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306 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa 4, Ontario.Scoutmaster Jack Young,
2nd Shale Falls Troop.

Dear Jack:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the programme for the Parents' Night which you are holding in commemoration of our Founder's Birthday. You have wisely included a number of items in which the boys are being given an opportunity to demonstrate to their parents the things they learn in Scouting. That is the sort of thing the parents want to see and I am glad to know that you have picked some games in which the Dads are participating. All that helps to develop the family idea in Scouting.

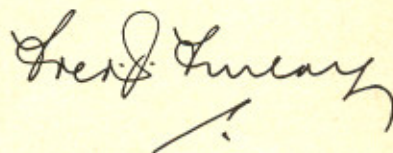
Doesn't it give you a thrill to realize that Scouts all over the world will be gathered together during the week of February 21st to do honour to the memory of our Founder! It is wonderful to think that the spirit of B.-P., so essential to our Movement, is being kept alive by those who have followed him in the great game of Scouting. Just the other day I received a letter from an old Scouter in Queensland, Australia, who, back in 1913, was Scoutmaster of the First Sea Scout Troop in Vancouver. In the closing paragraph of his letter he said "My final thought is this. I am constantly filled with amazement as I come in contact with hundreds of Scouters, men and women who have never had the opportunity of personal contact and inspiration from B.-P. as I had and yet they carry on doing a grand job in helping to keep the Boy Scout Movement as moving and as virile as ever". Doesn't that make you proud to belong?

You asked me for something in the way of a yarn in connection with your Parents' Night. Why not tell them

about that historic occasion when B.-P. closed the "Coming of Age" Jamboree at Arrowe Park, England? You will recall that there were 30,000 Scouts present at this great event from 33 parts of the British Commonwealth and from 41 other countries. In the farewell March Past they were 25 abreast, all nationalities mixed together and as they approached B.-P., who stood on a small dais, they formed the hub of a living wheel with 21 spokes representing the number of years that Scouting had been in existence. The old Chief took a hatchet in his hand and raising it above his head he buried it in a piece of wood and spoke these words: "Here is the hatchet of war, of enmity, of bad feeling, which I now bury. From all corners of the earth you have journeyed to this great gathering of world fellowship and brotherhood. Today I send you out from Arrowe to all the world, bearing my symbol of peace and fellowship each one of you my ambassador bearing my message of love and fellowship on the wings of sacrifice and service, to the ends of the earth. From now on the Scout symbol of peace is the golden arrow. Carry it fast and far, so that all men may know the brotherhood of man".

Warmest greetings to Betty and the children and every good wish to you for a successful year of Scouting.

Sincerely yours,



Chief Executive Commissioner.

COVER PICTURE

This popular picture of our Founder was taken on the steps of Pax Hill, his residence in England. B.-P. was very attached to his home in Pax Hill and in a typical gesture he gave it to the Association in his Will. It is presently being used as a hostel for Girl Guides.

February 22nd is our Founder's birthday and it is hoped that most Groups throughout our country will plan a special event to mark this date. Above all remember to tell your boys the exciting story of Lord Baden-Powell and how he gave the world the game of Scouting for Boys.



Dear Sir:

The Scout Leader arrived the day of our Area Scouters (Cub) Council so I tried out the tune: "I'm Happy When I'm Wandering" (November Scout Leader) and fitted the following words:

"Tramp, tramp, etc.

I'm happy with the Cub Pack

In Akela's Den.

I'm happy when I'm Cubbing,

With Rambles now and then.

Out in the open country,

That's the place for me,

With a real Cub friend,

To the Jungle's end,

10, 20, 30, 40 grins along the way.

Tramp, tramp, tramp".

It went over very well with the 26 Leaders present. I also had my Assistant read aloud "Letting in the Jungle". I am just passing this on to you to let you see we do make use of such good articles.

(Mrs.) Dorothy Collins,
(Dunbar-Pt. Grey).

• It is always interesting to hear how material from THE SCOUT LEADER is applied in different groups.

Dear Sir:

I wonder how other Scouters feel about "closed" Troops and Packs? (Groups sponsored by a Church, where only boys of that same denomination are admitted as members.) Arguments in favour of such restriction are:

1. Privilege and prerogative of the sponsoring institution which provides facilities, equipment and leadership and that results in stronger support of Scouting by the people of that Church, if their own boys are concerned.

2. An inducement to other denominations to act as sponsoring bodies and develop Scouting among their own congregations, instead of other youth organizations.

3. A closer tie between Church and Scouts, better co-operation and emphasis on Duty to God, religious influence, Religion and Life award, etc.

4. A safeguard that there is always room for the boys of that Church. Others can join "open" or community groups.

Here is the other side: Boys are usually attracted to Scouting through their best

friends and prospect of fun, adventure and badge-training. Supposing a boy brings his best friend to join, and he is asked about his Church affiliation, then told: "Sorry, we admit only boys of our own denomination—you're different—go to your own Church—you're excluded!" Doesn't that smack of religious prejudice, intolerance and narrowmindedness? Won't that start boys thinking along the path of prejudice and discrimination? Boys don't make such qualifications for membership in their own natural gangs. Should we sow the seed of distrust and bigotry?

Are closed groups in accord with the Founder's slogan: "Look Wide and the 4th Law of brotherhood, irrespective of creed, which is part of each Scout's Promise? Should a boy go away and say: "I wasn't wanted in Scouts, because I wasn't an Anglican!"

Isn't there a selfish motive, when a Church will only cater to boys of its congregation and ignore boys who may not belong to any Church and perhaps need Scouting more than the others? Isn't here a lost opportunity to bring the un-Churched youth under her influence and to provide community-service by reaching those boys who may become juvenile delinquents through lack of proper leadership, guidance, programme and meeting-place?

Do Canadian Scouters desire such arbitrary division of boys into Anglican Scouts, Presbyterian Scouts, Baptist Scouts, etc., as is customary in some countries? Or do they favour wide open or at least "controlled" groups, where no boy is denied a chance to belong but is welcomed into the Movement regardless of creed?

We want natural gangs as patrols, if possible. Boys at school or on the street don't play just with Presbyterian or just with Anglicans! So is such distinction wise and justified, if it means breaking up these friendship circles in favour of denominational cliques? Is it the Spirit of Scouting to emphasize such differences? Is it a case of "NO ROOM AT THE INN" or Scouting for ALL boys?

Sincerely,
Bud Jacobi, D.S.M.,
St. Catharines, Ont.

• We know of very few "closed"

groups in Canada. Some of the statements in your letter are certainly open to argument and that is one of the reasons for publishing it here. What do you think, Scouters? Would you care to answer Mr. Jacobi?

Dear Mr. Beers:

I want first to tell you how much we enjoy The Scout Leader. We have found many ideas and considerable inspiration in your excellent periodical. Many thanks for your fine work.

We thought we should like, in some small way, to repay these good turns with one of our own. Namely, to pass on to others some of the methods employed by us to get and maintain parental co-operation. Some ideas are old; one or two may have had their origin with us. Kim and I have put them together thinking they may be useful to (a) a harassed editor, (b) one or two frustrated leaders, (c) any person interested.

Thanking you again for your many good turns.

Yours truly,

A. C. Kilb,

Cubmaster, 7th Galt, Ontario, Pack.

• Thanks for the ideas which we have printed on Page 115. We feel sure other Scouters will welcome some of your suggestions.

Dear Sir,

I have been thinking about sponsoring about 4 Boy Scouts from overseas to the World Jamboree.

Would you kindly give me some more information in this matter and also when the money is required.

I would sponsor 1 Scout from Denmark, 1 from Germany, 1 from Scotland and 1 from England.

Hans Nielsen,
Vancouver, B.C.

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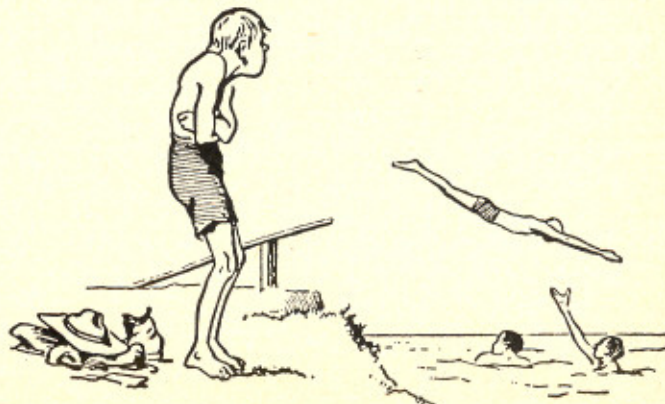
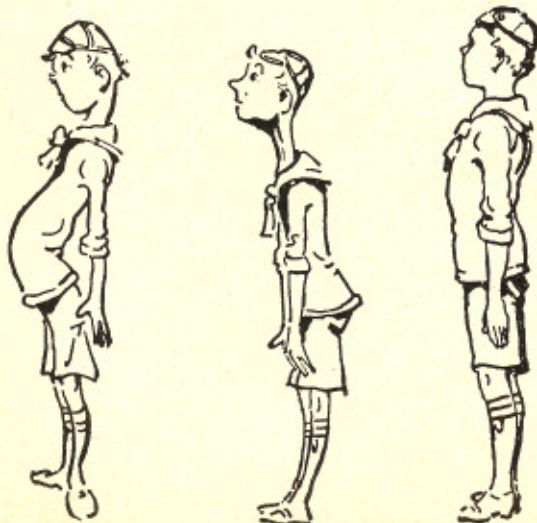
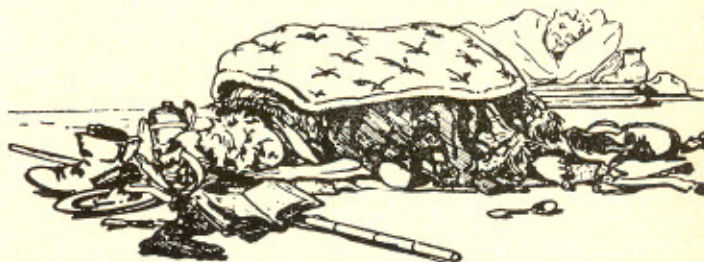
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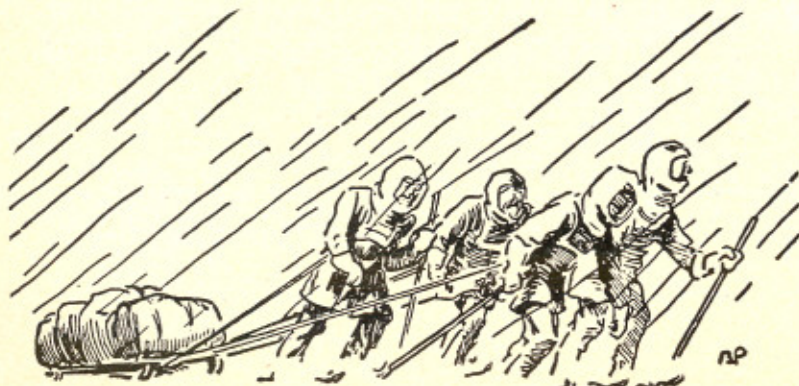
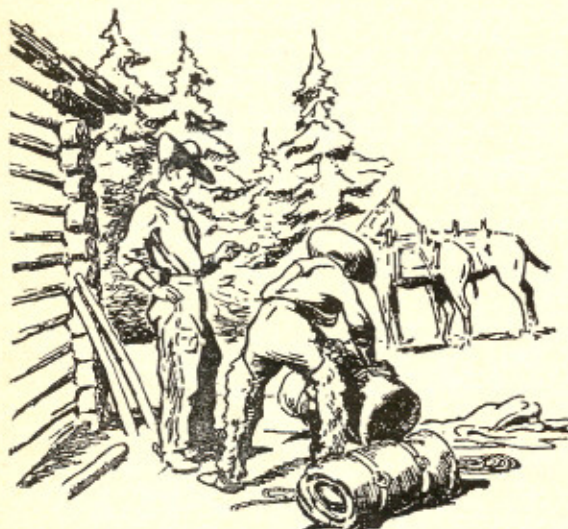
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EDITORIAL

Throughout our country this month, Scouters will be telling the story of our founder and the way he gave to the world the game of Scouting for Boys. In thinking about this great man, you might enjoy looking over this collection of his sketches which reveal much of his character. There are many others, of course, but space allows only a few to be reproduced here and it must be admitted that they are among your Editor's favourites. If you want to see more of them and revel in B.P.'s sketches, do look through *Scouting for Boys*, and his other books.



Lord Baden-Powell thoroughly enjoyed his visits to Canada. Here are a few self sketches he made pointing out some of the special features of our country in which he saw Scouting Adventure.



Do tell your boys the story of Lord Baden-Powell and then take them out into the adventure land of Winter Scouting. You can be sure that had he been a Scoutmaster in Canada his boys would be bucking the Winter winds shown in this sketch.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

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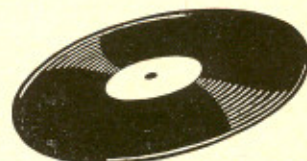
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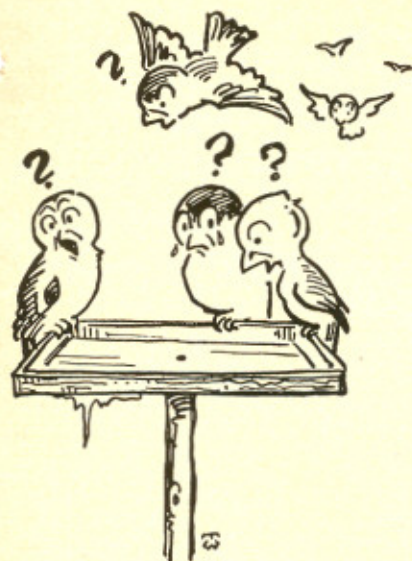
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Bird-Watching Can Be Fun

By JOHN T. MacMURCHY

Once again we are happy to welcome the author of this article as a contributor to *The Scout Leader*. Mr. MacMurchy is an active writer and outdoorsman who has taken a keen interest in the Scout programme in his own community of Collingwood, Ont. If you are looking for a fascinating hobby for yourself or something different to introduce to your boys, you will find interesting reading here.

CANADA is blessed with a year-round programme of seasonal sports. So wide is the variety that a number of these, baseball, rugby and hockey, for example, overlap before the respective season has been completed. It is not my intention to say whether this is right or wrong, good or bad, or just plain confusing, because we are interested in each one of them and to each we devote a certain amount of time.

With sporting events playing such a prominent part in everyday life, it would seem that only a small portion of the few leisure hours in the day are available for other interests, such as club work and hobbies. But, fortunately, this is not the case, or else clubs and hobbies would be something mentioned only in history books.

I know a number of men, who, besides being active in civic affairs and fraternities, find time to devote several hours of each week to an interesting and profitable hobby. That hobby is bird-watching. It is interesting as a game is interesting, and profitable, not in dollars and cents, but in knowledge and health. Our modern mode of living requires us to spend a large part of each day indoors and one way of obtaining the daily required amount of sunshine and fresh air is to follow this trail.

From time to time a new or different hobby pops up and we become enthusiastic as can be about it, but usually we have to pass it up because of the expense involved. But such is not the case with bird-watching. All that is needed is a pencil, a pad and a good pair of eyes. The rest is up to you.

To start with, the forementioned articles are sufficient to make a certain amount of headway. A good bird book is a valuable asset, but until such time

as the money for such a purchase is available, a person can get by with a scrap book of bird pictures and descriptions clipped from periodicals, calendars and newspapers. After a good book becomes a part of the equipment, a person interested in this pastime can save his money and add a pair of field-glasses to his collection of accessories, and later on, as time and money provide, a camera can be added and a new avenue of the hobby opened up.

But all this stuff isn't needed to begin. With a pencil and pad you can identify and record the arrival of the birds in the spring as they head for their nesting grounds. When they return in the fall on their way to the south you can note if their number is greater in strength or smaller than the spring movement. Over the years you can check the dates of the arrivals and departures and note the variations.

As you pay closer attention to our feathered friends, you begin to notice birds you have never seen before. They always dropped by each year but they are shyer than some and you were too busy to look for them. When this happens your interest becomes keener and the hobby more interesting. And the beauty of it all is that you don't have to go any farther than your own backyard or the corner park to carry out your observations.

One point I would like to put across is that bird-watching is not a sissy game. Far from it. The hobby requires patience, stamina and the will to win. It demands keen attention and sharp intelligence, plus a good memory. Many hunters, guides, trappers, game wardens and countless other people in all walks of life swell the ranks of the bird-watchers and they enjoy every minute of the hobby.

I enjoy hunting and fishing—and I do a lot of both—and I can combine bird-watching with both. It adds something different to the otherwise routine trips to the woods and waterways. Quite often the sight of a rarely seen bird far overshadows the catch of the day, both in value and memory, because a fish caught today is gone very shortly while the memory of the clear view of the antics of a mother duck and her brood or some other woodland or shore family, will long linger in your memory.

If you are fortunate enough to be living near the outskirts of a town or city, you are no doubt familiar with the nesting habits of the more common and therefore bolder birds. Still, a great many people gain many pleasant and relaxing minutes watching the parent robins rearing their young. The farther you go from the towns and cities, greater sights present themselves more frequently, and as you progress with your hobby you can more readily take advantage of trips to the country and thereby record greater finds.

The pleasure that all men and boys can derive from bird-watching is unlimited and it is free for the taking. It offers not only a greater store of knowledge and a greater appreciation of our wonderful Dominion, but it also offers tonic for our health and souls that can only be found while walking and searching in the great outdoors that a generous Creator has given us to enjoy.

If you once begin the hobby of bird-watching you will always be a bird-watcher. It is so fascinating that your interest will increase as you grow older and you will find that, unlike other outdoor sports, you will never be too old to be a bird-watcher.



The Good Turn in the Life of the Pack

By F. BOWER CARTY

Assistant District Commissioner,
Ottawa, Ont.

It is most important that we continue to stress the importance of the Good Turn in Pack, Troop and Crew. Here an experienced Scouter gives a few ideas which it is hoped you will find useful.

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

How effective have we Pack Scouters been in putting across to our Cubs the good turn—that practical expression of the basic principles of good citizenship which has become to the public almost a trade mark of the Scout movement? We strive for a lasting habit and attitude of mind, and, if we do our job well, what a force for unselfishness and thoughtfulness for others we unleash. But we must recognize the possibility that when the words have been learned and the Promise made, the seedling of enthusiastic idealism we have planted at the time of the Cub's investiture may be crowded out by the new wonders that compete daily for his attention. Throughout his whole life in the Pack we must continue to make use of the good turn as a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the development of a natural instinct to help. It has been well said that character out-comes are more a product of the general tone in which everything happens than the result of a few special experiences. How then can we ensure for the good turn a real place in the regular life of our Pack and of our Cub?

The ground work is laid, of course, with the New Chum as he learns the meaning of the Promise he is soon to make. Through Akela's personal yarns and chats, and example, he discovers the meaning of the phrase; he learns that it may range from a simple act of kindness to the saving of a life; he learns to start at home; he learns that the emphasis is on DO, and that the good turn calls for something EXTRA. Then the day comes when he stands before Akela and the Pack and makes his Promise.

This milestone marks the beginning, not the end. The wise Akela continually brings the good turn into his Pack programmes, and the new Cub will hear a lot of it, although there will be repetitious nagging. Akela will remind him of the knot in the neckerchief. He will make clear that much of our badge work is directed towards fitting the Cub better to serve others, and he will develop his badge training to demonstrate this more clearly than any amount of talk. He will tell yarns of knights of old, of Scouts, of Cubs, and of others; and in the midst of their adventures his heroes will never be too busy to hear the call of a good turn. Sometimes the yarn may cover the special effort of a Cub in the Pack, or of the Scouts in the Troop. (What Cub will not look forward to the day he can join in some major Scout service project?) There will be playlets in which the good turn plays a major—or, equally important (for it is the little things that count), a minor role.

Sometimes, too, Akela will talk directly about the good turn, quietly asking a Cub here or there what he found to do that day, suggesting places to look, and finally perhaps at the end of the meeting, when we have thanked God for all his goodness to us, reminding the Cub of his Promise.

But all of these things are talk, and helpful though they may be they are only a preliminary. Why not DO a good turn as a Pack or a Six or as a Group? A useful list of suggested projects is to be found in The Cubmaster's First Year, and it will take only a limited imagination to find just what you want. Don't forget that there is room for variety. The Pack good turn may range from a carefully planned one extending over a period

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of several weeks or even months to an inspiration of the moment, when Akela suddenly sees an opportunity and seizes it—"Let's do a good turn." The former, shorter period is best, but whatever it is, don't forget that it is for everyone. If Akela helps it's bound to be fun and bound to be a success. It's far better to select one short project and then change to another rather than become involved in some weekly chore which is likely to become routine and taken for granted; remember our first purpose is training boys.

Pick something preferably where the rewards (for there are rewards in good turns) will be apparent to the Cub. I know one Akela whose Pack collected and prepared a supply of material for a Church school in the far north. In due course the gift was acknowledged by the teacher who certainly knew her Cubs, for she wrote a fascinating account of the life of her Eskimo charges and of the uses to which the gifts had been put. When I saw the letter it was well worn, for Akela received frequent requests from her Pack to read "our letter." Another Pack collected a modest supply of materials to send to children in Greece during the severe crop failures there. Akela could easily have delivered the supplies to the agency carrying out this work, but he was too wise to deprive the givers of the pleasure of seeing their good turn as far along the way as possible. The Sixers personally delivered the materials to the agency. During the same campaign a group of school children contributed savings, and the busy national director of the agency took time out to go out with them and spend the funds on materials for shipment. Whatever you select bring to it enthusiasm and carry it through so that each Cub may get a good taste of what B.-P. called the Wolf Cub's patent dodge of making himself happy, that of helping other people.

Promise, yarns, plays, preparation, practice, all of these things play a part. But stronger than any of them will be the example set by Akela and the other Older Wolves. A simple good turn done quietly by Akela (or an opportunity ignored) will not pass unnoticed. Every Cub, consciously or unconsciously, searches and evaluates the flood of new teaching and experience which is constantly showered upon him. It is Akela's responsibility that through his example our teaching passes the Cub's test of truth.

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By TALL PINE, Training Department, Canadian Headquarters

February 22nd is our Founder's birthday and it is suggested that you set aside time in your programme of that week to tell your Cubs about Lord Baden-Powell.



It is customary during the month of February to remind our Cubs about Lord Baden-Powell, the Founder of Scouting. It is 14 years since he died which means that the majority of our Cubs and Scouts were born after his death. It is of increasing importance that we bring him before the minds of our Cubs not only on B.-P. Sunday but all year round.

Next to "Scouting for Boys", the "Wolf Cub Handbook" and "Rovering to Success", an excellent source of yarns on the Chief is the official biography "Baden-Powell" by E. E. Reynolds who is the Editor of "World Scouting", (formerly called "Jamboree").

In this book you will find the detail to build up the many brief comments that the Chief had made about himself and his life's activities in the three handbooks. It covers his early childhood, school days, army career and his Scouting career.

Many Cub Leaders have told their boys the story of the Zulu Boy and his white coat of paint as told in the Wolf Cub Handbook. If Akela has his Wood Badge and has read the biography, he can go on to tell the story of the capture of Dinizulu and of his famous necklace which provided the original beads for the Wood Badge.

In *Scouting for Boys* the Chief tells the story of the boy Goodyear and the Mafeking Cadets and the wonderful job that they did during the Siege of Mafeking. Reynolds covers the Siege very well and it could be used as a theme for a special Pack meeting. With the dummy land mines, "invisible" barbed wire, moving search lights, the armoured train, the play acting in the town all showing B.-P.'s

ingenuity, resourcefulness and steady good humour, it would make an excellent yarn and could be the basis for a grand Pack meeting.

To keep the Cubs reminded that they are in training to become Scouts, a short yarn could be built up about the time B.-P. was presented with the K.C.V.O. and talked with King Edward VII about the formation of King Scouts, boys of high calibre especially trained for service to others. If it is possible, the yarn could well be given by a Queen Scout, adding prestige to the Pack meeting by his presence.

In the Wolf Cub Handbook, the Chief talks about Wolves and how Indian and African Tribes honoured their best hunters and scouts with the term of Wolf. It is interesting to note that B.-P. himself was called Empessa, i.e., "The Wolf that never sleeps", in tribute to his many nocturnal scouting expeditions and never being caught off guard. He was also known to many African Tribes as Kantankye, i.e., "He of the big hat" because long before Boy Scouting was founded, the Chief wore a broad brimmed hat. To show his forethought in thinking before acting he was also known as M'hala Panzi, i.e., "the man who lies down to shoot or the man who makes his plans carefully before taking aim". At one of the Scout Jamborees many years later, it was a special treat for the Chief to meet the sons of the men who still talked of him as Kantankye.

For Cubs working on Artists Badge, show them some of the many drawings that B.-P. did in his lifetime. Tell them that he could use either hand equally well and for special occasions he could draw with both hands at one time. Tell them also of his adventures in the Dardanelles where, disguised as a

butterfly hunter, he sketched the fortifications of the area using drawing of butterflies and showing the positions of the guns by dots and other small marks drawn on the wings.

Many of the yarns could be used to introduce test and badge work. For example, tell the condensed version of the story of Kimball O'Hara, or Kim, as told in *Scouting for Boys* to the Cubs who are working towards their Observer Badge. The Chief also tells in *Scouting for Boys* some ingenious ways in which signalling was done in the past. He practised what he preached and really did his six exercises daily, at home and in camp. Reynolds describes some of the ills that were brought for B.-P. to render first aid. He made some interesting sketches on his work in this subject.

The spontaneous development of Scouting after the publication of *Scouting for Boys* will interest your Cubs as will the later formation of the Wolf Cubs as told briefly in the Wolf Cub Handbook. Brownsea Island and its successful bringing together of boys of all types is good material for another yarn.

B.-P. had a most interesting boyhood, tramping and sailing with his brothers, taking his share of the cooking and at one time, after making a mess of the soup, was forced to eat it all himself. He was by all counts, a most normal boy. He loved to get away to an out-of-bounds woods close to his school and there he could catch and cook rabbits, light fires, climb trees and play hide and seek with teachers sent out to catch boys in the woods. There is a vivid description of the fighting between the school boys and the local village boys. Most of his life, B.-P. kept a diary and here is one

choice item dated July 23, 1885, "the correct way to wash your hands in this country (owing to the scarcity of water) is to fill your mouth with water and then let a thin stream trickle on to your hands while you wash". Your Cubs will enjoy that piece and will want to try it out.

Build up your yarn on the Dance of Tabagui by adding the section telling how the native hunt these very cunning beasts and all the trouble they had to go through to catch a jackal. It's told in Scouting for Boys.

Another short yarn to spin is that of the Good Turn done for the American, Wm. D. Boyce, resulting in a personal visit to B.-P. and the resulting formation of Scouts in the U.S.A. which today is the largest Scout organization in the world. This Good Turn and the unknown British Scout are commemorated by a Bronze Buffalo situated in Gilwell Park.

On play acting you can tell about B.-P. bringing a little humour to a Scout Conference by bashing in his hat, draping a carpet across his shoulders and singing the Toreador Song while strumming on an imaginary guitar. Another instance, when still a young officer, he managed to borrow a general's uniform, disguised himself, turned up at a concert of his own regiment and insisted on getting on the stage to sing the Major-General's song from the Pirates of Penzance, much to the horror of his commanding officer who didn't recognize him until he was almost through, and then he sat down with the men to enjoy the show.

With such yarns as these and other means, we must keep B.-P. alive in the minds of our Cubs. His story is the exciting adventure of one of the world's outstanding men of action.

(Note—"Baden-Powell" by Reynolds is available from Oxford University Press, Toronto, Ont. Cost \$1.35.)

Check List of Ideas

- * How about a Father and Son Toboggan Ramble?
- * To help put across handicrafts, try your Cubs on making woodcraft Valentine cards for their mothers and sisters.
- * Now is a good time to remind your boys about the dangers of thin ice and what to do in the event of an ice accident.
- * Have you visited the Troop recently?

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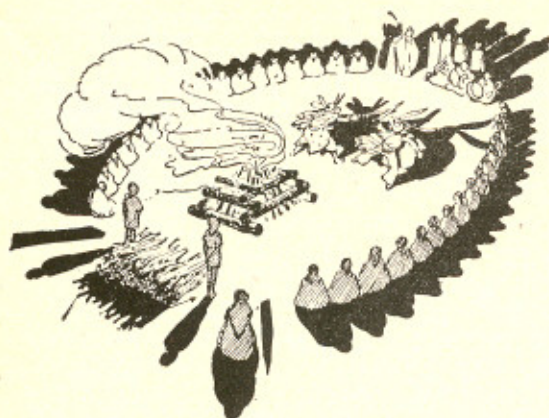
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CAMPFIRES ARE FUN

By BUD JACOBI, District Scoutmaster, St. Catharines, Ont.

Canadian Cubs, Scouts and Rovers do not enjoy a very good reputation around the campfire and it is something we should all give serious consideration. Campfires, properly planned and run, are fun and can teach our boys a great deal. The Editor would appreciate your comments on this general subject of Campfires.

Do you still remember the fun and fellowship around a campfire in years gone by? Chances are that you'll never forget the songs and laughter of those carefree moments—that cherished yarn by Skipper which made everyone sit on edge and yet had a message in it somewhere that made you think. Campfires add spice to our meeting-nights, just as they are precious memories of camp life. They're the Scoutmaster's golden opportunity to develop a healthy gang-spirit, get close to his boys and build character. So don't worry, whether you're a Caruso or sound like a foghorn with bronchitis! Boys aren't fussy.

A campfire need not be the spectacular mass-programme with a Master of Ceremonies and all the trimmings. A quiet, informal pow-wow by each Patrol around their own fire at the close of a hike or outdoor meeting creates a wonderful, Scouty atmosphere which results in lasting friendships and strong Patrol traditions. Skipper may "drop in" as guest for a while to listen and perhaps contribute a new song, stunt or yell. But then he will wander over to another gang at their Patrol fire. How can we light a campfire in the middle of our Church basement? Simply suggest this Patrol-project to the Court of Honour,—a few logs, (birch looks best) mounted in square log-cabin style, tapering off at the top,—a socket with bulb and red tissue-paper, simulating flames, around it but not touching,—perhaps a paper-wheel to spin inside or a blinker-attachment to add the flickering touch. With your boys seated around the fire, lights out, have your A.S.M. or T.L. plug the cord into the nearest wall-outlet—a few solemn words and your campfire is under way.

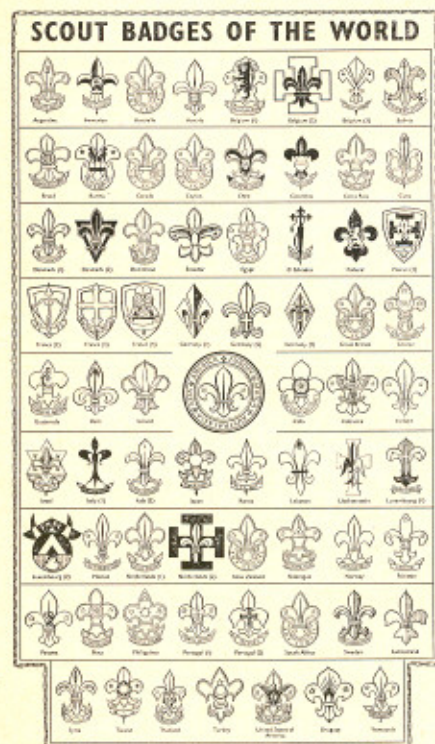
The secret of a good Troop-campfire is to get everyone taking part in its programme. Discover what boys have talent in—song or cheer-leading, playing a musical instrument (mouth-organ, accordion, flute, guitar, etc.) or ability in dramatics and story-telling. Let them try for their Entertainer's Badge. Don't overlook the shy, quiet lad who is not the athletic type and usually fumbles in games. Here's his chance to be accepted by the gang, develop self-confidence and get the thrill or achievement. Don't expect perfection—it's not a concert—but neither permit senseless shouting or horseplay. Of course there must be no compulsion—never allow a youngster to be put on the spot and ridiculed—that does not promote a happy spirit. Songsheets are only useful when a new song is to be learned. Otherwise they spoil the atmosphere, especially since lights are necessary to read them. Avoid teaching songs in the fashion of music-lessons at school. Boys often regard singsongs as "sissy stuff" and loathe dull repetitions of the same song for practice. Rather than: "One-two-three, sing", say: "How many fellows know this song? Let's try it. It goes like this!" Start them off, let them join in the next time, then drop that

song till another campfire,—don't kill it! Request-songs are fine but look out! Beware of "popular" songs which have no Scouty flavour and may even be unwholesome entertainment. The leading question: "What d'ye wanna sing?" is dangerous and invites trouble. Stick to the type of songs which Scouts sing at camps and district rallies. Boys get too much juke-box and TV hit parade crooning dished out daily, so give them something different. Let variety be your keynote.

A couple of familiar, rousing, lively songs at the start get everyone into a happy mood. Swing your arms to give the rhythm. Boys love action songs or those with a novelty twist. Mix these with skits, charades, Indian challenges, campfire games, stunts and yells. You'll find lots of material in books. But be prepared beforehand! Include a contest or play of a serious nature, i.e. "Origin of the left hand-shake" or "How Scouting came to the U.S.A." Let your junior leaders take charge at different times and include contributions from individual Scouts. Gradually change over to quiet songs, rounds or negro-spirituals, leading up to the campfire yarn. "Scoutmaster's 5 Minutes" (H.Q.), "The Field of Honour" (Archer Wallace) or "Making the Most of Yourself" (Dr. James West) contain excellent stories, or you may elaborate on suitable items from a newspaper, book of Indian legends, sports or explorer-adventure tales. Use a yarn to put over some particular thought to the boys (one of the Scout Laws) but never point out the moral afterwards. Let them discover it, perhaps later at home in bed. Be sure to conclude your story just at the height of suspense, when the climax is reached. Then close with "Taps" or "Softly Falls", while all are standing. A special Troop song or hymn at this time is ideal. Let one boy say a simple prayer, or have 10 boys say a Scout Law each during Scout Silence. It is essential that all dismiss quietly, without breaking the "campfire spell". If possible, lower the flag in the shine of a flashlight and don't turn on the hall lights until only the duty-patrol remains.

Always end a campfire, before anybody asks: "What time is it?" or begins to yawn. Everyone is having such a good time that you may be tempted to go on. Be wise and stop, while they still want more. Vary the style of your programme. A "Round the World" campfire with an imaginary pet-plane trip, home-made costumes, songs and plays from other lands would be most appropriate in anticipation of the World Jamboree. An Indian Council-fire with breechclout, feathers, peace pipe, tom-tom and tomahawks, a minstrel or circus variety show, truth or consequences, space-trip to another planet, mock debate, mock trial or auditions for TV provide a grand outlet for boys' imagination, talent, self-expression and thirst for adventure. Let's have more campfires and sing-songs as part of our Scouting all year, because they're fun!

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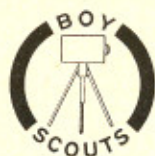
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Meet My Scouter!

Have you ever wished you could become invisible and then walk home with your boys after a meeting? Well, here's what some of us might hear!

MANY books are available on various types of boys and how to cope with them. But it doesn't take long for boys to try out and size up their Scoutmaster. Did you ever wonder what they're actually thinking and discussing about you? It could be very candid and revealing indeed! It's healthy and refreshing at times to chuckle at one's own expense, and such honest self-examination is rather helpful. Any similarity to existing Scouters is not in the least co-incidental!

At a recent Patrol Leaders' Training Camp the following uncensored conversation was overheard:

Bob: "Hi, Pete. Let me taste some of your stew. Hmmm. Are you sure you didn't boil rocks instead of potatoes? A pity your Scouter isn't here to taste it."

Pete: "Oh him—I'm sure glad he isn't here. We're having fun!"

Bill: "My Scouter is okay. A bit crabby at times, especially when we ask him questions he can't answer. Did he ever get mad at us the day we were trying to light a fire and had forgotten to keep dry wood in our tent overnight. After an all-night rain, the wood on hand was soggy. Scouter called us names for a while, then said he'd show us tenderfeet how to light a fire. After a half hour of futile attempts he gave up. Boy, was he sore!"

Jim: "I don't mind our Scouter getting angry, if he wouldn't find fault and criticize us right in front of the Troop. Why couldn't he just tell us on the quiet afterwards? Nobody likes to be shown up in front of the gang."

Tom: "Our Scouter is a swell guy. If only he wouldn't blab so much! He keeps us waiting for ages, while reading off a string of announcements that nobody remembers afterwards. And I wish he would hurry up with inspection. It's a wonder we don't wear a hole in the floor, where we stand! He'd make a good politician or lecturer, I'm sure, but the guys get fed up with so much talk. One quit, saying it reminded him of some grouch!"

Hank: "Yep. My Scouter means well, if only he'd remember once in a while that he was a kid once too! I bet he wasn't such a little Lord Fauntleroy. But he expects us to be model-

boys all the time. Gee, the guys want some fun and adventure. No wonder we lost so many older fellows. He seems to think we're just out of reform school!"

Paul: "I think a Scouter shouldn't play favorites. There's one fellow in our Troop whom he picks on a lot but whenever 'Curley', his pet, does something wrong, it's just an accident. He even holds him up as a perfect Scout. And he won't listen to our views at the Court of Honour,—even told one P.L. to shut up, because he dared to disagree with Scouter's opinion."

George: "Our Scouter has three favourite games, and we're tired of them. But he wants us to play one each week, and nobody likes to hurt his feelings. By the way, he loves to blow ear-piercing blasts on his shrill whistle every few minutes during meetings. Then he wonders why nobody pays any attention to them."

John: "We're always trying to get our Scouter out on hikes or camps but he's too busy, he says. We never knew why, until one guy spotted him on the

golf course one Saturday afternoon."

Fred: "It's just the opposite way in our outfit, John. Our Scouter runs a one-man show. He won't give any junior leaders a chance to take over a game or some instruction. He does everything himself and runs our meetings from start to finish. And if you ask me, he ruins them! I thought Scouting was meant for boys!"

Art: "We've got a great Scoutmaster. He's lots of fun and teaches us many things. He's very strict about our uniform too and wants us to look smart on parade. Yet you guys should see his hat! Like a squashed cucumber! And his neckerchief always looks sloppy,—as if it's just been taken out of mothballs. I don't blame him for wearing long trousers,—he wants to hide his knobby knees. Once on a hike we were crossing a creek over a log, and he slipped off. Gee, did he ever make a splash! But he's a good sport!"

Gord: "Yes, Scouters are pretty good guys,—once you learn to understand them."



Will you have a Father and Son Banquet this year? Just look at the fun these fellows are having, and, you can be sure that their Parents will feel closer to their Cubs, Scouts and Rovers when the affair is over. Do plan to hold a Banquet during Scout Week this year.

Do We Need A Troop Leader?

By E. F. MILLS, Executive Commissioner for Special Duties, Canadian Headquarters

After you have read this article, looked carefully at your own group, do write your opinions down and send them along to the Editor.

Is it absolutely essential to have a Troop Leader? Well, P.O.&R. says that "the size of the Troop may be increased by the appointment of one Patrol Leader as Troop Leader", and goes on to deal with his qualifications, but please note the word "may".

Some of the things that a Troop Leader may do are: to act as co-ordinator of the Patrols on Troop occasions, that is he would prepare the Troop in formation for parade, etc. before handing over to an A.S.M. or the S.M.; as the Chairman of the Court of Honour (with only a casting vote); Troop Treasurer, scribe or log-book keeper; keep records of attendance, dues and progress charts, etc.; be in charge of Troop equipment, flags, first-aid, games, etc.; Troop colour bearer; Troop hike master; if there are no Assistant Scoutmasters, he could very well act in the capacity by giving direct assistance to the Scoutmaster. The list is quite long and covers just about everything which he could tackle. But is he really necessary in every Troop? It seems to me that a lot depends on the size of the Troop as well as on the make-up of the lad in question. There is no point in appointment unless the Troop is large enough to warrant it, so there is no need to have a Troop Leader unless there is going to be enough work to keep him busy, nor is there the need to have one just to have a Troop Leader to round out the Troop staff. Then there have been cases of appointments made just so that an older boy can be retained, but it is noticed generally that when a lad is shall we say "promoted" under this condition he never lasts long.

I would suggest that unless there is enough work to keep him fully occupied and the Scoutmaster leaves him alone to do the job, better not have him at all. Also unless there is a lad whose personality and skill are such that he would do the job properly, don't have a Troop Leader. To my mind by far the most important of the qualifications laid down in P.O. & R. is "Ability to lead". He should have demonstrated during his spell of Patrol leadership outstanding leadership. He should have been recognized by the other Patrol Leaders as an exceptionally good type of Scout, and should hold the respect of the rest of the Troop, so that he would be accepted willingly in his new office.

One thing that should be watched carefully, is that he does not interfere between the Patrol Leaders and the Patrols. I have seen a Troop Leader take over an instruction period from a Patrol Leader with somewhat disastrous results.

Regarding the size of a Troop that needs a Troop Leader, I would suggest that unless there are at least three Patrols there will not be enough work to keep him occupied.

And I would again mention the need for the Scoutmaster leaving him alone to do his work. Nothing can be more distressing and frustrating to a boy than to be left on the sidelines looking on or having his job taken over by someone else.

May I sum up what I consider to be the main points in relation to the appointment of a Troop Leader. Is the Troop large enough to ensure that there will be enough work for him? Is he the type who by virtue of his personality and Scouting skill can command the respect of the Troop? Are you sure that the appointment will not give him a swelled head?

If the foregoing can be met, then go ahead with the appointment. But don't forget to consult the Court of Honour about it.

"THE RELAY RACE"



Canadian Scouting In Europe

Meet our Canadian Scouting ambassadors in England, France and Germany who send you greetings and look forward to hearing from your Group.

IN 1947, you may remember, Canadian Scouting embarked on a scheme designed to clarify our aims and purpose. This was Plan Opportunity and its objective was, "to provide the opportunity for every Canadian boy who so desires, to join the Scout Movement". Plan Opportunity captured the imagination of Scouters and laymen alike in this country and the result was a greatly strengthened organization in the next few years. The objective was kept constantly before the Movement in Canada and many more boys were given the opportunity to become Scouts.

Perhaps this was what Corporal Jim Worrall of the Royal Canadian Air Force thought of as he went about his duties at the R.C.A.F. Air Division Headquarters in Metz, France. Here in France were Canadian families whose boys should be given the opportunity to play the game of Scouting as they would certainly be invited to do if they were "at home". Jim approached Group Captain E. H. Sharpe of the Accounting Section at Air Division HQ in Metz whose son, Garry, was of Scout age. G/C Sharpe agreed that it would be a good idea to set up a Troop on the station and offered to assist by becoming chairman of a Group Committee. Jim Worrall, who had been A.C.M. and Cubmaster of the 54th. Ottawa, agreed to take over as Scoutmaster. Together they applied to Imperial Headquarters in London, England and asked if they might be registered with the English Boy Scouts Association. This application was forwarded to Canadian Headquarters and immediately a Troop of six Scouts was registered as the First Canadian Maple Leaf Scout Group (Europe). This was in August, 1953. Shortly after the formation of the Troop, a Wolf Cub Pack was formed within this Group in Metz.

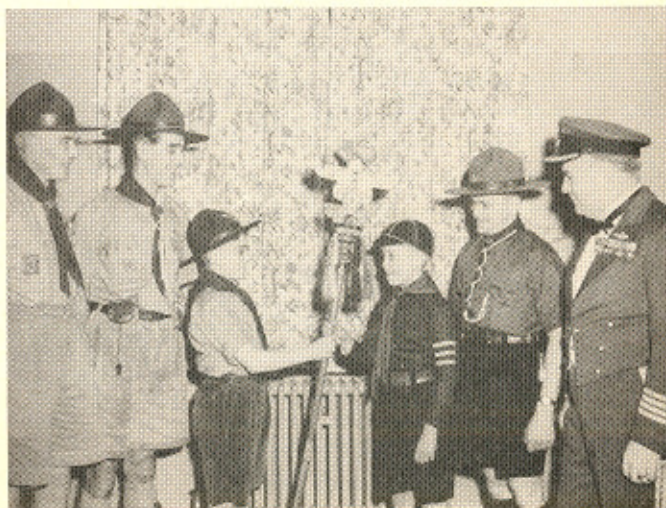
With typical hospitality, French Scouts from the town of Metz welcomed the formation of the Canadian Group. When they discovered that the boys of the 1st. Maple Leaf had no headquarters in which to meet, the French boys quickly offered to share their quarters. They also invited the Canadian Scouts to their camp in the valley of the Vosages Mountains during the summer of 1953.

Scouter Claude Godart of the French Troop said it was a wonderful adventure in Scout Brotherhood for his Scouts and we know the Canadian lads also had a marvellous time. Meanwhile the Pack arranged to meet in a school hall in Metz. The boys were picked up, driven to their meeting hall and then brought home in a bus, in a similar way to our consolidated school system operation. Interest continued to grow among the parents of these boys and they began to play a part in the programme of the Troop and the Pack. R.C.A.F. officials welcomed the addition of the Scout programme and spoke highly of the training being given to the sons of their personnel.

In the Fall of 1953 the 1st. Maple Leaf Troop were given their own Headquarters. Through the courtesy of the R.C.A.F. they moved into a room in an old German "bunker". (See illustration). This "bunker" was built prior to the 1914-18 World War by the Germans who employed French labour. Although the Scouts were not allowed to go into the gun emplacements you can well imagine the thrill of having such a headquarters. The boys took many bicycle and hiking trips during this period to Holland, Germany, Luxembourg and throughout France. Everywhere they were welcomed with great excitement and we are sure they gained a wonderful understanding of the Brotherhood of Scouting. How did this group raise funds? Well, one interesting story tells of the collection of Mistletoe, which abounds in the Moselle area, and the sale of bunches at 25 cents each in the R.C.A.F. Canteen. It was very profitable and the boys had great fun climbing trees, where the mistletoe grows as a parasite, picking and dividing into bunches the magical leaves Western people delight to hang in their homes at Christmas.

In January, 1954, Mr. P. M. O. Evans of our Canadian Headquarters Staff, who was on vacation in England, visited the Group at Metz. As he was preparing for the flight across the English Channel, he received word from Canadian Headquarters that a request had been received from No. 2 Fighter Wing, R.C.A.F., at Gros Tenquin for Canadian Scouting. Gros Tenquin is approximately 30

All Scouts and Cubs of groups close to the Canadian units in England and Europe go out of their way to be friendly and helpful. In this photo you will see the presentation of a Totem to the North Luffenham Pack from an English corrective school Troop, from a nearby village. Watching the presentation is the Group Captain, officer commanding the station, and Cubmaster Berube (now S.M. with this Troop).



miles from Metz and so it was possible for Mr. Evans to drive over and assist with the formation of a Group on the station. While he was in Metz, Mr. Evans saw a joint rally of the Canadian and French boys and heard M. Reverat, District Commissioner of the Metz area, praise and welcome the Canadians and their form of Scouting. The First Canadian charter to be presented outside Canada was made to the 1st. Maple Leaf Scout Group (Europe) and Mr. Worrall received his Scout Wood Badge. In Gros Tenquin Mr. Evans met Squadron Leader Rev. Bracher, Protestant chaplain for No. 2 Fighter Wing who agreed to undertake the responsibility of forming a Group Committee and carry out the formation of the new Group. Mr. Evans then went on to No. 3 Fighter Wing at Zweibrücken where he found equal enthusiasm for Scouting. Corporal S. M. Pound had about 18 boys who were anxious to become registered as Canadian Wolf Cubs. Arrangements were completed and the group established. From here Mr. Evans returned to England where he received an invitation from No. 1 Fighter Wing in North Luffenham where a group has been in operation since early 1953. The organization of the North Luffenham Group is different in that they are registered with Imperial Headquarters and carry out the English system of training. This was done as there are boys from the village of Edith Weston who are members of the Group and at the time of formation, it was easier to administer the Group from London, England. There is a Pack of approximately 24 boys and a Troop of 14 Scouts. Most of the boys and all of the Scouters are Canadians. Sergeant Tom Ridley and Sergeant J. B. Berube of the R.C.A.F. were responsible for the formation of this Group. Sergeant Ridley has since returned to Canada and Sergeant Berube is at present the Scoutmaster. It is expected that the No. 1 Fighter Wing will move to the Continent shortly and at that time they will be registered with Canadian Headquarters while the North Luffenham boys, being all English, will remain registered with Imperial Headquarters.

In August of 1954, Mr. F. J. Finlay, Chief Executive Commissioner, visited the Maple Leaf Groups in Metz, Gros Tenquin and Zweibrücken. During his brief tour Mr. Finlay saw the Cubs and Scouts in action and carried our messages of greeting to them. He told them of the important part they have to play in showing other Scouts what Canadian boys can do and encouraging them to come to Canada next year for the World Jamboree.

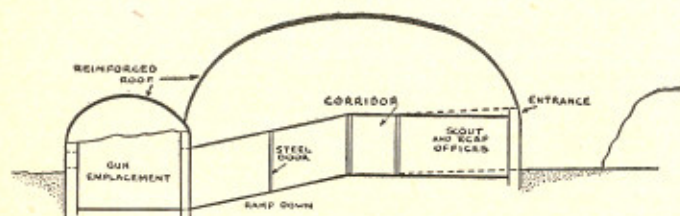
For the future it is expected that there will shortly be a Group formed at No. 4 Fighter Wing in Baden-Soellingen, Germany. You can be sure that the Royal Canadian Air Force administration is sincerely interested and anxious to encourage such a formation on the station. There is a Group now under way in Langar where No. 30 Air Materiel Base, R.C.A.F. is established. Langar is the

place where all Canadian supplies and equipment for the R.C.A.F. Stations is landed and Sergeant D. Haxby, late of the 7th Edmonton Troop, has agreed to become Cubmaster. This Group will take the name, 6th Maple Leaf Group (Europe).

Early in the Fall of 1954, Mr. R. Hunt, Scoutmaster of the 46th Toronto Troop, left Canada to take up a teaching appointment in the schools established for the children of Canadian Army personnel in Europe. Before he left Toronto Mr. Hunt was told of the Maple Leaf Groups and given full information of these Groups. He has now written to say that it is anticipated that there will be Groups in Soest, Werl and Hemer, Germany. These Groups will be known as THE CANADIAN RED PATCH GROUPS. They have taken their name from the Red Patch worn on the shoulder of the uniform of men in the First Canadian Infantry Brigade who are their parents. Mr. Hunt has accepted the appointment of District Commissioner for the Canadian Red Patch Groups and expects that organization will be completed very soon. These Groups will, of course, be registered with Canadian Headquarters and serviced from Ottawa. Brigadier W. A. B. Anderson, O.B.E., C.D., Commanding Officer of the Brigade, is most anxious to assist and is giving Mr. Hunt every co-operation.

So you see our Canadian Scouting is spreading farther afield every day. These boys in Europe carry out the same programme as other Packs and Troops throughout Canada, wear the same uniform and may someday come home to become members of your units. The only difference you will notice is that all the boys wear a Red Ensign on the right pocket instead of a Provincial Emblem. Of course their neckerchiefs are different.—The Maple Leaf Groups wear Green with a Gold and Red Maple Leaf badge at the peak and different border colours to distinguish the Wing number. The Red Patch Groups will wear a khaki neckerchief with the rectangular Canadian Army Red Patch at the peak. You can be sure these Cubs and Scouts are very proud of their colours and as jealous of their traditions as are your boys.

We feel sure that the boys and leaders of these Canadian units in Europe would like to hear from their brothers "at home". You can be sure that they will have many interesting stories to tell and if you are looking for material for yarns to your boys, it is suggested you consider writing to them. If you would like the name of any of the Scouters leading these groups, please send along your request to Mr. P. M. O. Evans, Administration Department, Canadian Headquarters, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4, Ontario. Meanwhile do tell your boys about these Canadian Cubs and Scouts overseas and give them a grand welcome when they come home with their parents.



The "Bunker" Headquarters of the 1st Maple Leaf Troop. The Royal Canadian Air Force and Army are offering our Groups wonderful co-operation.



There are only a few short months left to plan your attendance at the 8th World Jamboree. Be sure your Troop is represented. August 18-28, 1955—Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.



Gone Home—

Mr. F. C. Irwin

WITH a suddenness which shocked the entire Scouting family, Frank Clarence Irwin, Provincial Executive Commissioner for Ontario, passed away early on Thursday morning, December 9th, at his home, 850 Tecumseh Park Drive, Port Credit.

Mr. Irwin had been at his desk as usual on Wednesday, had attended the official opening of a new wing of the school attended by his children that evening, but succumbed to multiple thrombosis in the early hours of Thursday.

He leaves to mourn his passing his widow, the former Kathleen E. Bennett; two children, Donald, 13, and Margaret, 11; his father, A. W. Irwin, two sisters, Mrs. G. G. Emery, Kitchener, Ontario and Mrs. C. L. Coates, Regina, Sask, and a brother, Armon of Honey-moon Bay, B.C.

To Mrs. Irwin, the children and his family is extended the deepest sympathy of all those who have been privileged to know Frank.

Telegrams and cables of sympathy and regret were received from A. W. Hurl, Chief Executive Commissioner at Imperial Headquarters, London; Maj.-Gen. D. C. Spry at the International Bureau, and Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Schuck's telegram put into its briefest form what all those who knew Mr. Irwin feel when he said, "Those of us who knew Frank Irwin will always remember him as a devoted sincere friend with a high concept of personal service. All of us will miss him."

Frank Irwin was born in London, Ontario, and received his schooling at London, Peterborough and Moose Jaw, Sask. He graduated in matriculation and commercial courses at Moose Jaw Collegiate Institute, gained his B.A. at the University of Saskatchewan and his M.A. at Columbia University, New York City. He also received a diploma in Social Work in New York.

He started to work in his father's office in Moose Jaw, later became a newspaper reporter and he served with the British Army Y.M.C.A. in England and India. In India he became Director of the Mysore Boy Scouts Association.

In October, 1950, Frank completed 30 years on the staff of the Ontario Provincial Council. At that time he produced a few reminiscences from which we quote:

"My first contact with Scouting was reading a red-covered book *Scouting for Boys*, surreptitiously extracted from a teacher's desk during the spring of 1910. That

summer I saw General Baden-Powell and some English Scouts at Banff, and in the fall became a charter member of the newly formed Troop in Moose Jaw.

"The years between 1910 and 1920 were full of interest and activity. High School; Canadian Boy Scout Contingent to the Coronation of George V (1911); University of Saskatchewan (B.A. 1916); Y.M.C.A. work; newspaper reporting; part-time and later full-time organizing secretary of the Saskatchewan Provincial Council; New York School of Social Work and Columbia University (M.A. 1920); Y.M.C.A. service in England and India; first Director of Boy Scouts of Mysore; Scoutmaster in Troops in New York and Bangalore; part-time staff member of Manhattan and National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America."

"When I came to the Provincial Office there were, besides a very small staff at Dominion Headquarters under John A. Stiles, only two men in Ontario devoting their full time to Scouting. One was Alder Bliss in Ottawa and Ernest O'Callaghan of Toronto."

During Frank's regime Scout membership in Ontario grew from just over 7,000 to over 70,000. Space forbids us outlining the many contributions Frank Irwin has made, not only to Scouting in Ontario, but throughout the country.

In a great many ways Frank's deep insight into the problems of Scouting, the wisdom of his approach to these problems, and the background of his knowledge and experience contributed enormously to the success of Scouting.

A sincere believer in, and worker for, the principles of Scouting; a lover of the great out-of-doors; a kind husband and a beloved father; an understanding leader of men; a practising and practical Christian gentleman; a wise and patient counsellor; we shall not soon see his like again.

8th WORLD JAMBOREE

The Jamboree of New Horizons is only a few short months away and we hear daily of plans from many parts of the world as boys prepare to journey to Canada. We want to make sure that no unnecessary barrier, such as currency restrictions, prevent any boys from attending this great adventure in Canada. Invite your boys and Group to take part in the Good Turn of "Breaking the Dollar Barrier", but do it quickly as time is running out!

BREAKING



the "dollar barrier"

ASSISTANCE TO OVERSEAS SCOUTS TO THE JAMBOREE

The suggestion that Canadian Scout Groups, other organizations and individuals might like to sponsor overseas Scouts to the 8th World Jamboree is proving popular. Below is a list of those first few who have asked to take part in this Good Turn and have sent in \$50 for each boy named.

The Court of Honour, 3rd Tillsonburg Group, Ont.—1 Scout from Liechtenstein.

The Court of Honour, 1st Wakefield Group, Que.—1 Scout from England, 1 Scout from Scotland.

The Court of Honour, 32nd Ottawa Group, Ont.—1 Scout from India.

The Kiwanis Club, Regina, Sask.—3 Scouts from British Colonies.

Mr. Harold C. Taylor, A.P.C. Delhi, Ont.—1 Scout from Norway.

International Rotary Club, Edmonton, Alta.—1 Scout from Iceland.

Mr. Hans Nielsen, Vancouver, B.C.—1 Scout from Denmark, 1 Scout from Germany, 1 Scout from Scotland, 1 Scout from England.

Ask your Provincial Headquarters for a copy of the pamphlet "Breaking the \$ Barrier".



SCOUTING Digest

B.P.'s Death Mask

When our Founder died at Nyeri on January 8th, 1941, a Death Mask was made as is usual with famous people. This is done in order to keep a true likeness of their features and to assist artists and sculptors to make correct portraits and busts. And B.P.'s death mask was given into the safe keeping of the Government of Kenya until such time as it could be sent to Imperial Headquarters in London, for as there was a War on at the time it was considered unwise to risk loss on a journey.

When our Organising Commissioner, Capt. E. P. Young departed on leave in June this year, the opportunity was taken to send the Mask to England in his safe keeping and for him to deliver it to the Overseas Commissioners, Sir George Beresford Stooke, at I.H.Q. in London. Consequently an impressive little ceremony took place at Nairobi Station when the A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor, on behalf of the Government of Kenya handed over the securely packed mask to Capt. Young.

Batian—Kenya.

Thanks, Scouter!

Just in case you are feeling low or have been having a rather difficult time with the boys in your Pack, Troop or Crew, you will be interested in this extract from a letter. Scouter D. J. Wheeler of Canmore, Alberta, wrote this letter with one arm out of commission and lying flat on his back in a hospital bed. He writes:—

"I am pleased to report that most of the Scouts have been in to see me. In fact, the nurses are having a rough time keeping them out. They just don't want to stay away.

"One of the boys that comes to see me is one that I thought I would have to dismiss from the Troop because he is a terror, but I always had a soft spot for him and could never bring myself to ask him to leave.

"Well, the other day, there he was

standing by my bed—dirty face, and hands as black as a grate, he came to present me with some candy and other things I know must have cost him a good deal because he never gets anything at home.

"That boy made me think that all the work and effort put into Scouting is really worthwhile, and it is a wonderful reward to know that the boys think something of their Scoutmaster. They have made this ward look like Christmas every day with books, candy, etc. Another thing, although I don't enjoy being in hospital, it would appear that it has jarred people to the fact that we have Scouts in Canmore. As a result, many people are really starting to back up the Group . . ."

"P.S. Two very small Brownies, in full uniform, have just come in and presented me with a book called "Campercraft A B C's", on behalf of their Brownie Pack. What does a person say when things like this happen?"

Be Prepared

Five thousand Scouts in the Toronto Metropolitan Area assisted with the distribution of 350,000 copies of the "Red Feather News". Although the Toronto Metropolitan District is not a member of the Community Chest, they were happy to perform this good turn for the agency. Said the Community Chest: "We have not been able to organize the distribution of this Newspaper in time. We called on the Boy Scouts, and, as usual, they were prepared".

Calendar Competition

McClelland & Stewart Ltd., 25 Hollinger Road, Toronto 16, Ontario, are offering \$475 in prizes for their 1956 calendar. Full details may be obtained from the publishers at their address above.

A Testing Panel

From Winnipeg, Manitoba comes the following note:

Parents who know their map reading, first aid, knots, etc., can be a real

help by setting aside a certain period to examine boys in second and first class tests. Star tests can be passed the same way.

The experience is an eye-opener for parents who find out what type of boy their son is mixed up with and some of the Scouter's problems. The boys gain ease in meeting people and a wider outlook. As for Scouters, they have more time to look after the training aspect and often gain by the comments of the examiners.

Doing Something About It

From the Express News Letter for September 15—

"Because British children have been swamped too long with trashy comics London's *Daily Mirror* switched its highest executives to the job of mapping out a new children's newspaper. Its competitor, the *Daily News*, answered the challenge in a similar way.

Result: This month London children will have at their disposal junior weekly editions of London's two biggest newspapers."

Father and Son Banquets

Canadian Headquarters has prepared a special Bulletin designed to help you and your Group Committee plan for Father and Son Banquets. This pamphlet may be obtained, free of charge, through your Provincial or District Headquarters. It is suggested that you obtain a copy of the bulletin well in advance of planning for your Banquet.

Old Scouts

This would be a good time of the year to try to contact all those men who used to be members of your Group. Ask them to come back and attend a meeting of the Pack, Troop or Crew so that they may show the boys who are now enjoying Scouting that they have supporters. By the way this is often a good way to obtain examiners and instructors for some of those tests and badges you have been wondering about. We would like to hear about your re-union.

LETTER FROM HOLLAND

RECENTLY we received a request from Mr. Roel C. H. Renssen, Editor of "De Verkenner", the official magazine of Holland, asking us for information on Canadian Scouting. At the same time he answered a number of questions for us about Scouting in his country, and we think you will find this interesting reading.

1. When was the Movement started in your country?

Though we cannot mention a specific date, because the Movement existed in Holland just as in England before there was an organization, we mention 1910 as the year when Scouting came into existence, as at that time there were official groups in Amsterdam and The Hague.

2. How many boys are there in your Movement?

The two associations, viz: "De Nederlandse Padvinders" and the Roman Catholic Scouts, which organisation was started in 1930, have about 80,000 members in total.

3. Do you have Air Scouts, Sea Scouts, Senior Scouts, Rovers?

We have Air Scouts, Sea Scouts, Scouts and Rovers, while Senior Scouts do not form an official part, but totally there are about 10 Senior Troops.

4. When are the Pack and Troop meetings: where and how long?

Pack and Troop meetings are usually held on Saturday or Wednesday afternoon, when the boys are free from school. In the towns there are

Troop meetings in the evening also. The time is from 1400 to 1700, or, in the evening, from 1900 to 2100.

5. When, where and how are the Patrol meetings held?

If possible, the Patrol meets once a week in the evening, and usually at the home of one of the boys. Class tests or a special hobby form the programme, whilst games are also played.

6. When do they camp; in what month of the year; in what surroundings and how do they camp?

Most of the camps are in July or August when the boys have their summer holidays. Most camps last from 10-14 days and are held on the moors or in the woods, while a small proportion choose the coast and the dunes. The boys are transported by bus or else they go on bicycles. They take their equipment with them.

However, the camping-grounds decrease through the fast growing population, so that it becomes still more difficult to find a special ground for each troop. Our Association has an extensive ground round the village of Ommen, and there is the Training Centre too, but it is not large enough for all troops.

In the camp every Patrol cooks for itself and as much as possible the Patrols are separated in various corners of the campsite. The tents we have are Patrol tents for 6 or 7 boys, half patrol tents for 3 boys and shelters.

7. Do they have week-end camping?

In Holland we do not hold many week-end camps, again owing to the home-work. You can say that one Troop has two or three week-end camps per Patrol and these camps are mainly in Spring. The journey to the campsite then is made by bicycle.

8. Do they have winter camps?

In our country we rarely have camps in Winter. Owing to the sea climate we have very changeable winters so that we do not hold a specific winter camp. Hard frost and heavy snow are rare; the winter is mostly rather cold and wet.

9. Is there a special kind of sport or game or other activity popular in your Movement?

We do not have a special sport or game which is exceedingly popular. Football is the most popular sport in Holland, while in the Troops formed since the second world war, volleyball is coming up.

10. Do your Sea Scouts use a special type of ship and do they sail on the sea or on inland waters?

Our Sea Scouts mainly sail on inland waters as the Dutch coast is too dangerous owing to the beaches and the currents of the sea. On the lakes, canals and rivers our Sea Scouts have taken up an old type of Dutch sailing boat, viz: "The Schouw" in which 8 boys can be accommodated and which sails excellently in all circumstances.

11. Is the Journey the last of your First Class Tests? Is there sufficient opportunity to make these Journeys?

The Journey is the last test to be taken before a boy can become a First-Class Scout. He has to make a two-day journey of at least 20 kilometers with another Scout who has not yet done this test. He has to prepare his meals on a woodfire, sleep in a tent which he takes with him or in a self-made hiding place, take with him all necessities as pack, send in a written report, make observations as mentioned in the instructions, draw a sketch map of a part of the road and send in everything within one week. The Journey may be made partly by canoe or sailing boat, but for at least 8 kilometers he has to walk.

12. Do they camp in tents or in another way?

In Holland we camp in tents.

FAMOUS

LAST WORDS!

'WATCH THIS

FOR GOOD SHOOTING!'





ROVER QUESTS

From A Patrol Leaders' Conference

Rover Scout Leaders, we feel sure, will be very interested in the comments and answers given by the fellows who should be coming to them as Squires. Try this questionnaire on your Rover Instructors.

All Troops represented at the Conference were holding Courts of Honour, except one. These Patrol Leaders did not know what a Court of Honour was.

All Courts of Honour needed improvements.

The majority stated that the Scoutmaster was running both the Troop and the Court of Honour. It was agreed that Scoutmasters interfere with Court of Honour and some doubt was expressed that Scoutmasters would allow Patrol Leaders to run a Court of Honour.

It was suggested that Patrol Leaders should insist on:

Assuming the lead in instructing own Patrol.

Planning Troop programme and Patrol activities so that the Scoutmaster would realize ability of Patrol Leaders to take responsibility.

It was suggested that Patrol Leaders be more outspoken at Court of Honour and insist on running the Court themselves.

One fault was suggested that irregularity of Court of Honour meetings was partly to blame and that a regular meeting held every two weeks seems to be the ideal timing.

The opinion was that meetings were more suggestful held outside of Troop meeting nights and preferred Sunday afternoon as the best time.

Patrol Meeting

All Patrol Leaders had tried Patrol meetings and all found a great many difficulties in operating them. These difficulties included the time for the meeting and the place and the problems concerned with the programme for a Patrol meeting.

Very few Patrol Leaders were holding meetings regularly.

The Patrol Leaders, generally, were not familiar with any games suitable for patrols at a Patrol meeting, nor were they too clear on Patrol activities for such meetings.

A number of good suggestions came from the group and some of these included: start each meeting with a review of the last meeting and sum up activities in between; progress targets for each boy in the Patrol as well as the whole Patrol to aim at; activities such as repairing Troop equipment, keeping Patrol boxes in good shape, writing up and reading the Patrol Log, the keeping of individual records of each boy in the group were all cited as activities which could be carried on at Patrol meetings.

It was the unanimous opinion that the best Patrol meetings were those held outdoors.

Do not hold meetings in homes which possess T.V.

It was suggested that Patrol Leaders should give personal demonstration and instruction which would help boys in their Patrol to learn the technical side of Scouting much more quickly.

Suggestion to use the Scout who is proficient in one subject to teach this to the whole Patrol.

Use the quicker boys to help the slower boys. This has a two-fold advantage.

Patrol Boxes

It was the opinion of the group that each Patrol should have a Patrol box, or perhaps two, one for the Troop meeting and one at the Patrol Den.

It was suggested that the Patrol should all contribute money towards the purchase of the contents of the box.

It was suggested that the Troop should pay for the construction of the box.

The whole Patrol should have some part of making the box.

It was suggested that a list of the contents be fixed to the lid of the box so that the contents could be checked from time to time.

It was suggested that a flashlight and a first aid kit might be part of the Patrol box equipment.

It was suggested that no glass objects, knives, running shoes or neckerchiefs should ever be kept in the Patrol box.

It was suggested that the rope kept in the Patrol box should be dyed in the Patrol colours so it could be identified if used by the Troop for an activity or game.

They could then be sorted out and replaced in the patrol box.

The Troop Leader

Opinion was divided on the position of the Troop Leader in the Troop. Some Patrol Leaders felt that the Scout lost interest when he was appointed a Troop Leader and taken away from a Patrol.

It was suggested that the Troop Leader should have a Patrol of his own.

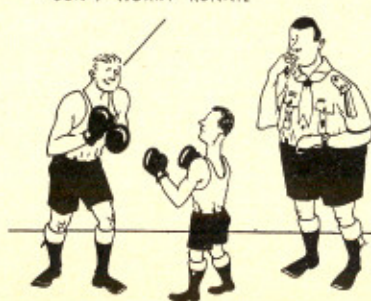
It was suggested that the Troop Leader should be Chairman of the Court of Honour.

It was suggested that the Troop Leader could help at Troop meetings by forming up the Troop, running some of the games, and helping with instructions.

Other duties might include helping with the Investiture, keeping the Patrol Competition points, instruction, and the Troop Hike plans.

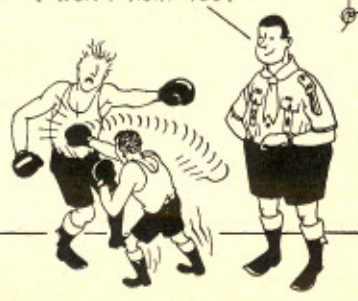
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'DON'T WORRY RONNIE



LAST WORDS

I WON'T HURT YOU!



PARENT COOPERATION



THE CUB AND HIS PARENTS

Here is the way one Scouter tackles the important problem of Pack-Parent relationship. Have you any suggestions to make to other Scouters?

SEVENTH Galt Pack is composed of 24 Cubs and 4 Leaders, with a waiting list because we believe that 24 is the ideal number in a Pack.

Here are some of the ways we use to get and to maintain, *parental* interest and participation in our Cubbing. We hope that this will assist those leaders looking for new and different ideas. Cooperation is really a two-way street, and those leaders who travel it will be delighted with the flow of the traffic toward them.

It might be wise to state part of our philosophy about Cubbing. We believe we should try to develop the boy in conjunction with his parents—not away from them. Because of the pressure of business and modern living, some of us find it more and more difficult to have wholesome recreation with our children. We, the leaders of 7th Galt, try to create, without too much effort on our part, situations where our Cubs can have fun with their Dads.

We use many and most of the usual methods such as: letters—explaining activities, and as invitations to activities, a 'phone call asking for at least one of the parents to be present at the Investiture, having the parents visit during the Going-Up Ceremony and seeing that they are introduced to the S.M.; attendance at meetings where their boy is to be presented with a badge, Second or Sixer stripes.

June of '53 we thought it would be appropriate to close for the summer with a Pack Family Picnic. This we held on the farm of one of our Cub's parents. The result was excellent. This year we had a 7th Galt Family Picnic at which more than 100 attended. The work involved (1) a short letter mailed to each Cub and Scout home stating date, time and the packing of a family lunch; (2) the arranging of transportation from the Church; (3) planning a few games for *all* members of the families. Boy, what fun! Cheering Mom on in the spike-driving race!

Did you every try a Father and Son swim at the Y.M.C.A.? Tobogganing parties with Dad concluding with soup and doughnuts? Saturday hikes includ-

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ing Dad? We have, and we have good turnouts for them all.

To get help on tests and to give the boy a target at which to shoot, we set up 8-week targets similar to those used by the Pack for Plan Achievement. Each boy takes his target home to be hung in his room. As he completes, with his parents' help, each of the three tests he colours the circle and upon completion returns it, is tested and obtains another one.

We organized a Fathers' Club, who have run two Dads and Lads weekends on their own with Baloo and Akela sitting in on Committee meetings. At the first weekend 21 Fathers and 24 Sons attended, and a week later 9 Dads and 12 Lads were present.

Probably the climax to date was our summer camp, which was completely self-contained and supported. District policy this year swung the onus on individual groups in that all staff was to be found and financed by each Unit. The result for 7th Galt is a stronger Group. Our Mothers' Auxiliary raised \$70.00 to pay a nurse and a cook. Each day two Mothers came to camp to help with the kitchen chores, and in several instances their own sons were too young to attend. Our Fathers' Club raised the money to finance a week's leave of absence for Baloo. Our staff consisted of Akela, Baloo, Kim (Mrs. A. Kilb) waterfront; Mrs. W. Bailey, cook; Mrs. M. Currie, nurse, and two service Scouts.

In the Fall we are planning a Camp Reunion to which all the families will be invited, and we shall have fun, movies of our Camp activities, review 1954 Camp and make plans for 1955.

Both Baloo and I own 8.8 movie cameras, and we now have 230 feet of coloured movies in our Pack library of 1953, 1954 Cub Camps and all three Dads and Lads weekends. Do they love being Hollywood stars!

This summer our two Dads and Lads weekends were used to set up and break up our week camp. That is the reason for running them consecutively, but we are not too sure that this is good.

What of the future? We are sold on Parent co-operation and hope to extend our activities to have periodic Pack meetings with either Mom or Dad participating. Maybe a Mother and Son weekend will be planned next. Who knows?

More details available, if requested, from A. B. Kilb, R.R. 2, Galt, Ontario.

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