



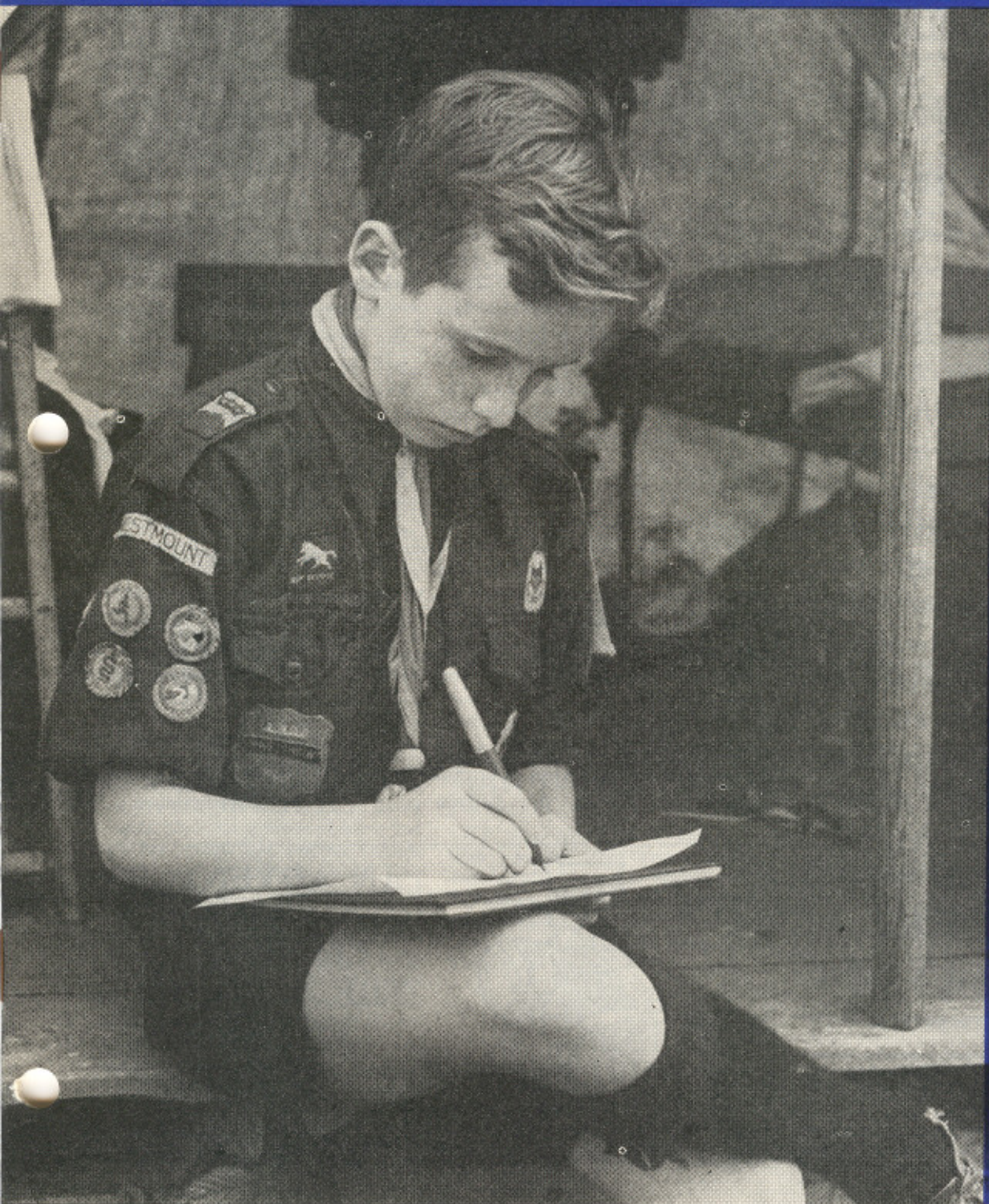
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When I spoke at the annual meeting of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association at Ottawa on April 30th, I noted with pleasure the fact that a Citizen Badge is available to Boy Scouts and that continued emphasis is being placed on the winning of this particular badge.

I said at that time that the importance of an organization such as the Boy Scouts Association in any democracy cannot be overestimated and that in Scouting a young Canadian receives a solid basis upon which to build enlightened citizenship. I am happy to re-state these views through the medium of your excellent publications.

I indicated in my talk my willingness to do what I could to assist the Association in stimulating interest in the Citizen

THE CITIZEN BADGE

Here is an important letter addressed to all Canadian Scouters from the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration of the Government of Canada. We are honoured that our Canadian Government has paid such high tribute to Scouting in recognizing the value of this Proficiency Badge.

Badge. I feel that one way this could be done is through a personal letter to each of the boys who succeed in winning a badge.

If, therefore, the leaders of the Troops throughout Canada will forward to me, through their Provincial Headquarters, the names of Scouts to whom the Citizen Badge is awarded, I shall be delighted to write to each of the recipients a letter of congratulations.

As an "Old Scout", may I take this opportunity to wish every Scouter success in carrying on your excellent programme on behalf of the Canadian citizen of tomorrow.

(Signed) Walter E. Harris,
Minister of Citizenship
and Immigration



AN ADVENTURE IN WORLD CITIZENSHIP THE 8th WORLD JAMBOREE

TEACH YOUR SCOUTS THE JAMBOREE SONG, "NEW HORIZONS", ON PAGES 220-21. LET'S HAVE EVERY SCOUT KNOW IT THIS YEAR!



Scoutmaster Jack Young,
2nd Shale Falls Troop.

Dear Jack:

Congratulations on your appointment as Scoutmaster of the 2nd Shale Falls Troop. You are taking over a good gang and I know you will enjoy working with the people at St. Matthew's Church. I am sure my old friend, Fred Burns was sorry to see you go. You gave him three good years of service as his Assistant and I am sure he taught you a lot. Fred's a great leader and it is wonderful how many we have like him.

I guess you are up to your ears getting settled down. It must be quite an upheaval to move to a new town and take over a new job. However, you and Betty won't have any trouble making friends because both of you were always good mixers, and I am sure it won't be long before Betty is taking an active part in the Ladies' Auxiliary. How lucky you are to have moved to such a delightful spot at this time of the year—which reminds me that you and your Scouts are no doubt deep in plans for a series of hikes and week-end camps this summer culminating, I hope, in a Troop Camp. Your fellows would get a great thrill out of a two-week camp and it would give you a great opportunity to study each boy. It is an ideal opportunity to really put into practice the Patrol System which, I believe, has not been too much in evidence in the 2nd Shale Falls for some years past. Give this two-week camp adventure some careful thought, Jack.

It is my hope that this year will be the biggest yet for Troop camping throughout Canada, and I am count-

*306 Metcalfe St.
Ottawa, 4*

This is the first in a series of letters which our Chief Executive Commissioner will write for *The Scout Leader*.

ing on chaps like you to do your utmost to make this possible.

Talking of camping, don't forget that there will be charcoal cooking at the International Jamboree next year, so your camping plans this year should include charcoal cooking and, of course, on a Patrol basis. Your boys can make their own burners. A charcoal fire is much easier to control than ordinary wood and less messy. Once your fellows have tried it I know they will agree it is ideal under certain conditions.

Talking about next year's Jamboree, don't overlook the wonderful opportunity which a long-term camp will give you to get more of your boys to First Class standards. I know you are as keen as I am to make sure that some of them will be at the big show at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Our Canadian target is two boys from every Troop and that includes the 2nd Shale Falls! It is going to be the experience of a lifetime. Are you planning to come yourself? We will need lots of help you know.

I'll close now with a sincere wish that you and your Scouts enjoy a summer of real outdoor Scouting. Until September, then, the best of luck and good Scouting. Give my best to Betty, your Brownie and those two prospective Cubs.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive Commissioner.

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Dear Brother Scout:

The Boy Scout Movement in Indonesia has a great number of members, it is true, but there is difficulty in the fact of always having sufficient reading material for our Scouts at our disposal for the sake of the technical information of the boys. The monthlies received from you are neatly preserved in a case, which is being circulated regularly. At the end of the year, however, when collecting the journals, we always experience, that some issues are missing. We consequently would request you to send us those copies that are short, viz: 1951 January and March; also 1952 March and April. (Total: 4 copies).

Trusting we may receive these so important journals for the sake of raising the technical level of our boys in this country, who are entrusted to our care in this difficult period.

We thank you for the contact created by the exchange of our monthlies and hope we may receive them for many years more.

We remain, with best Scout greetings,
Mrs. A. P. C. Weijer-Kruisbrink,
Djalan Tulodong No. 26,
Kebajeran-Baru/Djakarta,
Indonesia.

■ We are pleased to send *The Scout Leader* to every Scouting country recognized by the International Bureau of our Association.

Dear Mr. Beers:

I have just finished perusing three of the latest issues of *The Scout Leader* and was greatly impressed by "What Would You Do?" (to Scoutmasters). It certainly brings home situations of every kind and makes a fellow think. Thanks a million. I would sure like to see more items along these lines. *The Scout Leader* seems to get better with each issue and we Scouters here in our little town, away out west, certainly enjoy reading it.

Thanking you again for a fine magazine and hoping to hear from you in the near future, I remain,

Bernard T. Nelson,
Scoutmaster, 1st Revelstoke Troop
(St. Peter's), British Columbia

■ More features of this type are planned for Volume XXXII.

Dear Mr. Beers:

Your readers would probably like to hear of an interesting experiment that is being

conducted by one of the Packs in our district. Sometime ago a mother called the Akela and enquired if his Pack could accommodate her boy, who, unfortunately, was afflicted with cerebral palsy. The Akela, after discussing it with his assistants and talking to his Pack, agreed to give the matter a fair trial. He now reports that he has never regretted having done so.

A few of the Cubs always call for the lad on their way to Pack meetings and there is always a jolly escort to accompany him home afterwards. The boys help him all they can without being obtrusive, and although his participation in Pack activities is obviously limited, it does not appear to hinder its normal functioning. In fact, he is accepted without question as one of their number and the boys blissfully overlook his handicap, entirely unconscious of the manner in which they, their leaders and their worthy Akela epitomize the spirit of Cubbing.

B. Goulston,
Assistant District Commissioner,
Sarnia, Ont., Boy Scouts Local
Association.

■ Our Duty is to make *Scouting* available to every boy. Working with handicapped boys is always most rewarding.

Dear Editor:

Your two magazines, *The Scout Leader* and *The Junior Leader* are excellent and in many ways excel our own publications. I really enjoy reading them every month, and find many valuable aids in my own Scoutmaster work.

I have been wondering that if through your kind offices one could be put in contact with some Canadian Troops that publish their own Newspaper. I would like to exchange with Units that would care to do so.

Richard E. Becker,
14 Hamilton Avenue,
Haverhill, Mass., U.S.A.

■ We are pleased to know you enjoy our magazines as we do *Scouting* and *Boy's Life*. Troop Newspaper Editors, please note.

Dear Sir:

I always look forward to receiving *The Scout Leader* and *The Junior Leader*, also the "Jamboree" because after 35 years of leadership for Scouts and Cubs, in this

city, and although now retired from active Scouting, my heart is still in the work.

As far as I have been able to find out, I believe this service in one city to be the record for Canada. How pleased I feel as I walk around the city to be greeted by all kinds of men who have been in my Troops.

I was very pleased with a poem by Mr. Bud Jacobi in *The Scout Leader* recently, entitled "Look Wide", how true it was in my experience. I took over a gang of boys, having no knowledge whatever of Scouting, but with the knowledge that I was always able to get along with boys, and the gang that came and asked me to be their Scoutmaster knew that also.

So starting out by reading *Scouting for Boys*, and reading my copy of *Tenderfoot Tests*, I started out, but not with much success because after our first overnight hike, I was confined to my bed with the flu for a week but I determined to carry on, learned most of my *Tenderfoot* tests during that week by having a piece of cord and the book under my pillow and when I couldn't sleep, I would turn over and practice my knots round the bedpost.

When I think back to the hikes, week-end camps, and the longer camps, my heart throbs with thankfulness to God, who gave me this privilege of getting close to a boy's heart.

As Bud Jacobi says in his poem, it is quite true, sometimes you feel like quitting, but some of these who made you feel that way, have turned out to be good stuff. Sometimes these days, having not much to do, I find myself in a comfortable armchair day-dreaming about some of my old Scouts living in this city and elsewhere. Among them I find an Architect, a Minister, two Dentists, a Camping Director, a Director of Traffic Rates for the Provincial Government, a Chemical Engineer, Tea and Coffee Merchant, a Branch Manager of the Saskatchewan Wholesale Co-op, an Auto Salesman, two owners of Boys' and Men's Clothing Stores, a Manager of Steel and Iron Works, an A.D.C. to the Lieut.-Governor of this Province, a Deputy Health Officer, a Public Relations Officer in the American Air Force. The last two are brothers, who gave me plenty of headaches when they were in the Troop. A Cpl. in the R.C.A.F., a Fireman, a Petty Officer and three others in the R.C.N., and a Master Draughtsman in Montreal. All these are still in touch with me. Several others, of course, lost their lives in World War II.

Now as Bud Jacobi asks in his poem, "Was it worth it?" I say it certainly was and I enjoyed every bit of it to the end, when like everything else, I wore out. I retired without regrets for the years that I had enjoyed in Scouting.

During my time of Scoutmaster, I have had the great privilege of meeting our Founder and Lady Baden-Powell with Heather and Betty, on three occasions, also meeting Lady Baden-Powell on two occasions since the Founder's death. I have also talked with Sir Alfred Pickford; Sir Percy Everett; John Thurman, Camp Chief; Lord

Rowallan; and many others too numerous to mention.

I am going to quit by saying that I have done my best, to do as our Founder asked us, "To leave the world a little better than I found it", and I have no regrets.

Trusting that some of this may be enjoyable to you,

J. W. Diamond,
2505 Victoria Ave.,
Regina, Sask.

■ Thank you for a most interesting letter. Your contribution has been great and you are seeing your reward in good Citizens.

Dear Sir:

I notice in your *Scout Leader* you have an 'Akela's Den'—questions and answers to problems that arise. I am a new Cubmaster, never having had any idea what Cubbing was about. My *Scout Leader* is always well read but I have a problem which I am unable to decide what I should do about it. I have one Cub who is a cripple, so to speak. He wears a brace on one foot and is able to get around fairly well but cannot compete with other boys too well. He hasn't too good a control of his hands and does not talk too well. He is a Children's Aid boy and is staying in a home along with four other boys his age. All five come to Cubs regularly, as for passing tests for his Stars he is not capable of doing so. Should I just let him continue not bothering to give tests or have you any suggestions what I might do?

Russ S. Webb,
Cubmaster, 4th Fort Frances,
942 Phair Avenue,
Fort Frances, Ontario.

■ Ask your Provincial Headquarters about Alternate Tests for Handicapped Cubs and Scouts.

Dear Editor:

Your article on the problems of a Scoutmaster, "What would you do?" followed by the answers this month, is one of the most valuable series I have seen in this most interesting magazine. Some of these problems are common ones and I confess occasionally have me baffled. I hope you will be able to find space for similar contributions in future issues, even if on a smaller scale.

R. H. Stinson,
Scoutmaster, 25th London, Ontario.

Dear Editor:

For the past number of years we have enjoyed reading *The Scout Leader* and the news of groups in other parts of the country. We have had as a Crew a little project on the go now for about a year and thought maybe it would be of interest to others.

Our Crew Den is on the outskirts of Toronto in Scarborough and near the main highway to Montreal and other main arteries from the city going east. For some time we had noticed cars in trouble on these roads and of course always stopped

to help as Rovers should. However, we felt that if we could do something more than just the occasional time help people in trouble, we would be doing a real service. So as a result came our Highway Service Patrol which we run regularly. We patrol these outlets from the city in cars equipped to help and manned by two or three Rovers. To date we have helped a number of people from having flat tires to being stuck or out of gas. On leaving them we leave a little printed card saying "A ROVER SCOUT GOOD TURN". This is usually left on the seat of the car or some place where it will be found later. This has been a lot of fun for us and has also done a service to others. It is important to note that most people are surprised to find that someone would stop to help. In this busy world the Good Samaritan in us rarely comes out I suppose.

Well that is all for now, but we thought you just might find it of interest for your magazine. This, by the way, is not the sum and substance of our Crew programme. We have a very busy Crew of ten covering all phases of Rover Scouting as is verified by our achieving all three Plan Achievement Awards, a fact of which we are very proud.

Harold Hird,
St. George's Rover Crew,
Toronto, Ontario.

■ Thanks for the Rover Service idea.

Dear Sir:

On page 105 of *Tenderfoot to Queen's Scout* is reproduced the old sketch illustrating how to estimate the width of a river. It is the same sketch that was used when I was a boy.

It appears to me that this method must have been devised in Europe or England where most rivers have clear, grassy or cultivated banks.

I have found occasion to estimate streams and creeks many times and in Canada the Scout method can seldom be used. Most of our rivers have a heavy timber growth right down to the high water mark and if one goes back from the bank the far side is immediately obscured.

May I suggest an alternate Canadian method which I use.

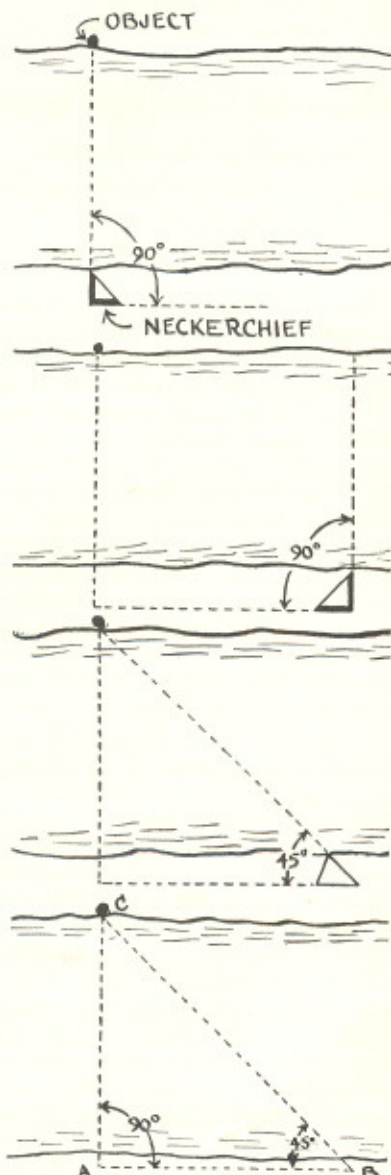
One starts the same way as the book:—Mark an object directly across the river and then turn 90° and walk along the bank until the object is at an angle of 45° from your starting point. The distance you have travelled along the bank is equal to the distance across the stream.

Geometrically all that is done is to construct a right angled triangle with equal angles at the base. Therefore, the two sides are equal in length.

For the well equipped Scout, with a proper compass, measuring the 90° and 45° angles presents no problem. But for the rest of us without compasses one can use one's neckerchief or a piece of paper with square cut corners.

Place the neckerchief on the ground with one end pointing at the object across the river. The other end is then pointing along the bank at 90° angle.

Then move along the bank a distance estimated to be equal to the river's width and lay out the neckerchief with one end pointing back to the starting point. The other end is again pointing across the river at 90° angle. Fold it once and the back of



the fold is pointing across at 45° angle. Move up or down stream until you get the fold lined up on the object across the river and you are all set.

A still easier method would be to use a Scout hat with the eight cardinal points marked inside the brim.

All the best to you, now and thanks for the course. We have already allowed a re-shuffling of Patrols and an election of Patrol Leaders. All but one were returned to office. Two Patrols turned in a split decision and decided to re-vote.

Capt. P. T. Acland,
A.S.M. 29th Edmonton, Alta.

■ This is a very good alternate method of estimating. We hope other Scouters will send along their ideas on Scoutcraft.



I would like to—but

By JOHN L. MacGREGOR

Executive Commissioner for Training,
Canadian Headquarters,
Camp Chief for Canada

How often these words have been uttered by Scouters contemplating Part II of the Wood Badge. Then follows a list of reasons why it is "simply not possible to attend this year". Some reasons are quite valid and there are circumstances which do prevent Scouters from fulfilling their sincere desire to take this important phase of Wood Badge Training. I have always believed that a way can be found by any person who really *wants* to do something. I shall not belabour the point but will get on with the main purpose of these few lines.

I urge you to make a final appraisal of the possibility of attending a Part II course this summer. I genuinely believe that you would like to. The "buts" can be eliminated and you can find yourself a member of a Six or Patrol, enjoying one of the most memorable events of your life. I promise you, without reservation, a thoroughly refreshing experience mentally, physically and spiritually. I am tempted to try to describe some of the activities, joys, inspiration and incomparable fellowship which are so much a part of every Part II course. To do so would only be repeating that which you have heard and read many times. It is like having someone tell you all about the main feature of a good show before you see it for yourself. I can only hope that your Preliminary training provided an adequate preview.

Finally, I am urging you to go to Part II this year for one reason only. It will help you immeasurably to give more effective and imaginative leadership to the boys whose lives you are helping to shape.

Yes Scouters, there is still time. I know you would like to—so, please—no buts!

Here are the Dates for Wood Badge Courses in Canada this Year!

BRITISH COLUMBIA:

- Cub—near Vernon, B.C.—August 28 to September 4
Ak. L. Roy MacDonald
- Scout—near Haney, B.C.—July 17 to 25
D.C.C. Carleton McNaughton

PRAIRIE:

- Cub—Gimli, Man.—July 19 to 24
Ak. L. T. P. Stark
- Scout—Gimli, Man.—July 5 to 14
D.C.C. Eli Boyaner

ONTARIO:

- Cub—Blue Springs, Ont.—July 26 to 31
Ak. L. Jack Atkinson
- Cub—Camp Opemikon, Ont.—July 10 to 17
Ak. L. Bower Carty
- Cub—Blue Springs, Ont.—August 23 to 28
Ak. L. Robin Sharp
- Scout—Blue Springs, Ont.—July 17 to 25
D.C.C. Arthur Jackson
- Scout—Blue Springs, Ont.—August 28 to September 5
D.C.C. Harry Firth
- Rover—Blue Springs, Ont.—July 31 to August 5
D.C.C. John Hencher

QUEBEC:

- Scout—Tamaracouta—August 21 to 28
D.C.C. L. C. Houldsworth

MARITIMES:

- Cub—Sussex, N.B.—July 24 to 31
Ak. L. Alan Hopper
- Scout—Sunnybrae, Pictou Co., N.S.—August 7 to 17
D.C.C. Alan Hopper

NEWFOUNDLAND:

- Scout—Sandy Point, Expoit's River, Notre Dame Bay—July 30 to August 6
D.C.C. E. B. Foran

INTERNATIONAL SUPPER

Photo and Story by Alan B. Stone, Montreal, Que.

Are there any Rover Crews who are stuck for a programme, and also want a good excuse to ring the chow bell? If the answer is yes, and who doesn't like to eat, try this sometime this summer (fall). The members of the Red Otter Rover Crew of Lachine, Quebec, solved this problem by staging an International Dinner. Each member was asked to bring food representative of his national origin.

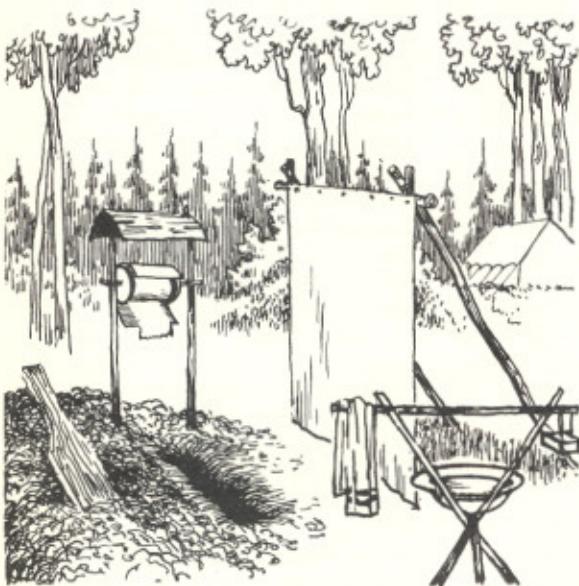
Latvian black bread, sausages and sauerkraut, were supplied by Guntars Grintals, while Ib Neilsen, whose parents came from Denmark, brought pickled herring. Stan Davies is a Canadian, but decided that Chili con carne would bring Mexico into the picture. Anatole (Toly) Swystun who hails from the Ukraine, brought a meat and rice dish that had been cooked in the

leaves of a cabbage. Ken Vokey, a roofer for Newfoundland, had boiled lobsters done to a turn. (How many of you know how to crack lobster shells?) Albert McArdle, (no, no, not Scotland) is a Mohawk, one of the six tribes making up the Iroquois nation. Bert brought corn soup and corn bread, with the thick gravy to top it off. The Ginger Bread of Scotland was supplied by Doug Kiddie. Canadian apple pie (Quebec McIntosh of course) came with Jim Dunn. Merrie England came in the form of Lancashire Hot Pot with Bob Randall.

There it is Rovers. Get everyone into the act. Taste something new. One last reminder, get rid of those spoilsports who bring Alkaseltzer. Man, you just haven't lived until you have had a buffet supper International style.



Left to right: Guntars Grintals, Latvia; Ib Neilsen, Denmark; Stan Davies, Canada; Toly Swystun, Ukraine; Ken Vokey, Canada; Albert McArdle, Iroquois, Canada; Doug. Kiddie, Scotland; James Dunn, Canada; Bob Randall, England.

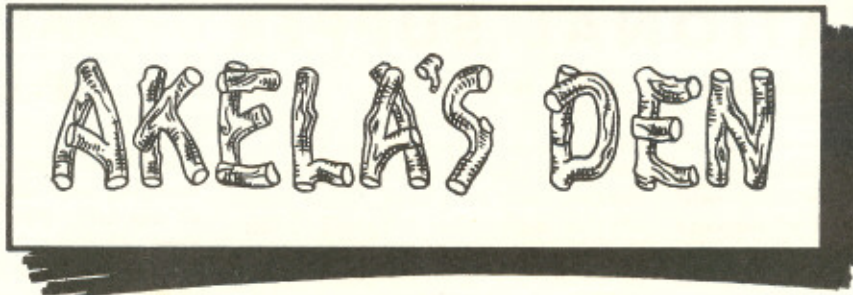


As you finalize your camping arrangements, re-read the section dealing with Latrines and Wash Places in the booklet, *Camping Guide for Canadian Scouters*. (Stores Department—25c). Here is an illustration to help you set up a suitable arrangement.

MAPPING IN CAMP

Scouts will enjoy a session or two on mapping and map making at Troop or any other type of Camp. Here for your guidance is a list of symbols which you might like to try out as a quiz after your yarn of the way to draw a useful map.

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| Good Motor Road | Poor Motor Road | Railroad - Any kind | Railroad - On fill |
|  |  |  |  |
| Pack Trail | Communication and Power | Buildings - General | Buildings - General |
|  |  |  |  |
| Spring | Ford (Wading Place) | Church | Church |
|  |  |  |  |
| Foot Bridge | Bridge | Cemetery | Cemetery |
|  |  |  |  |
| Lock (Point upstream) | Lake | Quarry - Mine | Quarry - Mine |
|  |  |  |  |
| Woods - Broad leaves | Woods - Pines, etc. | Palm and Palmetto | Palm and Palmetto |
|  |  |  |  |
| Grassland | Sand and Sand Dunes | Hill (Shown in hachures) | Hill (Shown in hachures) |
|  |  |  |  |
| Marsh | Fences (Wire-Stone) | Fences (Wire-Stone) | Fences (Wire-Stone) |
|  |  |  |  |
| Corn and Cultivated Land | Hedges | Hedges | Hedges |



SHOULD WE ORGANIZE HIKES AND RAMBLES ON SUNDAY?

By H. R. C. CROUCH, Field Commissioner, Saskatchewan

Here is a problem which all Scouters face from time to time as they plan programmes of adventure for their boys. This is not an easy answer but an article to stimulate your thinking on this subject.

WITH the limited amount of time available for the majority of leaders the question of Sunday hikes assumes considerable proportions. The 'OUT' in Scouting demands that as much time as possible should be spent in the open air. However, many leaders find, in practice, that normal domestic responsibilities as well as their duties to their communities and religious affiliations take most, or all, of their spare time during week days.

It naturally follows that a leader's thoughts will turn to the remaining day, Sunday, in which to implement the policy of getting his boys out as much as possible.

Sunday, in our Christian world, however, is the day reserved for worship and rest from our labours and careful consideration should be given to any proposed plan for Sunday hikes. Many questions arise and a leader must not make definite decisions before assuring himself he has the answer to all of the questions.

Whilst outdoor activities command a great part of the Game of Scouting, so does the religious aspect, indeed B.-P. continually re-iterated that a boy's duty to God comes first in the programme.

A few leaders who voluntarily give up their rest and leisure time of Sunday feel that by doing so, they are making considerable sacrifice to the Movement, as indeed they are, and that the matter becomes one to be dealt with by the Troop through its Court of Honour. Such leaders should, however, pause before allowing such decisions to be made and ask themselves if the first is indeed being placed first.

The religious policy of the Boy Scout Movement is laid out in rule 10 of

P.O. & R. para. (1), which reads:—"It is expected that every member shall belong to a religious denomination and faithfully carry out his religious duties".

The leader's responsibility toward the religious policy would obviously not be complete if he blandly carried out Sunday hikes to satisfy another important part of the programme without reference to or respect for the latter part of this paragraph.

It would mean that he would deny the boys the opportunity of carrying out their obligations to their particular Church and thus would be defeating the whole object of the Movement.

Most boys belong to religious bodies which place obligations on them on Sundays in the form of regular attendance at Sunday Schools, Church Services, etc. Imagine the confusion and uncertainty created in the boys' mind when confronted with the problem of which of two loyalties he should support.

Let us then view the matter from a practical level. Should the boy have to forego the pleasure and benefits of the proposed Scout hike or should he be denied the benefits and influence of his Church teachings? It would appear that the answer to both these questions is 'No'.

A leader may be satisfied in his own mind that as Scouting has, or should have a strong religious influence on the boy that the hike, if properly conducted, could replace the necessity for Church attendance.

Bearing in mind that Scouting is not a complete religious programme but is rather supplemental to denominational teachings it appears obvious that this would be an unwise course to adopt.

The minister, on the other hand, feels that his programme of religious education would be incomplete, if not lost, by allowing the boy to absent himself from services, Sunday School, etc. to satisfy the demands of Scouting. Having in mind his responsibility for the spiritual welfare of the boy, this attitude is understandable and any refusal to recognize such absence appears reasonable.

Let us then approach the problem in a spirit of compromise. If the Church service is not too late in the day the leader, for his part, could organize his hike to enable a start to be made after the service. This is the easy answer to our problem but is not always practical as Sunday School often takes place during the afternoon making it far too late to commence a hike.

Most ministers are reasonable in their attitude to the Scout programme and recognize the part which it can play in the boy's spiritual welfare. Instances have been experienced where boys who have attended Sunday School regularly throughout the year have been permitted to take part in Sunday hikes and have not been penalized as far as attendance marks are concerned.

This has been achieved by correct approach to the Minister and assuring him that the boy would be taking part in a properly conducted hike arranged entirely for the boy's benefit. Under no circumstances should the decision as to which he would prefer be left to the boy. The problem of divided loyalty could possibly undermine his attitude to both Scouting and the Church.

If, however, the minister is adamant in his view that the Church must come first then it would be necessary to bow to his decision, remembering that the boy's first duty is to God—the minister

interpreting this as first duty to the boy's Church.

However, if a conciliatory attitude is adopted by the leader and confidence in each other's intentions built up then this problem may cease to exist in the atmosphere of spirit of Good Will thus created.

In this age of motorcars and day trips another problem confronts the instigator of Sunday hikes. Sunday is the day on which Father gets out the jalopy to take the family for a trip to the lake. Parents may object to going off for the day or week-end and leaving their son to the tender mercies of the Scoutmaster. This presents a different problem as the hike may not take as much time as the family trip and the Scout would possibly be left at a loose end. This must be avoided as the responsibility is placed on the leader's shoulders. Again only close co-operation on the part of the leader and parents can solve this problem.

On the other hand some parents might object to allowing their boys to take part in any such activity on Sunday on the grounds of religious susceptibilities. This usually arises if the parents were unaware of Scouting's efforts on behalf of the boy and such objections can often be overcome with a heart to heart yarn on the matter.

Here then are the most important problems with which leaders may be faced when asking themselves "Should we organize hikes on Sundays?"

With Church sponsored groups the problems may not be so severe as the necessary respect and spirit of good will should already be there. With community groups of mixed denominations the problem must be handled with diplomacy by the leader and the assent of the governing body of each of the denominations represented obtained first. Do not demand—co-operate—it will answer most of the leader's problems.

Sunday hikes can be a great help in implementing the policy of outdoor Scouting. They can also be the cause of discord between the Movement and the Church which must be avoided at all costs.

Few parents or ministers approve of boys roaming the streets or being at a loose end on a Sunday and welcome the opportunity for the boys to take part in the healthy, happy and clean Game of Scouting in an organized manner under a respected leader.

Happy hiking!



These Cubs enjoyed a wonderful Pack Holiday last year. It was planned after careful consideration and strict adherence to the Rules and Regulations set forth clearly in *Policy Organization and Rules*, Rule No. 361. Ask your Provincial Headquarters for their assistance and advice if you are planning a Pack Holiday.

Play and the Cub

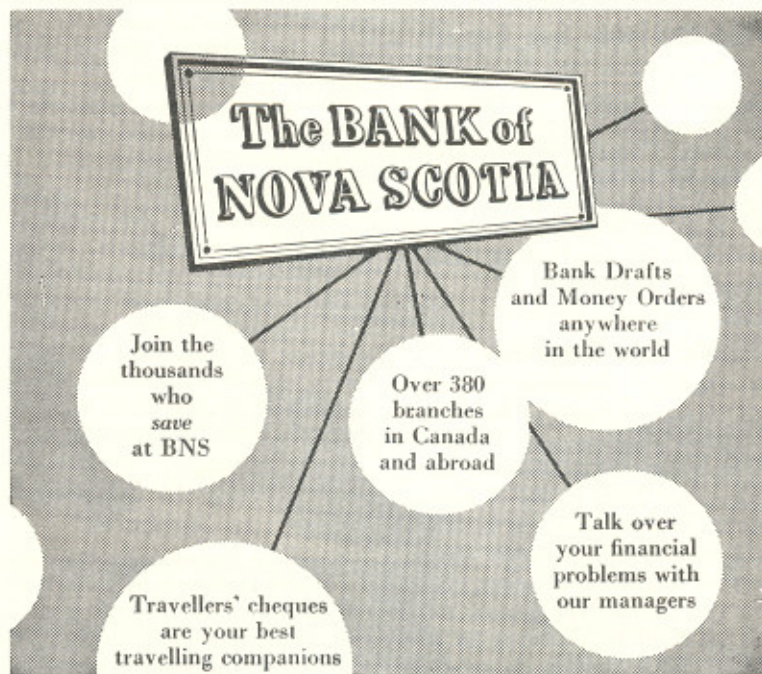
Some one once said—If you want to know what a boy is watch his play. If you are concerned as to what he will become—direct his play. Recreation is a vital part of character building and can be used to develop qualities and habits of character that make for good living. Games can be used to teach Cubs many things; courtesy and thoughtfulness for others, to be honest, just and fair in observing the rules of the game. On Sunday they may learn about unselfish service, on Friday they can practice it. We leaders have a

mighty challenge in suggesting and providing fun and games for our boys. If we, through a programme such as we have can keep our Cubs and Scouts loyal and interested they will not seek questionable places for their recreation. A well balanced programme is an important factor in helping character building, well chosen games will help develop friendliness, loyalty and self control. It is an outlet for emotions and encourages group thinking. The games in the *Scout Leader* are most helpful and as the title says "For your Games Book", that is indeed the place for them. If you, as I and many others do, pass the magazine on to others you cannot of course cut them out but most of them are short enough to copy out and I think you'll find by the time you have written them you will have a much better idea of how they should be played. Thank you again for "Akela's Den" and "For your Games Book".

Elsie Collis,
1st Brampton, Ontario

Only for the Tactful

A little used source of yarns open to the Cubmaster with determination and tact—the Scoutmaster! Get him into the Den and then suggest that he tell the Cubs about the Jamboree he once attended or how "Pieface" fell into a wasps' nest at the last Troop camp. Once he realizes that the Cubs won't eat him he may come again.





SCOUTING Digest

Boy Scout Air Show

Scouts from Unity, Wilkie, Coleville, Luseland and Keerobert, Sask., recently gathered for the Wild Goose District's First Annual Air Show. Model aircraft were entered for judging in the show which was officially opened by Mayor Rupert of Keerobert. A demonstration of gas powered glided flight was given by two adult enthusiasts and eventually spectators were led $\frac{1}{2}$ mile into town by one of the air planes. Later in the evening, each Troop presented a skit and the entire Air Show was brought to a close with a very fine display of fireworks.

Safety Week Good Turn

Scouts in Kingston, Ontario, joined with the Junior Chamber of Commerce in that city in a campaign to encourage recognition of safety week. Facsimile parking tickets were placed on cars parked on streets throughout the city telling motorists of the high number of accidents and urging them to avoid careless driving. These tickets, of course, were circulated with the permission of the City Police Force.

Sea Scouts Hear Sub Expert

Sea Scouts, Rover Sea Scouts and Scouters recently spent an enjoyable evening at the Montreal Sea Scout base "Venture". They gathered to hear an address by Lt.-Cdr. Ioin Ruthven, formerly of the Royal Navy. Commander Ruthven is an expert on the midget submarine used so efficiently during the last Great War.

"Let's Get Together"

Two Halifax Scouters recently paddled through a chain of lakes and then up the Shubenacadie River to Stewiacke, a distance of 50 miles. They were met there by a Patrol of Scouts from a Truro Troop and the Scouters left with them a carved paddle charging them to return it to Halifax sometime in the future. The paddle may only be returned by canoe or by the Patrol making the journey on bicycles.

Civil Defence Exercises

Scouts and Scouters in Kincardine, Ontario, recently turned out in full strength to lend their assistance in various ways to a Civil Defence Emergency exercise. The Scouts acted chiefly as messengers during this operation and received high praise from the Kincardine Civil Defence authorities.

Twelve Local Scouts Recipients of Religion and Life Badges

Twelve Scouts of the 2nd Antigonish, N.S., Troop were awarded Religion and Life Badges in the Cathedral by His Excellency Bishop MacDonald. The ceremony took place just before Benediction.

The awards, the highest given by the Church to Scouts, were blessed by His Excellency before being given to each Scout with the admonition: "Receive this badge and wear it as a pledge of your fidelity to the first Scout Law." Father J. N. MacNeil, Chaplain to the Troop, assisted Bishop MacDonald.

The Bishop told the Scouts that Scout Law calls for honour and trustworthiness, kindness, thrift and obedience, with personal purity of life. He urged the Scouts to live up faithfully to the first Scout Law.

"Do your best to fulfil your duty to God. If you do that you will fulfil all the requirements of the Scout Law", His Excellency said.

"Love God, and you will be good Christians, good Scouts and good Catholic Scouts," he concluded.

The Lt.-Governor of Nova Scotia, Hon. Alastair Fraser, presented 11 members of this same Troop, with Queen's Scout Certificates at a ceremony held in the Red Chamber of Province House at Halifax.

Stamps Help to Send Italians to Jamboree

An early response to the news of the World Jamboree, announced on the 11th of last month, comes from Italy. The Scouts there have started a stamp club to help raise funds to send some

of their fellow Scouts to the Jamboree in Canada next year. The idea is for Italian Scouts to contribute their full stamps to the pool and British Scouts and Cubs wishing to take part in the scheme may send British or Empire stamps to the club, and they will receive Italian stamps in exchange. An excellent way of adding to your collection and getting rid of those old "swaps" that have probably been accumulating in your album through the years. The address of the club is: Centro Filatelico, A.S.C.I., 1 Via Conciliazione, Rome, Italy.

Notices to Parents

We recently received a very interesting form letter which the 1st Woodlands Quebec Troop sends out to all its parents. This letter tells about Camp and encloses an application form to be completed by the parents wishing their boys to go to Troop Camp this year. It is an excellent idea and ensures that parents are kept fully informed of this important part of the Scout programme.

Special Visitors

The 100th Handicapped Group has been visited in recent weeks by John Hamilton, President of the Hamilton District and Irvin Jones, Field Commissioner of Jamaica. Both of these visitors entered into the programme by telling stories and leading singing. Cubs Bob McLaren and John Walker, and Scouts Ron McCanville and Ron Holland have recently been invested as members of the world-wide Brotherhood of Scouts.

Good Turn Hunt

Scouts of the Merriton, Ontario, Troop recently engaged in a good turn hunt. During this "hunt" each Patrol engaged in seeking out useful acts which they might perform for their community. The good turns included, helping to wash Merriton's Fire trucks and cleaning up lawns in the community.

Irving Berlin's Latest Aims to Banish Hysteria

Irving Berlin's newest song, which may become a hit, is a musical version of President Eisenhower's appeal to the nation to banish fear and hysteria.

Berlin, who was 66 in May 1954, has been writing songs since 1907, was inspired to write the brief, stirring tune "I'm Not Afraid", at a dinner he attended at the White House April 5th, 1954.

In his Tin Pan Alley office next day, he polished up the tune and asked his friend, singer Eddie Fisher, to hear it. Fisher liked it, and agreed to sing it on his NBC network television programme.

The chorus of "I'm Not Afraid" goes:

"I'm not afraid
Of those who try to frighten us.
I'm not afraid
Of plots our foes have laid.
For I believe in America
And most of us in America
Will always be Americans unafraid."

Berlin said he wanted his personal profits from "I'm Not Afraid" to go to the Boy Scouts of America, who have received all his earnings from "God Bless America".

Border Hopping

The Medicine Hat, Alberta, District believe in putting adventure into their Scouting. 47 Cubs, 36 Scouts, 6 Rover Scouts and 25 Scouts recently embarked in 27 cars for a trip to Haver, Montana, where they spent a weekend with American Scouts. Carefully laid plans were under the direction of Assistant Commissioner T. Allen. As an example of the co-operation this District receives from its supporters, it is interesting to note that the convoy of cars was accompanied by a service truck to help ensure the arrival of all the cars in good condition in Haver.

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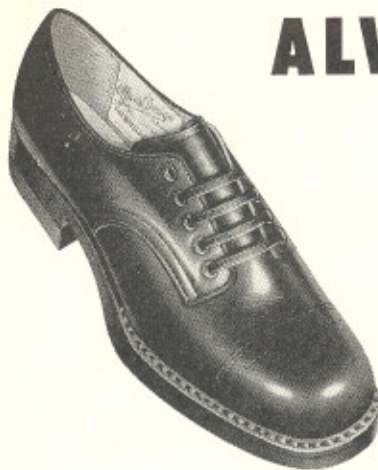
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| North Okanagan, B.C., Akela Club | 10.00 |
| Cubs, Scouts, Rovers and Scouters Southeast Vancouver, B.C., Area | 10.90 |
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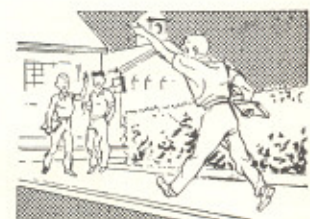
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Come along then you Scouts of all the world;
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Flags of every Nation be unfurled;
Zoom, Zoom, Zoom.
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Where Canada has a stake;
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ROVER QUESTS

An Open Letter to Gramps

Here is one Rover Leader's reply to the article, "What's Wrong with Rovers", which appeared in the April issue of *The Scout Leader*. Any other comments pro or con?

Life is full of questions isn't it? What's wrong with Rovers? Why do people criticize Rovers? Why did someone take the time to write that article in *The Scout Leader*? Why did *The Scout Leader* publish it? Will *The Scout Leader* make amends by publishing a rebuttal? Well, some questions are answered by time alone so we'll just have to wait and see.

One question I do know the answer to. Why does a fish take the lure? Because it is hungry, looking for a fight or just plain bored with ordinary fish fare. Something tells me that blankety-blank article on the faults of Rover Scouts was simply bait—a lure for any fish who thinks he knows what to do with it. So here is one rising to strike hard in defence of a much maligned group of young men. Why? Maybe because I'm looking for a fight. So before anyone tells me I'm all wet let us get back to being the Knights of the Scout Movement and away to the lists.

Gramps (short for all the choice hyperboles of endearment I'd like to call the perpetrator of the attack on Rovers) displays the typical attitude of the octogenarian who feels that manhood has gone all to the dogs in the last sixty years. Let's face the facts, Gramps. We live in an era of change. Things and men are not like they were when you were young. Now don't get me wrong. I do not say that Rovers are perfect. There are no more perfect people now than there were in your day so I'll admit that we argue, sulk, act the fool, make people mad at us and generally imitate our adult relatives and leaders in dodging issues and taking the easiest way out.

Let's turn the light of reason on some of your statements, Gramps. Like all good Counsellors you open your attack with an indisputable fact. There IS nothing wrong with Rovering. How-



ever, though I have brown eyes and a kind face you will not sway me as you would the typical jury member. Your next statement, that it is the individual who is at fault, finds me in accord but here the pathway of agreement forks and you can keep going your way. I'm going after the right individual. Do you know who he is, Gramps?

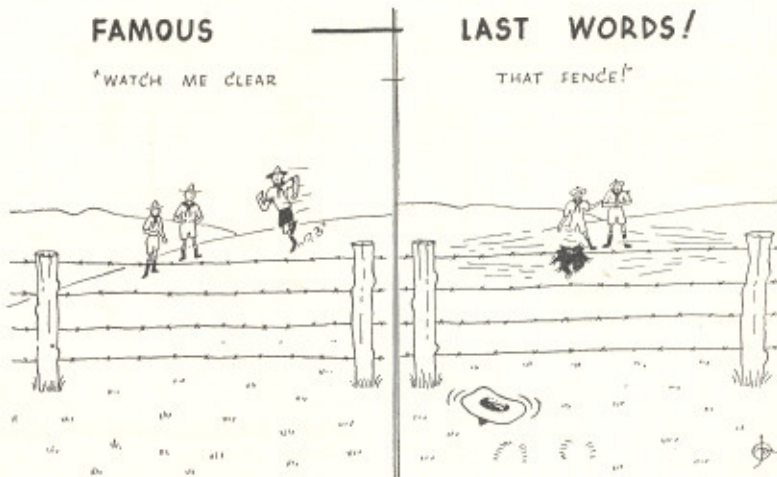
The individual who is to blame for the failure of Rover Scouting is the LEADER and by the LEADER I mean the Group Committeemen, Cub Leaders, Scout Leaders, Rover Leaders, District, Provincial and Canadian. Those are the people at whom to point the finger of accusation. Now I don't want to be rough on you fellows, Gramps, because you are all busy men and doing a grand job in your own little corner. But let's look wide, old sport. Let's see the broad picture.

Any person with experience in Rover

work knows that the inspiration must come from the top down—the exact opposite of Cubs and Scouts, where the boys provide their own initiative. Do you remember that boys demanded Scouting and then B.-P. tacked Rovering on? Rover Crews seldom spring up—they must be inspired by some smooth talking District worker. Then they grow under their own steam—with help. And where must the help come from? The top.

Right in the first column of your tirade we become just a statistic and a sadly small one—2,000 against 48,000. I'd say that is a pretty good score considering the help we get. Here again I point a finger right at the LEADER. Do the training courses for Cub Leaders and Scout Leaders stress the fact that Akela is building the Rovers of the future? Does Akela return to her Pack honour bound to enthuse her boys with the idea of becoming Rovers? Not much. Does the Scouter return to his Troop enthused with the thought that there is something more important than becoming a First Class Scout? Very seldom. Are Group Committeemen taught that their efforts are aimed at producing citizens and that the Rover way is the easy way? Are Group Committeemen taught what to look for in Leaders? Evidently not. If all Leaders looked wide and talked wide at the Group level we would have more Rover Scouts. But here again direction must come from the top. If we were all self-starters we would not need supervisors.

As for that crack about the family reaction, Gramps, do you remember when Cousin Alice went wrong? Instead of everybody rallying around to help, everybody was busy ducking and dodging the fact that we were related. Could the same thing happen in Scouting?



You are right again, Gramps. We do not always keep our objectives firmly in mind. If everyone did that we would all be successes. We'd be famous. Do you expect a 16 or 18 year old to be efficient enough to keep abstract things in mind all the time? That is why we need leaders. Speaking of Rover Leaders—the subject makes me ill—what about them? Here you have the toughest job in all Scouting bar none. Just try to be philosopher, guide and friend to a dozen entirely different young men and you can't swallow the aspirin fast enough. Many Rover Leaders try hard, they deserve big gold medals but Rover Leaders probably break up more Crews than all other causes put together. Why? Mistake number one—the boys find their own leader. What do boys know about the qualifications necessary for the job? They pick a man for popularity alone—and the Group Committee goes along with the deal. Mistake number two—District Staff does not step in and advise. In your article you present a pretty fair picture of what a Rover Leader should be but you left out one thing. The Rover Leader must be smart. He must know for example that you do not just make a bold request for Service. You build it up a bit. Make the gang see the need for rendering service and service will be given cheerfully. I have yet to meet a young man who is selfish if approached properly.

The twentieth century belongs to Canada and Canadians belong to themselves so let's forget the outside and think a little about our own problem. Since the lead must come from the top the question is, "What can Canadian Headquarters do to encourage Rovering?" I've heard the excuses—no money—no men available. I'm afraid that those reasons do not excuse our "top management" of their responsibility and I respectfully submit that if they took a leaf from the pages of production management it might help.

In industry when a production bottleneck, a cost or engineering problem arises, a trouble shooter who knows his stuff is put on the job. This man has a certain amount of authority but mainly a lot of know-how. He is the kind of fellow who is recognized by those he works with and the job gets done. If we want to expand Rovering in Canada I suggest such a man be assigned to this problem at the National Headquarters. In all this land there must be ONE MAN who knows Rovering, knows people, who exudes enthusiasm and who is known across the country. If there is not, then let us pick a man,

give him some publicity and put him to work. He'll have one of the biggest Scouting jobs which has ever been tackled but the results will be the biggest thing that ever happened in Canadian Scouting.

It is easy to talk about what the "big boys" should do but let us get down to the Provincial level. Certainly Provincial Headquarters is short of men and money but are the men they have on Executive Staff all sold on Rovering? Have they done any reading or taken a course on Rovering? Do they try to sell Rovering as a potent, vital force in the Scout Movement? It is essential that these respective Provincial Headquarters see to it that their Executive Staff get the necessary Rover Training. They could be our most effective salesmen for Rovering.

Of course Scouting is just one influence on a young man's life. Parental leadership is usually well intentioned even if it may be misguided. It is a force to reckon with and can be developed through publicity. Also there is the influence of friends, unions and political parties most of which seem to be intent on robbing a young man of his initiative and independence. Weak, dependent men can never make Canada strong, Gramps, so please no more about over-emphasizing individuality. Canada was built by men who were the most rugged type of individualists. Please don't let Scouting have any part in pushing young men into a set pattern and thereby weaken what our pioneers gave their lives for. Ours are the hands which must catch the torch. Yes, even the LEADERS of our civilian pursuits cannot escape some responsibility for the attitudes of our Rover Scouts.

So, Gramps, lay off the kids and go after someone your own size. Use your very evident interest and verbal power to stir up the LEADERS and start off the chain reaction which could increase our Rover population tenfold in as many years.

You're a great guy, Gramps. You have just pulled a very old and honourable trick of leadership on this young fellow. You know that one way to get something going is to appear to talk against it, then let the gang go out and learn the facts for themselves. Oh, you're smart all right, but I'm even with you. You see, you have just given me the opening I've been waiting a long time for. Bless you, Gramps.

Your non-pipe smoking grandson,
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THANKS CANADIAN SCOUTING

By IRWIN JONES

Field Commissioner, Jamaica, B.W.I.

Mr. Jones regrets that he did not have the opportunity to visit more of Canada during his brief visit with us but we hope that more Canadians will meet him at the Jamboree next year.

A BOND of Scout friendship was forged between Canada and Jamaica when John MacGregor, Executive Commissioner for Training at Canadian Headquarters, paid a visit to our Island during a tour of the British West Indies in 1951, for the purpose of helping with training courses and public relations. This was further strengthened by the practical help given through the Scout Brotherhood Fund in replacing tents lost during the disastrous hurricane in August 1951. To cement it further, the 1st Caribbean Jamboree held in March 1952 was attended by a contingent of 70 Scouts and Rovers from Canada, and these worthy representatives did much to ensure the success of the Jamboree, helping to build up a relationship with the Jamaican public that has resulted in much good for Scouting in the Island.

It was during the Jamboree that arrangements were completed for me to visit Canada, at some opportune time, to make a study of the methods of organization and training, and to gain experience that will help in my work as Field Commissioner for Jamaica.

Leaving home on the evening of March 18th, I reached Ottawa the following morning and reported at Canadian Headquarters where I was struck with the immediate, sincere friendship extended to me by the Staff. This was to remain an outstanding feature of my brief visit to Canada.

The following days were packed with activities. Three days on a Training Course for Scout Executives, the next two at the Conference of Provincial Executive Commissioners. The National Staff Conference at Ashbury College occupied the week following.

A study of the work of the various departments at Headquarters was followed by a tour of part of the Province of Ontario. This took me to Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Hamilton, Toronto, Windsor, London and then back to Ottawa in time for the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council and the Annual General Meeting of your Association.

The second leg of my journey took me to the Province of Quebec, and visits were paid to Montreal, Sherbrooke, Quebec City and Arvida. Continuing from Quebec City to Saint John, New Brunswick, I spent a week in this Province before returning to Montreal then Ottawa prior to leaving for home.

In the course of my travels to these various centres, the greatest kindness was received from all members of the Movement and this helped me in no

small measure to get first hand knowledge of Scouting in action in Canada. Visits to Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Rover Crews, meetings of Group, District, Area and Provincial Committees, a Queen's Scout Recognition ceremony, Sixers' Rally, Regional Conference, Specialist and Wood Badge Courses, International Scout Day, visits to Camp sites and re-union with members of the contingent to the Caribbean Jamboree all went to make up a busy but most interesting programme.

How well I remember my visit to a meeting of handicapped Cubs and Scouts held at the home of the parents of one of the boys in Hamilton. The leaders had transported the other boys to the meeting. How moving was the eagerness of these members in spite of their handicaps and the enjoyment they showed right through the evening.

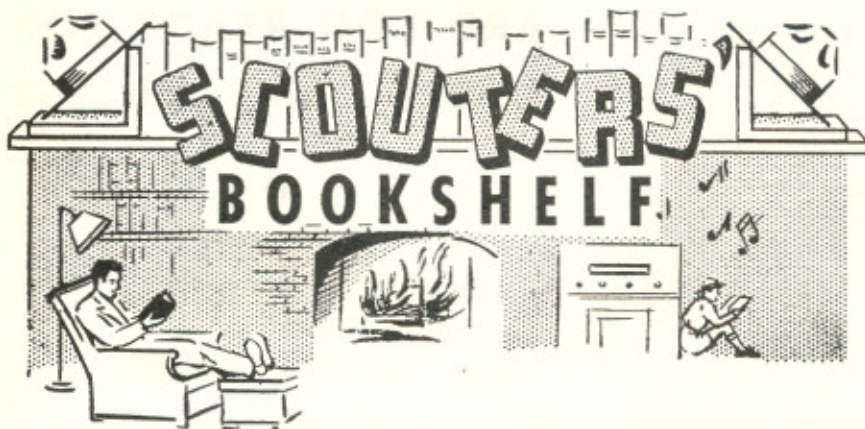
The site of the 8th World Jamboree at Niagara-on-the-Lake has a setting that captivates the imagination, and one can conjure up the picture that will thrill the fifteen thousand Scouts coming from all over the World, who will have the privilege of camping there in the summer of next year.

The National Staff Conference at Ashbury College stands out vividly as a week of hard, useful work and good fun. It was interesting to observe how those who attended began to forget boundaries of Provinces for the good of the whole, a trend that will help Canadian Scouting in its vision of "New Horizons" and the great task ahead of being hosts at the 8th World Jamboree next year.

To all of you who have contributed so much to the success of my visit, my heartfelt thanks and best wishes for Good Scouting in the future.

We are very proud of our new Canadian Scouts. Here is a group in Toronto wearing the uniforms they brought from their old homeland.





The Major and His Camels. By Miriam E. Mason. Illustrated by Zhenya Gay. Macmillan Co. of Canada. Price \$2.25.

This is a lively, knowledgeable and often humorous story about camels. We learn how their 'draw string' noses react in a sand storm, of their ability to smell water at a far distance, of their love of music and of their growling talk to one another. A very patient, gentle animal, with the habit of obedience instilled from birth, they nonetheless have long memories and never forget a friend nor one who harms them. The Major was their friend, and he bought a herd of thirty camels in a distant desert country and brought them to America to help in building roads and to use for transportation in developing towns in the early west. We meet the leading camel, Finefellow and his mate Chile. During the ocean voyage, a loveable, rosy-pink camel Tibboo Funnyface is born to Chile.

En route to California the Major is captured by Indians, the camels are left with men who disliked and did not understand them, and little Tibboo Funnyface is left on his own. How the camels rescue their beloved Major, and Tibboo finds friends and leads them all to a girl named Jennie and a silver mine, makes an exciting story of early days for readers 8-10. The excellent and amusing black and white illustration definitely add to this highly recommended story. N.A.B.

The Highly Trained Dog of Professor Petit. By Carol Ryrie Brink. Illustrated by Robert Henneberger. Macmillan Co. of Canada. Price \$2.75.

Here is a highly entertaining story about a boy named Willie, Professor Petit and his troupe of highly trained dogs, and the villain Black Haskins, who owned a ferocious dog Binters and whose circus features a tiger. They all meet in Pudding Centre and the circus

with its Tiger ruins Professor Petit's magnificent act. Here we read of a series of adventures in which Willie gets work for all the dogs to support their Master, Professor Petit and his talking dog Sancho are thrown into prison, the circus tent catches on fire, and the tiger's secret is revealed. All this adds up to Black Haskins being driven out of town, and Professor Petit's act is restored.

A delightful story, especially for readers 8-12 who might dream of such adventures as Willie had. Running throughout the book is proof that dogs treated with kindness and understanding can do remarkable things. N.A.B.

Outlaws of the Sourland. By Keith Robertson. Illustrated by Isami Kashiwagi. Macmillan Co. of Canada. Price \$3.00.

This is the story of John, a husky 18-year-old, who vows to track down a pack of wild dogs after they kill sixteen of his sheep, and his father is seriously wounded in pursuit. Obligated to postpone college for a year because of this he spends much of his winter hunting the animals which have terrorized the chicken and stock farmers of Hopewell Valley.

Aided by friends, John's patient and often dangerous hunt for the mountain hide-out of the dogs plus the capturing of a rustler makes extremely exciting reading. One is moved with John to admire the courage and sagacity of the leader of the wild dogs, and to feel with him his compassion in his final race after the dying dog when the rest of the pack has been exterminated. So well written, one closes the book still breathless with the chase. A must for the bookshelf of those who enjoy animal adventure stories. N.A.B.

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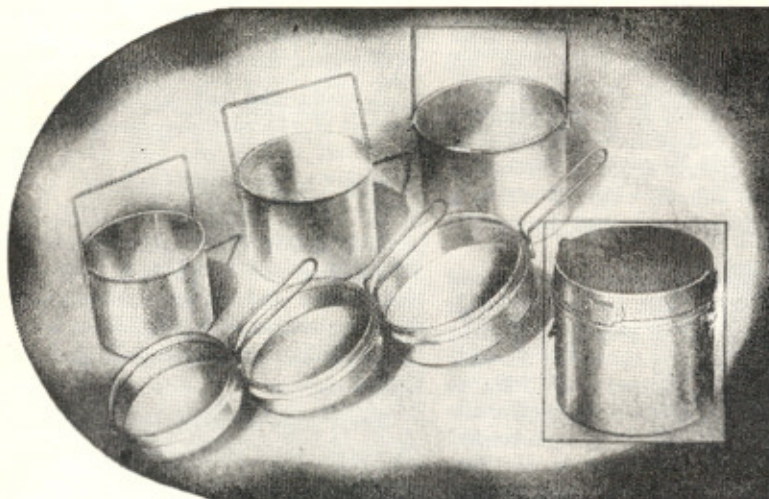
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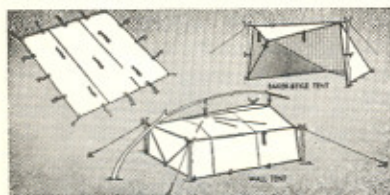
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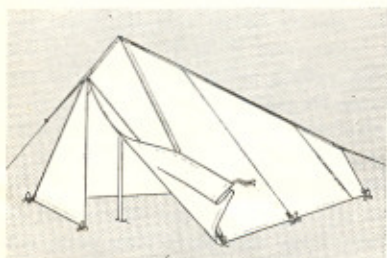
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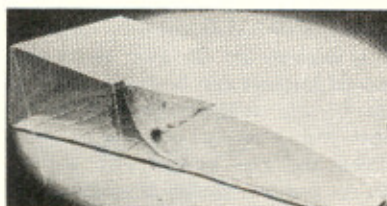
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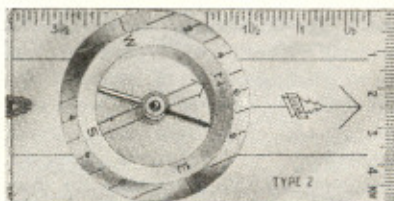
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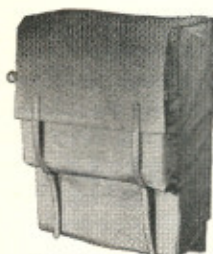
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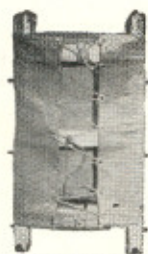
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Cooking with Charcoal is Fun

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We can't all go to Jamborees but we can all enjoy some of the thrills that go with such a gathering. Here is another method of cooking at Scout Camps that boys should be given the opportunity of trying.

COOKING with charcoal is by no means a modern art. In fact, the use of charcoal burners can be traced back to most of the ancient civilizations. Of recent years charcoal cooking has been revived and now-a-days with the accent on outdoor living many families have an outdoor barbecue pit to prepare family meals during the fine weather.

Although charcoal cooking will never replace the type of backwoodsman cooking for which Scouts are trained, nevertheless, it is an additional skill that older Scouts should learn to master. At Jamborees on the North American Continent experience has proved that the use of charcoal for large gatherings of Scouts is more economical and tidy than using wood. Furthermore, with charcoal fires fire prevention is much easier and the incidents of axe cuts is drastically reduced. From the boy's point of view the use of charcoal fires makes the preparation of meals extremely quick and easy and therefore more time is allowed at Jamborees and Scout gatherings to pursue a programme of fraternization.

From experience it has been found that ten lbs. of charcoal per day is sufficient for a Patrol. For training, it would be advisable to use this as a basis.

The principle of charcoal fires is quite different from that of wood fires. With wood you have a quick fire at first and a slow fire later as the fuel turns into glowing embers. In charcoal cooking you have a slow fire at first, and the heat may be increased by increasing draft. This is done by containing the charcoal within the walls of a small stove—a pail, a piece of stove pipe, square can, even a collar cut from a tin can—and causing the air to sweep through the charcoal.

To cook meals you must know how to produce three types of fires from charcoal.

1. An intense lasting fire for boiling.
2. A quick short fire for heating.
3. A slow steady fire for frying and broiling.

The Pail-and-Wash-Basin Charcoal Stove and Stove-Pipe Stove may be used as all purpose stoves.

Pail-and-Wash-Basin Stove—Cut a large draft-hole in the side of a 10-quart galvanized pail near the bottom. Top the pail with a 10-inch diameter tin wash basin, perforated with a large number of holes punched with a 20-d nail (4-inch) or larger. Three quarts of water will boil on it in 20 minutes leaving it alone, in 9 minutes with fanning—in both instances using one pound of charcoal. The water will continue boiling vigorously for more than an hour, without anyone touching the charcoal. Can't get any tin wash basin out your way? Use instead one of these: Deep cake mold; French-frying basket (or other wire basket) colander; deep-rimmed pie can; or cut a circle of 24-gauge sheet metal; punch holes in it; cut five cuts into edge (see drawing); then rivet or bolt the cuts together so that you get a shallow pan. A scrap piece of perforated metal (radiator grill) makes a quicker job.

Stove-Pipe Stove—Get a commercial length of stove pipe—24 inches—and cut it in half to make two stoves. Cut a draft hole at the bottom. Make four small holes in the sides, 4 inches from the top (and other sets of four holes at various heights, if you want to be able to make further adjustments), and push in through the holes two pieces of wire on which you can rest a circle of ½-inch wire mesh. The pipe should be 1 inch wider than the diameter of the largest pot you will use.

By using your imagination other designs will readily come to mind. Take a good look at a tinsmith's or telephone linesman's stove. It would be most interesting to see what new designs you can invent.

Besides stoves for boiling it will also be necessary to be equipped with charcoal broilers. Almost any flat pan with holes in the bottom can become a base for a burner for frying and broiling. Place a wire grill over it in such a way that the distance between the grill and the surface of the burning charcoal can be changed at will, to control the heat

All cooking at the 8th World Jamboree will be done on charcoal so the Scouts that are going to the Jamboree from your Troop will be particularly interested in the information given in this article. Scouts want adventure and there is always adventure in doing routine things a different way. Try Charcoal Cooking and have Fun.

for the type of cooking to be done. The charcoal broiler may also be used for broiling by using a converter ring.

You may be tempted to purchase a charcoal broiler. Better test it thoroughly for boiling, as most commercial broilers will not boil water without a converter ring to concentrate the heat and create enough draft to do the job. You may also have to remove the grill for frying and boiling, placing your pans directly on the burning charcoal. The sketch below will illustrate how an improvised Wash-Basin Broiler operates with a converter ring. The converter ring should be large enough to permit pots to sit directly on the burning charcoal.

A Patrol should be equipped with two all-purpose one-pot stoves and one broiler large enough for two pans, with two converter rings.

To start a charcoal fire some form of fire starter is necessary. Paper and kindling will do the job, but do not rely upon a supply being available. It should be unnecessary to state that kerosene, gasoline and other inflammable liquids are extremely dangerous, and must not be used. Paraffined cardboard milk containers make excellent fire starters by cutting them into strips, crumbling and placing them under the charcoal for lighting. Wax paper wrappers are also excellent.

A fire fan or bellows is a must, and should be part of your cooking equipment. Do not use your Scout hat as a fan. Let's keep our uniforms looking smart throughout this great adventure.

If the type of charcoal stove you devise has no base on it to catch embers as they fall through, an ash plate is necessary to protect the ground and to simplify ash removal.

In using the charcoal stove make certain that a few pieces of charcoal are well ignited before heaping too much charcoal upon them. When the fire is well started, gradually add almost a pound of charcoal upon it and leave it for about five minutes. As soon as greyish-white spots have ap-

peared over the charcoal the fire is well started. Fanning from below will make the charcoal glow and if you have used an all-purpose stove or a converter ring the charcoal will glow of its own accord.

For boiling, place the pot directly on the coals. Stoves without good draft may need fanning from below, but the water should boil in ten to fifteen minutes. For heating, the pot may be kept warm over a small heap of burning

charcoal placed to one side of the fire. For frying or broiling regulate the cooking heat by keeping the pan at a suitable distance from the fire.

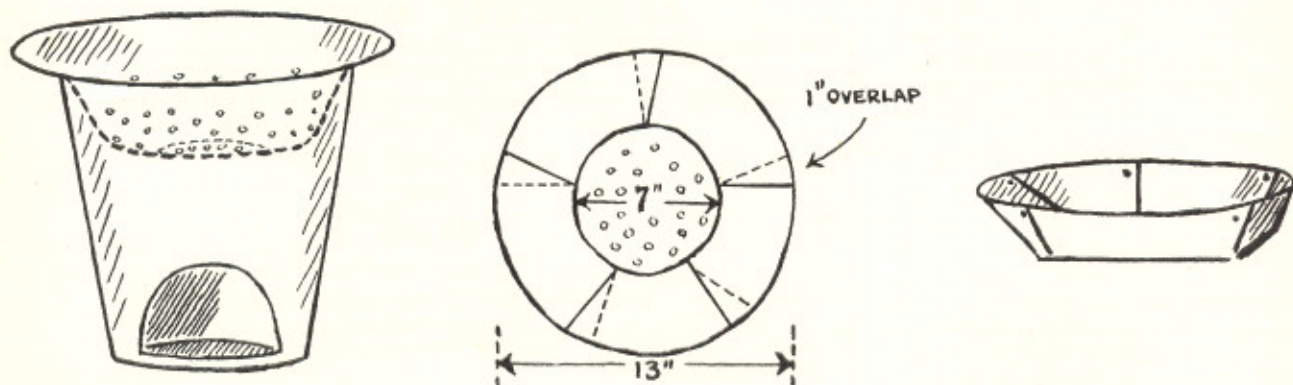
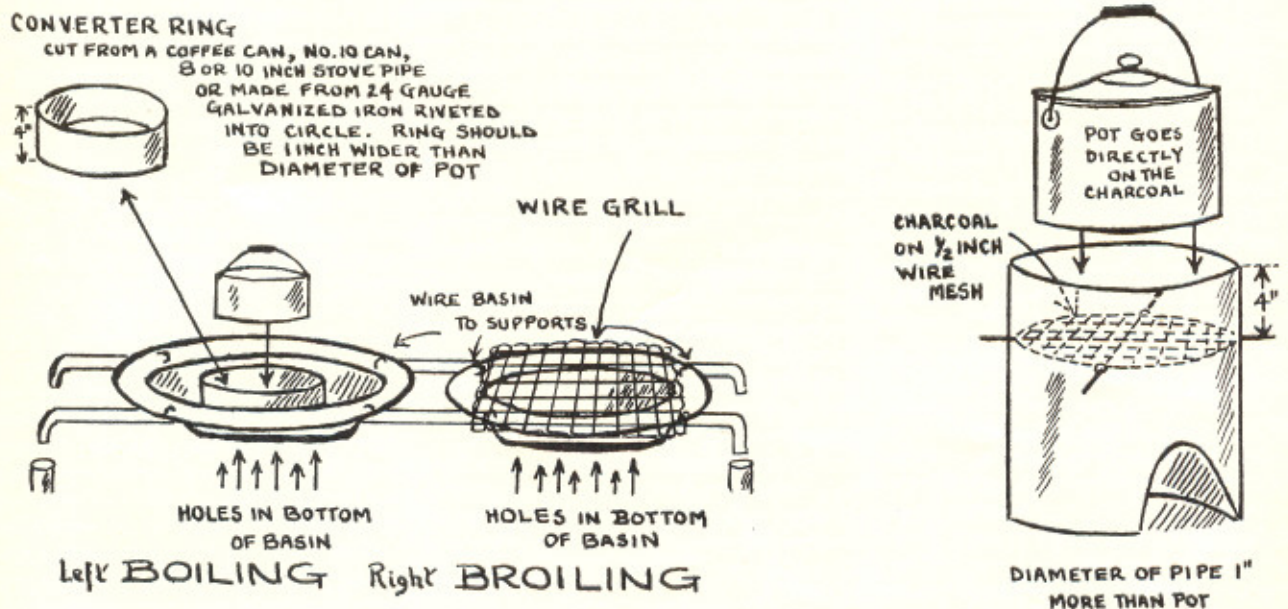
In burning charcoal good coals may be re-claimed for use at another meal if the fire is put out immediately after the meal is finished. Dump the charcoal in a pan of water to extinguish it and drain it immediately and spread it out to dry.

In cooking with charcoal, the Fire

Man is a most important person in the Patrol organization. It is recommended that the Cook and Assistant Cook be relieved of this responsibility and some other Scout be delegated for the job.

Charcoal cooking is quite different from wood fires, but once you've got the hang of it you will really enjoy it. Food is prepared quicker, there is less "mucking-about" and cleaning up. This allows more time for other activities at Camp.

HERE ARE A FEW DIAGRAMS TO HELP YOU MAKE ONE TYPE OF CHARCOAL BURNER. THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS AND WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR DRAWINGS OR PICTURES OF THE TYPE OF BURNER YOU USE.



STOP KILLING FOR KILLINGS SAKE

By JOHN T. MacMURCHY, Collingwood, Ont.

Here is an important subject for Scoutmasters and Rover Scout Leaders to discuss with their young men. We are indebted to the magazine *Rod and Gun* for granting permission to reproduce this article.

NOTHING is so restful and soothing to the harried mind of an individual immersed in the fast-paced living of this modern day of speed and business pressure than a casual walk through a sun-bathed stretch of woods, or a stroll along a bubbling stream. It is here that man can observe the easy-going life and activity of nature's other creatures and envy the simplicity of their existence. The peaceful routine is marred only by the appearance of natural enemies, or the sudden intrusion of man himself.

The human being can truly be classed as "Public Enemy No. 1" of the denizens of the great outdoors. Legally during the government-controlled open game seasons and, always at any hour of the day or night they are subject to the call of a violent ending. The big smudge on an otherwise perfect picture.

The old adage—"Kill it—it moves"—is foremost in the mind of a good many Canadians and so-called sportsmen. This type is very disappointed and unhappy when he returns from a hunting trip and finds he has some live ammunition on his person. He feels cheated and vows to do better next time he goes afield.

Instinct!

Shooting up everything that comes within sight and range is no doubt an instinctive act. A carry-over from primitive days and the ceaseless fight for survival. While it is relatively dormant in the majority of humans, just let some fellows feel a rifle or shotgun in their hands and then you will really see the fur fly.

Every male is born with the urge to control and subdue his smaller neighbours, and as evidence, observe the spirited young lad knocking off the smaller birds with stones and catapult, and then air-rifle. A short time later he has graduated to the firearm stage with his first .22 calibre rifle, where the effect is more appalling and the results more destructive.

Unfortunately, the urge to kill for killing's sake does not end with adolescence. As a man matures and he ranges to wider fields, we often find acts that would shame a blood-lusting dog. When the Snowy Owl comes south for the winter, his graceful, silent flight over snowy drifts is too often ended with a shotgun blast. After he has been

examined and his great size and wingspan has drawn gasps of amazement, he is left where he fell. A bloody blot on the landscape.

Curiosity Killers!

Another example of the lack of proper woods education, and appreciation, concerns the shooting of two flying squirrels during the last part-ridge season in the fall. This wasn't the case of mistaken identity but merely an act to satisfy man's curiosity. This chap had never before seen a squirrel gliding from tree to tree—so he shot two of them. Not content with the tale that he had seen them, he thought it necessary to bring evidence of his discovery. When his story was confirmed satisfactorily, he threw the carcasses in an irrigation ditch.

Much admired as a good business man and as a friend, his actions in the bush however, are always open for criticism.

Another time, three members of a party on a deer hunt failed to scare up an animal, but on their return to the car they found four young raccoons in the parental tree. Three shots netted four half-grown coons. When asked why such an act was committed, one of the valiants replied that one raccoon will destroy five acres of corn in a season. This is probably true in a corn-growing area, but in this remote corner of the Blue Mountains there wouldn't be five acres of corn within twenty miles.

The Chase

Indiscriminate killing isn't limited only to fur-bearers. The near-extinction

of many of Canada's feathered natives bears mute evidence of thoughtless slaughter. No matter how beautiful the plumage, sweet the song, or beneficial the life, they all can fall to the scourge of the open. It seems the larger the bird the more closely it is pursued. Let a swan, hawk, owl, heron, or any other migrant venture from its isolated habitat to a more densely populated district and its end is swift.

This is a difficult problem to solve, or even improve. Proper education in the ways and purposes of wildlife is not necessarily the responsibility of the schools. The curriculum there is heavy enough. Youth groups such as Cubs and Scouts are doing a good job, but they encompass far too few. Conservation organizations are gradually including public education in their projects and the big step is in this quarter, carried on by contests and talks.

Where to Begin

Nevertheless, the home should be the first place of instruction. The father, reputedly the head of the house, should consider it his duty to dispense the information along with and, before the story of the birds and the bees. In the case of the father—and there are many—who has never had the time, interest or inclination to learn the joys of the woods and waters, let him cultivate an interest in reading of other men's joys. Every backyard could be a classroom and every bird and insect a subject of discussion. Father and son combinations can eradicate the abuse of wildlife of which we are all guilty. Learn to shoot only that which you can eat, and fish only what you need. When troubles are heaped on your shoulders walk into the woods and gain relief by watching the antics of the creatures you can't eat. Then you will truly enjoy Canada's boundless heritage and will learn not to "kill . . . just for killing."

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THANKS MR. "SCOUT"



Mr. Haydn Dimmock, Editor, *The Scout*, 1918-1954

Mr. Haydn Dimmock, Editor of the English Boy Scout weekly paper, *The Scout*, is retiring after years of outstanding service to the Movement. Many Canadian Scouts and Scouters had the opportunity to meet this dynamic English Scouter at the First Canadian Jamboree which he attended as Lord Rowallan's representative. During his brief stay in Canada Mr. Dimmock made many, many friends who now join with his other Scouting friends throughout the world in referring to him as "Dim". Canadians were happy to meet this great Scouter and he in turn was thrilled by Canada and Canadians.

Imperial Headquarters in England have established an account for those who wish to take part in a farewell gift to "Dim" as he goes on to a well earned retirement. However, rather than send individual Canadian gifts to this account we would like to suggest that all Canadians join together to build a gift fund here for Mr. Haydn Dimmock.

If you would like to take part in this "good turn" and pay tribute to the man our Founder called to edit the first Boy Scout paper, send your contribution to the following address:

"Dim Gift Fund,"
Canadian Headquarters,
306 Metcalfe Street,
Ottawa 4, Ont.

All cheques and money orders should be made payable to the Boy Scouts Association. Receipt will be forwarded to you promptly. Let's all get together and express to "Dim" our thanks for his years of service to Scouting.

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