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Meet our New Chief Scout

HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE GEORGES P. VANIER, D.S.O., M.C., C.D.

His Excellency graciously received members of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association headed by the Deputy Chief Scout Mr. Jackson Dodds and including Mr. Stevenson, Capt. German, General Turner and Mr. Finlay on October 8th, 1959, and accepted the office of Chief Scout for Canada.



His Excellency Major-General, The Right Honourable Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D.

Canada's new Chief Scout His Excellency Georges Philias Vanier is a mixture of many things.

His forefathers were Normandy French pioneers in New France. His mother was Irish, a Maloney. His schooling was classical—arts, letters, humanities—and law.

In a career of more than forty years, he was lawyer, soldier, diplomat and patriot. He talked disarmament in the League of Nations, saw France fall in 1940, sought to arouse his fellow French-Canadians to war in 1941, helped to plan the defence of North America in 1942, was Canada's envoy to General Charles de Gaulle in London and Algiers and, in the postwar years was Canada's first full ambassador to France.

He was born in Montreal on April 23rd, 1888. He grew up speaking French and English with equal ease. The

Vanier name was in the first Canadian census in 1681, and he is intensely proud of his Canadian heritage.

He was a founder member in 1915 of the Royal 22nd Regiment—Quebec's renowned Van Doos of both World Wars. He led a party of men that blew up an enemy machine-gun post, was wounded and awarded the Military Cross. He led a company of men that captured an important village and got the Distinguished Service Order for his bravery. In 1918, wounded again, he rallied his battalion and continued a key attack. For this he received the bar to his M.C.—and lost his right leg above the knee.

He was appointed second-in-command of his old regiment. After two years at staff college at Camberley, England, he returned to Quebec. That was in 1925.

In 1928, he was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel and went to Geneva in a military capacity as a delegate to the preparatory disarmament commission of the League of Nations.

In 1931, Prime Minister R. B. Bennett asked him to become secretary to the office of the High Commissioner in London.

In 1939, he was named Canadian minister to France. His successor at Canada House in London was Lester Pearson.

He took the Paris post in January, 1939. War shattered Europe nine months after and fifteen months later France had capitulated. The Canadian minister made his way to a coastal town and with Mrs. Vanier and four children—three boys and a girl—boarded a small cargo boat and escaped to England.

He returned to Canada as commanding officer of Quebec District.

In the later stages of the Second World War he was posted to the London headquarters of General Charles de Gaulle's French Committee of Liberation, moving in 1944 to Algiers with the leader of the Free French Movement.

Twelve days after Allied Forces liberated Paris, General Vanier was in the French capital—not as Canadian minister, but as a full ambassador—fifth ambassador named by Canada, still a young nation among the world powers.

He remained Canada's ambassador until 1953, when he retired at sixty-five.

Retired from his diplomatic work, General Vanier became active in charitable work in Montreal, was honorary colonel of his old regiment and an occasional public speaker.

He was named to the Canada Council, and helped on the Council's investment committee. He was also a director of the Bank of Montreal, Credit Foncier Franco-Canadian and the Standard Life Assurance Co.

Canada's new Chief Scout His Excellency Georges Philias Vanier, in graciously accepting this important office, adds his name to the distinguished list of Chief Scouts that Canadian Scouting has had since 1910.

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

Dear Jack:

Hallowe'en has come and gone and, reading the newspapers this morning, one realizes how far removed we are getting from the real celebration of Hallowe'en, when children, dressed in costume, went from house to house singing or performing a little play for the occupants in the hope of receiving some reward. Three headlines on the front page tell the grim story of present day Hallowe'en "celebrations".—

"HALLOWE'EN PRANK KILLS
WOMAN IN CAR".

"ANKORA MOB PELTS CARS.
SETS FIRES IN STREET".

"DESTROY RAIL BRIDGE,
CAUSE \$100,000 DAMAGE".

What wanton destruction of life and property!

Fortunately there is another and brighter side to the picture. That is the money being collected on Hallowe'en by large numbers of children to aid the wonderful UNICEF Program of Aid to poor and needy children throughout the world. I do hope that more and more Cub leaders and Scout leaders will next year organize their boys' activities on Hallowe'en into practical aid for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

The obvious thoughtless disregard for personal property emphasized by these Hallowe'en "pranks" reminds me of certain things which happened at the 3rd Canadian Rover Moot this fall. I refer to the juvenile sport of souvenir hunting at somebody else's expense. In the case of the Rover Moot the articles taken did not possess any particular intrinsic value, but the sentimental value to the Crews involved was very great indeed. One Crew had a very fine display of pennants in front of their campsite, collected over a period of

years by the members of the Crew from many far away places. One night these were deliberately cut from the cord to which they were attached, by some thoughtless souvenir hunter. Another Crew lost a plaque made by a Crew member now dead. The Crew in question quite rightly attached a great deal of sentimental value to the plaque which they placed on display at all their camps and which, of course, cannot possibly be replaced. A third Crew had two commemorative plates removed from their chuck wagons.

It is trite to say that this should not happen at a Rover Camp, but it has happened and one wonders what sort of satisfaction these "souvenir hunters", or more properly, vandals, get out of this sort of thing. Obviously, this demonstrated lack of consideration for other people's property and feelings indicate that somewhere along the line we have not done the job which the Scout programme intends we should do. You have often asked me, Jack, for ideas concerning your Scouter's Five Minutes; there are two in this letter which I feel can be used to great advantage.

Very best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive Commissioner.

Our cover picture

Although the Scout Toy Repair Shop is not needed now as much as when it was first introduced, there is still a place for this wonderful activity. Do try to put across to your boys and young men the wonderful opportunities for service to others which exist at this season of the year. If you conduct a toy repair shop, we would like to hear about it and see a few pictures.

NEW TROOP BUILDS SAILING CRAFT

Less than one year after its organization, the 2nd Carleton Place (Ont.) Sea Scouts were getting afloat in their own sailing craft at very little cost.



Photo: Andy Andrews

Eight-foot pram sailing dinghy with builder Sea Scout
B. Gallipeau (left) and crew Ted Walsh.

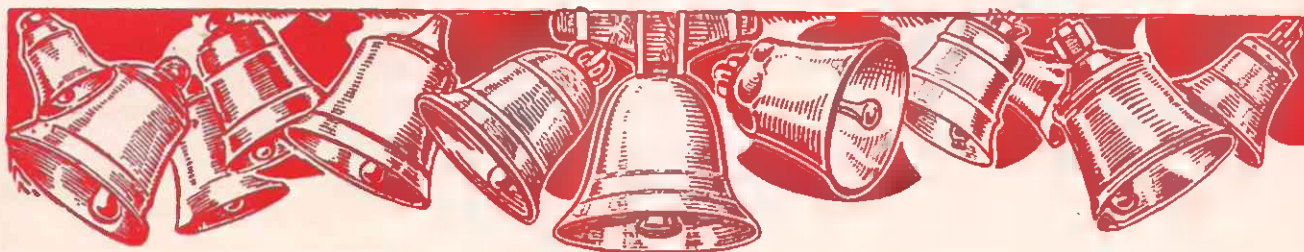
In April, SSM Tim Rogers presented plans for building an eight-foot pram-type sailing dinghy. The Patrol Leaders liked the idea and volunteered to build the boats as a Patrol project and also agreed to raise money to cover part of the cost of the materials. The Group Committee undertook to pay the balance of the money required.

Tools, woodworking machinery and supervision were offered by one of the Scouts' fathers, D. Gallipeau, a cabinet maker, and the project got underway. In spite of school examinations, holidays and summer employment, senior Scouts of the Troop, with assistance from fathers, had one boat sailing and two hulls completed by September.

The sailing and seaworthy qualities of the boat are excellent. It was recently demonstrated to Ottawa Sea Scouts at their base on the Rideau River where Scouters passed favourable comment on the rig and hull. Designed for a crew of two, the boat is light and can be carried on a car top for trips to camp and regattas.

Construction is of quarter-inch marine plywood, two 4' x 8' sheets providing enough material for hull and decking. Ash was used for frames, deck beams and transom framing, oak for knees with stem and transom of three-quarter-inch plywood. The mast and boom are made from clear spruce and the sail was cut from Egyptian sail-cloth. Approximate costs were: Hull—\$40, Sail—\$35, Mast and Boom—\$9, Hardware—\$10.

The Scouts are learning how to sail—the hard way—by teaching themselves. "Chinese" gybes, luffing-up and being caught downwind at mealtime are the order of the day. However, the Carleton Place Troop hopes to be able to trade tacks with the best of them in the near future. Any challengers around?



*The Chief Executive Commissioner
and all the Staff at your Canadian Headquarters
Send to you our most sincere best wishes
for a Merry Christmas and a New Year
filled with happiness for you and yours*

LOOKING FOR BOY SCOUT WEEK IDEAS?

Here are a few suggestions for Boy Scout Week Activities, which you might adapt to suit your own needs or use as springboards to other ideas.

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1. **Poster Contests** on an individual or Patrol basis will provide display material for stores, schools and elsewhere. Encourage the free use of imagination—3-D, textures, cartoons, etc.
2. **Do a Good Turn for:**
 - (a) **a boy.** Invite a non-member on a hike, or a camping expedition or to a regular meeting.
 - (b) **the parents, sponsors, church and school.** This might take the form of a painting job, repairs, an offer to serve and do dishes at a church supper. (Serving at banquets might well be an excellent year-round project for Rover Crews or Scouts.)
 - (c) **the community.** Collect or make games, books, jigsaw puzzles for veterans' or children's hospitals. Local landmarks and historic sites may be in need of minor repairs, cleaning, signs, etc. Rover Crews might like to undertake the job of compiling a history of these sites and monuments—even if it is only a single mimeographed sheet.
3. **Plan to have a "live" window display or demonstration.** Even a small space can be utilized. Consider knotting and ropework, pioneer projects, first aid, nature crafts (e.g., spatter prints, plaster casts).
4. **Plan a Parents', Friends' or Open House night.** A display of handcraft and skills might be the feature of the evening, ending up with simple refreshments prepared and served by the boys themselves. If it is a fairly small group, make them honorary members for the evening and let them try their hand at knotwork and semaphore, etc., after the boys have demonstrated.
5. **Have a Group Party,** with the Group Committee as Special Guests. Included in the evening should be simple refreshments, perhaps a skit or two by each Section and, of course, active and quiet games.
6. **Intertroop visits** give the boys (and Scouters) an opportunity to see what other Troops are doing.
7. **Local T.V. and Radio Stations** might donate time for a brief Round Table discussion or even five minute talks on various phases of Scouting.
8. **Plan a School Assembly skit.** Take this opportunity to invite interested boys to come with you to the next meeting.
9. **Have a winter overnight**—perhaps with fathers.
10. **Print a Boy Scout Week news sheet**—Group or Section. Items might include mention of successful community members who were once Scouts; story of the origin of Scouting; recent and future activities, etc.
11. **Have a Fun Night.** Thank local merchants for donating window space by inviting them as special guests.
12. **Send out "Goodwill Ambassadors"** to local Service Club, Home and School meetings, etc. They might give a five-minute talk on the purpose of Scouting or perhaps offer the services of their Section in some future undertaking.
13. **Plan and carry out a "lost person" search or a Civil Defence operation,** wherein Scouts direct traffic, set up a communications system, etc.

Have you received your copy of "LIFT THE LID"? If not ask for one today from your District or Provincial Headquarters.

POPE JOHN XXIII ON SCOUTING

The following is an extract from a message of greeting sent by His Holiness Pope John XXIII to the annual General Council meeting of the Catholic Boy Scouts Association of Italy in May of this year.

"With a paternal satisfaction, We are pleased to verify the noble aspirations, the lively activities and the development of this deserving association, a school of sound and adequate preparation for life, which works to prepare youth from childhood days, to become men of character and loyal citizens, accustomed to discipline and tempered by sacrifice and, above all, good Christians, aspiring to virtue, practising charity, filially devoted to the Church, anxious to give witness of their faith.

"We wish a still more efficient impetus to such a generous effort for the well-being of these beloved young souls so that in them may be inculcated the sense of responsibility and fidelity towards their religious family and social duties."

"Avec une paternelle satisfaction, Nous Nous plaignons à constater les nobles aspirations, la vive activité et les développements de cette méritante Association, école de saine et adéquate préparation à la vie tendant à préparer les jeunes—dès l'enfance—à être des hommes de caractère et des citoyens loyaux, habitués à la discipline, trempés par le sacrifice, et surtout de bons chrétiens, aspirant à la vertu, pratiquement la charité, filialement attachés à l'Eglise, soucieux de témoigner de leur foi.

"Nous souhaitons à un si généreux effort une impulsion toujours plus efficace pour le bien des chères âmes juvéniles, afin que leur soit inculqué le sens de la responsabilité et de la fidélité aux devoirs religieux, familiaux et sociaux."

DAVID WILL NOT BE COMING

(Reprinted from the "Scout Leader", South Australia)

Dear Akela:

I am afraid that David will not be coming to Cub meetings any more. I am very sorry about this but he has not been anxious to attend meetings recently and when questioned, his answer has been "Cubs aren't much; we don't do anything!" I thought perhaps he was not getting on well with one of the other boys, so for several weeks I forced him to go to Cubs, and, while he went, he did so with little enthusiasm, so I decided to try and find out what really was his trouble.

The first thing I did was visit a Cub Pack meeting. You may recall my visit five weeks ago. I arrived at about 7.15. I had intended to arrive after you had started, but I had been under the impression that the meeting started at 7 p.m. I saw you arrive and open the door as I walked down the street towards the hall, so I suppose I had my times mixed. I sat just inside the door and I can quite appreciate that with thirty-seven boys running wildly about the place you were unable to spare time to speak to me during the evening. (I counted thirty-seven, but I gather from your roll call that seven boys were missing that night!)

The meeting itself seemed like pandemonium to me, but I know how much noise and row my two sons can make, so with thirty-seven boys the noise was not unreasonable. However, two or three things happened during the evening which I did not think were quite right. The first occurred when you paraded those two boys before the rest of the Cubs to chastise them for being caught smoking cigarettes after the previous meeting. I quite agree with this chastisement, and in fact, if I catch either of mine smoking, I will do more than chastise them: what I did not like was that while this was going on, your helper—Baloo I think the Cubs call him—was sitting in a corner smoking a cigarette. Now, I don't object to smoking—my husband smokes and I suppose David will eventually—but I do think it was wrong that a leader should do this during a Cub meeting. Believe me, what Akela and Baloo say and do is always right in the

eyes of the Cubs; and I do think that they should set the right example.

Another thing I thought was not quite right was when Baloo started to teach eighteen boys to tie knots and had only twelve pieces of rope. I don't know anything about knots, but I can't imagine that it is very easy to teach eighteen boys all at once, and not very easy to learn if you haven't a rope, if the scrappy pieces I saw actually were ropes.

Finally the meeting finished at 8.50. Now I know that it should finish at 8.30 as this was a point I asked you last time I spoke to you when David joined the Cubs. I have often been annoyed when David has come home after 9, thinking that he dawdled on the way, but I suppose it has not been his fault after all.

I have asked David a lot of things about his Cubs since that meeting and he has told me quite a good deal. He is anxious to get his first star, whatever that is, but to get it he tells me he must pass some tests which he thinks he can pass, but "Akela is too busy to test me and I have to wait." Well, he has been waiting four weeks and still hasn't been tested.

Up to this point I was willing to sympathize with you, Akela, as I am sure that looking after large numbers of small boys is very trying. Last Thursday something happened which made me decide not to send David to Cubs any longer. I was waiting for a bus on North Terrace when you walked by, and you were wearing your Cubmaster's blazer with your ordinary clothes. Surely if you have no more pride in the uniform of your organization than to wear bits and pieces whenever it suits you, you have no pride in the job you do that entitles you to wear that uniform. I have no desire to place my son in the control of a Cubmaster who doesn't care about his job, and I must therefore ask you to remove David's name from your roll.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. B.W.

What Do You Know About The Patrol System?

Below are a number of questions which are answered in the Handbook for Patrol Leaders and the Troop Scouters Handbook and we offer them to you as suggestions for directed reading in these two books.

1. What is the first step in setting up the Patrol Method?
2. How are "Patrols" formed?
3. What is the principal business of the Court of Honour?
4. What ways and means are available for training Patrol Leaders?
5. Who is responsible for Patrol Leader training?
6. What part does the Scoutmaster play in the Court of Honour?
7. When is a Patrol Leader's training completed?
8. What other methods of training Patrol Leaders can assist with that offered by the Scoutmaster?

CHRISTMAS FROSTING

Courtesy, The Cleanliness Bureau

Looking for something different in the way of decorations? Here's an idea that is inexpensive and easy enough for the youngest Wolf Cub, yet challenging enough for the older Scouts. All you need are soapsuds!

That's right—soapsuds! It's a novel way to complete holiday projects; glistening suds whipped up like snow will decorate your Christmas tree and gift boxes . . . adorn your creche . . . bring three-dimensional art-work to your mirrors and windows.

"Suds-snow" not only works like magic, it's as simple to produce as rubbing Aladdin's lamp. All you do is pour several cups of packaged soap (or detergent) and a minimum of water into a bowl. Beat with an electric or hand mixer until suds have the consistency of whipped cream—and you're ready to decorate!



Start with your Christmas tree. Realistic suds-snow will bring that white Christmas to your evergreen—no matter what the weather *outside*. Using a spoon, drift some "snow" artistically on the boughs of your tree.

If the tree is white, add vegetable colouring while mixing your suds to achieve a beautiful colour contrast. (A similar "snowfall" provides just the right decor for the roof of your creche and on holly and evergreen sprigs that surround it.)

After "frosting" your tree, complete your decoration with distinctive ornaments made from the same basic soap—but mixed to a stiff, dough-like consistency. For example, fill a cookie press with these thick suds. Then press snowflake circles or diamonds—with holes in the middle—onto a cookie sheet, and add glitter for a sparkling touch. Let them dry for 24 hours and they're ready to be tied to the boughs of your tree with colourful ribbons or strings. You can also glue them to any flat surface. Vegetable colouring may also be added to the basic mixture.

Versatile suds-snow comes in handy for decorating gift packages, too. Just wrap your presents with attractive paper . . . fill a pastry tube with medium dense suds . . . and you're ready to "draw" any appropriate design for

the occasion—initials, messages, snowflakes, candy cane, or what have you. Place these on the broadest surface of your box and accent them with holly sprigs or miniature balls. You'll find you've created very distinctive packages.



Mirrors and windows provide the base for striking 3-D effects that wash off after the holidays. The only equipment needed is a batch of thick suds and some paint brushes.



Youngsters can also make Christmas gifts from suds! One idea: a pencil holder made from an empty frozen juice can. First, the top has to be removed. Colour the can using a mixture of one teaspoon suds to two or three teaspoons of tempera. This is an important recipe because tempera paints adhere to shiny, waxed or metal surfaces only when soap or detergent is added.

After the paint dries, you can design a suds-snow picture over it.

No matter which of these ideas you use, remember to let the suds-snow dry for 24 hours.



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Poetry

The 1st Warton, Ontario Pack held a contest for poems on Cubbing by Cubs. The following were chosen best.

A CUB

A Cub is supposed to be good—
Well pretty good—
To clean and scour the pans.
To ease the strain on mother's hands.
To get the wood and tend the fire.
For a Cub is not for hire.
To scrub the floors and answer the doors,
To do errands and go to the store
And a Cub is never to be a bore.
To do a good turn every day
And help someone along the way.

—Ross Davidson.

A CUB

A Cub all dressed in green
Is like a growing bean.
He tries to help the world around
To keep it safe and sound.
He does his best each day
And he's always so bright and gay.
He goes about like a merry bee.
He helps a man who cannot see.
He shovels the walk for the man next door;
For his mother he goes to the store;
For the farmer he brings in the hay.
Of course he accepts no pay.
A Cub's work is everywhere
Big and little, here and there.

—Robert Simmie.

The following poem was written by Bob Cowie, A.S.M., 6th Burnaby Centre Troop, B.C.

"A SCOUT"

You just don't say "I'm a Scout", you know;
You have to earn that right.
You've got to know what the Scout Pledge means
And keep its honour bright.
Those stars and badges that you wear
Are yours and yours alone.
You learned and earned them fair and square
Now wear them with aplomb.
There's week-end camps, and happy hikes
You make up in the hills
Where Mother Nature beckons you
With all her wondrous thrills.
These things has our Creator made
And blessed them every one—
Where you can find true happiness
Beneath the setting sun.
So in this game of Scouting, boys,
Never be despaired
But uphold every phase of it,
And always, **BE PREPARED!**

STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS?

By C. B. STAFFORD, Assistant Executive Commissioner (Training), Canadian Headquarters

Have you heard your fellows discussing the latest in jet flight or automobiles? Their lines, fuel consumption, length of stroke, frame, speed, r.p.m.? You probably feel a bit out of touch, but to them, it's the newest—exciting, adventurous—another step in man's progress. There are, however, wonders just as exciting and important outside the window, which most boys never notice.

How about arousing some interest in the birds?—Who me?—the birds—are you nuts or something? Ah! Talking of nuts, did you know that one of this country's most valuable foresters is the Bluejay? He stores nuts and other large seeds in different places—more than he can possibly use—and of those left, many grow into handsome trees.

What is it that immediately distinguishes birds from any other form of life? No, not flight—some birds can't fly—but feathers. They are the only creatures which have feathers, and *there* is a wonderful subject to explore. The feather is a marvel of engineering design and—but let's get back to birds.

Of course the birds have a whirlybird section, too. The Hummingbird—just about the smallest thing in feathers—can hover motionless, go up, down, forward or backward. The flesh and bone mass of one of these birds is about equal to the top joint of your little finger, yet it is capable of summering in Canada and wintering in South America. For the speed merchants concerned about r.p.m.'s, the Hummingbird's is about 4,500—he flaps his wings about seventy-five times per second.

We could talk about design and decor—infinitely varied, if one but takes the trouble to get close enough to see. In the musical field, everything from Pons to Sachmo, and then some, is waiting to be discovered.

We hope we have perhaps plucked a string in your imagination, or sown a grain of curiosity. It may do the same for your boys—in fact, with inspired leadership, how can it fail? A very good aid to streamlined explorations in the bird world is the Red Rose Tea and Coffee (not meant to be a commercial) offer of coloured bird picture cards in every package of tea or coffee. These cards form a set of superbly painted pictures of forty-eight songbirds of North America. They were painted by Roger Tory Peterson and prepared with the co-operation of the National Wildlife Federation and the Audubon Society of Canada. The Brooke Bond Company (Red Rose) also has a very fine wall chart showing the complete series in colour, with description of each bird in English and French. Full instructions for obtaining this chart and an album are given in the Red Rose advertisement in this issue (and November issue) of *The Scout Leader*.

This is an excellent time to start exploratory and preliminary identification work so that everyone will be prepared when the migrants start to return in the Spring. On the other hand, think of all the programme material for Second Star, First Class, Stalking, Observation, Naturalist Badge, Conservation Work, Art, Photography, Collecting, Music and Aerodynamics that can be achieved by a study of our Winter birds.



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MEADOWLARK

For those interested in identification of bird songs we recommend: *A Field Guide to Bird Songs* of Eastern and Central North America. This album of two 33-1/3 l.p. records contains a comprehensive collection of the songs and calls of more than 300 species of North American birds. The album corresponds, page by page, to the second revised edition of *A Field Guide to the Birds*, by Roger Tory Peterson.

The album (\$12.00) and the accompanying book (\$4.50) are obtainable from the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, Edward Gardens, Don Mills, Ont.

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7TH WORLD ROVER MOOT

The 17th International Conference has selected Australia as the site for the 7th World Rover Moot in 1961.

DICKENS AS A SCOUT

Our present day views of Christmas we largely owe to Charles Dickens. Before then, people used to go to church just as they do now at Christmas time, but that was enough for most. They had been and paid homage to the "God of Love", and after that they felt free to indulge in selfish enjoyment.

Dickens altered all of that. He showed by his tales that there is something else to be done besides going to church and enjoying ourselves. That something is to see that other people enjoy themselves, too.

And so he created Old Mr. Fezziwig and lots more like him, kind, generous-hearted souls who made those around them happy. And when people read of these in Dickens' books they fairly fell in love with the idea and were constrained to go and do likewise.

And thus it comes about that at this time of all others we try to practise our religion, and the Scout who ordinarily does one good action a day should try to do two on Christmas, or should it be twenty?



NEW DISTRICT BADGE

The Sherbrooke District recently held a contest to choose a District Badge and the attractive shoulder flash at left is the winning design. It was submitted by Patrol Leader Richard Brakele of the 7th Sherbrooke Troop.

The symbolism of the badge is fairly self-evident, except for two points. The arrows are a symbol that the area was once used as a hunting ground by the St. Francis Indians, a tribe of the Abenakis. These were also the Indians, according to the story, which

were massacred by Rogers' Rangers near Sherbrooke. The crenelated castle is a symbol of Scouting making a boy stronger in body, mind and spirit. Actually, the original design called for a Crown representing Sherbrooke—the Queen City of The Eastern Township.

Sherbrooke District is to be congratulated on a most appropriate District badge.

THIRD SCOUTERS' INDABA

The Third Scouters' Indaba will be held at Ommen, Holland, from August 2nd to August 11th, 1960.

Registered Scouters, male and female, may attend, with the approval of their Provincial Councils. The camp fee of \$50.00 must accompany the official Application Form, obtainable from your Provincial or District Headquarters.

If there are enough interested Scouters who would like to go by air, an aircraft will be chartered, at a cost of approximately \$350.00 per person. If this would be your choice, your Application must reach Canadian Headquarters, via your District and Provincial Headquarters not later than January 31st, 1960. If you wish to make your own travel arrangements, your Application must be in not later than March 15th, 1960.

DR. MARIANO V. DE LOS SANTOS

We are sure that all members of the Boy Scouts Association of Canada join with us in offering deepest sympathy upon the death of Dr. Mariano V. de los Santos, Member of the International Committee and Vice-President of the Philippines, who passed away suddenly on October 18th at his home in Manila.

Dr. de los Santos was extremely active in both Philippine and International Scouting and was a member of the 10th World Jamboree Advisory Council.

AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE 1960-61

The Australian Boy Scouts Association invite you to attend an Australian Jamboree to be held from Thursday, December 29th, 1960 to Monday, January 9th, 1961. Although it is unlikely that an official Canadian Contingent will be formed, Scouts interested in attending may obtain further information from Canadian Headquarters.

SCHOLARSHIPS WON BY FIVE SCOUTS

Five New Brunswick Scouts are listed among recent winners of Scholarships. Thomas Hierlihy of Edmundston won a \$500 Harold Lothrop Borden Scholarship at Mount Allison; Aubrey Stewart Gendron, Chatham, an entrance scholarship for first year engineering at U.N.B., valued at \$2,000; Ernest Homer Lane, Moncton, the \$420 Charleton and York Memorial entrance scholarship to U.N.B.; Melvin Brown, Fredericton; the Burnham L. Mitchell scholarship in dentistry, valued at \$500, at Dalhousie; and Douglas Steen, Lancaster, a \$2,000 Herbert S. Sharp scholarship to Mount Allison.

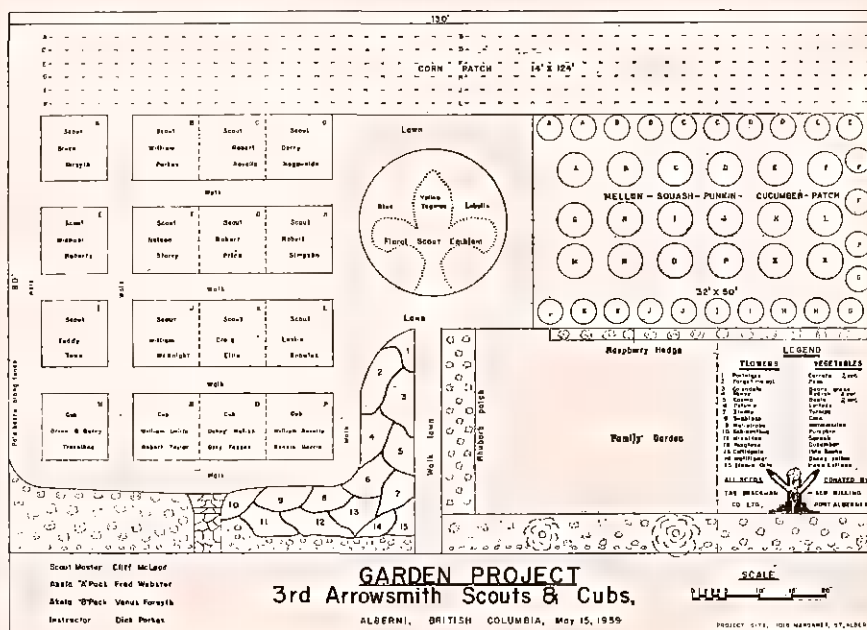
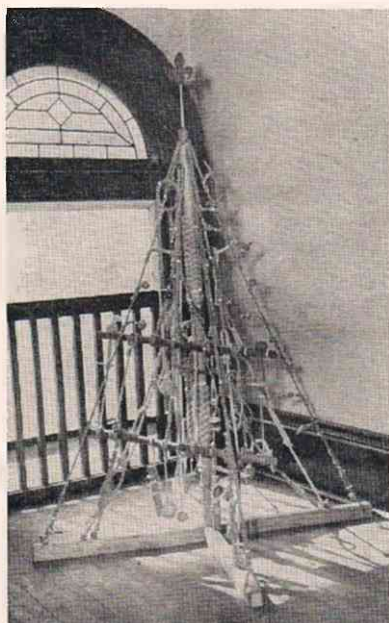
CHRISTMAS GOOD TURNS

If you haven't already done so, it's time to plan those Christmas Good Turns.

Last year boys from the 1st Wells, British Columbia Wolf Cub Pack made cloth Christmas stockings and filled them with some of their own toys. These gifts were then sent to the Children's Hospital in Vancouver. The 19 boys in this Pack, we are told, thoroughly enjoyed this project.

The 15th Sarnia Troop last year found a pensioned old couple living down the road from Troop Headquarters and out of the Troop Fund bought a turkey and a box of goodies which they delivered on Christmas. These boys have learned the true meaning of Christmas, and we are sure *you* and *your* boys are planning something very special for *this* Christmas.

Right: Terry Ryan and Mark Foley are receiving food from Staff Sgt. Lloyd to fill a hamper which the 84th Vancouver Cub Pack did for a Christmas project last year. The Pack made five large hampers for needy families.



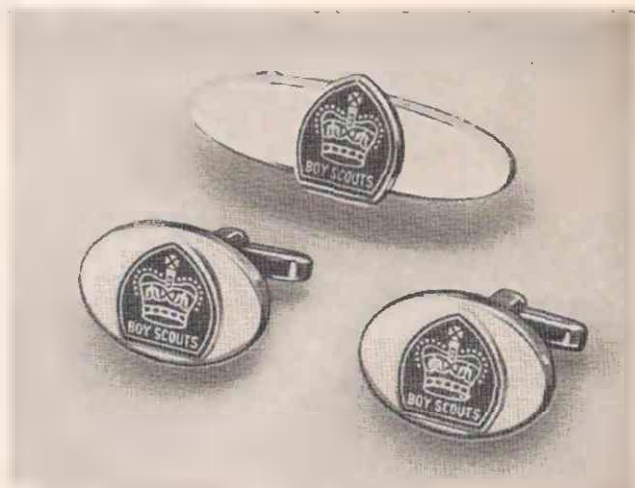
Upper left: Here, perhaps, is a project *you* might find challenging. It is a most ingenious Knot Tree, made by Scout Bruce Stacey of the Macpherson Scout Group, Newfoundland. Just for the record, the Knot Tree is composed of 107 different knots.

Upper right: This photograph shows the layout of a garden project completed by the 3rd Arrowsmith Scout and Cub Group during the past spring and summer. The boys developed two city lots from a wild state of cultivation with such success that a vegetable display entered in the Alberni District Fall Fair won a Special Award and the floral display of Scout William Parkes was awarded First prize. The Scouts and Cubs responsible for the project entertained the entire Troop at a corn roast (with pumpkin pies for dessert) from produce grown on the site.

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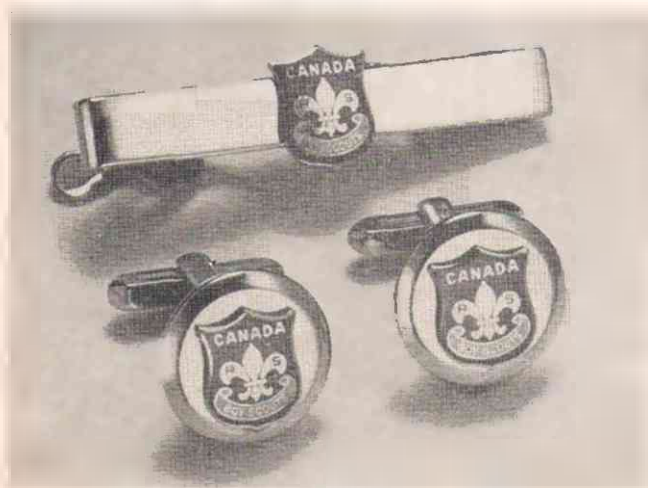
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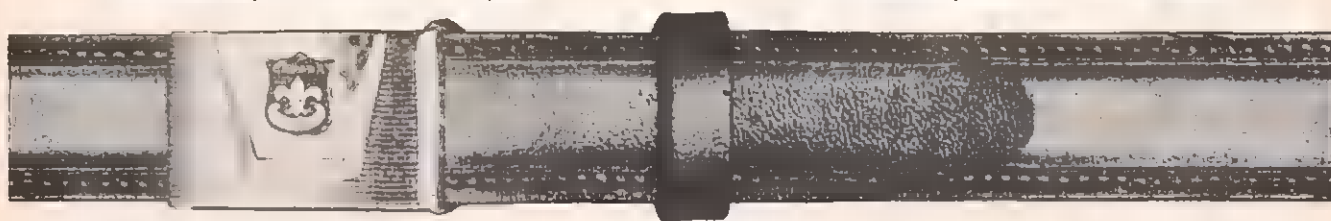
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Set	\$6.75
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THOSE INDOOR PROGRAMMES

(Inter-Patrol Stunts)

(Reprinted from "The Glasgow Scouters' Bulletin")

The climate here being what it is, Scoutmasters are faced each winter with the task of preparing a long series of indoor programmes, and inevitably imaginations run dry occasionally. If we fall back on previous ideas our Scouts get the "this is where I came in" feeling and attendances dwindle.

Most useful in keeping our programmes interesting are inter-Patrol stunts, but it should be noted that these lose much of their point if an over-generous time allowance is given. If a task is set to a Patrol as a race against time it provides valuable training. The P.L. must size up the situation quickly, devise ways and means, and issue orders accordingly. If the Patrol do not react promptly they will obviously fail to complete the job and the necessity for teamwork will become evident to them. Gradually they will become accustomed to working together without argument and the results should be apparent at camp when Scouting weather returns.

Incidentally, you may find that a time limit of nine minutes, say, provides a greater sense of urgency than one of ten, or any other round period of time.

Here, then, are some ideas for stunts which you may find useful.

Cage

Patrols to construct a cage with staves, sisal and rope, capable of holding a small Scout from another Patrol, whose task is to try within one minute to escape from the cage. (Patrols are allowed to hold the cage down on the floor.)

Long Reach

A chalk line is drawn on the floor and a Patrol takes up any formation on one side of the line. One member has a sheath knife and he is supported by his Patrol as he leans out and sticks it in the floor at the farthest extent of his reach. No part of him is allowed to touch the floor on that side of the line, and he must be hauled back. The Patrol whose knife is the longest distance from the line wins. No apparatus is allowed. (If your floor is too good to have knives stuck into it, substitute a chalk mark instead.)

Sedan Race

Each Patrol lashes two staves horizontally across the top of the legs of a chair just below the seat, thus forming four carrying handles. The lightest member sits on the chair with a cup full of water and is carried round a course. The Patrol which puts up the best time without spilling any water is the winner.

Rat-Trap

Patrols to construct a rat-trap which might conceivably work.

Blackout

Using materials at hand, e.g., coats, etc., each Patrol is to black out a window. Judge from outside.

Nuclear Fission

Place an empty Coke bottle in the centre of a chalk circle of radius five feet. Put a ring on the neck of the bottle, and explain that the bottle is a warhead of an unexploded atomic missile and cannot, because of radiation, be approached within the radius of five feet. The ring represents the fuse and the object is to retrieve the fuse without knocking over the warhead and without letting the fuse touch the ground within the circle. (One way is to lash a pencil at right angles to a staff at one end, and use it as a type of hook.)

Illustrations

Patrols are told that their co-operation is requested in helping to provide illustrations for a book on Scouting, and any suitable subject is chosen. They must form themselves into tableaux demonstrating the topic.

Escape From Stalag Luft III

This is really a number of simultaneous activities based on the preparations which preclude an escape from a prisoner of war camp. Some suggestions are: (1) Draft a simple type of official document including fingerprints and a large swastika sign, and ask each Patrol to produce a forged replica. Provide the paper and a potato from which the swastika stamp should be cut. (2) The gagging and binding of guards should be practised. Each Patrol sends a representative to the next Patrol who tie him up in two minutes. He is then given a similar time to get free. (3) Electric fence. It is easy to see how this old idea could be adapted. (4) Simple padlocks can be opened with wire. This should keep one member of the Patrol quiet for a while. (5) Tunnel plan. If you have a bit of ground round your Headquarters, rig up a trip wire about fifteen feet from your fence and explain that prisoners are not allowed to enter the area between the wire and the fence. A tunnel is being dug, however, and it is necessary to know the exact distance between wire and fence. (This is merely an estimation exercise similar to finding the breadth of a stream.) (6) Supply some old clothes and see what disguises can be produced. (7) Spy. Enemy agents were often introduced into camps to give warning to the guards of escape attempts. Brief one member of each Patrol beforehand that he is to write the names of the other members of his Patrol on a piece of paper and in the course of the evening smuggle it to skipper. Both the writing and the handover to be done in the presence of the Patrol but as unobtrusively as possible. Some time after skipper received the last message he asks each Patrol to name their spy if they can. (8) Compasses to be constructed: Materials—magnet, needle, Cork. (9) The stunt could lead up to a quick wide game involving a mass escape from the camp, every Scout trying to remain uncaptured within a certain area.

J.P.

SCOUTING PAMPHLETS . . . III

By B. H. MORTLOCK, Executive Commissioner (Relationships), Canadian Headquarters

In this, the third of a series on Canadian Headquarters pamphlets, which are available through your District or Provincial Headquarters, we will deal with those pamphlets directly relating to the Scout Section.

Twelve Good Reasons Why Your Boy Should be a Scout

This folder contains an application form, together with information for the parent on the place and time of meeting, weekly fees, uniform to be worn, and the names of the Troop Scouters. It also carries particulars of the Special Indemnity Insurance made available to registered Scouts. That part of the pamphlet directed to parents gives—as the title suggests—twelve good reasons why a boy should be a Scout.

The Boy Scout Uniform

A single sheet showing how the uniform is to be worn and where badges and insignia are affixed.

Or Sea Scouts

Sea Scouts are Boy Scouts whose major activities are on water instead of land. This pamphlet discusses the value of a Sea Scout Troop, and what is required to organize one.

About Those Lone Scouts

In largely agricultural Provinces where boys live too far from a centre where a Scout Troop may be organized, Lone Scouting is available to boys. This programme and how it is operated is outlined in this pamphlet.

Father and Son

Everyone recognizes the need for fathers to participate in activities with their sons. This single sheet cartoon shows in what realms Father and Son may enjoy Scouting adventures together.

The First Class Hike

The First Class Hike or Journey is the final requirement for a First Class Scout. Up until that time it is his most adventurous Scout activity. It must be carefully planned and carried out, and this brochure outlines the training necessary and the planning of the First Class Hike.

The Patrol System

Probably the thing which has contributed more than any other to Scouting's boy appeal is the Patrol System. It recognizes the need for boys to enjoy the gang spirit in their formative years. The Patrol system develops leadership qualities, and this pamphlet outlines the scheme, a part of Scouting from its inception.

DO YOU KNOW?

By P. M. O. Evans, Assistant Executive Commissioner (Administration), Canadian Headquarters

Do you know that B.-P., in addition to being an artist of some note (he exhibited some 126 drawings and sketches at Bruton Gallery in 1907—the year of the Brownsea Island Camp) was also an amateur sculptor?

When he was stationed at Malta as Military Secretary to his uncle, Sir H. A. Smyth, who was Governor in 1890, a sculptor came there from Italy to carve a memorial for the Cathedral and he allowed B.-P. to go and watch him at work.

One day B.-P. arrived at the studio while the sculptor was out and to pass the time he took a lump of clay and fashioned it into the head and shoulders of a sailor smoking a pipe. This he stuck up on the wall for the amusement of the sculptor's apprentices.

When the sculptor came in and noticed this work, he asked who had made it and thereupon told B.-P. to come the next day and start modelling from life.

The sculptor secured for B.-P. a live model—a pathetic old half-blind Negro. Apparently, with his pronounced features, the Negro was not too difficult a subject, so B.-P.'s effort turned out a success, so much so that when exhibited later at an art show it received very favourable notice from the critics.

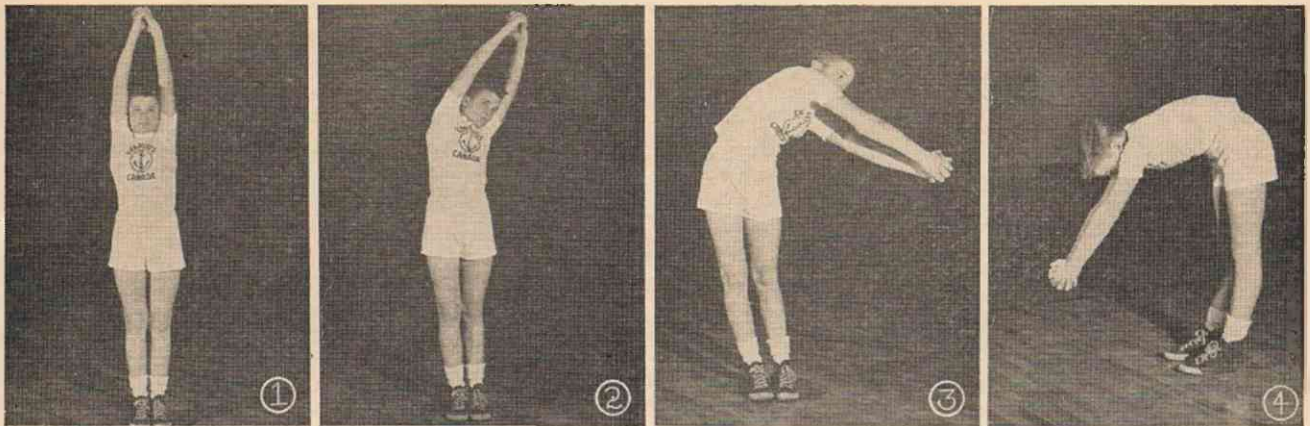
This fired B.-P.'s enthusiasm and when he returned to England he attempted a more ambitious theme, namely, a bust of his hero, Captain John Smith. He could not afford a model to work from, nor could he get time off in the daytime, therefore he worked at night.

By using a three-leaved folding shaving mirror he was able to use his own head, ears and back of the neck for the purpose. The features he modelled from imagination, indicating as much as he could the very varied and striking character of the noted soldier, sailor and explorer.

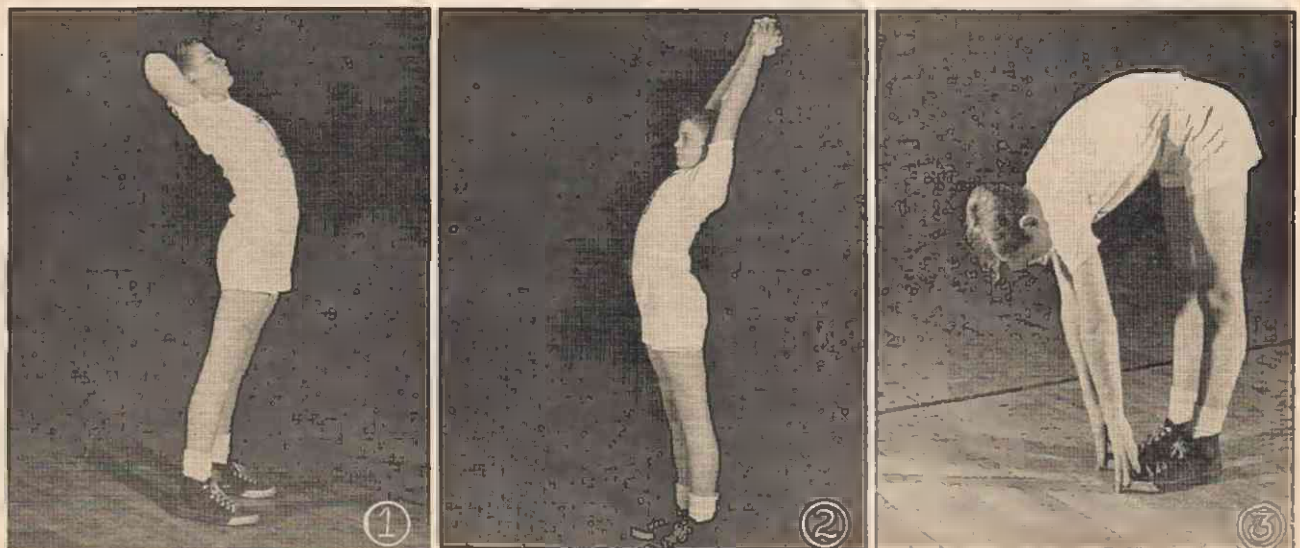
Shortly afterwards, B.-P. was invited to send some of his work to an exhibition of works of art by officers of the Royal Navy and Army, so he sent along his bust of John Smith.

The manager of the gallery, instead of setting it up there, thought there was some good in it and sent it round to the Royal Academy and, to B.-P.'s amazement, it was accepted.

In the museum at Canadian Headquarters is one of the Founder's clay modelling tools. This was donated by Mr. E. F. Mills, former Executive Commissioner for Training, who received it from a Winnipeg Rover Scout who, in turn, had been given the tool by the caretaker of Pax Hill, B.-P.'s home in England.



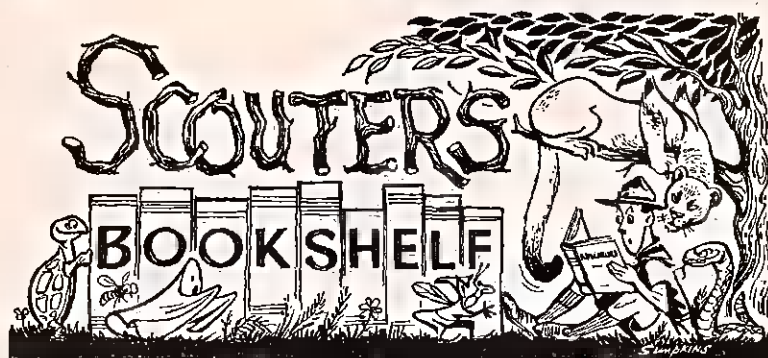
For Waist and Stomach Muscles. Repeat six times on each side.



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Wonders Under a Microscope

By Margaret Cosgrove

Published by Dodd, Mead & Co.
(Canada) Ltd., Toronto

Price \$3.25

This is one of a series of WONDER BOOKS published by the Dodd, Mead & Company, written by experts and carefully edited to appeal to young readers. We would make two recommendations concerning this book. In the first instance, it would be of particular value to older Scouts studying biology in High School. On the other hand, we would recommend it to Cubmasters with the suggestion that this might present an interesting project for a special Pack Meeting. The two-colour illustrations throughout the book, drawn by the author, are accurate and at the same time fascinating for young readers.

Ride the White Tiger

By Roger W. Clark

Published by Little, Brown & Co.
(Canada) Ltd., Toronto

Price \$3.50

This is an interesting and different story by an American soldier who lived through a good part of the Korean War. As a result of his soldiering in Korea, Roger Clark adopted a young Korean boy named Lee and this is the story of a young boy who sees his familiar playgrounds turned into a battlefield.

Palace Under the Sea

By Elizabeth P. Heppner

Published by Brett-Macmillan Ltd.,
South Galt, Ont.

Price \$2.75

This is an exciting story of the discovery by a young skin diver of priceless treasures beneath the waters of the Aegean Sea. In addition to a rich adventure story, young readers will incidentally be treated to a fascinating picture of life in the past and present in Turkey. Unfortunately, our young people in Canada know very little about Turkey, the most western member of NATO, and this is a wonderful opportunity to encourage them to learn more about this very important nation in the Atlantic alliance.

The Land and People of West Africa

By C. R. Niven

The Land and People of Turkey

By Ri Riza

Published by The Macmillan Company of Canada, Toronto.

Price \$1.50

Here are two more volumes in the Land and People series being published by The Macmillan Company. As we have said before in this column, this is a set which should find a place in every Troop or Group library. The material is presented in an easy-to-read form, brief and with excellent illustrations. The books are not intended to be complete stories of the countries and their peoples but rather a well rounded introduction.

The new book on West Africa should be of particular interest as it deals with the newest member of our Commonwealth, Ghana, while at the same time giving us a picture of her neighbours, Gambia, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria. The book on Turkey answers most of the questions young readers would like to ask a countryman of this most eastern of NATO nations. There is no doubt about the interest the people of Turkey have in Canada and we can only hope that our youngsters and their parents and teachers have an equal desire to learn more about their neighbours in this ever shrinking world.

The Angler's Book of Canadian

Fishes

By F. H. Wooding

Published by Collins Publishers, Don
Mills, Ont.

Price \$6.95

This is an excellent reference book which should be in the library of everyone interested in fishing. We would particularly recommend it for camp libraries. More than 100 Canadian fish are described in detail and 55 of them are illustrated by an ardent fisherman and outstanding commercial artist, Gordon Fairbairn. We feel sure that many of our readers will be as enthusiastic in their welcome of this book as is Gregory Clarke in the foreword that he has written for this book for anglers.

The Sunken City

By James McNeill

Published by Oxford University
Press, Toronto

Price \$3.00

The sub-title of this book is "And Other Tales from Around the World" and it contains a collection of outstanding stories which would be particularly useful for Cub Leaders and Cub Scouts. The yarns related in this fascinating book would make excellent material for stories to Cubs and could either be memorized as is, or be slightly enlarged upon by the teller, depending on the audience. James McNeill is a comparatively new Canadian writer who demonstrates here remarkable skill in his selection of stories for children. We feel sure that many others, besides his own children, would enjoy these delightful yarns.

The Baldhead Mountain Expedition

By Alf Evers

Illustrated by Charles Geer

Published by Brett-Macmillan Ltd.,
South Galt, Ont.

Price \$3.00

This is a camping adventure story which will delight any boy who enjoys camping and mystery. It is very likely that the father of any youngster who reads this book would be invited to take his son on a camping expedition shortly after he has read the adventures which Bim and his dad have in this delightful novel.

The Fur Lodge

By Beverly Butler

Published by Dodd, Mead & Co.
Canada Ltd., Toronto, Ont.

Price \$3.50

This is the thrilling adventure story of a young boy in early America written for boys by an author who has already distinguished herself as a writer for young people. Although the story is fictional, it is based on historical fact and more specifically, on the journals of Peter Pond, a Yankee fur trader. This thrilling story of the voyageurs is calculated to stir the imagination and hold the interest of any young reader.

Canal Boy

By Marion Greene

Published by the Macmillan Co. of
Canada Ltd., Toronto, Ont.

Price \$2.75

Every visitor to Canada's capital city of Ottawa marvels at the construction of the Rideau Canal system, considering the mechanical implements which were available in the 1820's. This is a fast-paced adventure story of a sixteen-year-old boy who worked with the men under Col. By's direction to build this important military canal.

FIFTH AMERICAN JAMBOREE

Colorado Springs, Colorado

July 22nd - 28th, 1960



Canada will be sending a contingent of up to 500 to the Fifth American Jamboree being held this coming summer at Colorado Springs, Colorado. This Jamboree will mark the Golden Jubilee Year of Scouting for the Boy Scouts of America and Canadian Scouts will be proud to help them to celebrate this great event.

Over 50,000 Scouts will be in camp at Colorado Springs and the programme will provide opportunities for every Scout to test a wide variety of Scouting skills.

The Canadian Contingent will be divided, by Troops, throughout the Jamboree campsite, to provide them with a wider view of the Jamboree and to enable a larger number of American Scouts to meet Canadian Scouts. This is a policy that has been determined by the Boy Scouts of America.

Application forms are available from your Provincial or District Headquarters. Scouts must have a minimum of First Class grade, and preference will be given to those boys who have demonstrated that they are good campers.

The Camp Fee and Contingent costs will be \$75.00. Efforts are now being made to obtain reduced transportation costs and as soon as the details are available, they will be published in *The Scout Leader*.

Further details on this Jamboree may be obtained from your District or Provincial Headquarters.

COME A SINGING!

Canadian Folk-Songs

In this issue we begin a series on Canadian Folk-Songs—songs that have grown and evolved with our country. We are sure you and your boys will find them fun to sing, and they will add a distinctively Canadian flavour to any event—perhaps the Fifth American Jamboree or to Boy Scout Week activities.

These folk-songs have all been taken from the book, *Come A Singing!* by Marius Barbeau, Arthur Lismer and Arthur Bourinot. We are grateful to the Queen's Printer for allowing us to use this material and we would heartily recommend that you obtain a copy of this book for yourself, as it contains many other delightful songs. The cost of the book is just fifty cents and it may be obtained by writing to The Queen's Printer, Ottawa, requesting the National Museum of Canada Bulletin No. 107—*Come A Singing!*

On the banks of Jeddore

Adapted from a song recorded in Beauce Co., Que. Singer, Charles Barbeau

Solo

I Nov... a Scot...ia is a free-born
coast. Its fish...er folk live on the sea. The northern
Chorus
oc...ean I must cross. Far...e...well, Scott...ies...
..., for I must go. I'm griev'd to leave my native
shore, I'm griev'd to leave my par...ents
all, My ag...ed moth...er I ad...ore, And the
bonn...y wee lass...ie, On the banks of Jedd...ore.

- 2 My sailing ship is waiting on the waves.
The signal beckons me away.
And bids me part with you my love.
Farewell, lassie, for I must go . . .
I'm griev'd to leave . . .
- 3 The waning sun has set in the west.
The whippoorwill sings on the hill.
A bold sea rover must not rest.
Farewell, darling, for I must go . . .
- 4 The lonely cries of the gulls aloft
Drift on the wind that fills the sails.
Away I'm sailing on the sea.
Farewell, ye all, for I'm gone . . .
- 5 Bright is the light of the summer moon,
It steals through the curtain of night,
As I am dreaming of my home.
Farewell, my land, for I must go . . .

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Give your troop the extra interest of shooting, the extra thrill of competition —

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Exercise and Keep Fit

Photo Story by ALAN B. STONE

Our Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, was a great believer in keeping fit. Here are the exercises he gave us.

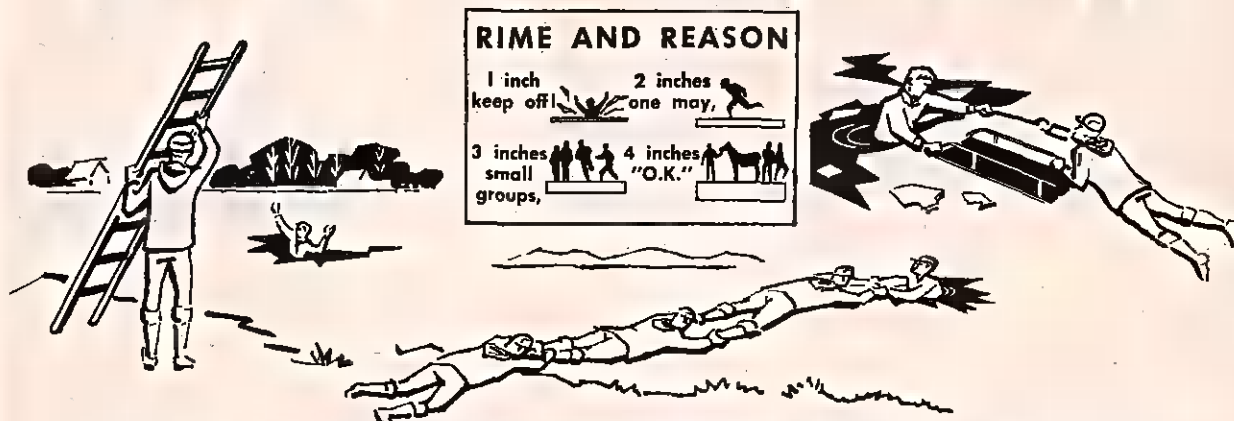
Campfire Yarn Seventeen in *Scouting for Boys* is one we should all know. Not just because it is a test, but because the exercises recommended there help us to keep active and healthy enough to carry on our camping, hiking, and other games and activities. Let's have a look at some of these exercises, demonstrated here by a Sea Scout.

Have a look at the photographs and keep in mind the purpose of each exercise. The first exercise (at top, this page) is to develop the shoulders, chest, heart and breathing apparatus. The second (below) is to move the inside organs such as liver and intestines, and help their work, as well as to strengthen the outside muscles around the ribs and stomach. Exercise three (top, opp. page) is for the muscles of the waist and stomach and should be repeated six times to either side. In exercise four (centre, opp. page) the object is, however, not to touch the toes, but to massage the stomach. The value of this exercise is in the upward swing against the downward swing. While performing exercise five (bottom, opp. page) the object is to strengthen the thighs, calves and toe sinews, as well as to exercise the stomach.

There you have it, just as our Founder laid it down. Now start your practising. Remember these will not build muscles. If you want to do that you will have to go elsewhere, and should have a qualified instructor. But these exercises will keep you supple, which is very important.



ICE SAFETY AND RESCUE



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

BULLETINS!

SCOUT SPECIAL INDEMNITY POLICY

The advent of Provincial Hospital Services Acts has forced the Insurance Company writing our Scout Special Indemnity Policy to amend the benefits accruing under the policy.

The following is being included as a revision of the pamphlet "Boy Scout Indemnity Insurance":

"With the institution of Provincial Hospital Services Acts, the liability of the Insurance Company is limited to that portion of any expenses payable by the insured that is in excess of benefits available under the provisions of the applicable Provincial Hospital Services Act whether or not the person or persons insured are entitled to such benefits."

AMERICAN JAMBOREE

We bring to your attention the fact that all participants at the forthcoming American National Jamboree in July 1960 must show proof of poliomyelitis vaccination (Salk Shots) with three doses at prescribed intervals.

This means that any Leader or boy planning to attend this Jamboree and who has not had his first shot must do so immediately in order to get the required dosage in the prescribed intervals.

LIFE JACKETS

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the standard two-pad (Mae West) Department of Transport life jacket is no longer approved for use in small boats (under forty feet).

All future supplies will bear a stamp to this effect.

The withdrawal of the previous blanket approval for this type of life jacket will be gradual. Existing jackets in sound condition may continue to be used at the discretion of operators but any new purchases should be of a type approved by the Department of Transport for use in small boats.

FIRST AID KITS

A recent Department of National Revenue regulation concerning the inclusion of rubbing alcohol in first aid kits has recently been passed.

Although the regulation does not specifically prohibit the inclusion of this item from first aid kits, it does control the purchases of rubbing alcohol for resale. In view of this restriction, the contents of all First Aid Kits sold through the Stores Department and their Distributors will include body rub rather than rubbing alcohol.

The body rub solution is almost identical to the rubbing alcohol.



Dear Sir:

The Scout Leader is doing an excellent job in providing interesting reading, Scouting news, training programmes, etc., for the uniformed section of the Movement. For some time now, however, I have wondered why it almost completely ignores the non-uniformed sections of Scouting (Group Committees, Ladies, Auxiliaries, etc.). Why not some space in your magazine devoted to the affairs of these very important sections of the Movement?

Under the present structure of the Association, the Group Committee is the governing body of the Group, and should, therefore, warrant recognition in your magazine, as should the large contribution made to Scouting by Ladies' Auxiliaries.

The Scout Leader could help instil the true spirit of Scouting in Group Committeemen and Ladies' Auxiliary members, thereby increasing their enthusiasm for Scouting to the extent that all three Sections in their Group—Wolf Cubs, Scouts, Rovers—are assured of sound leadership.

Group Committees, to my knowledge, have no official representation at the Provincial or National levels of Scouting and it seems to me that little encouragement or advice is offered them.

The Scout Leader could help to a large extent to fill this gap by devoting some space in your publication to help promote the activities of Group Committees and Ladies' Auxiliaries to a higher degree of efficiency.

Yours in Scouting,

Pnt Marshall,
Past President,
Hamilton Area Group
Committeemen's Council.

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Ed. Note: How do the rest of you feel? Is this an area where *The Scout Leader* could be more active, and if so, what are your ideas and suggestions as to the most effective way in which we could do this?

Dear Sir:

The enclosed picture shows the Nativity Scene, which was the 1958 Christmas Project of the leaders and boys of the 1st Langton Wolf Cub Pack. This scene was drawn on a sheet of plywood 8 ft. by 6 ft., and it was painted by the boys with the help of the leaders. It was then placed down at the "four corners" of our village where everyone could see it.

We raised funds for this project with the sale of Christmas Cakes, and our Township Council very kindly illuminated it for the entire four weeks it was on display.

We also went out carol singing at the homes of shut-ins in our village, and, instead of the usual exchange of Christmas gifts in our Pack, the leaders and boys brought money to be forwarded to CARE. At Hallowe'en, the Pack brought in money saved from their allowances for the UNICEF Fund.

These Good Turns have meant a great deal to the boys in our Pack and they were very enthusiastic about them. Perhaps other Packs might find the ideas interesting.

Mrs. S. E. Sellers,
Assistant Cubmaster,
Langton, Ontario.



Dear Sir:

Let's all laugh at the guy who wears short pants and calls himself a Scout—if we are around sixteen, we can spare a laugh or two at our school pal in those "crazy" pants. If we happen to be in the elderly "set", a knowing smile and a wink will do.

It seems as though everyone, from the cartoonist to the man in the street, has at one time or another managed a smile at the expense of Scouting.

When all the smiles are analyzed; however, it has nothing to do with the programme, Scouting or its aims, and it is amazing how fast these smiles disappear when people are exposed to good Scouting.

"Short Pants" is the "fall guy" for all our troubles. Our older boys leave and we blame it on short pants. Our P.L.s act up—we blame it on short pants.

Someone suggested recently that shorts are out-of-date for Canadian summers and camping. If shorts are out-of-date, then someone had better tell all the thousands of people that parade around Canada in the summer. It might also be noted that the long-pant enthusiasts are often the first to don shorts when camping.

Let us all make sure it is "short pants" we're against. Are we, perhaps, using this as an excuse for our short-comings as a leader? Look around you—at the Scoutmaster, the Rover Skipper or Cubmaster of the successful group, and notice that every boy is in shorts—full uniform and liking it.

The programme and principles, if put across to the participants in the proper way, offsets any odd feeling adults and boys may have about wearing shorts.

There are probably two main reasons—one physical, and one involving the spirit of the Scout Movement—why shorts are included in the official uniform.

B.-P. wrote: "As a matter of fact, where older boys complain that shorts are kid's clothing, it gives one a very good hint that their training in Scoutcraft has scarcely been all that might be desired."

He also wrote: "A certain slackness has crept in regarding the wearing of shorts, which suggests a possible deficiency in the Scout spirit."

It is well known that boys have said they wouldn't be caught walking around in shorts, then suddenly find themselves heading overseas to a World Jamboree, going through cities like London, Paris and Manila, enjoying the spirit of Brotherhood with thousands of other Scouts of the World. Suddenly, shorts are no longer an issue—because Brotherhood in Scouting becomes real, full of meaning and depth, bringing laughter in meeting and tears in parting.

Someday, short pants may be discarded in favour of another type of uniform. I wonder what we will use for an excuse then?

Dennis W. Lewis,
District Commissioner,
St. Catharines, Ont.

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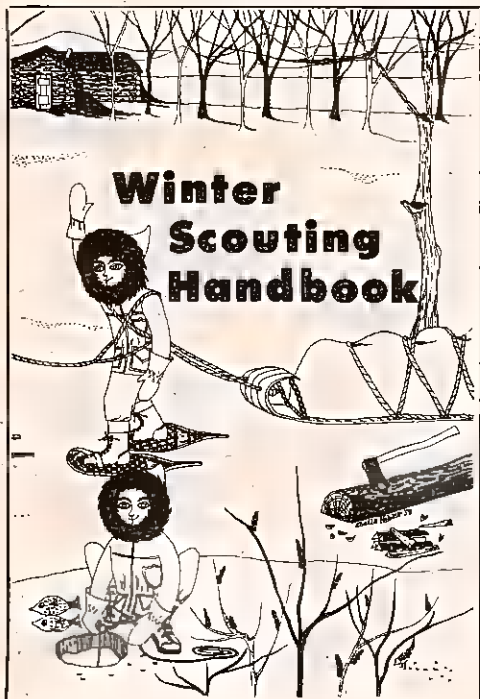
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