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International Conference

TRIBUTE TO THE SCOUTER

The Conference records with great pleasure the selfless devotion to duty of the Scouter, who spends his time training the boy in the game of Scouting, and pays tribute to his work.

The fine and noble example of the great company of Scouters of the world in the past fifty years will inspire those who follow in the years to come.

THE FOUNDER

The Conference pays tribute and honours the memory of our Founder, B.-P., whose genius and spirit has created Scouting for Boys. His example and devotion to the boy will inspire and guide us always.

KEYNOTE RESOLUTION

The Conference, as the central body of the Boy Scouts World Brotherhood, on the occasion of its Founder's Centenary and the Fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Scouting in the world, reaffirms its faith in the fundamental principles of Scouting as founded by the former Chief Scout of the World,

the late Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell:

1. Duty to God.
2. Loyalty to one's own country.
3. Faith in world friendship and brotherhood.
4. Accepting, freely undertaking and practising the ideals set forth in the Scout Law and Promise.
5. Independence of political influence.
6. Voluntary membership.
7. The unique system of training, based on the Patrol System, activities in the open air and learning by doing.
8. Service to others.

The Conference firmly believes that these principles, which have proven so successful, strongly contribute towards the formation of character in the boy of today, the man of tomorrow, to the great benefit of every nation, and through the spread of understanding and unity of purpose, of the world as a whole. May this be our endeavour in the strengthening of freedom and peace.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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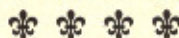
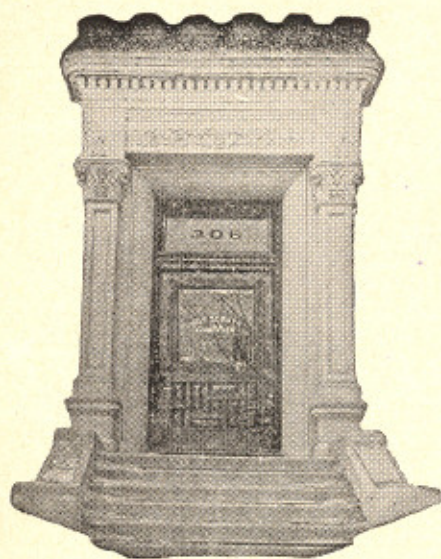
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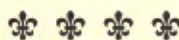
AND A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH

HAPPINESS FOR YOU AND YOURS



CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS

306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4



Scoutmaster Jack Young,
2nd Shale Falls Troop,
St. Matthew's Church,
Shale Falls, Ont.
Dear Jack:

Thanks for your letter. It was good to hear that your Jamboree Scout spoke to your Council, at their last meeting, and gave them such a splendid account of his experiences at J.I.M. I met him on my rounds and thought him a very fine boy—a credit to your leadership. Since my return, I have had an opportunity of hearing a number of J.I.M. Scouts and I must say that, in every instance, they have acquitted themselves very well. Each one of them had the time of his life and, quite obviously, had an experience which he will remember all his days.

Once again we find ourselves approaching the Christmas season; the season which, for many small boys and girls, represents the season of "being good", in anticipation of receiving due reward when the great day arrives, in the shape of those things for which they have especially asked.

A great deal could be said about the commercialization of the great festival of Christmas but I think we, in the Boy Scout Movement, would do well

to lay emphasis, at this time, on the other side of the picture; that is, the emphasis on "doing good", and on the value of the biblical injunction "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Of course, I am not advocating that Scouts should be expected to only give gifts, and not receive them, but I am suggesting that this is a good time to again emphasize the "Good Turn"—not for the sake of an expected reward but for the satisfaction which can be experienced in rendering some small service without thought of recompense. We make a big mistake if we think that boys do not want to do that sort of thing, or do not feel any sense of satisfaction; they do.

I know at your Troop meetings, in your "Scoutmaster's Five Minutes", you frequently make reference to the importance of the "Good Turn". Here is something that you might like to pass on to your boys at one of your meetings before Christmas: A short while ago, I had the pleasure of attending a Quebec Scouters' Conference at North Hatley, P.Q. One of the after-dinner speakers was a gentleman whose connection with Scouting goes right back to the beginning. He, as an employee of the Pearson publishing firm

in England, had the distinction of proof-reading the fortnightly articles written by B.-P., which were later published as "Scouting for Boys". He told us of his early association with B.-P., and of the early days of Scouting, and stressed the fact that the original members of the Movement were the objects of ridicule and derision. But, he said, Scouting has gone a long way since then; it is now a highly respected Movement, which has definitely arrived, thanks to the "Good Turn". The "Good Turn" turned ridicule to admiration. There is a great lesson in this for all of us. Let us make sure that we do not let Scouting die for lack of the "Good Turn".

Please give my warmest greetings to Betty and the children.

I do hope that you all have a most happy Christmas, a healthful New Year, and continued prosperity.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive Commissioner

OUR COVER: TRAINING AND WINTER SCOUTING TECHNIQUES ARE IMPORTANT!

The Scouters on our cover are from the Montreal, Quebec, District where an annual Specialized Training Course in Winter Scouting has increased the number of Boy Scouts enjoying the benefits and adventures of Winter Scouting. Many other Districts throughout the country have done the same thing.

We would encourage other Districts and Groups to investigate this important programme idea.



SCOUTING Digest

Christmas Eve

The door is on the latch tonight,
The hearth-fire is aglow,
I seem to hear soft passing feet—
The Christ child in the snow.
My heart is open wide tonight
For stranger, kith or kin;
I would not bar a single door
Where love might enter in.

—Author Unknown

B.-P. Post

In January 1958 the first issue of "The B.-P. Post" will be printed and distributed free of charge.

The publishers are in the process of obtaining a mailing list of all Scout Troop newspapers in order that they may be able to obtain the first copy of "The B.-P. Post".

The paper is to be printed in Holland in both English and French with the approval of the Boy Scouts International Bureau.

The subscription rate will be stated in the first issue of the paper and will then be published on a bi-monthly basis.

Its content will be made up of articles submitted by the subscribers and will be for the purpose of acquainting editors of these papers with affairs in the rest of the Scouting World.

Its format will be six to eight pages per issue to start, with an extra page devoted to advertisements by firms and individuals concerned with Scouting at a very reasonable rate.

Anyone interested in having their name put on the mailing list please submit your name to:

"The B.-P. Post",
North American Office,
c/o Howard Dimmick,
North Main Street,
Jefferson, Massachusetts,
U.S.A.

If interested in advertising in the paper please mark your letter "Advertising Department".

Enthusiastic Trainees

We recently received a most interesting report on the Scouters' Introduc-

tory Training Course held at Albert Bay, B.C.

All of the candidates came from groups not within organized Districts and had to travel for four hours each way to attend the Course.

They came to Albert Bay by boat, railway and aircraft. The Scouters from Port Alice and Holberg chartered a plane to attend the course.

We feel sure that all the readers of this magazine will want to congratulate these Scouters for their enthusiasm.

B.-P. Sunday, 1958

By mutual agreement with the Canadian Council of the Girl Guides Association, B.-P. Sunday will be observed throughout Canada on February 23rd, 1958. As is customary, in many centres, Cubs, Scouts and Rovers will join Brownies, Guides and Rangers in attending special joint church services to honor the memory of the Founder of the Scout and Guide Movements. The popular pamphlet "Suggested Material for Boy Scout-Girl Guide Church Services (Protestant Groups)" is available from the Relationships Department at C.H.Q. through Provincial H.Q.s.

264 Tons of Paper In One Day

More than 264 tons of paper was collected in one Saturday drive by 1,500 Cubs and Scouts of the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

For every ton of paper collected, \$5.00 was guaranteed for the Everton Scout camp. The rest was equally divided among the participating groups.

The drive was organized so that the Cubs knocked on doors and hauled paper to the curbs while Scouts piled the bundles onto trucks which were donated for the day by local industry.

Toronto Camporee Largest in Canada

The biggest Scouting Camporee in Canadian history, the Greater Toronto Region 1957 Camporee, was held on the October 5th week-end at Sibbalds Point Provincial Park, Ontario. Be-

cause of the flu epidemic, only 1,000 of the expected 1,700 Scouts attended.

There were two unusual preparations for this camp. "Operation Teardrops" saw 40 officers and men of the Royal Canadian Engineers (Militia) working under floodlights the night before camp opened to set up a filtered water system for the entire camp. Large tanks, pumps, a diatomite set and a hose system supplied some 20,000 gallons of filtered water from Lake Simcoe. To aid the judges, a walkie talkie network was set up by the cadets of the RCE Signal Corps.

The use of electrical computing machines to calculate the results of the Scouts' camping skills illustrated the efficient planning of the events and the fact that 'modern' methods of operation have not escaped those in Scouting.

Reeve Howard Anderson of Georgina Township officially opened the Camporee which was divided into three sub-camps. 180 Leaders and Rovers acted as judges, recorders, etc. The 26th Toronto Rover Crew provided meals for the entire Camporee Staff and the Army unit throughout the weekend.

Three religious services were held on the Sunday, a Catholic Mass, an Anglican Communion service and a Protestant Scouts' Own.

Found!

One developed roll of film
at Bogelanzang Sub-Camp
site at Jubilee J.I.M.

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Owner should contact Ad-
ministration Dept., Can-
adian H.Q. and give des-
cription of pictures taken.



Dear Sir:

We are facing a problem in our Troop that I am sure many Scout Leaders across Canada must be facing. Scouting in Canada has acknowledged that the boy of today is maturing faster than the boy of a decade or so ago, and has lowered the age when a boy may join the Scout Troop to 11, but is still maintaining that the boy shall not have his First Class badge until he has reached his 14th birthday. We state that the boy must have 12 months' service and then make him serve 36 months. I have argued this on occasions and have received the stock answer that the boy is not mature enough to take his first class journey until he is 14 years of age. In other words we contradict ourselves. In the past I have had smart Cubs moving up into the Troop before their twelfth birthday (in some cases almost a year) as provided for in the rules, and these boys have brought their enthusiasm with them. They have completed their Second Class tests, worked at their First Class, Queen's Scout, Bushman's Thong, etc., and on their fourteenth birthday were the proud recipients of everything. We have toughened the tests, thrown in extra activities, and tried various methods of slowing them down, but they took everything in their stride. However, once they had reached their goal, and suddenly moved from six badges to a sudden armful, they stopped dead. I do believe if we had followed a more realistic attitude and allowed the Scouter more discretion as to when he thinks a boy is ready to take that first class journey, and thus complete his first class tests when he is able, these boys would have spread their enthusiasm over many more years of Scouting. I do not believe that you can set a mandatory age on this test any more than you can on others. Leave in an age limit if you wish on the Queen's Scout badge, but I certainly believe that it should be removed from the First Class. I certainly would be interested in reading the comments of other Scouters on this.

Might as well go all the way and start a real argument while I'm at it. I think the six months probation on the Queen's Scout was a real step in the right direction, but I still think we should put some real Scouting into this important badge, and

make a Scout be the holder of his Bushman's Thong first.

If that doesn't provoke arguments I don't know what will!

Yours in Scouting,

Harry W. Bryant, Camp Chief,
438 Concession St., Hamilton, Ont.

★ The ideas expressed in this letter are, of course, those of the writer and do not represent the opinion of this magazine. We publish Mr. Bryant's letter because we feel that there are several ideas here which should be discussed by our readers. It is not our intention to enter into a lengthy controversy on these subjects covered but we would appreciate any comments which you might like to make. We feel sure that Mr. Bryant would also like to hear from those with similar or different opinions.

Dear Sir:

Here is a line or two from a new Troop; Vancouver's 120th. Sponsored by the River-view United Church situated on St. George Street at the corner of 63rd Ave. E. in the Fraser District.

Organized during the past summer the Troop, at the time of writing, has eight boys. Full use is being made of the Patrol System. Two P.L.s were chosen by the first five candidates and Court of Honour meetings were instituted right away. The two P.L.s are now invested and have picked their Seconds. Two other candidates are now ready for Investiture.

One two-day camp and a one-day outing have gone down in the Troop's history and three Scouts; the only ones in uniform at the time; represented the 120th at a District Church Parade.

Five members of the Troop are currently taking the Junior St. John's Ambulance course in a special class arranged for the Scouts of the Fraser District.

Correspondence with S.M.s of other new Troops will be welcome, especially with those who, like myself, are new S.M.s.

Yours for happy and worthwhile Scouting,

J. Courtney White,
7806 Prince Albert St.,
Vancouver 15, B.C.

★ We do hope that other new Scouters and perhaps a few experienced ones will write and offer their help and ideas to Mr. White. Better still send along your ideas to the Editor so that we can publish them and so help many other "New" and "Old" Scouters.

Dear Sir:

Like so many Leaders I am always going to write, but never really get around to it, but after many discussions here in Hamilton I am finally writing a letter that I was asked to write last Spring.

Over a period of 30 odd years with the Movement, naturally you run into a few events, games etc., that may be of interest to other Scouters across Canada. I am going to try to put a few down on paper that you may consider using some time or other. If you think they are useless just chuck them into the waste paper file along with others.

Yours in Scouting,

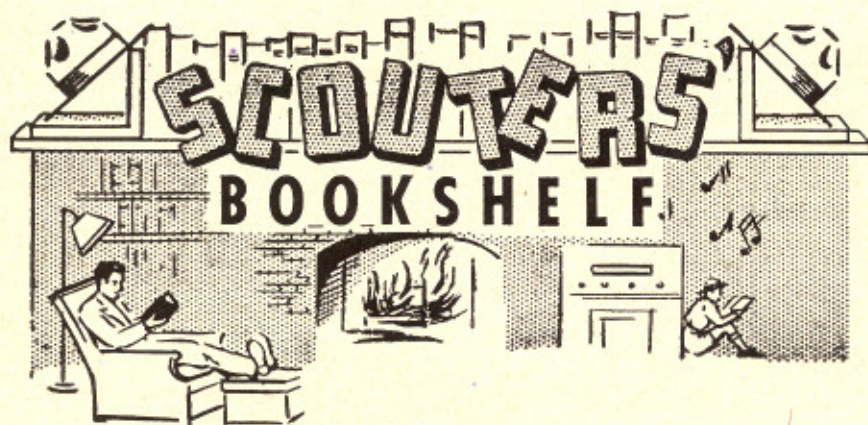
Harry W. Bryant, Camp Chief,
438 Concession St., Hamilton, Ont.

★ It is always a pleasure to receive a first letter-to-the-Editor. Mr. Bryant has really made a contribution to this issue of *The Scout Leader* and we look forward to hearing from others. For his programme ideas, see page 89.

Don't Be Bashful!



Now is the time to pick up your pen and give us those suggestions and ideas which you have often thought of.



Ho for the Labrador

By James Skelton. Printed in England. Obtainable from the author, 136 Church St., Weston, Ont. \$2.25.

Here is an exciting yarn about Newfoundland and Labrador and the adventures of a Boy Scout from the island of Skye in Scotland, who hopes to follow in the footsteps of Dr. Grenfell. Dave MacRae and his widowed Mother come out to stay with his sister Jean, a nurse, at St. Anthony, on the northern coast of Newfoundland. He journeys north with an Eskimo chum by schooner and dogteam, living in igloos, feasting on Polar Bear, learning to know the Eskimos while sharing the hazards of their life. Finally he decides to devote his life to doctoring amongst them, his medical career financed by lucky mining "strikes."

This story about an unfamiliar region of Canada gives a detailed picture of the life of the people from the point of view of a boy in his teens, and useful information on an inspired and exacting occupation—medical missionary to a primitive people. It would therefore be interesting to any boy in search of adventure, and particularly to one considering medicine as a career.

The Land and People of Argentina

By George Pendle

Published by The Macmillan Company of Canada Ltd., Toronto

Price \$1.50

This is the latest in the series on land and peoples being published by The Macmillan Company. All of the books in this series are written in a brief but comprehensive way well suited to young men and women. The author of *Argentina* has painted for his readers

a colourful and well documented word picture of one of our southern neighbours without dwelling on the differences in the political structure of our two countries. This book, and indeed the entire series, would make excellent additions to any Group library. For those who might plan special meetings around the costumes and habits of other peoples, these books would be invaluable. In particular, we would recommend *Argentina* and its companions to Rover Scouts and Scouts working on the World Friendship proficiency badge. Our world is getting smaller every day and a few minutes spent in discovering how other people think and live should be a part of our normal habits.

Famous Musicians

By Louis G. McCready

Illustrated by Nancy Caudle

Published by Clarke, Irwin & Company Ltd., Toronto

Price \$2.50

It is most encouraging to see the stories of great Canadians being told in such an interesting and easy-to-read way. This latest book in the series entitled, *Canadian Portraits*, is the kind of material Scouters are looking for as they prepare short, inspirational yarns for their boys. The books in this series would make excellent gifts and it is suggested that the readers of this magazine might recommend them to parents and others who wish to give gifts of lasting value. Everyone who is proud to call himself Canadian will thrill to the stories of Sir Ernest C. MacMillan, Edward Johnson, Wilfrid Pelletier and Wilan Healey. The contribution they have made to our lives and to the lives of those who will follow us is measureless.

A List of Orders and Decorations Awarded the Founder of Scouting

- 1901 Companion of the Order of the Bath
 - 1909 Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath
Knight Commander of the Victorian Order
 - 1910 Order of Merit of Chile
 - 1912 Knight of Grace of St. John of Jerusalem
 - 1919 Knight of the Grand Cross of Alfonso XII (Spain)
 - 1920 Grand Commander of the Order of Christ (Portugal)
Grand Commander of the Order of the Redeemer (Greece)
 - 1921 Baronet
Storkos of the Order of Danneborg (Denmark)
Order of the Commander of the Crown of Belgium
 - 1922 Commander of the Legion of Honour (France)
 - 1923 Grand Cross of the Victorian Order
 - 1927 Order of Polonia Restituta (Poland)
 - 1928 Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George
Order of Amanulla (Afghanistan)
 - 1929 First Class of the Order of Merit (Hungary)
The Order of the White Lion (Czechoslovakia)
The Order of the Phoenix (Greece)
Peçrage
 - 1931 The Grand Cross of the Order of Merit (Austria)
 - 1932 Grand Cross of Gediminus (Lithuania)
Grand Cross of Orange of Nassau (Holland)
 - 1933 Commander of the Order of the Oak of Luxembourg
The Red Cross of Estonia
Grand Cross of the Order of the Sword (Sweden)
Grand Cross of Three Stars (Latvia)
 - 1936 Grand Cordon of the Legion of Honour (France)
 - 1937 Order of Merit
- Honorary Degrees**
- 1910 LL.D. Edinburgh
 - 1923 LL.D. Toronto
LL.D. McGill, Montreal
D.C.L. Oxford
 - 1929 LL.D. Liverpool
 - 1931 LL.D. Cambridge

BOOKS ARE IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS. LOOK OVER THE BOOK LISTS IN THE NEW STORES DEPARTMENT CATALOGUE.

Queen Honours B.-P.'s Ancestor

One of the highlights of Queen Elizabeth II's recent North American visit was a day spent at Jamestown, Virginia, during the Festival celebrating the 350th anniversary of the colony.

It was in 1607 that Captain John Smith, an ancestor of Lord Baden-Powell, through his mother, arrived in Chesapeake Bay with 105 colonists, to found the first British settlement outside the British Isles. Thus, Jamestown is celebrating not only its own 350th birthday, but that of the United States and the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Lord Baden-Powell had great admiration for this ancestor of his, whose surname he bears as one of his given names, and throughout his life, both before and during his Scouting days, sought to emphasize those qualities which distinguished Captain John Smith. In his book "Adventuring to Manhood", Lord Baden-Powell has this to say to Scouts about this great man:—

"Captain John Smith was a great fellow and another British 'sea dog'. I hope all you who bear the honourable name of Smith will look on him as your own forbear and imitate his good example. If you do England will have a fine crop of brave men! Then all of you who are not Smiths but are Johns can also count him as your great godfather; and those who are neither Smith nor John can follow his lead as a MAN. Captain John Smith was born at Wiltoughby, in Lincolnshire in 1579. John Smith, after the death of his father in 1592, started as a boy of sixteen to seek his fortune abroad in the service of France and the Netherlands, where he learned the rudiments of soldiering.

"After a short stay in England he went abroad again in 1600, and saw many stirring adventures in Eastern Europe, where he served under the Archduke of Austria and other commanders, chiefly against the Turks. John Smith's inventive genius stood him in good stead at the siege of Lemback, where he devised a system of signalling with the garrison, (who were beleaguered by the Turks) and eventually secured the successful relief of the town. . . . (signals)

"For killing three Turkish champions in a series of single combats, fought in the sight of the two armies, he received a coat of arms from the Prince of Transylvania. He was taken prisoner by the Turks, sold for a slave and sent

to Constantinople. Befriended there by a Turkish lady of quality, he was removed to Varna, and after much ill-treatment there by his master, a Pasha, Smith killed him and effected his escape.

"Smith afterwards became captain of an expedition to Virginia, in America, taking a number of people with him to settle there and colonize the country. He had endless difficulties, both with his own people and with the Red Indians. He was at one time captured by these and was about to be put to death when Pocahontas, the daughter of their chief, Powhattan, interceded for him and his life was spared. Afterwards he became good friends with the Indians, so that Pocahontas eventually became a Christian, married Smith's lieutenant

Rolfe, and came to England, where she is buried.

"But old Smith's adventures would—and do—fill a book. He was continually facing difficulties and dangers, but always with a brave laugh and the determination to pull through to success. So he is a grand example to slobbs who want to make themselves into men. One of his sayings, which is worth remembering was "Let us so imitate our predecessors that we may be worthily their successors."

For further details about the life and adventures of Captain John Smith read the biography by Margaret Leighton, published in 1951 by Houghton Mifflin, under the title "The Sword and the Compass." (B.-P. Sketches, p. 31, 32).

CAPTAIN SMITH'S SIGNAL CODE

Sending messages in code is great fun. Here is the simple code invented by Captain Smith and one you might try with the Troop. For every letter of the alphabet from A to L he gave one flash from a light corresponding with its number away from A. Thus A—one

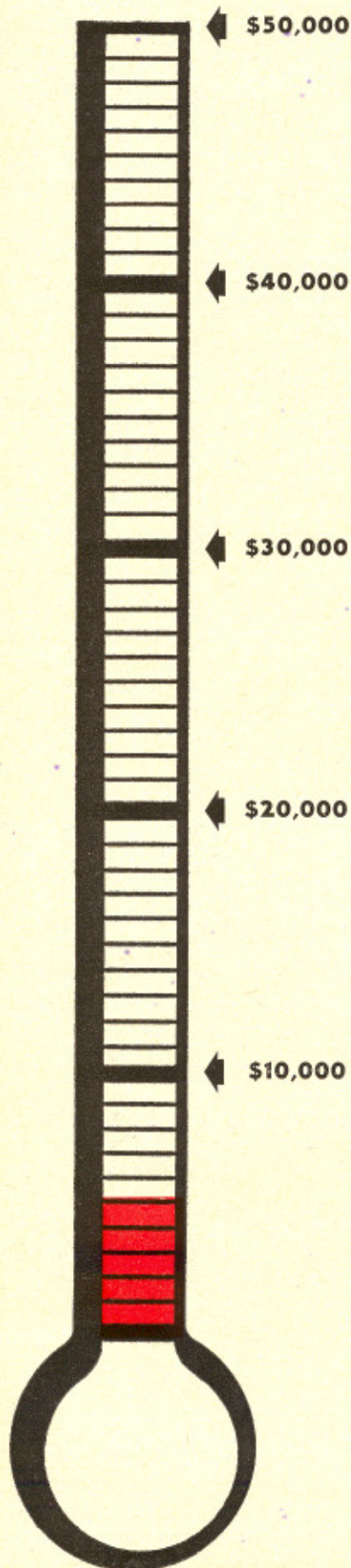
flash, E—five flashes and so on. All letters from M were shown by double flashes counting in the same way. Thus M—one double flash, T—eight double flashes and so on. Treble flash was used to indicate end of a word. It is a simple but effective introduction to working with codes.




Scouts and Cubs of the 10th New Westminster Troop, British Columbia, were recently treated to a first-hand view of the newspaper business when they toured the plant of *The British Columbian*. The intricate workings of a linotype machine are explained to one group by the linotype operator.

B. - P. CENTENARY FUND




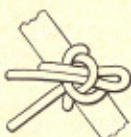
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BROUGHT FORWARD	\$4,761.12	1st Edgerton Pack	1.50
5th Windsor Cub and Scout Group, Windsor, Ont.	4.60	1st St. Albert Pack	3.00
2nd Newmarket Cub and Scout Group, Windsor, Ont.	5.00	1st Bow Island Pack	5.50
2nd Newmarket Ladies' Auxiliary, Newmarket, Ont.	5.00	1st Fort Saskatchewan Pack	5.00
2nd Downsview (RCAF) Group	15.00	Foothills District Council	52.00
1st Waterloo Rover Crew "Old Boys"	8.00	1st Delburne Pack	1.96
Sts. Peter and Paul Group	10.00	1st Millet Pack	3.00
32nd Sacred Heart Group	10.60	Brant Ensign Group	2.00
Catholic Scout Council	3.60	1st Banff Troop	22.90
North Kamloops Group No. 3	2.30	3rd Powell River (Westview) Pack	3.50
73rd Ladies' Auxiliary, Hamilton, Ont.	2.00	9th Calgary Cub Pack, Knox United Church	3.50
1st Hanna Cub Pack "B", Hanna, Alberta	10.00	No. 2 Brighton Scout Group	11.41
4th Maple Leaf Group	10.00	TOTAL AS OF NOV. 4th	\$5,251.06
1st Barons Cub Pack	5.14		
Longue Sault	2.50		
Holy Cross	10.00		
Knox Church	4.55		
St. Therese	10.00		
Cornwall Centre Cubs	2.50		
Trinity	10.00		
Cornwall Local Association	40.45		
1st Mount Hope Troop	9.00		
North Vancouver District	3.96		
1st Fort Fraser Pack	1.00		
2nd Revelstoke Pack	10.00		
3rd Burnaby Stride Group	9.10		
50th Vancouver (St. Giles) Group	10.00		
Mrs. Jean M. Gaw	3.50		
2nd Langley (St. Andrews) Group	12.00		
Crow Nest District	10.00		
20th Victoria District (1st Mt. Tolmie) Ladies' Auxiliary	5.00		
1st Coldstream Troop and 2nd Vernon Troop	12.53		
165th Group Committee	10.00		
Notyh Area Badge Committee	5.00		
95th Toronto Group	20.00		
87th Toronto Troop	2.30		
Boy Scouts Association, Lakeshore Area	60.00		
Boy Scouts Association, Scarborough West Area	6.20		
Boy Scouts Association, Toronto East Area39		
Mr. E. Hanson, 15 Ivor Rd., Toronto 12	1.00		
Mr. A. C. Sykes, 69 Castlebar Rd., Toronto 14	5.00		
"B" Pack, 1st Blenheim Cub, Blenheim, Ont.	5.00		
38th (A) Ottawa Cub Pack	2.45		



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Larry Summers' Courage Left a Lesson in Dresden

By RALPH SODEN, London Free Press Staff Writer

(Reprinted from *The London Free Press*)

Larry Summers, 29-year-old paraplegic, quietly but inevitably stole the heart of Dresden when he moved there two years ago.

Now, just as quietly and inevitably, he is leaving that town of 2,210 souls to study physical medicine at Queen's University.

He has enough money to finance his first year at college and calmly predicts that "the second year will take care of itself."

The people of Dresden are sure the second year—and the following five years—will take care of themselves.

"Larry," they say, "is capable of doing anything he wants. He has helped us realize any problem can be conquered with the right outlook and the right approach."

Larry completed his grade 12 examinations while still in hospital. Then he enrolled at the Provincial Institute of Trades in Toronto and graduated as a watchmaker in 1955.

In the same class with Herbert Eves, son of a Dresden jeweler, Larry soon struck up a friendship. The friendship led to an offer of a job after graduation. Larry accepted.

Within weeks he was a familiar figure in the community, rolling along in his wheelchair. He took an active interest in community affairs. He ignored his disability.

The first Dresden winter proved hard on the wheelchair. It got bogged in the snow; it would throw a tire; sometimes it even collapsed.

The "coke crowd"—teen-agers who often met Larry in his varied activities—bought him a new wheelchair in the spring, not because they felt sorry for him but because they liked him and figured he should have the best in locomotion.

Rapidly he found himself in all their activities; he went to ball and hockey games in the area, to Detroit and London to shows.

Larry has a Jack Cornwell Scouting Badge, won by organizing a Wolf Cub Troop of crippled children while he was in a Toronto hospital. In Dresden he became an Assistant Scoutmaster, was secretary of the Scout Group Committee and painted the lower half of the Scout Hall from his wheelchair while other Scoutmasters painted the top.

For additional fun he decided to teach himself how to play the bagpipes and is currently trying to master Gaelic lyrics to go with the stirring music.

An Anglican, he attended Christ Church and never missed the monthly Communion Service. As secretary of the men's club, the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen, he attended all the post-service breakfasts and insisted on washing and drying up.

When he was 12 he decided he wanted to be a doctor. He was told his physical condition made his wish impossible. Then he decided on analytical chemistry. The same problem arose. He turned to watchmaking as "a useful occupation."

This spring, in Toronto for a medical check, he met a quadriplegic friend and discovered the friend is scheduled to graduate from Queen's next year in a finance and commerce course.

Larry, his ambition to be a doctor given new hope, discovered Queen's would accept him as a student. During his first year he will have to write parts of his grade 13 examinations.

"The money," he grinned, "will come from my savings and what I can pick up mending watches."

About Dresden he says:

"It has done a lot for me. It has given me confidence I never knew I had. The way the people have taken me into their activities and hearts was something I couldn't believe was happening."

And Dresden says about Larry:

Mayor Douglas Weese: "Larry may feel Dresden has done something for him, but I believe he has done something for Dresden. . . ."

Police Chief Alvin Watson: "If Larry wants to be a doctor, then he will be. Look what he did with the bagpipes. . . ."

Lee McCaughrin, president of the Anglican Men's Club: "He's a real solid citizen. The fact he's handicapped won't hold him back. We're sorry to lose him, but we'll be at his graduation. . . ."

The Rev. G. D. Vogan, rector of Christ Church: "If more people had his outlook and his built-in character, the world would truly be better."

George Brooker, Scoutmaster: "What can you say about the guy? Say anything about him. It has got to be good."

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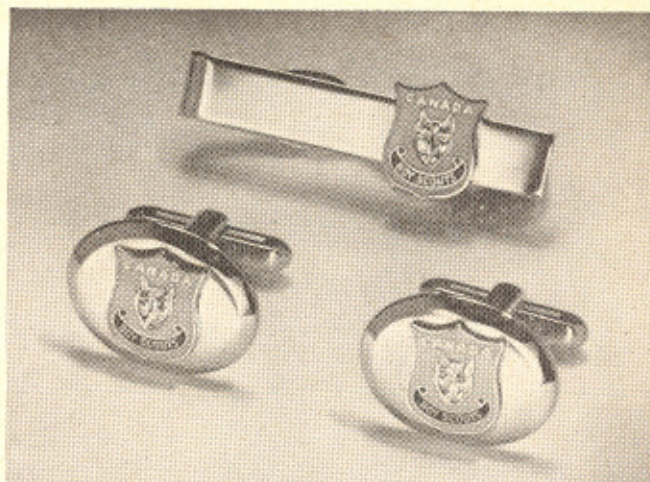
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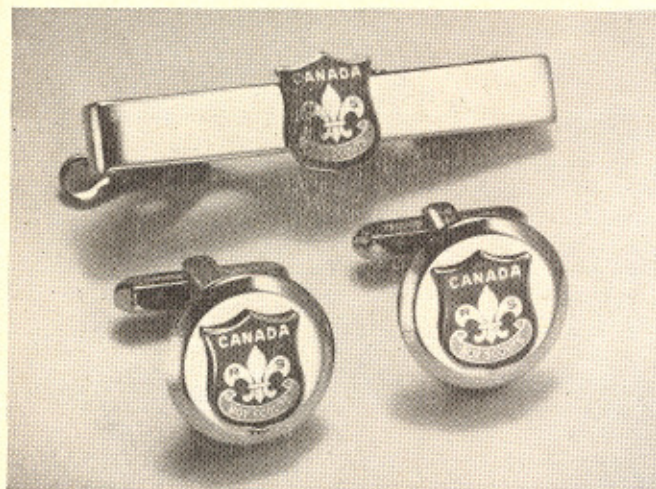
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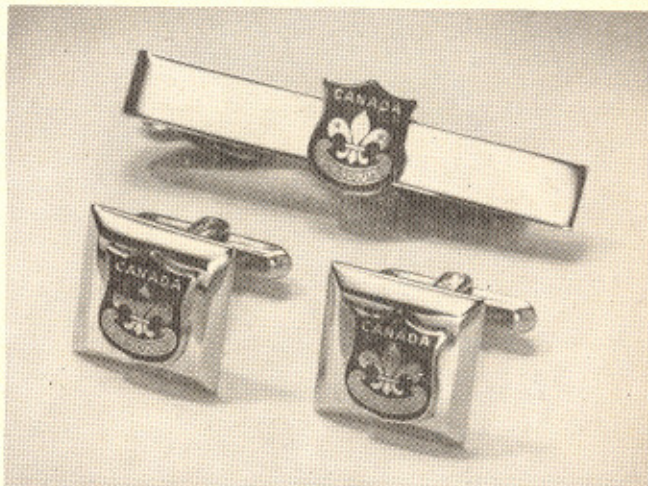
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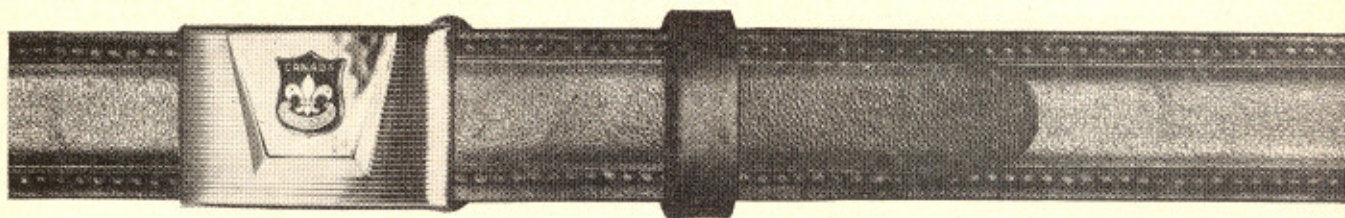
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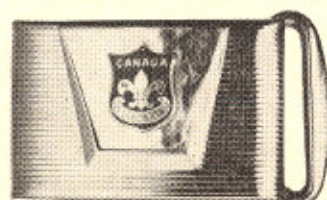
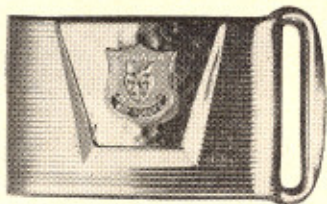


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Winter Scouting Emergency

By SCOUTMASTER A. A. (SANDY) LOCKHART, 1st Kemano, B.C., Troop

It was a crisp clear winter night in the little town of Kemano, B.C., the temperature hung at ten above zero and the moon was nearly full.

The 1st Kemano Troop meeting started in the normal manner. Promptly at 7.00 the boys formed their Horse Shoe. Flag break and inspection followed. A game was being organized by 7.10, when suddenly the door flew open and in burst Mr. Einor Blix. Mr. Blix was well known to the boys as he is a great winter sportsman and tests badges on this subject. Mr. Blix was out of breath and seemed terribly excited about something. We noticed that he was carrying his skates, which was not unusual as it was perfect weather for an evening's skate on the river.

It took a few moments for our trembling intruder to catch his breath and blurt out that while he and a friend were skating up the Kemano River his friend had fallen through a thin spot in the ice. When he had skated near, the ice cracked and he had just managed to get himself clear. Skating back down the river as fast as his legs could carry him he came to the closest building, which was our Scout Hall.

There were one or two skeptical looks among the boys but when I ordered one of them to phone the company first aid man to hurry down with the ambulance all doubt vanished. Orders flew from the P.L.s. The contents of our supply room was soon looted of staves, rope, first aid kit, blankets, flashlights, etc. Within moments we were in our two Patrols outside. The exhausted Mr. Blix was to wait in the Scout Hall for the arrival of the first aid man and the Jeep Ambulance and then to come as close as possible to the scene of the accident which would likely be about half a mile away.

Meanwhile the Beaver Patrol was to go with A.S.M. Reier up river via a high level trail and work back along the river to the accident spot whose location had not been too well described. I was to take the Wolves directly up the bank of the river in case the distance was not as great as we had been informed. Two things were in our favour. The moon was very bright and the stricken man was alleged to have a flashlight with which to signal.

It took about twenty minutes to reach a point on the bank of the river around which we could see upstream



a mile or so. During this interval we heard the ambulance siren and saw the vehicle way behind us parked with its red light flashing. As we looked up the river we saw the other patrol coming down and about equidistant between was a faint glow from a flashlight out in the middle of the frozen river. We hurried on and reached the adjacent bank a few minutes after the other Patrol. The Beavers were busy throwing a life line to the man whom we could see head and shoulders above the ice with the dimming flashlight on the ice beside him. He was slumped over and apparently unconscious as he neither answered our excited calls nor grabbed the life line. We would have to hurry if we were to save him! The Wolf Patrol Leader lined his Patrol up in column and one by one they started out on their stomachs, resting across their staves and each holding the foot of the boy ahead.

Gradually the human ladder snaked out toward its goal. The Beavers began to reinforce the line and soon the lead man had the victim. A shout of triumph, was soon followed by a cry of surprise! The man was a dummy made of sawdust, rags, and old clothing. Pinned to him was a note saying that his name was "Sam" and he was very nearly dead from exposure and shock and that the utmost care must be applied in his handling. The boys had a quick conference and then the appropriate first aid was applied. Soon Sam was wrapped in an improvised blanket.

We met Mr. Blix and the first aid man on the way back.

Just before we came to the ambulance we ran across a ready built cabin-style Council fire. The first aid man after a thorough examination attested that poor Sam must be dead as the lower half of his body had suddenly fallen out of the stretcher and had to be pinned back on again. So we stopped and lit the Council fire. As is our custom those present who are attending a Troop camp fire for the first time were initiated by placing their log on the fire during the opening ceremony. A.S.M. Reier led the boys in a song and a lively game followed. As the programme progressed we took this opportunity to invest a recently "Moved Up" Cub who had completed his Tenderfoot.

It would be hard to imagine a more suitable setting for an investiture—the boys stood in a Horse Shoe around the roaring council fire, the snow glistening in a ring all about us, the moon full above, and the Northern lights silhouetting the mountain peaks behind.

Several quiet songs and a story followed. The fire burned lower, we sang our favourite closing song—

By the blazing council fire's light
We have met in comradeship tonight,
Round about, the whispering trees
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The Scouter Is a Coach

By SCOUTER DON

"I want you . . . to go on and train your Patrols entirely yourselves. . . ." The foregoing abbreviated quotation is from *Scouting for Boys*, Yarn 4, page 39 in the Scout Brotherhood edition. The vital thing about it is that it isn't addressed to Scouters as one might judge from possibly ninety per cent of the Troops in some areas. It's addressed to Patrol Leaders. Those sometimes funny and sometimes maddening fellows with two stripes on their pockets. Note the word "entirely", not partially, or as much as the Scouters see fit to leave you with. Interpreted for Scouters it means, "I want you fellows to stand back and keep your hands off this instruction business, so these fumbling, inept, forgetful adolescents can get the experience that turns them into capable young men you'll be proud to graduate from your Troop."

As far as the technical aspects of Scouting go, the Scouter is a coach, ready to step in only to prevent imminent disaster, as when a Tenderfoot is about to chop off his foot. His job is to try to prepare his P.L.'s for the game, explain afterward and very tactfully what went wrong, encourage them to go back with renewed enthusiasm. He is in effect the coach of a leadership team. It's only when the coach stands on the sidelines that the team can work effectively.

We hear a lot about surveys and figures indicating that Cubbing attracts boys more readily than Scouting. It may be so, but how accurate can these figures be when by and large the Cub programme is followed in the manner prescribed while the Scout programme often isn't? In one centre, for instance, there are forty units which call themselves Scout Troops. In only four of these are there such things as Patrol meetings and Courts of Honour in effective control of the Troop. The others are run by sincere good-hearted folk who believe they are giving the very best of Scout Leadership, *that's the trouble*. No one denies they are doing good work but it isn't Scouting and isn't going to get 100% results.

There is positively no excuse for lack of Patrol meetings. If the P.L.s don't know how to run them we've failed in our job. Even if it's impossible to meet anywhere but in the Troop hall, we could arrange for outdoor activities. The Patrols could disperse after flag-

break, coming together for a short campfire and on cold nights to get warm. In the worst weather they could spend most of the time in corners, with a few games together. At the expense of Troop meetings, Patrol meetings could take place alternate weeks. If other meeting places were found for them, this would mean freeing the hall for some other organization of the sponsoring church, which might be grateful.

It doesn't mean, as Cubmasters suspect, that Scoutmasters and their assistants avoid all work. There's the matter of training the P.L.s, which done conscientiously is just as much of a job as teaching knots to a group of recruits, though the latter may be more fun. The coach who doesn't have his team well prepared for the big game isn't going to enjoy the outcome. But what a thrill when they play their best!

We hear at times the old story of big fellows not wanting to stay in the Troop with a lot of kids. Isn't it usually because we rank them as kids too, instead of as the efficient instructors they're capable of becoming? If they can only learn the fun of watching

younger fellows develop, helping them up the ladder, being leaders in fact and not just in name, perhaps they'll have a different attitude. Isn't it worth trying? B.-P. gives them the cue, but they can't follow it unless we suppress our egos a mite and let them try. And when they come pretty close to disaster, let's judge—not them but ourselves. What's wrong with our coaching techniques? How can we sharpen them up?

But that isn't our whole work. With our time uncluttered with what should be left to the boys, we will find ourselves free for the real job, individual coaching—finding out what each Scout is really like and what goes on inside his mind. Never knew Jim was such an athlete. There are a few badges he might be interested in. And that new kid who is so shy turns out to be a real expert on nature; what's the best way to make him feel at home? How can we interest young John in first aid? Why is Pete's enthusiasm wearing thin? These are the questions that matter. So let's all of us re-read at least those few paragraphs of *Scouting for Boys* that outline the Patrol System. It's worth trying.



This is another picture that was taken during the Specialization Course in Winter Scouting held last year in Montreal. You will see that expensive equipment is not necessary and for the most part, summer camping equipment and supplies can be adapted for Winter camping. However, there are several things that are different and it is important for Scouters to familiarize themselves with the problems to be met in Winter camping before they take Scouts out for an overnight exercise. Read the handbook *Winter Scouting* which is advertised in this issue of *The Scout Leader*, and if you have any questions that cannot be answered by this book please do not hesitate to write to the Editor. We will find the answer for you or let you know the most reliable source.



WINTER ... IN SNOW OR

CLOTHING IN COLD WEATHER, WEAR LOOSE FITTING CLOTHES IN LAYERS OR "SHELLS" KEEP IT DRY!



START WITH "LONG-JOHNs" NOT TOO TIGHT



NEXT, A FLANNEL SHIRT, WOOL TROUSERS



NEXT, A WOOL TURTLE NECK SWEATER



WEAR WOOLEN GLOVES WITH WATER-REPELLENT MITTS OVER THEM.



ADD A LIGHT JACKET, WOOL CAP, HEAVY BOOTS



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KEEP YOUR FEET DRY.



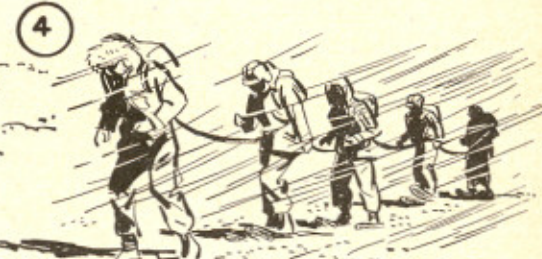
WEAR HEAVY BOOTS OR GALOSHES OVER LOW SHOES



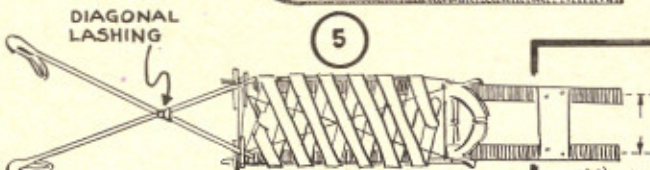
ON THE TRAIL...



A SNOW BANK IS AN EXCELLENT WINDBREAK. WHEN IN DANGER OF FREEZING, DIG A HOLE IN THE SNOW, LARGE ENOUGH SO THERE'S AIR SPACE AROUND YOU



IF YOUR PATROL GETS CAUGHT IN A BLINDING SNOW-STORM, TIE YOURSELVES TOGETHER, DECIDE THE BEST COURSE TO FOLLOW, HEAD THAT WAY. DON'T GET EXCITED, TAKE IT EASY AND YOU'LL SOON REACH CAMP.



MAKING CAMP... CHOOSE CAMPSITE LONG BEFORE DARK --- THE SIDE OF A HILL, IN A CLUMP OF EVERGREENS... AN UNEXPOSED SPOT NEVER PITCH CAMP UNDER DEAD TREES. TRAMPLE DOWN A WIDE AREA OF SNOW.



DON'T GET OVERHEATED YOU CAN FREEZE TO DEATH AFTER. TOO MUCH SWEAT CONDUCTS HEAT FROM YOUR BODY.

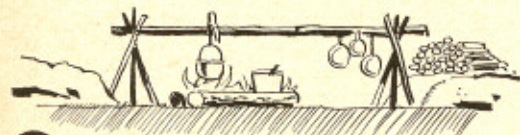


COOKING

USE A HUNTER'S FIRE. DIG SNOW AWAY TO BARE GROUND IF POSSIBLE. PLACE A "FLOOR" OF LOGS AND BUILD FIRE ON IT. PUT LUG POLE 3 FT. OVER FIRE, SUPPORTED BY TRIPODS

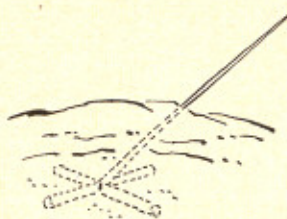
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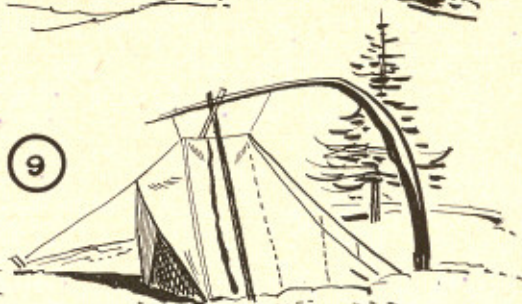
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KEEP A POT OF WATER ON FIRE AT ALL TIMES. HOT STEWS, SOUPS, HOT CEREAL, TEA, HOT LEMONADE, & HOT CHOCOLATE ARE BEST FOR WINTER CAMPING CHOW. SERVE FOODS THAT ARE HIGH IN ENERGY & FATS. CARRY EMERGENCY CHOCOLATE RATIONS WITH YOU FOR ENERGY BUILDING

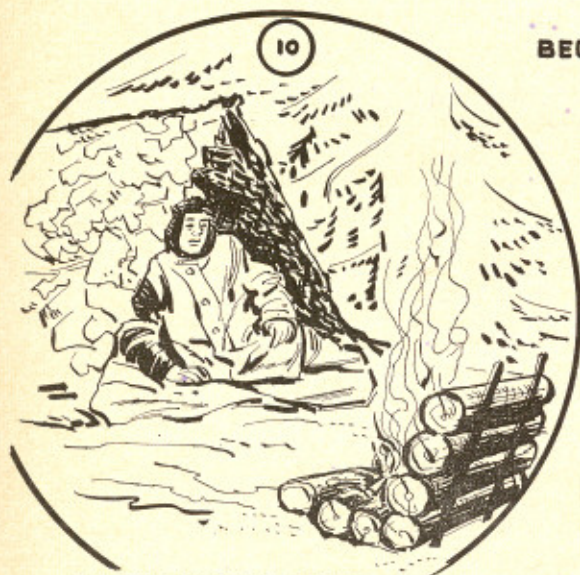


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BURY CROSS STICKS IN SNOW TO HOLD TENT ROPES IF YOU CAN'T DRIVE IN PEGS.



WHERE THERE'S A POSSIBILITY OF RAINS, PITCH TENT ON A KNOLL OR GENTLE SLOPE



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BEDDIN' DOWN

IF LOST, MAKE SHELTER OF EVERGREEN BRANCHES. GATHER LOTS OF WOOD, BUILD A FIRE, KEEP IT GOING. RELAX AND WAIT-- YOU'LL SOON BE FOUND IF YOU DON'T WANDER AROUND



A SWEATSHIRT WITH A BUILT-IN HOOD AND A PAIR OF TRACK PANTS MAKE A FINE SLEEPING OUTFIT. UNDRESS IN SLEEPING BAG... FIRST FLUFF IT UP WELL... IT'S THE AIR, NOT THE STUFFING, THAT KEEPS YOU WARM.

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HAVE MORE UNDERNEATH THAN ABOVE... MORE LAYERS OF BLANKETS OR SLEEPING-BAG, AIR MATTRESS, BROWSE-FILLED TICK ON TOP OF GROUND CLOTH

THERE'S A LOT OF FUN IN WINTER AND RAINY-DAY CAMPING



SKIING...



FISHIN' THROUGH THE ICE...



SKATING...



OR JUST SINGIN' IN THE RAIN!



MESSAGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

By the Hon. Vice-President, Mr. Jackson Dodds, C.B.E., Deputy Chief Scout of Canada

I have been looking through some of the earlier Biennial Reports covering the work of the International Bureau

and I cannot help being impressed by the very considerable progress which has been made in the years since the end of the Second World War. Not only have we increased our membership throughout the world but we have sustained the quality of our Scouting and have done our best to see that it retains to the full the fundamental principles and the real spirit which was bequeathed to us by our Founder.

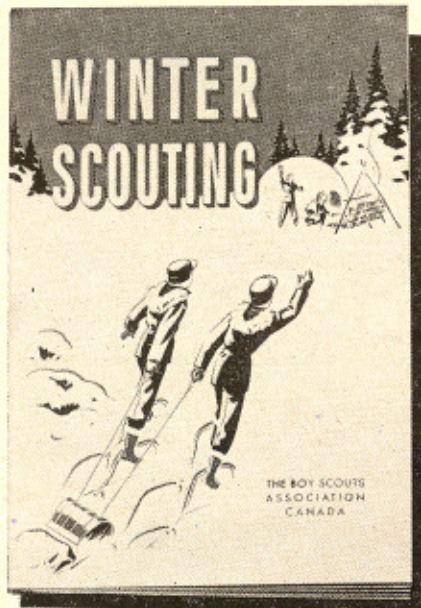
In this special Jubilee and Centenary Year we shall do well to look both backward and forward—back on Scouting's past achievements and forward to the tasks that lie ahead. However well we may have done in the past, with the limited facilities at our disposal, there is tremendous scope for us to do better in the years to come, and this presents us with a very strong challenge. I am sure we can meet it if we go to work on the right lines. Let us remember that we are a movement, not just an organization, and to maintain this movement we must do missionary work. We cannot expect to get useful results just by sitting down in our respective offices and planning. Planning is a good thing in the right place, but plans have to be imple-

mented and that means work to be done.

Many plans have been laid with this object in view and no effort is being spared to try and bring the benefits of Scouting to the hundreds of thousands of boys who would like to be Scouts if they only had the chance. As always, our greatest needs are for trained leaders and money. If we can only get the right men I am sure the money will be forthcoming. It has often been said that nothing succeeds like success. As soon as people see that our work is being well done and is achieving its aims, I am sure, from my own experience, that they will readily assist us both financially and by their own participation.

I think we can be proud of what we have accomplished so far along the road. I believe we have every reason to be optimistic about the future, but success will not come to us unless we work together as a team and stick to the spirit and principles given to us fifty years ago by the Founder. So let us roll up our sleeves and get on with the job in the sure and certain knowledge that in this way we can best help our own countries and the peoples of the world.

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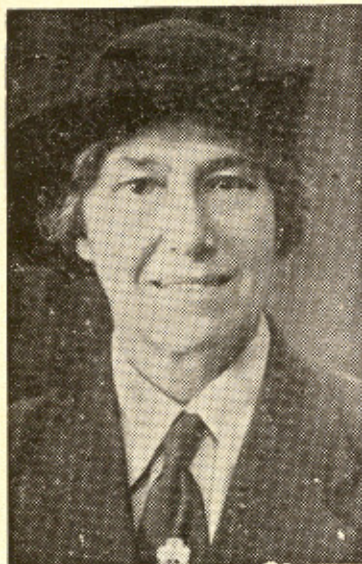


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By the Hon. Vice-President, Lady
Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide

So much has been written and so much more will be written in days to come about my husband and his great

gift to the youth of all nations.

His name, and our Movement, are known throughout the world. In spite of that there are still many people who know little and care less about the good that Scouting has brought, and will continue to bring, to boys everywhere.

So never before have we had such an opportunity as presents itself to us now, in 1957, for making our achievements and our work—both past, present and future—more widely known to a vast audience who, because of its significance as the Centenary Year, will look and listen to whatever we have to tell.

With all the many celebrations and conferences, with the camps and Jamborees, with the countless plannings for journeys and meetings, Scouts will be on the move in large numbers and people will notice them. They will not only notice them going about as Scouts but they will take notice of them and of what they do, and what they say, what they look like, and what they stand for. How I trust—don't you—that what these onlookers will see and hear will please them, and open their eyes the more to what Scouting is, and

what it means to the boy himself, and what it can mean—through that boy to the world itself.

Fifty years ago my husband blazed this magic trail, which has been followed by literally millions.

And through those years more gallant men in their thousands—and women, too—have followed it cheerfully and nobly: and, through their self-sacrifice and untiring zeal and devotion, a non-stop flow of youngsters has been pouring through this 'spray-race' of training and come out of it the better fitted for adult life.

How proud and how pleased they must feel. How stirred and encouraged you must feel. How glad and happy we can all feel that, in spite of storm and stress of every kind everywhere, Scouting goes on.

It is through the results of Scout training that our Movement has its place in the sun. Pray God that it will stay there, with all of you of this generation continuing to guard and to guide it aright, and giving as you do in your turn of your splendid best to this plan, that my beloved man handed to you half a century ago.



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Some Thoughts on Rover Scout Programme

By W. J. REDDIN, Fredericton, N.B.

As Scouters it is important that we know something of all three Sections of the Movement. If you are a Cubmaster or Scoutmaster we would suggest that you read this article for information. If you are a Rover Scout Leader read it for the ideas it contains. Your comments will be appreciated.



Idealistically we might well look at B.-P.'s description of the young Rover Scout camping in his garden to get an idea of what B.-P. thought the Rover programme should produce; a happy self reliant citizen following the guide lines of the Scout Law. Rovering, the third phase of the Scout programme, touches all too few of our citizens and it thus becomes all the more important that those whose path it crosses should at least be exposed to all of its benefits rather than being subjected to nothing more than some primus stove camping and rather dreary business meetings.

There are many ways of describing the components of the Rover programme. The one I like best speaks of providing adventure in the outdoors, giving opportunity to develop social skills, being of service to others both to develop the service habit and also to discover what personal happiness can result, to explore lifework possibilities and to generally broaden the Rover's interest in order to develop character and good citizenship—as well as to make life far more enjoyable. This broad scheme has a major strength which is in itself a source of weakness. The strength is clearly the variety of programme choices open to the crew. The weakness is the possible concomitant lack of direction in the Crew programme because there is so much they might do. The small Boy Scout who came up to me in a thickly wooded part of New Brunswick and asked, "Where do I get some wood for my fire?", was in much the same position as the Crew which asks, "What shall we do next week?", and ends up by having a business meeting!

The most effective remedy to lack of direction and variety in the Crew programme is by means of themes. Those published yearly by C.H.Q. are most helpful in giving monthly theme ideas. Themes should be decided by the Crew-

in-Council and may last from two evenings on civic government to twenty evenings on first aid. Until the Crew has had experience with this programme device themes should not be planned more than one or two in advance. While flexibility should be maintained the Rover Mate should see that no theme disappears into thin air because a Rover responsible had a sudden attack of inertia. Themes are not essential but the impact they have on the quality of the Crew programme has to be seen to be believed. No longer will the, "What do we do next week?", crop up. If your month theme is outdoor cooking a hundred ideas will flood in!

The reader might well ask at this stage, "This is a very interesting theoretical discussion but what do we do next week?" With this question in mind, here are some specific suggestions for business meetings, indoor meetings, evening programmes, discussion topics, weekends and individual projects. Some are new, most are not. While Rover quests and the Ramblers badge are important parts of the Rover programme they are not discussed here since each is worthy of separate treatment.

Business Meetings

My comments on business meetings will be brief. They should not be a discussion group, a wake, a seance or a post-mortem, very long or very often. My own Crew never holds them and I hope never will. In spite of their value in training in self government and parliamentary procedure, which itself might be questioned, I think that they are nevertheless inhibiting the development of Rovering in this country more than any other single factor. The reason is simple, in so many Crews, the business meeting IS the Crew programme.

Indoor Meetings

This type of meeting while providing Scouting fellowship and a stimulating

programme should nevertheless mainly be concerned with an action programme away from the den. Indoor demonstrations are worthwhile if kept to a minimum and consist of telling 'em, showing 'em and then letting 'em. Above all, do not fall into the error of "sameness". This will produce boredom for most active young men in a few months. Keep variety always to the fore even in the general routine of the indoor programme.

Evening Programme

Some evening activities for the Crew could include visits to local civic government, the local association, historic sites, the theatre or cinema. You could invite to the Crew members of the medical, political, legal or clerical profession to talk on what interests them or what interests you. Do this with a doctor and the Crew will learn a lot! For social activities invite down members of the district staff, the fathers, girl friends, chums or earlier members of the Crew. Try some orienteering, star gazing or for that matter, any advanced Scoutercraft. All of these are easily planned and are limitless in their possible variety.

Discussion Topics

Crews seldom have any trouble in finding things to discuss but all too often the discussions revolve around past exploits, other Crews, and what they MAY do in an all too vague future. Try and develop a Crew habit of always spending a few minutes or longer on the current national or international topics. All Crews by this time should be well versed on segregation, integration, prejudice, Suez, Israel, St. Lawrence Seaway, the new government, the new cabinet and Sydney Smith. Discuss topics brought up in letters in our Scouting magazines as well as changes in Scout policy. Certain denominations object to their members being exposed to explanations of other

religions and denominations unless they first obtain permission so be careful with this discussion topic. Some Crews like to get one Rover to do some research on some topic as part of his training and then make a presentation to the Crew, this is followed by discussion. For my own part I much prefer to get a discussion started informally where most of the Crew have some knowledge of it.

Weekends

Camping is the most popular activity for weekends, and should be. Have you thought however of helping the Local Association with a Scout Badge course or campsite improvement, or of doing a good turn to your sponsor or your Rover Leader? One Crew I know likes to camp overnight at a winter lodge and carry out what amounts to a series of indoor and outdoor programmes, including discussions. This seems to me to be an ideal marriage of the indoor and outdoor aspects of the Rover programme.

Individual

Apart from Quests which have already been treated in the Rover Rambler, encourage each of your Rovers to become a specialist in some aspect of Scoutcraft. In our Crew we define a specialist as someone better than anyone else in the Crew in his specialty. This gives all Crew members a very special and unique place in the Crew's corporate existence as well as giving encouragement to individual Rovers to pursue a special interest in Scouting.

Summary

Clearly there are thousands of programme ideas for Rovers. To run a really effective programme however themes are essential. Variety is unlikely to be a problem though some Crews should get outdoors more than once or twice a year to Rover Moots. Finally, if Rovering is to accomplish its goal of training for good citizenship, some balance must be maintained in the programme among outdoor, social, vocational, service and brotherhood activities.

3rd Canadian Rover Scout Moot

Start planning now to have your Crew represented at the 3rd Canadian Moot being held near Banff, Alta., in August, 1959.

INDABA 1957

The 1957 Indaba was remarkable in many respects, not the least of which was the wide variety of persons included. The 184-strong Canadian group, of which 62 were ladies, ranged from a leader of 18 years to one of 81, contained four grandfathers, two grandmothers, a family of father, mother and son and leaders of all ranks from every province as well as Maple Leaf groups. There were experienced campers and people who had never camped before. Altogether, it was an interesting and stimulating group which kept the six Scouters in charge on their toes.

The less said about the weather (which has been widely publicized anyway) the better. The re-christening of the camp—from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Niagara-under-the-Lake—was an appropriate change and in spite of some physical discomfort, Scouting spirit was high.

The Indaba was a good place for the enterprising leader, a poor place for those who can only follow a programme set up by others. Almost complete freedom in planning the programme challenged ingenuity and resulted in a number of unexpected and successful events. One of the most unusual of these was a breakfast party—pancakes and coffee—staged by the Canadians for other Indaba delegates. 1,900 Scouters attended, consumed 4,000 pancakes, drank 60 gallons of coffee and a substantial contribution to international relations was the result.

Discussion groups concentrated on (1) Cub questions and (2) Scout questions. Cub camping which was the main topic discussed under the first heading, was introduced in English by Bower Carty of Ottawa and in French by Pierre Coté of Montreal. With the exception of the English contingent, it was agreed that Cub camping and Pack holidays should be encouraged. The need for health and safety precautions was emphasized.

There was some discussion on the length of camping period, and restrictions on the type of activities. In Group 2, winter activities was a popular topic, and here it was found that Canadians have a great deal in common with the Finns. It would be well

worth while keeping in touch with the Finns, since they have had extensive experience in winter scouting, and have published a good deal on the subject. Leakage, age limits and groupings, relationships with sponsors, and leader supply and training were other subjects considered.

In all sessions and activities the Canadians played a prominent role, contributing to and learning from the discussion. The splendid feeling that existed at all times between French and English speaking Canadians was most gratifying and Canada's ability to contribute in both languages was an asset.

For the Canadians the Indaba was a wonderful experience, a practical lesson in the fourth Scout Law, an opportunity of learning from others, never to be forgotten, and of being ambassadors of Canada, as well as having a lot of fun at the same time.

Editor's Note—We are now in the process of establishing contact with the Boy Scouts of Finland so that we may exchange ideas on Winter Scouting.

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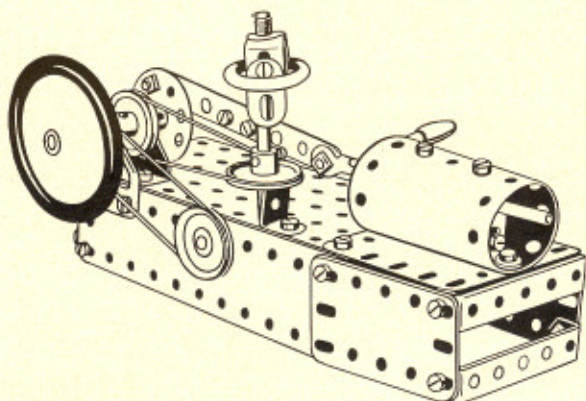


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Session: The Scouter

Few Associations have been as successful as The Boy Scouts Association in attracting large numbers of adults to serve as leaders. Scouting for boys has been a unique appeal to adults but we are still short of leaders. This is a condition likely to be met in any growing organization. In Quebec our leadership numbers 1,254 registered Scouters serving 13,712 boys, of this number some 400 resigned last year and 491 new Scouters joined the Association. Thus our net increase in leadership was 91.

Some of the leadership changes may be caused by poor selection and poor briefing in the first instance. Just anyone to fill the job is not good enough. However, leadership changes are also caused by promotions in business, changes in residence, etc.

Changes in leadership often result in loss of boy membership. Boys do become attached to leaders and will often leave when a leader departs. Thus the proper development of the Scout Training programme is retarded and for many boys ended.

Scouting is a splendid part time activity for an adult providing it is kept in reasonable relationship to the other parts of his life. There are some enthusiastic Scouters who give so much time to Scouting that business and home life suffer.

Sooner or later, home and business must have their proper share of attention or the result is unhappiness or failure in one of these spheres of life. The same can be said of any part time activity in relationship to the total life of a man or woman.

The Scouters we need in increasing quantity should be men and women who are successful in their chosen careers, and who are equally successful in their home life. Scouting for most leaders must always remain a happy and useful part time activity which is thoroughly enjoyed. It also gives much to the boys of the community.

In view of the foregoing and in view of the high turnover in leadership you are asked to discuss the following questions:

1. What is the minimum period of service a Scouter should give in order to make a real contribution to the boys of any community?

N.B. It has been suggested that the term should be sufficient to see a

boy trained from Tenderfoot to First Class. Does this seem to be reasonable?

2. Does Scouting ask too much of Leaders, thus causing some dislocation of home life and business?

If so, what can be done to remedy this situation? Should Scouters delegate more to Assistants?

3. Can Scouting leadership experience be of benefit to a man or woman? How?

4. Is adequate support and training available to leaders? If the answer is no, can you offer practical suggestions?

2. Do you know such a Scoutmaster, and why does he succeed? (Again, speak from personal experience if you can).

3. What, in your opinion, do some Cubmasters do, or not do, to cause boys to leave the Pack before eleven years?

4. In what order would you rate the following reasons a boy quits the Troop (say, at 14 years)?

(a) Excessive school studies or homework

(b) Dislike of the uniform

(c) "Too big" for the little kids of eleven

(d) Not enough adventure and outdoors; too much repetitive programme.

5. As a Scoutmaster, what changes will you have to make in your programme in order to keep your Scouts the one extra year brought about by changes in age limits for Scouts?

6. As Pack or Troop Scouters, do you feel that a Rover Crew in your Group would help to "hold on" to older boys (in Pack and Troop) by giving them something to move ahead towards? Give some reasons for your answer.

The \$64,000 Question

In spite of statistics, which show that each branch of the Movement "loses" boys in the upper age group, we find some Cubmasters and some Scoutmasters who are very successful in retaining their older boys.

1. Do you know such a Cubmaster, and what do you think is the secret of his or her success? (If you feel that you have had some such success, speak from your personal experience).



Among those attending the Conference were: Left to right: G. Robley Mackay, Provincial Commissioner; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Finlay; Mr. C. J. Dendy, Provincial Executive Commissioner; Mr. J. Wark, Sherbrooke District Commissioner.

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We also play this with two teams lined up along either side of the room, with 4 or more bats in front of each team. Teams are numbered and a goal is marked at either end of the room, with each team designated a separate goal to shoot at. A number is called and the ball is dropped in the centre, the two opposing numbers each pick up a bat and try to score. Of course after a couple of hits the ball becomes slightly less than round and very erratic. Other numbers may be called as the game progresses to add to the melee. After each score, the game begins anew.

For a large Troop we sometimes split into four teams with goals in each corner, and a player may score in any goal but the one his team is defending.

Plug Hockey

A chair is set at each end of the room for a goal. Scout staves become the sticks, and the puck is a plug from the end of a roll of wrapping paper. Teams are lined on either side of the room with three Scout staves in front of each team. When their number is called Scouts pick up a staff and endeavour to score a goal by putting the plug under their opponents' chair. We have found this a real rough one, and any more than six players on the floor at once, usually leads to disaster.

Grand Slam

Troop (or Pack) is split into two teams, and numbered (largest to smallest) and a tennis ball is placed about five feet in front of each team. When a number is called the boys race to the ball farthest (or is it furthest) from them, and endeavour to hit the opposing player before they themselves are hit. If they miss their throw they may try to dodge their opponents' throw and recover their own ball and the game proceeds until one is hit.

Battlefield Dodgeball

Troop is split into two and the playing area split across the centre. The ball is tossed up in the centre between two players as in basketball and they endeavour to tap it back to their own players and the battle is on. Players must be hit on the fly. Rebounds off the floor or wall do not count. A player stepping over the centre line is also counted out.

Aluminum Foil Cooking

Secure a flat stone and put in your fireplace. Build a large fire of hardwoods, and get a nice bed of coals.

Prepare a small chicken (2-3 lbs.) for roasting. Wrap in two or three layers of aluminum foil and clear your stone, keeping the coals around the edge and fire going on the outside of the coals so that everything stays hot. Place your chicken on the stone and turn at the half way mark (roughly 30 minutes to the pound).

Take a one pound coffee tin, and in the bottom place several small twigs crisscrossed, put in about 2 or 3 tablespoons of water, and then put potatoes and carrots (cut up) put a pin hole in the lid (make sure that it is just a pin hole) and seal the lid on with scotch tape. About 15 minutes before the chicken is finished, place this on your coals. When your chicken is ready take the coffee tin pressure cooker off, remove the lid, drain any water that may be left, and put a slice of butter on top of the vegetables. Replace the lid while you undo your chicken and you have a meal that is really tops.

Christmas Decorations

Cubs, Scouts and Rovers should be encouraged to make their own Christmas Tree decorations. With a supply of glue, string, coloured paper, aluminum foil, pine cones, pipe cleaners, sequins and a few other odds and ends, the boys will produce some wonderful decorations and have fun in the process.



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Operation "NorWest Scout Tree Fund", now in its sixth year, is, in effect, the selling of Christmas trees to the community in aid of Scouting. The purchasing, sales, distribution and publicity is handled by a committee working on a year-round basis. The door-to-door canvassing is done by Cubs and Scouts.

The Vancouver project last year saw 25 Scout groups participating; the net proceeds came to \$7,000—a one dollar profit per tree sold.

The machinery of the undertaking swings into action in early summer. The Cubs and Scouts canvass their specified territory to assess the number of trees needed. They carry self-serve sales books; the customer pays a dollar deposit, writes his name in the book, tears out a correspondingly numbered receipt which carries a note to tell him where and when to pick up his tree. At Christmas time, the customer visits the designated lot, picks

his tree and pays the balance of the price.

All depositors must have a good choice of specimens before any are sold to casual customers. The dollars collected pay the wholesaler and show how many can be turned over.

The key to success is the co-operation of all Scouting personnel, Group Committees and a large number of fathers. The trees are first delivered to a Drive-In-Theatre where they can be locked up until work parties are able to sort them and make up batches of mixed lengths; the trees then go to the various sales lots.

The business of selling Christmas trees as organized in Vancouver is a fair-sized undertaking but it is not beyond the scope of other Scout Groups whether they act individually or in co-operation with other groups.

There are other less tangible dividends of this enterprise as experienced in Vancouver. Fathers of Scouts are happy to have an opportunity to participate in the work of the organization and, by taking care to sell only 'good' trees, there has resulted an increase in the community goodwill towards Scouting.

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The idea of the Christmas cracker grew out of wrapping sweets. During a trip to Paris, Tom Smith, a confectioner, saw a shop display of sweets wrapped in coloured paper.

On returning home he immediately got his assistants wrapping sugared almonds in twists of coloured paper. Christmas was approaching and there was a ready sale for these "bon-bons", as he called them, after the French for sweets. He also inserted short romantic messages; that was the origin of the motto.

After Christmas, however, the demand ceased. Tom Smith decided that he would have to give up the idea of selling "bon-bons" throughout the year and concentrate upon them as a Christmas novelty.

But he wanted to make his bon-bons go with a crack like the noise of a crackling log. That should really make the party go with a bang!

He experimented with percussion caps and many other forms of small explosives, but ruled out one after another because of danger, or difficulty in setting off the explosion. The bang had

to come quickly and easily, and it must be safe.

In the end he turned to the idea of striking a match. After repeated experiments, he produced a chemical mixture capable of being exploded with a sharp report by the friction of two sandpapered surfaces.

As soon as he had bound these sandpaper ends of the snap together, he realized that the bon-bon provided a miniature tug-of-war between two guests, which would end with a bang and reward the winner with a sweet.

Soon small gifts took the place of sweets, and the name of cracker was adopted, although many people still refer to the "bon-bons".

Each year the order for Christmas crackers grew until production became a whole-time industry.

It was Walter, one of Tom Smith's sons, who introduced paper hats into crackers. Realizing that the popularity of the cracker was largely because it broke the ice of formality in Victorian days, he decided paper hats would do even more to create a festive atmosphere.

Since his day crackers have become elaborate and expensive. Their popularity remains. And they all started with a wrapped sweet and the crackle of a burning log!

And so, throughout the years, men, women and children all over the world have built up these Christmas customs to show their joy at the coming of the Christ Child.

Yuletide Fund and Frolic

Excuse Me

Maybe trying to think of something new for Christmas is enough riddle without trying to answer a lot of tricky questions. But a real riddle fan is never too busy to try his hand and head at his favourite indoor sport. So here are some tough ones for Christmas:

1. What do we have at Christmas time that we don't have at any other time of the year?
2. What burns longer, a wax candle or a tallow candle?
3. What is every boy and girl doing at the same time on Christmas day?
4. If you wanted to buy a timely and striking gift for a friend, what would you buy?
5. If a dog should lose his tail, where could he get another?
6. How can a person get into his house when all the doors and windows are locked and bolted?

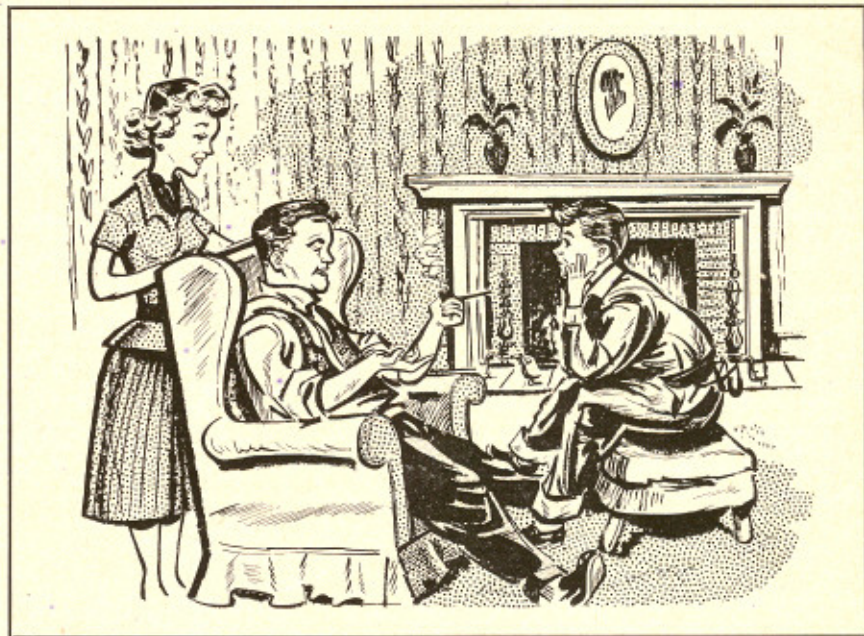
ANSWERS

1. Christmas, of course.
2. Neither; both burn shorter.
3. Growing older.
4. A clock.
5. At a downtown store where things are retailed.
6. By running around the house until he is all in.



Teen-Agers and Parents

(Reprinted from "Scouting" the magazine of the Boy Scouts of America)



"Everybody talks to me, but nobody listens to me." Did you ever hear this? It is a common feeling among teen-agers. You ought to know that the Boy Scouts of America has been listening, and listening carefully, to what fourteen-, fifteen-, and sixteen-year-old boys all over America are saying. This was done to help us gather up-to-date information about the needs, interests, and concerns of Explorer-age boys.

The Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan carried out for us a personal interview survey of a true national sample of these boys. The project took a year of work and was done in cooperation with our own Research Service. Each boy was interviewed for nearly an hour.

Teen-agers and Parents

Americans have been so constantly bombarded with articles about juvenile delinquency and problem parents that the idea is abroad in the land that teen-agers are all in revolt and that almost none of them recognize their responsibilities toward their parents or the parents' right to control their behavior. Actually it is a relatively small percentage of boys who get into trouble with authorities, and relatively small percentage of boys who are in complete revolt.

Our study gives some very interesting information about how fourteen- to sixteen-year-old boys get on with their parents. What we discover indicates some surprising facts about the family life of America. For instance:

Family Ties Are Still Very Strong

Apparently teen-age boys find more

emotional satisfaction in their family life than in any other area of their hectic existence. Parents stand revealed as being responsible for a great deal of the boys' self-esteem at these ages. Seven out of ten boys list the assumption of responsibility and adult roles as the thing that makes them feel important and useful. Serving the family in a responsible adult way and helping with chores and housework are mentioned by almost half of the boys as sources of satisfaction and self-esteem. A feeling of belonging to the family is an important factor in the happiness of boys in the middle teens.

When boys were asked what adult they admired most, parents won out by a landslide over heroes and glamorous figures. Over 40 per cent of the boys picked a parent or adult relative as the adult they most admired. One out of every four picked his own father! In fact, the percentage of boys admiring their parents is larger than the percentage of boys admiring any other single group of adults.

It is also interesting to note that the hero most often mentioned today is the scientist, representing a shift in loyalty from the explorers and pioneers of the past. The final and most mature stage of admiration is the selection of a few characteristics from each of several admired persons and the building for one's self of a composite ideal. This more mature response is given by one boy out of every six.

It is interesting to see what it is in these persons that the boys admired. Work skills and personal qualities were

given the highest rating, with character and social skills coming not too far behind. Only a negligible per cent mentioned external virtues, such as being a good dresser or a non-drinker, or heroic and authoritarian qualities.

The study showed that boys value those adults who are able to do things, perhaps reflecting their own concern about becoming successful and self-supporting themselves in the near future. They seem to be aware that a sound character underlies many of the things they like, for one boy in four mentions the traits of honesty, good morality, determination, responsibility, loyalty, and so forth, as the things he admires most.

Boys rate the emotional satisfactions of the family equally high. Most boys believe that no friendship can ever be as close as family ties. Six out of ten were pretty sure that they could never be as close to a friend as they could to their own families.

Although most of the activities of teen-age boys are carried on by themselves or with their agemates outside the family, many find emotional satisfactions through activities with parents. One boy in five does many things with his parents, and the same proportion report that they share no activities with their parents. About half of the boys said they shared a few activities with their parents.

A General Acceptance of Parental Control

It is a characteristic of boys in this age group according to the Boy Scouts of America Study. The prestige of

parents in the boys' eyes again shows up when they are asked whose advice they would take on several common youth problems. Boys were asked "Would you take the advice of your parents" on six different subjects, such as what time to be in at night and how to dress.

The parents came out far ahead, and sizable groups of boys even indicated they would accept their parents' ideas on matters that were more clearly ones where the boys themselves would naturally have the major responsibility for decision. Nineteen out of every twenty boys said they would accept their parents' ideas as to when they should be in at night. Fifteen out of twenty said they would take their parents' ideas on personal problems, and twelve out of twenty on how they should act with the gang. Seventeen out of twenty would let their parents tell them how to spend their money. Only on questions of what clubs to join and on personal grooming did less than half of the boys say they would accept the ideas of their parents, and the number of those who would be close to half in both cases.

From these responses, it would seem that boys accept their parents' standards to a considerable degree. Over two-thirds of the boys interviewed would accept their parents' ideas on four out of six issues. The study also shows, however, a sharp decline in acceptance of parental authority as the boys grow older.

While it is comforting to discover that so many teen-age boys respect parental authority, it was less comforting to discover that very few boys tended to assert their own ideas. Except for matters of personal grooming, no more than 5 per cent were concerned to advance their own ideas. This seems to indicate that independence of opinion cannot be listed among the year-old boys and suggests our failure major assets of fourteen- to sixteen- to educate our youth to value their thoughts more highly.

We asked other questions about rules and parental authority. Nearly all boys assumed that rules were made for the good of children, but one out of five thought that adults made rules just "to show who's boss," or just to make them obey in an arbitrary manner. Less than 1 per cent said "My parents don't make rules."

Teen-age boys would not like to live in a world without any rules. Only one boy in a hundred thought that an end to rules would make little difference.

Four in twenty believed boys would do as they pleased, and three in twenty thought they would stay out too late. A large proportion predicted more extreme results. They thought the boys would run wild and end up in jail and that the world would be full of delinquents and criminals. Rules, most boys felt, are a must.

Again they show almost no reliance on their own standards or opinions. Standards for behaviour exist for them largely in the outside world but very little in their own minds. This is also indicated by their answers to the question "When do you think a boy might break a rule." Here again they showed little faith in their ability to keep the rules if no one were around watching.

Three out of every ten boys thought they might break a rule while under the influence of their gang. Others spoke of rebellious feelings or uncontrollable impulses or the absence of someone to enforce the rules as occasions when rules would probably be broken. More mature answers, such as that rule might be broken in an emergency or if the rule were not appropriate, are given by a quarter of the boys interviewed. These seem to indicate that the boy is thinking on his own and has his own set of standards by which he determines how he will behave.

Where Boys Disagree with Their Parents

"Gosh, but you folk are old-fashioned" is a remark heard fairly often by parents. We've recognized that the younger and older generations do not always agree, and we've emphasized it to such an extent that it is surprising to find that more than 40 per cent of the boys said they do not disagree with their parents. No single source of controversy bothers as many as 20 per cent of the boys in the sample. Control on hours for getting in at night is the single most frequently mentioned source of disagreement (17 per cent). More than one boy in ten finds he disagrees with his parents on what he does in his spare time. Others disagree about the girls and fellows a boy selects for his friends, on the use of the car, about the clothes and manners, and how he spends his money. But only one boy in twenty believes his parents exercise too much control.

One of the definite conclusions to be drawn from the study is that teen-agers rate parents and their opinions far more highly than has sometimes been supposed.

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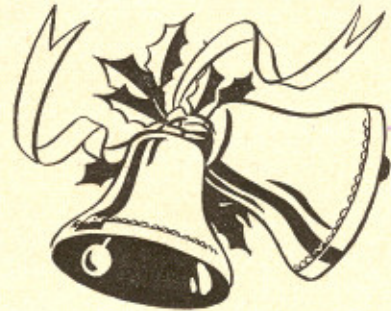
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