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Scoutmaster Jack Young,
2nd Shale Falls Troop,
St. Matthew's Church,
Shale Falls, Ontario.

Dear Jack:

I was delighted to hear that you are going to have a big family reunion this Christmas. You are certainly going to have a houseful and I am sure the children are thrilled at the prospect of having their grandparents and aunts and uncles with them during the festive season. Mrs. Finlay and I are again planning to be with our children and, while the three grandchildren (another boy arrived just recently) are a little young yet to appreciate Christmas, it will be great fun being with them.

Christmas is essentially a family festival; a time for sharing. Sharing, not only the fun and fellowship of the family circle, but sharing the good things of life with others. Speaking about sharing at Christmas time brings two thoughts to my mind, which I would like to pass on to you and which I think all our Scouters could well share with their boys at pre-Christmas meetings.

The first thought is that all of us, naturally, want to have a part in the fun and fellowship of the family circle but Christmas festivities do not just happen. Much hard work and preparation have to be done beforehand to make them possible and, if we expect to share in the festivities, we must expect to share also in the preparations. In other words our boys—particularly because they are Cubs and Scouts—should realize the obligation of contributing to the preparations for Christmas, so that the holiday can be more thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The second thought is that Christmas is a time when all Cubs, Scouts and Rovers should give thought, not only to the importance of being particularly

generous with the number of Good Turns they do for other people, but also of being generous in their sharing with those less fortunate than themselves. Good Turns, we know, should be a regular habit with all Cubs, Scouts and Rovers—as should generosity with adults. However, I know you will agree that it is important to stress these things at this season of the year so that all of us may appreciate the need for making a tangible contribution towards the Christmas spirit of goodwill.

Please give my warmest greetings to all the family and accept, for you and yours, my best wishes for a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive Commissioner.



Our cover picture

Christmas carolling among Cubs and Scouts is popular not only because it is a favourite Christmas 'Good Turn' but also because there is a lot of fun and camaraderie in carolling whether it be under the windows of a neighboring house, in an orphanage, a hospital or an institution for the aged.



MINE DISASTER AT SPRINGHILL, N.S.

A brief report of the part played by Scouting in this grief-stricken community.

One day last month, in the little town of Springhill, the earth "shrugged". The "shrug" was of such a nature that all of Canada and, indeed, the entire world, focused its attention on Springhill.

Mining men called it a "bump"—it sealed off in minutes over 150 men in a dreadful dungeon 3 miles below the surface of the earth. A black, poisonous hope-shattering tomb of coal, equipment and rock.

The rumblings of the disaster had scarcely died away when rescue work began. Disaster relief organizations swung into action; special services were set up, all geared to assist the speedy recovery of those men trapped in the bowels of the earth.

In this kind of situation speed is important and because of the urgency there are many jobs which crop up that organizations co-ordinating the rescue work cannot foresee. It is a case of willing, reliable hands ready to offer their services. This is the work made to order for The Boy Scouts Association. This is the work that the Springhill Scouts took over and did so well.

A few hours after the tragedy, the Scouts of Springhill were organized and operating as an efficient auxiliary to the rescue team. What did they do? We have only the accounts of Scout officials on the scene. We will leave it to your own imagination as to the many jobs and Good Turns that went unseen. Imagine the families whose husbands and fathers were trapped—errands to be run, young children to mind, extra jobs around the house, stoves to be lit, who's to do it—a Scout. And they did.

As for the bigger jobs—Scouts assisted in the emergency feeding set-up in the serving of meals, clearing away of dishes and washing up. They checked tents and marquees that were set up to house the rescue operations and kept them tidy inside and out. Close to the pit head they pitched a tent where a few Scouts, operating on shifts were always on hand to take on any job that might arise. This Service Patrol was kept very busy serving as messengers, guides and as a general information centre.

"Want Anything Done—Ask a Boy Scout!" were the words hurriedly scrawled on a piece of cardboard (see the photo above). People asked too—and they soon found that it was done and done well.

The "shrug" that rocked Springhill was also felt throughout the Maritimes. Spiritually—not physically. The evidences of Scout Brotherhood in action were heart-warming. Scouting Councils throughout Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the rest of Canada have come to the assistance of their brother Scouts in many ways.

The Scouts and Cubs of the Amherst District Council are presently engaged in a month's campaign of doing odd jobs to earn money for the bereaved Cubs and Scouts in Springhill, of which we understand there are quite a large number. It is intended that these Cubs and Scouts will be invited to Amherst near Christmas and given a bang-up Scout party, at which time a cheque for the money earned will be presented.

The 1st Sandy Cove Cub Pack of Nova Scotia raised \$35.00 from the sale of fudge.

The Springhill Disaster Fund has been assisted in many ways by Scout Councils across the country.

Yes, the Scouts of Springhill were prepared when disaster struck their town. The training they had received in their regular Scouting made them reliable, responsible young men able to assist in many useful ways.

How would your Section, Group or Council react if your Community was faced with a similar situation?

Remember a few instances over the past five or six years where Scouting has distinguished itself in large scale disasters—the Noronic fire, the Windsor-Sarnia cyclone, Hurricane Hazel, the Winnipeg flood, forest fires, and many others.

For your own sake and that of your community make absolutely certain that "Be Prepared" is not an empty cliché, but an active, meaningful motto for every boy in your Section and for your Group as well.

Springhill Scouting was prepared—how about you!

SCOUT SPECIAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE

We have just been advised by the company which handles our Special Indemnity Insurance, that a number of claims have had to be refused because of late submission. It is most important to remember that all claims **MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE OCCURRENCE**. It is not necessary to give full details, including bills, at the time of the first

filing of the claim, but the submission of a claim form indicating that bills will follow is required. The company will accept the claim if it has been filed with your District or Provincial Headquarters within the thirty day limit. Please bring this important notice to the attention of all Scouters and Group Committeemen in your Group.



B.-P. Centenary Fund

Our Canadian Objective Is \$50,000

Total as of September 1st \$10,595.72

Part II Pack Scouters' Course
from Ontario Provincial

H.Q.	7.00
Tom Parker, Galt, Ont.	1.00
1st Mill Creek Home and School Association Troop, Galt, Ont.	3.00
Foothills District Council	2.00
1st Drumheller Troop	2.65
Alberta Provincial H.Q.	2.10
Pononoka Pack	4.20
Provincial Executive Committee	3.50
Diamond Willow District	38.87
3rd Red Deer Pack	3.00
5th Grande Prairie Pack	2.80
1st Delburne Pack	2.00
Coronation Pack	2.50
Battle River District Preliminary Course	5.00
Bonnyville Pack	1.50
Midway Pack	1.00
Cash	.40
Burdett Group	5.00
Cowley Group	.75
1958 Cub Gilwell Course	16.25
1958 Scout Gilwell Course	4.00
Didsbury Pack	25.00
89th Toronto Troop	2.00
102nd Toronto Troop	.90
140th Toronto A Troop	6.80
No. 2 Troop Scouters' Wood Badge Course, Blue Springs, 1958	15.51
Windsor Contingent to Gil- well Reunion, 1958, Ont.	2.63
2nd Lake Cowichan Pack, British Columbia	5.00
1958 Gilwell Trainees, Lac la Hache, British Columbia	9.12
Brockville Ladies Auxiliary, B.S.A., Brockville	17.00
1st Centralia Scout Troop, Centralia, Ont.	3.00
2nd Port Moody Cub Pack, Port Moody, B.C.	15.00
Total as of October 1st	\$10,806.35

CORRECTION!

We have been advised by our Accounts Department that the following amounts were wrongly listed as B.-P. Centenary Fund donations in previous issues of *The Scout Leader*:

1st Scotchtown Pack	\$ 2.50
Halifax District Coun. Members	11.00
Lone Scouts, Eel Brook	4.40
W. H. Gibson, Tillsonburg	25.00
Les Scouts Catholiques, P.Q.	41.40
North Okanagan Scouts, Vernon, B.C.	15.00
Foremost, Alberta, Scouts	25.00
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3rd Etobicoke Ladies' Auxiliary	5.00



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Mired Car Dug Out

We recently received an account of how some Alberta Scouts came to the aid of a mired car just outside of Calgary. Mr. P. H. Wellstood was returning to the city after a fishing trip but due to a few days of heavy rains his car could only flounder in the mud. The Scouts pushed the car up some five hills before reaching the Trans-Canada highway.

Do Scouts Carry Concealed Weapons?

Did you know that the sheath knife worn under a coat or a jacket may be considered a concealed weapon?

Recently, in a small Ontario town, two Rover Scouts were detained for questioning because of this. Apparently, due to the number of incidents involving teenagers and gangs staging fights and disturbing the peace generally, law enforcement officers are checking closely all individuals wearing sheath knives. Of course, the Rovers in question were not held when they explained to the police officers who they were and why they were carrying knives.

This incident, however, should serve as an example and a warning to Scouters, Rovers and Scouts who are in the habit of wearing knives as part of their regular Scout equipment. After checking with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and other law enforcement agencies the following statements will be worth remembering:

The blade of any knife should not exceed 5½ inches.

The knife should be in a sheath, and the sheath should be showing. If the sheath is covered by a coat or a jacket

in any way, no matter how innocently, then it is considered a concealed weapon. A law enforcement officer is performing within his duty to detain for questioning any person wearing such a weapon.

This could happen to you! We all know that many individuals, Patrols and even Troops travel to and from camp out of uniform yet they wear certain parts of their equipment such as sheath knives. Be very careful on such occasions that you comply with the Law.

Incidentally it may be well to note at this point, that only First Class Scouts are eligible to wear sheath knives.

Attention Amateur Radio Operators

We have recently received a notice from Scoutmaster John Loftis of the 3rd Richmond Hill, Ontario Troop, suggesting that a Boy Scout Amateur Radio Network be established in Canada. The idea would be for the Scout "hams" to get together once a month to exchange news and views of Troop Activities.

If you are interested please contact Mr. Loftis, at 51 Cartier Cres., Richmond Hill, Ontario.



There are an increasing number of unnecessary hunting accidents, some due to carelessness and others to lack of knowledge of how to handle a gun. To counteract these unfortunate incidents the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters in conjunction with the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests has decided to sponsor a safe gun-handling course for youngsters. Scout Maurice Howles is shown as he aims the gun under the expert eye of George Hebert an instructor with the Windsor Sportsmen's Club. All Scouts of the Paulin Memorial Church Troop, Windsor, Ontario, attended the Club for special instruction in safe gun-handling.

Photo courtesy of the Windsor Daily Star.

Windsor Cubs Visit U.S. Soap Box Derby

Five a.m. was the meeting time for the day long adventure. An adventure which the Cubs of the 21st Pack of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Windsor, Ontario had looked forward to and worked towards for a long time.

The event was the 21st Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio. The adventurers included 28 Cubs, seven Scouts, two Leaders and six other adults. The transportation was via bus—so off they went for a day of fun.

The highlight of the trip to Akron was the stop-off at a plaza for cats and a stretch. After arriving in Akron at 10.30 a.m. Mr. C. M. Speicher, Staff Co-ordinator of the Akron Boy Scouts Association conducted the group on a short tour of the town and then everybody went to Derby Downs, the scene of the afternoon's activities.

The Windsor boys got a big thrill as they led the Scout-Cub Parade right up the ramp where they stood at attention and took the salute while the American Cubs and Scouts repeated their promise. They were then ushered to reserved seats to watch the mammoth parade which preceded the Derby. To the delight of the boys three 'popular' heroes appeared in the parade—Pat Boone, Eddie Bracken and Wild Bill Hickock. The crowd roared when these three men raced in their own soap box cars; Pat Boone fans jumped for joy when he won.

It was now time for the races which were quite cosmopolitan with winners entered from all the States as well as from Alaska, Germany, Venezuela and Canada. The two Canadian boys were from St. Catharines, Ontario and from Mission City, British Columbia. The 91 races were timed to perfection—every half-minute three cars, each built by its driver, would start down the hill. The winner of each lap would then race in the finals.

To top off an exciting and somewhat exhausting afternoon the entire group enjoyed a roast beef dinner. As might have been expected the trip home was extremely quiet.

The money for this venture was raised by operating a concession stand at the River Canard Boat races on five Sundays.

Christmas Good Turn

Cubs and Scouts of the 6th Oakville Group last year collected and repaired a large number of toys which they then sent to the Eskimo children patients in the Hamilton Sanatorium.

The hospital authorities were high in their praise for the efforts of this Group who plan to perform this Good Turn again this year.

Group Committee Buttonhole Badge

Did you know that there was a Group Committee Buttonhole Badge? Judging from the number of these badges which we see being worn we would guess that many Scouters do not realize they exist.

It is suggested that it would be a good way to bring to the attention of boys and parents the wonderful contribution which the Group Committee makes to the Movement by assisting Scouters with their Sections. If each member of the Committee was presented with a Buttonhole Badge, a suitable, simple ceremony could be easily arranged either at a regular Section Meeting or at a Group Birthday Party or Father and Son Banquet.

The Buttonhole Badges are produced in attractive green and yellow enamel and cost only .95c each. These badges are obtainable through your District or Provincial Headquarters or may be obtained direct from the Stores Department, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa, Ont.

Let's encourage our Group Committeemen by presenting them with this distinctive badge of their office.

Silver Acorn

A special presentation of the Silver Acorn award has been made to Mr. Linton Tooley of Saskatoon, Sask. Mr. Tooley's outstanding service to the Movement, latterly in Saskatchewan, is marked by another achievement as this Scouter is celebrating this year his 50th anniversary in the Movement.

Danish Jamboree

The Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association has received an invitation from Det Danske Spejderkorps to send a representative contingent to their national camp being held from July 2nd to July 7th, 1959, at Ebeltoft, Denmark.

Although there will be no official contingent formed, anyone interested in attending this camp may obtain further details from the Administrative Department, Canadian Headquarters.

Oil Drum Good Turn

Cubs and Scouts of the 3rd Dawson Creek Group collected, cleaned and painted in silver with a green fleur-de-lis, several used 50-gallon oil drums which they then placed at convenient spots throughout their community as refuse containers.

Christmas Tree Men

(From *The Scout*, November 29th, 1957)

These are little presents which, as well as being handsome decorations can also be used as models for your Second Star test.

For each man you must take a cotton reel, chip off the rims and sandpaper it smooth, fit a card brim and colour it to make a little head. Then take ten wrapped sweets, of the same colour as the hat, and tie them tightly together with thread. Bring the double thread of the neck up through the reel and also through two holes of a small button, and then finish with a loop for hanging the man on your Christmas Tree. Why not make several coloured men, one for each of your family?



AUTUMN LEAVES

(From the Notebook of Jack A. Guest)

The Cubs are back to fill the Pack.
The Scout Troop's filled up too.
To help a bit, three Leaders quit,
Which leaves just me and you.

The waiting crowd is shouting loud
To swell our swollen group.
To seal my fate, six Cubs are late
In going to the Troop

The D.C. claims to play the game
The Leaders must report
On ways and means and bags of beans
And why my cash is short.

Registration for the nation
Is now long overdue.
He'll have a fit; I'm sure of it,
Which leaves just me and you.

The Jamboree, the Camporee,
The Cuboree is due.
The Chairman quit, my shorts won't fit.
You say you're quitting too?

The crew's defunct, the gym has shrunk
To half its normal size.
The Pack has grown; I am alone
To face their wailing cries.

'Twas bad last year, but drawing near
A host of growing boys
Will run me down. I am a clown
To bear with all their noise.

And still they come, their songs to hum,
Their games to play with me.
Their tests are pests; to rest I'd best
Leave town, you will agree.

If you'll allow, please tell me how
The boys show such increase,
While adults fail beside the trail.
And from their efforts cease.

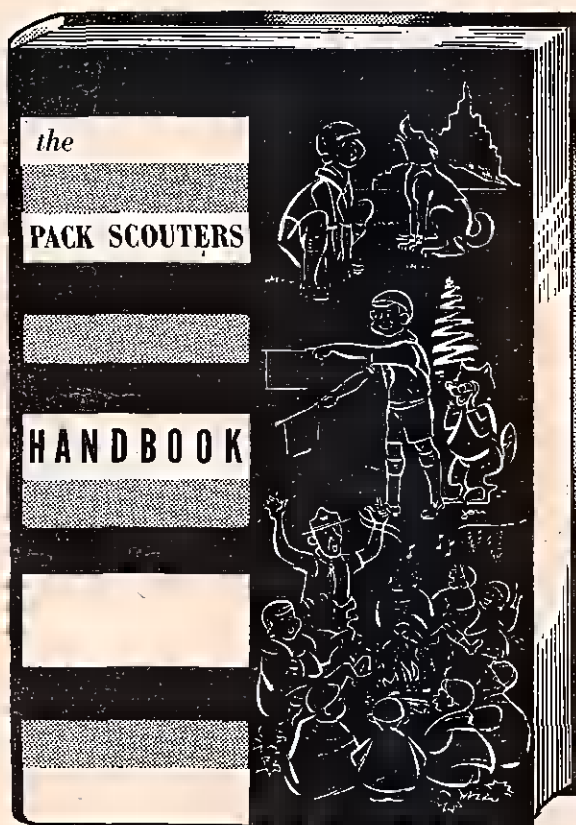
September morn, I'm sure I've borne
With all this heaped-up mess
From day to day and year to year
Along with all the rest.

But now I know they all must go;
With boys they are all through.
Their race is run, their day is done,
Which leaves just me and you.

So run your Troop until you're pooped,
And may we both stand true.
I'll break my back; I'll keep my Pack
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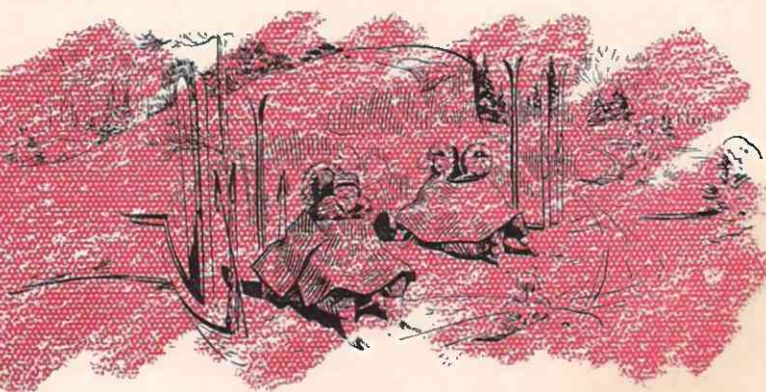
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Winter is here and with it comes the challenge to Scoutmasters to encourage and help their Courts of Honour to plan active, adventurous outdoor programmes. This is not a season to stay indoors, as too many Troops do, but rather to take advantage of the opportunities provided by Winter weather conditions for outdoor programmes. Canadian Scouts should be able to pass all the requirements for their grade badges under winter conditions. Certainly it is more difficult, in most cases, but then that is what makes it interesting and challenging. For example, it is quite a different matter to be able to tie the right knot at the right time in a Troop room or at a summer camp, or when the rope is freezing cold and the limb of the tree is covered with snow or ice. On the other hand, the first aid that your Scouts know should include what to do in the event of a winter emergency. Tree and shrub and bird identification is very different under winter conditions and your Scouts should have the opportunity of testing their skill during the winter months. In some Troops even the First Class journey is done under Winter conditions. Here are a few programme ideas which you might consider placing before your Court of Honour for their consideration.

1. A Court of Honour one day hike in which one meal is prepared and everyone makes a pair of makeshift snowshoes. Of course if everyone has skis use them.
2. Each Patrol Leader to plan a one day Patrol Hike with an objective centered on one or two of the Second Class requirements, i.e., firelighting and cooking, tracking, first aid (winter), safety rules, compass.
3. Each Patrol to obtain a copy of the book **WINTER SCOUTING** (25c) and be prepared to teach the Troop something about winter camping, i.e.; what to wear, first aid, sleeping bag and or blanket care in winter camp, what to cook.
4. Plan a winter week-end camp for the older and experienced boys in the Troop. This will require a knowledge of much of the idea material contained in the book, **WINTER SCOUTING**.
5. Review the requirements for the Winter Sportsman and Winter Scouting proficiency badges and plan to have every member of the Court of Honour, at least, qualify for these badges this winter.
6. Sleigh rides are great fun especially if they end up with a cup or



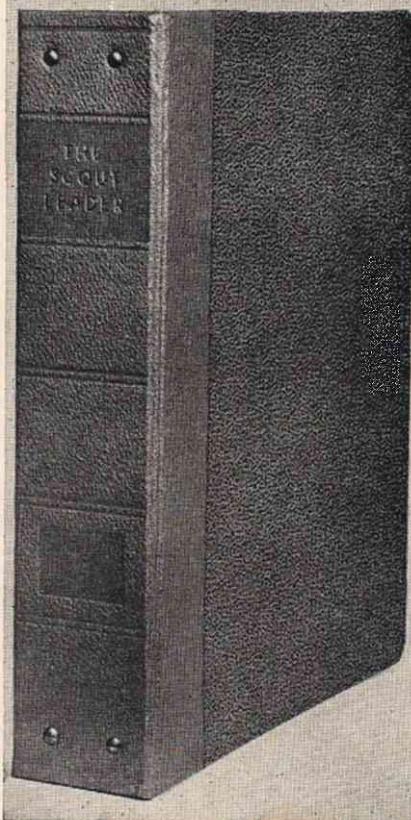
two of hot cocoa and a few donuts. The Group Committee and Ladies Auxiliary would be glad to help with this plan.

7. A skating party with games to be played on the ice either on skates or in boots. Most of the games you would play inside can be adapted and with wild results. This programme, too, could end with a mug or two of cocoa prepared by one of the Patrols and an A.S.M.
8. A little wood, two pairs of old skates, several lengths of rope and a piece of canvas or sailcloth, all worked on by willing hands will give your Sea Scout Patrol or Troop a winter craft. Ice boating is great fun if you take time and care in building your boat.
9. What has happened to all the wildlife that is so evident during the warmer months? This can be an interesting project for a Patrol.
10. Hockey is still our most popular game during the winter. Challenge another Troop or have a father and son match using either conventional equipment and rules or brooms and a tennis ball. Whatever you do encourage the whole family to come and cheer for their favourites.

Winter is a wonderful season and most boys love it if they are encouraged to make the most of the opportunities it provides. The air is fresh and sharp and invigorating. Let's get out this winter and enjoy ourselves while learning to Scout under winter conditions.



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TWO MUSTS FOR ARCTIC SCOUTING

By BJARNE LAMPÉN

(Bjarne Lampén discusses two important features of winter camping in Northern Finland—the problem of being properly dressed and of being well sheltered)

To explore in Arctic country you need more than just warm clothing—a partially rubberized outfit is essential. Not necessarily a frog-man type of suit but one consisting of rubber gloves, rubber boots and some sort of water-repellent material to cover the knees and arms. This precaution is necessary to the man who plans to spend some time in a 'nothing but snow' region—he will sit on snow, sleep in snow huts and probably even melt snow for eating and cooking purposes. He would very soon be soaked to the skin, if not properly protected.

The next thing to equip yourself with are the two essential Arctic tools, a snowknife and a snowshovel. To handle hard snow, the snowshovel made of plywood is not strong enough. The snowknife, which is a long knifeshaped instrument, is made of wood or metal; it is used to cut snowblocks, the building material for arctic shelters. Another useful tool for digging purposes is the trowel.

If you are camping overnight in a forest where fire wood is available, the tepee type of tent is usually used by Laplanders. But in areas where there is no wood a shelter is made of snow.

It is as important to find the right kind of 'building snow' in Arctic regions as it is to find fire wood in forest areas. Usually the explorer camps where there is plenty of drift-snow. I remember a skiing trip where my friend "Susi-Antti" (susi: wolf) dug a tunnel into drift, lay down on the sledge and then was pushed by myself into his tunnel as the baker pushes bread into an oven. After that, I covered the hole with snow. Here is one rule: Do not be afraid of a small room!

I next dug a ditch for myself in some snow—this one had a V-shaped roof made from large snowsheets. If ground appears when you are digging, remember that the ground is colder than snow. The rule here is: Never sleep on bare ground! If you have a sledge with a tight bottom and a reindeerhide on it you will find the insulation good enough.

If, however, you are compelled to stay in a place where the snowcovering is very thin, you might build a

large box with snowblocks. The skis and ski sticks (poles) are used to support the roof; over them lay some snowplates; shovel loose snow over the whole structure. The door will be at the end of the box. After you have crawled in, you plug the doorway with a large block of snow. Another rule is: Do not leave holes through which snow might blow in!

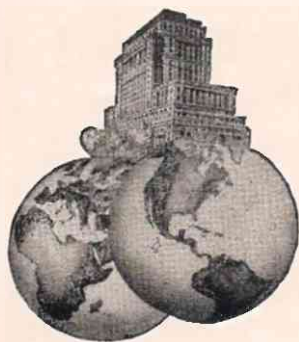
The snow constructions mentioned previously are used as one-night shelters or for emergencies. If you have time on your hands you will want to build larger shelters that will house several hikers and in which you can cook, change clothes and have room for a stretch. This kind of shelter is usually a large cavern made out of snow.

If you want to cook in a snowcavern, you must proceed with caution as a primus stove will raise the temperature inside the shelter by as much as ten degrees or even higher. There are two warnings: As the temperature rises, the snow melts and there is an increased dampness inside the cavern. It is better to have a dry warmth of 0° rather than damp heat. A burning candle will keep the temperature over 0°. There is also the danger of carbon-dioxide gas. Follow this rule if cooking in a snowcavern: If there is to be a fireplace in a cavern, there must be good ventilation!

A large snow cavern is often used as a base by skiers who make journeys to nearby fells or snow-covered mountains. I remember a skiing trip when we were about to spend a second night in the same cavern near the famous Fell of Raltia in Lapland. We had a primus fire but the matches would not light it for us. Something had happened! After several agonizing moments it was discovered that there was no oxygen in the cavern. In a great hurry we made a hole through the door!

How did this happen when, the night before the primus burned well? Due to the warmth of the cavern on the previous night a thin layer of ice had formed on the inside walls of the shelter. Don't forget this rule: There must always be a hole for ventilation in a snowcavern if there is to be a fire.





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THE "OLDER BOY"— TIME FOR DECISION

By DENNIS LEWIS

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It is expected of course, that a Scoutmaster will watch his boys very closely as they develop from Tenderfoot to Queen's Scout. He can feel justly proud of the fact that he has had a hand in the development of these fine young men.

With this thought in mind then, let's just face a simple fact. The Cub Pack completes its job and sends the boy to the Troop. The Scoutmaster is perhaps in the most important role of molding the boy's character in the difficult period of adolescence.

However, there comes a time when the Scout Troop also completes its job. We must be ready to recognize this when the time comes. Let's be honest with ourselves, the Scoutmaster plays an important role in this decision.

Stop and think for a minute about the boys in the Troop, the boys from 15 to 18 years of age. Ask yourself the following questions:

Are they getting adventure and leadership responsibilities in the Troop, the training that the Scout programme can offer?

Are you holding on to him grimly saying to yourself, "I guided him to being a Queen's Scout, no one else is going to have him!"

A Scoutmaster is a trainer of boy leaders. If the training and handling of responsibilities is a success, the role of a Scoutmaster will most certainly be an easier one.

At the age of 15½ years a boy should make a decision put to him by the Scoutmaster—"Scouting or Rovering".

These two roads open to him at 16 should be explained fully. If the decision is "Scouting", the Scoutmaster will have to provide a programme of adventure and progressive leadership training, complete with responsibilities if he expects to hold the older boy.

What if the decision is "Rovering"? Many Scoutmasters will have to leave their "complex" home and realize like the Cub Leader, that as much as they would like to keep all of their boys, the job of the Pack is completed and the boys must be passed on to another stage of training, the Troop.

At 16 years of age, this 'boy' has a young man's decision to make about his future in Scouting and about his vocation. It is our responsibility as Leaders to present all the possible facts to the older boy.

Hanging on to the older boys for no other reason than self-satisfaction would certainly be an un-Scout-like attitude. Little boys grow to big boys and on to young men. It is up to us in Scouting to plan for a continuous follow through in our Cub, Scout, Rover and Leadership Sections.

Putting our decision off until tomorrow may be too late—the boy may not be with us.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Note to Scoutmasters—Your local Commissioner, Staff and Headquarters will be happy to assist you to develop a Rover Scout Crew in your Group. If you are interested why not arrange a meeting between your Group Committee, District Scouters and Troop Scouters. At this meeting make available a supply of the pamphlets on the Rover Scout programme which are available free of charge through your District or Provincial Headquarters. Canadian Headquarters will be happy to send you sample copies of the magazine for Rover Scouts, *The Rover Rambler*, for distribution at this meeting.



HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

The Story of the Third Agoon (Meeting of Handicapped Scouts)

(From *The Scout*, September 12th, 1958)

This year there was held at Gilwell Park the Third Regional Agoon. In case you didn't read the account of it last week I should tell you that 'Agoon' is a name given to a camp of Handicapped Scouts. The first one was held in Holland about ten years ago and this was followed by one in Belgium. This year Great Britain had the privilege of being the hosts and Gilwell Park was chosen as the site.

The reason I am writing about Handicapped Scouts is not because I want to give you the story of the Agoon at Gilwell, because that has already been done, but I wonder how many P.L.s realize that there is a place in an ordinary Patrol for a Handicapped Scout?

Of course, many Handicapped Scouts are in separate Troops because they live in hospitals and institutions for orthopaedic cases and for deaf and dumb boys, etc., and the boys who live in these places are very rarely available for ordinary Troops. In addition, though, there are a lot of boys with handicaps who are at home and for whom, if we take the trouble to find them, Scouting can provide a wonderful experience.

A Valuable Recruit

I want to offer you the thought that when you are next looking round for a recruit you should talk over with the Patrol in Council the possibility of inviting and trying to interest in Scouting a handicapped boy who lives in your locality.

Now don't go crazy and form an entire Patrol of handicapped boys: that is not what I am suggesting at all. I think one boy with a handicap in an ordinary Patrol is as much as you want because he will benefit most from mixing with boys who are not handicapped.

This is the sort of thing you would need to talk over with your Scoutmaster, and there are all sorts of precautions to take. There are some forms of handicap which make a boy unsuitable for an ordinary Patrol, and you must have a boy who can take a reasonable part in the programme of the Patrol and Troop, otherwise he is not going to benefit.

It so happens that during my Scout experience I have had quite a lot to do with handicapped boys. Many years ago I ran a camp for almost six weeks and all the boys were handicapped and, incidentally, they were not Scouts. I learned that there were very few things they could not do providing I had enough patience to let them try. Crippled boys, for example, often learned to cook much better than other boys, perhaps because they took more trouble and were not so tempted to get up and leave the meal at an important point in its development. Likewise, the way they could lay out their kit because they took the trouble, was better than many an ordinary boy does it, and I have seen some wonderful lashings because of the time and care they gave to the activity. Signalling, observation, log-keeping, gadget making and handicrafts of all

kinds many boys with a handicap can do as well if not better than other Scouts. Don't think that by inviting a handicapped boy to join your Patrol you are going to do your Scouting under a handicap: it often happens that a handicapped boy proves a real strength to a Patrol and, whilst you may have to carry him—literally sometimes—in inter-Patrol games, he can more than make up for that by the contribution he makes in other ways.

Well, there is an idea for you. It is the aim of the Boy Scout Movement to try to offer Scouting to those boys who, through no fault of their own, are not so lucky as the rest of us. I suggest that there is no better means of implementing the 4th Scout Law than to extend the hand of friendship to one of these boys.

Added Interest Helps Medically

It may interest you to know that often through Scouting they improve medically, simply because Scouting gives them such an added interest in life that it helps them to overcome their physical handicap. I have been lucky enough to see some near-miracles come about through Scouting with boys of this kind. Not long ago I was walking away from a camp fire when I met a blind Scout. I knew he was blind and he knew me by my voice. I was surprised to find that he was carrying a torch and as I think most of you would have done, I asked him why he carried a torch when he was blind. The reply he gave I think was a memorable one. He said, "I often meet a Scout who has forgotten his torch and who cannot see in the dark and I carry a torch so that I can lend it to him and do my Good Turn for the day." Talk about the blind leading the blind. This was surely a case of the blind opening the eyes of the forgetful.

So, you see, these handicapped fellows can often find a real niche in Scouting, and if I can offer you a final piece of advice I think it would be this: If you have a handicapped Scout in your Patrol treat him as much as you possibly can just as you treat all the other Scouts in the Patrol. Don't slobber over him with a lot of false sentiment. He wants to be a Scout: that is why he has joined. Your job is to let him be one and to give him every opportunity to make a real contribution to the life of the Patrol and not to be merely attached to it. You will find, as I have found, that there are all kinds of occupations for the handicapped boy. A deaf and dumb boy, for example, is often tremendously strong physically; a blind Scout develops a wonderful sense of touch, and the crippled Scout sometimes develops an agility with the uncrippled parts of the body that makes him able to do all sorts of things, in pioneering for example, that we cannot even attempt to do. So don't regard these fellows as peculiar: they just happen to be a little different, but that doesn't make them daft and it must not prevent them being given a chance to be Scouts the same as every other boy.

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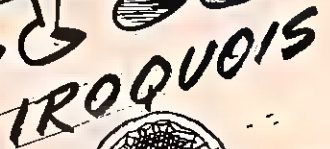


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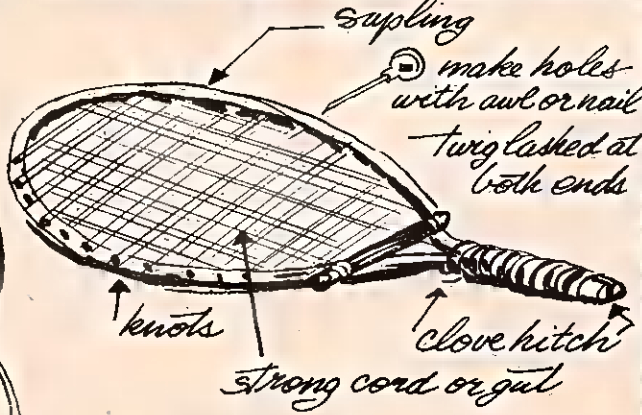
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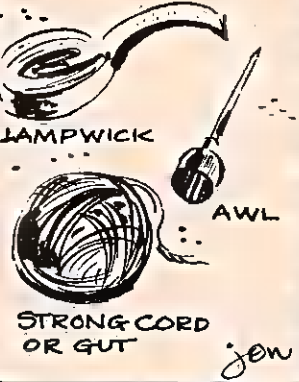
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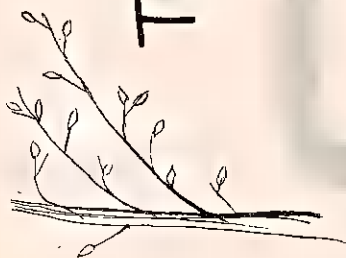
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The Wandering Song



1 We wander over dew cover'd hills, fallera, from
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sorrows have we none, when we sing this happy song,
when we wander over dew cover'd hills, fallera:

2 The old and the wise lay in bed, fallera,
They say we are mixed up in our head, fallera,
:But who should now sing, about beautiful spring,
If we traded the hills for our bed, fallera:

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Tune: Wandering song from Hälsingland,
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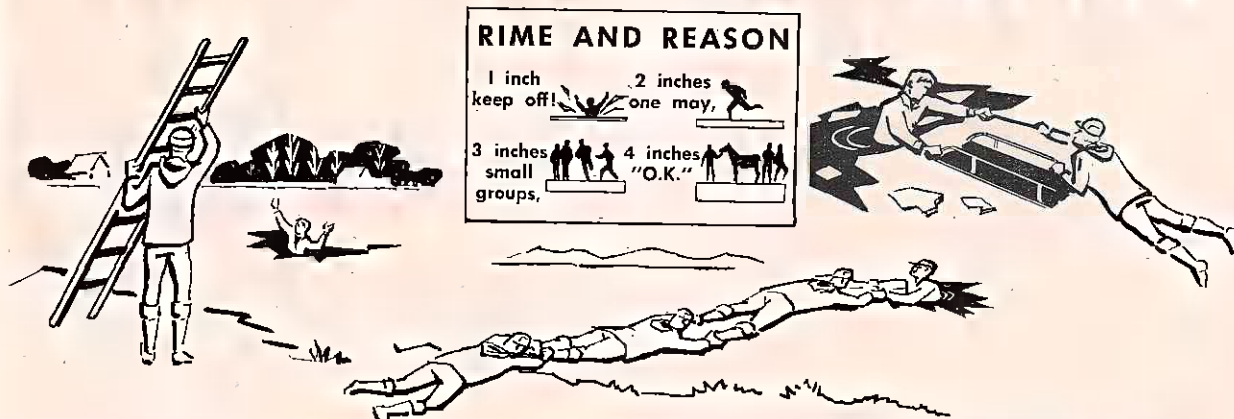
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Translation: Rolf Hellenius.

- 3 You people who sadly now mourn, fallera,
Cheer up, for very soon it will be dawn, fallera,
:We wander to the hills, for the sunshine and the
thrills,
Let's cheer up, for it soon will be dawn, fallera:
- 4 For happily we hike hand in hand, fallera,
To the beautiful land of Phoenix bird, fallera,
:To the fairyland that gimmers, like the precious
ruby shimmers,
In the beautiful land of Phoenix bird, fallera:
- 5 The murmur of the great forest trees, fallera,
Sounds mighty as organ melodies, fallera,
:You soon will forget, yesterday's sad regret,
Hearing murmurs of the great forest trees, fallera:
- 6 The trail which me leads to my friend, fallera,
Can be so hard and rocky with no end, fallera,
:This trail I will repair, and remove all rock that's
there,
From that trail which me leads to my friend,
fallera:
- 7 The trail often seems rather steep, fallera,
The sadness in life will make us weep, fallera,
:But while we are young, we can cheer up with song,
When the sadness in life makes us weep, fallera:

This is the most popular wandering song
in Sweden. The translator is a Canadian
Scoutmaster of Swedish-Finnish extraction.

ICE SAFETY AND RESCUE



RIME AND REASON

1 inch
keep off!

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3 inches
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groups,

4 inches
"O.K."

Use a ladder, pole, rope or human chain to reach ice disaster victim. Beware of thin ice in making the rescue.



Use pocket knife or any pointed object to help pull yourself out



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Kifissia, Greece, was the location for the annual meeting of the Boy Scouts International Committee who met September 1st to 5th to discuss and review current international Scout affairs and future plans. Attending the meeting were (left to right): Mr. Eli Boyaner, Chairman of Training Committee, Canada; Mr. Niels Engberg, Assistant International Commissioner, Denmark; M. Jean Salvaj, former International Commissioner, Switzerland, Past President Scouts Alpine Club; Mr. Bengt Junker, Chief Scout Sweden; Mr. John M. Schiff, Hon. Vice President and Past President, U.S.A. Chairman, International Finance Committee; M. Dem. Alexatos (centre) National Commissioner, Greece; Maj.-Gen. D. C. Spry, Director, B.S.I.B.; Gen. Sir Rob Lockhart, Deputy Chief Scout, Great Britain; Dr. M. V. de los Santos, Vice President and International Commissioner, Philippines, former Chairman of Far East Scout Advisory Committee, and Sr. Federico Diaz Legorburu, Chief Scout, Venezuela. Three members could not attend.

KNOWLEDGE OF SAFETY CODE—A DUTY

It would seem that there are doubts in the minds of some Scouters as to what is expected of a Cub or Scout by "A knowledge of the Highway Code of his province".

The intention is that the Cub or Scout knows and observes whatever safety precautions and road courtesy regulations are laid down by his province or by his local authority. The ultimate aim is to make the boy safety minded for his own and other people's protection.

One thing not intended is to produce Philadelphia lawyers all set to argue at a moment's notice. A combination of courtesy and caution can do much to avoid accidents.

The Regina Akela Club has produced admirable instructions relating to the Highway Test which meet the need. They are reproduced here with acknowledgments to a good job well done.

Highway Code in Relation to Cyclists

(Wolf Cub 1st and 2nd Star Tests)

1. Be careful, show courtesy and use common sense.
2. Cubs should never operate a bicycle too large for them or loan their bicycles to younger children.
3. Never learn to ride a bicycle on a busy street.
4. Do not ride on sidewalks or boulevards.
5. Learn to signal properly. Signal turns and stops in advance.
6. Ride bicycles in single file.
7. Never carry passengers.
8. Keep your hand on the bars, and feet on the pedals, and carry all parcels in a proper carrier.
9. Never hitch rides.
10. Steer at a steady pace without weaving.
11. Only ride at night if your bicycle has the proper head light and tail reflector.
12. Be cautious on slippery roads.
13. Walk your bicycle across busy intersections.
14. When making a left turn, first signal then proceed straight to far right curb, watch for traffic clearing turn left and cross to opposite side. Don't take a short cut.
15. Never pass another cyclist at an intersection.
16. Park your bicycle in proper rack never against curb.
17. Always ride on right side of road close to curb but four feet from parked cars.
18. Watch for ruts and cross at right angles.
19. Always pay attention to lights, saddle, bell, steering, brakes, tires, pedals and wheels.

Highway Code in Relation to Pedestrians

(Wolf Cub 1st and 2nd Star Tests)

The necessity for the revision of P.O. & R. to include these tests has arisen from the greater number of motor vehicles travelling our streets and highways and their increased speed of travel. As a result it is important that pedestrians should not place too much faith in the automobile driver's control of his car and that Cubs particularly, observe certain rules which would safeguard them and their playmates from dangers involved.

1. Do not walk or play on any traffic roadway.
2. Stop, look and listen before attempting to cross a street. Make sure the road is clear to the right and left.

3. Cross only at intersections and marked cross walks.
4. Cross at a steady walk. Do not run or change your direction of travel.
5. Pass other pedestrians at crossings as well as on sidewalks to the right.
6. Be extremely cautious if entering the road near a parked car or other obstruction.
7. Be careful when crossing icy streets.
8. When alighting from a bus, never cross in front. Wait on curb and cross behind.
9. Always alight from the right side of a car onto the curb.
10. Always walk on the extreme edge or shoulder of an open highway facing the oncoming traffic.
11. Cubs should always take the hand of younger ones or blind people (who carry white canes) and lead them at street crossings.
12. Observe all signal lights and other applicable signs.
13. Never touch or hold on to a moving vehicle.
14. Wear suitable clothing at night when walking on the highway. Clothes should be light in colour.



B.-P. during the siege of Mafeking. The photo is that of a meticulous needlework portrait of B.-P. reputedly done during the famous siege by a titled English lady. The beautifully coloured portrait was donated to the Boy Scouts Association through the will of the late Major George A. Heather and Mrs. (Hoffman) Heather, Kitchener, Ontario. It now hangs at Canadian Headquarters. Many years ago, the portrait was given to Major Heather by Agnes Baden-Powell, B.-P.'s sister.

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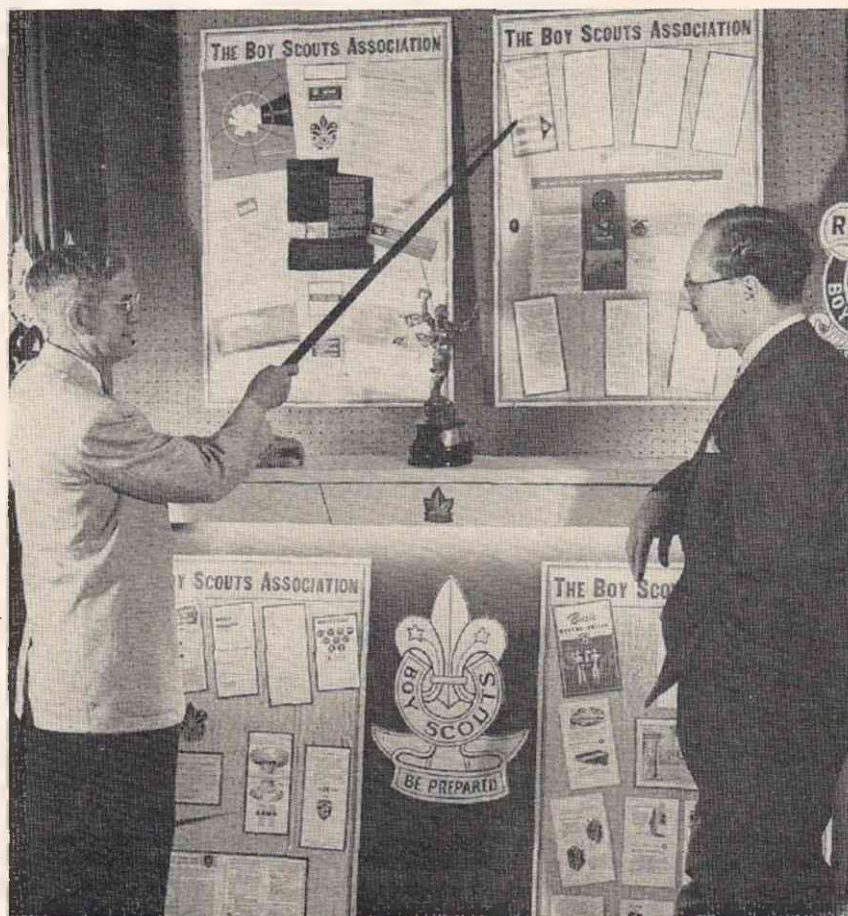
What we see we remember longer than what we hear. The Chinese said it this way: "One picture is worth ten thousand words". The Public Relations Service at Canadian Scout Headquarters in Ottawa says it with display panels on which they feature press photos of Scout action from newspapers across Canada and a variety of other illustrations. The panels are available for loan to Scout Councils for use at annual meetings, conferences and other large gatherings. Some Scout Groups use them to give atmosphere to father and son banquets, Group displays and similar events to which parents and friends are invited.

Our latest development is the publication of a list of the panels. It describes each series and gives a reference number for ordering purposes. To illustrate, there is the "Adventure" series stressing the fact that "Boys join Scouting for fun and adventure" and "they leave for lack of it". It includes such sub-

jects as: climbing in British Columbia; a visit to an R.C.A.F. station; cruising on RCN ships; bike hiking; camping; Indian Scouts and the 1st Class Hike.

There are some 200 panels in the series and more are added as quickly as new pictures become available and the P.R. Department can produce them. Included in the 29 subjects presently covered are Apple Day, adventure, Baden-Powell, badges, Wolf Cubs, catalogues (Stores Dept.), Scouting and the Church, camping, and civil defence.

Scouters desirous of borrowing panels should contact the nearest District or Provincial Scout Headquarters or their own Field Commissioner, all of whom have been supplied with "Display Panels Information Edition I". Panels are usually loaned for two-week periods. They are shipped via prepaid express and borrowers are asked to return them the same way. There is no rental or service charge.



Leonard L. Johnson (left) outlining some of the highlights of the new Civil Defence panels to our Chief Executive Commissioner.

FUN AND GAMES FOR CUBS

FLAG GAME

The Pack is divided into two teams and each Cub has a number. A rubber dog-bone is placed between the teams and at each end of the room a set of flags is erected (St. George, St. Andrew, St. Patrick, etc.). The Leader then calls out the name of a Saint or a country and a number. The Cub with the corresponding number runs to the set of flags nearest to his team and touches the appropriate flag; both Cubs then race to the bone and each tries to get the bone back across his line without being touched by the other Cub. The Cub who is successful wins a point for his team. Of course, if the wrong flag is touched the opposing team wins the point.

From Barrie Chamberlin.

CM, 2nd Stewarton Pack, Ottawa, Ont.

TOOTH BRUSH AND BACTERIA

Have the Cubs form a circle two-deep. One Cub is picked to be the tooth brush and another to be the bacteria. The tooth brush tries to catch the bacteria but if the bacteria stands in front of a set of Cubs, the Cub in the rear becomes the bacteria. If the bacteria is touched, he becomes the tooth brush. (Do not let the same Cubs stay in for too long).

BANDERLOG AND WOLVES

This game combines a lot of our Cub objectives. Besides getting a little jungle atmosphere into a game (smart wolves and ignorant monkeys), it tests boys on their Cub work, and it requires agility, speed and discipline for the boys have to keep on their toes when deciding which circle and what position to assume.

Line up Cubs in Sixes in relay formation, at the Cub-squat position. Akela is out in front and there are two circles drawn on the floor, one to each side of him. One is for the wolves and one for the banderlog.

Akela makes a statement—it could be on traffic safety, health, flags, etc. If the statement is true, on the word 'go', the first boy in each Six runs around Akela, crouches down in the 'wolf' circle already to do a Grand Howl. If the statement is false, the first boy runs around Akela to the 'banderlog' circle where he drops on all fours with an arched back. Points are awarded to the first boy in the correct circle and in the correct position.

HOW TO BUILD GAME VARIATIONS

This basic game is one in which one Cub is a bear and the rest circle around him. Upon a signal, he chases the rest of the Cubs to their dens, catching any who did not quite make it.

Variation No. 1—Storm

The Cubs amble around a clearing while Akela calls out different kinds of weather. Upon the word **STORM**, they all scatter for their dens, the last one in and out of sight or the last Six not all at Cub-squat loses a point or simply is 'all wet'.

Variation No. 2—Jungle

On the call 'Jungle', the Cubs start circling the clearing. Akela calls out all sorts of jungle animals by their actual or jungle names, but on the word 'Tiger', or 'Shere

Khan' the Pack scatters and the last Six not safe in its den gets a bite on the tail. A lot more jungle atmosphere don't you think?

Variation No. 3—Railways

The same circling formation as above but the Cubs do the following at these calls:

Couple —hook together in Sixes behind Sixer.

All Aboard—start around the circle, saying chug:chug:choo-choo.

Crossing —everyone blows the whistle.

Station —all stop.

Strike —all drop to the Cub-squat, not a move anywhere.

Up Hill —slow down.

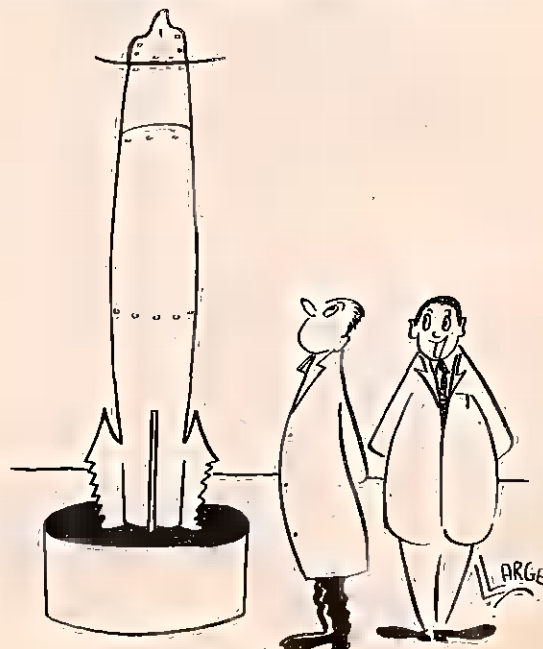
Down Hill —speed up.

HOPPING BLOCK

The Sixes are in relay formation. Each Sixer is given one 2" x 2" x 2" wooden block.

On 'GO', the first boy places the block on the floor in front of him and by hopping, and knocking the block forward with his toe he places it inside a six inch square patch on the floor 30 feet from the starting line. When his block is in the square, he picks it up and runs back to his Six, gives it to the second boy and takes his place at the back of the Six. Number two does the same as number one and so on down the line. The winning Six is declared when all are standing at the alert, facing left, (in line) and silent.

From Wm. A. Bissett, Prince Rupert, B.C.



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THE RT. REV. R. W. BRYAN, D.C.C.

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A Story to Tell Wolf Cubs

In one of the tea gardens of the Dooars, in North Bengal, I have a friend, Mr. S. G. Hossain, who had a narrow escape from death while on a tiger shoot in 1954.

In April of that year, Mr. Hossain and some of his friends from the Ranicherra tea estate were out shooting pig in the jungle. At the request of some villagers they organized a tiger hunt with eight guns and one elephant.

It was not long before the villagers brought information of the whereabouts of a tiger and immediately beaters were sent ahead to begin an organized beat. Nothing resulted and the beat was abandoned.

The party then crossed a small river and organized a second beat on the other side. It was hard ground but distinct game tracks were identified and the party took up positions as the beaters closed in. Suddenly a peacock flew out of the undergrowth and a tiger appeared fifty yards ahead. Mr. Hossain fired immediately and the tiger, apparently shot in the neck, dropped and rolled over with a roar of pain. Then it was up again and ran into the undergrowth.

Afraid that it would attack the beaters, Mr. Hossain left his position and ran after the tiger. His friends shouted a warning but it was too late. The tiger suddenly sprang out as if from nowhere. Mr. Hossain fired again

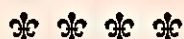
and hit the tiger in the leg while one of his friends, a Mr. Grey, ran to the rescue firing two shots, one of which was a hit.

The infuriated animal, however, rushed at Hossain and Grey and knocked them both over. It then grabbed Hossain's right leg while actually sitting astride Grey. Pinned down by the weight of the tiger, he could do nothing while the animal mauled Hossain.

It was at this point that the miracle happened. Two buffaloes—tame ones, not wild—came on the scene, and one of them charged the tiger. It missed Hossain by inches and butted the tiger squarely, sending it hurtling into the bushes. The tiger sprang at the buffalo, which stood guard over the prostrate Hossain. But the brave animal stood its ground while Hossain despite his terrible wounds and Grey managed to get away. The tiger was eventually shot by other members of the party.

Hossain was rushed to the nearest hospital for first-aid and then carried back to his bungalow. He was kept under medical attention all night, and the following day was taken up to a nursing home in Darjeeling, where he was slowly nursed back to health.

Those who know their "Jungle Book" will be interested in this parallel to the story of how Shere Khan was trampled to death by the buffalo herd.



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INVESTITURE OF A TENDERFOOT

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that recruits be invested as quickly as possible after going-up. Normally a recruit should be capable of fulfilling the Tenderfoot requirements within one month of joining the Troop.

Procedure

Recruits not being invested remain in their Patrols and simply stand fast during the ceremony.

Troop is brought to the "alert" in horseshoe formation.

The recruit to be invested stands with his Patrol next to his Patrol Leader.

The Scoutmaster stands in the centre of the open end of the horseshoe with his Assistants in line abreast, one pace behind.

The Troop Leader, a Patrol Leader, or an Assistant Scoutmaster is off to one side with the Troop Colours (Flag) ready to march it on. (Figure 1). (If the flag is dedicated, it must have an escort—see pamphlet Smartness in Scouting).

Scoutmaster: "Colour party, present the Colours". At this command the Troop salutes and the Colour Bearer marches on with the Colours at "Carry" and takes up position one pace to left of Scoutmaster and facing the Troop. Colours may either be kept at "Carry" or returned to "Order". As soon as Colour Bearer is in position Scoutmaster returns to alert—the Troop following suit immediately. (Figure 2).

The Patrol Leader now brings his recruit into the horseshoe and stops one pace in front of Scoutmaster. (Figure 3).

P.L. "Scouter, I present (Recruit's full name) who wishes to be invested as a Scout."

S.M. "Thank you Patrol Leader."

The Patrol Leader now takes one step backwards.

S.M. "(Recruit's given name) do you know what your 'Honour' is?"

Recruit: "It means I can be trusted."

S.M. "(Recruit's given name) do you know the Scout Promise and Law?"

Recruit: "Yes Sir."

S.M. "Can I trust you on your Honour to do your best to live up to the Scout Promise?"

Recruit: "Yes Sir."

S.M. "Troop—Scout Sign."

At this command every invested member of the Troop makes the "Scout Sign", the Colour Bearer turns right and lowers the Colours (keeping the flag gathered) between recruit and Scoutmaster. (Colour Party does not make Scout Sign). The Scoutmaster and recruit grasp the Colours with their left hands while making the Scout Sign with their right hands. (Figure 4).

S.M. "(Recruit's given name) say after me:—"

(The Recruit then repeats line for line after the Scoutmaster):

'On my honour,
I promise that I will do my best,

To do my duty to God
and the Queen,
To help other people at all times,
To obey the Scout Law."

As soon as the Recruit has completed the Promise, he and the Scoutmaster let go the flag which is raised and the Bearer returns to position in Figure 2. At the same time the Troop returns to the "alert".

The Scoutmaster now shakes hands with the Recruit using the Scout Left Hand Shake and says:—

"Scout (Full name), I trust you on your honour to keep this Promise. You are now a Scout in the World-wide Brotherhood of Scouts."

The Scoutmaster pins the Tenderfoot badge on the boy's left shirt pocket saying something appropriate and brief such as:—

"This badge is the sign that you are a Scout and have made your Promise, and (handing him the buttonhole badge) this buttonhole badge is to be worn on your everyday clothes to remind you that you are a Scout at all times and not afraid to try to keep your Promise."

If the boy was not previously a Cub in the same Group, the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster or the Troop Leader would now present the Group Neckerchief. The neckerchief is placed around his neck while the donor says something to this effect:—

"With this neckerchief I make you a member of the (Number and Name) Group."

If the boy was a Cub in the Group he will continue to wear during the Scout ceremony, the neckerchief which was presented to him at his Cub Investiture.

If he was a Cub in another Group his former neckerchief would now be removed and returned to him later and the new Group neckerchief placed around his neck as above.

The Tenderfoot is now handed his hat—which he puts on—and his Staff, and is congratulated by the Assistant

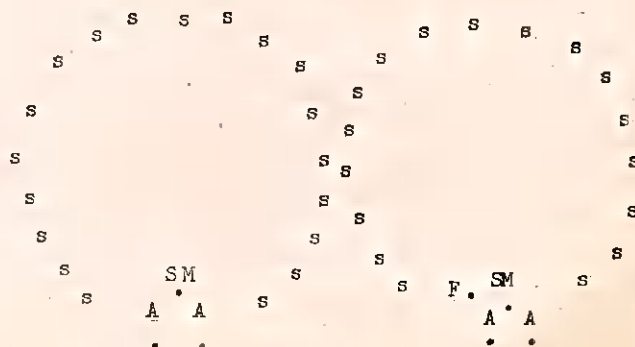


Figure 1
S.M.—Scoutmaster
A.—Assistants

Figure 2
F.—Colour Bearer with
Troop Flag

Scoutmaster presenting them. Provincial emblem and any other insignia should be given to the boy after the ceremony.

NOTE: Items being presented during ceremony (badges, neckerchief, hat, staff, shoulder knot) are held by persons responsible for making presentation.

The Patrol Leader now steps forward and attaches the Patrol Shoulder Knot saying something to this effect:—

"(Given Name), with this Shoulder Knot I welcome you into the (Patrol Name) Patrol."

They shake hands and Patrol Leader falls in beside the new Tenderfoot.

If the boy was a Two Star Cub *his former Akela* now presents him with his Leaping Wolf Badge.

Akela: "(New Scout's given name) I am proud to present you with this Leaping Wolf Badge to wear on your Scout uniform to show that you were a Two Star Cub. Congratulations" (or some similar brief comment).

S.M. "Scout (Full Name) about Turn. (The Patrol Leader turns about at the same time). Salute the Troop. Troop—to our new Brother Scout—Salute."

The Patrol Leader then escorts his new Tenderfoot back to his Patrol.

S.M. "Troop—Troop Alert. Colour Party dismiss." Colour Bearer left turns and marches off—Troop salutes.

As soon as the Colour Party has marched off someone appointed leads the Troop in the Troop Yell or three cheers for the new Scout.

S.M. "Troop—Troop at ease." Followed by next instructions which preferably should be to break away and carry on with an activity. Do not spoil ceremony by talking afterwards.

The desirability of investing one boy at a time is to be emphasized, but it must be faced that often there will be more than one boy ready at any one time. The ideal is to invest each boy separately. When this is not possible the maximum number invested at any one ceremony should not exceed two and must not exceed four. When two or more are to be invested they are brought out together by their respective Patrol Leaders and stand in line abreast, two paces in front of Scoutmaster. Each boy in turn takes a pace forward, is presented by his Patrol Leader and invested by the Scoutmaster separately. When each boy has made his Promise and received his Tenderfoot badge from his Scoutmaster, the presentation of neckerchief, hat, staff, and shoulder knot and the rest of the ceremony can be performed jointly.



Figure 3

S.M.—Scoutmaster
A.—Assistants
F.—Colour Bearer with Troop Flag

Figure 4

R.—Recruit
P.—Patrol Leader

'OPERATION BRRR'

By SCOUTMASTER F. H. HATFIELD,
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(Scoutmaster Hatfield reviews 'Operation Brrr' which his Troop completed last winter in the hope that more Leaders will make Winter Camping an integral part of their winter programme).

Highlights of 'Operation Brrr'

Our whole Troop left Troop Headquarters at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 14th, on a six mile hike which ended with the senior Scouts spending the night in the woods at the junction of Cross Creek and Becaguimac streams (New Brunswick).

As you well realize, a lot of hard work and planning went into this operation—it was the first time we had camped out in winter. During the previous fall we had obtained a copy of the book, 'WINTER SCOUTING' and followed its instructions a 100 per cent. We certainly found that this book had all the right answers.

Our bed rolls and camping equipment were carried on an eight foot toboggan; the details in 'WINTER SCOUTING' on how to pack, lash and haul the toboggan were invaluable. Sixteen Scouts turned out for the hiking expedition and six stayed out over-night.

The temperature hovered at 10 above zero when we left. A light snow was falling. The snow in the fields and woods was excellent for tramping as the weather had been cold enough to freeze a good crust which made light work of hauling the toboggan. We used contour maps and compasses for finding our direction. (We were all very glad that we had reviewed map and compass work in two previous Scout meetings.)

After we arrived at our camp site at 2:00 p.m., the entire Troop helped with the business of setting up camp, cutting and hauling wood for the fire. At 4:00 p.m. the younger members of the Troop returned home with Assistant Scoutmaster David Keith.

Supper was, of course the next item on the agenda, followed by one of those wonderful evenings of sing-song around a glowing camp fire. By 9:00 p.m. we all turned in with the exception of the two on fire duty.

We were quite comfortable in our sleeping bags on several inches of cedar and fir boughs, even though the temperature dropped to a mere five above zero. We had purchased two tents which were part of the Jamboree equipment used in England last year, and found them excellent for this type of outing as they are light, not bulky to carry and sleep four people quite easily.

Those who spent the night out were Scoutmaster F. H. Hatfield, Assistant Scoutmaster Harry Wilson, Troop Leader Dale Clark, Patrol Leader Robert Dickinson, Second Donald Oliver, Scout Leonard Hallétt, Patrol Leader Keith Murphy, Second Bill Pratt. The next morning we were all up by 7:30 a.m., cooked breakfast, cleaned up the camp site and hiked home with a strong conviction that we must do it again next year!

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PRIMING THE PUMP

By SCOUTER DON

It was one of those delightful camp days until a very hot and bothered Tenderfoot showed up to complain that the Cubs, who were having an outing nearby, had broken the camp pump. It turned out that the pump was an old one and had been idle for some time. This Tenderfoot had never been taught that sometimes pumps have to be primed. Once this was done his pail was soon filled to overflowing.

Some of us, starting on this venture of Patrol System, are a little like that Tenderfoot. That is, we go through the motions of setting up a scheme of boy leadership—hand out stripes, hat badges and all that sort of thing. When this leadership fails to gush forth after our first efforts, we look around for someone to put the blame on, usually the Patrol Leaders themselves. But the thing we have overlooked is the priming of the pump.

This is a long-winded way of getting round to the old adage that Patrol Leaders are made, not born. Boys do not have everything done for them up to a certain age and then suddenly become responsible! This punches holes in the claim that the boys can't be given responsibility because they aren't mature enough. Of course they aren't and they never will be mature until they have had plenty of responsibility thrust on their young shoulders.

A Scouter complained recently that his Troop Leader was the weakest they'd ever had, in fact, he'd been the only P.L. who couldn't handle his Patrol. The obvious answer was, "Then why make him a Troop Leader?". Even more to the point, since he'd been a Patrol Leader for two years, why hadn't something been done about it before this? Why wasn't something done to build up his leadership ability in a step-by-step way? That is our task, to train leaders in slow stages beginning with almost complete incompetence.

You can't expect a twelve-year-old to run a good campfire on his first attempt. But that doesn't mean he shouldn't have a try. Of course, it's best for the Troop if he can make his first efforts with other young P.L.'s and as he gains confidence go on to Patrol and then Troop campfires. We can help by providing lots of source material and encouragement. When he's run six or seven and feels fairly sure of himself we can make suggestions about raising standards. And when he's run a dozen he'll be well on the way. But we've got to be philosophical and not panic at the first fiasco.

Opportunity is one of the first things we must prime our leadership pump with, opportunity to lead, which gives the lad experience, which in turn builds confidence to go to greater efforts. It's going to mean some hair-raising experiences for the Scouters, which after all is where the game feature comes in. They're the things old Scouters talk about as they sip their tea in the quiet of the mental institution.

And let's not neglect the small things in providing this opportunity. Every little bit helps. For instance, explaining games through the Patrol Leaders instead of to the Troop at large helps create the idea of a chain of leadership. So does the distribution and receipt of badge forms in the same way. Hikes and other events ought to be announced to them for passing on to their boys. Inefficient? Not in terms of developing leadership.

Next, we must see that the boy has the confidence to take the opportunity. He must be helped to overcome fear of failure. This is an individual matter requiring a careful study of each boy, but it is one of the best contributions Scouting can make to moulding a boy's character. The boy who gets up to lead a sing-song, however good or bad a job he does, has taken a step toward manhood. And that's worth a little punishment to our ears. Building an atmosphere of encouragement is another vital step in priming our pump.

"But the boys don't know what they want to do. They haven't been in Scouting long enough to have any ideas." This is a common argument against the planning of a programme by a young Court of Honour. Well, what is the source of Scouting ideas? Doesn't most of it, if not all originate in "Scouting for Boys"? Wasn't Scouting started by boys who had read this book and without the aid of Scoutmasters? If each boy has his own copy, I don't think we need worry about any shortage of activities. As a minimum, each boy should have a chance to read this book. To own it is to have a second Scoutmaster on call day or night. And in preparing for activities, we can recommend the reading of appropriate sections.

Finally, we prime the pump through training of Patrol Leaders, not only instruction but instruction in how to instruct. If they're going to teach their Patrols, we must give them the best teaching methods we know. It is not a task we can tackle without careful preparation. The Bronze Arrowhead Course, which is available to everyone through Scout offices offers a good first step in what must go on as a continuous process. A Patrol Leader is never fully trained until he has gone on to Rovers. We must be ready to go on discussing individual problems, meeting the different needs of each P.L.

In short, our boy leadership pump isn't broken after all. It only takes a little priming with four main ingredients:

1. Opportunity for boys to lead in big and little ways,
2. An atmosphere that builds their confidence,
3. 'Scouting for Boys' as a source of ideas,
4. Training in how to train others.

Then, like the Tenderfoot, we will find that our efforts bring forth in abundance.





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