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Scoutmaster Jack Young, 2nd Shale Falls Troop.

Dear Jack:

Thank you very much for your fine letter, which reached me while I was taking a look at something of Scouting in the Old Country.

It is quite evident from what you have told me that your summer camp, which you managed to hold in spite of the short time you have been associated with the 2nd Shale Falls was a success. You had no serious casualties and quite an impressive list of tests and badges passed. I was particularly glad to note the number of boys who got their Swimmer's and Rescuer's badges. When we read in the papers, every week-end during the summer, of the drowning tragedies it makes us realize the importance of badges such as these, and I feel that a great deal is added to their value when they can be passed in natural surroundings, such as those at a summer camp. Keep up the good work.

I expect you are now busy laying plans for your fall and winter activities and you probably already had a Court of Honour meeting to start the ball rolling, You know, Jack, as I go around visiting the various Groups I realize that one of the greatest assets in the successful operation of a Scout Group is the active participation of the parents. Get the parents' co-operation and interest and the battle is half won. I have an idea that under the former leadership the 2nd Shale Falls did not enjoy very much in the way of parent participation. Here are a couple of ideas that you might like to consider, which I know have worked well elsewhere.

Instead of waiting until, say, February to hold the annual Father and Son Banquet why not open the new season with it? It is a great way to get the new fathers introduced, to tell them something of your plans for the season, and to show them something of the Scouting skills which the boys have learned while they were at camp. Don't

forget to keep the boys right in the picture because that is what the Dads are interested in, and don't forget to get the minister there too so that he can tell the Dads something of the part which the Church plays in the life of the Group.

Another idea which I think you could develop to advantage-with the aid of your Group Committee, of course-is to make a survey of the occupations and hobbies of the fathers of your Scouts and then have a chat with them, tell them about the Scout Proficiency Badges, and show them how they can help to instruct the boys in the requirements of various badges. There are lots of fathers who are prepared to give an hour or two a week to two or three young lads who are keen on his favourite hobby or in his line of work, and you can rest assured that the boys will learn a great deal more in that way than they would from getting the stuff out of books. Then you could get another group of Dads who would be prepared to examine the boys. It has been my experience that you will get much greater co-operation if you meet the preferences of the fathers you ask to help you. Many Dads prefer not to leave their homes in the evenings. In those cases have the boys go around to the home. In other cases the Dad might prefer to meet with the lads he is to instruct or examine in the Troop room. The point is that if you want full cooperation do not be afraid to be accommodating.

Well, Jack, that is about all for now. I do hope you had a pleasant summer and that you, Betty and the children, are happy in your new home.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive Commissioner

EDITORIAL

As you set about the busy task of planning for the next few months, it was thought you might like a few ideas for programme planning. Here, then, in picture form, are a few thoughts.



Plan to meet with your Group Committee soon. Tell them about your plans and ask for their advice and assistance.



It's a good idea to re-tell the story of Mowgli early in the year to refresh memories and of course for the New Chums.



Left: Star Tests need brushing-up so why not plan to include them in your game planning.

Right: Start the new season with a reminder of the importance of the Good Turn and plan to put it into action.



What about that camp gear that was used this year. Plan a special meeting to take inventory and clean up and store the gear.



Tree planting is putting the Good Turn into practice and having a wonderful time in the process.



Plan plenty of games for the boys in Pack, Troop and Crew. Everybody likes a good game and it's a wonderful way to teach all sorts of things. For Personal Identification of clothing and belongings at camp or school, use



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Left: What about those Leaping Wolves? Are they prepared for the adventure that awaits them in the Troop? Talk it over in the Group Council.

Right: Rovers should take advantage of beautiful fall weather to work on their Rambler's Badge.



STAND AND BE COUNTED Plan now to be an early bird on this year's registration. Talk to your Group Committee now and then return your forms quickly.



Boys join Scouting for the adventure of outdoors so be sure to plan for hikes right away and so capture their interest.



Dear Editor:

I would like to pass along an idea which I have put into practice during the past year. Other Cubmasters or Scoutmasters might find it an interesting hobby.

When Cubs from other Districts move into ours and are given their new Pack scarf I accept the scarf from their former Packs. This has resulted in quite a collection which includes a scarf from an English Pack, one from Moose Jaw, and many from various parts of Ontario. When these scarves are placed on a board I will have a good illustration to show my Cubs how widespread the Scout Movement has become.

Yours sincerely, John F. Waldon, Cubmaster 1st Alderwood "A", Lakeshore District.

Dear Editor:

The leaders and members of the 2nd Kincardine Rover Crew have instructed me to write you in appreciation of the articles which have been appearing in recent months in *The Scout Leader* in regard to Rovering.

We are a new Crew, formed just eighteen months ago after a lapse of over ten years. Since then we have acquired possession of an old school, with one room top and bottom, which we are fixing up into a Den. Citizens of the community have been most generous in helping us to furnish the room, and we in the Crew have done all the painting, wiring, and other renovating.

At present we are beginning our first major service project. We want to buy the volunteer fire department a resuscitator. Since we live on the lake, and since there have been a number of deaths by drowning in this area in recent years, we feel it is a worthy project, and we are setting out to raise the \$400 purchase price. We are collecting rags, planning a "white elephant" sale, and hope to stage a hobby show later in the season. Since there are only eight in the Crew at present, this undertaking will require considerable work, but we are sure we can put it over.

In other service work, our Senior Rover Mate, Bob Black, is chief ground observer for this community, and he has enrolled over half of the Crew in the corps. In addition, many of the Crew have been blood-typed, and have served as donors at the local hospital.

We do appreciate the Rover articles which appear in *The Scout Leader* and hope you will continue them. The one of the Progress Badge was particularly good.

> Edward Cluley, Scribe, 2nd Kincardine Rover Scout Crew.

Thanks, 2nd Kincardine. Any other Rover Programme Ideas?

Dear Editor:

Scouting at Coutts is a relatively new venture and I am pleased to say that *The* Scout Leader is considered a valuable asset in our work with the Cub Pack.

I would commend you particularly for the publication of the serial story "Grand River Warrior" by Norman McMillan. Mr. McMillan. deserves commendation also for a story about Cubs for Cubs. We have read the story to our Pack and it was very well received indeed. I would heartily recommend the publishing of more stories of this type in The Scout Leader.

> R. E. Dangerfield, Cubmaster, 1st Coutts Cub Pack, Alta.

Hope you will enjoy—Bob Brown— Wolf Cub. See page 10.

Dear Sir:

Would you please send me six (6) copies each of the information relating to the following badges—Weatherman, Rescuer, and Missioner.

The boys in our Troop have taken eagerly to these reprints and have taken a new interest in trying some of the Badges seldom seen in our area.

Yours in Scouting, Ted Atkinson, A.S.M., Lewisville, N.B.

With pleasure. More are planned for this year.

Dear Mr. Beers:

In the March issue of *The Scout Leader* the report on the Scout Brotherhood Fund set me to thinking more seriously about this phase of Scouting and how little we do sometimes to help other people, especi-

ally those who are less fortunate than we are. I decided to do something about it and one evening spoke to my Scouts in my five minute chat on this subject. They were so enthusiastic about the idea that a fund was immediately set up and each week for a month Scouts in my Troop made a contribution to this fund.

At the end of the month, the first count showed they had contributed eleven dollars to this fund at some personal sacrifice. I have no doubt that each Scout felt a sense of satisfaction in the knowledge of having helped Scouts who are less fortunate than they.

Enclosed please find a P.O. Order for this amount.

> Owen G. L. Antley, S.M., 1st Botwood, Nfld., Troop.

Dear Sir:

I have been a Scouter for only a short period now, having started a Pack here in Janauary of this year. I have received the last two issues of *The Scout Leader* and find it to be a great source of information and inspiration. If possible I would like to obtain Numbers 2 to 7 inclusive of Volume 31.

We had our first Pack ramble last week and feel that it was a success. The main theme was that of a treasure hunt-Captain Kidd having buried some treasure in the vicinity of Kamsack a number of years ago. Written instructions were read to the Pack at the starting point where they were directed to a point three blocks north. They hunted for treasure only to find further instructions directing them a certain distance west. Again they found further instructions and after several like stops the Pack found themselves at a clearing where the treasure hunt began in earnest. A small tin box was in the form of commercially prepared "gold" coins; chocolate covered with gold tin foil and shaped in the form of old coins. Games. races and wiener roast followed.

Prior to the day of the ramble the Sixers met with Akela to map out the route— Akela ensuring that it was not too long. The Sixers then prepared the written instructions which gave them practise in being able to give simple directions and to set them out clearly.

The several stops along the route gave Akela opportunity to stress safety on the highway and seeing that it was carried out in practise. Instruction in observation with short stories was given at other rest stops.

While the above is probably a common idea for a Pack ramble, we felt it might be of interest.

> D. M. Walker, 1st Kamsack, Sask., Pack.

It is not always possible to supply back numbers of the magazine but we'll do our best. No idea is too common to send along—the more the merrier.

Dear Mr. Beers:

After reading in The Scout Leader about "Should we Hike or Ramble on Sundays", I felt I must write and tell you about our closing meeting which was held on a Sunday afternoon, all our Church Services in Richmond Hill are held in the morning, so we were not intruding on any Church meetings, we called it "The Cub's Own Service", and I was more than surprised how many of our Pack came and the behaviour of the boys was just grand. We left the Cub Hall at 1.50 and walked to a lovely little bush about a mile away, the boys sat in a circle and then we had a lovely short service which the boys said they liked, and they certainly were most interested, after the service we had a ramble, and each six collected leaves and the ones who got the most kinds won a package of Life Savers. We then had a game of ball, followed by a catch game, this ended funny as Baloo Snaith and a Cub fell in a mud hole, my husband then arrived with the car with refreshments which the boys really enjoved.

I certainly would like to take this opportunity of saying "many thanks" for the different games you print in *The Scout Leader*, I certainly enjoy the "Akela's Den".

> Margaret Styan, Richmond Hill, Ont.

CUB'S OWN SERVICE

All the singing was led by a Cub who is a Church soloist.

The Queen.

Short Prayer.

Hymn.

One verse of "Onward Christian Soldiers". 23rd Psalm read by a Sixer.

O Canada.

A talk on Joseph by a Cub, who told the whole life of Joseph.

Short Prayer by a Sixer.

A very interesting story by Baloo Snaith telling how a prisoner of war was saved by a flag.

A prayer by a Sixer.

A short talk by Akela, explaining how God had guided Joseph who was a boy just like them through difficult times and then on to great things stressing the fact that Joseph did great things and was not left in a pit.

Closing Hymn, one verse "Fight the Good Fight"

Here is one sure way of bringing home Duty to God in the life of the Pack.

Dear Editor:

Recently, at the High Park United Church service in Sarnia, the 27th Ormond Beach Cub Pack received its Charter from Mr. B. Goulston, Assistant District Commissioner, and Mrs. Ormond Beach presented a set of flags for dedication to our Lord's service in honour of her famous football husband.

Rev. Alex Rapson, an Army Padre, well

experienced in dedicating flags, gave a very impressive service.

At the first meeting when the Pack was formed, the number allotted to the new Pack was No. 27. The Cubmaster, upon hearing this number, remembered it was the number carried by Ormond Beach, a man most highly respected for his sportsmanship on the Canadian rugby field by all those who had the pleasure of watching him. Permission was granted to call the Pack the "27th Ormond Beach Cub Pack" by Mrs. Ormond Beach, the High Park United Church and the Boy Scouts Association.

Big things are expected from such a fine organization and from the 27th Ormond Beach Cub Pack they shall come—God willing.

> Ray Dailey, Cubmaster, 27th Ormond Beach Cub Pack, Sarnia, Ontario.

Dear Sir

The article on Winter Camping in the February issue of *The Scout Leader* was very good. Having enjoyed the article, and having winter camping experience, I would like to pass on a few additional hints: 1. Food Consumption

(a) During heavy exercise boys do not normally eat enough, especially in the cold.

(b) It will require a lot of food and a lot of eating not to get into a caloric deficiency; which would show up like water exhaustion: 1. Fatigue; 2. Listlessness; 3. Irritability.

(c) Small frequent meals are most efficient in most circumstances.

(d) Train yourself to: 1. Eat four meals a day (1 at bedtime); 2. Eat snacks between meals (candy bars, etc.); 3. If working at night stop for regular meal; 4. Always eat as much as you can in cold weather camping; 5. Fats are very good in maintaining body warmth.

N.B. These Food Habits for winter camping only—not recommended for home use in town or city!

2. Finding Easier Digging

(a) Stands of Jack Pine are a sure sign of sandy soil.

(b) Poplar and White Spruce indicate clay (so hard digging!).

(c) Absence of dead trees and sticks, and generally healthy appearance indicates absence of leafy composition for any depth (again, hard digging!).

3. Insulation Value of Snow

(a) Snow is an insulator. Dig into snow and snow cover for a warm shelter.

(b) As you dig into snow the temperature rises. e.g. If surface temperature is -20°F after digging to within 5 or 6 inches of ground or dirt level the temperature would rise approximately 10 degrees warmer, that is -10°F. Therefore leave 5 or 6 inches of snow on your tent floor, bare ground is c-o-l-d (brrrrr)!

Jay E. Puff, Grenfell, Saskatchewan.

■ Brrrr—but it's not too soon to plan Winter Scouting.

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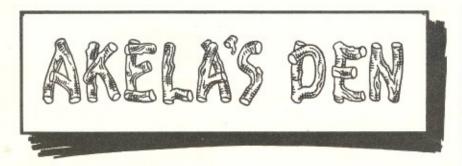
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HINTS ON KEEPING RECORDS

By CUBMASTER DON BISHOP, 46th Ottawa Pack

Here is an important subject that we might all think about particularly at this time of year. It is our Duty to keep our boys aware of their progress at each meeting.

THERE is many an Old Wolf who looks with dread on the task of keeping up even the most elementary set of Pack records. Some Akelas, in fact, try to avoid them entirely, with the result that Cub dues are muddled, no one knows when a Cub has passed enough tests to qualify him for a star, and should Akela leave the Pack, his successor will have no idea where to begin.

This article is written in the hope that it may help to explain and surmount the difficulties of keeping records.

First of all, the job is an easier one when only one Old Wolf is given the responsibility. He could be given the title of Pack Scribe.

Here is a list of records that could be kept:

Annual Pack Record Leader's Pocket Record Pack Progress Chart Six Progress Charts

Dues and Attendance

Perhaps the best way for the Pack Scribe to record attendance and dues is for him to prepare a card for each Six. Either the Sixer records the attendance and dues on the card before the meeting, or Akela can do it during inspection. Then the cards are passed to the Pack Scribe, and he can enter the information in the Annual Pack Record and the Leader's Pocket Record, Should a Cub hand over 10c instead of the usual five in order to pay up back dues, enter 10c on the card and in the Annual Pack Record under the current meeting date, but in the Leader's Pocket Record show only 5c under the current date, and 5c under the date on which payment of dues was missed. This way you can see how much money was collected each week in the Annual Pack

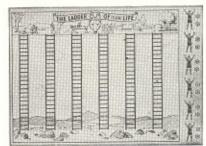
Record, and you can see which Cubs are behind in their dues from the Leader's Pocket Record.

Point System

If your Pack is holding an inter-Six Point Competition, the reverse side of the Attendance and Dues card can be used to record points. Many Packs prefer to use a blackboard or large wall chart for Point Scores.

Star Tests

When an Old Wolf passes a Cub in a test, he should immediately mark down the Cub's name, date of the test, and the nature of the test on a piece



Wolf Cub (Six) Progress Chart

of paper or a simple record form attached, and pass it to the Pack Scribe. The Scribe can then enter the information in the Annual Pack Record and the Leader's Pocket Record, and mark the Pack Progress Chart. The Seconds could be given the job of keeping their Six Progress Charts up to date from the Pack Progress Chart. If the Progress Charts are mounted on wallboard, it not only protects them from damage, but thumb-tacks with coloured heads can be used in place of gummed stars to mark the tests passed. The coloured thumb-tacks stand out very well against the chart, and do not become dislodged as easily as the stars. The chart will appear very colourful if a combination of colours is used somewhat as follows:

Cub's Name

Tenderpad Tests Yellow	2nd Star Tests Green	
Invested Red	Awarded Yellow	
1st Star	Proficiency	Badges
Tests	Group I	II
Yellow	Green	Yellow
Awarded	III	IV
Red	Red	Blue

Pack Finances

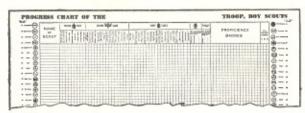
The Pack Scribe should enter all receipts and expenditures on the pages provided in the Annual Pack Record. A very good explanation of the method to follow appears on the inside cover of the Record. One important point to remember is to be sure and carry over the balance from one month to the beginning of the next, or you will be wondering where in the world all that extra money came from.

"Going-Up" Records

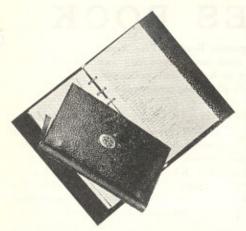
The Pack Scribe should prepare a list of Cubs showing their birth dates, with the oldest Cub at the top of the list, then the next oldest, and so on down to the youngest Cub. This list could be written on one of the Address pages in the Leader's Pocket Record so that Akela can tell at a glance when the next Cub will be going up to Scouts. The list is also valuable when choosing Sixers and Seconds and in deciding what Cubs should be given extra training to earn their Second Star before going up to Scouts.

Pack Equipment Record

This page of the Annual Pack Record should be used to list all items of



Troop and Pack Progress Charts



On the left is the Loose Leaf, Leaders' Pocket Record Book referred to in this article. On the right is the new Annual Pack and Troop Record Book which is proving very popular. All items illustrated in this article are listed in the catalogue issued by The Stores Department. Order yours today.



major equipment, such as totem pole, flags, books, first aid kit, games and test equipment. It is not worthwhile to try and list things that will be used up, such as Badges and Sixer's stripes.

Library Record

The Group Committee should see that every Pack has a library including the Wolf Cub's Handbook, Cubmaster's First Year, Wolf Cubs, Jungle Book, Second Jungle Book, P.O. & R., games and story books, etc. It is worthwhile to appoint one of the Old Wolves as Pack Librarian to record their whereabouts. He could best accomplish this by making out a card for each book, with the name of the book at the top, and the name of the Old Wolf holding the book listed below. Then, if a Leader wishes to know who has a particular book, he has only to contact the Pack Librarian to find out. This record is especially valuable in a large Pack having four or five Leaders.

Pack Programme Record

The Pack Scribe should outline the events of each meeting in this section of the Annual Pack Record. A knowledge of which Leaders have taken the Pack for games is valuable when Akela sets out to plan future programmes, so that all his A.C.M.'s get an equal chance to run programme items.

Using this article as a guide, try to get your records up to date and keep them that way. It's well worth it!



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If you haven't yet started one, plan now to make a games book. The Scout Leader will continue to publish games from time to time and these you can clip out and paste into your own book or, if you prefer to keep your magazine intact, copy them out. A Games Book is a priceless asset in planning programmes.

Kim's Games for Scouts

Compass "Lay-Out"

The usual collection of articles (16 in number) are arranged in a circle. One of them is taken as the North point and the others placed on the remaining points of the compass.

After a few minutes' scrutiny, the articles are removed, and Scouts questioned with regard to them.

This variety of Kim's game can easily be used as the basis of a competition between two teams. A member of the first team will name one of the points of the compass and the corresponding member of the second team will reply with the name of the article at that point.

If the answer is correct the team will score one point. If incorrect, then the questioner must name the article. If he does so successfully, his team will score a point, but if he fails his team will forfeit a point.

Team No. 2 will then ask the question and so on, each member of each team taking it in turn to question and answer.

The game can be varied by naming the articles and requiring the compass point to be given.

At the end, every player should be required to write down a list of all the articles and their compass points. The average score of each team will be taken and added to their score from the questions and answers.

A Grouped Compass "Lay-Out"

This is a demonstration of the value of correlating your articles. They are laid out in a circle as before but with some definite relationship (no matter whether logical or nonsensical).

I still remember a lay-out which had a knife at the North point ("N" for "Knife"!) Scissors in the South, Eraser in the East and Waistcoat button in the West. The grouping was carried out like this: Knife, pencil sharpener, pencil, pen, eraser, and so on.

The next stage is of course to devise some scheme of pseudo-relationship where none actually exists; as an aid to memory. Your Scouts will be interested to find out how much easier the "grouped lay-out" is to remember; after which it should not be impossible for you to help them to pass to the next step.

Kim's Game by Touch

Blindfold the Scouts and then pass down the line a series of small objects (say about a dozen), which they have to recognize by touch and remember. When all the things have been felt by everyone, bandages can be removed from the eyes and everyone tries to write down a list of the things in their proper order.

Kim's Game by Listening

Here again everyone is blindfolded while the Scouter makes a series of noises such as blowing his nose, dropping a pin, etc. Each Scout then writes down his list as in the previous game.

Detecting Differences

For this game Scouts work in pairs. Two similar collections are made of articles which differ very slightly. Thus in one collection there might be a live match and in the other a dead one, and so on. Scout "A" looks at one collection for a given time and Scout "B" at the other. "A" and "B" must then get together and by telling each other what they saw, produce a joint list of the differences between the things in the two collections.

Things of the Same Class

Our powers of observation should progress like everything else. For this reason it is a good idea sometimes to try Kim's game on a collection of things which are very much alike. For example, a collection of various leaves, or birds' eggs, or bits of cotton of different sizes and colours, or samples of fabric will provide a good test of observation and memory.

Signalling-Knotting Game

Patrols in any group formation at one end of Troop room or designated outdoor area, rope length on ground in front. Scoutmaster, at other end, signals (Morse or Semaphore) a certain Patrol number, then the name of a knot. The Scouts called catch up the rope, run to the Scoutmaster and his Assistants, and tie the knot. Patrol point for first correct knot correctly tied. Each Scout must read the signals for himself, and must not run before the word is completed. For variation, knot names may be spelled backwards or in code previously worked out with Patrol Leaders at Court of Honour.



Cubs love special Pack Meetings and especially when they are held during a popular season. Hallowe'en will soon be coming up and perhaps you would like to try a party like the Cubs of the 2nd Prince George, B.C., Pack held last year. They had a wonderful time and so will you if you plan for it now.

B. C.

This is the first of a series on the arms of the Provinces of Canada.

Granted by Royal Warrant dated March 31st, 1906. Motto

"Splendor sine occasu" - Splendour without diminishment.

At the top of its shield is the emblem of Britain, the Union Flag, with a crown at its centre. The design below is heraldic, a gold sun rising against a field which consists of blue and white wavy bars, symbolizing water.

The Chief contains the Union device commonly called the Union Jack, which is the triple cross representing the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. This is here the territorial sign of British sovereignty. It bears at the intersection of the crosses a gold crown consisting of a fillet from which triangular plates of the precious metal rise. This form of crown is called in heraldry "Antique", and its presence here signifies that British Columbia was in the past a crown colony. This is the most westerly land that on this continent flies the Union Jack.

The base of the shield shows a representation of the sun. Only the upper half of the orb of day appears on the shield, for it is described as "demi". The expression "in splendor" means that rays issue from the sun, which is frequently drawn in heraldry as containing a human face. The book of "Flags, Badges and Arms", issued by the Colonial office in London, shows this demi-sun without the human face. The whole is proper (in natural colours) and is of golden hue. The ground of the shield is silver, representing the sea, and upon it are three bars wavy, across the shield. These represent the waves, which roll in on the rocky shore.

The motto "Splendor sine occasu" alludes to the loyalty and prosperity of the people of the province, and is like unto the unobserved glory of the sun which "shineth in his strength". Amid the rocky crags and the eternal hills there lies the mineral wealth of a world which may almost be described by the poetic words of scripture: "A land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass."

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British Columbia INSTRUCTING THE PLAY-WAY IS FUN

A Scout Law Relay

Value—helps to refresh the memories of Scouts.

The large Card "A" is ruled off and numbered as shown on diagram attached. Ten or eleven small Cards "B" are cut and a Scout Law printed or typed on each. One complete set prepared for each Patrol.

The game is run as a relay. Each boy runs up, picks up a small "B" card, reads the Law, then lays it face down in its proper place on the "A" card. The Patrol who is finished first and who has done the game most correctly is the winner.

This could be extended by having an additional set of "B" cards with Biblical passages typed on (for passages see Scoutmaster's Five Minutes). The Scout will then pick up and read the Bible passage, finding the coinciding printed Scout Law and then place both face down in the correct space on the "A" card.

(This shows that the Scout Laws are actually the Laws of God but worded for easy understanding.

Highway Code

Several Cubs have not yet passed their Highway Code but had completed all the other tests so we marked the floor off into streets. The leaders and boys who had already passed this test held directional lights, stop signs, and a policeman stood at each end of the room. Others who had passed were automobiles. The boys who had not passed "used" the streets, some were walking, others pretended to be riding a bike. When a boy did something contrary to the Highway Code the policeman nearest would call his name and give him a ticket. He had makebelieve accidents, a fire truck, an ambulance, etc. After the game the boys who had not been given tickets were advised they had passed the test. This information was not given out before the game. We found that several boys made slight errors thus "taking chances". We discovered while out hiking that this method of teaching and passing this test had taught the Pack much and had given them a clear and concise knowledge of safety. While hiking several Cubs reported the errors passers-by were making.



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BOB BROWNE-WOLF CUB

By NORMAN McMILLAN, Caledonia, Ont.

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The curtain fell on the last act of the Third Annual Concert of the 1st Cedarhurst Pack. Prolonged applause followed. Eight-year-old Bob Browne turned to his mother.

"Boy! That was swell!" he exclaimed with enthusiasm. "Mom, you said I could join the Cubs when I'm old enough and I'm eight now. Can I join, Mom?"

"I'd like you to join, Bobbie," replied his mother. "You can join next Friday. It was a fine concert. The boys did so well. Mr. Turner deserves much credit."

The following Friday Bob appeared at the Cub Hall in company with Jack Stuart his best chum. They were given a warm welcome by Cubmaster Jack Turner and the other members of the Pack.

Shortly after their arrival, the Cubmaster whom the Cubs called Akela, opened the meeting by calling lustily "Pack! Pack! Pack!" The Cubs quickly formed the Parade Circle and proceeded to welcome Akela by giving him the Grand Howl. They squatted down on their heels with their hands or "paws" on the ground between their feet and their knees on either side. Then came the howl-"Ah-kay-la, wee-e-ll do-o-o-o-u-ur BEST!" The last word they shouted sharp and short as they sprang to their feet, with two fingers of each hand pointing upwards at each side of their heads like the two ears of the wolf.

From his place in the circle Jim Philip, the Senior Sixer of the Pack called out, "Dyb-dyb-dyb-dyb" which Bob was to learn meant "Do your best!" Every Cub then dropped his left hand to his side but kept the right hand up with two fingers spread out in the Cub salute.

"We-e-ll-dob-dob-dob!" they replied, and Bob knew this meant "We'll do our best". Then the Pack stood at alert, awaiting the further orders of their leader.

When the Cubs had gone to their corners, Akela called together the new recruits.

"Before you can become a Wolf Cub," he explained, "you must learn well the Cub Law and Promise—how to salute and the meaning of the Grand Howl. When you have mastered that, you will be invested and receive your Cub Badge."

He called to Jim Phillip: "Jim, tell these boys the Law of the Wolf Cub Pack."

Jim replied, "The Cub gives in to the Old Wolf. The Cub does not give in to himself."

"Correct," said Akela. "Now it is very important that we understand what the law means . . . the Cub obeys his older leader . . . the one with more experience and knowledge . . . he does not do just what he wants to do . . . he doesn't give in to self . . . he is not selfish. Now, Jim, give us the Cub Promise."

Again the Sixer replied in a clear voice:

"I promise to do my best—

To do my duty to God and the Queen

To keep the Law of the Wolf Cub Pack

And to do a good turn to somebody every day."

"Right, again," smiled Mr. Turner.
"Now, boys, I want you to work hard
on your Tenderpad. You'll enjoy the
meetings. We have loads of fun and we
learn many useful things. I know we'll
get along well together. I'll answer any
questions after the meeting."

After Inspection and the weekly dues had been taken the Pack played three lively games in which Bob and Jack joined. Then, all gathered in the Rock Circle for instruction on the composition of the Union Flag and a thrilling story by Akela. The meeting, all too soon for the new recruits, came to an end.

"I'm going to get my uniform next week," said Bob as he walked home with Jack, "and I'll be able to wear it as soon as I'm invested. It shouldn't take long to learn your Tenderpad."

"I'm going to try to get mine too," said Jack. "I think I know the law now and my brother Fred, who's in the Scouts is going to help me with my knots when we get on a bit."

As they parted at the corner of the street, Bob saluted Jack with the Cub sign of friendship.

"See you next week," he shouted, as Jack raced for home.

He had joined the Wolf Cubs. Happy days were ahead!

Bob Browne's Investiture

Two weeks after Bob Browne had joined the 1st Cedarhurst Pack he was invested as a Wolf Cub. Dressed in his neat new uniform, green cap, jersey and shorts, he had made the Cub Promise in the presence of the Pack. Jack Stuart had been invested with him and that pleased Bob because he liked Jack best of all his friends.

Sixer Jim Philip had started him on his First Star tests. He must learn the composition of the Union Flag, tie two knots, turn a somersault, throw and catch a ball at ten yards, know why he should keep clean, be able to tell the time and many other tests.

"It sounds like a lot," said Jim, "but take each test one at a time and master them. In tying knots you must learn their uses—not much use learning knots unless you know when to use them."

Bob remembered the reef knot because Dr. Jones had used it when he had broken his arm two years ago.

"Master your knots until you can tie them with your eyes shut," Jim continued. "Don't be satisfied with

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World Jamboree Briefs

THERE ARE ONLY A FEW MONTHS LEFT TO PLAN FOR THE EIGHTH WORLD JAMBOREE. START NOW TO TELL YOUR BOYS ALL ABOUT THIS GRAND ADVENTURE AND MAKE SURE YOUR TROOP WILL BE REPRESENTED.

CANADIAN STANDARD: First Class Scout by June 1st, 1955.

We have already heard from some of our Brother Scouts in other lands who will join with us at Niagara-on-the-Lake in August 1955. Here is a list of those heard from to date with their estimated contingent size:

South Africa	30	Italy	130
France	1200	Liechtenstein	5
United States	1500	Mexico	143
Venezuela	30	Switzerland	150
Jamaica	60	China	10

Canada's Contingent will be 3500 First Class Scouts—at least two from your Troop. There will also be some 600 Scouters and committeemen required to staff the Jamboree Headquarters.

There will be ten sub-camps at the Jamboree and here are their names:

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PACIFIC PRAIRIE ST. LAWRENCE HUDSON BAY TIMBERLANDS GREAT LAKES ALOUETTE BONAVENTURE ATLANTIC

Rover Scouts in the Province of Ontario have decided to hold their Annual Provincial Rover Moot at the Jamboree campsite. They have made this decision so that they will be able to move onto the site well before the Jamboree to help with the many tasks of setting-up before the various contingents begin to arrive. This wonderful offer of Rover Scout Service will be under the direction of the Ontario Rover Round Table working in co-operation with Jamboree Headquarters Staff. We are sure

that Ontario Rovers would welcome other Rover Scouts to their unusual Rover Moot and details may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of the Ontario Rover Round Table at 10 James St. North, Hamilton, Ont.

Scouts from Great Britain, Sweden, Norway and Denmark are planning to charter a Norwegian ship to bring some 1500 to 2000 Scouts from those countries to the World Jamboree. What a wonderful adventure these fellows will have even before they arrive at the Jamboree of New Horizons.

Scouts forming the Indian Contingent to the Jamboree will be away from home five months. They will leave India next May and travel to Canada via Europe and the United States. They plan to visit Italy, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, France and England, as well as New York and one or two other American cities. On the way home at the end of September they will stop in Japan and China.

The Post Office Department has announced that there will be a special stamp issued to commemorate the 8th World Jamboree. This stamp will be on sale at the Jamboree. First Day Cover service will be provided for collectors from Ottawa. Canadian Headquarters has produced a special Souvenir cachet (illustrated envelope) for use with this special stamp. These souvenir envelopes will be on sale at the Jamboree Canteens and in advance from Canadian Headquarters. Further information will be published on this item as soon as possible.

Planning for "New Horizons"



Members of the 2nd "Stewarton" Troop, Ottawa, discuss the relative merits of posters to be used in decorating the church for "A Night in Switzerland." Under the direction of their Scoutmaster, Orville O'Brien, the Scouts arranged for a visit to Ottawa of M. Anton Lendi, world renowned Swiss traveller and lecturer. In an address accompanying his showing of coloured films on life in Switzerland, M. Lendi spoke of Switzerland's rise above the racial and religious differences which separate other countries of the world.

The church hall was packed for the night of the address, through the hard work of all members of the group, Cubs, Scouts, and Rovers, who sold tickets, ushered and ran the projection equipment. The Troop was happy to learn that after all the work they had sufficient funds available to send two members to the World Jamboree, including transportation, with a surplus to be used on Troop camping equipment. The two Scouts from this group will be true representatives of an active Troop.



with a record attendance and a carefully planned programme, Ontario Sea Scouts and their guests enjoyed a wonderful week-end.

District were hosts for the 3rd Ontario Sea Scout Rendezvous held at their base S.S.C.S. Rideau at Mooney's Bay over the week-end of July 30 to August 2. A record attendance of 261 Sea Scouts and Scouters from Galt, London, Lakefield, Oshawa, Port Dalhousie, Owen Sound, Bronte, Lakeshore District and Bewdley in Ontario and from Dorval and the Montreal District in Quebec, took part in the thrilling programme.

The Ottawa Sea Scout Groups placed their boats at the disposal of their visitors while the Montreal Sea Scouts sailed to Ottawa in three whalers. Lt.-Col. J. Woolsey of Ottawa placed his power boat at the disposal of the Rendezvous Committee and this was used as a general duty boat and for water skiing under the direction of Cubmaster Robert Williamson of the 50th Ottawa Pack.

It was raining hard Saturday afternoon when the Rendezvous was officially opened by Kenneth R. Jakins of
Lakefield, Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Sea Scouts in Ontario.
An official welcome was extended to
the Rendezvous by Controller J.
Powers on behalf of Ottawa's Mayor
Whitton.

Saturday afternoon the Scouts were invited to take part in an interesting tour of the Houses of Parliament and several other points of interest in their Capital city. Returning to their base in the early evening, Sea Scouts then took part in an exciting Wide Game in which boat loads of Sea Scouts attempted to make a landing along the shores of the Rendezvous base, under cover of darkness. Following this exciting adventure a Camp Fire programme was held under the direction of two members of the Ontario Executive staff.

Sunday morning Roman Catholic Scouts attended mass in Ottawa and the Protestant service was held at the Sea Scout base, conducted by Rev. David Thompson, Chaplain of the 6th Ottawa Sea Scout Troop. During this service the newly elected Bishop of Ottawa and former Scoutmaster of the Gaspé, Quebec, Troop, Rt. Rev. E. S. Reed, gave a most appropriate and inspiring address.

Sunday afternoon featured a Regatta programme including the following activities:

- Whale Hunt—Crews of six in a boat endeavoured to secure a line to a "whale" and tow both "whale" and opposing boat to a designated place.
- Abandon Ship—Crews of six in bathing-suits abandoned ship properly, working in teams of two boats who exchanged craft. Boys were required to climb back on board and make way to a previously set point.
- 3. Tilting—Crews of seven, at least two in bathing-suits, object being for the opposing bowman using a well

padded stave to push the opposing bowman overboard.

- Crab Race—Crews of six, no paddles or oars being used, boats to be propelled by hands.
- 5. Mine Sweeping—Crews of six, bowman to pick up floating pare: cups in his teeth.

Sunday evening was free with "Friendship" Fires and the Montreal and Dorval Sea Scouts taking groups of boys for coat cruises in their outboard powered whalers.

Monday morning the following series of land events were held with great success.

- 1. Tug-of-War-Teams of 12.
- 2. Knotting—Individual entries in three classes. Class one—Tenderfoot knots only. Class two—Knots required for Knotters' Badge. Class three—Any knot used in Scouting which raay be called for by examiner. To one above Second Class was allowed to enter Class one.
- Fire Lighting—Teams of two, First to burn a cord suspended between two posts. It is interesting to note here that the youngest Sea Scouts were by far the best in this competition.
- 4. Life Line Throwing—Individual entry.
- 5. Lashing—Teams of six. Object being to erect a mast consisting of yardarm, gaff, ensign and signal halliards and break out correctly an ensign and burgee. Not more than six staves to be used.

Swimming periods were supervised throughout the Rendezvous and added to the enjoyment of all those attending and Rover Sea Scouts from the 2nd Ottawa Crew did yeoman services in assisting with this activity and others throughout the week-end.

Though they are not satisfied that they have reached anything like an ideal standard, the Ontario Sea Sout Committee are more than pleased 7 ith the very successful week-end.



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SEA SCOUT RENDEZVOUS

Top to bottom: Sea Scout craft tied up alongside the base at Mooney's Bay, near Ottawa, where the Rendezvous Scouts met. The four whalers with outboards are from Montreal, Que. Centre: One of the attractive gateways put up by the various Sea Scout Troops at the Rendezvous. Bottom: Rt. Rev. E. S. Reed, Bishop of Ottawa, shaking hands with Scouter Ken. Jakins of Lakefield, Ontario, the Camp Chief. Bishop Reed gave the Sea Scouts and Scouters an inspiring message on Sunday morning.

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Reprints on the information relative to the Weatherman's Badge, the Rescuer Badge and the Missioner's Badge are available on request.

HOW MANY COPIES WOULD YOU LIKE FOR YOUR TROOP?

WORKING THE PATROL SYSTEM

By C. B. STAFFORD

Assistant Executive Commissioner for Training, Canadian Headquarters

Read this short article before you hand out the current issue of The Junior Leader to your Patrol Leaders.

AT Scouters' conferences, training courses, or at any time when two or more Scouters get together, sooner or later the Patrol System is mentioned or invariably someone will say "It is no wonder that we are not retaining boys in Scouting-we are not using the Patrol System"—or words to that effect. There is no doubt that such a statement is very true—far too many Troops are run by the Scoutmasterfar too many Troops are Troopsdivided into Patrols-in far too many Patrols the leader is the Scout on the right of the Patrol-in far too many Troops the Court of Honour does not exist, or if it does, plays a very insignificant part. Does this matter-yes, it matters very much. The Patrol System is at the very roots of Scouting-it is the unique feature which started a revolution in the educational world. It is the one method that distinguishes the Boy Scout Movement from other youth organizations. If this is not enough in itself, it is the system that the boys themselves naturally use and enjoy. The boy of today learns how the boy of 1908 wants to have a say in what he does. In these days of mass education by school, radio, T.V., when we are all being whirled along at an ever increasing pace, it is more than ever necessary that the boy has a chance to be an individual and to make his individuality felt to the benefit of his neighbours. If in the Scout Patrol, the Court of Honour, he gets the chance, he stands a good chance of developing into a happy citizen; if he doesn't he stands an equally good chance of becoming a grouser who will go through life with a grudge against everything or may even become a delinquent. This will mean subjugating our own wishes and glory to the wishes and glory of the boys-but isn't that why we are in this game?

Writing in the Canadian Boy Scout—a special Canadian version of Scouting for Boys—in 1911 B.-P. says:—"I have likened you (Scoutmasters) to a fisherman wishful to catch fish. If you bait your hook with the kind of food that you like yourself, it is probable that you will not catch many—certainly not the shy, game kind of fish. You therefore use as bait the food that the fish likes."

Starting with this edition of *The Junior Leader*, a series of articles will be published explaining the workings of the Patrol System and all its ramifications in the Troop. You should read these articles before giving them to your P.L.'s so that you may know to what extent you are using the system in your Troop and so that you may be prepared to support their wishes in its use.

Again quotations from the 1911 edition of *The Canadian Boy Scout*, B.-P. says "Make the boys themselves manage the club affairs (meaning Troop affairs) as far as possible. Sit back yourselves and let them make their mistakes at first, till they learn sense and responsibility."

In the 1915 edition of Scouting for Boys, B.-P. makes this enlightening remark:—"The value of the Patrol System and the Court of Honour for training boys was perhaps too lightly dealt with in early editions of this book.

But Scoutmasters have gradually grasped its inner meaning and have developed its use in their Troops. It is the one essential feature in which our training differs from that of all other organizations, and where the system is properly applied it is absolutely bound to bring success. It cannot help itself."

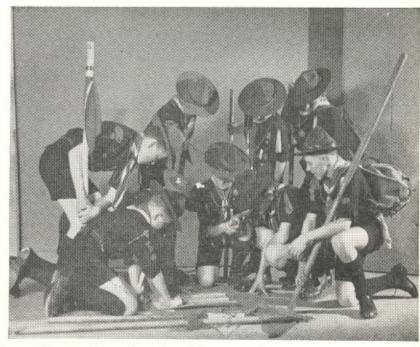
How very true that is of today, although many others are now using the Patrol System. Despite various writings, the value of the Patrol System and Court of Honour is still too vaguely dealt with and far too few Scoutmasters have grasped its inner meaning.

Now let us look at the world edition of Scouting for Boys published in 1946 and see what B.-P. had to say then.

"The main object of the Patrol System is to give real responsibility to as many boys as possible. It leads each boy to see that he has some individual responsibility for the good of his Patrol. It leads each Patrol to see that it has definite responsibility for the good of the Troop. Through the Patrol System the Scouts learn that they have considerable say in what their Troop does.

The Patrol Leader

Each Patrol chooses a boy as leader. He is called the Patrol Leader. The Scoutmaster expects a great deal from



Scouts like to work out plans in small groups and it is our duty to provide them with the opportunities and the incentive to experiment with leadership.

the Patrol Leader and leaves him a free hand in carrying out the work in the Patrol. The Patrol Leader selects another boy to be second in command. This boy is called Second (or Assistant Patrfol Leader). The Patrol Leader is responsible for the efficiency and smartness of his Patrol. The Scouts in his Patrol obey his orders, not from fear of punishment, as is often the case in military discipline, but because they are a team playing together and backing up their leader for the honour and success of the Patrol.

And the Patrol Leader, in training and leading his Patrol, is gaining practice and experience for being a fellow who can take responsibility.

Also, besides training his Patrol, the Patrol Leader has to lead it, that is, he must be at least as good as any of his Scouts at the different jobs they have to do. He must never ask a fellow to do anything he would not do himself. And he must never be "down" on anyone, but must get the enthusiasm and willing work of everyone by cheerily encouraging their efforts.

The Court of Honour decides programmes of work, camps, rewards and other questions affecting Troop management. The members of the Court are pledged to secrecy. Only those decisions which affect the whole Troop, that is, competitions, appointments, and so on, would be made public."

If you are not already doing so, will you start to put the System into practice in your Troop? It may call for considerable change as you are bound to have your problems-but do not be dismayed and keep on at it and the reward will be the fine Scouts and the good Scouting that the Patrols will produce in the Troop.

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What About Scout Spirit

District Scoutmaster, St. Catharines, Ont.

I N our eagerness to produce a really smart-looking Troop which can boast plenty of badges, we sometimes leave out the very thing around which our Movement was built. All our emphasis seems to be on teaching Johnny how to tie knots and light fires. All our weekly programme is calculated to give our boys lots of fun and evercise through games, mixed with training in Scouting skills. We proudly point to the number of members and the number of stars on the Troop's progresschart. We often value the passing of tests (and mastery of the technical side of Scouting) as the highest goal of achievement for the boy and for us. I am not depreciating the value and importance of all these things, as the best means of achieving our real purpose in attracting boys and preparing them for service. But doesn't the busy Scouter too often neglect the very lifeblood of Scouting, or at least include it just as an afterthought in his programme? How often do we find an invested Scout,—perhaps his sleeves full of badges,-who hardly remembers some of the Scout Laws, or never even understood their meaning at all, as related to his own life? Some Scouters are satisfied to hear a recitation of ten Laws rattled off like a memory-poem in school or a bunch of rules, instead of a way of life! Others feel somewhat embarrassed to assume the role of a "preacher", as they consider the task of keeping the spirit of Scouting before their boys. Adventure Scouting and badge progress are certainly vital links in our efforts to build boys for good citizenship. The Patrol is the character

school of Scouting, if the Patrol system is properly applied. But are we using every opportunity to inculcate the Scout's way of life into the daily practice of our boys? Or are we too busy pasting stars on the progress chart, collecting dues and drilling the boys for the next district competition? Here are some ideas. Our own example as leaders is of paramount importance, also incidental remarks on sportsmanship, etc. during games or hikes, to fit the occasion. We can effectively drive home our Scouting ideals through a yarn at the end of each meeting (without obvious moralizing!), skits based on Laws, charades, newspaper hunt for Laws, Scout Law quiz contest, games like Scout Law baseball or "dog and bone" based on the meaning of Laws, through Troop good turns and pen pals overseas-through a challenging message at a Scout's Own service,-through influence of our Patrol Leaders or books in the Troop library, through a stirring story at the close of a campfire or a quiet chat afterwards, when most fellows have hit the hay. Let us remember that the Scout differs from other boys. because he has made a Promise on his honour. Let's help him keep it! Books which contain excellent material

in my experience are: Scoutmaster's Five Minutes (H.Q.

- Publication)
- (2) Yarns on the Scout Promise and Law (H.Q. Publication)
- (3) On the Beam (Association Press)
- (4) Stories for Talks to Boys (F. H. Cheley) (Association Press)



Scouts in St. John, N.B., co-operated with police in launching a "Drive Carefully" programme last September. This included an emphasis on the Highway Code in all sections

GUN COURTESY

By SCOUTER DON KING, High River, Alberta

Safety through skill is the aim of Scouting in every field. Marksmanship is a grand sport but the safety rules should be taught early in the game.

It was just a plain old abandoned store, like you see in many small towns. At some time in the past the family had lived in the upper storey. Now the windows were all broken and the roof sagged, and the whole place was full of mice and small boys playing guns. Suddenly one of the younger lads reached up to a ledge above a window.

"Hey, look what I found!" he called to the others, pointing his discovery at them. "Look at the rusty old cap-gun." He pulled the trigger. A lour click was all that came from it. That child will never know how close he came to killing or injuring his friends. The gun was a real one, but it was not loaded.

Two of the other boys were Scouts. Only a few days before they had been given a lecture on the use of pistols. They happened to see the cylinder of the old gun turning and knew it was not a toy. The lad who found the gun had only time to pull the trigger once before the other two had taken it away from him and turned it over to the proper authorities. The boy may easily have killed one or more of his friends. If he had known and practised "gun courtesy" he would never have taken the chance.

Perhaps you wonder at the term 'gun courtesy'. It is a word I have chosen because the word 'safety' hardly covers all the handling and use of firearms. Safety means how and how not to handle the weapon. It covers the loading and firing and so on. To me there is much more to it than that. An R.C.A.F. instructional publication states: "Never point a gun at anyone except for the express purpose of shooting him." Now stop and think a moment-you only shoot a person if you don't like him. When someone points a gun at me he is proclaiming his dislike for me, and I will feel very hurt, especially if it goes off. It might spoil a fine friendship. Pointing a gun at someone is simply not good manners, even if it is only in play,

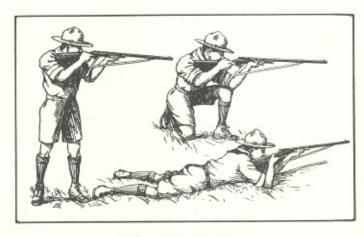
Oh, I know, cap guns, air guns and water pistols are fun to play with. All of them are made to resemble some popular type of weapon, and many are very realistic. For this reason it is vitally necessary that youngsters be taught the courtesy and handling of such 'toys'. There is no better place to start such instruction than in the Pack and the Troop. The boys must first be made to realize what guns are made for and the damage they can do. If possible each type of firearm should be fully described with attention drawn to the various ways of identifying each one. For a number of years now a manufacturer of a popular brand of cap gun has turned out thousands of toy weapons which closely resemble the real gun they were copied from. At a short distance it is difficult to absolutely distinguish between the two. A child can not be expected to know the difference if he has never seen the real thing.

I have been teaching gun courtesy to Scouts and Cubs for several years, in an experimental way, and I am now convinced that by these methods the present situation of gun-craze can definitely be overcome and minimized. Of course it would not be a good idea for just any one to pick up a load of pistols and rifles and start in on a lecture to the boys. Perhaps the best man for this job is a member of the local Police force. If such an officer is not available, there may usually be found in every district a creature known as a 'gun-bug'. This fellow is a man who loves guns. Not just for the sake of shooting them, but for collecting purposes. He will no doubt have a number of weapons on hand and it will not take much persuasion to get him down to the hall next meeting night, with a carload of his choice

Before we go any farther, we must consider the age-old controversy as to

whether or not children should be allowed to handle firearms. Some parents and authorities contend that the best way to prevent accidents with guns is to keep the child completely away from the weapons. Another angle, and one which I heartily endorse, is to let the boy handle, and even use, weapons of each type. I have found decisively that after he has fired a pistol of-say-.32 calibre-even the most avid cap gunner loses his taste for the tamer sport. Boys fall into three categories when they fire a gun for the first time. Some are frightened by the roar when others shoot, and refuse to even try. A few are enthusiastic to the extent of becoming bothersome for another shot. By far the greatest majority try their shots and are not too much impressed, they can either take it or leave it, being content to have fired the gun but not caring particularly whether or not they do so again.

Well, you say, what about those few who do not catch the gun bug? What happens when they want to do more shooting and are refused? Will this not incite them to gain their ends by other methods, such as stealing guns and ammunition and running off into the bush to play? Not if the lesson is properly followed up. The boys who want to shoot will shoot, to be sure, but from this group of interested boys it is very easy to pick teams, and with a little help from the local Rifle and Pistol Club, teach them to be considerate and honest in their shooting.



Three Firing Positions

Remember, there is a Scout proficiency badge for Marksmanship.

So far I have considered mainly pistols. I feel that the hand gun is the most dangerous for the younger boys. But when a boy gets a little older he soon begins to want a rifle. And the one which has become most popular is the .22 calibre sporting rifle.

A boy seems to pass through stages of guns. At first he plays with a plastic one, then he is given a pop-gun, and then he passes up to a real B-B gun, from which he graduates to a .22. Of course it is up to the parents to handle most of the boy's training as regards the use of any kind of a gun, but the Leader must remind his boys that even an air rifle can be just as dangerous as any gun when carelessly handled. If there is any boy in the Troop or Pack who has an air or .22 rifle, the Leader should make it a point to have at least one good session with the boys on the care and use of guns. When there are enough interested boys to form a team, they can be incorporated into a Rifle Club simply by applying to the nearest adult Club, or by writing to the following address:

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Nothing was ever taught by an attitude of ignoring danger. Teach your boys the danger which exists; teach them to recognize that danger; then teach them to overcome and neutralize it. Then perhaps, when all our Scouts and Cubs across the country have learned the wisdom of gun courtesy, we will be well on the road to ridding our country of one of the greatest potential dangers which menaces us today.

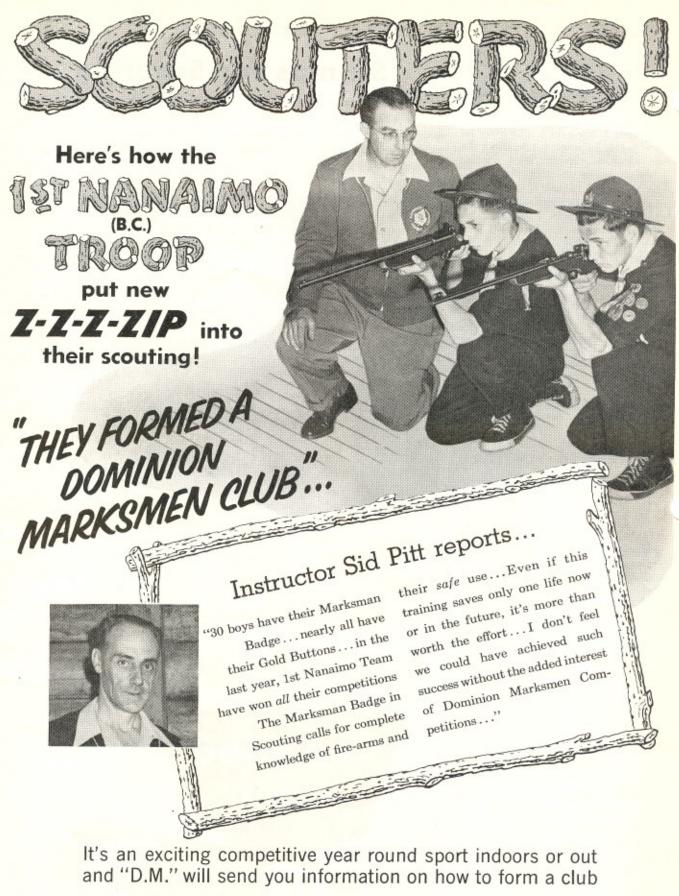
Stamps for Scouting

The Brotherhood of Scouting extends right around the world and we are proud that we belong to a Movement which links us with so many others. In our programme planning we include time when this world-wide aspect of Scouting can be explained and illustrated for our boys and we encourage them to take part in International gatherings whenever possible. Have you ever wondered who is responsible for co-ordinating the efforts of Scouting throughout the world? Do you know that there is an International Bureau or Headquarters of The Boy Scouts Association and that they are prepared to answer questions on Canadian Scouting for any other country? Did you know that ideas that prove successful in every member country of the International Conference are pooled at the International Bureau and then passed along to everyone for their benefit. Did you know that the Director and his small staff are on call to help any country consolidate their Scouting or start it afresh? Well, all these and many more responsibilities are being attended to by the International Bureau every day. It is not very often that we have an opportunity to help directly in such work, but here is an opportunity for a "good turn" in which every Scout and Scouter can participate.

You are asked to send your used or new stamps, bundled in large envelopes, to your Provincial Headquarters or direct to, The Administration Department, Canadian Headquarters, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4, Ont. These stamps will then be collected at Canadian Headquarters and sent along to the International Bureau in London, England. Here they will be soaked free of their envelopes, if this has not already been done, and separated into countries for re-sale. The revenue thus realized will be used to help finance the International Bureau.

We know Canadian Scouts and Scouters will want to help in this "good turn" project so why not tell your boys about it now and plan to send in your collection soon. Let's show our International Head-quarters how much we appreciate their services!





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ANNUAL SECTION AND GROUP REPORTS

This is not an article on how to make an annual report to your Group Committee. Rather it is an example of one such report submitted by a Scouter who was determined to keep his Group Committee informed and up to date.

18th Skookum Scout Troop, B.C., Annual Report

October 29th, 1953

The following reports are the highlights of the 18th Skookum (Kitsilano United) Troop for the season 1952-53.

Statistics

	Number	of	Scouts 24
	Number	of	Patrols 4
	Number	of	Scouters 3
	Number	of	Bronze Arrowhead 7
	Number	of	Tenderfoot Scouts_13
	Number	of	Second Class Scouts 6
	Number	of	First Class Scouts 1
	Number	of	Queen's Scouts 4
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Public Service

- 5 Scouts helped crippled children to see the automobile hobby show at the Bessborough Armouries.
- 3 Scouts helped the Indoor Sports Club at the Rehabilitation Centre by wheeling patients.
- 10 boys and 3 leaders escorted ladies on "Mother's March On Polio Night".
- 5 Scouts distributed Community Chest and Council Posters in Kitsilano-Fairview Area.

The Troop on several occasions assisted the Church by handing out pamphlets.

The Troop helped the W.A. of the Church by setting up tables for Rummage Sales and Bazaars.

Number of camps over three days:

No. of Boys	No. of Leaders 14	Boy & Adult Days 204
Number of	of camps und 48	er three days: 307
Totals	62	511
Number o	of Scout Hikes	11

Special Events

Party with the C.G.I.T.

Area Church Parade at Fairview Baptist Church.

15th Group Flag Dedication.

4 Group Church Parades.

Beach Party.

- 3 Outdoor Meetings.
- 2 Ball Games with the 48th Troop (victorious in both).

Coronation Church Parade with 3 Queen's Scout badges presented. 1 Leader and 2 Boys attended 1953 Canadian Jamboree at Ottawa.

Badaes Passed

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Tenderfoot	7
Second Class	5
First Class	4
Queen's Scout	3
Bushman's Thong	1
'A' Cords	5
'B' Cords	
Bronze Arrowhead	4
Leaping Wolf	2
Cub Instructor	1
Ambulanceman	3
Artist	1
Athlete	3
Carpenter	4
Cyclist	2

Electrician	
Hiker	
Metalworker	
Pathfinder	
Stalker	
Stamp Collector	
Woodworker	

Troop Finance

This report is just the money which is collected each week which we call Dues and in turn is used for buying badges and books and any other supplies that are needed.

From September 1952 to September 1953:

Debit	
Credit	
Balance	* 8.84

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BISCUITS and CANDIES



Congratulations

Scouts of Our Lady of Fatima Troop in Ville St. Laurent, Quebec, believe in living our motto "Be Prepared". Twelve Scouts of this Troop have recently qualified for their Junior St. John Ambulance Badges and certificates, after attending a course by Mr. W. P. Dick. It is interesting to note that, at the same time, the St. John's Badges were presented, the Scoutmaster Mr. Vincent P. Healy was awarded his Scouters' Service medal and bars for 16 years with outstanding service to Scouting.

Kite Flying Contest

Cubs of the 1st United Church Pack in Sackville, N.B., recently held a kite flying contest. This novel venture was a tremendous success and anyone interested in such a venture should contact Cubmaster George W. Chambers at Box 477, Sackville, N.B.

Novel Equipment List

From British Columbia Provincial Headquarters comes news of a typographical error which provided a great many laughs. In a list of equipment sent out to Trainees for a Cub Wood Badge Course the following appeared: PLATE, BOWL and CUB!

Stamps for Scouting

Elsewhere in this issue appears a notice regarding the sending of used stamps to the International Bureau of the Boy Scouts Association in London, England, through Canadian Headquarters. The first parcel of stamps, a large brown envelope crammed full came from the 17th Holy Rosary School Pack in Regina, Sask.

Scout-Guide Exhibition

For the third successful year the Regina, Sask., District have held a successful Boy Scout-Girl Guide Exhibition. This year the exhibition slogan, "Tomorrow's citizens in action"—is exactly what the public saw from the moment they entered the building housing this wonderful Scouting ven-

ture. Camping, Highway Traffic Safety, Sea Scouting and a host of other Guide and Scout skills were demonstrated. Everyone from the Mayor of Regina, who opened the exhibition, to the casual observer agreed that it is a thrilling experience. Well done Regina Scouting!

Toronto Rover Hike Competition

Each year the Rover Scouts of the Toronto Metropolitan Region are invited to take part in a rugged hike competition in which they compete against the standard. Scoring is done on the basis of camp craft, deportment, log books and team spirit. In 1953 ten teams competed with eight receiving a 85% or A Grading and two received 75% or B Grading. As a result of this hike competition a high standard of camping has been established by Toronto Rover Scouts and other Rovers interested in staging such an event should contact the Ontario Rover Round Table through the Ontario Provincial Headquarters.

Community Good Turn

The First Starks Corner Troop in the Pontiac District of Quebec have undertaken to clearly mark out an old cemetery in their village, fence it and maintain it in good condition. Working with the Cemetery Committee, the Scouts have done an excellent job and Scoutmaster Douglas Fulford recommends this good turn to other Scouts.

Silva Film

A recent arrangement for Scout Groups to borrow the films "The Sport of Orienteering" and "By Map and Compass" is announced by Silva Ltd.

Beginning at once these films can be ordered from the Silva Orienteering Service, c/o Silva Limited, 77 York Street, Toronto, Ontario. These films previously available from the Film Institute are now available only from the Silva Limited at the above address. There is no charge for these films and they are both very highly recommended for Scout Groups.

Totem Pole for England

The Clive's Own Scout Group of Welshpool, Montgomeryshire, will soon be the proud possessors of a Red Indian totem pole which has been sent from Canada. It is to be the gift of Senator W. Rupert Davies, a Canadian newspaper publisher who was born in Montgomeryshire.

Canadians to Scotland

Eight members of the 1st Canadian Maple Leaf Group in Metz, France, attended an International meeting of Scouts from the United States, Western Europe and North Africa in early August of this year. The Jamboree was held at Blair Atholl in the heart of the Scottish Highlands with the Canadian Scouts to be guests of their Scottish brothers after the Jamboree. The group was under the leadership of their Scoutmaster, Corporal Maurice Belanger of Ottawa.

Foreign Visitors

Forty-two Scouts and Scouters from the French colonies of St. Pierre and Miquelon pitched their tents on a camp site near West Chezzetcook, N.S.

The Scouts made the trip aboard the mail carrying ship "Miquelon" and they will return the 180 miles to their homeland via bus to Sydney and then on board the "Miquelon" for the return journey.

International Visits

Through the Dominion Press Clipping Bureau Service by which news items repeated in the press through Canada, reach Canadian Headquarters, we have heard of an increasing number of exchange visits between Canadian and American Troops. Unfortunately, there is not enough space for us to mention all of these trips and the many wonderful adventures that the Scouts from Canada and the United States have enjoyed. They have ranged all the way from open-air Investitures of American and Canadian boys at the 1st Little Current Troop near the village of Sandville on Manitoulin Island

in Northern Ontario, to large scale visits at many of Canada's larger camp sites and the Council Camps in the United States.

Coconut Currency

Scouts of the 2nd Papua (New Guinea) Troop pay their weekly dues in coconuts-two per week. When 400 have been collected, the coconut is extracted, dried and sold for approxi-mately £4. This Troop also raises money for uniforms, etc., by working for the local planter and raised £30 to buy a boat for their Mission by diving for trochus shells, from which "mother of pearl" buttons are made.

Film Programme Planning Service

To all Scouters who have taken advantage of the film planning service and to others who have not made use of this Canadian Headquarters service. but who may wish to do so in the future, you are directed to contact Mr. Thurston Archibald at his new address -482 Lakeshore Road, Beaurepaire, Quebec. Mr. Archibald is always ready to help in the planning of a film showing for any type of gathering. If you are planning a show for boys, parents, Home and School groups, Service Clubs. etc., please contact Mr. Archibald at the address shown above and he will be happy to help in any way possible.

Scout Brotherhood	Fund
Balance, June 7, 1954	\$1,235.28
1st Agincourt, Ontario,	
Group Committee	27.35
Eglinton District Court of	
Honour and Executive	
Council, North West Area	
Toronto, Ont.	38.83
The 9th London, Ontario.	
Wolf Cub Pack	5.00
Windsor Park "B" Pack,	
Victoria, B.C.	10.50
The Boy Scouts Association.	
St. Catharines, Ont.	10.00
Montreal, Que., District	
Wolf Cub Camp	10.00
Calgary, Alta., District	
Council (collection from	
Guide-Scout Service)	30.62
British Columbia Provincial	
Council	30.00
Training Staff, Seventh	
Prairie Gilwell Course,	
Wood Badge Course,	
Winnipeg, Manitoba	
Anonymous	1.00
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Balance, August 4, 1954 \$1,432.53

Bob Browne-Wolf Cub-concluded (Continued from page 10) anything less. Remember the Cub motto, 'Do your best'."

"Jim's a smart Cub, isn't he?" Bob remarked to Jack, as they chatted after the meeting. "I'm going to work hard and perhaps I'll be a Sixer some day."

"Jim has all twelve Proficiency badges, but then he's been in the Cubs nearly four years. I saw his service

"Just being in the Cubs a long time didn't make him a good Cub," said Bob, "Akela told me that Jim had rarely missed a meeting, had never been late, always wears his uniform and is very unselfish. He is always trying to help. All the kids like him.'

"I've noticed that," said Jack, "Bill McAlpine has been in Cubs over three years and he hasn't even passed his Second Star. Just lazy, I guess."

"Some kids just come for a good time," his chum answered, "I guess, If you want to get on, you've got to work and work hard."

Bob Browne's Good Turn

"Cubs and Scouts sometimes forget," began Cubmaster Turner, "the serious part of their Cub and Scout work." He glanced kindly at the attentive group of smartly-uniformed Cubs before him. "I am thinking especially," he continued, "about the matter of the daily good turn. Do we really take it seriously? Do we really try to be helpful? Do we go out of our way to do a good turn to somebody every day?"

Several of the Cubs examined their shoes intently. They were ashamed to look their leader in the face. What Mr. Turner had said was true and they knew it. Weeks had passed and they hadn't even tried to do anybody a good turn. They had run errands for Mom but that was only what was expected of a Cub. They were only doing their share in the home but they hadn't really gone out of their way to help someone who needed helping.

When Bob Browne reached home that night, he discovered his mother knitting on a Red Cross sweater.

"Mom," he began, hesitatingly, "do you know any good turn I could do? Akela wants us to report next meeting on some good turn we've done and I can't think of any.'

Mrs. Browne laid aside her knitting. "Now, isn't that strange," she said, "I've been sitting here thinking about old Mrs. Burke.'

"You mean the old lady in the shack on the back street?" asked Bob.

"Yes . . . she lives all alone and lately I've noticed on ash collection days that she never has any ashes out. I had just made up my mind to drop in and find out what's wrong."

"You mean that I might help her with the ashes," suggested Bob.

"I'm sure you could and there must be many other ways in which a strong boy could be of service to a frail old lady."

The next day Bob accompanied his mother when she called on Mrs. Burke. They found the old lady sick in bed. At sight of the two visitors she exclaimed:

"Why, bless my heart, and it's kind of you to drop in! I've had a touch of flu for the past week and I've not had my nose outside the door."

Mrs. Browne and Bob spent over two hours tidying up the old lady's home and left with the promise to return on the morrow.

The visit on the morrow was only the beginning of many visits to the little home on the side-street. Twice every week Bob removed the ashes, filled the wood-box, hauled coal and performed a dozen different chores. His mother became a regular visitor, too, and always went laden with good things to eat.

New life had come to old Mrs. Burke and Bob Browne had discovered how to keep his Cub promise "to do a good turn to somebody every day."





rover quests

Quebec's First Rover-Ranger Conference

Photos and Story by Alan Stone, Montreal, Que.

Here is a success story written into Quebec Rover Scout records last Spring. On a historic site these young people enjoyed a week-end in a novel Scouting venture.

THE first Canadian Rover-Ranger Conference was held last May 8th and 9th at historic Fort Lennox on Isle-aux-noix in the beautiful Richelieu Valley. Eighty-two Rovers were in attendance from twelve Troops under Camp Chief Steve Boyd, Assistant Commissioner for Rovers for Quebec. Seventy-six Rangers attended, some coming from as far as Harricanna and Osisko in the northern part of the province. Buses left Provincial Headquarters at nine on the Saturday morning and arrived at St. Paul at eleven. Unfortunately the weather was far from ideal. Rain began when the Rovers and Rangers got on the barges to take them to the island and did not stop until the barges arrived back at St. Paul. If a Scout can smile under all difficulties, then these Rovers and Rangers were certainly having a laugh

on the weatherman. First things came first. Tents were set up quickly in the rain and fires started and lunch prepared. After the opening ceremonies the first item on the programme was the running of the first edition of the Fort Lennox Olympics. Of these perhaps the most interesting event was the chariot race illustrated here. The barracks of the fortress gave excellent shelter and sufficient space for the running of these games.

Following the Olympics the Rovers and Rangers were paired off for messing, this was done by matching cards which they had been given when they got off the barges upon arrival at the island. Each had the name of a comic strip character, which had to be matched to its counterpart, e.g. Blondie and Dagwood, etc. In the evening after

dinner, entertainment was the order with the Red Bear Rover Crew putting on a Fashion Show with the latest items from such salons as Mme Cochon of Trois Pistole to mention but one.

The feature presentation, however, was a play prepared by the Red Otter Rover Crew of Lachine and the 1st Riverside Ranger Crew entitled "The Black Widow". These crews had been preparing this show from early February and the excellence of their production showed that preparation and hard work certainly pays off. Scenery was erected on the spot from rolls of paper brought along and painted with poster paint. Cocoa and biscuits and a singsong completed the evening.

The next morning being Sunday, a Rovers Own service was held for Protestant Rovers and Rangers, while Roman Catholic members went to the parish church at St. Paul. The groups assembled after church for discussion groups until lunch was to be prepared. After lunch Rovers and Rangers had an opportunity to tour campsites and explore the fort. In the museum are found many relics from the early days when the fort was used by both French and British troops to guard Canada from invaders from Lake Champlain.

At three o'clock closing ceremonies were held, and despite the weather, the question heard most among the Rovers and Rangers was, "When is the next Conference?"



Top left: Rovers and Rangers get acquainted at historic Fort Lennox. Top right: There was plenty of fun at the "chariot race" and other events in the "Olympics". Lower, left to right: Rover Scouts examine old firearms and implements used by the early settlers and soldiers of Fort Lennox. The well kept museum was of great interest to both Rangers and Rover Scouts during the weekend.







HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

WOLF CUB READING TESTS

The Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council has approved the following change in Wolf Cub Tests.

A reading test. First Star.

- Ask your parents, teacher, Cubmaster or Librarian to help you make up a list of books and read two of them.
- Tell a story (or part of a story), that you have read, to your Pack or Six.
- Make a dust cover for a book and demonstrate how to open a new book.

Second Star.

- Ask your parents, teacher, Cubmaster or Librarian to help you make up a list of books and read three of them.
- Tell a story (or part of a story), that you have read, to your Pack or Six.
- Demonstrate how to repair cover or binding of a book and repair torn pages.

His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, C.H., Governor-General of Canada, in his capacity as Chief Scout for Canada, is pleased to announce the following Honours and Awards on the occasion of Dominion Day, July 1st, 1954.

Silver Acorn-4

For Distinguished Service

Mr. J. Barry Cale, 221A Fourth Avenue, Shawinigan Falls, Quebec.

Ar. Aurèle Daoust, 6682 De Normanville, Montreal, Quebec. Mr. Paul J. McNicoll, 417 Blake Boulevard, Eastview, Ont. Mr. Leslie C. Way, 3935-W. 33rd Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

Bronze Cross-1

For Gallantry with Special Heroism

Wolf Cub Roger Beynon—60th Edmonton Pack, 9925-87th Street, Edmonton, Alta.

For his bravery and presence of mind in effecting the rescue of his brother Richard from the North Saskatchewan River despite grave danger to his own life.

Silver Cross-1

For Gallantry with Considerable Risk

Scout John McDermott, 12th Kingston Troop, 213 Queen Street, Kingston, Ontario.

For his bravery and quick action in plunging into Lake Ontario to assist in the rescue of his friend Michael Egan even though the water was very deep and he was in winter clothing.

Medal for Meritorious Conduct-1

Wolf Cub Gerald Robert Howard Owens, 11th Brandon Pack, 651-16th Street North, Brandon, Manitoba. For his presence of mind in rescuing his brother Kenny from drowning in the Assiniboine River.

Certificate for Meritorious Conduct-5

Scout Robert Theodore Cantin, 29th Edmonton Troop, 10968-127 Street, Edmonton, Alberta.

For his keen observation and presence of mind in detecting and guarding a serious gas leak in a street in Edmonton.

Scout Edward Craigmill, 1st Harriston Troop, Harriston, Ontario.

For his presence of mind in rescuing Bryan Hamilton from the Maitland River.

1st Farnham Troop, Farnham, Quebec.

Because of the prompt action of Scouts James Iwanaka, George Iwanaka, Steven Takahashi, James Green, Reginale Hyami, together with former Scouts George Hyami and Albert Takahashi, in attempting to save the life of Mr. Celestine Malo who died in the Yamaska River.

Scout John Klepsch, Jr., 7th Regina Knox-Metropolitan Troop, 1801 Quebec Street, Regina, Saskatchewan.

For his quick thinking in recording the license number of the truck used by four shopbreakers, resulting in their speedy apprehension.

Scout Alvin V. Robertson, 1st Omemee Troop, Wellington Street, Omemee, Ontario.

For his presence of mind in transporting his friend Garry Whitney to safety and help when he was injured in a toboganning accident.

Certificate of Merit for Good Services to Scouting-1

John Worsnop, District Commissioner, 417 Notre Dame Ave., St. Lambert, Montreal 23, Quebec.

For his good services to Scouting with the South Shore District Council in the Province of Quebec.

Medal of Merit-7

For Good Service to Scouting

Mr. Edward Locke, Scoutmaster, Blenheim, Ont.

Doctor J. N. Perry, President, Peterborough Local Association, 571 Murray Street, Peterborough, Ont.

Lieutenant Colonel T. V. Sandys-Wunsch, District President, Duncan-Chemainus District, "Dogwoods", Maple Bay Road, Duncan, B.C.

Mr. John Tolhurst, B.A., Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts, Shawville, Que.

Mr. John H. E. Toombs, Assistant District Commissioner, 1525-32 Avenue South West, Calgary, Alta.

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