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Dear Jack:

It does not seem possible that a year has passed since I last wrote you a Christmas letter. The past year has certainly been an eventful one in Canadian Scouting highlighted, of course, by the 8th World Jamboree. What wonderful letters we have been receiving telling us how much our overseas visitors enjoyed the Jamboree and Canada. One of the things which seems to have impressed them most was the generous hospitality which they received from Canadians everywhere. I am quite sure that many of the Jamboree Scouts will be returning to our shores in the not too distant future, many to make their home here. The Jamboree has certainly sold World Scouting to Canadians and Canadians to World Scouting.

You asked me for some ideas regarding Christmas within the Troop. First of all I do hope you will make full use of your Scoutmaster's Five Minutes at your pre-Christmas meetings to stress the value of the goodwill which Christmas engenders and the need for carrying that feeling into our lives during the entire year. As a good turn idea for the Troop why not use the proceeds of your next waste paper collection for the purpose of buying a quantity of candies, nuts, cookies, etc. and

have your Troop make up individual assortments in cellophane bags which they could take to the children's ward of the hospital, the orphanage and the Crippled Children's Home for distribution to each child at their Christmas parties. This would be a fine practical demonstration of the Christmas spirit and give your boys an opportunity to share with those less fortunate than themselves. A further suggestion is that at these Christmas parties your Scouts could render a great service by assisting with the entertainment of the children by leading singsongs and putting on some of their typical Scout stunts. I am sure that your boys will not forget that there are many people in town who would welcome assistance with snow shovelling, delivering of parcels and many other chores which many old and infirm people find it difficult to accomplish during the Christmas season.

Naturally I hope you are going to be able to accomplish what you did last year during the Christmas Holidays, that is have another winter hike. Perhaps you will feel that your boys are sufficiently advanced this year to turn it into an overnight.

Please give my warmest greetings to Betty and the children. I am sure you are going to have a wonderful time and it only remains for me to wish you one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive Commissioner

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# THEN AND NOW

Thoughts from our Founder's Writings

We must get more into the open for the health, whether of the body or the soul, of Scout and of Scoutmaster.

The Smile and the Good Turn are our specialty.

Boys are critical beggars, and quickly see through the man who does not believe or who has not "been there".

A further way of discovering activities that will appeal to the boys is for the Scoutmaster to save his brains by using his ears.

The teaching of service is not merely a matter of teaching in theory, but the development of two distinct phases: the inculcation of the spirit of goodwill, and the provision of opportunity for its expression in practice.

If a man cannot make his point to keen boys in ten minutes he ought to be shot!

I urge upon Scouters that the more important quest is to ginger up the joyous spirit of Scouting through camping and hiking, not as an occasional treat in intervals of parlour or parade Scouting, but as the habitual form of training for their boys—and incidentally for themselves.

Red tape and failure to look at things from the subject's point of view have killed many an enterprise before now; but it is not going to kill our Movement, as we are having none of it.

Where the Scouter is himself a bit of a boy, and can see it all from the boy's point of view, he can, if he is imaginative, invent new activities, with frequent variations to meet the boy's thirst for novelty.

If you can hand on something of the love of books to your Scouts, you will be giving them friends which will never fail them.

The essentials of leadership might, in telegraphic brevity, be summed up as Comradeship and Competence.

Don't let the technical outweigh the moral. Field efficiency, backwoodsmanship, camping, hiking, good turns, Jamboree comradeships are all means, not the end.

Press forward with a faith in the soundness of the Movement and its future possibilities, and press forward with LOVE which is the most powerful agent of all.



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Dear Sir:

May I take this opportunity to express to you how much I enjoy getting *The Scout Leader*. My only wish is that it could be expanded into a general publication for distribution to all those in Canadian Scouting. It is invaluable to Leaders, but when you have such articles as "Hike to the Lake of The Hanging Glacier", it warrants greater distribution. My own boy subscribes to the American magazine *Boys' Life*. While it is very good in its way, it is still American. I believe our own country has reached the stage that can support a Canadian Scouting publication. I would appreciate hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,  
J. L. Whitehead,  
Vancouver, B.C.

■ We are receiving an increasing number of requests for a "general boy magazine". The matter is under study and any suggestions or comments are welcome.

Dear Sir:

Through your columns I would like to express the thanks of the International Bureau to all those members and friends of the Boy Scout Movement who are so generously sending their contributions of used and unused postage stamps to the International Scout Stamp Scheme.

The proceeds from the sale of the stamps are being used to increase the development work of the Scout Movement in various parts of the world. The continued supply of stamps will be most welcome. They should be sent to the Boy Scouts Association, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4, Ont.

I am,  
Yours sincerely,  
D. C. Spry,  
Director,  
Boy Scouts International Bureau.

■ If you or your unit has not yet taken part in the Stamps for Scouts Good Turn, ask for the pamphlet from your District or Provincial office and then put it to your boys.



These Wolf Cubs from Vancouver hit upon a novel way of raising funds and at the same time providing something almost everyone likes to have around the house during the Christmas season. They collected and sold Holly as you can see by the poster.

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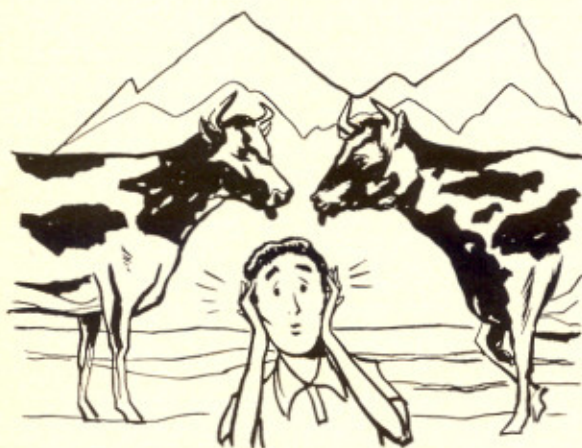
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# Christmas Legends

Here are a few ideas for you to incorporate in a yarn about the traditions and legends surrounding the Christmas season.



Old legends live on and have come to our own day with their manner of connecting the useful and beautiful life of Jesus with the useful and beautiful lives of our animal and bird friends. There is a belief that animals, having surrounded the Christ Child at birth, sense the anniversary of the birth of the Savior and pay their respects to Him in various ways. Some people, recognizing the special significance of animals at this time, perform special acts of kindness or acknowledgement towards them.

Believing that on Christmas day the bees hum a carol, people in the old world sometimes place sprigs of holly on the hives to wish the bees a merry Christmas.

An old Indian legend holds that on the day before Christmas all of the deer throughout the world kneel and look up to the Heavens, thereby showing their respect to the Great Spirit.

In Spain all cattle are given fresh straw for their beds and extra food and water all through the Christmas season. This is done because it is believed

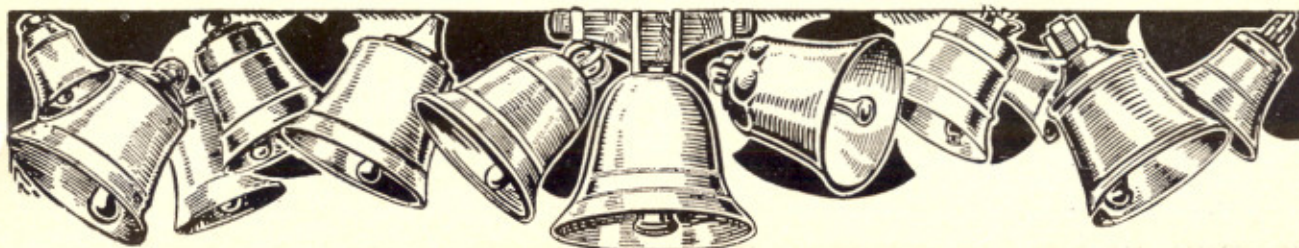
that the Christ Child was kept warm by the kind cattle breathing upon Him.

In the German Alps it is thought that cattle have the gift of speech on Christmas Eve. But for a person to listen to their conversations is a sin and misfortune will befall anyone who attempts to listen in!

According to an old legend, if a wild canary is heard singing very joyously on Christmas Eve, it is because he is happy over something that happened long, long ago. One Christmas Eve a terrible snowstorm raged in the Harz Mountains in Germany, tearing up all trees except the firs. Great flocks of canaries were crying out in distress because the trees in which they were sleeping had been blown to the ground. The snow and cruel wind were causing them great misery. The hardy fir trees, hearing the cries of the birds, called, "Come into our branches. We will protect you." So the birds were saved and since then have shown their thanks by singing happily on Christmas Eve.

From:

*"Our Dumb Animals"*







## Make Believe In Cubbing

By E. F. MILLS  
Vancouver, B.C.



Wolf Cubs in London, Ont., enjoyed very much one Good Turn they performed last Christmas. Several boys visited a home for "Senior Citizens" of London and escorted them on a tour of some of the city's Christmas displays. They then served them a beautiful dinner, with the help of Mothers. You can be sure these ladies of London appreciated this unusual Good Turn and perhaps there is a suggestion here that you can think about for your Pack or Troop. Remember older people as well as younger ones, look forward to the unusual in entertainment.

FROM time to time I have had arguments with Scouters and others on the subject of the Wolf Cub programme. The submission was that the Wolf Cub programme was out of date. Boys were more interested in space ships and atomic energy and all the wonderful inventions of the modern age. Supposedly we were completely out of date. My argument is that boys get fun and become extremely interested in practically anything, if it is presented to them with romance and imagination. So often we adults think we know what a boy likes mainly because we only think that we know. Some of us condemn the Jungle Plays. After having seen some of the feeble attempts of presentation of Jungle Plays, I can't say that I blame the boys exposed to these milk and water versions, if they lose interest, but I have also seen excellent results when the Cubmaster gave the lead in enthusiasm and used imagination. It is no use saying "I have no imagination". I do not think that anyone is devoid of imagination, but there are people who just do not let their imagination function. That sort of Cubmaster is usually a hot number on records and inspections, and woe betide anyone who upsets the apple-cart by suggesting that records, inspections, and all such things do not do a great deal for the boys in terms of development. True, the more or less donkey work must be undertaken, but it should never be considered to be of paramount importance. But to get back to the statement that we are out of date. Boys themselves are demonstrating that nothing is out of date as long as their interest is captured. It isn't so long ago that Cubs, or rather all boys of Cub age, were going really up to date. Some were cavorting around in

space suits, carrying funny looking guns which, instead of saying "Bang Bang!" said something like "Groof!", as would any self respecting space gun.

But what about the latest game. Instead of cowboys and space men, we encounter dozens of Davy Crocketts, complete with coon caps, buckskin shirts and weapons of ancient vintage. By the way—a word of warning—don't get too close to one of these warriors on a wet day. I did a few days ago. The skins they were sporting had not been too carefully cured, and the atmosphere around the boys was distinctly "phew!" It is recognized that the Davy Crockett craze is the result of very shrewd promotion, as are the crazes for cowboy outfits and space ship gear, but the point I am attempting to make is that during the past I imagine, ten years, we have seen fads from the future, from the present day and from the past, capturing the imagination of boys each as successfully as the others. This I submit is fairly good proof that the age of an idea does not impose any limitation on the customers (the boys) but that what does matter, is the method of presentation.

As has already been said, nobody is absolutely devoid of imagination. I have seen too many Cubmasters at Part II Courses giving their imaginations full rein and doing a splendid job at play-acting and special Pack Meeting sessions. I have been continually amazed at the efforts of Cubmasters who on first contact seemed to have little imagination, but once they let themselves go, they discovered that they really had imagination to burn. Of course the test is, did they transfer all this to their Pack? Let's hope that they did.



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ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE YOU WILL FIND AN ARTICLE ON CONSERVATION AND SOME ANSWERS ABOUT HOW TO GET STARTED ON OUR "SERVE BY CONSERVING" SCHEME. IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASK, CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT OR PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS WHO NOW HAVE THE BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIAL TO HELP YOU GET STARTED ON CONSERVATION—1956.





# Conservation CALENDAR 1956

## JANUARY



MAKE AND SET UP BIRD FEEDING STNS.

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MAKE MODELS FOR USE IN DEMONSTRATIONS

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HELP WITH WOODLOT IMPROVEMENTS

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## JUNE



BUILD DAMS TO IMPROVE STREAMS

## JULY



MAKE BRUSH DAMS TO HEAL GULLIES

## AUGUST



TRAIN TO FIGHT FOREST FIRES

## SEPTEMBER



LEARN THE USE OF FIREARMS

## OCTOBER



MAKE BRUSH COVERS

## NOVEMBER



OVERHAUL AND PROTECT EQUIPMENT

## DECEMBER



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# Our 1956 Theme — CONSERVATION

By C. B. STAFFORD

Training Department—Canadian Headquarters

"**H**I THERE!—what's all this I hear about a Conservation Theme and National Good Turn?"

"It sounds like a good scheme, Joe. There is a booklet explaining how the Conservation Good Turn will be operated by Provinces, Districts and Groups. It tells quite a lot about the need for Conservation in Canada — an urgent need which to most of us is not nearly apparent enough. It shows what Scouts have already accomplished in the field of Conservation and it lists lots of Conservation activities which can be included in the normal Scout programme. This booklet will be in the hands of every adult leader by January 1st, 1956".

"I see, more reading for me; extra stuff to be fitted into a programme already full. Where are we going to find time to do real Scouting?"

"What is real Scouting, Joe?"

"Why, getting out and camping and — and hiking and cooking and building shelters and tracking and all those sort of things."

"O.K., let's stop there. In what sort of country do you usually hike and camp, Joe?"

"Oh, up in the hills — there's plenty of timber there and lakes and streams for swimming. We have to be very careful with fire, of course, but it's wonderful country."

"Good for you, Joe. There's a lesson in Conservation, you have taught your Troop right there and I bet you didn't even know it. What would those hills look like today if you hadn't been careful with fire? They'd be bare, black and lifeless. The lakes and streams you love to swim in would be muddy — polluted with the soil and muck being washed and blown into them."

"And heck! yes, but we don't have to read books and have themes and things to know that."

"You may not, Joe, but there aren't many Leaders who know everything there is to know about the outdoors. In any case it isn't only dependent on "know how"; if the thing is to make sense you must "know why" and you, as a Leader, must be able to pass both on to your Scouts. I bet your fellows can identify trees, recognize birds and animals by sound, sight and track; some of them have made bird-feeding stations, have hunted and fished. You camp by a stream and what do they start to make in their spare time — a dam. All these are conservation projects, Joe, and there are loads more like them."

"Umm! I think you're stretching things a bit when you call hunting and fishing Conservation — that's destruction."

"Aha, now you've come to the whole crux of the meaning of Conservation. It does not mean preserving everything intact as it is today — nature is always moving and that would be impossible. Conservation means wise use — maintaining the balance if you like. For example, in good forest management trees are felled regularly in a forest and yet the forest remains. If we work with nature in the right way and are not greedy, she will replace what we take away. So too with hunting and fishing. As an example, too many deer will overgraze the range, kill the plants on which they feed, cause erosion by destroying plant cover, and finally starve to death themselves. At the same time there are limits. If too many are killed there will not be sufficient to maintain the herd in the next generations and the herd will die out. That very nearly happened with the prairie buffalo — as you well know."

"That's very fine as a lesson in Conservation to me but I don't see that it is of much interest to my Scouts."

"Most of the things we do in Scouting are either directly concerned with conservation or can be put to good use to serve that cause. It is up to us as leaders to make the boys aware of what they are doing and the goal at which they aim. Waste paper collection is a good way of raising funds but it is also good conservation practice. Every ton of waste paper re-used is a cord of pulp wood saved in the forest. Every rope end whipped saves waste, time and temper too, when it comes to tying knots. What about the Camporee your District always runs. I believe it has a different theme each year so why not use Conservation this time. Have a Forestry; Dam Building; Gully Healing; etc. Camporee. Quite apart from this there are the four new Conservation badges for which some of your Scouts will want to work. You see the great thing about Conservation, Joe, is it is an outdoor activity and so is Scouting — the two are naturals together."

"In a few year's time, the boys you have as Scouts now will be men — adult citizens of Canada. If by example, fun and adventure in Scouting they have learned about the need to look after their natural heritage, they will exert a considerable influence for good which will be accumulative and of immeasurable value to the future well being of our people — and perhaps the peoples of the world."

"Well, maybe you've got something there — ideas are already buzzing around in my head — I just hadn't stopped to think it out. You see I don't know much about Conservation and the name frightened me off. How can I find out more about it?"



"Atta boy! You'll find the Conservation Good Turn Booklet which I just mentioned, will give you a good idea what the scheme is about, how it will be operated and plenty of ideas for activities. It also has a list of books you can read — some at greatly reduced prices when purchased by Scouts. Of course, you don't have to buy them — most will be listed at your Public or Mobile Library."

"Both The Scout and The Junior Leader will carry articles on Conservation and Good Turn activities for the next few months, so there will be no excuse for being short of knowledge or ideas."

"To make sure that every boy has a chance to become interested in the scheme early in the year, each Cub, Scout or Rover who makes the Conservation Pledge to his leader will be given a pin featuring the Crest and a card with the Pledge and room to record any work he does on Conservation projects. Also, sections which work over a certain amount of time on such projects will receive a streamer to attach to their colours in recognition of their services."

"Have you seen the film 'Rape of the Earth', Joe? It's a J. Arthur Rank production and is obtainable free from the Dominion Fire Commissioner, 417 Garland Building, Ottawa. If you are not concerned for the need for Conservation after seeing it — then you need your head read."

"O.K., now I understand what's behind our Theme for 1956 and where I can obtain assistance in putting it across, you can count on our participation. Thanks for putting me in the picture."



The Wolf Cubs and Scouts at Deep River, Ontario, are very proud of their "home" which contains beautiful murals of Scouting activities on every wall. Above you will see pictures of the general scene and a close-up of one of the Cub paintings. This work was performed for the Deep River Group by Bill Cross, one of their Scouters, and you can be sure that the boys and leaders of the Group will long treasure his contribution to their programme.

### KEYNOTE RESOLUTION OF THE 15TH INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CONFERENCE

The Conference believes that Scouting with its methods as initiated by B.-P. can always attract the boy if we insist on giving boys real Scouting with its romance, adventure, inspired leadership, advancement programme and spiritual life.

The Conference as the central world body of our Movement expresses the conviction that world Scouting in the existing general international atmosphere can play a most important part by preparing good citizens for tomorrow with the right ideas of a constructive mutual understanding among all nations and towards lasting peace.

The Conference looks forward to B.-P.'s Centenary in 1957, and urges all Associations to strive for a standard in their Scouting which will be a worthy memorial to our great Founder Lord Baden-Powell in the jubilee year of the Movement.

Let this objective be our New Horizon.



# The D.C.'s Aching Tooth

Here is a skit that has been tried successfully by more than one Pack.

Perhaps your boys might like to act out this story for a Parents' Night.

THE stage is set with a chair, and the skit opens with two Cubs on stage (one as the dentist and one as a nurse. The latter fixes his Cub scarf around his head to fashion a nurse's cap.) Both are very busy fixing up the dentist's tools (egg beaters, large mixing spoon, hammer or any other silly thing you can think of). In walks the D.C. with his scout scarf tied around his head and under his chin as if he's got an old fashioned toothache. He is, of course, hollering and bellowing and moaning all at the same time.

The nurse rushes to assist him to the dentist's chair (nobody saying a word except the groaning of the D.C.).

Both dentist and nurse are very busy getting the patient ready for the ex-

traction using, of course, the egg beater and the big mixing spoon to look in his mouth. The dentist then is ready to pull the tooth so he puts his knee into the stomach of the patient and pulls as hard as he can and topples over backwards. Gets up, brushes himself off, and beckons the nurse to come and help him. "She", of course, puts her arm around the dentist's waist and with the dentist's knee in the stomach of the patient, both pull for all they are worth and both topple over backwards (a little tumbling comes in handy here). They both get up and dust themselves off and scratch their heads in desperation. After this they call another Cub from the audience to help pull, and this

goes on (all the while the D.C. is moaning and groaning) until there are four or five Cubs all pulling, each holding on to the other's waist, sort of making a one-sided tug-of-war. The dentist's back is to the audience and he puts a paper cup (unseen by the audience and which has been hidden in the D.C.'s bandage around his face) on the end of whatever he has been using trying to get the tooth out. The whole bunch start pulling again and again they topple over and the poor D.C. is just about roaring by now. The dentist holds up "the tooth" (the paper cup) triumphantly but the D.C. roars louder than ever and yells out,

"You pulled the wrong one" and all the Cubs fall in a dead faint.

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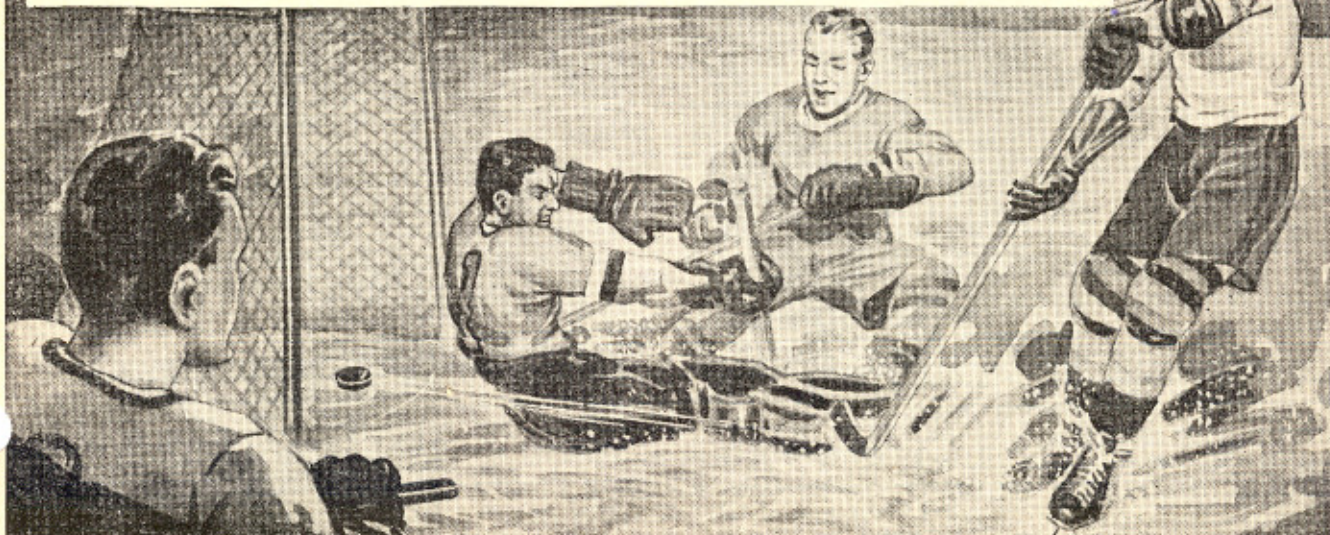
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## BIRDS IN WINTER

By JOHN T. MacMURCHY, Collingwood, Ont.

How are we going to put Conservation into practice in Winter? Here is one answer.



As a naturalist-friend of mine has said, bird-watching operations need not cease when winter approaches. The friend to whom I refer is Mr. A. J. Mitchener of Collingwood, a man who has devoted many years to the study of the birds of the air. Not only does he believe this, but he also practices it religiously.

Personally, I have found that to locate our feathered friends during the blustery weather, it is necessary to find their source of food. Once this has been located, the patient student of nature will soon be rewarded with a glimpse of that which he seeks.

Cedar clumps and sumach groves usually harbour chickadees and nuthatches and, very often, a partridge may be flushed from the shelter of these smaller trees. The two former birds will spend hours searching food from trunks and twigs of the trees, utilizing the seeds and hibernating insect life in the process of gaining a living.

The partridge seeks out the cedar clumps for two reasons; protection as it sleeps and also as a source of food. Quite often several members of one partridge family will use the same cedars throughout the winter or until such time as they are disturbed by either predators or man. When a storm proves too severe for their usual perch, these birds will settle down in a snow-bank for warmth until the storm passes over. When they do this, it is a simple thing to find them, because as they breathe, a small icy hole on the surface marks the spot. Look for this the next time you are walking through the woods after a snow storm has gone on its way.

The great, silent hunter of bird-land, the owl, is a year-round inhabitant of this country of ours, although some members of the family drift south during the mass migration period in the fall. While the great horned owl is more often seen than his smaller cousins, I think that it would be better to try

and locate another large member of the family—one which is seen only in the winter. As you might have guessed, I am speaking of the north-land's snowy owl. This is an owl which is quite active during the day and therefore, much easier to locate if it is one of the years when food is scarce in its Arctic home. Every four years the lemming, small mouse-like rodent of the Arctic, upon which the snowy owl feeds, almost disappears and the large white bird comes down to the more southern regions. Last winter was such a case, and it seems that this condition still persists because our northern friends are here in fairly large numbers again.

This bird is fairly easy to recognize. He is large, his body averaging twenty-five inches in length and his wingspread four feet and more. The basically white colouring gives him a ghost-like appearance as he flies and sails over a field in search of food. Being a predator, catching and eating other birds and animals, he is often unjustly accused of eating fowl. This might be so, as far as pigeons, but there it stops, I believe. Small rabbits are also consumed by the owl, but so are vast numbers of mice and rats and this is where he is very beneficial to mankind. He and his cousins, the other owls, are very big factors in keeping down the rat and mouse population and without these birds it is quite possible that we would be literally overrun by the small animals.

If you should see a large white object perched on a tree, fencepost or haystack, approach with caution and you will possibly get a big thrill out of watching it. If you come upon a regular roost, you will be able to see what it has been eating by small droppings on the ground. These will be the skin and bones of its victims which the owl has regurgitated after eating. This way you can see the amount of good it accomplishes.

Another winter resident, and one which is as tame as the chickadee, is the downy woodpecker. Like the chickadee, a piece of suet or a feeding station will be his invitation to dinner every day of the winter. Offering food to this fellow will develop into a lasting friendship and a source of entertainment as well as a chance to study wild life close at hand. The black and white downy, with his small red cap, is a cheery wee fellow who has often visited the trees in your garden looking for dinner.

Even the common English sparrow and the starling are worth noting. While they are great pests and a nuisance, these birds do a small service to humanity even if it is only done by their chirping and fluttery presence in what otherwise would be a birdless locality. In some cities in winter, these birds are the only ones seen by people although others could be found in the parks.

So you can see, birds can be watched in the winter months. Only a few have been mentioned. The snow buntings, grosbeaks, jays, cardinals and others are living off the countryside, and every clump of weeds, grove of trees or orchard holds a treasure of knowledge for you to tap.

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## FIRST AID CARRYING

Victim lies at point 25 feet from starting line. On "go", 3 carriers run to victim and using correct three-man carry must walk with the victim back to the starting line. In the meantime, four Scouts make a litter, using two poles and their own coats or shirts. When the litter is ready, the victim is placed carefully on it and carried back to the point where he was originally lying. For poor three-man carry add thirty seconds to Patrol time. If victim falls to floor from stretcher, add five minutes; if any part of his body touches floor during stretcher carry, add 30 seconds.

## LIFE BOATS

The Pack is on a sinking ship. Akela is captain. He calls out an order, then a number. The number indicates the capacity of each lifeboat. The order must be obeyed before anyone gets into the lifeboat. Those who did not find a place in a boat lose their lives. If "five" is called, Cubs must endeavour to find a place in any group of five Cubs, anywhere in the room. Any boy who does not find a boat is drowned. Cubs must run backward, and not forward.

## GLORY OR DEATH

Two teams each with a small piece of chalk. Chalk two 1 ft. circles at each end of the hall; on the word go, each side endeavours to chalk a cross in the goal of the opposing side; at the same time try to stop a cross being put in their own circle.

## CHAIN TAG

Two Scouts named as chain. Holding hands, they pursue other boys, who when touched, must join end of chain and pursue others. Two boys at end of chain make captures with free hand. Scouts in centre must prevent boys breaking through or ducking under.

## CORRAL TUG

Troop in Patrol Groups inside large rope circle. Hat is placed on the floor outside the circle 10 feet from each Patrol corner. On whistle each Patrol endeavours to carry rope forward until one of its members can reach the hat. This is really an inter-patrol tug-of-war.

## STEPPING STONES

A zig-zag course marked out all round the room, by stepping stones drawn with chalk and numbered, distances apart varying. Each Cub in turn tries to hop the course, feet together. A point to the six for every Cub who succeeds and does not fall in the river.

## SIMPLE REMEDIES

A number of cards are made up, one set for each Patrol, with such items as "cloves", "iodine", and so on, written one on each card. In front of the Patrols, which are formed up as for a relay race, are a number of chalked circles, or cardboard boxes, with "Toothache", "Burns", "Stings", "Cuts", and so on, written inside them. As each boy runs up he has to place one card in its correct circle or box, e.g., if the card has "Cloves" on it, he puts it into the circle marked "Toothache."

## PATHFINDER DARTS

A large map of your town or district is pinned on the wall. The Scouter throws a dart. As it hits the map he asks any Scout: "There's been an accident there. Where is the nearest telephone?", or similar question.

## SHIPWRECKED ON A DESERT ISLAND

Ship strikes a rock. Cubs swim ashore on to a desert island.

Ship will take some time to sink.

Captain decides that crew will swim out to ship and rescue what each thinks will be of most use on the island to them.

A number of cards are placed all over the deck of the ship . . . (one end of the Pack Den). Each card has printed on it a name of an article or a description of the goods, e.g. 5 lb. butter, 20 lb. sugar, \$5 bill, 40 lb. sausages, blankets, tent, rope, a gun, magnifying glass, bathing suit, 100 cigarettes, a sheet, dead donkey, cow, hens, seeds, dog, a Bible, etc., etc. Sufficient cards for two for each Cub and a few over.

On the back of each card, unknown to the Cubs, are marks (in code) according to the value of each. Some will be worth nothing, e.g. \$5 bill, gun (no ammunition), cigarettes, etc., 20 lb. sugar might score 20 points and so on.

Cubs line up on desert island in Sixes. On the word "go" one Cub from each Six, swims to the ship, looks at the cards without picking them up and selects one card, swims back with it, and the next Cub from his Six sets out. Each Cub goes twice.

Each Cub in turn reads out what he has rescued. Pause when necessary for comments from Cubs, e.g., what is the use of a \$5 bill on a desert island?

Finally, collect up the cards and add up the marks. Six with the highest score wins.

## THE NAVAL RAID

An open door represents the harbour entrance, two blindfolded Cubs, one on each side, the British Cruisers. The other Cubs — the enemy vessels — try to enter the harbour one by one through the door so quietly as not to be caught by the sentinels.

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# THE GOOD TURN IN THE TROOP

By J. E. TURNER, Field Commissioner, British Columbia and Yukon

ONE of the unique features of the Boy Scout Movement is the Promise to "Help other people at all times". No other organization has this definite promise of service to others. Therefore it is up to the leaders of the Scout Troop to inculcate in the boys, not the thought of having to do a good turn to someone every day but the feeling that a boy wants to help other people.

To create a desire within a boy to "want" to help other people is not a simple project. This can be done by encouraging simple Good Turns designed to impress on the boy the wonderful feeling that comes from helping others. Make sure you praise his early efforts to help others and eventually the boy will do a Good Turn and may even wish to keep it secret. There is a certain pleasure gained in being a mysterious helper unknown to the beneficiary.

The baffling question to most leaders is not so much the need of the Good Turn but "How". There are many and

varied types of Good Turns from individual efforts to corporate affairs.

1. Individual Boy Good Turns
2. Patrol Good Turns
3. Troop Good Turns

It is quite simple to tell boys through "Yarning" how to do a Good Turn such as the "proverbial Old Lady who didn't want to cross the street" but the real need within Groups is preparation in order to be ready for Good Turns.

A Scout who is well advanced in his Troop will be better prepared to do SERVICE than one who is not. Another important aspect in the Troop is the training of the boys to recognize the need for Good Turns. What may be a Good Turn to one boy may not be recognized by another. Thus the need for preparation and the "will to help" attitude so they will recognize the opportunity for service.

There are many types of Good Turns that can effectively be carried out by a Troop. This article could not pos-

sibly deal with all the possibilities as each group will have different conditions affecting their choice.

However, here are a few suggestions.

Ushering or assisting in other ways at community projects, helping information bureaus, collecting magazines for hospitals, digging gardens, chopping wood, snow shovelling for the aged, sick families or widows. Beware of the possibility of becoming a ticket selling agency, or setting up a precedent with one organization as others may use this as a weapon for their own interests.

Of the types mentioned the first few give a certain amount of pride to the Troop and are ideal Public Relations. While others are likely to inculcate the feeling of "usefulness" which comes from helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Above all make sure your boys have fun and enjoy living their Scout Promise. Talk about Good Turns often and be prepared to offer ideas to your Patrol Leaders at meetings of the Court of Honour.

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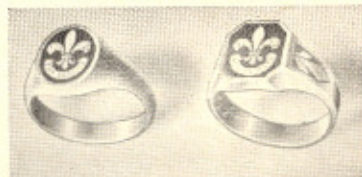


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## Being Prepared

Here is a story we think you and your boys will enjoy. Training in Wide Games is important fun and can prove very useful.

ON Tuesday, July 12th, 1955, two prisoners escaped from a work party at the Regina Jail. The Boy Scouts camping at Garner Scout Park were notified about this at 8.00 a.m. by a messenger from the jail itself. The jail lies approximately 3 miles west and 1 mile south of the Scout Park. Shortly after nine two of the guards dropped into the park to give more details. The prisoners escaped about 7.20 and had taken to the bush north-east of the jail and were presumed still in that area. It was felt their first objectives would be to obtain a change of clothing so as to be less noticeable than in their prison uniforms. They were not considered dangerous and were unarmed but should be treated with great caution if spotted.

We alerted the camp fully, after the first message. All axes, hatchets, trench diggers, etc., that could possibly be used as a weapon were locked securely in the lodge. There are two high knolls in the Park about half a mile apart and lookouts were posted on these to be relieved every half-hour. Any suspicious movements were to be reported to the lodge and if it proved to be the escapees a detail was to be sent to the nearest farm to phone the information to the jail. The boys were cautioned about going into the bush and warned to travel in threes.

Shortly after the first guards had been posted, a report came to the lodge that two persons wearing light clothing, which could be the prisoners because they were wearing faded khaki, were seen getting into a car and heading toward the Park. They turned out to be the two guards who dropped in to tell us that the escapees were still in our district.

At approximately 9.30, Mervin Lawrence, 1st Class Scout from the 12th Regina Troop, was on the west lookout and spotted two men in the bush west of the Park. He immediately sent a message to the lodge and at the same time called to some of the other fellows feeling that more than one pair of eyes would keep them in sight. Suddenly the figures dashed from the bush over a short open space and into another bush. Here they stood and tried to remain hidden, but unknown to them they were perfectly silhouetted against the sky. At this point it was decided

they were the escapees. Lyle Larrigan, 1st Class Scout from the 20th Regina Troop, together with G. Kelnick from the 20th Troop and Butch Duckett of the 3rd Troop, were despatched to the nearest farm half a mile to the north to phone and report to the jail.

The escapees were by now running from one bush to the other and it was apparent that their destination and that of the three Scouts was the same farm and they would all reach there about the same time. The balance of the camp then spread out in a long line and started to move toward the prisoners at a jog trot. The plan worked because they changed direction to the north-west. The Scouts followed with no intention of overtaking them but to keep them in sight. When the three boys reached the farm, Lyle spotted the guards who had called on us early in the day. He sent the other two to the phone and went over to the guards and was able to point out the prisoners to them as they crossed a field. The guards then headed across country to try and get ahead of the escapees.

The Scouts followed the prisoners on foot for about another mile, feeling sure that the capture would be in a matter of moments with the guards cutting them off, but here mother

Nature played one of her peculiar tricks. It had rained all night and was still damp with the odd drizzle, and at this point a heavy mist rolled in and obscured the prisoners and guards from us. We carried on to where they were last seen but when the mist lifted they were no longer in sight.

It was at this point, during the mist that the escapees cut back and turned east between the guards and the Scouts and made a further bid for freedom. When the additional guards and police arrived and picked up the trail again the Scouts returned to camp feeling satisfied that they had done their part well. Here we discovered that four of the boys who had cut over to the farm had picked up with one of the trucks from the jail and were still in on the chase.

Back at camp, we could do nothing but wait and keep a sharp lookout. Finally one after the other the four Scouts were returned. The last one, Butch Duckett from the 3rd Regina Troop, finally returned just before six o'clock and was able to give a first-hand report of the final capture that took place about 5.00 p.m. in a field some 8 miles north-east of the camp. The prisoners had been surrounded in a field and a farmer and two guards on horseback flushed them out with no further trouble.

So ended the day with many a thrilling tale to tell those who had not been there.

### HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

As we approach the fiftieth anniversary of Scouting it would seem that there should be some interesting memorabilia of early Scouting days scattered abroad in this land of ours.

Canadian Headquarters has recently established a museum for the purpose of displaying these souvenirs of Scouting history. We are most anxious to receive such items from individuals both in and out of the Movement. We are very interested in early insignia, certificates and souvenirs connected with B-P. Donors are invited to send such mementos to Canadian Headquarters each accompanied by a short history of the piece so that the displays will be properly tagged.

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## THE 4th. ANNUAL ONTARIO SEA SCOUT RENDEZVOUS

By D. S. HOLDEN, Oshawa, Ont.

Sea Scouting in Canada is on the upgrade in membership and quality. With adventures like this it is likely the growth will continue.

THE best attended Sea Scout Rendezvous in Ontario, was held at Camp Samac, Oshawa, over the Dominion Day weekend, with 400 Sea Scouts from Ontario, Quebec, and New York State present.

Coming to Oshawa by means of boat, bus and car, they camped on the spacious grounds of Camp Samac, overlooking the artificial lake which is one of the scenic sites of the camp.

The campsites were divided into six sub-camps, each with their own sub-camp chief, and all competitions were organized by the sub-camp grouping.

The weekend Rendezvous was under the capable and inspired leadership of J. Harry Rigg, a former Sea Scoutmaster and Scout official of Oshawa Scouting, and who was also a member of the Canadian General Council for many years. He was assisted by Kenneth R. Jakins, Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Sea Scouting (Ontario), Robert Taylor, Executive Commissioner, Charles K. Anderson, Rover Scout Leader, 8th Oshawa Rover Sea Scout Crew, and Donald A. Houlden, Sea Scoutmaster of the 8th Oshawa Sea Scout Troop.

The weekend consisted of many types of sports and aquatic events. On land, such Scouting demonstration of skill such as the knot relays, rope burning, obstacle race, signalling (both morse and semaphore), and tug-of-war kept each sub-camp busy. On the water,

events such as canoe tipping, canoe and dory races, life-line tossing, and other games amused the hundreds of spectators that lined the shores. In the swimming pool, races both individual and relay made contests close, as enthusiastic divers and swimmers competed for top honours.

Other attractions were also staged for the Sea Scouts from far and near. A demonstration of professional diving was put on by the Camp Samac swimming staff under the flood lights around the pool. And then, with the special permission of the Camp Chief, the Sea Scouts had the privilege of swimming under lights themselves.

The Saturday night campfire was augmented by large numbers of Oshawa citizens that flooded the number around the floating campfire. Under the direction of S. A. Richardson, Executive Commissioner of Oshawa, a lively campfire was held, with songs, skits and stunts bolstering the programme.

At the conclusion of the campfire period, the Camp Chief gave a stirring and thought provoking "Scoutmaster's Five Minutes" on "Friendships".

Sunday devotions were held both in and out of camp. Sea Scouts of the Protestant faiths worshipped under the grove of trees by the lake at Samac, with the Scout Chaplain, the Rev. H. D. Cleverdon of Christ Church (Anglican) conducting the service. Members of the Roman Catholic faith

were driven to Oshawa, where they attended Mass conducted by the Rev. Dr. Dwyer of St. Gregory's Roman Catholic Church.

The programme of this enthusiastic Rendezvous does not tell of the many friendships started, nor of the many acquaintances renewed, both in competition, and around the campfire. Spirit was high during the whole Rendezvous, and despite the intense heat, all events were entered into with zeal.

The assistance of the 8th Oshawa Rover Sea Scout Crew was an example for other Rover crews to emulate, and the close co-operation of Camp Samac staff, the Rendezvous staff, and the Local Association was symbolic of Scouting enterprise at its highest standard.

During the camp, a camp hospital, under the leadership of Paul Kennedy of the 7th Oshawa Boy Scout Troop, and with the help of District Commissioner Donald Warren, M.D., kept health at a high standard. The camp trading post was daily besieged with requests and patrons.

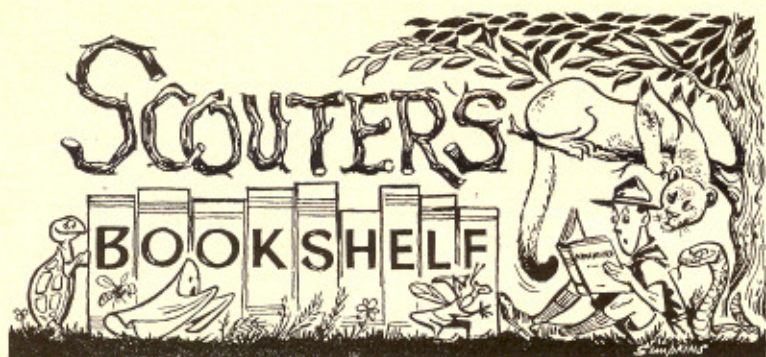
The 1955 Rendezvous will stand out among the Rendezvous of the past as a distinct mark of progress for Ontario Sea Scouting, and will provide an inspiration and directive to all future gatherings of this kind.



### Christmas Toy Repair Shops

From many parts of Canada we receive reports of Groups and Districts operating Christmas Toy Repair Shops. While the demand for this type of service is not nearly as great as it was during the depression years of the 1930's, when the Movement was praised highly for rendering a valuable service, there is still a need. It is an ideal opportunity for putting across to boys the important spirit of working to help others less fortunate. The Scout above is working in the Montreal, Que., W.A. Toy Shop which has been in continuous operation for many years. We would like to hear of your Toy Shop.





### Play by Play. "A Book of Games".

By Stanley T. Spicer. Published by The Ryerson Press Limited, Toronto, Ont. Price \$3.75.

We are happy to recommend this excellent book to Scouters. Very briefly, and in an extremely readable way, the Author takes us through a series of games for Groups, Teams and individual activity. He has dealt with the organizing of games times and periods and the laying out of fields and games areas for everything from Horseshoes which, by the way, is an excellent game in Camp, to Canadian Football. This is the kind of reference book which should be in every Troop Library and would prove of great value to Scouters as they plan games, field days and other activities for the Troop. On the other hand, it would be an excellent book to loan to your Patrol Leaders to assist them in organizing and planning of games periods with their boys.

### Salamanders and Other Wonders.

By Willy Ley. Published by The MacMillan Company of Canada Limited, Toronto, Ont. Price \$4.50.

With the emphasis we are placing on Conservation in 1956 we feel sure that Scouters will be looking for source material for yarns about Natural Science. The Author of this book is the rare combination of a painstaking scientist and one who could digest this material and present it to the layman as a fascinating story. With all the thrill of an exciting novel Mr. Ley tells us many stories including that of the human fish, abominable snowman and the furry old man of the sea. Besides that, he has taken many other fascinating features of science and brought them to life in a way which makes one not want to put down this book but, rather, go quickly on to the next story.

We recommend this book as good story reading for Scouters and excellent as a presentation piece or additional reading for those boys who are keen about Science Fiction or who simply have an enquiring mind.

**Where the Condor Nests.** By Charles Michael Dougherty. Published by The MacMillan Company of Canada Limited. Price \$2.75.

It has been said many times that many of the best novels are based upon actual experiences which the author has had. It is certainly true of this story of a photographer who joins an expedition into the mountains of Peru with the object of taking a picture of the nest of the great Condor. This alone would be enough to make a fascinating novel, but when the writer of the story finds he is involved with an infamous search for precious Inca gold we find the story becoming even more fascinating and, perhaps, more acceptable for younger readers. This is a good book to recommend to those boys in your group who are interested in obtaining their Reader's Badge.

**Any Child Can Make It.** Betty Zippin and Max Cohen. Ryerson Press. \$3.00.

Here is a book compiled by two Canadian youth workers, listing over 80 "tested easy crafts". These crafts make use of inexpensive "scrap" material such as paper bags, bottles, wood ends, clothespins, kleenex and so on. Many of the suggestions can be demonstrated and completed at a Pack meeting. Others form good projects for a Cub working on his model or for a badge. The Authors list a number of group projects and complete their book with some timely tips on doing handicraft work. The book is well illustrated by Miss Zippin.

## SCOUTING AND THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

### An Editorial

THERE seems to be a feeling in some congregations that the United Church does not sufficiently encourage the Boy Scout work. Actually the United Church is the biggest Protestant sponsor of the Boy Scouts in Canada with 544 groups enrolled, and scores of other Troops and Packs functioning, but not formally enrolled with Headquarters.

The recent Jamboree at Niagara-on-the-Lake highlighted this. There were 11,000 boys from 68 countries camped there for ten days. There was a strong religious emphasis in their programme, and the United Church had a great number of its ministers serving as chaplains.

Forty million boys have passed through the Boy Scout Movement on their way to maturity, and six million are Scouts now. The graduates in great numbers attend our Churches and are still faithful to their boyhood vows of doing their duty to God and the Queen, obeying the Scout Law and helping others at all times.

These men are potential boys' workers in our churches. And many churches have proven that you can have an effective Christ-centred Boy Scout programme in the church, if it is kept where it ought to be, under the guidance of the session. It is a big worldwide movement and stirs the boyish imagination. While many denominational programmes have to be organized, pushed, sold and have not got such a potential leadership, the Scouts go rolling along.

It is very easy to give them a polite nod, let them use the Church basement, and do nothing else for them. And it seems popular to set up a rival programme which too often toddles along, while all the little boys of the Church go off to Scouts at the school or hall, where the groups may be very secular. If handled well, it is a movement which may be used for significant Christian boys' work, and Scout Headquarters (we have found over many years) is most anxious to help.

—From *The United Church Observer*  
1st October 1955

LET'S HELP OUR SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PARENTS TO GIVE  
OUR BOYS AN INTRODUCTION TO GOOD READING HABITS



# SCOUT WIFE NOT SCOUT WIDOW

THE story you are about to hear is true. Only the names have been changed to protect the author from being scalped with a Scout axe.

Anyone who has been associated with the Movement for very long has heard the term "Scout widow". These words are delivered in varying inflections—ranging from wry humor to sarcastic bitterness. A term less usually heard is "Scout wife", but when it is heard, the inflection is a proud one. I am a Scoutmaster's wife, and through Scouting I have gained the most wonderful husband in the world. We read so much about what Scoutmasters give; has anyone said "thank-you" for what they get? We've heard and seen, too, the wives who feel that in sacrificing hours with their husbands, they are so bereaved that they must request these good men to withdraw from the Movement. Do Scoutmasters' wives everywhere, I wonder, ever think what they get back for those trifling hours they give.

This is the bread upon the waters that was returned to me.

At the conclusion of World War II, I had a weary, shy . . . and let's face it . . . slightly surly, young husband and three energetic, extroverted, crazy, mixed-up little boys. When nine-year old Davy came home with a notice about joining the Cubs seven years ago, my husband agreed in the half-hearted way of so many modern fathers.

"Sure, Mary, you take him over to the meeting Friday night. I'll stay home with Jerry and Zeke."

We pass in retrospect over a pleasant little hiatus here: sufficient to say it was filled with tears, long silences, and the million other tricks wives know so well. Davy, Jerry, Zeke, Mommy, and Daddy attended the meeting. At the call for volunteer Den Mothers, my willing hand was forcibly restrained from being wildly waved in the autumn air. From slitted lips beside me came the fierce whisper, "You have enough to do at home!" Let somebody else do it! Ah, the tragedy of those five little words, and how those same lips later learned to eat those same words in large, unpalatable chunks!

When the shooting was over, the cold hard fact became apparent that Davy couldn't be a Cub because everyone in the room had the same idea as Davy's daddy. In short, there wasn't going to

be any Cub Pack because no one would volunteer to lead it. Then was the old navy spirit aroused. Carried away with the music, my George—he of the slitted lips—was on his feet declaiming, nay pleading, to let George do it. There being no opposition, it was so ordered. And a new life began for the Swansons. After seven years of it I would not have had a minute changed. I now have a lively, outgoing even-tempered husband who was Cubmaster for two years, and has been Scoutmaster of Troop 1 for the last five years. Our sons have grown emotionally and intellectually . . . and their father-son relationship is one to make a psychiatrist stroke his beard with joy. Zeke is a Bear Cub, Jerry a Star Scout, and Davy just three badges away from Eagle. Oh yes, I got to be a Den Mother, too—for five years. It seems the ladies like to let Georgette do it! Fine, they don't know what they're missing and this way I get all the fun.

But how, asks a hollow voice from the wings, did this all happen? How does a man, practically a stranger to his own children after three years away at war, step into Scouting cold and emerge seven years later with an award-winning Troop? How does a man

who was afraid to ask the boss for a raise change into a brilliant public speaker, who fearlessly and with confidence teaches Scout training courses to community leaders? By walking along the Scouting trail, a road bordered with tears and laughter, but graced with the most beautiful landscape in the world when a whole family travels it together.

We worked together as a family to help our own special Scoutmaster to become the best Scout Leader ever. We did many things to develop our Scouting skills but the weirdest expedition of all was our venture into primitive camping. This was in preparation for the coming year when George would stop wrestling with Cubs and begin grappling with larger game, the Scouts. En masse we embarked into the wild green yonder. With a ten-year old, an eight-year old, and a five-year old, camping is a hazardous adventure at best. Nothing the Scout Movement has to offer could ever be such a test. When you add to this, a safari led by two healthy indoor types whose knowledge of nature lore is limited to knowing when to come in out of the rain, then you may look for exploring at its best and most unexpected.



What sort of Good Turn can our Scouter's Club render? Here is one answer where a group of Scouters and committeemen helped mail the T.B. Christmas Seals for their community. We can and should set the example of the Good Turn for our boys and of course there are many, many ways in which we can perform this kind of service.



Our first camp site—at 9,000 feet—was chosen so that we might camp alone and feel the wind upon our faces as we gazed at the solemn majesty of the stars. So, while more experienced campers huddled together in a communal warmth at lower elevations, we shivered in a tent that had all the comforts of Nome.

We learned other things, too. An experiment in tracking led us into the heart of a moose refuge, from which we escaped only by convincing a large, antlered beast we were a couple of visiting meese on our way to the annual convention. We emerged from outdoor cookery only less charred than the meat. But every day in every way we grew some more. (Of course, some days were more gruesome than others, and the nights were ghastly!) We learned to love our feathered friends and got acquainted with the wildlife about us. We learned to work and play together as a family, to grow closer to each other and to God.

So this is why I want to say "thank-you" to Scouting with all my heart. Now that a fourth little Swanson has joined the Troop, I'm spending summers at home for a while. When I stand in the doorway to say goodbye to my husband and thirty smartly uniformed Scouts—waving a bit under the weight of their pack frames, I wave proudly, thankfully, and with confidence. My husband is doing a good thing. He may build no skyscrapers, discover no new elements, compose no operas; the boys he leads may never stop to thank him, but because of him, they will be better men. Did I say my husband was doing a good thing? He's doing a great thing—the greatest job there is to do in the world.

—From *Scouting*, September 1955



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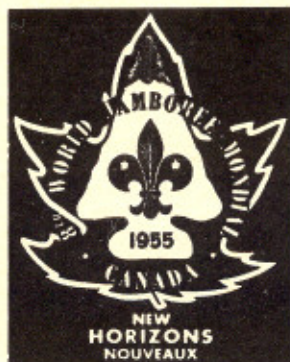
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# The 8th World Jamboree - 1955

## THE JAMBOREE OF NEW HORIZONS



An aerial view of the Jamboree Campsite looking toward the Niagara River. In the foreground and up to the riding track is the Headquarters lines to the intersection of the roads in the top right hand side of the picture. The campsite extends into the wooded area at the top right and sweeps left to cover the area to Fort George, top left. In the background is the Niagara River and on the other side the United States of America and the road leading to Fort Niagara. Lake Ontario is not shown but would be to the extreme left of the picture.

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The echoes of this great adventure in living still ring in our ears. By now, those who had the good fortune to attend the Jamboree will have told thousands of others about their experiences and already we are hearing the questions about the next Jamboree.

It was impossible for anyone at the Jamboree to see everything that was going on as every moment of every day was packed with thrilling events. We think the best way for you to hear about the Jamboree is to ask the boys and leaders who were there to tell you what they saw and did. We are sure that everyone will tell you one thing—they were impressed, inspired and thrilled with meeting so many other Brother Scouts from so many different countries and discovering that they all enjoyed many of the same things and above all their Scouting.

Now turn the pages and you will find a pictorial report on the Jamboree. It is not a precise day-by-day report but rather what you may remember or what you might have thrilled to had you been there at Niagara-on-the-Lake from August 18th to 28th, 1955.



## The Arrival

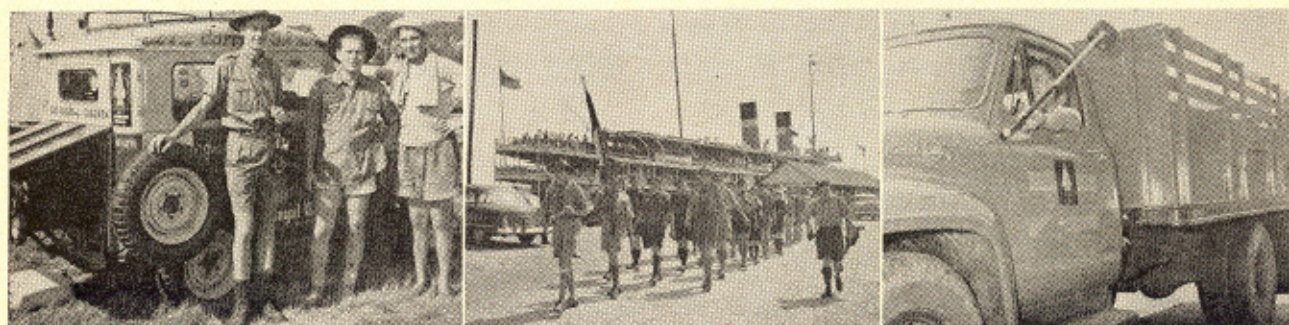
Jamboree Scouts came from every part of Canada and seventy other countries and colonies to camp at historic Niagara-on-the-Lake—the site of Canada's first Capital. Many of them came early and enjoyed the hospitality of Canadian Scout homes prior to the arrival at the Jamboree. From the United Kingdom and France boys flew the Atlantic in the biggest Scouting air-lift in the history of the Movement.



Boys from France helped by their brother Scouts to unload the baggage cars attached to their trains which brought them from Quebec to Niagara. Trains were packed with Scouts coming from many points. The group on the right are Canadian Scouts from Charlottetown, P.E.I., who flew, by courtesy of the R.C.A.F., from their island home to St. John, N.B., to join the Maritime contingent. One Rover Scout came by bicycle from Calgary—1760 miles.



British West Indies boys had a wonderful time on their busses, we heard, as did this French Scout, centre, who can hardly wait to get off to meet his new friends. On the right is a picture of the Italian boys being welcomed on board their ship as they sailed from home for Canada. Reduced train rates were given Jamboree Scouts by the Canadian Passenger Association. Special trains arrived from North, East, South and West bringing happy Scouts and Scouters.



These fellows came all the way from Brazil in this Jeep and their log of the journey will be a prized possession for many years. In the centre you see part of the United Kingdom contingent as they marched smartly away from their ship—the S.S. Cayuga which had brought them across Lake Ontario from Toronto. Baggage and personal gear was moved swiftly by trucks and cars loaned to the Association by the Ford Motor Company Limited.



## Settling In

The Jamboree campsite was divided into ten Sub-Camps, each staffed and containing contingents from Canada's Provinces. They were, Atlantic (Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island), Bonnaventure (Quebec) Alouette (La Federation des Scouts Catholiques de la Province de Quebec) St. Lawrence, Hudson Bay, Great Lakes, Timberlands (Ontario) Prairie (Manitoba and Saskatchewan), Rocky Mountain (Alberta) Pacific (British Columbia and the Yukon). The other contingents were allocated to these Sub-Camps prior to the Jamboree and knew in advance where they would be camping.

You would have thrilled to see all these boys from near and far moving surely with the familiar pattern of settling in to camp. The happy chatter in many languages and the piercing laughter from everywhere mingled with the thud of axes and tent mallets. Like Scout Simon Van Proosdy of Curacao, Dutch West Indies, you would have loved every moment of this day.



On the left, boys of the French contingent packed spars, cut weeks before by Rover Scouts in Ontario, to their site for gateways and displays. In the centre are a group of Canadian Scouts working on a gateway and on the right Dutch Sea Scouts and others carry their gear to their campsite. Everyone was happily busy even if it was hot!



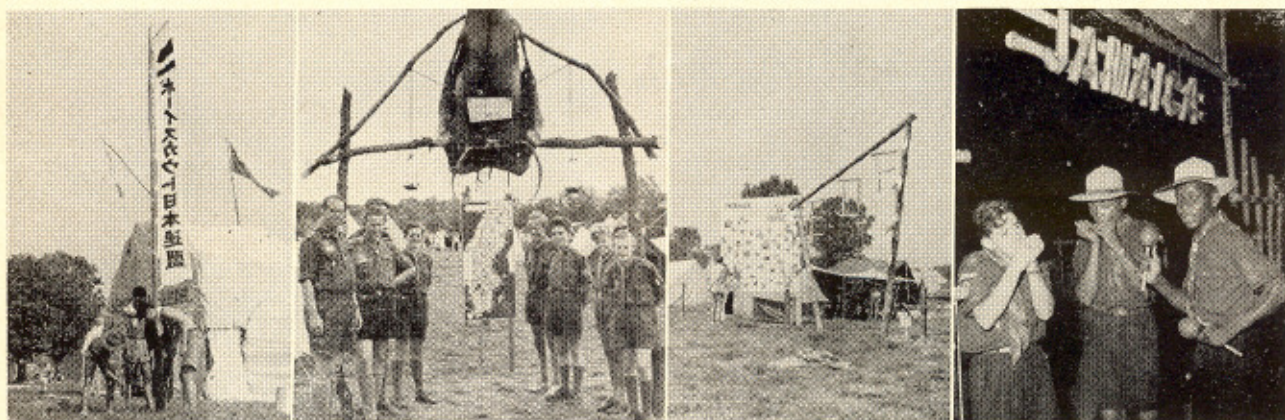
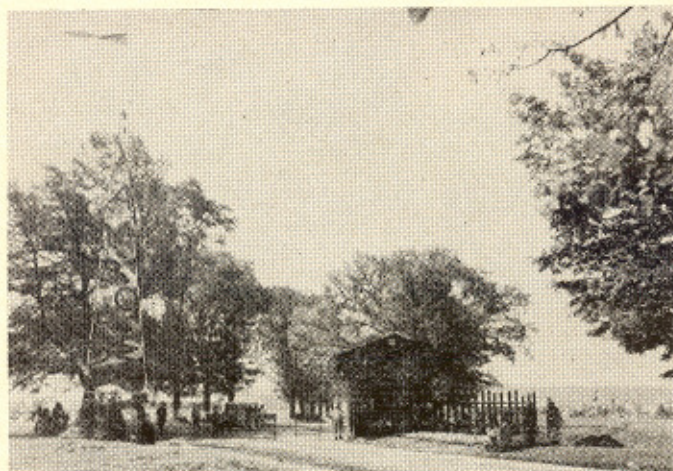
When they ran into a gully in the middle of their campsite, these Ontario Scouts did not even pause for breath. They built a bridge and when later one of their friends lost his wallet, they charged a toll of 5c until they raised the missing \$42.00 to fill the wallet again. The centre photo shows U.K. boys with some of their many crates and on the right a familiar scene of lashing for comfort. One felt that most of the Scouts were capable of setting up camp anywhere.



## Gateways

One thing everyone who attends a Jamboree looks forward to seeing is what the other fellows are going to do about a Gateway. There were many excellent ones at the 8th World Jamboree and you could always find a group about the gateways taking pictures. Below are a few of the many contingent gateways that dotted the campsite.

The main Gateway of the Jamboree featured the Theme of NEW HORIZONS. On the right is a Blockhouse, and a stockade, emblematic of the pioneer past of our country and in which many peoples from the old lands lived as they shaped a new country. Then there are streamers (hardly visible in the picture) which sweep up in an arc to the Hydro Tower with its JAMBOREE letters pointing upward to the New Horizons we hope this Jamboree in Canada will spark. The Niagara Parks Commission co-operated with the Association in putting in colourful flower beds and small trees to enhance the display. Over 300,000 visitors and many thousands of Scouts passed through this gateway in the ten-day period.



On the left, Scouts from Japan constructed a popular entrance for their campsite. The Swedes told the story of their northland in their gateway while in the next picture you see one of the French (E.D.F.) gateways which was a picture story of their part of France. On the right is a photo of the Jamaica gateway where this popular group met hundreds of Scout and civilian visitors anxious to hear their stories and music.

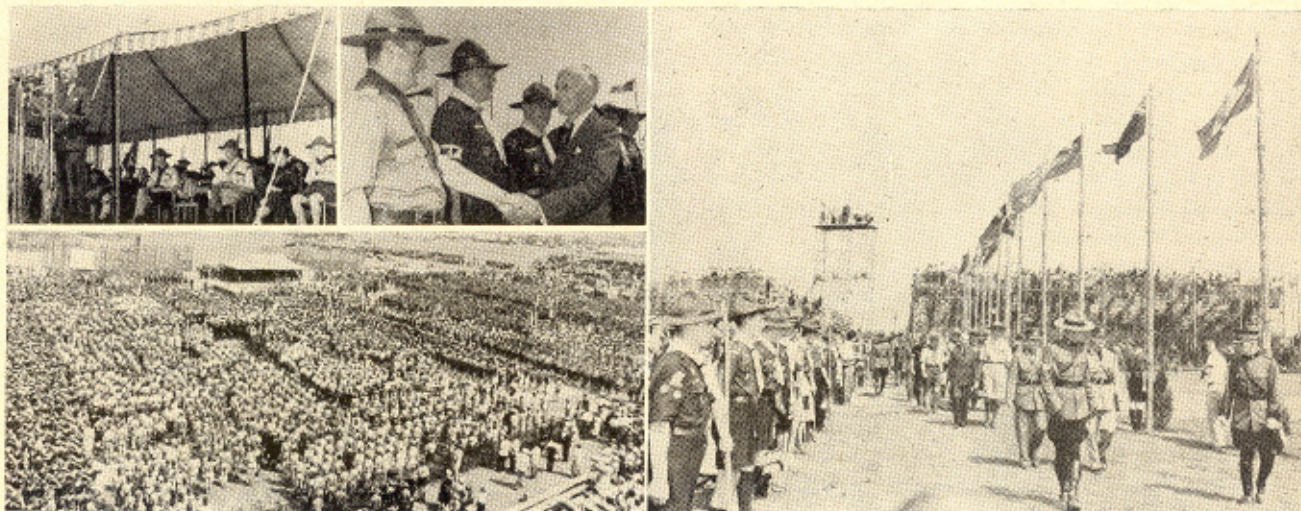


All of the Sub Camp gateways were good but unfortunately there is not space to show them here. The Newfoundland contingent welcome visitors through the rugged entrance seen on the left while their opposite numbers in British Columbia presented colourful and authentic Totem Poles in their gateway. Quebec went back into its history for their gateway featuring the Romance of the Canadian Canoe.



# Official Opening Day

One thing you will or would never have forgotten on this day was the terrific heat. Like the two Eskimo boys from Aklavik, shown at the right, you would have wished for a cooler day for a march past. But in the thrill of the pageantry you would have quickly pushed this annoyance aside.



The Arena was packed with the smartly turned out contingents who listened to our Chief Scout speak briefly to open the Jamboree. With His Excellency on the platform can be seen Maj.-Gen. D. C. Spry, Lady Baden-Powell, Col. John Wilson, Honorary President of the International Bureau, and Mr. Jackson Dodds. Later the Chief Scout spoke to the Sub Camp Chiefs and our International Commissioner, Mr. Earle Moore (extreme left). He then moved down through the flag plaza and an honour guard to the saluting base on the main roadway.



You could not help but be thrilled as the thousands of Scouts marched smartly past our Chief Scout. 3,000 Canadians wheeled by and a very neat 1,500 Boy Scouts of America. Outstanding was the boy from Belgium who whirled his flag as he passed along the roadway. It was a thrilling and moving hour in Scouting history.



Then one boy from every contingent at the Jamboree joined forces to present this picture taken at the floral First Class Scout Badge display in the Flag plaza. How many countries can you pick out?





# Jamboreeing

Without a doubt the most interesting and thrilling part of any Jamboree is meeting other Scouts and comparing and discussing everything from Scouting to what you eat. The signposts, like the one on the right, directed Scouts to services and there was little need for words as can be seen.

These signposts were prepared for the Jamboree by Rover Scouts of the Province of Ontario with the help of an aircraft manufacturing firm who provided much of the materials. With such clear direction everyone moved easily about the campsite without having to ask many questions. This was most important as there were only 8 more days to fill with the fun and comradeship of meeting others.



Perhaps, like the Chief Scout and his party, and Mr. El. Boyaner, Deputy Camp Chief (extreme left), you would have had tea in Prairie Sub Camp Prairie headquarters, or paused at the New Zealand Gateway to be entertained by their dances and games. If you were a Cub you might have had a ride on the "bucking bronco" rigged up by Scouts from Texas, or you might have paused to talk to French Handicapped Scouts as they washed dishes. The Canteens were always crowded and you might have met a Scout from Curacao and together gone on to watch Scouts from the Philippines perform in their campsite.



You may have enjoyed a pot roast in the lines or perhaps in all that heat, if you were a Jamboree Scout or Scouter, you would have headed for the showers to meet. Later, you might have been a welcome visitor to the Pakistan site where you shared a meal with these Scouts. Whatever you did it was fun meeting others.



# Duty to God at the Jamboree

The first part of the Scout Promise everywhere is Duty to God and Jamboree Scouts amazed even their religious leaders with their devotion. On Sunday, and indeed every day, Scouts of every faith worshipped and gave thanks to their God in organized services and individually. It was moving to see so many putting Duty to God into action.



In beautiful natural surroundings, Scouts kneel in prayer. Many others, and perhaps some of these boys, attended services in churches in the surrounding countryside or at altars set up on the campsite throughout the Jamboree.



Perhaps later in the day you would have gone to the arena to see the variety show or visited the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake who declared Sunday an "at home" day to the Scouts. In town perhaps you visited the Scouts on Stamps convention and saw the story of the special Canadian 5c stamp issued to commemorate the Jamboree.



These fellows who drove up from Mexico were interviewed by the CBC and the programme sent to their hometown station. The CBC covered the Jamboree in 21 languages, air-expressing 92 programmes to 34 countries plus a multitude of other broadcasts and special overseas productions. At home, they did 21 broadcasts and 4 hours and 11 minutes of TV programmes. Perhaps you visited the other campsites to hear their music and songs or just joined with a group of new friends to visit Niagara or go water skiing or swimming.



## What They Did

There was never a problem of what to do while in camp. As a matter of fact there was so much going on it was hard to find enough time which is just what boys enjoy.

You may have visited the Post Office which was set up on the site with a branch in each of the four Large Canteens. They sold over 500,000 stamps many of them the special 5c Commemorative. Or you may have visited the Branch of the Bank of Montreal which was prepared to handle any foreign exchange problem and make the exchange immediately. Many Scouts opened accounts for their stay at the Jamboree rather than carry too much money around. Particularly if you were from another land, you would have spent time and money in the Trading Posts where there was uniforms, equipment and a special section for books. You probably met some new friends there as these Trading Posts were always crowded. If you were a foreign Scout you would have found it interesting to hear about Canada's Wolf Cub programme and other things from the men and lady Scouters who served you in Canteens and Trading Posts.



There was swapping of *everything*, or perhaps you took a liking to the hobby tent and then found yourself making a pair of mocassins. You may have been invited to one of the contingent parties like this Cuban, one where they served roast pig burgers. There was always a crowd around the Trinidad Steel Drum band who made beautiful music and then Jamaica's Scouts and Scouters displayed their limbo dance and finally you may have been invited to a cup of coffee in the American lines.



In the evening you would probably have been among the 10,000 to 15,000 people who rushed to the arena to see the contingent displays. On the left is a scene from Cuba's Mardi Gras show, in the centre one of the highlights of the Canadian show—the Musical Ride, on the right is the finale to the French show which was certainly one of the best.



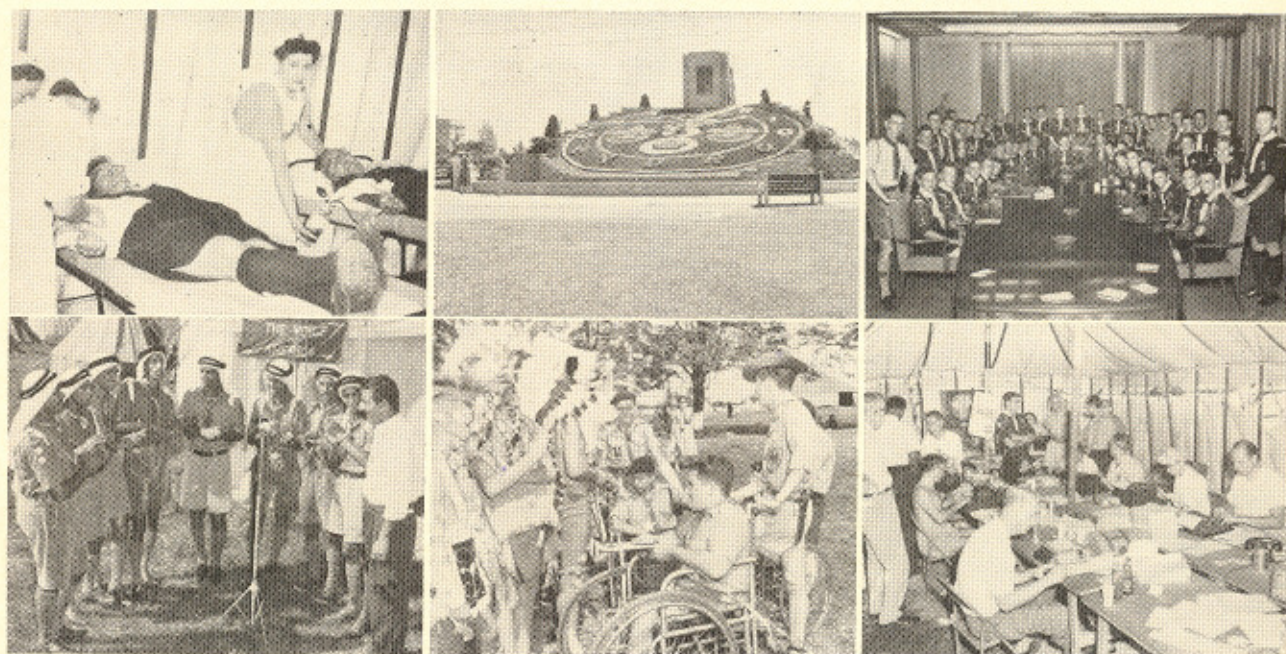
## What They Did

You may not have realized it at the moment but behind the lines, so to speak, was an administrative group dealing with records and answering many questions. Sub Camp Chiefs were meeting daily to deal with policy matters and to ensure that every boy was having the best time possible. The Department of National Defence made sure that their facilities and army stores were made available to the hard working group of men assigned to look after equipment on the campsite.

If you wanted to call home from the Jamboree, yes anywhere home was, then all you had to do was visit the Bell Telephone Centre. There you would be met by a willing Bell employee who would help you to place your call. Besides this tremendous service there were miles and miles of telephone cable laid in the site to handle the inter-camp communication system. Several calls were made to Europe.



When you left camp, perhaps you enjoyed a ride on a Sea Scout ship or a Canadian Navy Fairmile up the Niagara River or you may have visited old Fort George where Scouts from Toronto put on a display of Trooping the Colours with authentic costumes of the 1812-14 era. Or perhaps you visited Niagara Falls and the many other features of this world famous resort area. As a Canadian you would be proud to show your guests the sites.



If you were in camp and were a Sub Camp Chief, like Mr. Middlebro of Sub Camp Great Lakes shown here (left) you may have taken time to donate some of your blood to a mobile Red Cross unit. You may have visited the famous Hydro Floral Clock with its Scouting motif. If you were one of the Bank of Nova Scotia Essay contest winners you would have enjoyed a day in Toronto as guest of the bank and sat in a Director's chair. Boys from Kuwait discovered that the Voice of America wanted to make a broadcast of their adventures to send home while the Handicapped boys from France asked to be taken over to meet some of the American Scouts putting on their Indian Dances in full costume. In camp you may have visited the busy Press Room where you would have learned that there were close to 400 press, radio, TV, and newsreel representatives from all corners of the globe registered. Canadian National and Pacific Telegraphs set up a special station on the site staffed by 6 operators with four circuits. Besides this operation there was the *Jamboree Journal* published daily and edited in Camp. This 16-20 page bilingual tabloid size publication proved very popular and many bound editions were sold.



## Camp Services



Of course there were many services which you might never have seen but you knew they were there and all functioning with one thought uppermost in the minds of those in charge—to make sure everyone had a good time.

If you were one of the group Scouters from Canada or anywhere else you probably found it inspiring to work and play with so many other adults who were there to make sure the Scouts had the best possible Jamboree. Paying your own way to such a gathering where you worked as hard or harder than ever before was worth every minute of it for the adventure. Perhaps you met our Camp Chief who said "Thank You" for everyone and that was enough coming from this great SCOUT and man so dedicated to his responsibilities as Camp Chief.

The boys enjoyed visits to surrounding peach and other farms where they enjoyed the fresh fruit in season like the two boys at the left who almost ate too many ripe peaches. Every day found a Service Club or some other Group asking for permission to entertain the boys and their leaders.



A security force was established within the grounds and outside to control the terrific traffic problems and maintain general good order among the more than 300,000 people who visited the site. Here is a Rover Scout policeman, an R.C.M.P. constable and a motorcycle Provincial police constable. A fully staffed Tri-Service hospital was set up for the Jamboree and dental care was included. On the right is one of the boys who was overcome with the heat resting in hospital taking time to write home. Army, Navy and Air Force doctors, nurses and orderlies gave efficient service.



There was food to be unloaded from the big trailer trucks carrying supplies to feed the thousands of boys and of course, sooner or later it was your time to peel the potatoes and prepare dinner perhaps for boys from 5 countries. You may have come upon these American Scouts popping corn in aluminum foil.



# At the Canadian National Exhibition

Opening Day at the Canadian National Exhibition, the largest annual fair in the world, was International Boy Scout Day. Most of the Jamboree Scouts were moved in one operation from Niagara to Toronto to be there by 11.00 a.m. It is about 100 miles and there were over 9,000 people to be moved!

Once again the Transport and Movement Control division went into action with buses, trains, cars, and the S.S. "Cayuga" which carried 1800 passengers across Lake Ontario. The Exhibition officials provided each "Scout" visitor with a noon meal and Toronto Scouting looked after a snack meal in the early morning.

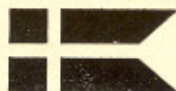


With the help of bands like the Toronto Region Bugle Band, the Scouts wheeled smartly through the Prince's Gate into the Exhibition grounds where they marched past Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout for the British Commonwealth and Empire. Later Lord Rowallan opened the exhibition as our Founder had done many years ago. Listening to him is Mr. Rhys M. Sale, President of the Canadian General Council, Mrs. Sale and their guest, Air Commodore Hardy. The boys had a wonderful time seeing the exhibition and thrilled to the statue of B.P. in butter. It was an exhausting day but a thrilling memory for Jamboree Scouts.

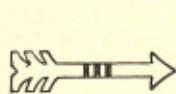
As one stood looking at the statue of our Founder, we knew that this Jamboree marked "a big step forward in the promotion of that new and much-needed spirit of broad-minded goodwill in place of the old-time narrow prejudices and jealousies".



1st—Olympia, England 1920



2nd—Ermelunden, Denmark 1924



3rd—Arrowee Park, England 1929



4th—Codollo, Hungary 1933



5th—Vogelensang-Bloemendaal Holland, 1937



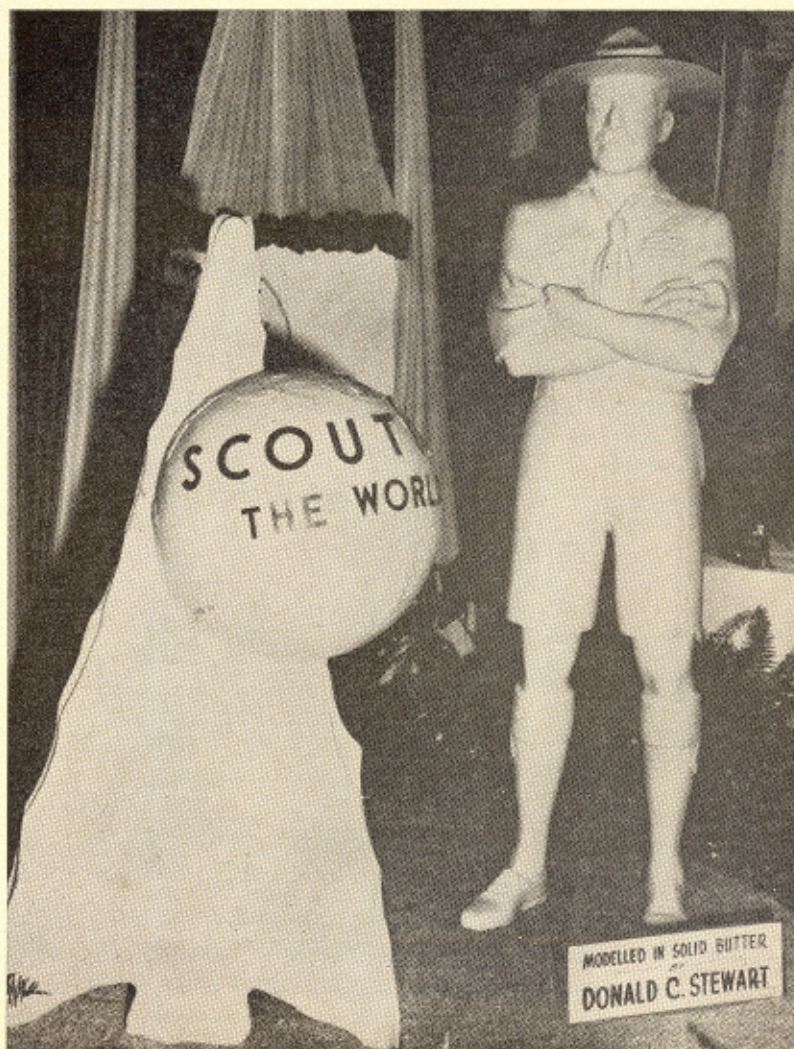
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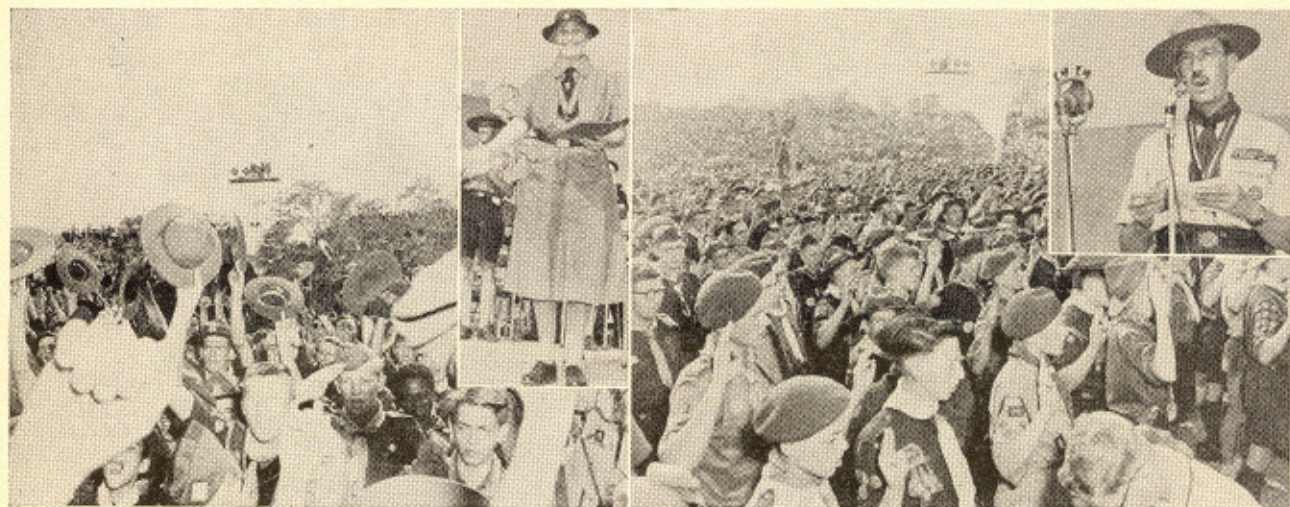
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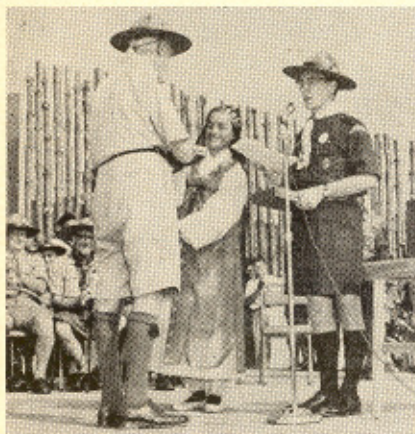


## Closing Day

Almost before you knew it the days slipped by and it was time to close the 8th World Jamboree. As the Jamboree Scouts moved into the arena with new friends, their happy chatter and laughter was even merrier than it had been on August 18th. Here indeed was the Brotherhood of Scouts in Action—a living United Nations.



In one thrilling moment Lady Baden-Powell stepped forward to speak to the Scouts and as one man they rose, cheered her, threw their hats into the air and cheered again. What a wonderful moment in this boy tribute to our beloved Lady B.P. Then Maj.-Gen. D. C. Spry, Director of the International Bureau, stepped forward and in a few words closed the Jamboree and asked every Scout to repeat the Scout Promise in his own language.



The Camp Chief, Mr. Jackson Dodds, C.B.E., Deputy Chief Scout for Canada, presented each contingent leader with a plaque to take home. He too received a tremendous ovation for his outstanding and inspiring leadership of the Jamboree. Then the Scouts and Scouters linked arms and singing Auld Lang Syne, moved out of the arena. Finally there was the packing for home and the charges to remember to write and keep the flame of friendship burning bright for many years to come.



The Jamboree is over but the memories of this milestone in Canadian History will be ours forever.



# Who was There

## Countries Represented at the 8th World Jamboree

Armenia .....	7	Columbia .....	27	—Nevis .....	
Australia .....	35	Cuba .....	114	—British Virgin Islands .....	
Austria .....	5	Curacao .....	24	Liechtenstein .....	2
Bahamas .....	37	Denmark .....	14	Luxembourg .....	9
Barbados .....	9	Dominican Republic .....	7	Malta .....	1
Belgium .....	54	Eire .....	1	Mexico .....	73
Bermuda .....	19	Egypt .....	1	Netherlands .....	70
Borneo .....	1	Finland .....	9	New Zealand .....	9
Brazil .....	15	France .....	1,045	Nicaragua .....	1
British Guiana .....	19	—Lux. La Fed. .....		Norway .....	5
Burma .....	3	—Martinique .....		Philippines .....	22
Cambodia .....	2	—Sarr .....		Pakistan .....	24
Canada .....		Germany .....	110	South Africa .....	18
—La Federation .....	510	Greece .....	6	Suriname .....	18
—Nova Scotia .....	307	Guatemala .....	5	Sweden .....	53
—P.E.I. .....	61	India .....	15	Switzerland .....	49
—New Brunswick .....	229	Haiti .....	26	Syria .....	1
—Newfoundland .....	149	Iran .....	1	Trinidad and Tobago .....	23
—Quebec .....	413	Ireland .....	4	Venezuela .....	65
—Western Ontario .....	439	Israel .....	9	Windward Islands .....	7
—Central Ontario .....	313	Italy .....	88	—St. Vincent, Dominico .....	
—N. and E. Ontario .....	579	Jamaica .....	66	and Grenada .....	
—S.C. Ontario .....	489	Japan .....	14	United Kingdom .....	981
—Toronto .....	452	Korea .....	1	—Southern Rhodesia .....	
—B.C. and Yukon .....	577	Kuwait .....	8	United Nations .....	2
—Saskatchewan .....	244	Lebanon .....	10	United States of America .....	1,561
—Man. and N.W. Ontario .....	271	Leeward Islands .....	8	Total countries and colonies .....	
—Alberta and N.W.T. .....	425	—Monserratt .....		at Jamboree .....	71
China .....	7	—Antigua .....		Total of Sub Camps .....	10,282
Canal Zone .....	2	—St. Kitts .....		Headquarters Staff .....	857
Ceylon .....	2			Total Jamboree Nos. ....	11,139



## 2nd Canadian Rover Moot

So far only a very few details are available on this important event in Canadian Rovering but we know you will want to have your Crew represented at the Moot.

Plan now to take a party to beautiful New Brunswick next Summer!

**PLACE:** Somewhere in Southern New Brunswick.

**DATES:** Not definite but around the Labour Day week-end in August-September, 1956.

**CAMP FEE:** \$3.00 (Rover Scouts to come self contained).

**CAMP CHIEF:** Mr. Eli Boyaner (left) Provincial Commissioner for New Brunswick.