such as is put on by Community Councils, Recreation Committees, Schools, and Universities.

And then there is the all important type of training which we call "on the job training." This is where the District Commissioner or his representative continually supervises the work of your Scouters and helps them run a good Scout programme.

For the details of all courses, I suggest that you talk it over with your District Commissioner.



As you plan your observances for B.-P. Sunday and other activities for this week in the Scouting year, it is important that you read the Public Relations Handbook. This booklet was designed to help you with such events and is available from your Provincial Headquarters FREE on request.

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A Family Affair

The Maple-Ridge Pit-Meadows District in British Columbia report a Father and Son combination that is sure to work. W. G. Morse, M.D., the Father, has been re-elected District President while his son Dr. Morse a Dentist has been appointed District Commissioner.

A Prize Winner

We have just read a prize winning essay by Patrol Leader Charles Humphries of the 7th Saskatoon Troop. P.L. Humphries was a Jamboree Scout at the Jamboree of Achievement and his topic for the essay was the grand experience he and other Saskatchewan Scouts had at the 2nd Canadian Jamboree. We are pleased to pass along the congratulations of our readers to P.L. Humphries and to his Scouter who encouraged this boy to attend the adventure of a Canadian Jamboree.

A Good Turn Idea

We heard recently of an excellent good turn performed by a Rover Crew. At one of their Crew Meetings the Rovers discussed how much Pack, Troop and Crew Scouters were doing in bringing the Scouting programme to boys in their community. The Rovers decided to say "thank you" by holding a party for the Scouters at which the Rovers would serve refreshments and provide entertainment.

Quick Thinking

We have just read with interest an article in the Montreal Star Company Limited's magazine "The Slug", telling

of the quick thinking of Scoutmaster Lloyd Fear of St. Lambert, Quebec. One Sunday evening in October, Scoutmaster Fear heard a suspicious sound at the back of St. Lambert Baptist Church during the evening service. Quietly, he left the Church through the front door so as not to disturb the congregation, and walked around the Church to see what was going on. Just as he got outside, two teen age boys raced past him from the rear of the Church where they had helped themselves to the collection. Lloyd sprinted after them but was unable to catch them. He immediately ran to a nearby home and called the Police. Less than half an hour later a radio car spotted the boys and they were arrested.

Calling C.H.Q.

V.E.F.A.P.

Calling Canadian Headquarters

This message coming to you by amateur radio from Civil Defence Display, Winnipeg.

Greetings and salutations from No. 1 Transecona Boy Scouts.

K. Stammer, A.S.M.

1953 Good Turn Year

As part of their project of making this (1953) a year of Good Turns the Iverley Group in Montreal, Que., (including Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts) were hosts to a similar Group from the Mackay Institute for the Deaf and Mute at a St. Valentine's Party and Entertainment on Saturday, February 14th. Organized by the Cubmaster Mr. Wm. Jones, Sr., and sponsored by the newly formed Ladies' Auxiliary, a programme of suitable entertainment which included Scottish Dancing by two young ladies accompanied by Pipe Major Hannah of the Royal Highlanders of Canada (Black Watch), some remarkable artistic paper cutting, a skit by the Troop, and some ideal films shown by Cpl. J. Archer, R.C.M.P., Scoutmaster at the Mackay Institute. One hundred and fifty Brownies, Cubs and Scouts then sat down to enjoy those things all young people like so much. Miss Cory, who

is in charge of the Brownies, Cubs and Guides; as well as sometimes helping with the Scouts when Cpl. Archer cannot attend, at the Mackay Institute, did a remarkable job of interpreting in the sign language. It was an afternoon well spent to see the bus leave the Iverley Community Centre full of happy girls and boys with a gleam in their faces and the wave of a contented farewell.

Rover Scouts Visit Freighter

Rover Scouts enjoyed a visit aboard the Dutch freighter S.S. Samarinda recently.

A Dutch Scouter, Capt. H. Van Der List, is master of the ship and attended Scout meetings during his stay in Victoria, B.C. In return he entertained the Rover Scouts on his ship.

Captain Van Der List is a Rover Leader in Holland.

B.-P. Sunday—February 21st, 1954

Now is the time to arrange with the ministers of the church or churches to which your boys belong, some special mention of this particular item in their services. You will find that members of the clergy will greet you and be most co-operative if they are approached in time. Don't wait until the last moment!

Special Good Turns

There is no better way of making the general public aware of our Movement than by performing some special community Good Turn during the week of February 21st to 27th, or for that matter any week. May we suggest that you make a special effort to have your unit perform many Good Turns during the week of February 21st to 27th, 1954?

New Canadians

Are there any new Canadians in your Pack, Troop, Crew or District? February would be a good month to invite them to tell a story about Scouting in the land from which they came to Canada.

SCOUTERS' SELF-RATING SCALE

| Check each statement either "true" or "false" | True | False |
|---|------|-------|
| 1. All my P.L.'s have (or nearly have) their First Class. | | |
| 2. All my Scouts get plenty of practice in cooking before going to camp. | | |
| 3. All my Patrols have held meetings at other times than Troop meetings during the last month. | | |
| 4. My Assistant has been in full charge of a Troop meeting recently (not counting when I have been unavoidably absent.) | | |
| 5. My Group is always represented at Local Association meetings. | | |
| 6. I always see that a boy is presented at once with a badge he has earned. | | |
| 7. I take steps to see that no boy has to wait more than a few days for any test or badge to be examined. | | |
| 8. I take THE SCOUT LEADER and read it. | | |
| 9. I have attended a Group Council during the last month. | | |
| 10. All the boys on the roll a year ago are still active (except those who have resigned for satisfactory and known reasons.) | | |
| 11. I have added to my library of Scouting books during the last year. | | |
| 12. I made a point of meeting the last boy (or batch of boys) who "came up" to my section before they did so. | | |
| 13. I keep a personal record of each boy's progress, and check it regularly. | | |
| 14. I have attended at least one Scouters' Training Course, for which I am qualified. | | |
| 15. I have Patrol cooking at camp. | | |
| 16. I advised my D.C. on Form P.C. before last Troop camp. | | |
| 17. I have told a yarn at Troop meeting during the past month. | | |
| 18. My Scouts help to choose and conduct prayers. | | |
| 19. I could sit down and make up the annual Census right away from my records. | | |
| 20. My Court of Honour meets regularly and plans the Troop activities. | | |

Scoring — Count the number checked "True"

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| Excellent | 18-20 | Fair | 9-12 |
| Very Good | 15-18 | Poor | 6-9 |
| Good | 12-15 | Bad | Under 6 |

Spirit of Scouting

Deep in the heart of Scouting
I find a memory,—
I hear within its whispers
A voice that welcomes me.
And in the campfire's flicker
I think of long ago,
I see the friendly faces
Still smiling in its glow.
Along the trail of Scouting
Familiar spots I meet,
The signs of by-gone ventures
Are like old friends to greet.
Each flag that proudly flutters
On days of storm and strife
Reflects the trust and courage
Which guide a Scout through life.
Each silent star that glitters
Among the gleaming host
Reminds me of world-brotherhood
Which Scouting treasures most.
Deep in the heart of Scouting
There lie my memories,
The sound of boyish laughter
And camping melodies.
God help me keep my Promise
Wherever I may roam,
To be prepared for service
Until He calls me home.—

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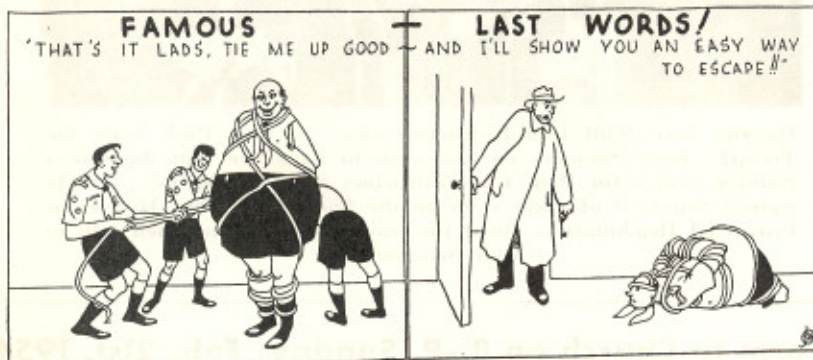
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AKELA'S DEN

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

From the 1953 Quebec Provincial Scouters' Conference comes the questions in this article. At one of their best conferences yet, Quebec Cubmasters gained a great deal from their discussions of these points and we sincerely hope you will find them stimulating. For your further information, the Conference Scouters were allowed only 14 minutes for each question and then a summary.

1. You have the required number of leaders for 36 Cubs in the Pack. There is a waiting list and a Sixer from another Pack has moved into your District and wishes to join.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

2. You are the Cubmaster of a Pack of which your son is a member. You hear indirectly that some of the Cubs feel you have shown favouritism to your own son. You feel, on the other hand, that you have been a little too exacting with him because of your relationship.

HOW WOULD YOU DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM?

3. What would you do with the boy who continuously acted up during every phase of the programme?

4. In the month of May, you, as the Cubmaster, are still trying to persuade the Scoutmaster to take six of your Cubs who are now 12 years of age. You tried first last October and he refused to take them until next October at which time the boys would be 12½.

(a) **WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE, AND WHEN, TO HAVE PREVENTED THIS?**

(b) **WHAT NOW SHOULD BE DONE TO MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN IN THE FUTURE?**

5. You, as Cubmaster, have to pick a new Sixer in the Pack. The boy most eligible in grading has Second Star and a number of Badges. He does not seem to be a good "leader". In fact he may set a rather poor example. The best

"leader" is a boy of about the same age who has not yet earned his Second Star.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

6. Johnny X, a Sixer in your Pack, has earned his Second Star and all 12 Badges, although he is only 10½ years of age.

(a) **WHAT ERROR HAS BEEN MADE HERE?**

(b) **WHAT WOULD YOU FIND FOR HIM TO DO FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR?**

(c) **WHAT STEPS WOULD YOU TAKE TO PREVENT A RE-OCCURRENCE OF THIS SITUATION?**

7. Your Pack is situated in a new locality which has had a mushroom growth. You would like to keep the Pack to a reasonable size—of 24—knowing that little or no Cubbing can be done in large numbers. Pressure is being brought to bear and you do not want to take in more boys.

WHAT WOULD YOUR APPROACH BE TO THIS SITUATION?

8. You, as the Commissioner of the District, have been asked to arrange for Cubs to use a shooting range and also to borrow a number of .22 rifles.

(a) **WHAT ACTION WOULD YOU TAKE?**

(b) **WHY?**

9. (a) What would you do about the boy who invariably cheats at games?

(b) **DO YOU THINK HUMILIATING HIM BEFORE THE PACK WOULD ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING?**

(c) **WHY?**

10. The wearing of jeans is a problem amongst the boys in your Pack which you, as Cubmaster, are trying to overcome. However, one of your Assistants and the Scoutmaster of the Troop are not too particular about their uniforms either.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



Do you have Wolf Cub Instructors come to your Pack from the Troop? Many Scouters do not seem to be aware that there is a training course for Wolf Cub Instructors and that the use of these trained Scouts is of great value to the Pack. Ask your District or Provincial Headquarters about the training course and then talk to your Scoutmaster.

Ask your Cubs to wear Uniform to Church on B.-P. Sunday, Feb. 21st, 1954

"PARENTS VISITING"

TO MANY a new Akela this is the most arduous and noble of her tasks, because it does not "come at all easy" to be able to contact strangers, announce her identity, and then chat. But it must be done for the good of the Pack, so make up your mind to start straight away and you'll be surprised how good you get at it in a very little while. Some of the Cubs usually live fairly near to each other if not next door, so you can "do" several mothers on the same day. Go armed with all the tact you possess and be prepared to drink copious draughts of tea varying in colour from pale amber to nigger brown! On the whole you will find that making the conversation is not your worry as mothers are remarkably happy to chat about their children. With an occasional "yes" or "no" and a nod or a grin you can learn much about the boys which may be useful to you. Their homes will differ enormously, in the furnishings as well as in their atmosphere, and it will explain why some boys are so much easier to get on with than others. You will understand why some need so much of your help and what a long way a little of your kindness and confidence in them will go.

Apart from finding out more about the boys you will be able to tell the mothers what this Cubbing business is. The Cubs have probably gone home with the most amazingly garbled ver-

sions of all that you have told them as is the way of small boys. One puzzled mother whose small boy was to be invested once asked, "What does Billy mean by saying he has to be infested? It's not painful is it?"

You will find on the whole that parents are anxious to help in any way they can once they understand what it is all about, so do use them as much as possible. Later on, when you have parties, you can get the mothers to make cakes, and you will be amazed at the trouble they take and the variety they produce! They do turn up trumps and they do like to be asked to help.

On your first visit to the parents you can explain about the Uniform—how much is necessary, what you expect them to pay for it, and make arrangements about weekly instalments if the Pack is a poorish one. You can explain how you will inspect the Cubs to see if they have come looking clean and smart, and whether they have cleaned their teeth, etc. If you can get the mothers working on these things at their end, it will be an enormous help to you at your end.

Altogether, Akela will find that she has made many new friends when she has come to know the parents and will realize how well worth while the initial effort was.

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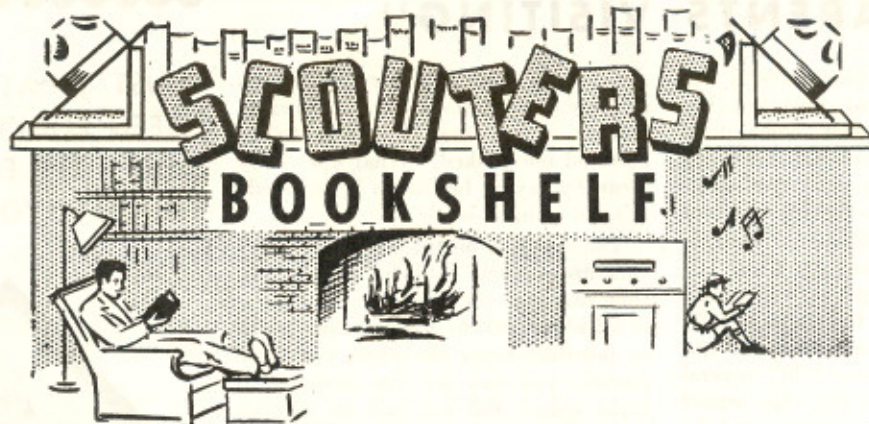
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I Live In The Woods. By Paul Provencher. Brunswick Press. \$4.00.

Mr. Provencher, Chief Forester of the Quebec North Shore Paper Co. Ltd. is a renowned woodsman. A graduate of Laval University, he has spent a lifetime in the woods, in the course of his job, as a Photographer and amateur hunter with bow and arrow.

When you read "I Live in The Woods" you really do live in those woods. Not only does the Author know his subject, woodlore, Indians, Trappers, fishermen and all, but he brings them vividly to life in his writing. Reading the related adventures you feel the nervous tension, the cold wind biting into you, you hear the water splashing past the canoe and the wind singing in the trees.

The book contains a wealth of information about everything likely to be needed in the backwoods—clothing and equipment, what, why and how to make what you need; finding the way; trapping both for pelt and food. In the latter the Author really lets his hair down—if you starve in the woods after reading this section, then you deserve to. These and many other relevant matters are all clearly and excitingly described and liberally illustrated by the Author.

There is one adverse criticism of the book; it is a pity that the many excellent photographs should be grouped together at the end—as though as an afterthought.

There is no doubt that this book should be in every Troop Library and Scouts looking around for a thrilling and informative book on the great outdoors, could not make a better buy.

C.B.S.

Old Whirlwind. By Elizabeth Coatsworth. Illustrated by Manning de V. Lee. Macmillan Co. Ltd. 3.00.

Davy Crockett had a great yearning for learning, but this was not easy to

acquire in America of the early 1800's. He was told he must help Hunk Doir, one of the many drovers who stayed at the Crockett's Inn, (on their way East or West), take some cattle to Baltimore where he could collect his wages and come home. With great reluctance Davy set off with his dog, Old Whirlwind.

Hunk was a tough and cruel master. He abused the boy and his dog, took from Davy an ox he won as a prize in a shooting match, refused to pay his wages, and threatened to shoot Old Whirlwind. This last caused Davy to flee with his dog through a terrible storm from which they were rescued by a friend who promised to take them home. In this rescue Davy met a teacher who would teach him to read so his dream was realized. This book is set in large easy-to-read type and is highly recommended as good reading for boys of Wolf Cub age. **N.A.B.**

B.-P.'s Life in Pictures. By Roy Burnham and Kenneth Brookes. The Boy Scouts Association. Price 85c.

Boys of all ages have shown by their purchases that they like to read material which is highly illustrated and fast moving in narrative. This book is all of that and more—it is the story of one of the greatest men of our generation, the late Lord Baden-Powell. This life story in pictures was first produced in the English boy magazine, *The Scout*, and then by special permission was reproduced in our own boy magazine, *The Junior Leader*. It proved so popular that it was decided to bring it out in book form so that it could be more conveniently added to a library. This is the ideal book to give to a new Scout as he prepares to start along the trail of Scouting and it is also first class reading for all boys who are enjoying the game this great man gave to the world.

In this month of World Scouting and B.-P. Sunday observances, it would make an ideal gift and should be in the library of every Troop, Pack and Crew. As Scouters we want to make sure that our boys know the story of the man who was Chief Scout of the World and this is an excellent supplement to your words now and later.

The book may be ordered through your District or Provincial office, Stores Department agents, or direct from the Stores Department, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4, Ont. **G.N.B.**

Historic Houses of Canada. By Katherine Hale. The Ryerson Press. \$4.00.

Here is a delightful new history of Canada. With a vivid pen the author takes us on a fascinating and unique journey. We visit in detail the historic houses of French Canada, the Maritimes, Ontario and Western Canada, and we are introduced to the owners, past and present in such an intimate way that the book often reads like an exciting novel. Added to this are many black and white sketches and several full page photographs so that every type of historic house is pictured for the reader. Highly recommended as exciting factual reading. **N.A.B.**

Prayers for Use in the Brotherhood of Scouts. Published by The Boy Scouts Association. Price 35c.

This little book has been drawn up to assist Scouters and Chaplains choosing prayers for many occasions. There is a wide selection of prayers designed for use at Troop meetings, Scout's Own, Church Parades, and such special occasions as the observance of B.-P. Sunday and St. George's Day. Patrol Leaders should be familiar with this book and be encouraged to make use of it on Patrol Hikes and similar ventures. Scouters will want a copy for their library and to hand to their Chaplain to assist him to play an

active part in the life of the Group.

The book is obtained through your District or Provincial Headquarters, Stores Department Agents, or direct from the Stores Department, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4, Ont. G.N.B.

Father, God Bless Him. By E. A. Corbett. The Ryerson Press. \$2.50.

To read of a Presbyterian minister, who was also a first class horseman, who brought up 8 children on a salary of \$800 a year and lived to see all of them graduate from Universities is a real challenge. The author tells this intensely human story of his father, an ardent Christian with a keen sense of humour, who preached his sermons to save men from sin and drove his horses over country roads with equal gusto—of his beloved mother, who cheerfully followed the preacher in all his moves with their family and performed all the duties of a minister's wife. It is a family story told with loving humour which one does not wish to put down until finished. N.A.B.

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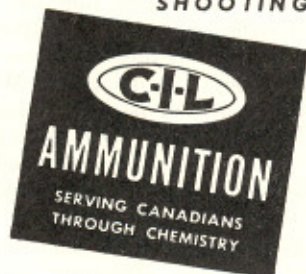
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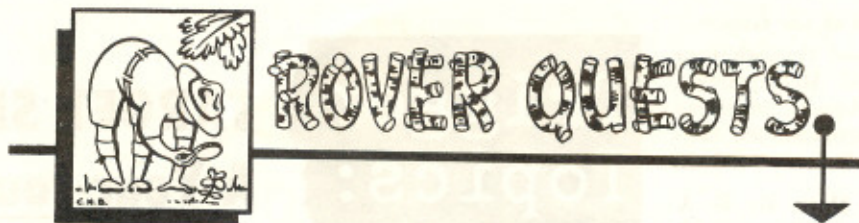
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SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL ROVER SCOUT MOOT

By R. W. CARRY, Rover Scout Leader, Regina, Sask.

We were very pleased to receive the following report from Rovers in Saskatchewan telling of their first post-War Moot. Rover Scouting is growing every day in Canada and the challenge of Rover Scout leadership is being accepted by an increasing number of fine leaders.

A visit to the Provincial Civil Defence School and a talk on Career Planning were the highlights of the First Post-War Rover Moot in Saskatchewan. Rovers, Squires and Leaders gathered at Gilwell Camp, Lebret, Sask., for three days of discussions. All Rovers came self-contained and camped by Crews.

Deputy Provincial Commissioner C. R. Lennan opened the Moot, outlining the object and purpose of the gathering. He also spoke and led the discussion, during the second day of the Moot, on "Career Planning" a subject in which he has had wide experience. The various systems of 'job selection' were explained, apprenticeship plans for various trades were reviewed and literature distributed. The Rovers displayed keen interest in these methods of keeping round pegs out of square holes, and discussion was halted only by the time available for the period.

Topics discussed during the Moot were:

- The New Crew
- Progress Thong
- Rambler's Badge
- Activities in the Rover Den
- Activities outside the Rover Den

It was emphasized that Rover Badges are awarded on the recommendation of the Crew, who decide when the requirements have been fulfilled. Another thought expressed was "Rambling is walking and observing just for the sheer joy of doing it. When Rambling ceases to be fun, it ceases to be Rambling". The Den should be a base for the Crew to work from to really make "Rovering a Brotherhood of the Open Air and Service".

The visit to the Civil Defence School occupied an entire afternoon, with a complete outline of Civil Disaster and Defence being given. This included lectures and demonstrations explain-

ing the latest methods used in rescuing victims from wrecked buildings. Each Rover went through the "smoke chamber" protected by a gas mask.

Rovering in the Province was discussed and plans made for the future. One of the more important motions passed was that which renamed the "Saskatchewan Rover Council" the "Saskatchewan Rover Round Table". Officers were elected for the coming year. These were:

Chairman—Rover George Martin

Scribe—Rover Art Foster

The position of Vice-Chairman and Treasurer were left vacant to be filled by Rovers from the northern part of the Province.

Greetings were exchanged with the

Ontario Rover Moot, assembled at Camp Opemikon, Ottawa, during the same week-end. Attendance at the Moot was reduced by road conditions and conflicting events, but any shortage in numbers was more than made up by enthusiasm.

It is planned to hold a Provincial Rover Moot annually shifting to different parts of the Province each year for a camp site.

Sunday morning saw all Rovers remembering their God, in the Camp Chapel, with the wind playing music through the leaves to accompany the hymns.

The Moot closed with the Rovers being asked to steer a straight course through life, being guided by The Great Scoutmaster Above.



Rover Scouts are a brotherhood of the open air and their programme should include Winter Camping. This is no activity for "softies" but provides real enjoyment and an opportunity to contribute to the Troop's camping by experimenting with different forms of fire, cooking, etc. Plan a Winter Camping Adventure with your Crew now.

SCOUTMASTER'S FIVE MINUTES

Here is a true story of heroism which you will find useful material for a short yarn or the "Scoutmaster's Five Minutes." This is the first of a new series which will be appearing in *The Scout Leader* from time to time.

IT WAS a lovely Saturday morning in March with a crisp cool breeze blowing across the fields. It would be another month before Spring really came to the farms near Braeside in northern British Columbia but already the land was throwing off its cloak of winter. It was the kind of morning that made you feel glad to be alive and that was exactly the way Lone Scout Richard Derksen felt as he drove the family tractor toward his home. Richard and his father had been out working together and they were just finishing up close to the house before returning home. Richard liked working with his dad and he especially liked it when he could drive the tractor. He had been handling this important piece of farm equipment for some time now and it seemed to him a relaxation as he sat behind the wheel and almost mechanically moved the tractor over the fields. Richard enjoyed the feeling of the fresh breeze as it brushed across his face and he occasionally drew the sweet smelling air deep into his lungs as though he could not get enough. Spring air almost has a taste, Richard thought and he was thirsty this morning. "It sure is a great day, isn't it Dad?" Richard called to his father.

"Sure is", replied Mr. Derksen. Richard continued to drive the tractor toward the house, daydreaming as he rolled along.

Suddenly his keen sense of smell detected the pungent odor of smoke. Quickly he looked over toward the house and sure enough there was smoke rising from the porch steps. He stopped the tractor and called to his father, "Dad, there's smoke coming from the house!" Mr. Derksen looked toward his small home and then called to Richard, "C'mon let's have a look". Together they ran to the house and sure enough the hot water heater had become overheated and had started a fire on the porch. Mr. Derksen and Richard ran into the kitchen off the porch, where Mr. Derksen grabbed the small fire extinguisher and ran back to fight the porch fire. Richard, not waiting for any instructions and completely forgetting his own safety, rushed into the adjoining bedroom where he found his four young sisters and two younger brothers playing, quite unaware that there was a fire in the house. Lessons about what

to do in an emergency and his general training in self-reliance gained in the Pack and Troop, now came into play as Richard calmly organized the children. He ordered one of the boys to open the bedroom window while he grouped the other children together, not allowing them to panic. Meanwhile, Mr. Derksen had been forced to retreat as the small extinguisher was no match for the fire and it was now out of control and spreading to the kitchen. Mr. Derksen went around the house to bring the children out the bedroom window. When he arrived he found that his neighbour, attracted by the fire, was assisting Richard in taking the children as they were passed out the window.

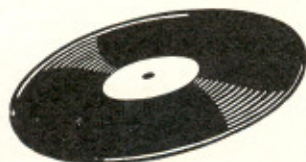
Inside Richard worked steadily and methodically not betraying his fear as he saw the flames, now less than 12 feet away, and fanned by the draft from the open window, race toward him. The thing that really scared him was the two gasoline lamps that were in the bedroom and just behind him as he passed the children out. He knew that the temperature was rising steadily in the room and that very soon these lamps would explode. There was no time to stop and move them, every minute counted and there were still children to be passed through the window. His training as a Scout had taught him to think of others first and although he was scared he never put his own safety first. Finally when he thought he could stand the heat and smoke no longer, Richard realized that the last of the children were outside and that he must now get through the window himself as quickly as possible. Choking and feeling very weak he struggled to the window and fell with half his body hanging out over the sill. Strong hands pulled him to safety.

Lone Scout Richard Derksen of Braeside, British Columbia, had shown great courage and presence of mind in this disaster. In less than an hour his home was razed to the ground but thanks to his quick thinking and bravery he had saved the lives of his four sisters and two brothers ranging in age from 14 months to 12 years. Richard has been presented to His Excellency the Governor General who, in his capacity as Chief Scout for Canada, has awarded him the Gilt Cross for bravery.

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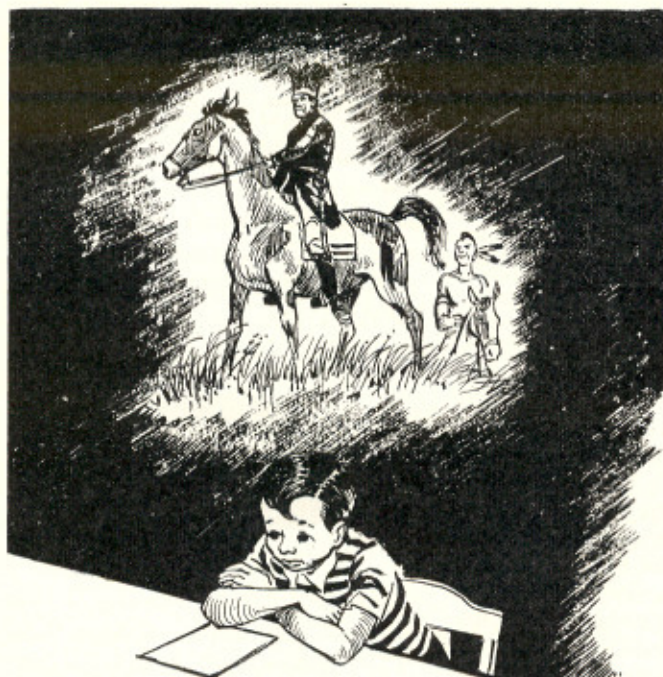
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Grand River Warrior

By NORMAN McMILLAN

Several times we have had requests for stories that could be told to Cubs at the end of a meeting or during a week-end Pack Holiday. Here is a story by a renowned story teller which we think you will enjoy, and more important, which we think your Cubs will enjoy. This is an experiment for *The Scout Leader* and the Editor would be very interested if you would send along your comments.

ON November 24, 1807, Thayendanegea lay near death. His last words, whispered to a chieftain of his tribe, "Have pity on the poor Indians. If you can get any influence with the great, endeavour to do them all the good you can."

The body of the War Chief of the Six Nations was taken to Grand River and buried beside the walls of His Majesty's Chapel of the Mohawks.

In the centre of the busy City of Brantford they raised a beautiful monument to his worth and valour. The Captain of the Mohawks is enshrined in the hearts of the people of Canada as a loyal subject and a dauntless hero.

His life was bound up with the lives of his people in that tract of land six miles wide on each side of the Grand River which runs with a southerly course into the waters of Lake Erie.

Brant obtained the title deeds to this territory for the Indians in the autumn of 1784. It was a gift, as indicated by the terms of the award "which the Mohawks and others of the Six Nations . . . with their posterity", were to enjoy for ever.

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On a sultry July afternoon in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-eight Jack Silverhorn went swimming in the Grand. Jack was tall for his nine years, well proportioned, with the smooth brown skin of the Mohawks and dark flashing eyes beneath thick black hair.

His grandparents had known Thayendanegea and his great-grandfather,

an United Empire Loyalist, had fought with the Iroquois Confederacy under the Captaincy of the heroic War Chief.

Jack seldom mentioned the exploits of his forebears. He lived among descendants of Scottish immigrants who had settled in the picturesque village of Caledonia that hugs the Grand about eighteen miles from Brantford.

Jack's father, much to the regret of his grandfather, had left the Six Nations Reserve and had come to reside in Caledonia where he had secured work with the Gypsum, Lime and Alabastine Company. He had married a white girl ten years his junior and Jack had been born two years later. The Indian lad had learned by sad experience that to boast of the exploits of his ancestors brought only ridicule.

It is true that he had friends in Public School, but he knew that several parents didn't approve of him. He was an Indian, and a half-breed at that. He had been snubbed several times but had borne the indignities with patience. Sometimes he wished he had lived in days long past when his people, courageous and proud, had roamed the Grand River Valley as chieftains and lords

His father Joseph had embraced the Christian faith but attended no church. Jack, however, had been sent when barely six years old to the large, red brick church on the main street of the village. He had puzzled over the sign-board which read—"Caledonia Presbyterian Church. All Welcome".

"Anyone can go here," his father had informed him.

"Even an Indian?" he had asked. He remembered the strange reply of his teacher on that first Sunday. She had smiled at him, put her hand on his shoulder and replied, "In Christ there is no East nor West."

After Sunday School had been dismissed, he recalled with bitterness the words hurled at him by George McDougal . . . words that had stung . . . words that he could never forget.

"We don't want Indians here," George had hissed, "Why don't you stay on the Reserve where you belong!"

Silently at the supper table that night, his father had upbraided him for sulkiness until he had blurted out the truth.

"I don't want to go again," he had cried.

"You'll go," his father had insisted, "and always remember this. Your great-grandparents were here long before the grandparents of George ever thought of coming to Canada."

Miss Wallace had learned of the incident and had severely reprimanded George, but Jack couldn't forget.

Then, there was the day when the pupils of Grade 5 had exchanged Christmas gifts. George had drawn Jack's name but claimed that he had forgotten to buy a gift, and the Indian boy had sat, amid the jolity of the Christmas party, with tears welling up in his dark eyes.

Miss Wallace had risen to the occasion by slipping a shiny fifty cent piece into an envelope and handing it to Jack, but Jack knew and his boyish heart had bled.

As he dried himself in the hot sun on the banks of the Grand, he was thinking of George's birthday party, to which he hadn't been invited. He knew why. Mrs. McDougal didn't like him. She lavished her affection on her only son and on three Persian cats. An Indian boy was beneath her notice. She considered him a bad influence on George.

He donned his jersey and tweed shorts and sat on a fallen log while he drew on his cotton socks and shoes. He didn't care! They didn't need to think he did! It was more fun swimming in the Grand and building fires by the river's edge. That was the life for a boy whose forefathers had fought under Thayendanegea. Anyway, he was going to camp with the Pack in August. He was a Sixer and the Pack knew he was a good Cub. He had his second star and five proficiency badges. Akela was his best friend and he knew that Akela cared. He remembered how Akela had put his arm around him by the campfire that night and whispered, "You're my best Cub, Jack!" He was proud of that. He would show the others that he could be a friend to all even if some were not friendly to him. Giving vent to a shout to show his indifference to childish snobbery, he raced along the river bank for Caledonia and home.

Home to Jack Silverhorn was a four-roomed frame house that overlooked the peaceful waters of the Grand River. His mother, talented artistically, had furnished their home with attractive furniture.

Jack had his own room with two small windows that overlooked the river. He had been permitted to furnish and decorate it to suit his boyish taste.

"Hello, son!" his mother greeted him in the kitchen, "Where have you been?"

"Swimming," Jack replied without enthusiasm.

"Bob and Brian with you?" queried Mrs. Silverhorn.

"Nope."

"Why not?"

Jack made his way to the break-box and cut himself a thick slice of baker's bread.

"They're at McDougal's party," he replied as he spread a generous helping of jam over his bread.

His mother frowned as she nodded. "Oh, yes, I had forgotten." She gave the mashed potatoes an unnecessary dig with the masher. "Cubs tonight, isn't there?"

"I suppose so," replied her son, "but there won't be many there. Most of the kids were invited to the party."



"Akela had put his arm around him by the campfire that night and whispered, 'You're my best Cub, Jack!'".

"I don't know why George has a party on Cub night," his mother said.

"Oh, George doesn't care. He's not a Cub and I'm glad he isn't."

Mrs. Silverhorn wiped off the oilcloth table and set the table for two.

"Wash your hands, dear," she said, "Daddy is working late tonight."

"I washed them at the river," replied Jack, as he helped himself to a heaping plate of potatoes and beets and slid two slices of bologna on his plate.

There was little conversation during the meal. Mrs. Silverhorn was tired and Jack was deep in thought, but as he finished the last spoonful he looked across at his mother and said, "Mom, why don't people like us?"

"But they do, son," she said, her face grave, "Bob and Brian are good friends, and Daddy and I have many friends too."

"But why doesn't George's mother like me?" persisted Jack, his questioning eyes intent upon his mother's face.

Mrs. Silverhorn drew her son to her. "I don't know how anyone could help liking my boy," she said, "Why, I just love him."

Jack hugged his mother closely and buried his dark head on her shoulder. Deep sobs shook his sturdy frame. "I hate them . . . I hate them . . . I could kill them," he sobbed.

"Now—now—Jack boy, that's no way to talk—you mustn't. It's wrong to hate."

"But it's wrong to treat me like they do," he retorted.

"I know, I know, but hating them won't help matters. Now just forget about it and run along and get dressed for Cubs."

Jack withdrew to the sanctuary of his own room. As he changed into his green Cub jersey and shorts, he gazed intently at the large painting of Thayendanegea that hung on the wall.

"I wish," he muttered, "I wish I'd been a scout with you. I'd have scalped every last one of them."

When Jack arrived at the Cub Hall behind the Village Library, he found Mr. Turner, his Cubmaster, in consultation with three other Sixers, none of whom had been invited to George's party.

"Hi, Jack!" greeted Akela, "We've just been talking about forming another Six. Bob and Brian are both bringing new recruits tonight."

"But I don't think they'll be here," Jack informed his leader, "They're at a party."

"I know, but the whole party is coming later," replied Mr. Turner. "I'm making you Sixer of the new boys. They are Billy Evans, Jerry Spratt, Jake Williams, Ronald Wren, and George McDougal."

Jack's dark face flushed and he bit his lip before replying.

"Is George joining?"

"Sure thing," Akela answered, "He's wanted to for some time now."

"Does he have to be in my Six?" said Jack.

"I'd like him to be," returned his leader, "Don't you want him?"

"He doesn't like me!"

"Nonsense! What makes you think that? In the Cubs everybody likes everybody."

Before Jack could reply, the door opened and the crowd from George's party rushed into the room. Akela blew a lusty blast on his whistle and the

group of boys froze to attention.

"All recruits will please sit on the bench by the window," he ordered. "The rest will form the Rock Circle."

As Jack passed the bench on which the new boys sat, he heard a remark which he knew came from the lips of his enemy, George.

"How did he ever get two stripes?"

Jack's lips tightened, but he pretended not to notice. He proceeded to the Red Six and began instruction in knots. After instruction and the games period, Akela lined up the recruits.

"We're forming a new Six," he announced, "and I'm appointing Sixer Jack Silverhorn in charge. Jack has had plenty of experience. You'll get along fine together."

There was an audible groan from George McDougal. Akela glanced sharply at the new recruits. "What's the matter, George?" he queried.

"I'd rather go in another Six," replied George.

"I want you to go in the Blue Six," said Akela firmly, "I can see no reason why you shouldn't."

George's face clouded but he made no further remark. Jack gathered his new Six about him in their den and proceeded to enter their names in his book as George looked sullenly on. Finally, just as the call to Grand Howl sounded George sneered, "I'd never have joined if I'd thought I'd have you for a Sixer."

Jack faced his persecutor. His black eyes flashed as he spoke the biting words. "I'm sure I don't want you in this Six, but as Akela has put you here, . . . you snob."

He turned on his heel and marched from the room. He had the last word. It was all he could do to keep himself from hitting George. He was glad he had triumphed. He would make a Cub of him if that were possible.

That night a bitter and somewhat remorseful Jack cried himself to sleep.

Like Brant, the War Chief of the Six Nations, Joseph Silverhorn was a devoted Christian. He had never affiliated with any of the village churches but as a boy he had diligently attended at Ohsweken. Like every Indian, the wonderful things he saw all about him in the world of nature held his mind in a spell. To him there was One who had created all things, and Who was ever ready to aid His children.

Above the limestone fireplace in the Silverhorn home was a framed motto bearing the words of Brant: "This country was given to us by the Great Spirit above; we wish to enjoy it."

The elder Silverhorn often brooded over the treatment meted out to his young son. He was determined, however, that Jack should stand upon his own feet and win his way in the world unaided. He was strict with Jack in regard to day and Sunday School attendance.

"You must get an education," he had told him, "and you must learn all there is to know about the Christian faith. The great Thayendanegea was a devout Christian and well read."

Jack's eyes would shine at the mention of his hero's name and the desire to be like the great War Chief inspired him to study. What did the unfriendly attitude of some matter? This country was given to them by the Great Spirit. It was theirs to enjoy. He must equip himself to serve his people. He must study.

Jack was ten years old on the day when Great Britain declared war on Nazi Germany. Little was said at the Silverhorn supper table that night but talk ran freely at the Gypsum Mine.

On a brisk afternoon towards the end of the month of October Joseph Silverhorn left his work at the Mine and walked doggedly towards the village, past the Sachem office, past the two beer parlours and the Milling Company, across the bridge towards home. He discovered Mary, his wife, knitting by the window that overlooked the river.

He changed his working clothes and threw himself into the wine-coloured easy chair. Picking up a Toronto newspaper, he read the war news with close attention.

Jack entered the kitchen. "Hi, Mom. Hi, Dad!" he called. "We're having a hike on Saturday . . . out to Mackenzie Creek. It's to be a treasure hunt and Bob and I are to lay the treasure."

"That's fine," returned his mother, smiling tenderly at him. "Get ready for supper. Dad has promised to take us for a row on the river."

"That's swell," enthused Jack, pouring water into the enamel basin as he began soaping his grimy hands.

Joseph Silverhorn ate his supper in silence, but immediately the meal was ended he pushed back his chair. "Come into Jack's room both of you," he said.

Jack looked across at his mother in bewilderment and Mrs. Silverhorn returned the look. Complying with his wish, they followed Joseph into the bedroom.

"What's up, Dad?" queried an ever-curious Jack.

Joseph gathered his wife and son to him in a close embrace. Looking stead-

fastly at the portrait of Thayendanegea, he exclaimed.

"The Chief marches again! I'm going to war."

"I knew it," exclaimed Mary, a tremor in her voice, "I knew it before you left for work this morning. I could tell. I don't know how."

"Does that mean you'll be going soon, Dad?" asked Jack.

"Fairly soon, I guess. This country was given us to enjoy and also to defend." He smiled down at his son. "You'll be chief here now and you'll have to take good care of your mother."

"When are you joining, Joe?"

"Tomorrow. In Hamilton. I'm going to try to get into the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry."

As Jack looked up at the tall, bronzed figure of his father, a great wave of love and admiration swept over him. He flung himself at his father's arms and Joseph held him close.

That night, as Jack lay awake in bed, he pondered over what his father's decision would mean to all of them. He knew, young as he was, that the road before them would not be easy. Like a good Cub he vowed that he would do his best to carry on as chief until Dad came back. The possibility of his father not coming back never entered his mind. The Great Spirit would look after his children.

Eighteen weary Cubs, with grubby hands and knees, followed their Cubmaster along the tracks towards Caledonia. Tired, but buoyant with the joy of life, they reached the railway bridge and turned along the river road.

The hike had been marred by only a single incident and the swollen and discoloured left eyes of George McDougal and Jack Silverhorn spoke of their part in the drama.

George had made a slighting remark about Joseph Silverhorn and the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. Jack had attacked him in a fury and they had fought until the blood flowed and each had won a discoloured eye.

Mr. Turner hesitated until Jack came along.

"I'm sorry, Jack," he began, "Fighting another Cub is not in keeping within the Cub Law. The Cub does not give in to himself. Remember?"

A sober Jack looked at his leader.

"I'm sorry, Akela," he exclaimed, "I just couldn't take it. I lost my temper. George is always ribbing me about the regiment and my being an Indian."

(CONCLUDED NEXT MONTH)



PLAN Achievement I believe has been very beneficial to Scouting in this part of Ontario and has strengthened the Movement considerably.

We do not claim to have had better results than any other area or association and I feel sure that our results have been duplicated by many of you to a greater or lesser degree, but this is our story.

Plan Achievement was well planned and very well presented to us in 1951 by Canadian Headquarters' Staff and passed on to us very comprehensively through our Provincial Commissioner, Mr. Tisdale, and his provincial and regional staff. Anyone who attended the President's and Commissioner's Conference at the Staff College in Kingston in March 1951 could not help but be tremendously impressed by the programme laid on for the next three years with excellent ideas for implementing this programme.

Prior to Plan Achievement, our Local Association, like a lot of others, was just struggling along in the post-war years with a lot of untrained leaders, few sponsoring bodies, fewer Group Committees, not too many leaders, a great many Scouts and Leaders without uniforms, and a Local Association with a handful of willing workers but for the most part sitting back and waiting for something to happen.

Just prior to the launching of Plan Achievement we were fortunate in having a new President with vision to see where things were heading, and wanting to do something about it. He realized that you either progress or regress, you don't just stand still and he was not willing to go backwards.

The first step was to augment the District Commissioner's staff. This was done by adding two strong A.D.C.s to lay on the training programme for Plan Achievement. The A.D.C.s got their leaders together and sat down and mapped out the targets for 1951 the first year of the plan.

The second step was to educate the Group Committees and this was done by holding week-day picnic lunches with the Chairmen of the Group Committees and some of the officers from

GIVE US ANOTHER TARGET!

This is a report on Plan Achievement and the way it sparked one District in Ontario. Mr. Archie Lewis, District Commissioner for Belleville, Ontario gave this report during a Conference of the Eastern Ontario Region.

the Local Association and Commissioners. When this was done, the President appointed a Group Contact Committee to go around to the various groups and carry on the work and lend encouragement.

This accomplished stronger Group Committees who in turn started to back up their Cub Leaders and Scout Leaders morally and financially, and gave the leaders a better sense of security. They also financed their attendance at Regional Conferences which has paid big dividends.

With more intelligent planning, we were able to weed out the weaker leaders and replace them with people of our own selection, rather than trying to push unwilling people into service. Very soon we found the boys were more enthusiastic and with a growing city population, found ourselves with terrific overcrowding in two or three of the Packs, swamped with long waiting lists for Cubs, and not enough meeting places or sponsoring bodies to meet the demand.

Scouting standards were raised and the boys went after their Proficiency Badges.

The Western Area Conference held early in 1951 added considerable impetus to Plan Achievement as any conference will do for a city. The key-

note of this conference was Pride, Progress and Proficiency and was given to us by Mr. Norenus, our Regional Commissioner. There were a great number of Group Committeemen and Ladies' Auxiliaries at the meeting and banquet.

Our strength increased 51% in the first year of Plan Achievement with only one new Scout Group added. Three out of six Troops and two out of six Packs earned the 1951 Plan Achievement Special Awards.

Without a doubt we achieved Pride in our organization in the first year of Plan Achievement.

1952

The second year of the Plan was unquestionably one of expansion with the President, District Commissioner and the Assistant District Commissioners meeting with church groups, Home and School groups and Service Clubs to get more meeting places, more sponsoring bodies and many new leaders.

During the year the groups expanded 50%, from 6 to 9, and a strong Rover Crew was added.

For the first time in the history of the Association, we had one complete Scout Group comprising a Group Committee, Ladies' Auxiliary, Cub Pack, Scout Troop and Rover Crew.



Will you have a display window during the week February 21st to 27th, 1954?

Four preliminary Leader Training Courses were held to train the new leaders.

Two Silver Arrowhead Courses were held for Senior Patrol Leaders. The first two Bushman's Thongs in the history of our Local Association were earned that year. Queen's Scouts increased from four to ten.

We also went beyond the city, helped organize, and gave assistance to groups outside the boundaries of the city and even procured leaders for them.

The Regional Conference at Cobourg was well attended by about 50 Leaders, Local Association members and Committeemen who drove the Leaders to the Conference in their cars.

Plan Achievement Awards for 1952 were earned by six Troops out of six and seven Packs out of nine.

At the end of the year our total strength was up another 26% and a waiting list for Cubs still the order of the day.

Unquestionably a year of "Progress".
1953

The third year of the Plan which is rapidly drawing to a close saw the fruits of the previous year being realized as two more Scout Groups were added to the city and the by-laws for the Association were changed to take in two additional outside groups; we ended up with 13 instead of 9 active groups.

The total strength increased 16% with a healthier redistribution of numbers in the Packs and Troops.

The Plan Achievement Crests awarded for the previous year have always been given out at the Annual Father and Son banquets of the various groups, with an explanation of what they are all about, and keen interest has been taken in earning them.

Bushman's Thongs have been earned by two more Scouts so far, making

four in all. Bronze Arrowhead and Silver Arrowhead Courses have been held for Patrol Leaders. Scouter Training Courses are still being run in our District.

One of the outstanding events of the year was to have a Queen's Scout with Gold Cord selected to represent Eastern Ontario at the Coronation. The boy selected by Provincial Headquarters was an excellent choice and as he was fortunate enough to have a camera presented to him before he went overseas, obtained many excellent photographs. Since he returned to Canada he has had the pictures mounted and has shown them through a projector to various Scout Groups with an excellent talk on his trip to the Coronation.

The Local Association also took on a project of reforestation of one hundred acres of land in the Moira River Conservation Authority which you probably read about in the November news bulletin from Canadian Headquarters. This work to be spread over a period of years.

Surely a Year of "Proficiency"

During the three years, groups increased from five to thirteen, leaders increased from 26 to 61 and the total of boys and leaders from 310 to 686, well over 100% increase across the board and I think you will agree a period of achievement.

One of the best compliments I have heard was from a prominent citizen in the community who said one can easily tell that the Boy Scouts are active and doing a good job in our city as they are so polite where before they were frequently rude or indifferent.

You know, it makes you feel good to have boys recognize you and talk to you wherever they happen to meet you and be able to know so many of them by name. The other evening

while standing outside the Collegiate surrounded by about 45 other men, some Scouts crossed the campus a short distance away in the dark and several of them called out to me by name. I could not distinguish the colours of the Troop but recognized three of the voices as Bob, Ted and Bruce and called back to them. The name and number of that Troop was then obvious to me. The men around me were quite impressed that I could recognize voices of boys I could not see and also know what unit they belonged to. They were not nearly as impressed as I was by the fact that the boys were interested enough to recognize me.

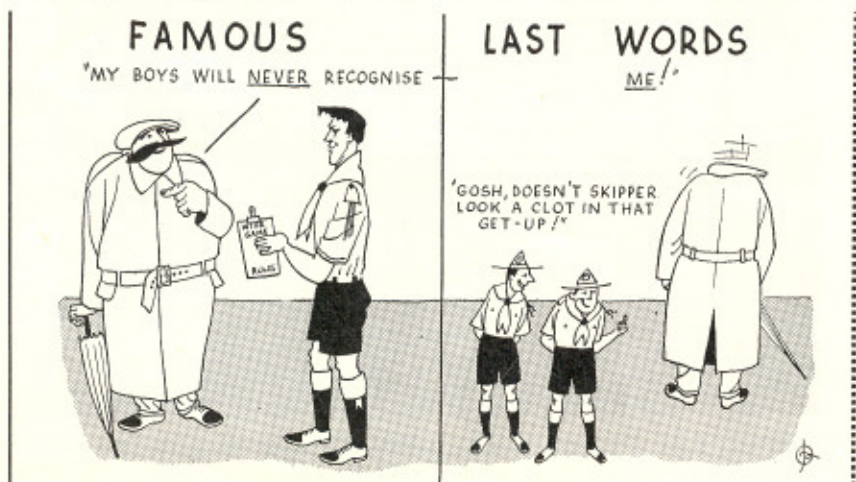
Excellent Cubbing and Scouting has been carried out at the three successive Summer Camps, and I think Art Jackson will back me up when I say they were all camps to be proud of.

Probably the most noticeable effect of the three year plan has been the teamwork and co-operation as well as the better understanding of both the uniform and civilian side and an absence of dissatisfaction and antagonism which was a bit apparent in former years.

A few minor problems crop up from time to time and are to be expected, but they are too small to disturb the forward march of the Movement.

There will be some disappointed Packs and Troops who cannot earn their third year crest, but they are all having a good try for it and will be better Cubs and Scouts for the effort.

And so to Canadian Headquarters, Provincial Headquarters, and our Regional Staff, our sincere thanks and appreciation for giving us the tools to work with in Plan Achievement. Now that we feel that we have Scouting getting firmly back on its feet, give us another target to aim for.



WORLD FRIENDSHIP BADGE

How many of your Scouts have qualified for this important proficiency badge or for that matter even know the requirements? During this month when we are thinking of World Scouting in particular it would be a good idea to include a discussion of this badge in your meetings. We have a long list of pen-pals at Canadian Headquarters.

WHAT'S IN A WORD

By D. M. McCONNEY

Executive Commissioner, South Waterloo, Ontario

"O'KAY gang, those who want to pass their signalling test go with Scouter Bob and those ready to pass their Tenderfoot tests stay here. What's that, Billy? Fire-lighting and cooking tests? We'll arrange a hike in a couple of weeks so that you can pass those."

Sound familiar? Probably does, for how many Scoutmasters in how many countless Troops—and Cubmasters in Cub Packs—use those words or ones similar week after week when the time comes around in the programme for the "instruction period".

How does all this fit into the pattern that B.-P. had in mind? He wrote: "Scout training . . . inspires the DESIRE to learn. The principle on which Scouting works is that the boy's ideas are studied, and he is encouraged to EDUCATE HIMSELF instead of being INSTRUCTED." (Aids to Scoutmastership, World Brotherhood Edition, page 19).

A boy who wants to be a Cub, Scout or Rover Scout is looking for the Thrills and Adventures that Scouting can provide. He is eager for the Fun and the Activity that he expects is waiting for him and the other fellows in his Six or Patrol. He gets a kick out of the badges that he earns and that mark his progress as a "Scout"; that recognize his achievements and skills acquired. But it is the activity first—and then the recognition through the badges—that is important.

In our various handbooks and even on our training courses we tend, unconsciously to refer to "Test". Our Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class requirements are designated as "Test Numbers", and we are likely to lose sight of the ideas B.-P. had in this programme.

And what is the effect? Have we created an atmosphere in which the boy is enthusiastic to learn skills by getting out and doing?—or have we created a school-room setting where the boy comes for his lessons week after week and hopes to pass his "tests" when examination time comes around?

Instead of "test" let's get the "Scouting Skill" habit!

For example: Signalling is designated as "Second Class Scout Test no. 10" or "Scout Skill of Signalling for Second

Class" or something of that sort. And instead of "examining Tenderfoot Johnnie McClock on his signalling" arrange with his Patrol Leader that Johnnie will send the semaphore message for his Patrol during the Troop's Wide Game; then when he gets the message through satisfactorily he gets credit for it of course. And he gets credit for having learned the other skills one by one as they are demonstrated and put into practice in a natural way during the weeks and months of his Scouting adventures.

Scouting is often referred to as a game and it is important to remember that players of a game acquire the skill and ability of playing by frequent practice and participation. A hockey player doesn't think of his playing as a lots of different skills, such as skating; turning, checking, stopping; and all the rest. These are certainly skills to be acquired and, maybe one or two of them have to be developed a bit now and again; but primarily he aims at being a well rounded hockey player. He may be a bit green at first but with more and more experience his skill improves. Finally he acquires many of the finer points of playing, and, perhaps he is even elected Captain of the team and starts to show the newcomers some of the skills required.

Scouting is like that really! The many activities which comprise the game of Scouting are not separate departments but only parts of a total programme. They are all skills that the boy picks up as he gets a little older and a little more experienced. Before he knows it he has learned enough to be invested and to be called a "Boy Scout"; then he has learned that he is a "Boy Scout—Second Class" and finally, quite a few hikes and camps later he becomes a "First Class Scout". Yes sir! Tenderfoot Johnnie McClock has learned the skills of this game of Scouting so well that he is a "First Class Player"; or if you prefer a well rounded player in the league of the game of Scouting.

What's in a word? A great deal when it comes to putting before the boy dull and unexciting words like "test" and "instruction" or living, adventurous words like "skills of Scouting" and "demonstrating those Skills in practice!"

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

FIELD COMMISSIONER

Toronto is looking for a Field Commissioner. Interested Scouters are instructed to apply to the Administration Department, Canadian Headquarters or to H. B. Greenway, Executive Commissioner, 1162 Bay Street, Toronto, Ont.

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FIELD COMMISSIONER

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 the Administration Department, The Boy Scouts Association, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4, Ont.

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FIELD COMMISSIONER

The City of Regina, Sask., is looking for a Field Commissioner to administer the Regina District area. This is a new position and the successful candidate will have a wonderful opportunity to do extension work. The starting salary will be \$3,000 to \$3,600, depending on experience.

Applications should be forwarded to the Administration Department, Canadian Headquarters, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4, Ont.

FOR SALE

Limited number of used Hike Tents at the reduced price of \$17.25 each. These tents were taken to the World Rover Moot in Switzerland and were originally bought from the Stores Department as listed in the official catalogue. Address requests to Administration Department, Canadian Headquarters.

JAMBOREE ASSISTANTS

There will be a wide variety of opportunities for Scouter service at the 8th World Jamboree being held in Canada in 1955. Plan now to take part in this great adventure. Ask your District or Provincial office for details.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

From the 1953 Quebec Provincial Scouters' Conference comes the following questions addressed to Scoutmasters and Rover Scout Leaders. The Scouters attending this conference found these questions very stimulating and it is hoped that they will be of service to you. For your information each question was assigned to a group who had only 14 minutes for discussion and then a summary.

1. You as the Scoutmaster have been asked to supply a Patrol of Scouts for an important District Function.

It is the turn of the Moose Patrol to take this on.

Johnny Jones, P.L. of the Moose, is likely to say that he will do it, then let you down. It has happened before. Jimmy Smith, P.L. of the Owls, is keen to do it and you know he will do the best job. It isn't the Owls' turn however. The job is important to the Troop's standing in the District. The function is 10 days away.

What would you do?

2. Roger X is hailed up before you as Scoutmaster by his P.L. at camp. Roger, age 12, has been a perfect "pest" in his actions so far in his first three days at camp. His P.L. has thrown up his hands and has threatened to "paddle" the culprit. He wants your approval of his actions. The P.L. is doing quite a good job with the rest of the Patrol and this is his first "problem" Scout.

What action would you take?

3. You are the S.M. of St. Methuselah Troop. You have been S.M. for two previous seasons. You have 24 Scouts in 4 Patrols and you have four "pretty good" P.L.s. The Patrols have 5, 6 and 7 members respectively. As a matter of fact, you are quite pleased with the present set-up of the Troop. Everything is going well.

The C.M. tells you in October that, during the season, 20 Cubs will "Come Up" from the three Packs in the Group.

What would you do?

4. You have been the S.M. of St. Oxo's Troop for five years. You had the original four P.L.s at the end of last season. They were "cracker-jack" P.L.s all last season and you depended on them for everything.

During last season you "lost" five fellows who were just over 14, or nearly 15. This fall, three of the P.L.s don't think they will be back. The three are all nearly 17 years old. The next group of fellows are in the 12, 13 and nearly 14 age group.

What has happened here and what will your plans be for this season?

5. You are the A.S.M. of a Troop which has run for some years. The present S.M. is a good fellow who is clever at technical Scouting. However, in your opinion, he does not "handle" boys well.

He has one P.L. who has not shown too much ability in leadership and obviously has not "caught" the spirit of Scouting. In a recent action he has without doubt let the Troop down badly. You suspect that his behaviour is an outward sign of his dislike of the S.M. The S.M. is furious and has shown his annoyance before the Troop.

He tells you that next meeting he plans to "strip the rank badges" and demote the P.L. before the Troop. He has not consulted the C. of H.

What would you do?

6. As the S.M. of the Troop you find that your four P.L.s are all now about 16 years of age. They have slacked off during the past year and missed some meetings, come without uniform and generally do not set a good example for the younger Scouts.

You wish to replace them with a younger group of P.L.s. The older lads are inclined to stay and you suspect that this is out of loyalty to you.

What course of action would you take in this case?

7. You are the S.M. of a Troop which has always prided itself on the high standard of quality in its Scouting. You feel sure that "your" standard for tests and badges, and in fact in everything is not too high for your Scouts.

At a Court of Honour meeting two of your P.L.s are complaining that their Scouts are dissatisfied because in a neighbouring Troop the badges and tests are being literally "given away" to their Scouts. Your P.L.s feel that it isn't fair for the other Troop to get away so easily and they now have more First Class Scouts than you have.

What arguments can you present to your P.L.s to settle this one?

8. In your third year as Scoutmaster of the 1st Insideout Troop your older

Scouts show signs of restlessness and wanting to leave. Your P.L.s are not doing the job you expect of them and everything seems to be going "stale".

You have cause to overhear a group of your P.L.s expressing dissatisfaction of Scouting. You call a Court of Honour meeting (you haven't been able to have one for months) and have a "heart to heart" talk with your P.L.s.

They tell you that they used to have a good time at Scouts but now they don't enjoy the programmes you are running and ask why you can't have something new to put on the programme.

Can you spot the basic fault here? What would you plan to do to retrieve the situation?

9. Johnny Young, a Scout of 13, has been with you since he came up from Cubs at age 11. He has been a real "go-getter" even since he came up. He steamed ahead on his Grade work and you gave him all the help and encouragement you could.

Johnny has now completed all his First Class Tests but still has 10½ months to go until he is 14 years old and able to wear the badge. He is getting quite downhearted over the whole affair and you fear you will lose him.

How has this situation been mis-handled? What would you do in Johnny's case? How could you prevent this happening in the future?

10. John Crump is a Queen's Scout who recently transferred to your Troop at age 16. He is anxious to lead a Patrol again.

You have several younger boys who at 14 could make good Patrol Leaders and, in fact you had intended to promote two of them. The Troop Leader is 16 years of age too and has his First Class Badge. John has been highly recommended by his former S.M.

What place would you find for him in your Troop?