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

Dear Jack:

In my last letter I promised you that I would pass on some thoughts in connection with the situation in which you now find yourself—that of having your own son a member of your Troop—so here goes!

I might preface my comments by saying that this is a situation with which I have had practical experience because my own two sons went through the 58th Toronto Troop at the time when I was Scoutmaster.

A father has a natural pride in his son as he has every desire to see his son succeed in whatever endeavour he undertakes. This natural pride may cause him to make one of two major mistakes in the particular situation under discussion. On the one hand, he may be overly critical of his son's performance, and demand a higher standard from him than he does from other boys. On the other hand, the desire to see his son succeed may cause him to be too lenient. Both these attitudes are to be avoided. The first because it can lead to resentment on the part of the boy and discourage him from doing his best. The second because leniency and favouritism towards *any* boy can lead to a general breakdown of discipline within the Troop.

What is required here is that the Father-Scoutmaster should forget that he is the father of that particular Scout during Troop meetings and all other Troop activities. It follows also that the Son-Scout must co-operate by forgetting, at the same time, that he is the son of the Scoutmaster. Early in the new relationship, there should be a frank discussion on this point between the Scoutmaster and his son, followed by an understanding among the Scoutmaster, his assistants, and the boy's Patrol Leader, that—in their dealings

with the boy—they show no favouritism because of the boy's relationship to the Scoutmaster, and that he is to be treated in all respects as one of the gang. Generally speaking, I feel it is the part of wisdom for the Scoutmaster to see that the boy's tests are passed by leaders other than himself.

One final thought! The Scoutmaster, with a son in the Troop, has to be particularly careful that his son is not inadvertently made a party to information which should be reserved to the Leaders and the Court of Honour. This means, of course, that the Scoutmaster must exercise care when discussing Troop business in the home. Boys are naturally curious and they revel in the thought that they are possessed of information which is not available to other boys.

I hope, Jack, that what I have said will not cause you to lose any sleep. Frankly, I feel that this need not be a difficult situation. What is required is a fairly large dose of common sense.

Very best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive Commissioner.

Our cover picture

Duty to God comes first in the Promise of every boy and adult member of the Association and, we hope, in their lives as well. The Scouts on our cover this month are seen leaving the beautiful chapel at the Quebec Provincial Campsite, Tamaracouta.



With the continued growth of the Movement in Canada, increasing demands are being made on the facilities of our present Canadian Headquarters. For some time now our present building has been inadequate to supply the office and warehouse space needed to carry on an increasing volume of work. Both additional office and warehouse space have had to be obtained, and in spite of this, certain projects which should be undertaken have had to be postponed for lack of space.

In a separate message written for the 1957 Annual Report of the Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association, the Chief Scout wrote, "It is important that Scouting should grow with Canada and I urge you to provide the opportunity for even more boys to join the great company of Scouts in the years to come". In the same Annual Report our President, Mr. Rhys M. Sale announced that the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council had authorized the formation of a building committee to study plans for the erection of a new Headquarters building on property which had previously been purchased on the outskirts of the City of Ottawa.

The Executive Committee of the Council has also authorized a Special Names Campaign to raise the funds necessary to meet the cost of the new building. A Campaign Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Mr. Sale with Mr. Jackson Dodds, C.B.E., the Deputy Chief Scout, as vice chairman. While the plans for a new national Headquarters building have not been reported directly to the field, a great deal of interest in the project has been shown from those within the Movement, and we have seen evidences on all sides of a desire to play a tangible part in the project.

We feel confident that the thought expressed by members of the Movement who visit this Headquarters, that they like to feel that it is *their* Headquarters with which they have a very personal contact, is shared by everyone in the field. While no campaign for the Headquarters building is going to be conducted within the Movement, we do feel, in view of the great interest which has been shown, that an opportunity should be given to all those individuals, Sections, Groups and Districts within the Movement who wish to do so to give expression to their interest by making a donation to the fund. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be gratefully received and will be duly acknowledged in the pages of *The Scout Leader*.

The erection of a new Canadian Headquarters building to provide the necessary facilities for an expansion of service to Scouting in Canada, is a real step forward in meeting the challenge given to us by the Chief Scout on the Anniversary of Scouting's 50th year.



WOLF CUB GARDENER BADGE Part I

REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) Care for and cultivate a patch of garden of at least 16 square feet, preferably a square 4 feet by 4 feet, for at least four months.
 - (2) Name at least six of the following from life—
 - (a) Garden flowers.
 - (b) Vegetables.
 - (3) Distinguish and name—
 - (a) Four common weeds.
 - (b) Three common enemies of the garden.
 - (c) Three common friends of the garden.
 - (4) Demonstrate the use and care of the following tools: spade, fork, hoe, trowel, rake.
- (In Packs where patches of garden are not possible, the following alternatives can be taken in place of (1) and (4).)
- (1) Care for a window-box for four months or care for two or more perennial plants in pots for four months.
 - (2) Grow two of the following:
 - (a) A bulb in water, peat moss, sand or soil.
 - (b) A chestnut or acorn in water, sand, peat moss or soil.
 - (c) Pepper grass, peas or beans on flannel.

PLANNING HINTS

- Base your programme as fully as possible on doing things rather than on talks and lectures.
- For the next four weeks have at least one parent for each Six come to the Pack meetings and spend fifteen minutes assisting the boys in planning their projects.
- Devote part of the Pack bulletin board to gardening—clippings, pictures, hints, etc.
- Ask your Group Committee to supply the seeds for each boy who plans to work towards the Gardener Badge.
- Use the Pack Scouters Handbook, particularly the section in Exploring Nature and Proficiency Badges.
- Plan a photography exhibit of one or more of the gardening projects—from start to finish.
- Plan a library display of gardening books and related topics. (A bibliography will be published next month).
- Obtain suitable literature through Departments of Agriculture, nurseries, etc.
- Plan and carry out two or three group experiments such as tests for light, water and soil needs.
- Allow five or ten minutes at each Pack meeting for progress reports and problem discussions.

SCOUTERS' SELF-RATING SCALE

Check each statement either "true" or "false"	True	False
1. All my P.L.s have (or nearly have) their First Class		
2. All my Scouts get plenty of practice in cooking before going to camp.		
3. All my Patrols have held meetings at other times than Troop meetings during the last month.		
4. My Assistant has been in full charge of a Troop meeting recently (not counting when I have been unavoidably absent).		
5. My Group is always represented at District Council meetings.		
6. I always see that a boy is presented at once with a badge he has earned.		
7. I take steps to see that no boy has to wait more than a few days for any test or badge to be examined.		
8. My assistants receive <i>The Scout Leader</i> and read it.		
9. I have attended a Group Council during the last month.		
10. All the boys on the roll a year ago are still active (except those who have resigned for satisfactory and known reasons).		
11. I have added to my library of Scouting books during the last year.		
12. I made a point of meeting the last boy (or batch of boys) who "came up" to my section before they did so.		
13. I keep a personal record of each boy's progress, and check it regularly.		
14. I have attended at least one Scouters' Training Course, for which I am qualified.		
15. I have Patrol cooking at camp.		
16. I advised my D.C. on Form Permission to Camp before last Troop camp.		
17. I have told a yarn at Troop meeting during the past month.		
18. My Scouts help to choose and conduct prayers.		
19. I could sit down and make up the annual Census right away from my records.		
20. My Court of Honour meets regularly and plans the Troop activities.		

SCORING: Count the number checked "True".

Excellent 18-20

Very Good 15-18

Good 12-15

Fair 9-12

Poor 6-9

Bad Under 6

St. George's Day Message



D. C. SPRY

Director

Boy Scouts International Bureau

"For us in Scouting, St. George exemplifies the man of chivalry, who challenged the evils of his own day.

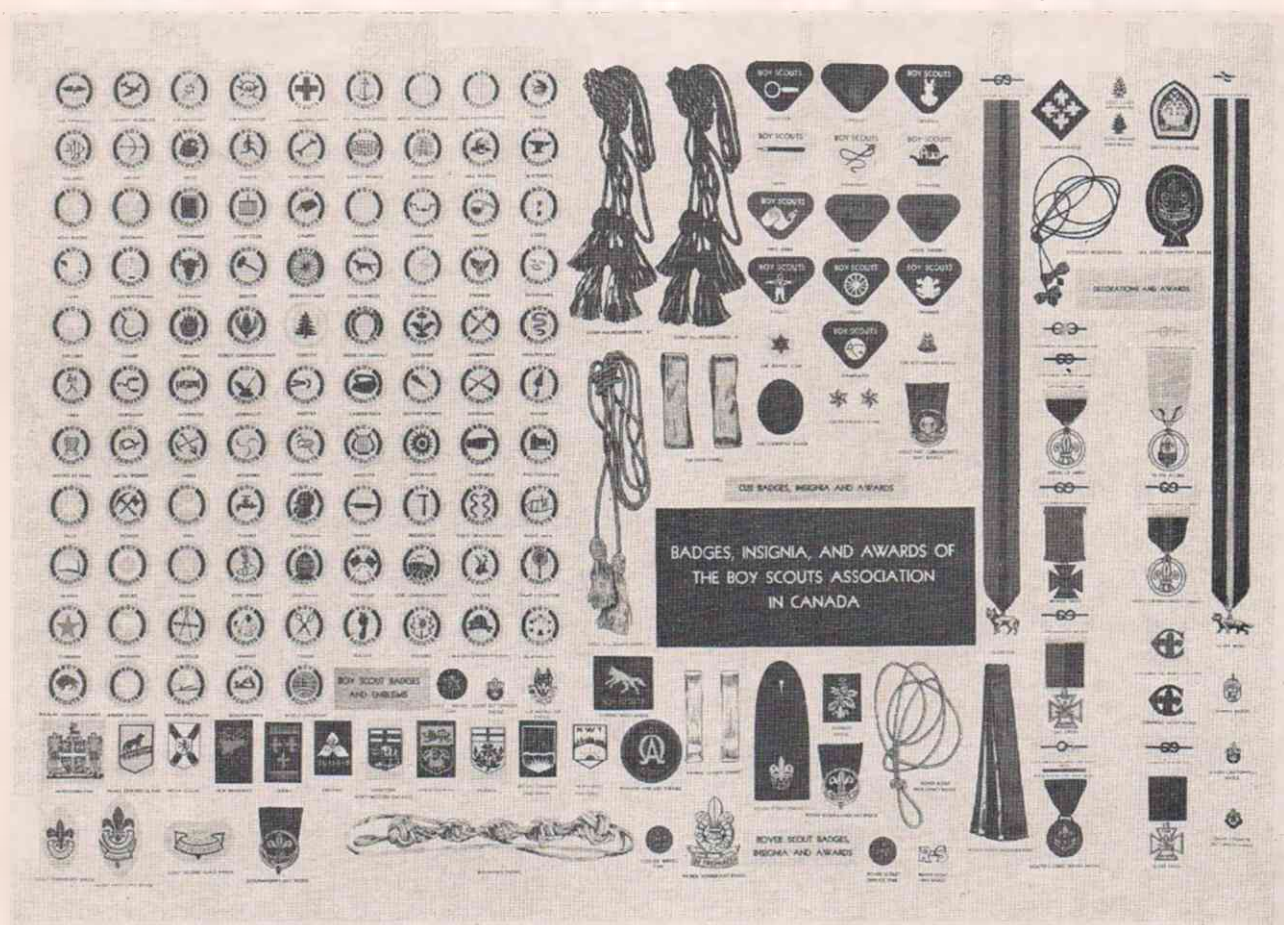
Today we live in a world beset with want, fear and distrust, ignorance and prejudice.

The aim of Scouting is good citizenship. Like charity, citizenship begins at home. We must seek to open the eyes of youth to the needs of each community, the duty to play an active role, and we must bring this realization to them through realistic projects for service to others. Through imaginative programme we must seek to develop their powers of leadership combined with group action, their self-reliance coupled with sound judgment and we need to awaken their critical faculties together with fair-mindedness.

Internationally, we must remember B.-P.'s dictum—"Look Wide". We must bring the teenagers of today to take a real interest in the wide world—not just to learn place names on the map, but to gain an understanding of peoples, their lives and cultures. Let us seek in every way to put into practice the Scout Law, "A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout."

Let us, in Scouting, with God's grace help to subdue and master these dragons of our troubled world today."

BADGES, INSIGNIA AND AWARDS



In answer to a large number of requests we have received from every section of the Movement, a full colour chart showing all the Badges, Insignia and Awards of the Boy Scouts Association in Canada has been prepared.

The chart, illustrated above, has been produced in nine colours to give an accurate illustration of every Boy and Adult Badge, Award or Insignia of the Movement in Canada.

This attractive wall chart has been reproduced in a large size measuring 30" by 41" on a paper stock that would be ideally suited for either framing or hanging free in a Troop Headquarters. The chart comes rolled in a tube designed to keep it from damage while passing through the mails.

These charts are available at a cost of \$2.00 each and may be ordered direct from the PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, The Boy Scouts Association, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4, Ont.



Serving You Across Canada

By H. R. C. CROUCH, Assistant Executive Commissioner (Stores)

Canadian Headquarters

The first page of the current Stores Department Catalogue contains a list, by provinces, of the many Scout Supplies Distributors now serving Scouting across Canada. The present total is seventy-six, one (J. L. Taylor of St. Lambert in the Province of Quebec) having been appointed since the printing of the catalogue. An indication of the worthwhile job being done is the fact that approximately 65% of the merchandise handled during 1958 was through our Distributors.

The Stores Department, guided by its Advisory Committee, constantly endeavours to make items of Scout merchandise more readily available to members of our Scouting Family in every part of the country. Recommendations or applications for new Distributor appointments are continuously received and considered. The over-all position is frequently under review.

As part of this endeavour seventeen new Distributors have been appointed since the reorganization of your Stores Department in 1956—an increase of 29%. Each new Distributor appointed means that more members of the Association are able to obtain their requirements by personal shopping. Experience has proved that more satisfaction can be obtained by over-the-counter service than by mail—however effective or speedy a mail order system may be.

The writer has had the pleasure of visiting all (except one) of our Distributors—the exception being in Flin Flon, Manitoba which point will, it is hoped, be visited in the not too distant future. The word “pleasure” is certainly not, in this instance, a noun without meaning because it was a joy to meet and visit these exceedingly enthusiastic members of our Scouting Family. Although business was naturally their first consideration, all had the interests of Scouting at heart and were anxious to do a worthwhile job for the Association.

During the visits various complaints were voiced against Distributors by members of Scouting who, in their enthusiasm, were prepared to condemn shortcomings of Scout Departments. Several of the complaints and criticisms were justified and the Stores Department, as well as the Distributors, was pleased to listen—as it gave a mutual opportunity to improve service, which was the objective of the tour.

In no other phase of Scouting has the give-and-take aspect of our principles been more woefully neglected by us as an Organization. We, as a whole, expected our Distributors to give perfect service at any time and many of us were ready to criticize if our immediate wishes were not fulfilled. Our Distributors, on the other hand, without the same Scouting background and with little or no assistance from those they were attempting to serve, were

found figuratively “groping in the dark”—wanting to do a job but having no information as to what was expected of them.

Your Stores Advisory Committee, being aware of the situation, requested through Provincial Headquarters, the appointment by District, or other localized Councils, of district Distributor Committees who would co-operate with Distributors in an effort to give all-round satisfaction. The main responsibilities of these committees are:

- To maintain a close liaison with the Distributor(s) by periodic visits.
- To advise and assist where possible (in matters of policy, etc.).
- To encourage a friendly relationship between members of the Movement and the Distributor.
- To make arrangements for the Distributor to be aware of future events so that stock adjustments may be made.
- To ensure that the Distributor is adhering to the terms of the Agreement between him and the Canadian General Council.
- To listen to any complaints the Distributor may voice regarding service from the Stores Department and to ensure that such complaints are passed along.
- To receive comments and suggestions and refer these to next Senior Council.
- To encourage the Distributor to realize that he is an integral part of the Boy Scouts Organization and that he plays a very important role.
- To encourage the District Council, where possible, to include the Distributor or members of his Staff, as a member of the District Council or on some Committee of the Council where their knowledge and experience would be beneficial.
- To encourage the District Council to issue invitations to the Distributor and his Staff to any functions or activities the Council might plan, especially to the Annual General Meeting.
- To arrange suitable recognition of the service rendered to Scouting by Distributors by an announcement in the Annual Report or similar publication.
- To make an annual report on the operation of the Distributor as requested by the Canadian General Council—such report to include a recommendation as to whether or not the Agreement shall be renewed for a further period.
- To occasionally review the position in its District or area to ascertain whether the needs of Scouting are being met and to make recommendations to the District Council should appointment of further Distributors be considered necessary.

To encourage members of the Scout Movement to support their Distributor by obtaining requirements through the Scout Department of his store.

The value of these Committees has been reflected in the better service being rendered in Districts where they are operating. They are to be congratulated on the progress made in a comparatively short time. It is significant that in places where Committees do not exist (and these can be numbered on the fingers of one hand), the number of complaints and criticisms are more numerous than elsewhere. Being able to meet members serving on these Committees, and having the opportunity to discuss mutual problems, was a privilege and a pleasure and has since proved very advantageous.

Most Scout Departments now carry a much larger and more diversified stock to meet immediate needs. It must be borne in mind, however, that Distributors in smaller areas should not be expected to maintain a 100% stock of all items and sizes in the catalogue. It would not be practical from a business point of view, nor is it necessary. Experience in the Stores Department indicates that it is inadvisable to stock many of the slower-moving items for which the demand is small; again certain parts of the Scout Programme can be described as seasonal and there would be no point stocking items for relevant activities throughout the whole year.

We expect our Distributors to carry those items which, in the opinion of the Distributor Committee, are essential for the needs of local Scouting. Remember too, that a Distributor will be only too pleased to obtain any special orders should he be unable to satisfy requirements from his stock.

Following the visit of its representative, the Stores Department in Ottawa now enjoys a very happy business relationship with Distributors. One of the more important results emanating from the visits is that Distributors and District Distributor Committees are now aware of the part they are each expected to play in the game of Scouting.

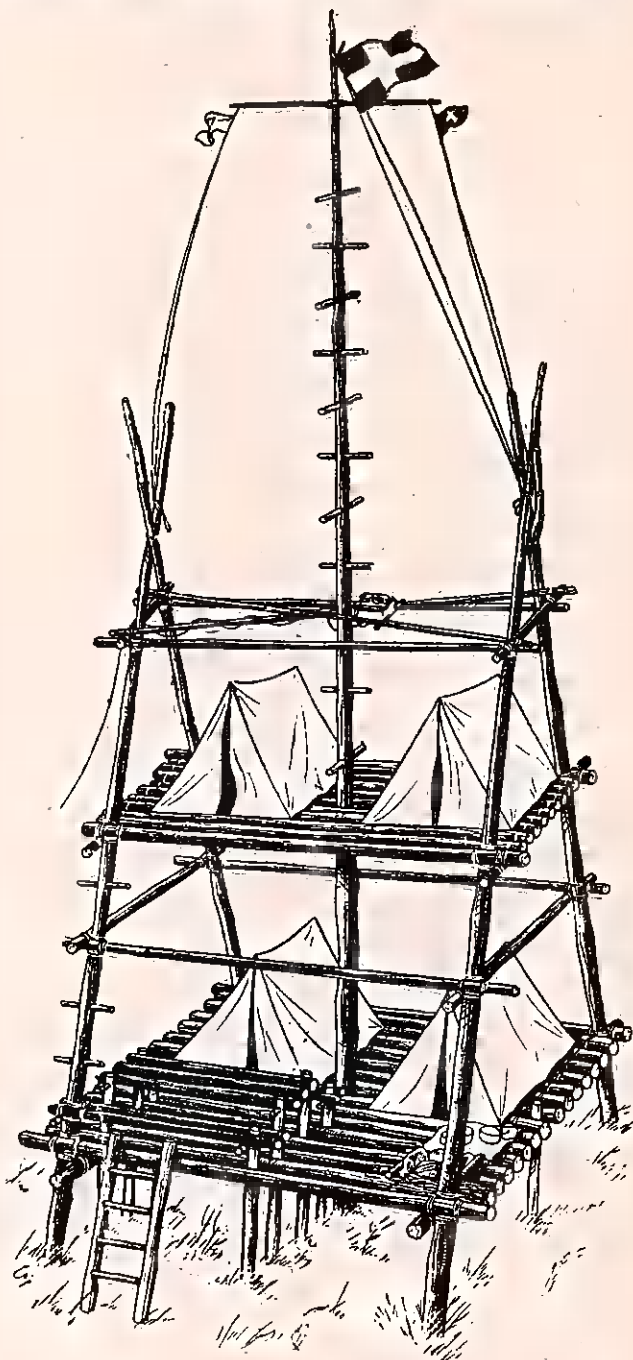
It should be emphasized that Distributors are recognized as an essential and integral part of Canadian Scouting. Most have been appointed on the recommendation of a local Scouting Council because it considered a need existed. A Scout Department is far from being a profit making project as the mark-up barely covers the expenses of operation. In addition, the Distributor is the party to a signed agreement with the Canadian General Council—the terms of which must be strictly observed.

From a business point of view, the existence of the Department has three main advantages:

- (a) It attracts potential customers who otherwise may have no reason to visit the store;
- (b) It is considered a prestige line; and
- (c) It enables the Distributor to render a tangible service to his community.

This article is part of an endeavour to make leaders and other members of our Scout Brotherhood aware of the service being rendered by Distributors on behalf of Scouting. In recompense therefore, we would like to see Scout Departments supported by as many persons as possible. We feel that out of loyalty to our Organization, members should respond to the efforts of their Scout Distributors.

The present Organization enables members of the Movement to have a voice in the policy and operations of the Stores Department and the many Distributors—through their local District Distributor Committees.

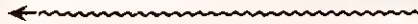


Here is an advanced pioneering project that you might like to discuss with the Court of Honour. The design comes from the magazine, *O Proskopos*, published by The Boy Scouts of Greece. This is the kind of project which a Troop could work on over a period of a few weekends. It would also make an excellent display piece for a Scout show outdoors. If you have any pioneering projects that have proved popular with the Scouts in your Troop, why not send in a drawing of them to the Editor so that we may share our experiences.

"The Moot In The Mountains"



Left: Moraine Lake, one of the many charming lakes in and near Banff National Park—the oldest of our national parks.



Right: Cathedral Mountain, Yoho National Park. Appropriately, *yoho* is an Indian word meaning, "It is wonderful."



Left: Swift glacier-fed streams have cut deeply, leaving in their wake such lovely vales as Consolation Valley.



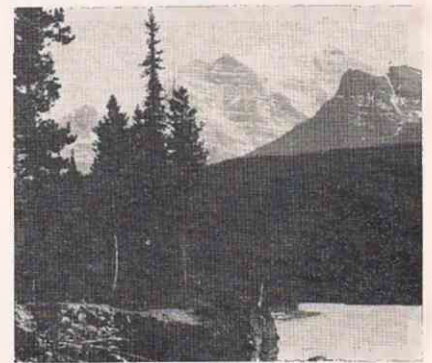
Right: Takakkaw Falls tumbles boldly down the face of the rugged mountain-side.



Left: Startling in its intensity of blue is Lake Louise, world-famed for its beauty.



Right: Mts. Temple and Saddle, seen here from the bank of the Bow River, rise in magnificent splendour.



Applications must be in by May 31st, 1959 for

THE 3rd CANADIAN ROVER MOOT

to be held in Banff National Park, Alberta, from Thursday, August 27th, to Tuesday, September 1st, 1959. Application forms may be obtained from your Provincial Headquarters. The Moot fee is only \$5.00 and this includes pennants, crests and a magnificent tour through the Rockies, plus a **BUFFALO BARBECUE!**

Advancement and Acceptance Ceremony

From Scout Troop To Rover Crew

When a young man joins a Crew without advancing directly from a Troop to the Crew some formal type of acceptance ceremony to mark the occasion is necessary. Following the Scout Investiture of the non-Scout, or the reaffirmation of the Scout Promise by the former Scout the Rover Scout Leader will immediately conduct the Acceptance Ceremony. This will take the form of the Advancement Ceremony from the point where the Scoutmaster retires and the Rover Scout Leader takes over.

The Advancement

The Troop is in horseshoe formation and the Crew is in line abreast a short distance away across the open end of the Troop formation. If there are sufficient Rovers it is desirable for the Crew to form a horseshoe with the open ends of the Troop and Crew horseshoes facing each other. The Scoutmaster is in the open end of the Troop formation and the Rover Scout Leader is two steps ahead of the Crew line, or, in the open end of the Crew horseshoe. A.S.M.'s and A.R.S.L.'s stand on either side of their respective formations. (See Fig. 1).

The Scoutmaster opens the proceedings by briefly explaining the purpose of the gathering. Mention will be made of the fact that it is every Scout's aim to advance to the Rover Scout Crew.

The Scoutmaster calls forward the Scout and briefly reviews his record in the Troop.

The Scout reaffirms his Scout Promise.

The Scoutmaster now formally presents him to the Rover Scout Leader and advances the Scout to the Crew. (The Scoutmaster walks with the Scout to where the Rover Scout Leader stands. The Scoutmaster returns to the Troop and the Rover Scout Leader officially welcomes the Scout.)

The Acceptance

The Rover Scout Leader says: "As you know, (gives Scout's name), Rover Scouts are expected to adopt certain principles which will guide them along the Rover trail. These principles are:—

Your promise to do your duty to God, by developing your own spiritual life, and by practising your own religion.

Your promise to do your duty to your Queen, by preparing yourself to become a good citizen of your country.

Your promise to do your duty to your Neighbour, by training yourself for service to others, and by preparing yourself for useful employment.

Your promise to obey the Scout Law, remembering that you must now look upon it from a young man's viewpoint.

Are you willing to adopt these principles?

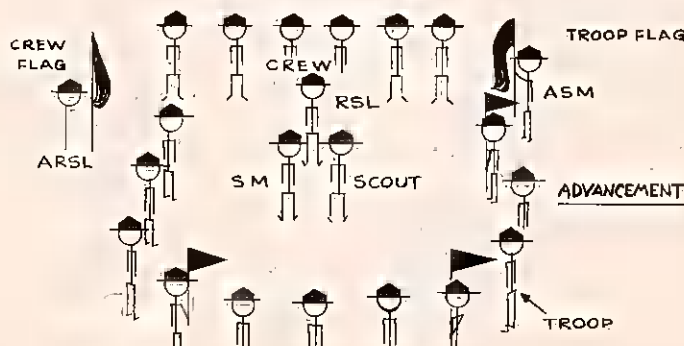
The Scout says: "Yes, Sir, I am."

The Rover Scout Leader will then tell the young man that he is now accepted into the Crew and to Rover Scouting, and will remind him that Rover Scouting is a Brotherhood of the Open Air and Service. The Rover Scout Leader pins on the Rover Squire's Shoulder Knot and says, "I now turn you over to your two Sponsors who will supervise your Rover Squire Training in preparation for your investiture as a Rover Scout."

The Sponsors are formally presented and take charge of the new Rover Squire by immediately introducing him to all of the members of the Crew, who congratulate him upon his Advancement. The new Squire falls into the Crew formation between his Sponsors.

This ceremony may close with any Troop or Crew yell which are traditional.

The Troop and Crew colours, if desired, should be in position as illustrated in Figure 1.



HONOURS AND AWARDS

His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, C.H., Governor General of Canada, in his capacity as Chief Scout for Canada, is pleased to announce the following Honours and Awards on the occasion of the anniversary of the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, Founder of the Boy Scout Movement, February 22nd, 1959.

Silver Acorn—3

For Specially Distinguished Service

- Mr. Cecil R. Barrett, Shelburne, Nova Scotia.
Mr. H. B. Twiss, Kingston, Jamaica (formerly of Alberni, B.C.)
Mr. Clem Burton-Smith, Vancouver, British Columbia.

"Cornwell Scout" Badge—2

Awarded in respect of pre-eminently high character and devotion to duty, together with great courage, endurance or gallantry.

- Patrol Leader Fred Vance, Kemano, British Columbia—
For the great courage and fortitude displayed when he suffered 2nd and 3rd degree burns to his face and arms from an exploding gasoline lantern.
Patrol Leader Andrew Stevens, Lloydminster, Alberta—
For his wonderful courage and staying power in attaining the Queen's Scout Badge in spite of great physical suffering.

Silver Cross—8

For Gallantry with Considerable Risk

- Scoutmaster Phillip G. Day, Hastings, Ontario—For his heroic action in rescuing a group of people from an overturned rowboat in extremely dangerous waters.
Mr. Allister Buffett, Grand Bank, Newfoundland—For his heroic action in rescuing young Lloyd Williams from the icy waters of the harbour at Grand Bank.
Mr. William White, Hastings, Ontario—For his heroic action in rescuing a group of people from an overturned boat in deep and rough waters.
Mr. Wilfred Brown, Springhill, Nova Scotia—For his great bravery and fortitude in the Springhill Mine disaster.
Mr. Kenneth Bigelow, Springhill, Nova Scotia—For his great bravery and fortitude in the Springhill Mine disaster.
Mr. Stanley Pashkowski, Springhill, Nova Scotia—For his great bravery and fortitude in the Springhill Mine disaster.
Mr. E. J. Melanson, Springhill, Nova Scotia—For his great bravery and fortitude in the Springhill Mine disaster.
Mr. James D. Booth, Springhill, Nova Scotia—For his great bravery and fortitude in the Springhill Mine disaster.

Gilt Cross—3

For Gallantry with Moderate Risk

- Scout Robert Emönd, Leduc, Alberta—For his persistence and determination in diving to rescue Brian Hendry from drowning and the cool manner in which he applied artificial respiration.
Mr. Robert Scriver, Hastings, Ontario—For his courageous action in assisting in the rescue of a number of people from an overturned rowboat during a sudden storm.
Troop Leader Kenneth M. Armstrong, Windsor, Ontario—For his quick thinking and presence of mind in rescuing young Gordon Vandermeulen from drowning.

Medal for Meritorious Conduct—1

- Scout Adrian Crimeni, Vancouver, British Columbia—
For the efficient manner in which he controlled a serious blaze at the campsite and then rendered first aid to his companion.

Certificate of Merit for Gallantry—6

- Troop Leader Dennis Mockridge, Victoria, British Columbia—For the efficient manner in which he assisted rescuing young John Anderson from drowning.
Scout John Clemens, Victoria, British Columbia—For his efficient manner in assisting in the rescue of John Anderson.
Troop Leader David Turner, Didsbury, Alberta—For his presence of mind in rescuing a young lad from drowning in the Red Deer River.
Scout William Thomas Gardiner, Ottawa, Ontario—For his courageous action in saving Larry Duffy from the waters of Patterson's Creek.
Mr. Douglas Embree, Springhill, Nova Scotia—For his fortitude and perseverance in assisting in the rescue operations at the Springhill Mine disaster.
Mr. Mark Marshall, Springhill, Nova Scotia—For his remarkable fortitude in assisting in the rescue operations at the Springhill Mine disaster.

Certificate of Meritorious Conduct—4

- Patrol Leader Jack Hore, Spragge, Ontario—For his prompt action and presence of mind in extinguishing the flames that were enveloping young David Weiss when his snowsuit caught on fire.
The Boy Scouts, Springhill, Nova Scotia—For the unsolicited magnificent service given during the Springhill Mine disaster.
Master Kent Persson, Tahsis, British Columbia—For the efficient manner in which he saved Wayne Shuman from drowning.
Cub Timothy Peterson, London, Ontario—For the efficient manner in which he went to the rescue of Kevan McLeod, thus saving his life.

Letter of Commendation for Meritorious Conduct—7

- Scout Robert L. Cope, Sarnia, Ontario—For his presence of mind in rescuing Mr. G. Hummell from his burning house and then in assisting him in beating out his flaming clothing.
Cub Warren Klages, Ottawa, Ontario—For his presence of mind in rescuing young Linda Moncrieff when she fell off the dock into the water at Mississippi Lake.
Mr. James W. Willett, Toronto, Ontario—For his prompt and effective action in extinguishing the flames that were enveloping young Richard Tustin and the calm way in which he escorted him to the hospital.
Mr. John Conlin, Lucan, Ontario—For his presence of mind and the efficient way in which he administered first aid to Graham Thompson when he badly injured his hand whilst swimming.

Scout Barry Black, Lucan, Ontario—For his presence of mind and the efficient manner in which he administered first aid to Graham Thompson who had injured his hand whilst swimming.

Scout Paul Conlin, Lucan, Ontario—For his efficiency and presence of mind in administering first aid to Graham Thompson when he badly injured his hand whilst swimming.

Scout Hugh Conlin, Lucan, Ontario—For his presence of mind and the efficient manner in which he administered first aid to Graham Thompson when he injured his hand whilst swimming.

Certificate of Merit for Good Services to Scouting—2

Mr. W. W. Beaton, Noranda, Quebec; Member, Rouyn-Noranda District Council.

Mr. Thomas Arthur Irving, Scoutmaster, 1st Milford Scout Troop, Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia.

Bar to the Medal of Merit—2

For Additional Good Services to Scouting

Mr. Edward Hanson, Toronto, Ontario; Deputy Regional Commissioner, Greater Toronto Region.

Mr. Charles Decker, Toronto, Ontario; Assistant Area Commissioner (Badges), Toronto Centre Area.

Medal of Merit—33

For Good Services to Scouting

Mr. Kingsley Delo, District Cubmaster, Richelieu Valley District, St. Lambert, Que.

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Mr. Jack Robertson, District Commissioner, Westcott, Alta.

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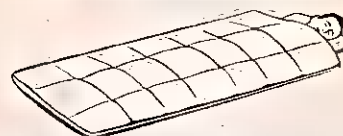
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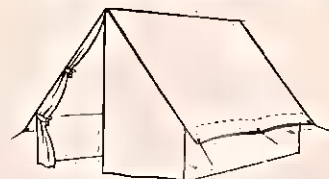
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BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON	Legge Farm, Hancy	Four week-ends beginning May 2	E. P. Briha
	Kamloops Area	August 1st to 9th	Rev. H. P. Collins
ALBERTA & N.W.T.	Edmonton	Four week-ends commencing May 9	G. R. Weir
	Sylvan Lake	July 4 to 12	F. G. McCoy
SASKATCHEWAN (Prairie Gilwell)	At Prince Albert	June 20 to 28	Dr. S. A. Hopper
NOVA SCOTIA	Central Nova Scotia	July 4 to 12	D. E. Smith
QUEBEC	Camp Tamaracouta	May 16, 17, 18 and 23, 24, and 30, 31	L. C. Houldsworth
	Camp Tamaracouta	July 25-Aug. 1	W. Bryce
NEW BRUNSWICK	Near Fredericton	Aug. 1 to 9	Dr. S. A. Hopper
ONTARIO	Blue Springs	July 11-19	F. Whiskin
	Blue Springs	Aug. 8-16	Vernon Peach
	Lakefield	July 18-26	K. Jakins
	North Bay	Aug. 1-9	W. DeHarte
	Blue Springs	May 2-3, 9-10, 16-18, 23-24	James Duffin
LA FEDERATION	Nicolet	Aug. 21-30	Allan Henley
		Aug. 18-30	Hubert Reid

PACK SCOUTERS

BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON	Shawinigan Lake	June 13 to 20	R. A. MacDonald
	United Church Camp	August 15 to 22	G. W. Cairns
	Camp Tweedsmuir near Trail		
SASKATCHEWAN (Prairie Gilwell)	At Provincial Camp Site	July 11 to 17	E. Bower Carty
ALBERTA & N.W.T.	Calgary	Four week-ends commencing May 30	H. B. Holloway
	Sylvan Lake	July 13 to 19	P. H. Dack
NOVA SCOTIA	Miller's Lake, Halifax Co.	June 22 to 27	W. A. Speed
QUEBEC	Camp Tamaracouta	May 16, 17, 18 and 23, 24	Ralph Boright
	Camp Jackson Dodds	August 24-29	Kingsley Delo
NEW BRUNSWICK	Near Moncton	May 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 31	Dr. S. A. Hopper
	Yoho Campsite	3 week-ends commencing June 6	Robert Watt
ONTARIO	Blue Springs	July 5-11	I. Musson
	Blue Springs	Aug. 16-22	David Crombie
	London	June 26-July 2	A. S. Fleming
	Crooked Creek	June 5-7, 12-14, 19-21	David Crombie
LA FEDERATION	St-Adolphe d'Howard	Aug. 22-29	George Kelly

CREW SCOUTERS

ALBERTA & N.W.T.	Sylvan Lake	July 19 to 25	John A. Hencher
ONTARIO	Blue Springs	July 19 to 25	Harold Hird
	Blue Springs	May 1-3, 8-10, 15-18	Robert Milks
LA FEDERATION	Nicolet	June 19, 20, 21, 26-29	Louis Pronovost

PAN-PACIFIC JAMBOREE

By DAVE and CLIVE JEWETT, Vancouver, B.C.

We had heard from a Scouter passing through Vancouver that there was to be a New Zealand Jamboree early in 1959, so we began to make plans. Scout Donald Sayers of Cambridge, New Zealand, who was going to the Jamboree, became our pen pal. Our Scoutmaster Mr. Hicklenton, Commissioners Col. Smart and Mr. Wooten all helped us plan our flight itinerary.

Finally, on December 14th, after a day's delay because of heavy fog, we were on our way. We had a pleasant trip and as we were travelling in uniform, people all along the way took an interest in us; often they had been Scouts or Scouters at one time or another—one had been a Scout when B.-P. first started the Movement. We were invited up into the cockpit of the plane both coming and going. It was fascinating.

In Fiji we were met by Ron Richard, a boy who had been a Scout at one time, and by a number of native Fijians, who also were, or had been Scouts.

The customs inspector at Whenuapai Airport in Auckland let us through without inspection when he saw that we were Scouts; he had himself been a Scout. We were greeted by two different newspaper reporters and by a Chief Scout Commissioner, Mr. McKay and his wife, by relatives and by our pen pal, Donald Sayers. Donald had driven a hundred miles to meet our plane and had brought his Scoutmaster and two other Scouts from his Troop.

Since this was December 17th and the Jamboree did not start until January 1st, our relatives, whom we had not met before, took us on a sight-seeing tour of the north island.

The day after our arrival, we registered at the Jamboree Offices, had our pictures taken by a newspaper and were asked to go to the broadcasting station to speak on a special tape that was being prepared for the Jamboree. As we were the first arrivals, we were the first on the tape. By the end of our stay, we had been interviewed on the radio three times and by newspapers five times. The New Zealanders had been planning this Jamboree—their first—for a long time and as we were the first overseas Scouts to arrive, we made history.

On Christmas Day, instead of the traditional turkey to which we were accustomed, we had a Maori Hungi, which is food cooked in the ground by steam pressure for about two hours. While it was cooking we all went swimming. After we had feasted, all sixty adults and children had a joint ball game which was really fun.

On January 1st, we went into camp and located the Cambridge contingent Troop to which we were attached for the duration of the Jamboree. At the official opening ceremonies on January 3rd, we marched around the arena; one of us carried the Canadian Ensign and the other carried a huge "Canada" sign. People cheered us and called out such things as "the maple leaf forever", "keep the flag flying", etc. All during the Jamboree people constantly came up to us or phoned or wrote offering to take us out or entertain us. Mr. Nash, the Prime Minister, came down to our camp and personally welcomed us to New Zealand and invited us to come to Wellington, if we had time, but unfortunately we did not have half enough time.

As we were the only two Canadians in camp we were greatly honoured by invitations to a number of lunches and teas—once by the Camp Chief, Major-General Lockhart, another time by the International Commissioner, Mr. Horner. Mr. J. F. Colquhoun, Chief Scout's Commissioner from Britain was present at these affairs, as were many other Scouters. At one of these teas, all the guests were waited on by Scouts.

Oh yes, on the opening day official flag break before the Camp Chief, Clive was asked to break our flag along with representatives and their flags from fourteen other countries. These flags flew for the duration of the Jamboree. Every other day we flew the Canadian flag over our sub-camp and the New Zealand flag was flown on the in-between days.

Everywhere we went, we were mobbed by other Scouts wanting to swap or wanting autographs or pictures. The first three days in camp we each swapped fifty provincial badges, plus all the other swaps we had taken, and could, of course, have used many more.

Scout's Own was held in an extinct crater on One Tree Hill and white dots everywhere—the flashlights, or torches as they are called by New Zealanders—made an impressive sight. Among other activities were excursions to the naval base; to Taranaki Beach (very beautiful) for a swim, to the zoo and to the museum. Throughout the Jamboree Scouts from various countries put on displays such as the life of B.-P., whaling off New Zealand, the age of airplanes, etc.

Down there Scouts do not have sponsors as we do, and I believe Canada is the only country that has the Bronze and Silver Arrowhead courses—most of the Scouts thought our Silver Arrowhead Badge was a tree emblem. They were quite amazed that we did not have Senior Scout Troops. New Zealand Scouts have to get their Bushman's Thong before they can get their Queen's Scout.

On the last day of camp, Cambridge Troop held a tea for all Scouters, Commissioners, etc. so that Clive and I, on behalf of Canadian Scouting, could present the Camp Chief with a Totem Pole, handcarved by a Nootka Indian of British Columbia.

The Closing Ceremony was held at night and a display of the fleur-de-lis was put on by floodlight. The hauling down of the Jamboree flag was the signal that the Pan-Pacific Jamboree had come to an end.

After the Jamboree we spent a few days visiting the home of Donald Sayers, where he showed us their Senior Scout's hut (built by themselves) and other areas of interest in Cambridge.

When we left from Whenuapai Airport in Auckland the many friends that had come to see us off gathered round and sang the nostalgic Maori farewell song to us.

In Hawaii, where we had a twenty-four hour stop-over, we were met and shown around by some Hawaiian Scouts and as we were leaving, the Scouts gave each of us a lei.

We'll never forget this memorable Jamboree and the wonderful friendliness shown us everywhere we went. We would have been delighted to stay longer, for New Zealand is a beautiful country indeed.

EXCHANGE CAMPING

By B. H. MORTLOCK, Scoutmaster, 32nd Ottawa Troop

The Boy Scouts of America "Handbook for Scoutmasters" is the authority for the statement that boys come into Scouting looking for Fun, Adventure and Fellowship. Some twenty-five years as a Scoutmaster has proved this to be very true—at least to this writer.

Over the years our Troop has enjoyed many adventures and not the least have been those which involved visits with an international flavour. We have exchanged week-end visits with Troops in Rochester, N.Y., Syracuse, N.Y. and Burlington, Vt., but the most exciting and memorable international exchanges have been those which involved a summer camp.

The first of these was in 1952 when we received an invitation from William Hillcourt, author of the "Patrol Leaders' Handbook", to camp with his Troop, the 1st Mendham, N.J. This was to be specially interesting, because the two Troops were to try out the menus for the 1953 American Jamboree at Santa Ana, California. We travelled by bus, camped twelve days with the Mendham Troop, spent three days in the homes of Mendham Scouts, and two days sight-seeing in New York City. This trip had all the elements of fun, adventure and fellowship.

In 1956 we received an invitation from a Troop in Indiana, Pa., to camp with them. They had come to Ottawa and had camped with us the previous year. Again we journeyed by chartered bus, and despite frightful weather, had the time of our lives at a lovely campsite near Indiana, surrounded by hills. After ten days in camp we joined the American Troop in a trip to Washington, D.C., where we spent two days. We were guests of the U.S. Air Force at the Bolling Air Base, and we saw most of the outstanding attractions of the American capital. Again all the elements of fun, adventure and fellowship were present.

This year, we have been invited to visit the largest Scout Camp in New England, the Yawgoog Camp in the Narraganset Council of Rhode Island. We anticipate, and know we shall not be disappointed, in once more having fun, adventure and fellowship.

Here's how we went about planning the trip. Perhaps we should point out first that Harold Williams, the Scout Executive in the Narraganset Council is an old friend and the trip had been in our minds for several years. Having reserved the camp dates and assured ourselves of a campsite we prepared a budget. Here is that budget:

Bus, return	\$ 900.00
Camp Fees: 37 boys at \$17	629.00
Meals, going	74.00
Meals, returning	74.00
Patrol Equipment	60.00
Sight-seeing trips	150.00
Gift to Host Troop	30.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	50.00
	\$1,967.00
10% for emergencies	196.70
Total Budget	\$2,163.70

Perhaps the only two explanations of that budget necessary are the sums for Patrol Equipment and the Gift to our hosts. The Troop has complete camping equipment for each Patrol and this amount is for replacements and additions. The other sum of \$30 for gift to host Troop provides for a memento of our visit and token of our appreciation. It might take the form of a Canadian Scout Flag, or a Canadian Ensign, or a mounted and framed set of Canadian coins. We haven't decided yet.

The total budget averaged out at \$54.45 per boy in round figures. Now how do we propose to raise this sum? We believe that every boy should do his share personally. We notify all parents of our plan and we insist that no parent is to pay his son's way. He must earn it. But how? Well, we divide the \$54.45 into two parts—\$30.00 the boy must earn by himself and the balance earn with the Troop.

Individual boy activities to earn this money will include such things as snow shovelling—and we've had plenty this winter; baby sitting; newspaper routes; after-school jobs; lawn mowing, etc. Each boy must give an account of how he earned his money when he turns it in.

The balance will be earned by the Troop in various ways. Waste paper is our biggest effort, and nets us about \$1,000 a year. We have regular monthly paper drives in the same area and we have the utmost co-operation from householders. Incidentally, ours is a protected area in agreement with other Troops. We stay out of their territories and they stay out of ours.

Our second biggest effort is by the Scout Mothers,



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who each June stage a Garden Party which usually nets us something like \$300—a bit more when a big trip is in the offing and the boys sell that many more tickets. There's a home cooking table and gift table at the Garden Party too.

The sale of Christmas cards nets us a reasonable sum, but we have found in recent years that with every Tom, Dick and Harry getting in on this method, receipts are not as good as they used to be.

The fathers sometimes help out too. For our Indiana trip, they gathered together all kinds of spare fishing equipment and staged a Fishing Auction. It didn't raise a great deal, but it all helped.

By these various means we hope to raise the entire amount, because thirty-seven boys each earning \$30 will bring in \$1,110, or more than half of it. Of course, if we get stuck we have a Group Committee which will see us through, but only once in the past ten or twelve years have we ever asked our Group Committee for money, and then only when we required an additional bus at the last minute. We would not, of course, turn down donations from parents who wished to make them.

Step by step—do it this way.

Obtain the authorization of your Group Committee.

Through personal contact with friends or through your local Scout officials make contact with a Troop in the United States.

Draw up a budget of expenditures.

Lay your plans, many months ahead, to raise the necessary funds, making sure your plans do not contravene your Council's regulations.

Make arrangements for transportation, food, shelter and safety.

Obtain from your nearest headquarters an "Application for Permission to Travel or Camp in Places outside of your Province." This is first approved by your Group Committee, then your District Commissioner and Provincial Headquarters, and the national headquarters.

See that your boys are correctly uniformed and properly trained and prepared for the undertaking.

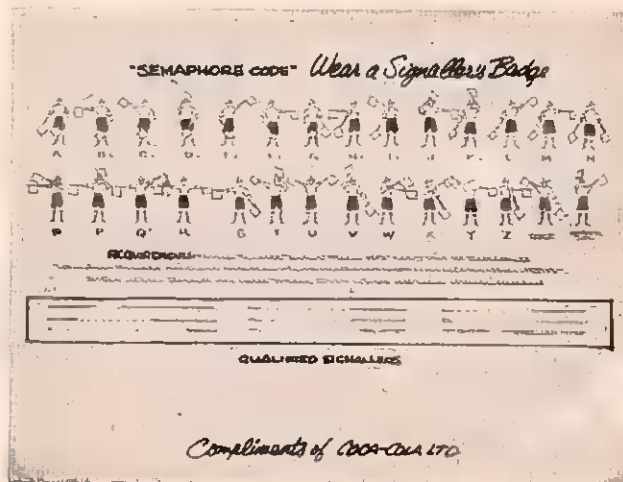
It really is not a complicated procedure if you plan carefully and far enough ahead. We are but one of scores of Canadian Troops doing this sort of thing. The memories remain with the boys for years to come, and Scouts long since graduated from the Troop still talk about those happy days.

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Let's Go!

We had a Court of Honour meeting recently and the fellows started talking about Spring activities of their Patrols and the Troop. We have already decided to have a Troop Camp and the P.L.s feel that we should be doing more planning during the months of April and May if we are going to be prepared to enjoy our Troop camp. With a little encouragement and the offer of help from the Scouters, this is the outline of programme events that the Court of Honour laid out for our Troop.

Starting with the meeting of April 17, the Court decided to check all of our camping equipment to make sure that it was ready to use at any time. They knew, for example, that there were a few screws needed on the Troop box and that the semaphore flags were dirty and needed new poles. Therefore it was decided to parcel out the repair work to each member of the Troop, making sure that every Scout had something to do—even if this meant making something new to be added to the Troop equipment. It was also decided to spend part of the Troop meeting of April 17 on map reading and First Class compass work. Two of the Patrol Leaders and an A.S.M. agreed to undertake this assignment.

The meeting of April 24, it was decided, would be cancelled in favour of Patrol hikes to be held the next day. On these hikes, all of the Patrol Leaders agreed that they would do their very best to put across the First Class tracking requirement. In this connection, the Court of Honour held a special meeting on April 24 with the Scouters who devoted all of their time to instructing on tracking.

The meeting of May 1, it was decided, would be an outdoor meeting consisting of a wide game, drawn up by the Scouters, requiring a knowledge of mapping and the ability to use a compass. Four fathers were asked to attend the meeting and help score the wide game. The game also incorporated a message written in semaphore characters and thereby providing an exercise in this important requirement.

For the meeting of May 8 each Patrol Leader agreed to secure enough cars to transport his Patrol to a nearby campsite where they would prepare supper. The menu was varied and not too complicated and the evening was devoted to firelighting. However it was agreed that every Scout should try to make a twist during the meeting. Once again the fathers, who had driven the boys to the campsite, agreed to be the examiners of the twists and thus spare the Scouters' stomachs.

For the final meeting in the series, May 15, it was agreed that each Patrol would select a pioneering project from a number shown to them by the Scoutmaster, and do their best to complete it during the meeting. His reference book, by the way, was *Fun with Ropes and Spars*, which is available through your local Scout Distributor.

Well, there is the plan and even though it looks pretty ambitious, we think it will work. In any case we have a PLAN and that is better than just wondering what to do next. Perhaps you can fit one or two of these ideas into your programme planning this month.



A tracking pit is perhaps the best way to put across elementary tracking. All that is required is a rake and a little loose soil that will show footprints clearly.



Encourage your Patrol Leaders to teach the map and compass sections of the requirements. Urge them to show their Scouts what a particular piece of ground looks like and then relate this to the signs and symbols on a topographical map of the area.



Cooking is something that can only be learned by practice. Urge your P.L.s and every Scout in the Troop to try their hand at many different dishes often. Ask Mothers to help by teaching their sons at home.



Signalling is one requirement that should be examined outdoors. Encourage your Patrols to practice in pairs but when it comes to passing a requirement, they should be expected to set up stations and transmit and receive over a considerable distance.



Pioneering projects can be as simple or as difficult as the ability of your Patrol Leaders and their Scouts. Don't stifle imagination by relying too heavily on books on the subject. Encourage the P.L.s to come up with their own ideas.

ROUGHHOUSE GAMES FOR SCOUTS

WHO ARE YOU A-SHOVING?

A bit of floor is marked off capable of holding half the players packed tight. Teams line up around it. All try to get into the marked area; only shoulder-heaving allowed. After two minutes team with most in wins.

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LINE TUG

Teams in line facing each other; a line is drawn a few feet behind each team. Right-hand player of one team grasps the left hand of the left-hand player of the other team with his left hand, who in turn grasps the right hand of the second player of the other side with his right hand, and so on along the lines. Each team then tries to pull the other over its line; first to do so wins. The grasp must not be broken.

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CHARIOT FIGHT

Teams divide into parties of three; two link arms and the other holds their belts. The latter has a scarf in his belt as a tail. The "horses" then try to snatch the tails of the "drivers" of the other teams. Any "chariot" losing its tail falls out. Team whose chariots capture the most tails wins.

Variation: One Scout in front, one stooping behind holding the Leader's waist and a rider sitting astride. Each rider tries to unseat the other riders.

HOPPING THE GAUNTLET

One team tries to hop from one end of the room to the other; the other tries, also hopping, to prevent them by shoulder-charging. Any player of either side putting his other foot to the ground falls out. Team getting the most through wins.

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SUBMARINES

One team, blindfolded, forms a line across the room, feet astride so that one player's left foot just touches his neighbour's right, and holding hands. The other team tries to pass through the cordon without being touched. Cordon may let go hands to catch a spy, but may not move their feet or bend their knees. Team getting most through, wins. A time limit is usually needed.

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DO OR DIE

This is a fighting game that boys love and call for repeatedly. Divide the players into two groups and bunch them about fifteen feet apart. Give the captain of each team a folded slip with instructions written on it. At the signal the captain opens his slip and reads it to his team, and they immediately attempt to carry out the orders. For example, one slip might read "Leave the room" and the other team's slip, "Don't let anybody leave the room."

"CATCH YOUR BREATH" GAMES

TENDERFOOT TIM

Players in circle. One starts by saying "Tenderfoot Tim went to camp and took . . ." mentioning some object. No. 2 repeats No. 1's statement and adds another object, and so on, around the circle.

Each falls out as he fails to repeat the list. Last in wins; a list should be kept by the Leader on paper as the game proceeds.

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BUZZ

Players in circle. They count in turn, but whenever the number 7 comes, or a multiple of 7, or a figure with 7 in it (e.g., 14, 21, 27, 28, etc.), the player whose turn it is must say "Buzz". After two mistakes player drops out. Seventy-one would be "buzz one"; seventy-seven is "buzz-buzz" etc. After each mistake the count starts again at one.

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WHIZZ BUZZ

This game may be introduced when the Scouts have mastered "Buzz". The rules are exactly the same, except that as well as saying "Buzz" for 7, the players also say "Whizz" for 5.

E.g., 57 is "whizz buzz."
75 is "buzz whizz."

REMINDERS

Players in circle; one player starts by saying "I've thought of a kettle." (or any other object). The next might say "That reminds me of steam," and so on. After one or two rounds the leader says "unwind" and the players in the same order repeat the list from the other end back to "kettle", any failing losing a life.

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GRAND MOGUL

Players in circle, one player is the Grand Mogul and he states that he has an aversion to anything with the letter D (or B, or S, etc.) in it. He then asks each player in turn what he will give him for dinner, and each player must answer with some food or drink which does not contain the chosen letter. No hesitation allowed. Each team starts with ten or fifteen points and loses one point if a player hesitates or gives a word with the letter D in it. Team retaining most points wins.

Change letter, Mogul and category of question often.

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TOPS AND TAILS

Players in circle; first player mentions a two-syllable word—e.g., "England"; second player mentions a word, also of two syllables, of which the first must be the second of the previous word—e.g., "landlord"; third player might say "lordship", and so on till a player fails and loses a life. Three lives lost, player falls out.

Festival of Tulips

Ever try counting to a million? Did you know that it would take about twenty-one days, counting at the rate of 100 a minute eight hours a day?

No one has ever counted the number of tulips in Ottawa, our capital city, but it is known that there are well over a million. And since they bloom only for about three weeks, it would keep you busy counting them while they are in flower.

Ottawa's tulips are at their very best during the last two weeks of May when the city celebrates its annual Canadian Tulip Festival.

Imagine a planting of over 70,000 blooms more than a block long! This is the size of the largest tulip bed in the city (possibly in Canada), set on a slope where they can be seen at eye level.

Most of Ottawa's tulips are planted in similar magnificent plots. The border in front of the Parliament Buildings, for instance, contains 50,000 tulips; some twenty-seven other main tulip beds contain from several hundreds to thousands of flowers.

Why are all these tulips planted in Ottawa? The reason, of course, is that Ottawa is the national capital and most people agree that it should be a city of which Canadians may be proud. Tulips are part of the "beauty plan".

Other flowers are grown throughout the spring and summer—a million daffodils and close to a million crocuses are in bloom before the tulips in the spring; many other varieties during the summer.

But Ottawa's tulips are the most spectacular of all the capital city's flowers and they bloom at the loveliest time of the year—just when lawns are green again and the trees have grown fresh new leaves. Ottawa's Board of Trade, which believes that all Canadians should visit their capital city, sponsors the Canadian Tulip Festival as a magnet to attract people to the nation's capital.

Canada's hospitality and the part Canadian soldiers played in the war in Europe are partly responsible for Ottawa's tulips. Queen Juliana of the Netherlands (she was then a princess) lived in Ottawa during the German occupation of her country in World War II. When her country was liberated and she returned home, she sent a gift of tulips to Ottawa and promised to send 16,000 tulips each year throughout her lifetime.

At the same time, it was the Canadian army which recaptured Princess Juliana's country from the Germans. For this, the grateful people of the Netherlands made a gift of 100,000 tulips to Canada. As these would amount to only a few flowers for each community if distributed throughout the country, they were all planted in the capital city, where they could be seen and enjoyed by thousands of visitors.

These gifts account for only a small portion of the tulips in Ottawa today, of course. The remainder of the flowers are bought by our government and, as tulip bulbs last a limited number of years, some 100,000 new tulips are planted each year to keep up or add to the pageant.

Where do you see the tulips in Ottawa? Almost everywhere! The government has built in Ottawa a beautiful parkway system which is called The Driveway. This



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A few of the myriad tulips grown in Ottawa are shown here on the shoreline of Dow's Lake.

winding road circles three-quarters of the inner part of the city and it is along The Driveway that you will see the most dramatic tulip displays. The biggest display—the 70,000-tulip bed mentioned earlier—is beside The Driveway. Dozens of other beds are also along this thirty-three mile drive.

One part of Ottawa's Driveway goes through a farm—the government's Central Experimental Farm, which is entirely surrounded by the city. On the Farm are several big tulip beds, the most interesting one containing 10,000 special tulips; some hardly recognizable as tulips, for this bed is planted with new varieties sent over each year from Holland.

There are thousands of other tulip beds in Ottawa too, for the people themselves grow tulips in fantastic numbers. To the million tulips grown by the government, it is safe to say that at least another million is added in home gardens throughout the city. Some Ottawa citizens grow as many as 5,000 tulips in their gardens.

How many colours of tulips are there? It is hard to say, but in Ottawa 200 shades and colours may be seen because that's how many varieties are grown. Colours range from pure white to a deep magogany, which is almost black. In between, there are yellows, reds, oranges, pinks, mauves and variegated tulips of two or three colours—truly a glorious sight!



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WHAT'S COOKING



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This beef stew is just one of a long list of packaged foods which come complete with nothing to add but water. They are the ideal sort of food pack for a canoe or other moving-type camp or for a week-end camp or when the camping plan is to spend very little time on cooking and more time on some other type of activity. Obviously they are not designed to teach boys how to cook but we do not believe that this detracts from their value. Having tested a number of different dishes with our Court of Honour, their comment was that they enjoyed this opportunity of learning to cook in yet another manner, and already they are making out a list of packages which they wish to order for a moving camp which we are planning this summer.

Like every other type of cooking, cooking from these food packages does require some practice and we would suggest to Scouters that if they plan to use these pre-sealed foods that they order one or two with which to experiment on a week-end camp.

To give you some idea of the cost here are four meals which we tried, giving the cost in each case for four people.

Breakfast—Pancake and waffle syrup package with nothing to add but water, cost per package, 54c. On this particular item we found that it was rather inadequate for four people, three of them being boys. **Lunch**—Spanish rice dinner package, total cost for four people, 78c. **Dinner**—Chicken pot pie topped with hot biscuit bread. Two packages which cost a total of \$1.26 for four people. **Dinner**—Beef stew, to which we added beef gravy and creamed vegetables. The beef stew package cost \$1.89. The beef gravy package cost 45c and the creamed vegetables package cost 66c.

For any one who is planning a lightweight camp, a moving camp or looking for something different to present to older Scouts or Rover Scouts, we recommend that you investigate the Bernard Foods advertised in the opposite column.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on Friday, May 8th, at 3.00 p.m. The meeting, which is to take place at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal, will be followed by a dinner in the evening. The Meeting is being held in conjunction with a meeting of the Executive Committee on the 8th and 9th of May.

OUR ENGLISH MAGAZINE FRIENDS

The Scouter, which is the English equivalent of *The Scout Leader*, celebrates its Fiftieth Anniversary in July. For just \$1.99 (14/6d.), you can subscribe to this very interesting magazine for a whole year. The ideas and articles could play an important part in the furtherance of the Scout Brotherhood.

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Canadian National Wild Life Week—this year being held from April 5th to 11th inclusive—has the distinction of being one of very few national “weeks” ever to be created by an Act of Parliament (1947) and takes place during the week of the birthday of the late Jack Miner (April 10th), a pioneer in the field of wild life conservation. National Wild Life Week is an educational project designed to focus our attention on the importance of our natural resources—especially your wild life.

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Canadians are reading more than ever, despite television. The DBS Survey of Libraries, 1954-56, shows library book circulation went up almost 42% between 1951 and 1952.

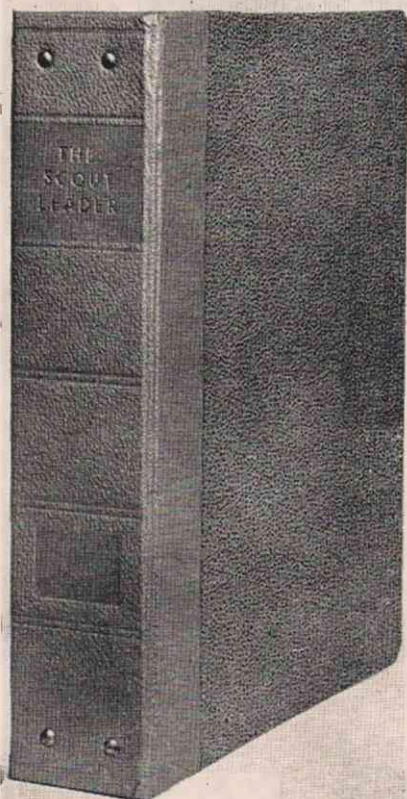
Children are the biggest bookworms. The increase in book circulation in junior libraries is 83%.

Libraries have had to make more efforts to reach readers, building local units and putting mobile libraries on the road. The period since 1950 has seen the greatest library building boom in Canadian history.

Canada now has 828 public libraries, 11 travelling libraries, 224 federal and provincial government libraries, 263 at universities and colleges and 168 professional, business and technical libraries.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

In the January issue of *The Scouter*, there appears an article entitled "Troop Night" from which the following quotation is extracted: "Whilst we are on the subject of knots could we risk a little heresy by suggesting that the little used sheepshank is replaced in the Tenderfoot tests by the useful Packer's knot?"

As I read this, I added a silent but fervent amen with the wish that we in Canada would take steps to do just that. Five of the Tenderfoot knots are of great use and interest and Scouts find constant applications for them throughout their lives. Contrast with these the poor forlorn old sheepshank: learned to pass a test and forever afterward relegated to use in knotting relays, district competitions and Troop knotboards. In twenty-two years of Scouting, I doubt that I have had cause to use it more than twice and that despite the fact that since my earliest days the use and history of knots has been one of my keenest interests. It seems to me that we could teach our Scouts a knot of far greater practicality; it is pointless to continue teaching a Tenderfoot knot the majority of Scouts will never use in their lives, and I have long felt that the sheepshank deserves a less prominent position in Scouting.

Personally I like the idea of substituting the Packer's knot; it is extremely useful and would be a better complement to the rest of the Tenderfoot knots. Let us hope a change will be made before much longer.

Yours truly,
Arthur G. Holmes, Scoutmaster,
10th Willowdale Troop, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I have been training my Scouts to handle 22 calibre rifles and we have organized a team of four Scouts and one Leader.

Unfortunately, we have not been successful in locating any Troop willing to shoot against us.

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