



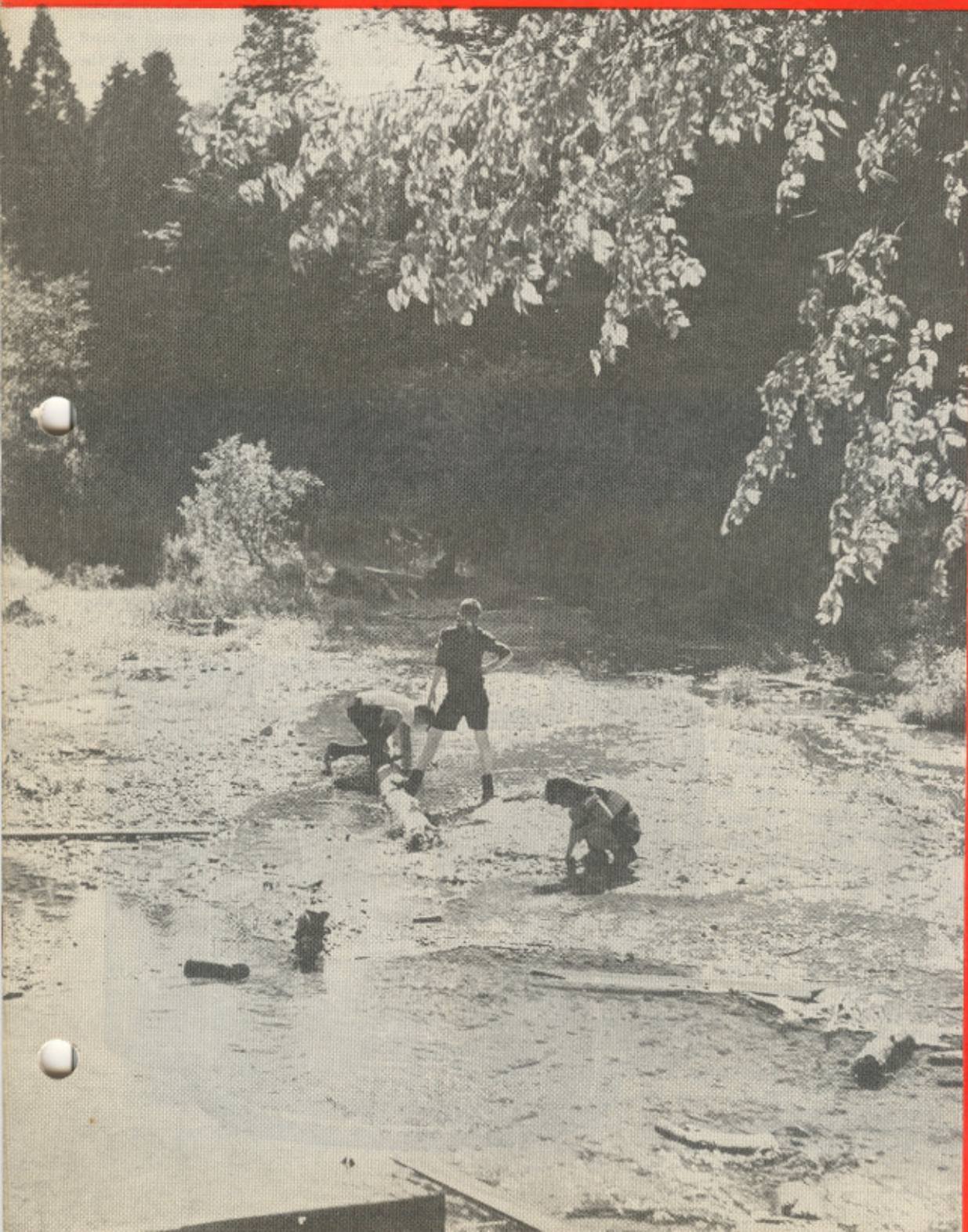
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Editorial

Plan Achievement — A Recapitulation

PLAN Achievement, inaugurated in January 1951, to create in the public mind a greater awareness of the aims and objects of The Boy Scout Movement and the necessity for quality leadership to meet the needs of a rapidly expanding Movement, came to an end at the close of 1953.

That the plan served its purpose is at least partially illustrated by the growth of membership from 115,000 to nearly 160,000 over the three year period. More important, decided improvement has been shown in the quality of programme provided for boys, and the increase in public support. More and more men and women have offered to serve as Scouters, members of Group Committees, Ladies' Auxiliaries and District Councils. This in turn makes it possible to provide Scouting for an ever increasing number of boys.

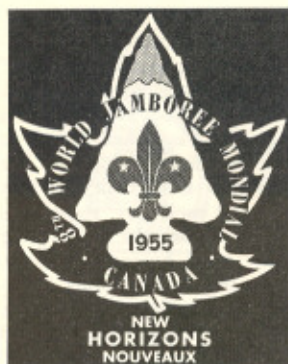
Over the three year period, 3,102 Packs, Troops and Crews earned Achievement Crests. However, these figures do not reflect the full impact of the Plan, nor the full benefits which have accrued to Scouting through its operation. Many sections set targets too high with the result that while splendid progress was made, this progress is not reflected in the number of crests awarded.

Many Districts and scores of Packs, Troops and Crews are continuing to set annual targets of achievement for the future, so that the benefits of Plan Achievement will be felt in Canadian Scouting for many years to come.

It appears to be generally agreed that Plan Achievement served a most useful purpose in 'raising sights' in the fields of Scout Service, Leadership and Public Support.

It is hoped, and indeed Scouters are urged, to make Plan Achievement a continuing objective; to adapt it to the requirements of their particular sections, and to set 'Targets of Achievement' annually. In this way, the progress made in the past three years will continue, and more and more boys will benefit from better planned programmes supervised by better trained leaders. This continuing effort will bring Scouting ever closer to its aim of developing "good citizenship among boys by forming their characters; training them in habits of observation, obedience and self-reliance; inculcating loyalty and thoughtfulness for others; teaching them services useful to the public and handicrafts useful to themselves; and promoting their physical, mental and spiritual development."





Adventure in Living!

THE EIGHTH WORLD JAMBOREE

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, ONTARIO

AUGUST 18th TO 28th, 1955



Niagara Falls—showing the American (left) and Canadian Falls

A Message from the Camp Chief



MR. JACKSON DODDS, C.B.E.

Canada has been greatly honoured by being chosen for the site of the next World Jamboree. It is the first time such an opportunity has arisen for us as a Nation to show the Scouting world that we are worthy of their choice. To enable us to do this will take the united efforts of our Scouts and Scouters. I hope every Troop in Canada will be represented on this wonderful occasion where it is hoped that we shall have brother Scouts from every part of the Scouting world. I trust that Scoutmasters will commence talking about the "Jamboree of New Horizons", as it is to be called, and encourage their boys to start saving and working for it now. Male and

Female Scouters will be needed to work voluntarily at the Jamboree and it is hoped that the large number required will come forward and offer their services as members of the Headquarters Staff. Canada is highly regarded in the Scouting world. Let us show that we are as good as they think we are! We must not let Canadian Scouting down. To ensure the success of the "Jamboree of New Horizons", a National effort, all of us must, in the words of the Wolf Cubs,

DOB—DOB—DOB—DOB

Jackson Dodds

Deputy Chief Scout for Canada
Camp Chief, 8th World Jamboree



Dear Editor:

You are always asking for pictures, articles, etc., for our magazine. Our Cub Pack held a very successful concert on March 8th. It was really the talk of the town and the next one too. I am also sending you the write-up that was in our paper. We won't feel badly if the material isn't suitable, but are sure hoping it is.

As you can see we also have reached our three year objective of our third Planned Achievement Award, which is a very gratifying feeling for Cubs as well as Leaders. I do hope that you will enjoy the picture.

We made enough money from this concert to take us to summer camp.

Yours for better Cubbing,
Mrs. Isabel L. McCargar,
Cubmaster, West Summerland, B.C.

■ **Thanks for the picture which I hope to use later in *The Scout Leader*. Congratulations on your Plan Achievement record.**

Dear Editor:

Last fall we had a successful Observer Badge Field Day and I am sending you a short story about it. If it is a new idea it may increase this very excellent badge.

OBSERVER BADGE FIELD DAY

Observer Badges in my Pack, and in all that I know are far behind the others in number. So, I started to look for the reason, because it is the only real Cub outdoor Badge and I feel that Leaders should increase Cubs' interest in it. Looking through the *Cubmaster's First Year*, I came to page 181, where is: "An Athlete Badge Field Day". After reading that I said, "Well, and why not make an Observer Badge Field Day?"

The next Sunday afternoon the Pack followed Akela by landmarks and signs through streets to Magwood Park. There were names on six trees and on six wild flowers. Farther ahead, Baloo introduced outdoor Kim's Game. He named 12 objects such as dam, blue Ford on the other side of the river, nearby Church, etc. Then the Pack went ahead, still following signs. In a certain spot they found Akela. Now everybody had to bring six flowers and six leaves, which were passed by an hour ago, and after that they named objects from Kim's Game, and Raksha asked about animals and birds. Then followed some

games, most observing and stalking and finally, the Grand Howl.

As the result, next meeting five Observer Badges were awarded and five other Cubs will get it after their completion test.

Yours in Scouting,
Richard Jarolimek,
Cubmaster, 241st Toronto, Ont.

■ **Thanks for the idea. The Observer Badge lends itself nicely to such a field day.**

Dear Editor:

I am receiving copies of the magazines (*The Scout Leader* and *The Junior Leader*), ordered recently, regularly and would like to express my thanks. I am a few copies short over the last two years and hope you will be able to fill in the gaps for me.

I would also like to mention that, at the moment, in Whangarei a Cub Pack, Scout Troop and Rover Crew are operating from lines taken straight from *The Scout Leader* and we are all finding a big improvement in our meetings.

Yours in Scouting,
David McNeur,
P.O. Box 260, Whangarei,
Northland, N.Z.

■ **Perhaps we will see Scouter McNeur at the 8th World Jamboree.**

Dear Editor:

Would it be possible to publish in *The Scout Leader* patterns of several different kinds of Camp Fire Robes?

The '53 Jamboree seemed to arouse some interest in these and several Leaders and boys have asked me where they could obtain pictures or drawings of the various kinds.

Hoping that something can be done along these lines.

Yours sincerely,
Donald Hamer, Rover Leader,
Victoria, B.C.

■ **With pleasure—see page 207.**

Dear Editor:

Please keep on putting such wonderful stories as "Grand River Warrior" in *The Scout Leader*. My Cubs enjoy every bit of it. Thank you very much and please keep up the good work!

Mrs. E. C. Greenland,
Cubmaster, Roblin, Manitoba.

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing a snap taken on an afternoon hike last month: previous to "B.P." Week: The boys are from my Troop with Assistant Cubmaster Ted Adamson (in white sweater): The Tenderfoot Scouts in this group practised fire lighting and the Second Class Scouts tried their hand at cooking beef stew: each boy responsible for bringing a vegetable, the meat being supplied: Plates, cups, knives and forks, bread, etc., each boy had to bring themselves. We had a very pleasant afternoon, while the stew was cooking, the boys did a bit of Scouting through the bush, and after the last of the stew (turned out very well) was cleaned up, and dishes cleaned, the Outdoor Scouting Game was enjoyed. The boys certainly enjoy hikes, fire lighting and cooking. Since then, my Patrol Leaders have taken some of their Patrol on a hike by themselves, taking care of their own arrangements. I plan on such an event once a month.

If possible, my boyes would like to see their picture in *The Junior Leader*, if this is not the right type of snap for printing, would endeavour to obtain the correct one another time.

Also would appreciate twelve copies of the article, concerning the Weathermans Badge in your last edition of *The Junior Leader*, hope some time to get my boys working on this badge.

I appreciate *The Scout Leader* and thank you for the many splendid articles.

Sincerely yours,
Fred Dyer, Scoutmaster,
1st MacDonald, Man.

■ **Keep sending along the pictures and requests for Badge Aid Reprints.**

Dear Sir:

I received my copy of *The Scout Leader* about two weeks ago and found it very interesting. It really gives some good ideas on Scouting.

We have a Sea Scout Troop—the only one of its kind, I think, in St. John's, Nfld. We held our first camp on July 25th, 1953, at a place called Manuels about 30 miles from the city of St. John's and our boys had a lovely time. Now we are planning our camp programme for 1954 which will be held at Spread Eagle about 95 miles from St. John's.

Why is there not more about Sea Scouting in *The Scout Leader*? Is it because this sort of Scouting is not so popular? If you could give me some information on this matter it would answer a very interesting question. Sea Scouting is not very popular in Newfoundland—what about the mainland?

Just before I close I would like to write out a very interesting game which, at the same time, gives some good exercise.

Yours sincerely,
James E. Nofall,
Sea Scoutmaster,
1st St. Paul's Sea Scout Troop,
St. John's, Newfoundland.

■ **We would like to hear more from Newfoundland Scouters. What would S.S.M.s suggest as articles of special interest to them?**



QUEEN'S SCOUT CEREMONY

Here is a ceremony which was used in an Anglican Group in the Windsor, Ont. District. Ask your Chaplain or ministers for their ideas, they are always happy to assist.

Presentation of: Dale Shuttleworth, Lex McCrindle.

The procession will form up in the Church Hall. Parents and friends are requested to be seated in the Church by 7.30 p.m.

Organ Voluntary: Robin Bolton, Organist.

Processional Hymn: Lead On, O King Eternal.

The Scoutmaster's Address: Outlining origin and purpose of Badge—Doug Copeman.

Report of the Scouts' Progress: A.S.M. Gray Perkins.

Call to Reaffirmation: Doug Copeman.

The Reaffirmation of the Scout Promise: The Queen's Scouts. (Scouts will make Scout sign during the Promise).

Repeating of Scout Law (All Kneeling): Rev. K. C. Bolton.

After each Law is read Scouts will repeat: "Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law."

Presentation of Queen's Scout Badges by: Jim Joyes, Scout Commissioner.

Presentation of All Round Cords: The Chaplain.

Exchange of Salutes

The Chaplain and the Queen's Scouts

will proceed to the sanctuary where the Queen's Scouts will kneel at the Communion Rail.

Prayers The Benediction

The National Anthem

Recessional Hymn: O, Jesus, I have promised.

O, Jesus, I have promised

To serve Thee to the end

Be Thou for ever near me,

My Master and my Friend.

I shall not fear the battle

If Thou art by my side,

Nor wander from the pathway

If Thou wilt be my Guide.

O, Jesus, Thou hast promised

To all who follow Thee,

That where Thou art in Glory,

There shall thy servant be;

And, Jesus, I have promised,

To serve Thee to the end;

O give me grace to follow,

My Master and my Friend. Amen.

Note of Appreciation: The Group Committee and Leaders are grateful to Rev. Bolton, Rector and Chaplain of the Group, and to Robin Bolton, the Organist, for their assistance in making this ceremony possible in the Church.



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SCOUTING 1953

A Digest of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council

NOTE: The Annual Meeting of the Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association was held in the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa on Friday, April 30th. Mr. Rhys M. Sale, President of the Council, presided. His Excellency the Chief Scout, Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, C.H., attended the Annual Meeting luncheon at the Rideau Club. In the following pages are recorded the remarks of the Chief Scout, the election of officers and highlights of the Executive Committee's report to the Council covering activities in 1953.

Chief Scout's Address

His Excellency recalled that a year ago he had made a special appeal for men and women to offer their services as leaders in the Movement, and he expressed gratification to learn that the number of leaders had substantially increased during the year.

"Let us not stand still", he said. "Let us continue to encourage the formation of Scout Groups wherever competent leadership can be found."

Referring to the 8th World Jamboree to be held in Canada in August, 1955, the Chief Scout said: "That Canada's invitation should have been accepted is a signal honour and I look to every one of you to give your wholehearted

co-operation to ensure for our brothers from overseas an adventure they will never forget. Every Province, every District, every Group has its part to play, and I bespeak your support."

His Excellency called upon members of the Canadian General Council to encourage the participation of the many men and women who will be required to form the administrative staff of the Jamboree which he predicted would be "the greatest single event in the history of Scouting in Canada."

Officers Appointed

His Excellency, who has the prerogative as Chief Scout to name the President, Vice-President and Deputy Chief Scout, reappointed for the next year:—

President, Mr. Rhys M. Sale, Windsor, President of the Ford Motor Company.

Vice-President, Mr. R. C. Stevenson, O.B.E., Montreal.

Deputy Chief Scout, Mr. Jackson Dodds, C.B.E., Montreal.

Officers Elected

The following officers were elected at the Annual Meeting:—

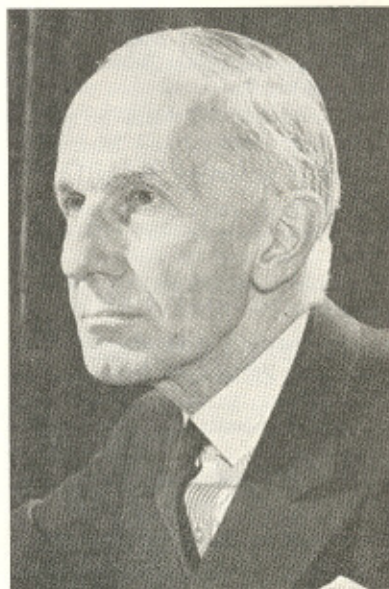
Honorary Secretary, Capt. Barry German, Ottawa.

Honorary Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Hobson, Ottawa.

Honorary Counsel, Capt. D. K. MacTavish, Ottawa.

International Commissioner, Mr. Earle T. Moore, Montreal.

The Executive Committee, appointed at the meeting, includes all Provincial Presidents and Provincial Commission-



His Excellency the Chief Scout for Canada who addressed the Annual Meeting Luncheon on April 30th.

ers, together with others elected by the Council for periods of three years.

The Annual Report

The Report, which is addressed to His Excellency, opens with a reaffirmation of loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, Patron of the Association.

Appreciation is expressed to the Chief Scout for his continuing interest and activity on behalf of the Movement, to Mr. Rhys M. Sale, the President, and to the Deputy Chief Scout, Mr. Jackson Dodds.

The appointment of Maj. Gen. D. C.



Mr. Rhys M. Sale, who was reappointed President of the Canadian General Council by the Chief Scout.

Tribute to Volunteer Workers

The following tribute to Scouters and other volunteer helpers was unanimously passed at the Annual Meeting.

"Scouting today owes its healthy condition to the untiring enthusiastic leadership and guidance given by the more than 14,000 leaders of Packs, Troops and Crews and the uncounted thousands of those who give of their time and energy as members of committees, instructors, examiners and the many other tasks falling to their lot.

"Their unselfish contribution toward the development of Canadian youth, given without expectation of reward or recognition deserves the highest praise.

"The Canadian General Council takes great pride and pleasure in conveying to them the grateful thanks of the entire Scout family".

Spry to the office of Director of the International Bureau is recorded and appreciation expressed for his valued services over the past several years.

Also recorded is the appointment of Mr. Fred J. Finlay as the new Chief Executive Commissioner and that of Mr. Earle T. Moore as International Commissioner, an office he assumed in October.

As usual Canada played its full part in International Scouting, both General Spry and Mr. Dodds attending the meetings of the International Committee in Leichtenstein in August.

During 1953, the report details the following Honours and Awards made by His Excellency to members of the Movement:

- 2 Cornwell Scout Badges
- 2 Silver Wolves
- 5 Silver Acorns
- 3 Silver Crosses for Gallantry
- 5 Gilt Crosses for Gallantry
- 1 Medal for Meritorious Conduct
- 7 Certificates of Merit for Gallantry
- 14 Certificates for Meritorious Conduct
- 7 Letters of Commendation for Meritorious Conduct
- 28 Medals of Merit for Good Services
- 4 Certificates of Merit for Good Services

155 Long Service Medals

120 Bars to Long Service Medals

His Excellency also signed 637 Warrants of Appointment during 1953.

Scout Brotherhood Fund

A total of \$9,436.43 has been donated to the Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund since its inception in 1950. The financial statement of the Fund's operations in 1953 were as follows:

Receipts

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 837.35
Donations, 1953	674.72
Special Flood Relief Appeal	3,639.68
	<u>\$5,151.75</u>

Expenditures

Roland House, London	\$ 305.48
Western Europe, Books	7.70
Greek Boy Scouts, Earthquake Relief	99.50
Westminster Abbey Restoration Appeal	275.00
England, Flood Relief	1,619.10
Holland, Flood Relief	1,619.07
Belgium, Flood Relief	381.48
Total Expenditures	<u>\$4,307.33</u>
Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1953	844.42
	<u>\$5,151.75</u>

Highlights of 1953

Highlights of Scouting activities during 1953 included the Second Cana-

dian Jamboree, the Canadian Contingent to the Coronation, the 5th World Rover Moot in Switzerland, the Boy Scouts of America Jamboree in California, and the Coronation celebrations in Canada.

Attendance at the Canadian Jamboree was 2,196 (exclusive of staff) was somewhat smaller than anticipated, due no doubt to so many other events during the year.

The Coronation Contingent comprised 32 Queen's Scouts representing all Provinces and four leaders.

Sixty-four Rover Scouts, the largest Rover Contingent ever to attend a World Moot from Canada, attended the Moot at Kandersteg in Switzerland.

As the Boy Scouts of America Jamboree coincided with the Canadian Jamboree, only a small contingent represented Canada, fifteen Scouts and two leaders.

All of these events have previously been reported in detail in *The Scout*

sustained interest, both registering substantial sales. It is significant that the majority of the outdoor badges show fairly substantial increases, reflecting the increased accent that has been placed on this phase of Scout training.

Distinguished Visitors

Among the distinguished visitors to Canadian Scouting last year were included Rear Admiral Sir Richard Bevan, who spoke to several Scout audiences in many parts of the country; Sir Ian Bolton, President of the Scottish Council who represented Lord Rowallan at the Canadian Jamboree; Sr. Juan Laine, Chief Scout for Mexico and St. Alberto Joffre the Chief Scout for Cuba.

New Headquarters Wing

A new wing to the Canadian Headquarters Building was completed and occupied during 1953. This addition relieves the serious congestion which was hampering the work of all departments. The new building, erected above the



The Canadian Contingent to the 5th World Rover Moot held at Kandersteg in Switzerland in 1953.

Leader so that it is not necessary to again review them here.

Badge Work

In the Wolf Cub Section total sales are up by 4.1% and show increases in six of the twelve badges. The decreases are nowhere significant. However, one interesting point is that total sales are less than one badge per boy. The same applies in the Scout Section, the total of sales is higher in proportion to the number of Scouts, but still is less than one per boy.

In this section Public Service badges continue to reflect great interest and all show considerable increases. Of the new badges introduced last year, Dog Handler and Stamp Collector indicate

Stores Department contains a Board Room and eight offices, store rooms and wash rooms. It is occupied by the Training Department and Central Registry. The addition also provided additional space for the Stores Department which was badly needed.

Membership

Once again we are able to record a substantial increase in total membership. The figure for the year ended 31 December, 1953, which includes boys and leaders but none of the thousands of Committeemen, Ladies Auxiliaries Instructors, who helped to make this expansion possible, was 157,843 an increase of 8.4% over 1952.

The total of leaders increased by

7.23% to a total of 14,282 which gives a ratio of boys to leaders of 11 to 1, slightly higher than is considered ideal.

The growth in numbers of Wolf Cubs continues to be greater than in Boy Scouts, although during 1953 the ratio of Cubs to Scouts was maintained at the same level as in 1952. This may mean that the efforts expended in endeavouring to stem the wastage between Pack and Troop are having some effect but the difference is still far too large and will require sustained effort to close the gap. With the exception of Lone Scouts all branches registered gains in the majority of provinces.

Camping

Statistics, which do not include weekend or overnight camping, reveal that there were 1,057 registered Scout Camps in Canada last year with a total attendance of 29,729 boys for a grand total of 277,354 camping days. This does not of course include the 17,568 camping days experienced by the 2,196 Scouts attending the Second Canadian Jamboree. To these totals might be added the camping days of the Canadian Coronation Contingent, the Rover Moot Contingent and the Boy Scouts of America Jamboree contingent. These figures represent a very considerable increase over the previous year.

Scouting in 1953

Following is a digest of the Provincial reports as they appear in the Annual Report of the Canadian General Council. Space does not permit of producing them in full, so that just the highlights appear here.

British Columbia and Yukon

During 1953 membership increased to an all time high at December 31st of 20,132, a gain of over 100% in the past 6 years, well in advance of the population increase. Scouters and Committeemen alive to their responsibilities, carrying out their duties as leaders and supporters made this new high mark possible.

During the Coronation celebrations, Groups and Districts participated in local activities, Scouts and Rovers carrying out many service jobs. Coronation Scout Beacons were lit and Campfire Programmes carried out throughout the Province and in the Yukon. Some of the more spectacular ones included:

The Beacon of the Mid-Island District was forty feet in height; an attempt to scale Mount Copely by Scouts of the Mount Arrowsmith District to light a Beacon at the summit was thwarted by heavy snows and cloud

Scout Population Statistics and Review of Camping

STATEMENT OF CENSUS AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 1953

Provinces	Wolf Cubs	Boy Scouts	Lone Scouts	Sea Scouts	Rover Scouts	Rover Sea Scouts	Grand Total Boy Members	Adult Leaders	31 Dec., 1953 Total	31 Dec., 1952 Total
NFLD.....	780	1,567	5	35	14	—	2,401	158	2,559	1,978
P.E.I.....	560	372	18	—	—	—	950	110	1,060	1,008
N.S.....	3,851	2,987	112	—	24	—	6,974	587	7,561	7,447
N.B.....	3,092	2,281	40	—	91	—	5,504	567	6,071	5,357
QUE.....	6,692	3,763	23	54	177	—	10,709	919	11,628	10,246
ONT.....	41,492	19,479*	—	661	1,229	121	62,982	6,110	69,092	66,106
MAN.....	6,830	3,173	27	—	51	—	10,081	940	11,021	9,690
SASK.....	3,296	2,033	45	45	25	—	5,444	464	5,908	5,535
ALTA.....	7,113	4,024	97	—	72	—	11,306	1,054	12,360	11,049
B.C.....	12,064	5,895	10	124	209	7	18,309	1,823	20,132	18,745
LA FED....	3,192	5,064	—	—	645	—	8,901	1,550	10,451	8,928
TOTAL 1953....	88,962	50,638	377	919	2,537	128	143,561	14,282	157,843	146,089
TOTAL 1952....	81,722	47,387	483	698	2,368	112	132,770	13,319	146,089	
INCREASE..	7,240	3,251		221	169	16	10,791	963	11,754	
DECREASE..			106							
PERCENT-AGE....	8.85	6.86	21.95	31.66	7.12	14.28	8.13	7.23	8.04	

* Includes Lone Scouts

CAMPING

	Registered Camps	Total Boys in Camp	Total Camper Days
Newfoundland	31	689	6,890
Prince Edward Island	14	413	3,345
Nova Scotia	42	1,237	12,370
New Brunswick	52	1,525	11,075
Quebec	27	2,342	25,661
Ontario	292	11,080	96,289
Manitoba and N.W. Ontario	48	1,127	4,508
Saskatchewan	26	519	13,494
Alberta	66	1,417	10,496
British Columbia	79	2,160	15,337
La Federation	380	7,220	73,889
TOTAL	1,057	29,729	277,354

NOTE.—These figures do not include weekend or overnight camps.

conditions encountered on the upward climb; the Beacon of the South Okanagan District was seen for many miles up Okanagan Lake; Beacon Fire of the South Surrey District was anchored 350 feet out at sea in Semiahmos Bay at White Rock; at Edgewood remotely located on the Arrow Lakes the Cub Pack staged the Beacon Fire as a community celebration, there being no Scout Troop at that point; Cranbrook and Kimberley Districts each with their own Beacons, observed the other; North Okanagan District Beacon was lit atop Aberdeen Mountain at 6,200 feet elevation involving an all day hike on the part of the Coldstream Group; across the Gulf of Georgia the Powell River District at their celebrations observed the fire of the Upper Vancouver Island District near Courtenay; the Creston District celebrations included 75 Scouts from the United States who had been participating in a Week-end Camporee with Scouts of the Creston area; Kamloops District Beacon lit high up in the hills was seen from most points in the city; special programme of the North Cariboo District at Quesnel drew an attendance of nearly 100% of the local population.

While the British Columbia Contingent to the 2nd Canadian Scout Jamboree at Ottawa in July fell below anticipated strength, some 365 Scouts and Scouters took part.

Emphasis was continued on the recruitment and training of Scouters. The number of trainees availing themselves of Courses reached a new high. The first District Training Course to be given in the Yukon attracted a worthwhile attendance. Extension of the District Training Course syllabus for a Course for Scouters in Groups in widely scattered communities in the mountainous Slocan area of the Province proved highly successful.

Numbers so far do not reflect the renewed interest in Rover Scouting. With the first Provincial Rover Moot planned for the 1954 Labour Day Weekend it may well mark the milestone of a faster development in the Rover Section.

Relative figures between Scouts and Cubs continued to show the same approximate disparity, though Scout numbers increased.

Cub Packs in populated areas are still feeling the effects of the post war birth rate—many Packs having long waiting lists.

A growing sense of responsibility was noted on the part of Group Sponsors though there is room for much improvement in this important aspect of Scouting. Church sponsored Groups

have shown noticeable gains in number and in interest.

While Plan Achievement officially ended at the turn of the year, many Groups and Districts are continuing to use its pattern as the minimum goal of their operation. An effort will be made Provincially to establish minimum standards of Group operation, based on Plan Achievement, during the ensuing year.

Alberta and Northwest Territories

While not recording the same spectacular gains as those made in 1952, we have been able to consolidate those gains, and are better prepared for the task which lies ahead.

The general trend throughout the Movement has been one of reorganization. Under the leadership of our Pro-

Our membership continues to increase with our growing population, and now stands at 12,360, an increase of 1,311, or 12% during the year.

During the year, every effort was made to assist leaders with their work by means of training courses. Preliminary courses for new Scouters were conducted in Calgary, High River, Foremost and Pincher Creek, 96 certificates being awarded.

In Edmonton 34 Scouters acquired new skills by means of Specialization Courses in Scouting and Cubbing, and 25 Scouters completed the Correspondence Courses conducted by Canadian Headquarters.

Week-end Gilwell Courses for Scoutmasters and Cubmasters in the Edmonton area were held in the Spring



Canada's representatives at the 3rd National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America held in California.

vincial President, Mr. N. E. Tanner and our Commissioner, Mr. F. S. Fry, the Executive Committee has been most active in directing the affairs of Scouting in the Province.

On a local level, our District Councils have increased their activities and two new Councils were formed in the Pincher-Crowsnest and Peace River Areas. The Edmonton District has joined Calgary in employing the services of an Executive Commissioner.

Our Group Committees are also more active in supervising the work, and there has been a general increase in the ratio of Scouters to boys.

All this indicates increasing interest in our work by the people of our Province. Over 2,000 men and women are enrolled as members of Councils, Group Committees and as Scouters.

and Fall, with 31 Leaders receiving certificates. 18 Scouters attended the Prairie Gilwell Courses, sponsored jointly by the Provincial Councils of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, held this year at Lebret, Saskatchewan. In addition, two Scouters attended the British Columbia course.

20 Scouters completed the full syllabus of training and were awarded the Wood Badge.

An introductory training course was conducted in Yellowknife, N.W.T. for teachers from all parts of the Mackenzie District who were attending the first Teachers Convention.

27 Commissioners and District Scouters attended a Commissioners Training Course held in Lethbridge under the direction of Assistant Pro-

vincial Commissioner, Mr. C. S. Matkin.

Along with the rest of Canada, Alberta Scouts and Cubs celebrated the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on June 2nd with parades, rallies and council fires.

At the request of His Excellency the Chief Scout for Canada, every effort was made to establish a chain of Beacon Fires, but a general rain over the whole Province compelled postponement of this item in many places.

A highlight of the year was the Second Canadian Jamboree. The Alberta Contingent was composed of 161 First Class Scouts and 18 Scouters, under the leadership of the Provincial Commissioner. The contingent gathered in Calgary on July 15th for a one day pre-camp, before leaving on a special train for the Jamboree.

In the Spring, a contingent from the Lethbridge District attended a Scout Circus at Great Falls, Montana, and the Medicine Hat District participated in a similar event at Havre, Montana.

Our Provincial Commissioner, Mr. Fry, visited Britain in November, and presented a Buffalo Coat on behalf of the Alberta Scouts to Lord Rowallan, Empire Chief Scout.

Visitors to Alberta during the year included Major Malcolm Speir, President of the Old Scouts of Scotland, and Sir Ian Bolton, President of the Scottish Scout Council.

There was an increase in the number of summer camps held this year, 66 camps being registered with a total of 1,400 boys participating. Camp Woods, our Provincial Camp, was fully occupied for most of the season, 10 Scout Troops and 3 Cub Packs with over 250 boys making use of the facilities.

A most important feature of the work of the Headquarters staff is to be found in the periodic visits to Troops and Packs in isolated places by the Executive Commissioner or by one of the Field Commissioners.

Saskatchewan

Boy membership in the Association increased in 1953 by 453, while the number of leaders was reduced by 80, leaving a net gain in membership of 373. Total membership at the end of 1953 was 5,908 as compared with 5,535 in the previous year.

Saskatchewan has had a most active year in the field of training. A total of 334 Scouters took part in the Wood Badge, District Preliminary, Composite and Introductory Courses conducted, while 150 Scouts availed themselves of the opportunity of Bronze Arrowhead training. The Sixth Prairie



Mr. Earle T. Moore of Montreal, who was re-elected International Commissioner of The Boy Scouts Association.

Gilwell was held at Lebreton during August, and we were pleased to welcome candidates from Alberta and Manitoba.

During the year Field Commissioner Donald R. Milne was transferred to Edmonton and Michael D. Roberts replaced him. Another Field Commissioner, H. R. C. Crouch, was engaged by the Council in October. Practically all registered Groups in the rural centres have received at least one official visit during the year.

Every effort is being made to build up District Councils, and during the year a new District Council was organized in the Rosetown area and is functioning well. Another new District is being organized on the main line east of Regina from Qu-Appelle to the Manitoba border, while reorganization work has been carried out at Prince Albert, Yorkton, North Battleford and Melfort.

Groups and Districts throughout the province took part in Coronation celebrations, and at the request of the Chief Scout laid and lit Coronation Beacons. Two Saskatchewan Scouts were members of the Canadian Contingent to the Coronation in London.

Saskatchewan was very proud of its contingent to the Second Canadian Jamboree held near Ottawa in July. One of the highlights of the Jamboree was the arena display presented by the contingent based on Civil Defence and preparedness for emergencies. The presentation was warmly praised by Civil Defence officials.

A Provincial Rover Moot was held at Lebreton over the Labour Day weekend, and sixteen Rovers attended from the southern part of the province.

Several Districts and Groups operated the traditional Boy Scout Toy Shops, the District of Saskatoon completing 30 years of this most practical work.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, as Patron of the Association, has done much during the year to show his interest. He is very proud to have been made an "Honorary Queen's Scout".

Twenty-seven Saskatchewan Scouts achieved the goal of Queen's Scout during 1953.

The province was happy in October to be host to the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council.

Manitoba and N.W. Ontario

With the idea that the success of our Movement depends on good leadership we have continued to place much emphasis on Leadership Training, resulting in 181 District Preliminary and 71 Composite Information Course Certificates being awarded and 17 Scouters receiving their parchments for completing their Gilwell Courses.

The Council registered membership increased by 1,217 boys and 114 leaders to a new high of 11,001, up 13.5%.

115 First Class Scouts and 20 Leaders under A.P.C. Joe Spittlehouse made up our contingent to the Canadian Jamboree.

Our first Provincial Rover Moot held at St. Vital Campsite in October with Commissioner Scotty Fleming of Hamilton assisting, was a most successful venture.

The Council reports on the following highlights:

The Coronation ceremonies, civic and national, with joint Beacon Fire programme with the Girl Guides were held in all our large centres, and in most of the smaller rural towns.

Plan Achievement Crests were presented to 79 Packs, 52 Troops and 47 Group Committees.

Summer Camping is on the increase slowly but we are concerned with the two thirds of our Scouts who do not get to Scout Camp. Many Groups are now enjoying the thrill of Winter Camping.

Two very successful Leader Conferences were held, one at Camp Manitou (YMCA) Winnipeg, and one at Fort William in the YMCA.

Long Service Medals and Bars were presented to 33 Leaders representing a total of 440 years of volunteer Leadership.

Scout Apple Days at many centres received excellent support.

10,000 trees were planted by Scouts at Marathon, Ontario.

Our Annual Queen's Scout Recognition Ceremony was again held in the Legislative Buildings where the Lt. Gov. Hon. J. S. McDiarmid presented framed Certificates to 81 of our 85 Queen's Scouts of 1953.

Joint Founder's Day Rallies were well attended, in Winnipeg by 3,000, Brandon 475, and Portage La Prairie 300.

Other activities have included:

Hobby Shows, the Brandon Ice Stampede, Cub Carolling, Winnipeg Swim Club, Hesketh First Aid Competitions and 800 Gladiola Bulbs were distributed to Cubs for growing.

Ontario

With participation in the Coronation, the World Rover Moot, the American Jamboree and the Second Canadian Jamboree, and another healthy increase in membership, 1953 was an eventful year in Ontario Scouting.

In 52 Ontario districts 122 beacon fires were lighted to mark the Coronation on June 2nd. More than 50 Scouts applied for the 14 Ontario places on the Coronation Contingent, and places were allotted to one from Northern Ontario, two each from Central and Eastern regions, and three each from the Toronto, Western and South Central Regions. Three Ontario Scouters served on the four man contingent staff.

Of the 64 Rover Scouts who represented Canada at the 5th World Rover Moot at Kandersteg, Switzerland, 49 were from Ontario. The contingent leader was also an Ontario man, R.S.L. Clark Gothard of Brantford, while Field Commissioner A. S. Fleming was Executive Officer of the contingent.

Nine Ontario Scouts attended the 3rd Boy Scouts of America Jamboree held at Santa Ana, California.

At the Second Canadian Jamboree near Ottawa, Ontario was represented by 850 Scouts and Scouters. The then Metropolitan Commissioner for Toronto, Mr. Fred J. Finlay (now Chief Executive Commissioner), was one of the Jamboree Sub-Camp Chiefs.

The number of special events during the year demanded concentrated effort on the part of the staff, and expansion efforts had to take second place. In spite of this the number of boys and leaders under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Provincial Council increased from 66,432 to 69,092 during the year. With some 2,754 North Western Ontario Scouts and Scouters under the



Mr. R. T. Lund, Secretary of the International Bureau who was a guest at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian General Council.

Manitoba and N.W. Ontario Council, the total number of Scouts and Scouters in the Province at the end of 1953 reached 71,846. All sections, Wolf Cub, Boy Scout, Sea Scout and Rover Scout, showed increases.

Two of the Province's six Regional Commissioners were lost to their regions in 1953. R. L. Stratton, Regional Commissioner for Western Ontario died, and Fred J. Finlay, Metropolitan Commissioner for Toronto resigned to accept the post of Chief Executive Commissioner for Canada. Three new districts were established, Porcupine, Prince Edward and Trent Valley. St. Catharines became the 10th local Association to employ a full time Executive Commissioner, selecting Edward J. Gawley, who had been Field Commissioner on the Hamilton staff.

Ontario had an active year in training. Briefly, 1,366 Scouters attended 58 Preliminary Courses, 128 attended the various Wood Badge Courses, while many others took part in specialization courses. In the field of Junior Leader Training, 623 Patrol and Troop Leaders qualified for the Bronze Arrowhead, and 59 for the Silver Arrowhead. There were also 12 Courses for Group Committeemen with a total attendance of 567.

At the Blue Springs Reserve, in addition to Gilwell Courses, there was a Gilwell Reunion and Toronto's Rover Scout Rambling Competition. The site of the new Camp Chapel was further improved and on August 23rd was dedicated by Rev. A. S. "Pa" Mitchell.

Some 292 Summer Camps were registered with Provincial Headquarters, attended by 11,080 boys, for a total of 96,289 "Camper Days". This does not of course, include weekend and overnight camps. Numerous exchange visits were made between Ontario and United States Troops, while Camporees, Cuborees, field days, rallies and hikes of many kinds were featured in all parts of the Province.

On the recommendation of the Provincial Board of Honour, His Excellency the Chief Scout awarded 22 honours and awards to Ontario Scouts and Scouters. In addition 73 Long Service Medals and 53 Bars to the Long Service Medal were awarded.

A tremendous number of traditional Scout "Good Turns" were carried out during the year, including: distribution of window cards for Red Cross and Community Chest campaigns; Scout toyshops; Christmas carol singing at hospitals and for the aged; ushering at Remembrance Day services; operating lost children's tent at fairs and exhibitions; Christmas hampers for poor families; helping wheel chair patients; distributing programmes at Coronation Day celebrations; clearing snow from church sidewalks; helping police in search for lost girl; planting trees in town park; acting as patients in civil defence demonstrations; acting as messengers, raising funds for the Scout Brotherhood Fund to aid the flood victims of England, Belgium and Holland. These are but a sampling of the many "Good Turns" reported.

Ontario Scouting is greatly indebted for the continued good services of Mr. W. H. J. Tisdale, the Provincial Commissioner. Mr. Tisdale has been able to multiply his effectiveness through the delegation of duties to Assistant Provincial Commissioners and Regional Commissioners.

The Province was honoured in 1953 by visits from a number of distinguished Scouters, including Sir Richard Bevan, J. Harold Williams of Rhode Island, and Sir Ian Bolton, President of the Scottish Council. A farewell dinner at Hart House Toronto, to Maj.-Gen. D. C. Spry, retiring Chief Executive Commissioner was attended by a capacity crowd, and his services were recognized by the Province with the presentation of a travelling clock.

Other activities in this eventful year include the following: 137 Apple Day campaigns yielding \$84,705 for local Scout funds; Queen's Scout Recognition Ceremonies at London, Toronto, Fonthill, Ottawa, and other centres; a wide observance of B.-P. Sunday on

his birthday, February 22nd; Scout Service Troop in attendance at International Plowing Match at Cobourg; several forestry and tree planting camps; a huge Scout show in Ottawa; a nature weekend in the Eastern Region, and many waste paper campaigns.

Quebec

Membership figures in the Province showed another increase in 1953 by 1,117 boys and leaders.

There were 29 Registered Camps during the year, recording a total of 25,600 boy days of camping. A splendid new campsite for Wolf Cubs of the Montreal Region was purchased at Lake Cloutier, near Joliette.

Three boys from the Province, James Edwards of Three Rivers, and Donald Ferrier and Billy MacDonald of Montreal, were members of the Canadian Scout Contingent to the Coronation in England, and Quebec was proud to have chosen as leader of that contingent Mr. J. Barry Cale, the District Commissioner for the St. Maurice Valley District. Both the Provincial and Montreal Councils entertained the contingent which assembled in Montreal.

Two Montreal Rover Scouts attended the World Rover Moot at Kandesteg, in Switzerland, and five Montreal Scouts attended the Boy Scouts of America Jamboree in California.

Coronation celebrations were general throughout Quebec, with each Scout District participating in some way. It was estimated that the Beacon Fires attracted attendances in excess of 12,000 people. In Montreal, some 70 television sets were set up on Coronation Day for the general public to view the television broadcast. These sets were placed in the care of Scouts.

The Annual Scouters' Conference at North Hatley was again an outstanding success over the Thanksgiving Weekend. There was a record attendance of 211 Scouters and others. Guest speaker was Mr. R. D. F. Bourne of Hamilton, and others who contributed to the programme including Maj.-Gen. D. C. Spry, and Mr. John MacGregor, Executive Commissioner for Training at Canadian Headquarters.

A satisfactory increase in the number of Scouters and Group Committeemen taking training was recorded during the year, and it is hoped to expand the membership of the training team during 1954.

New Brunswick

We are pleased to report increased activity in all phases of Scouting with an increase in our Scout population of 13% over 1952.

Camping and hiking also increased;



Mr. Fred J. Finlay, whose appointment as Chief Executive Commissioner succeeding Maj. Gen. D. C. Spry was announced in 1953.

this we believe is a direct result of Plan Achievement. Registered camps in New Brunswick in 1953 totalled 53 including the Jamboree pre-camp. 1,700 boys attended camps with a total of 13,596 camper days. Two of our Districts had every Troop in camp.

The Maritime Part II Cub Leaders Course was held at Sussex with Charles Stafford of Canadian Headquarters as Akela. In addition to Maritime Scouters helping with this course, we were pleased to welcome Miss Lillian Poltrick of Montreal.

The Annual Rover Moot was held at Marysville with 90 Rovers and older Scouts in attendance.

In May, at Fredericton, in the Legislative Assembly Chambers, the Lieutenant Governor, Hon. D. L. MacLaren, P.C., presented Queen's Scout Certificates to 90 Scouts in a very colourful ceremony. The ceremony was preceded by a Banquet for the Queen's Scouts at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel.

A very successful Scouters' Conference was held at Fredericton during the Thanksgiving week-end with 130 Scouters in attendance. Len Johnson of C.H.Q. was a welcome speaker to our conference.

Every District was visited during the year by a member of Provincial Headquarters. The Provincial Commissioner and the Provincial President attended nearly all District Annual Meetings. The Assistant Provincial Commissioner visited all Districts in the late Spring.

The popularity of the Canadian Jamboree made it possible for New Brunswick to send many more than our quota to this outstanding event. Two Rovers went to the Rover Moot in Switzerland, one Rover went as an Assistant Leader. One Scout attended the American Jamboree.

In the Public Relations Field our P.R. Associate has a well running team in most Districts. At least two releases per week are prepared and sent to all Radio Stations and Newspapers in the Province. Two Districts have broadcast a series of Radio Programmes.

Our Coronation contribution consisted of Beacons, international gatherings, parades, etc., and were most successful with all Districts taking part.

Good turns were carried out but unfortunately we do not hear of many of the most important but we do know that Scouts were active helping the Red Cross with Blood Donor Clinics, Civil Defence, delivering pamphlets and posters for Red Cross, T.B. Seals, St. John Ambulance, Cancer Society, Back to School, Safe Driving campaign, etc.

Scouts were again busy this year servicing the Pollen Collecting Stations in connection with an experiment by the Provincial Government. Scouts service these stations in many areas of the Province, tending them daily.

The R.C.M.P. have contributed to our successful Scouting year. Members of the Force are active in Scouting and other members have helped Scout Groups with the Highway code tests. At Fredericton the R.C.M.P. instructed in Rifle Shooting for the Marksmans Badge.

Our first handicapped Group has been organized in the T.B. hospital at Moncton, sponsored by the Moncton Rotary Club.

Many distinguished visitors were welcomed by the Scouts in New Brunswick, Lady Baden-Powell, Major General D. C. Spry, The Chief Scout for Canada, R. C. Stevenson, Bert Mortlock and Len Johnson.

The Provincial Government, in particular the Forestry Department, have been most helpful to Scouting. They have provided every Scoutmaster with a copy of "Native Trees of Canada". Approximately 1000 of our Scouts are Junior Forest Wardens and receive free of charge the "Forest and Outdoors" magazine monthly. Our Honorary Field Commissioner is a Forest Warden and his service has been given freely to camp visitation and courses in many of our centres.

The policy of the Provincial Council in having its meetings in various centres

of the Province is developing the Scout-spirit in New Brunswick.

Prince Edward Island

The Second Canadian Jamboree and Plan Achievement provided the incentive to give Prince Edward Island one of its best years in Scouting. While our numbers showed only a small increase, 1,018 in 1952 to 1,060 in 1953, the quality, especially in out-of-doors activities, showed a marked improvement.

Fourteen camps were held in 1953 with a total of 413 boys in attendance which is 39 percent of the Scout population. Forty percent of our Troops and 60 percent of our Packs received Plan Achievement Awards. One Patrol of Scouts with their Scoutmaster visited the Magdalen Islands and spent a week under canvas there. Forty-one Scouts and four Scouters attended the Second Canadian Jamboree near Ottawa.

One Silver Arrowhead Course was conducted at Camp Buchan, the provincial camp-site, five Scouters attended The Maritime Wood Badge Course for Pack Scouters which was held in New Brunswick, two Preliminary Training Courses were held at the Crapaud camp, one for Pack Scouters, the other for Troop Scouters and several specialization courses were run for the older Scouts in many centres.

The Coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, was celebrated in all centres with beacons and Scout campfire programmes along with Scouts and Cubs taking part in all Coronation Day parades. One Island Queen's Scout represented us on the Canadian Contingent to the Coronation.

These highlights, plus the regular week by week training directed by our faithful volunteer Scouters and supported by an interested Island population, rounded out another successful year of "Training in Canadian Citizenship".

Nova Scotia

Forty-two registered Camps were held in Nova Scotia in 1953, with a total of 1,237 boys and 118 leaders. Most of these were run on the Patrol system. The experience gained by the Scouts at Camporees and Jamborees is proving invaluable to their own Troops. More Districts each year are trying Camporees, the competition being to a standard rather than inter-Troop, and these are proving very beneficial in improving camping standards.

Membership during the year increased by only 114.

Again one of the chief activities in the Province was the annual Tree Planting. The East Pictou District has been engaged in Annual Tree Plant-

ing since 1929, with some 3,000 trees being planted annually. The Halifax District is continuing this service to the Public Service Commission by planting trees each year on the watershed.

Coronation Beacons were lit across the Province and, in many cases, attracted considerable local interest. In one case, at Sydney, the large crowd completely blocked all roads leading to the ground where the beacon was being lit.

A number of "Good Turns" were reported during the year, most of which followed the usual pattern of service to other organizations. Scouts in New Glasgow assisted a Service Club with a bicycle-taping programme. Other good turns included the operation of First Aid Stations at County Fairs, ushering at Public Events, and many others.

More participation in County Fairs was in evidence during 1953. One example was the special display, with model camp site and gadgets, and teams of Scouts demonstrating rope-spinning, fire by friction, Crinoline spinning, etc., at the Stellarton Industrial Fair.

Sydney and Halifax each have Special Service Troops composed of First Class and Queen's Scouts, who are on call for special duties.

In Halifax the Scouts had a booth at the Civil Defence Display in December, at which the Scout Radio Station VEIUC was on the air. The Scouts were used in rescue displays and for

general assistance to the Civil Defence authorities.

The Silver Arrowhead Course conducted by the Halifax District was a good demonstration of camping in rugged country. Four full Patrols assembled at a lake in the Waverley Game Sanctuary, where the Patrol Leaders found it necessary to use their axes to clear Patrol sites before tents could be pitched.

The annual Queen's Scouts Ceremony held at Province House, again proved to be an inspiring event, with the Lieutenant Governor presenting certificates to Queen's Scouts from all parts of the Province. Later in the day the Queen's Scouts were the guests of the Provincial Council at the annual Queen's Scout Dinner.

Newfoundland

Scouting now operates in over 35 communities in Newfoundland and Labrador, consisting of 65 Groups. These in turn are divided into 56 Scout Troops, 2 Sea Scout Troops, 22 Wolf Cub Packs and 1 Rover Crew. There has been a steady increase yearly bringing our total population as at December 31, 1953, to 2,401 boys and 158 leaders.

Seventy-eight Newfoundlanders attended the Second Canadian Jamboree held in Ottawa last summer. It was the first time that any contingent from the Island had representatives from eight different districts and most especially Scouts from Labrador. Interest in the 8th World Jamboree is high and it would appear that over 20 communities



Canadian Scouting sent Field Commissioner Charles Stafford from Canadian Headquarters to Mexico to conduct a Wood Badge Course for Troop Scouters. This was in response to a request from The International Bureau.

will have at least one or two Scouts attending.

The first Queen's Scout recognition ceremony was held last fall when some 40 Queen's Scouts received their Badges and Certificates from the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland, at Government House at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Council.

Communities throughout Newfoundland were assisted by Scouts, who operated Toy Shops, delivered posters for the Red Cross, St. John Ambulance, T.B. Association and the Blood Bank. Special mention should be given to Scouts in the various communities who assisted the T.B. Association's Motor Vessel "The Christmas Seal" during its X-Ray visits to many towns and villages. Several cases are recorded of Scouts taking an active interest in their War Memorials in keeping them tidy and clean.

Joint Camping of Canadian and American Scout Troops took place last summer when Scouts from St. John's had as their guests American Scouts from the Argentina U.S. Naval Base.

National Training Picture

The Scouter training programme in 1953 was naturally affected by the Second Canadian Jamboree which claimed the services of a great many Scouters who might otherwise have taken Wood Badge courses. However, the over-all picture was most encouraging.

Wood Badge Courses. A total of 406 Scouters were successful in obtaining Part I certificates, compared with 423 the previous year, and 367 were successful in the Part II Courses, as against 403 the previous year. There was an increase in the number completing all Wood Badge requirements, 221 in 1953 compared with 202 in 1952.

Preliminary Training. A total of 2,352 Scouters took part in various Preliminary Courses, only 17 less than in the previous year.

Other Training. There was a substantial increase in the numbers taking Information, Specialization and Commissioner courses with the 1953 figure being 1,393, an increase of 345 over 1952.

Patrol Leader Training. 1,863 boys participated in Bronze Arrowhead Courses compared with 1,893 in the previous year. The number taking Silver Arrowhead Courses dropped from 415 in 1952 to 202 last year, reflecting the attendance of many Patrol Leaders at the Canadian Jamboree.

The Training Department at Canadian Headquarters has been considerably expanded during the year, with the appointment of Assistant Executive

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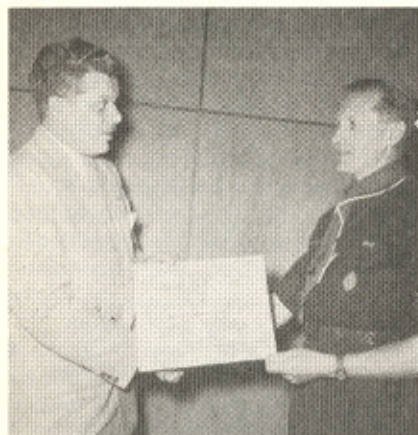
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The Junior Chamber of Commerce in Banff, Alta., recently presented their Certificate of Merit to Scoutmaster William de Hann for his outstanding service to that community. We congratulate Scouter de Hann and the Banff Junior Chamber of Commerce for their thoughtful recognition of their Scoutmaster.

St. George's Day Service—1954

50 Rover Scouts from southern New Brunswick gathered at Sussex on April 25th to honour St. George, the Patron Saint of Scouting. Service was held in the United Church at Sussex Corner for the Protestant Rovers and in the Roman Catholic Church at Sussex for the Roman Catholic Rovers. After service the Rover Groups met at Deer Lodge near Sussex on the campsite of the local Troop for lunch and a short conference on current Rover problems.

Newfoundland Wood Badge Course

Newfoundland Scouters, particularly, will be interested to know there will be a Gilwell Part II Wood Badge Course for Troop Scouters held in Newfoundland this year. This Course will be held at Sandy Point, Exploit's River, Notre Dame Bay, from July 30th, to August 6th. Mr. E. B. Foran, Provincial Commissioner for Newfoundland, will be the Deputy Camp Chief for this Course.

Sea Scout Rendezvous

Ontario Sea Scouts have asked that we publish an invitation to their "Rendezvous" to be held at Ottawa from July 30th to August 2nd.

This is the third Ontario Sea Scout Rendezvous and those in charge of programme guarantee a fun packed four days.

St. George's Day Observance

Once again we have received a report from the 2nd Calgary Troop of their Annual St. George's Day Observance. On the Sunday nearest to St. George's Day this Troop presented two candidates for the Religion and Life Award to their Chaplain, the Rector of Christ Church, Elbow Park. The Scouts were escorted by those Scouts of the Troop who had received the award in previous years and by twelve "Old Scouts" who had earned it during their active service with the Troop. The Scoutmaster and Troop Leader presented the candidates to the Chaplain.

Speaking of Cub Investiture

"The other night Akela invested a new chum. The boy looked just a little frightened but when he was asked to say the Promise, he looked up at Akela with eyes shining and said it loud and clear. When asked what he had just said meant to him, he said, 'I will be better than just best, I will be betterest'. This from an eight-year-old."



Ask your Provincial Headquarters for dates and details.



Feeling Warm?

Just to remind you that Winter is really not so far away, we reproduce this picture of Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout for the British Commonwealth and Empire, who is all wrapped up in his Canadian Buffalo coat. The beautiful coat was a gift from the Alberta Provincial Council and was presented to Lord Rowallan by the Provincial Commissioner, Mr. F. Fry, during a recent visit to England. Lord Rowallan had admired such a coat on his last Canadian tour and Alberta Scouts never forget!

Plan Achievement Award Winners

Here is the final list of award winners for 1953.

QUEBEC

Nitro Group, Pack and Troop; Valleyfield Group, Pack and Troop; Beauharnois Group, Pack and Troop; Huntingdon Group, Pack and Troop; all these groups are of the Chateaugay Valley District.

AKELA'S DEN

Going-Up from the Jungle

This is the time of the year when many Groups have Going-Up ceremonies so that boys will be ready to fit into Troop activities early in the Fall. Here are a few thoughts for Akela and the other old wolves.

"You are now a Wolf Cub and a member of the world-wide Brotherhood of Scouts" says Akela as he shakes the hand of the newly-invested Cub welcoming him to a wonderful period of play and work in the Jungle land of Cubbing.

However, Gilcraft says, "we cannot remain always small, we grow up, and as we grow up we must seek further adventures in the world". In much the same way that Mowgli went back to man, the Cub must go-up to be a Scout.

The Tenderpad Cub, like all boys, has one main drive and that is to grow up. He will be satisfied for a time at being a Wolf Cub but all too soon he will want to get into real Scouting. Akela should keep alive throughout his entire programme the expectation in the boy that he will one day go up to Scouts. Just as important is the recognition by the Scoutmaster that his logical source of membership supply is the Cub Pack.

It needs repeating that the Cubmaster and Scoutmaster must work together so that the Cub on Going-Up will feel that he is passing from the hands of one good friend to the hands of another.

Anything that puts off the natural Going-Up of the Cub to the Troop is to be questioned. Is it fair to the Cub when the Scoutmaster insists on one Going-Up Ceremony a year because it is the efficient thing to do and it doesn't upset his nicely arranged Patrols? Is it fair to the Cub to expect him to earn his Second Star and all 12 badges, before he goes up? We agree that, if possible, he should have his Second Star but isn't it better than "be the tail of the lion rather than the head of the mouse" in that the

Tenderfoot badge is held out to him as the all-important badge. Is it fair to the Cub who would like to go up now but is convinced by Akela that it's better that he wait and go up with the other Cubs? Is it fair to the Cub in a Group where the Cubs are allowed to drift casually from Pack to Troop—many times they drift casually right out of Scouting.

The Cub may be shy about Going-Up. He may not know the Scouts in the Troop. Do you invite the Scoutmaster down to yarn to the Cubs and/or play a game with them? Do you have Scouts down to act as Cub Instructors? What do you think of the idea of having the Patrol Leaders down to run a 15 minute portion of your Pack Meeting? Do you arrange with the Scoutmaster that the boys who will

be going up soon are invited to go along on hikes with the Patrols and Troop that they will be entering? Treats of this nature will make it easier for your Cubs to fit in with the Scouts in the Troop.

The actual Ceremony is outlined in the *Wolf Cub Handbook*, p. 157. It's up to Akela to take the initiative but remember that the part the Troop is to play is more important as the boys' life with the Pack is ending and his life with the Troop is beginning. If the Troop is unable to get out, have a Patrol come down. If possible, have the Ceremony out-of-doors—make it a happy affair ending with refreshments. Akela is not losing a Cub—his job is done—the Troop is gaining a Scout. The Going-Up Ceremony should be one of the highlights of the Group activities.



The Cub Instructor

Whether you are planning an outdoor programme, a hike or an indoor programme, you will find that it is a great help to have a Cub Instructor along. This is also an excellent way for Cubs to meet members of the Troop and so feel that he has a friend when he "goes-up" to the Troop. Ask your Scoutmaster for a Cub Instructor soon.



"Welcome to the Troop", are mighty important words to each Cub as he leaves the Jungle to join in the adventures offered in the Scout programme. Make sure your ceremony follows our Founder's advice—Short, Simple and Sincere. This is the 196th Toronto Group with Akela June Adair and Scoutmaster Arthur James.

The Siege of Mafeking

By P. J. HORAN

Assistant Executive Commissioner for Training, Canadian Headquarters

AN OUTDOOR PROGRAMME

Based on "Lessons of a Lifetime", by Baden-Powell
and "The Story of Baden-Powell"

WE WANT to keep B.-P.'s name constantly before the minds of our Cubs. Here are some suggestions for an outdoor programme based on his famous siege at Mafeking. The details of the siege may be found in the above mentioned books. Most of the games listed are in the *Wolf Cub Handbook*. The quotations are excerpts taken from the two books.

Pack assembled. Akela explains about programme—then go right into first item.

"A young Boer officer, Eloff, urged an attack at once—he was surrounded, however, and captured".

Game—"Practice in Ambushing"—P. 177 *Wolf Cub Handbook*.

"Sundays were off days—B.-P. noticed that as the Boers came out of their lines they stepped over barbed wire. The besieged had no barbed wire but B.-P. made the men go through all the proper motions to make the Boers think otherwise".

Game—Step-Over Relay—Cubs, in turn, go over a short distance using high steps, imagining they are stepping over barbed wire.

Issue toffee as rations. Warn Cubs to put wrapping in packets and use it to exchange for more toffee at next rations period.

"B.-P. encouraged all kinds of games and amusements as a means of keeping up the people's interest".

Play-Acting—Jungle Dances and/or Six Skits, based on the theme. "Boys were used as messengers and general orderlies—at first they rode donkeys—but these gradually had to help fill the cooking pots; then they used bicycles."

Game—Message Relay, P. 131 *Wolf Cub Handbook*—make it more fun by using the bigger Cubs as donkeys and smaller Cubs as Riders. Make the running period short.

"Night after night, B.-P. would slip out of town and go on lonely scouting expeditions".

Games—Deer Stalking, P. 177 *Wolf Cub Handbook*, or Zulu Boy Game, P. 60 *Wolf Cub Handbook* and Stalking, P. 87 *Wolf Cub Handbook*.

"Boer General "Cronje" made one determined attack, which was driven off with considerable loss".

Game—Follow the Trail, P. 173 *Wolf Cub Handbook* (change names to fit the theme).

"We always tried to make the night as lively as possible for our foes"—
"We were stuck for some days till we thought of bombs or hand grenades".

Have your Sixes decide which activity, using fire crackers that they can do to play out the above quotation.

Rations

"We began to get anxious about our food supply. When a horse was killed—there was not much of that horse that was wasted—his shoes went to the foundry for making shells—his flesh was made up into sausages—his bones were boiled into soup. Horses' oats were ground and made into biscuits".

Rations issued—weiners—oatmeal cookies—drink to suit taste. Have Cub Instructors light and look after a fire to roast weiners.

Finish up with a yarn on the siege which was relieved on May 17, 1900.

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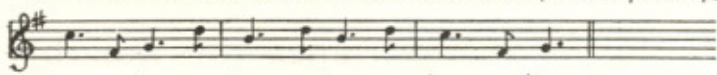
A TWO-PART ROUND



From out the batter'd elm tree the owl's cry we hear and



down the distant forest the cuckoo answers clear, Cuc-koo, cuckoo, cuc-



koo, cuckoo, cuc-koo, cuckoo, cuc-koo, cuckoo.

These Cubs from Hornepayne in North Western Ontario recently took part in a thrilling adventure. They journeyed from their home to Toronto by train to attend the Sportsman's Show in that city. You can imagine the fun on the train and the excitement of these Cubs as they took part in this 800 mile Adventure trip.



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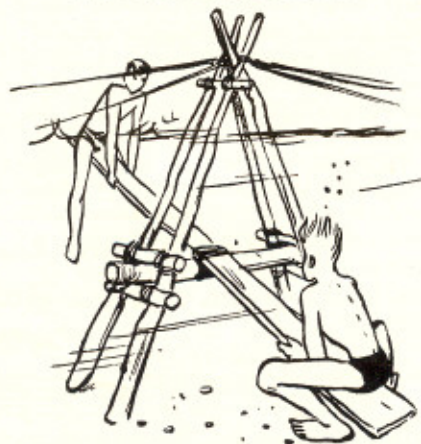
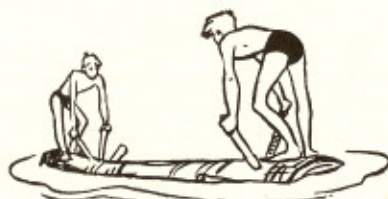
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FOOT NOTES

By PAUL C. LADELPH, D.S.C.

Sea Scoutmaster, 20th Ottawa Troop

Most of us have been negligent in the care of our feet from time to time and this article, written by a Scouter and Doctor of Surgical Chiropody, is designed to draw your attention to the need for care of the feet.

WITH the coming of warmer weather more thought is being given to outdoor activities, hikes, and camping. The saying about a Scout Troop operating on its stomach is all very well but being active Scouts and practical, we must admit the operation depends more upon the feet. These organs of the body, and they are truly organs, are too often looked upon only as the parts of our body which enable us to walk, run and jump. Unfortunately we must never take our feet for granted because sometime, something might make them incapable of performing their function.

Foot care is every bit as important as dental care—in fact more so. If we allow our teeth to decay and it becomes necessary to extract them, the dentist can supply us with a denture which in many cases is better looking than our original teeth and work almost as well. One cannot, however, get a new pair of feet.

Scouts, in general, represent an important age bracket in the development of the body. If the footgear worn is not proper either for fit or type, a great deal of trouble can result which may cause unnecessary suffering throughout later years. We must always be sure that our shoes are properly fitted and are the right type for the activity. For example, rubber boots should only be worn when the purpose is to keep our feet dry—not for boating or any general wear. Running shoes also must be limited; in their case to games, sports or boating. At all other times an ordinary oxford or a camping modification of an oxford will be worn. A growing foot requires $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch extra length for the shoe. Few things will make a lad feel less inclined to participate in activities than foot discomfort whether due to ill fitting footwear or disease. It is often said, and very rightly so—"When your feet hurt—you hurt all over."

We are all aware of some of the most common causes of foot discomfort

such as corns, blisters and infected nails. These conditions depend greatly upon proper footwear. However, there are many other common conditions only a few of which I will mention, which we must all become acquainted with if we are to maintain a degree of foot health.

One common condition, known as athlete's foot or ringworm, is a fungous infection of the skin. The fungous is to be found at practically every place which is damp and where people walk barefooted—such as swimming pools, bathing beaches and shower rooms. There are three types of athlete's foot caused by three different types of fungous. One is characterized by blisters, the second by redness and splitting of the skin between the toes, and the third by dry scaling. It is possible to have any of these singly or in combination at one time. No ordinary drugs will clear this infection but could aggravate it. Consequently no form of unqualified advice regarding treatment should be accepted. During the past few years some new drugs have been prepared which can definitely cure this disease in a very short time, and with very little effort.

There exists a skin tumour which is very common and known by several names: papilloma, verruca, plantar wart. It is caused by a virus which inhabits the same areas as the fungous which causes athlete's foot. The virus must enter the skin through a minute opening, which is why only a fraction of the people who frequent these places become infected. Often these lesions are mistaken for corns and consequently are allowed to go unattended for long periods of time or else are treated by the individual with useless patent drugs. Improper forms of treatment or applications of medications only cause aggravation and make the lesions stronger and more difficult to eventually destroy. Blood vessels and nerve endings are plentiful in these growths, and they spread rapidly. It

is especially necessary in conditions of this type that proper treatment is instituted as soon as possible.

With regard to the nails it is important that they be cut straight across only, and not down into the corners. If the corner is cut it usually forces its way into the skin beside the nail as it grows forward and causes an infection. This can result in serious complications if not attended to promptly and properly.

Ringworm as described previously, can also occur in the nails only this is much more difficult to treat and until recently there was no real cure for it. The nail becomes deformed and dirty in appearance, brittle, streaked, dull, and scooped out or pitted. At first no pain may be experienced and as a result it may be allowed to go unattended, whereby the other nails of the foot will become infected.

One point I wish to make clear is that no one should attempt to treat any of these so-called minor foot ailments himself. It is not worth the chance you take of making the condition worse or causing something else to begin. Scouts and their Leaders are trained in First Aid. Some have even gone so far as to take St. John Ambulance Courses, which are excellent, but realize that this is all First Aid and does not give one enough knowledge to diagnose conditions, decide upon a type of medication or drug, or use an instrument to remove anything. The only person qualified to treat all ailments of the foot is the Foot Specialist. It is he who knows the most modern methods and the newest and best drugs for treating these conditions. The purpose of this article is to familiarize you with a few of the points relative to good foot health and enable you to administer First Aid, not as you would do in case of a cut or a sprain, but from the point of recognition of disease. Normal cleanliness with frequent change of stockings or socks is all the First Aid which should be performed. Never tamper with the diseased area. One of the unfortunate things about disease is that it is allowed to go unrecognized for too long. We must continue to BE PREPARED for any contingency, and I hope that having read this you will find yourself more prepared to encourage and promote foot health with yourself and those with whom you come in contact.

NOTES FOR YOUR CAMP PROGRAMME NOTEBOOK

It is a good idea to have a Camp Programme Notebook in which you can record ideas that might be useful on any type of camp. Here are a few ideas which it is hoped you will find useful.

Plaster Casting Leaves

PLASTER casting need not be confined to tracks. Some very fine casts have been made of leaves, flowers, twigs, etc., the casts being painted afterwards and used both for decoration and identification. The process is quite simple and the most amateur painter can achieve very worthwhile results. Use fine-grade (preferable dental) plaster of Paris.

Method:

1. Roll out some soft modelling clay, plaster or similar medium until you have an area a little larger than the leaf to be printed, about $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick and perfectly smooth and level on top. Wet the roller if the clay sticks to it. The surface can be polished smooth with the hand.

2. Place leaf, face up, on this surface; cover with a sheet of paper and roll *lightly* many times or rub *lightly* all over with finger tips, especially around the edges. Heavy pressure will break the leaf and cause irregular shaping.

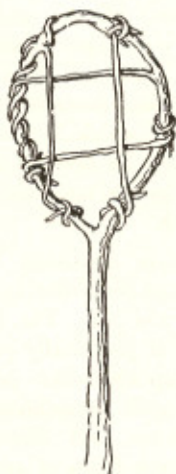
3. Remove leaf, surround print with frame and pour in plaster mixture in the usual way. If the print is to be hung, remember to put a wire loop into the plaster before it sets. When set remove cast and leave preferably for a couple of days, before painting. It is advisable to put some wire reinforcing into the casts of large leaves such as the horse chestnut, etc. The name of the leaf can either be gouged out from the set plaster or written backwards in the clay before casting.

4. Paint leaves with washes of water colours. Tints can be modified by washing with paint brush and water—this tends to remove the surface plaster and lightens the colouring. This is what makes it so easy for the amateur. Paint with clear varnish when completed. Artists may prefer to size the cast and then paint in oils.

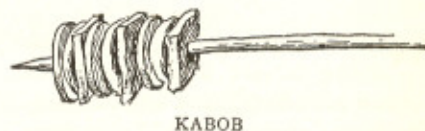
After Camp

The casts that you have collected during any camping period would form a fine beginning for a natural history display at your next Parents' Night. It will also help to encourage new Scouts who enter the Troop to ask about plaster casting and want to go out and collect their contribution to the Troop museum. Send a photo of your collection to the Editor.

Here are a number of ideas for boys who like to eat!



RUSTIC BROILER

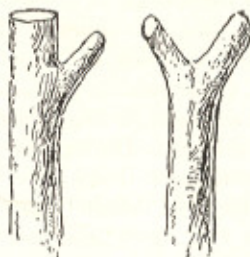


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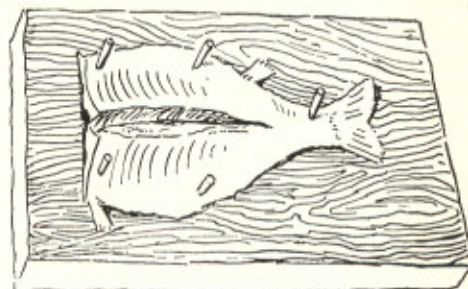


A BAKE OVEN

When the fire has died down to coals the baking may begin



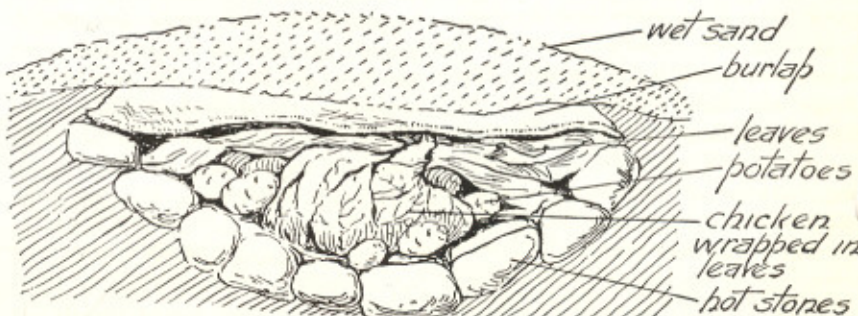
WHICH OF THESE FORKS WOULD YOU PREFER TO DRIVE INTO STONY GROUND?



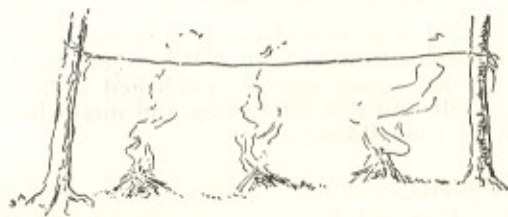
A PLANKED FISH

The fish shown here would have cooked better if it had been split open through the back instead of through the belly

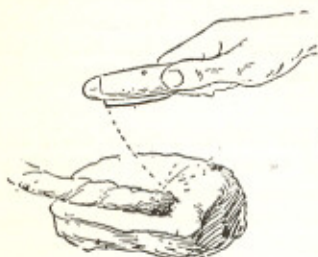
Cooking the same old things the same old way all the time can become very boring to anybody. Scouts are looking for adventure and that includes the adventure of learning new ways of doing things. Try this slow but sure method of cooking. Then teach your Scouts how to do it on your next over-night.



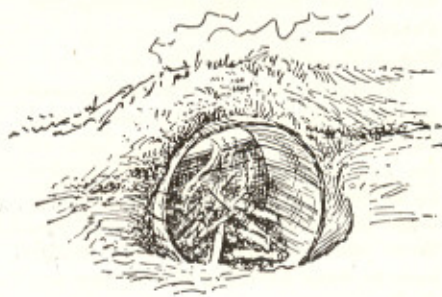
Here is a good game to play in camp. It can be run by pairs, Patrols or alone.



A FIRE-RACE ARRANGEMENT



USING FLINT AND STEEL TO PRODUCE FIRE



A BAKE OVEN IN THE MAKING
An old keg buried in clay tells the story here

Potato Race

Here is the game referred to in Sea Scoutmaster Nottall's letter (see Letters to the Editor column). Choose one Scout from each Patrol and in front of him place 10 potatoes at regular intervals. Now place a large can or draw a circle directly behind the boys. On the word "go" each Scout must hop, holding his left leg, pick up the potatoes, one at a time, and bring them back and put them in the can or circle. The first boy finished wins. As a variety, it is suggested that this might be run as a Patrol relay with No. 1 putting out the potatoes, while hopping on his right foot and No. 2 also hopping, putting them in the circle or can.

Take A Firm Stand

By HARRY McCARTNEY
Toronto, Ontario

SUMMER camp is over for another year and all that is left with the thousands of Scouts who attended camp are happy memories of days spent in the sun and open country. But alas in some cases these happy memories are darkened by some little incident that keeps being recalled, and only too often this has been some form of Initiation Ceremony.

Now initiation ceremonies can be

lots of fun and can be used in such a way that the boy benefits from it. I remember one camp where all the boys wanted to join, "The Knights of the Rusty Sword"; before they could join however, each boy had to, according to his age and ability, do various athletic feats, make a pair of moccasins, carry a long message in his head for a distance of three miles and deliver it word perfect. Once he had completed that he arrayed himself in a bathing costume, had a bucket of cold water thrown over him and was a "Knight of the Rusty Sword". All harmless fun, enjoyed by all including the boy who had to go through.

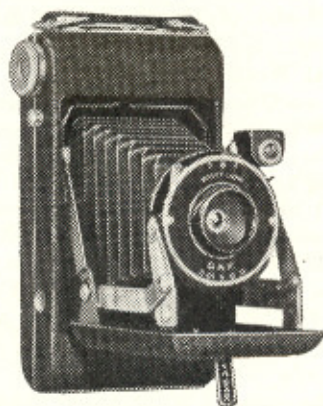
But alas, too many Troops that have something like this go to the other extreme. I visited a Troop in July, that had every boy go through an initiation ceremony. The ceremony had been devised by the Scoutmaster and the Patrol Leaders. It went something like this. To get off to a nice start, each boy had to mix a greasy mixture in his Scout hat and add three earthworms, then he was given a pan and told to cook and eat it. If he managed to get through that without being sick he was taken out in a canoe to a point where the water was over his head and tipped out. Good fun if you can swim, terrifying if you can't. To crown everything a trip had to be made through the woods at 9 o'clock at night clad

only in swimming shorts, the only things that appreciated that was the flies and mosquitoes who had a wonderful feast. When I visited the camp some of the boys were still in a terrible mess from bites.

Can you just imagine how the parents of these boys felt when they told them what had happened? Can you hear the remarks their friends would make about our movement. These tales would do us no good in the public eye. But even more important than that is the fact that some boy's day at camp may not have been so happy after all. Just because some hairbrain Scoutmaster thought he was being smart.

Any boy who has been a Scout has been initiated into the Movement in an intelligent and useful way when he passed his Tenderfoot. Why is it necessary then to, "Try his courage", in some stupid and unhappy ceremony. However I will repeat myself and say that initiations of the right kind, and supervised by a thoughtful leader can be lots of fun.

When Camp Is Over



Don't forget to send along your good pictures to the Editor, *The Scout Leader*, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4, Ont. There is a great need here for pictures of Scouts, preferably in uniform, doing something other than standing looking at the camera. The pictures must have a glossy finish and be sharp and clear—don't take a picture with the smoke from your cooking fire blowing directly into the lens.

We would also be interested in any camp games and stunts you might develop as these can then be passed along to other perhaps less experienced Scouters.

SHUT-IN'S DAY—SUNDAY, JUNE 6th, 1954

An ideal opportunity for a good turn for Pack, Troop or Crew. This is, "An annual international day set aside to encourage remembrance of the sick and disabled, that it may bring some extra cheer and fellowship into the lives of those who cannot mix in the normal social life of unhandicapped people."

What Would Your Patrol Leaders Say?

Here are a series of questions that were put to Patrol Leaders at the Third Annual North Western Ontario Patrol Leaders' Conference, held at Marathon, Ontario. The answers are the ones the boys gave and are published without change to cover policy. We think you will find this interesting and might like to try these on your P.L.s.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Your Scoutmaster is a grand fellow, but he never calls a meeting of the Court of Honour. You know that the C. of H. is very important and should really be the governing body of the Troop. However, you don't want to tell the Scoutmaster his business, and you don't want to look like a smart aleck but you do want to see the Court of Honour working in your Troop.

ANSWER

The Patrol Leaders ought to discuss ways and means to suggest Court of Honour to the Scoutmaster. The Patrol Leaders should approach the Scoutmaster in a body and suggest that they should have a Court of Honour. Ask the Assistant Scoutmaster to help you and let him approach the Scoutmaster. Approach someone on the Group Committee to explain the importance of the Court of Honour to the Scoutmaster.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Some fellows in your Troop seem to come to just enough Troop meetings to stay on the roll, their Patrols are losing marks, and you know that they don't have legitimate excuses for staying away, on the other hand they are pretty good friends of yours and you know if they really did their best they could help to make the Troop a lot more fun.

ANSWER

The reason a Scout misses meetings is that he is not interested and isn't having fun,—make the programmes more interesting. Give each Scout a job to do in his Patrol every meeting. Have a private session with the Scouts that miss from your Patrol and warn him that he might be asked to leave the Troop if he misses many more meetings. Bring these Scouts up before the Court of Honour for their judgment.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

The Patrol Leader before you was a real "dub",—he never held Patrol meetings, never held Patrol hikes, he didn't do any instructing,—anyone who learned anything either had to teach themselves or beg some of the Scouter's time, you want to change all this but you are not too sure how to go about it with an inexperienced Patrol.

ANSWER

Don't be afraid to try something

new. Begin Patrol meetings and hikes, getting the Patrol interested in the various activities in Scouting. Bring some good Scouting books into the Patrol.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

The fellows in your Patrol are progressing well enough, you are having Patrol meetings and giving them all the help you can but you don't seem to be learning anything new yourself, with homework and other activities there just doesn't seem to be enough time to learn anything new or pass any Badges.

ANSWER

Give the Second more responsibility. Encourage the individual to do more work for himself. In this way the Patrol Leader should have more time to get some of his own Scout work done.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You and your Patrol would really like to go to camp this summer but it doesn't look as if your Scoutmaster can give up the time to go. There is a man whom you know and like, who although doesn't know anything about Scouting, could get the necessary time off at Scout camp time.

ANSWER

Talk to your Scoutmaster about this man, and if he is suitable to your Scoutmaster and Group Committee, possibly your Troop Leader could run the camp with the Patrol Leaders,—with your friend looking after discipline.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

The Senior Sixer from the Cub Pack has just been promoted to Scouts, and has been assigned to your Patrol. You know that, given time, he would make a real contribution to your Patrol and that essentially he is a pretty good fellow, but he has really been the "cat's meow" in the Pack and isn't liking his new position as Junior member of the Patrol,—you are afraid he is thinking about quitting.

ANSWER

Give him extra attention to see that he progresses in Scouting. Make him feel that he really belongs in the Patrol. Show him that everyone in the Troop had to start from the bottom but has a chance to work up.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

The World Jamboree is only a year and a half away, you really want to go. You know you have to have your First Class Badge and you know it is going to cost about \$100.00. You may or may not have your First Class Badge but you certainly don't have \$100.00.

ANSWER

Get a job such as a paper route and save your money. Get the Group Committee to help you put on a scrap drive or tea or concert or display to help raise funds.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

There is a fellow in your Patrol who is continually acting up and losing points for your Patrol. He is a pretty good fellow and doesn't mean any harm but he is losing marks for the Patrol.

ANSWER

Ask the Scoutmaster to give him a good talking to. Bring his case before the Court of Honour. Give him more responsibility in the Patrol so that he won't have time to fool.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You know that there is a monthly publication each month printed by Canadian Headquarters especially for Patrol Leaders but you never, or very occasionally, receive your copy. (Enough copies are sent to your Scoutmaster every month).

ANSWER

Ask your Scoutmaster for it. Ask about *The Junior Leader* at the Court of Honour meetings.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You hold regular Patrol meetings, but have difficulty in carrying out your programme, as two or three of your Scouts persist in fooling about, although they are not badly behaved at Troop meetings. Why do you think this is and what can you do about it?

ANSWER

Have a private session with each of these Scouts. Have the Scoutmaster have a private session with him. Make mention of their behaviour in your Patrol report. Maybe there is something wrong with the Patrol Leader. Bring the matter up before the Court of Honour. Suspend the Scouts from one or two Patrol meetings.

Camp Fire Robes

Here is a fascinating hobby that you and your Scouts should investigate if you have not already done so. It adds something to a campfire to see everyone arrive with their own personally designed campfire robe. Here are a few ideas.

EVERY experienced Camper knows the value of a Camp Fire Robe for those enjoyable hours to be spent around a Camp Fire.

There are many different forms and designs which can be created for Camp Fire Robes and below you will find four of the more popular types. They are all very easy to make and provide a wonderful addition to your camping gear. This is the place where you can sew or stick on all the "swaps" and other crests, pennants, etc., which record your attendance at specialization courses, swimming meets, Camporees, Jamborees, Silver Arrowhead Courses, etc. Decorating a Camp Fire Robe can be fun and we hope yours will be one of the best. If you do not have a Camp Fire Robe now plan to make one and then see how colourful you can make it over the next year or so.

ABAIAH—Lay out your blanket lengthwise, fold over each end about two feet leaving a space of single blanket in the centre for the neck. Oversew or blanket-stitch the edges together along

the top (ask for female advice here), then cut down the fold about eighteen inches from the top on each side to make the armholes sewing over the edges to prevent fraying. Slip your arms through these holes and there you are, arrayed in an Arabian garment. Measurements may be adjusted to suit size of boy. Put a scarf on your head with a headband and you'll be a regular sheik.

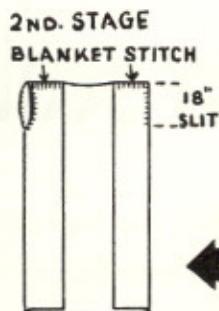
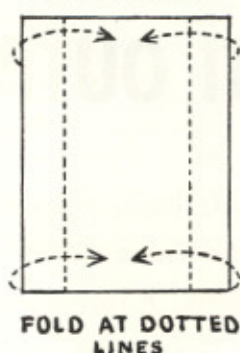
CAPOTE—Fold over your blanket about two feet from the top, hold the blanket over your back, cloakwise, the flap forming a kind of collar, pull the single fold of the blanket on each side to and around you and tie a girdle of some kind around the waist, the double fold of the blanket naturally falls across the shoulders and chest and completes the picturesque garment of an Indian. The depth of the fold is adjusted to the height of the boy so that the length, about six inches from the centre cut of the blanket, when folded, is equivalent to the boy's height.

PONCHO—Lay out your blanket and make a slit about a foot long, over-sewing the raw edges. Slip your head through, short length in front. It may be worn loose or it may be brought from the back and the edges of the long length held together in front to keep warmer. This is an adaptation of a Mexican garment.

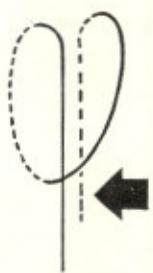
TOGA—Holding your blanket across your back, arms outstretched, ends of the blanket held in either hand, bring right hand and blanket over your shoulder, left hand takes blanket under left arm and flings it across chest and over right shoulder, just like the villain in the play, drop right arm, make yourself a chaplet and you'll be a regular Nero.

Try these soon, it's good fun, romantic and useful; you'll be much warmer round the fire—our old climate is rather a treacherous one. The Abaiah makes a dandy dressing gown for home use, too. Try your hand at embroidering some signs and symbols.

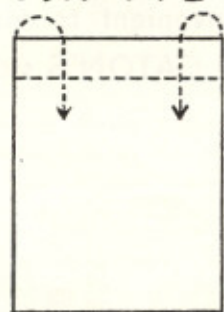
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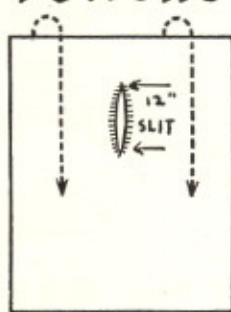
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