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

Dear Jack:

It is interesting that you should have raised the question in your last letter of the need for developing the individual interests and capabilities of the boys who join the Movement, because on the last few occasions in which I have spoken to Scout gatherings I have dealt with this subject as a part of a talk on, "Making Our Programme Effective". I have suggested that one of the ways in which we can ensure the effectiveness of our Programme is to treat the boys under our care as individuals, recognizing their strengths and weaknesses, their likes and dislikes and their varying abilities.

We, as leaders, must be very careful to avoid making our Programme stereotyped by demanding uniformity of performance from all boys. Our grade and badge requirements are not examinations similar to those given in schools, but are designed to stimulate a boy's interest and to carry him forward by progressive steps towards an all-round competence.

One of the remarkable things about the Scout Programme, as devised by the Founder, is its flexibility. In other words, its ability to be adapted to the needs of the clever boy and the dull boy, the physically and mentally robust boy and the physically and mentally handicapped boy. Those of us who have seen Scouting in action among the physically and mentally handicapped never cease to be tremendously impressed with the programme as a builder of morale and as a vital factor in the rehabilitation of the handicapped. On the other hand, there is plenty in the programme to challenge the capabilities of the gifted.

The important thing which we must remember in giving the Scout Programme to boys is, that we must

demand the maximum effort from each boy in keeping with the limit of his physical and mental capability. We can only do this, as I said earlier, by treating each boy as an individual and learning the extent of his capabilities.

I have already used the word challenge in connection with the Programme. It is essential that the Programme contain a challenge for every boy. No boy will give of his best unless the job at hand presents a challenge to both his physical and mental powers.

To sum this up Jack, I think we may say this; treat each boy as an individual; demand the utmost from each boy; challenge the boy's abilities; and reward the boy for the effort expended.

I hope you will find these few remarks useful.

Sincere regards,

Chief Executive Commissioner



Our cover picture

Canadians have revelled in the thrill of Canoeing ever since the canoe helped transform a wilderness into a nation. These Scouts from B.C., like many Canadian Scouts, relived the thrills of our pioneers on their Canoe Trip Camp. Look over the requirements for the Canoeing Badge and plan to introduce or encourage this sport among your Scouts.

What's My Line?

The fascinating variety of job opportunities now available to young men and women, and the best method of presenting these to our young people, has become the subject of careful and intense research. We are more conscious today than ever before, of the need to keep "square pegs out of round holes." As leaders of young men, this is something about which all of us should be informed.

Here is an idea which has been tried successfully by a number of Scouters leading Rover Crews or Scout Troops. Remember that the members of your Crew, and the older boys in the Troop, have very definite ideas on what they want to do and should be given every encouragement to investigate the available opportunities.

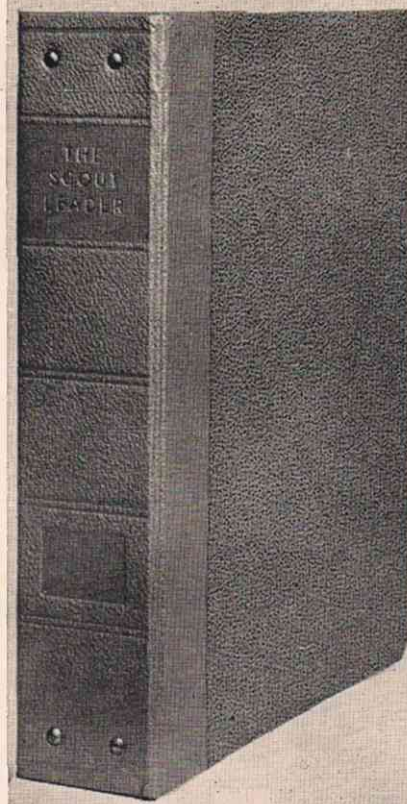
Let's talk for a moment about a Rover Crew while at the same time remembering that the same routine can be applied to the older boys in a Scout Troop using the Court of Honour as the organizers. At a meeting of the Crew in Council, ask each Rover Scout to outline briefly (not more than 2 minutes) what he would like to do as his life's vocation. Appoint a Secretary, and when the entire Crew has spoken, suggest to them that one or two panels of speakers on the vocations which have been mentioned during the meeting be invited to attend a Round Table discussion at Crew meetings to be held in the future. If the fellows go along with this idea, suggest to them that the Rover Mate act as Chairman and that each Rover, or Team of Rovers, as the case may be, approach someone qualified to speak about the vocations in which there is an interest, to see if this individual would attend a meeting at a predetermined date and time and place. This would probably take two or three meetings as it would be unwise to have more than four speakers at any one meeting. Suggest to the members of the Crew that each Speaker be given a maximum of ten minutes to outline what he does and why he has chosen his vocation and what training was necessary for him to qualify for the position he now holds. The Rover Scout Leader's or Scoutmaster's job in this project should only be to assist those Rovers who cannot obtain the calibre or type of man they desire to have to speak to them on their chosen subject. During the meetings it would be wise for the Rover Scout Leader to sit well in the background and take notes of some of the questions and answers given by the Rovers and their speakers.

When the whole thing is over the Scouter then has enough information at his disposal to give a very interesting and worthwhile summary of what has taken place at these job evaluation panel meetings.

Don't overlook the Group Committee and the fathers of the boys who will be happy to assist in the project if asked.

One of the most interesting things that those who have tried this type of activity have found is that the young men are very often impressed by the inter-relationship of business, trades, professions, etc. and it helps to broaden their scope and encourages them to look wide in the selection of their vocation.

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GAMES EQUIPMENT

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Four tennis balls
Four practice balls (plastic with holes in them)
Four bean bags
One volley ball
Four 30-ft. lengths of light line or sisal cord
One deck tennis quoit
One squaw (large burlap sack filled with old clothing and tied in centre)
One sharp knife
Four blocks of 3 x 2 wood, each painted a Patrol colour
Some assorted coloured chalks
Four candles
Box of matches
Four ping pong balls
Blindfolds
Coloured yarns (for lives)
Set of horseshoes



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WATER GAMES

By MRS. RUTH PHILLIPS, Acting District Cubmaster, Coquitlam District

The water safety rules and regulations laid down in Policy, Organization and Rules and any local and provincial regulations should be strictly adhered to in conducting water activities. Some of the following games might appear to contravene some of these rules and regulations, whereas actually they are designed to take place where there is adequate provision for supervision.

STILL POND

Everyone swims around until signal "Still Pond" is given. Anyone still moving is then out.

WHITE WHALE IS A VICIOUS WHALE

"It" swims unconcernedly among others and then suddenly he shouts, "Thar she blows". This means he has become a vicious white whale and the others must swim for their lives. "It" tries to tag them before they get to shore. Anyone tagged becomes the white whale.

WATER FOOTBALL

Large floating ball is tossed in centre of marked-off area between teams. Ball must be put over the goal line at either end to score. Ball is tossed into centre by referee after each goal.

Variation: Ball must be pushed, not thrown or carried.

DODGE BALL

Same rules as the dry land game. One team circles the other and tries to hit them with a ball thrown from the circle.

PIRATES

First player to get on a small raft tries to keep all others off.

SHARK'S TEETH

Corks are thrown into pool. There is a container at each end of pool. At a signal all jump in and catch corks with teeth and place them into their team's container. Team with most wins.

DEAD MAN RELAY

Teams stand in a line in the water. First player floats and is passed along the line by the team; then next player starts to float. Each one has a turn—first team finished, wins.

SWIM TAG

Players line up along one side of the pool. "It" is in centre of area. He calls, "Watch the shark" and they must all cross to the other side without being tagged. Any who are tagged join "It" and the game proceeds until all are caught.

DUCK TAG

Safe if face is under the water.

FLYING FISH

Teams are standing in lines in the water. Players go down the line under first one's legs and leapfrog over the next in line. Each player has a turn. Team finishing first wins.

CATCH OR RETRIEVE

Players stand in a circle about three feet apart. They toss a small sinkable object to one another. If it is dropped, it must be retrieved.

SUBMARINE RACE

Players lie on their backs with one leg held up above them like a periscope. They move forward using any stroke. The winner is the one that goes farthest without letting his periscope down.

SEA HORSE AND RIDER

Smaller boys ride on shoulders of others. They try to dismount one another. Any pair dismounted must go to shore. Last pair wins. Play in waist-deep water.

SUNKEN TREASURE

Coins, keys, etc. are tossed into pool. The team retrieving most "treasure" wins.

BOBBING FOR APPLES

One apple for each boy is thrown into water. Players come to shore when they have caught their apple in their teeth, without using their hands.

BALLOON BLOWING CONTEST

Each boy is given a balloon and at a signal submerges and blows it up as big as possible without coming up for air.

BALLOON PUSH

Each contestant has a balloon which he must push with his face (no hands) across the finish line.

CRABS AND CRAYFISH

Team of "crabs" lines up on one side of pool, "crayfish" along the other. They wade or swim toward one another. When they are quite close, the leader calls out "crabs" or "crayfish". The team called try to get back to shore without being caught by the other team. Those tagged join the other side.

10th WORLD JAMBOREE

At 9.00 p.m. on July 12th a Canadian Contingent of 90 Scouts and Scouters will take off in a Britannia turbo-prop airliner. They will be flying across the Pacific Ocean to represent Canadian Scouting, and indeed Canada, at the 10th World Jamboree being held in the Philippines. Of course, all of us would like to be with them, but, since this is impossible, it is a great consolation to know that this contingent is made up of boys and Scouters of whom we can feel justly proud.

For many years, Canadian Scouting has been sending contingents to International and National Jamborees and Patrol Camps throughout the world. It might be a good idea for all of us to pause and consider what takes place in the general organization of a Canadian contingent going overseas.

Let us take the 10th World Jamboree organization for example. The Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association, the policy-making body of Scouting in Canada, anticipated that the high cost of sending a boy to the Philippines (\$700-\$1,000) would considerably limit the size of the contingent. They therefore authorized Canadian Headquarters to charter one aircraft from Vancouver to Manila. As late as October 1958 this decision seemed to be justified as there were only ten applications then in hand and the aircraft had a seating capacity of 90. It was, at the time, agreed that applications were to be reviewed and selection made on the basis of individual merit only. If more than 90 applied, a quota basis would be worked out for the provinces. A national committee, consisting of Mr. Jackson Dodds, Deputy Chief Scout, Maj.-Gen. G. R. Turner, Chairman of the Honours and Awards Advisory Committee, and Mr. F. J. Finlay, Chief Executive Commissioner, was appointed so that deadlines for applications could be left until the last possible moment, and to make it simpler to re-allocate quotas where necessary. Canadian Headquarters was authorized to conduct the necessary research and purchase equipment for the contingent.

Canadian Headquarters issues Jamboree information to the various Provincial Headquarters, advising them of details of baggage, medical requirements, passport arrangements, etc. Arrangements were made with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines for hospitality for the Canadian contingent before and after the Jamboree. Canadian Pacific Airlines, the only Canadian airline with a regular route to Tokyo from Vancouver was contacted and the Association committed itself to the use of one aircraft.

With the vast amount of organization necessary to support such a contingent, i.e., the purchasing of equipment, the selection of boys and Leaders, time to allow for inoculations, it is necessary to set the deadline for applications at least three months in advance of the date of departure. By December 1958 it looked as though there would be a very small contingent of Canadians going to the Philippines. It was, however, necessary for the Association to commit itself to an expenditure of approximately \$70,000.00 by April of 1959.

Then, suddenly, applications to attend the Jamboree started to pour into Canadian Headquarters and a month before deadline date, 184 applications had been received. The Jamboree Committee had to make a further decision

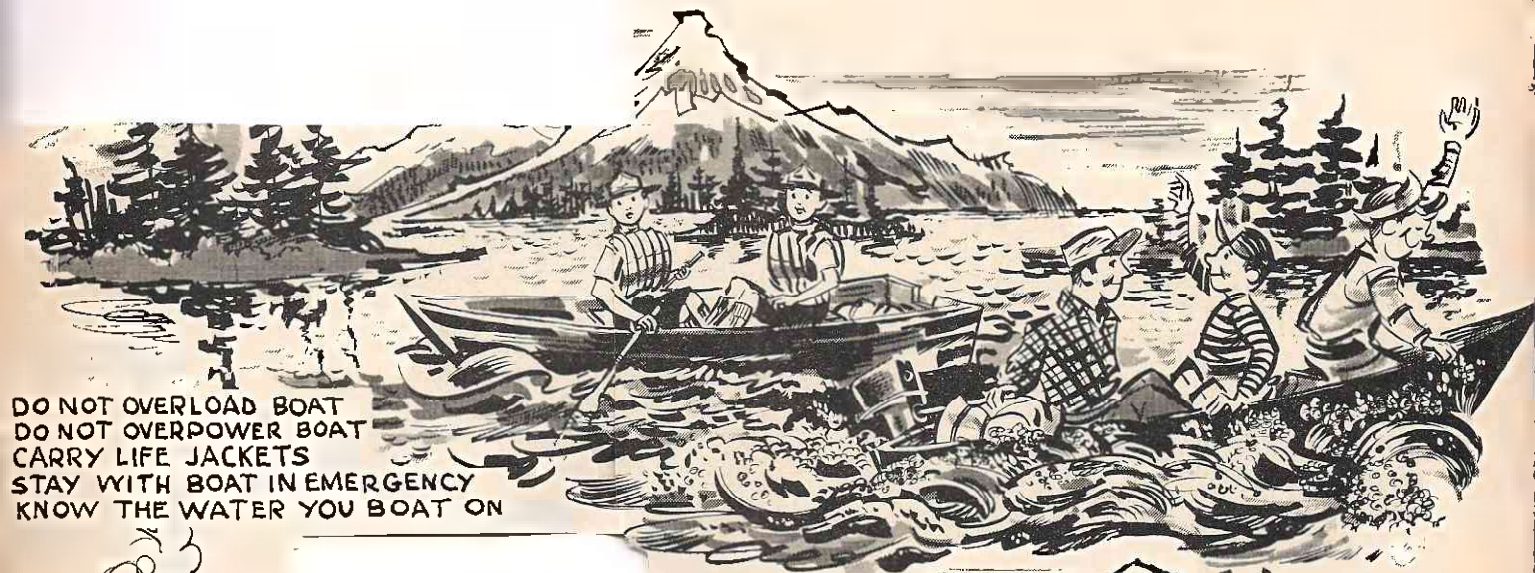
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with a questionnaire asking the applicant to indicate if he was prepared to pay this increased cost, on the understanding that if there were not enough prepared to do so, the scheme would be dropped. As a result of the replies received from the 184 applicants, 20 withdrew for various reasons and 26 said they could not pay the extra cost, so the original plan of one plane load was decided upon. The contingent was then selected on merit and a quota basis worked out in accordance with the population by provinces. Because of the vast distances involved in a country the size of ours, it is obvious that it was impossible for this committee to attempt to deal with any local situations no matter how justified. A number of requests ranging from the establishment of a system for the payment of fares on a time basis, to allowing boys to travel in the contingent in the Canadian Headquarters, necessary to send a lined group to the Scouters in charge of Canadian Scouting, selection of 90 disappointed. is reduced as from taking cases there commitment ers and local of a continuation above should nation's position who may, s.

As yet of the contingent. v. transportation from his home to Vancouver, B.C. Over \$3,000.00 worth of tentage and other contingent equipment will have been shipped from San Francisco on the SS *President Hoover* so that it will be ready to be received and used by the contingent when they arrive in Manila on July 14th. Each boy is allowed only 40 pounds of baggage to be carried on the plane. All the boys will have been inoculated against smallpox, cholera and typhoid. They will have been assigned to Patrols and Troops and the necessary insignia for Patrol Leaders, Troop Leaders and Seconds will have been issued.

We feel sure that everyone would like to join with our Chief Scout in sending greetings to our brothers in the Philippines and wishing our contingent the very best of luck as they carry our name to the 10th World Jamboree.

HAVE A SUMMER



BE SURE DRINKING WATER
IS PURE • IF IN DOUBT BOIL
OR USE HALAZONE

DO NOT
HITCH HIKE



HIKE FACING ONCOMING
TRAFFIC • CARRY WHITE
MARKER AT NIGHT



BEWARE OF SUNBURN •
KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEATHER •
USE MAP OR COMPASS AND
AVOID GETTING LOST

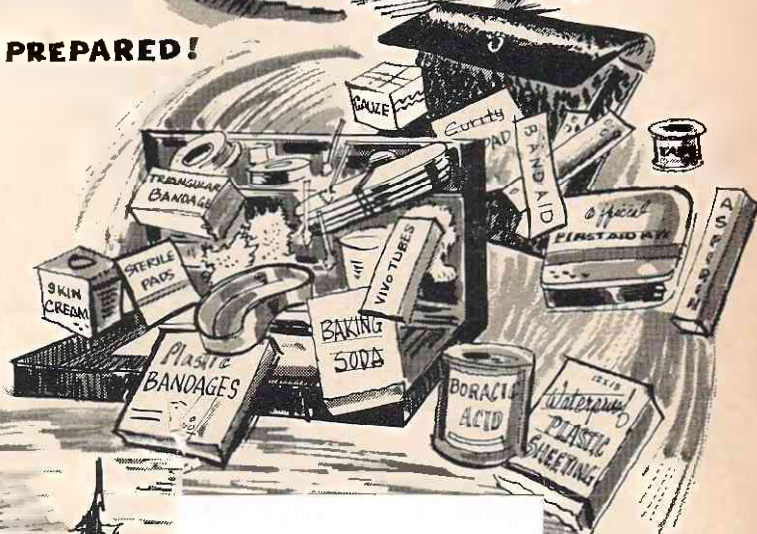


BE COURTEOUS • BE THOUGHTFUL •
REMEMBER OUTDOOR MANNERS



STONE THROWING
IS DANGEROUS

BE PREPARED!



DO NOT SWIM ALONE •
SWIM ALONG SHORE •
USE BUDDY SYSTEM •
BE SURE WATER IS
SAFE FOR SWIMMING •



SAFETY
OF AXEM

PITCH CAMP EARLY IN AFTERNOON
BEWARE OF FIRE HAZARDS
CLEAN AREA AROUND FIRE
DO NOT LEAVE FIRE UNATTENDED
DROWN FIRE BEFORE LEAVING

enjoy yourself

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INDIAN TROOP NEWSPAPER

A Troop of twenty Indian boys at Telegraph Creek, B.C., publish the only newspaper in this community of 500 persons. The paper, known as the *Stikine Star*, features Scouting but other news of interest is also printed. The boys are raising funds from the newspaper for their Summer camp. These boys have come a long way and we shall be watching their continuing progress.

NIGHT SAFETY BELTS

The Coquitlam District Council made 500 night safety belts for distribution among the Scouts and Cubs in the District, and so many favourable comments have been received that we are passing on the method of manufacture.

The web belts were purchased from Army and Navy at 37c each, and bicycle reflectors (5 or 6 for each belt) cost 5c each. The belts were dipped in white paint before attaching blocks away.



Wolf Pack No. 105, East Vancouver, B.C. (right) were greeted with flag ceremony and salutes by Seattle Cubs when the Canadian boys were guests on a week-end visit.

H. B. TWISS HONOURED

Mr. H. B. Twiss, who was recently awarded the Silver Acorn for Services of an exceptional character to Scouting in British Columbia, has been further honoured by the Governor of Jamaica. Mr. Twiss, now living in Jamaica, was decorated with the Order of Service at a ceremony in commemoration of Robert Baden-Powell. We join with many others in offering congratulations to Mr. Twiss.

SCOUTISME FRANCAIS INVITES YOU TO CAMP

Any Scouts planning to travel in France this summer might care to take advantage of the annual reception camp run by the Scoutisme Francais in Paris, between July 12th and September 1st. Everyone is free to spend his time as he wishes.

Details of costs, accommodation, regulations, etc., may be obtained by writing The Administration Department, The Boy Scouts Association, 306 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa 4, Ontario.

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Any Section or Group still collecting used stamps for the International Stamp Scheme are requested to forward the stamps direct to:

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and not to Canadian Headquarters. This will save time and expense. Thank you.

Mrs. Frank Ross, wife of B.C.'s Lieutenant-Governor, presented Queen's Scout Certificates to 123 Scouts recently. Dick Yamaoko of the 1st Rutland (Central Okanagan) Group is here being presented with his.

PARENT AND SON ACTIVITIES

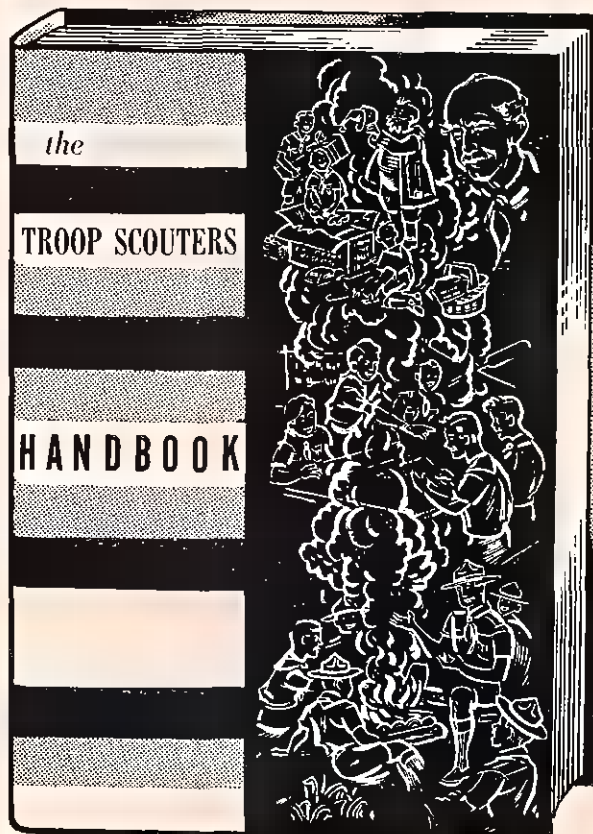
Parent co-operation is of valuable assistance, which far too many Scouters overlook. Here are a few ideas by which you and the boys in your section may encourage parents to play a more active role in the life of the group.

- Visit to father's place of business (with complete explanation of what he does).
- Mineral Collection hike—a requirement hike to produce ten properly mounted, identified, located minerals.
- Teaching a skill—e.g., car maintenance, ham radio, hi-fi, car driving, photography.
- Fossil-hunting and/or archaeology expedition.
- Hunting with a camera.
- Teaching proper handling of rifle and shotgun—target shooting, care and cleaning.
- Sharing a hobby—e.g., carpentry.
- Evening (night) hike to previously selected spot for marshmallow or wiener roast.
- Boating—various types of craft, care, handling.
- A mystery trip.
- Building and caring for a rock garden.
- A fishing trip.
- Building—a raft, summer cottage, boat, etc.
- Angling or Fishing Day. Each father teaches his son how to handle equipment; fly casting.
- Industrial Hike (on a Patrol basis)—e.g. newspaper, telephone, bottling firm.
- Ball game.
- Historic Trek. Make a trip along an historic trail: to an historic site. Improve or mark trail or site in co-operation with those in charge of it. Arrange to take part in a ceremony or observance at the place.
- Country-City Exchange. Visit Pack or Troop in a rural (urban) setting; see local points of interest.
- Know Your Town Tour. Circle your town on a carefully chosen route; visit historic spots in town's past, industries, museums, government buildings, etc.
- Know Your County Tour. As above.
- Canoe trip on local waterways, exploring as you go.
- Picnic for Handicapped. Conduct a programme of games, entertainment and eats suitable for crippled children, orphans, old people, etc.
- Sports Tournament. Conduct competitions on team or individual basis.
- Camping week-end.
- Learn to Swim Project or Splash Party.
- Pioneering. Build models for future use.
- Compass hike.
- Birdwatching hike.

10th WORLD JAMBOREE STAMPS

To commemorate the 10th World Jamboree, July 17th-26th, 1959 in the Philippines, the Republic of the Philippines will issue 5 semi-postal stamps, a tete-beche pair of the 2 lowest values and a Souvenir Sheet with all 5 stamps. Further details may be obtained by writing Mr. Jesus Zulueta, P.O. Box 41, Manila, Philippines.

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PROVINCE	PLACE	DATE	COURSE LEADER
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON	Kamloops Area	August 1st to 9th	Rev. H. P. Collins
ALBERTA & N.W.T.	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	July 25-Aug. 1	W. Bryce
NEW BRUNSWICK	Near Fredericton	Aug. 1 to 9	Dr. S. A. Hopper
ONTARIO	Blue Springs Blue Springs Lakesfield North Bay	July 11-19 Aug. 8-16 July 18-26 Aug. 1-9	F. Whiskin Vernon Peach K. Jakins W. DeHarte
LA FEDERATION	Nicolet	Aug. 21-30 Aug. 18-30	Allan Henley Hubert Reid
MANITOBA & N.W. ONTARIO	St. Vital	Sept. 19, 20, 26, 27 and Oct. 10-12	Del Law

PACK SCOUTERS

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

CREW SCOUTERS

ALBERTA & N.W.T.	Sylvan Lake	July 19 to 25	John A. Hencher
ONTARIO	Blue Springs	July 19 to 25	Harold Hird
LA FEDERATION	Nicolet	June 19, 20, 21, 26-29	Louis Pronovost



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KINDNESS IS A CHALLENGE

By CHARLES B. STAFFORD, Assistant Executive Commissioner Training,
Canadian Headquarters

Kindness to animals means more than not deliberately hurting them. A Scout should consider kindness his duty, to be carried out by actively seeking and doing. Here, Scouter, to start *you* thinking, is an excerpt from an article published in "Food for Thought."

"In one good-sized city a few years ago the local Humane Society simply folded up for lack of support. It didn't seem to matter much. A policeman looked after strays. If there were mis-treated creatures, no one telephoned or wrote in. Gradually, however, disturbing stories got about. An inspector from Headquarters called at the City Pound. Then a reporter from the newspaper dropped round. Next day the citizens read his findings—

"A drab, lean-to shack . . . dirt almost ankle deep . . . kennels like poorly-constructed packing cases . . . damp and cold, and there was no water in them. The bottoms of the kennel gates had been chewed by rats . . . I was told that three months ago a small pup was brought in and placed in one of the kennels. During the night rats got in and ate the little dog, or a large part of him."

"The reporter asked the policeman in charge if he were sure that animals to be destroyed were *dead* before they were put into the incinerator. 'The chloroform does its work' was the reply, 'but it takes from half to three-quarters of an hour.' A dog was about to be destroyed and the reporter phoned for a photographer. After the dog had been twenty minutes inside the chloroform cabinet, they opened the door—and the dog shakily sat up and turned its head toward the camera.

"The City Council, in some confusion, closed the Pound. There was a flurry of applications for membership in the Humane Society, locally reorganized."

The Timmins Daily Press, May 6th, 1955, reports some findings of Inspector Brousseau of that town:

"One spavined dapple gray was found in the stables

fully harnessed—though the owner claimed it had not been worked for a week . . . Its right eye was missing, having been jabbed out by a branch while the animal was working. One hip was out of joint; it was barely able to keep its balance as it tottered along."

In 1956 the Toronto *Telegram* sent Don Delaplante to accompany Brousseau on a round of visits covering 1,500 miles. Delaplante found that *driver- or company-owned* horses usually get good care. But he says:

"As for the *rented* horse; he becomes a pawn in a cruel game between the horse dealer who doesn't care if he never sees him again, the company, which doesn't want to shoe or perhaps even feed him properly, and the bushman who is determined to make the horse get that wood out if it kills him.

"Today's driver won't clean his horse when the day's work is done; dirt and ice cake for weeks on the animal's feet, till the flesh of the lower leg splits open and a series of gaping crevices occur right up the first joint. Then infection sets in. Legs swell to monstrous size and the horse is finished."

What is happening in *your* locality? Simply because you do not hear of any suffering being experienced by animals, doesn't mean there *is* no suffering.

Opportunities for good turns in this field must be sought out—by us. Consult the nearest branch of the S.P.C.A. or Humane Society and find out the local problems and how you can help. Encourage each boy to keep a special look-out for opportunities to prevent or alleviate suffering in animals—cats shut out when owners are away; dogs tied up so they are unable to get into shade; pets kept without easy access to water; pets, such as hamsters, kept in too small or improperly cleaned cages; bird feeding stations not regularly maintained, etc.

Will you rise to the challenge?

INTERNATIONAL PHOTO COMPETITION

An invitation to participate in an International Photo Competition was recently received by Mr. Earle T. Moore, International Commissioner, The Boy Scouts Association. Details of the competition are below and we hope that many Canadian Scouts and Scouters will enter.

Iranian Scouting is publishing, with the approval of the Boy Scouts International Bureau, a magazine in different languages—English, Turkish, French, Arabic, etc. There will be a photographic contest in the magazine for Scouts and Scouters and the following are the rules:

1. Only non-Iranian Scouts, Scouters, or Commissioners from abroad can participate in the contest and photographs are accepted through the Scout Associations concerned and not by the individuals, provided that the pictures received from each country are not less than five.
2. The photos should be of Scouting events or activities or should explain Scout Laws, Spirit, etc.
3. At the end of the year, the Jury will consider the photos and select the best twenty-five.
4. Five countries (5 photos from each) will therefore be winners and will divide the prize among the five photographers of the pictures.
5. The prizes are, respectively, 100, 80, 60, 40, 20 American dollars.

Thus, this year, 25 Scouts or Scouters from five different countries will win a prize and have their entries published in the Iranian magazine.

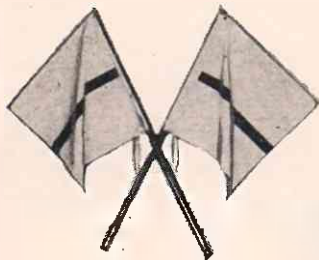
Our brother Scout Associations are asked to attach to each picture, the name, Scout rank and age of the photographer.

In addition, any news or photos from our brother Scouts will be accepted for publication in the magazine, if directed through their own Associations.

We hope this gesture of brotherhood will meet with your co-operation.

ALL ENTRIES TO THIS PHOTO COMPETITION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE PUBLICATIONS DEPT., 306 METCALFE ST., OTTAWA 4, ONT., CLEARLY MARKED FOR IRANIAN PHOTO COMPETITION.

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GARDENER BADGE — Part III

This winds up our brief series on the Wolf Cub Gardener Badge. We hope the ideas and suggestions have been helpful and we are, of course, always pleased to have your comments on any of the articles we publish. Good gardening!

Requirement No. 4

(a) How many of these do you know?

Spade: For loosening and turning soil. The spade is particularly useful in working with hard-packed, clayey soil where a pointed end, rather than the flat end of a shovel, is necessary.

Fork: For loosening the soil. It is used in a similar manner to the spade, that is with the ball of the foot, *not* the instep, and straight into the ground. As you turn each forkful of earth over, knock it with the back of the fork to break it up and to keep the soil level.

Hoe: For weeding. The two kinds of hoe most generally used are the Dutch Hoe and the Draw Hoe. The Dutch Hoe is used for keeping small weeds under control and is pushed along the ground just below the surface. The Draw Hoe is drawn towards you, lifting out the weeds and loosening the soil around the plants.

Trowel: For planting. When putting in plants, dig a hole with the trowel large enough to hold the roots comfortably—just a little larger than the roots. Fill hole around roots with loose soil and, using the handle of the trowel, stub the earth down firmly around the plant.

Rake: For levelling the soil and breaking it up small for seeds. First fork seed-bed over; then use rake backwards and forwards to remove all lumps, stones and level the soil. If there are still large lumps, turn rake over and use the back of it, drawing gently but firmly over the bed.

(b) All tools should, of course, be cleaned and wiped after use to prevent rusting. An oily rag may be rubbed over the tools after they have been cleaned and will help keep them in perfect condition.

Alternate Requirement (2)

(a) A bulb in water, peat moss, sand or soil

If you use water, a special glass is needed where bulb

sits at top and roots find way down to water which should be about half an inch from base of the bulb.

If you use moss, tuck the bulb up in it with just its tips showing. Water sufficiently to moisten all moss but do not get water on the tip of the bulb. Water *very* sparingly after this.

Plant in sand or soil in a similar manner.

Keep bulbs in dark until they begin to grow and then gradually accustom them to the light.

(b) A chestnut or acorn in water.

Line a glass jam jar with a couple of thicknesses of blotting paper. Slip acorn between the blotting paper and the glass, then fill middle of jar with sand and pour enough water in to soak paper, which must be kept moist at all times.

If grown in sand, peat moss or soil, the same rules as for pot plants apply—good soil, drainage, watering.

(c) Pepper grass, peas or beans on flannel.

Cover an old saucer with flannel, soak it and then sprinkle with seeds. Keep flannel moist at all times.

And—

* Make sure your plants have plenty of water in dry weather. A good soaking sometimes is better than a sprinkling every day.

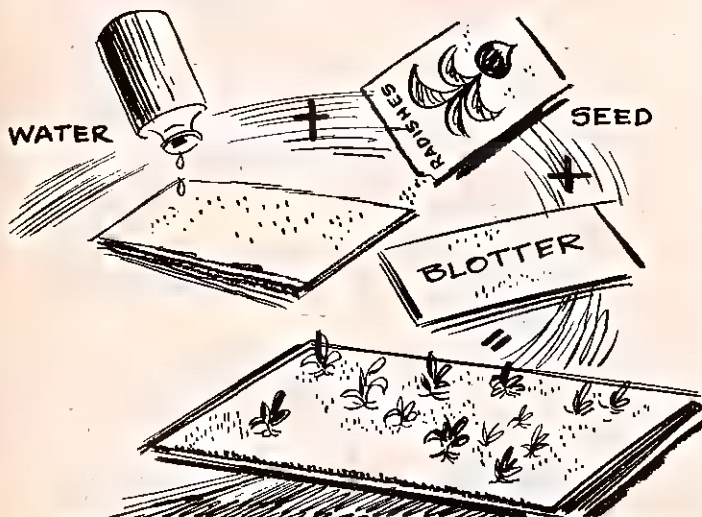
* Give plants plenty of room to grow.

* Cut off the dead! As soon as a flower has faded—off with its head! Then you will have more and more blooms.

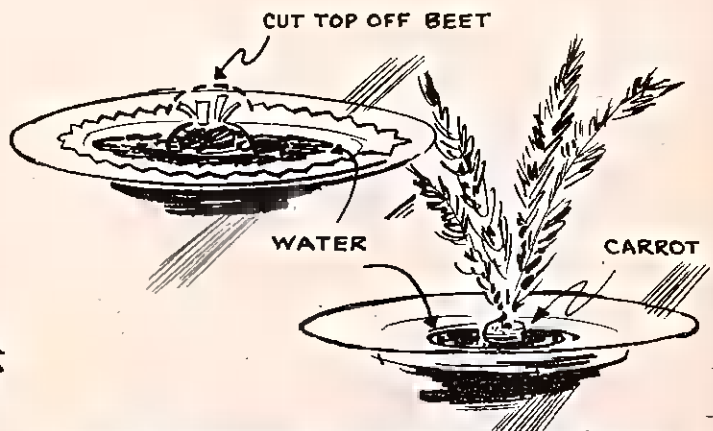
* Keep your garden free from weeds and enemies and keep the soil loose and well turned over.

* If you have any of these in your garden you must put yourself on the Black List: caterpillars, green fly, snails, black fly, slugs, weeds, plants wilting for want of a drink.

* Friends: frogs, toads, ladybirds, birds, bees, worms.



Place radish seeds on a wet blotter in a saucer. Cover saucer with a piece of glass and watch for results.



Beets or carrot tops may be planted in pebbles, stones, sand or soil, kept well moistened, to produce lovely foliage.

letters...

to the

EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Recently, I attended a reunion of the Old Boys of the 21st Toronto Scout Troop and thought you might be interested in an example of the friendship that carries on from Scouting days.

The 21st used to meet in St. Barnabas Church, Danforth and Hampton Avenues, Toronto, in the twenties and early thirties. The Scoutmaster and Cubmaster was Mr. Bern Hanger who at one time had 100 boys in Cubs and Scouts.

Although the years have passed and the former boys are now serving on group committees, or as Scoutmasters, Cubmasters or Assistants and have sons of their own in the Movement, once a year a reunion is held in downtown Toronto to pay respects to Bern Hanger and say hello to old friends that sang and camped together and really enjoyed each other's company.

There was a display of pennants with camp names and dates such as 1923, 1928 and 1932. Snapshots of a group of boys were available for reminiscence. One of the blond curly-haired boys in the pictures hasn't anything on top now and most of the hairlines have receded as the waistlines increased.

At the time, the Troop put on musical concerts through the winter to raise enough money for camp and at these reunions the "Old Boys" sing the songs together with only an occasional glance at the song sheet. Some of the tunes were written by Mr. Hanger particularly for the Scout concerts.

With the exception of the period during the war, these reunions have been held every year with between 40 and 50 men

attending, all former members. Many have travelled 300 miles to attend.

Every year letters are received from all parts of Canada and the United States where "Old Boys of the 21st" are now living. Although they can't make it, they want the others to know that they are still thinking of them.

I have mentioned this to friends who seem very much impressed that the Scouting Spirit should carry on for so many years and, as I receive and enjoy your magazine, thought that the information should be sent along to you.

Yours truly,
T. F. Heard,
Islington, Ont.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed photo was taken at our Provincial Annual Dinner which was held at the Vancouver Hotel in Vancouver on March 20th. (See below.)

The photo depicts an Indian dance and was taught to the boys by Chief Abel Joe of the Cowichan Band of Indians: It was originally put on at the Empress Hotel in Victoria for Lord Rowallan when he was visiting the province last October.

Yours very truly,
H. A. Maynard Denny,
Cowichan Valley District.

Dear Sir:

Each time *The Scout Leader* comes in, I am surprised to note how much like a new model car it is. Each issue seems to be more interesting and worthwhile than the last.

I wonder if other readers would be interested in hearing of the printed matter put

out by the Association. As an example, "Smartness in Scouting" is a fine little book; so is "Father and Son Banquets", but a great many leaders do not know of these. How about a tally of a number of the better ones with a sentence or two on their contents?

From time to time, I hear of a museum at C.H.Q. Is it worth a small article telling of its character, contents, hopes? In the same vein, would there be any chance of doing a picture article on Scouting's early days? I believe *The Scouter* did something like this a year or two ago.

I do not want to go on with my endless suggestions or you will think I am criticizing, which I am not out to do on the heels of a compliment.

Hoping that you get more good mail than you can ever read, I remain,

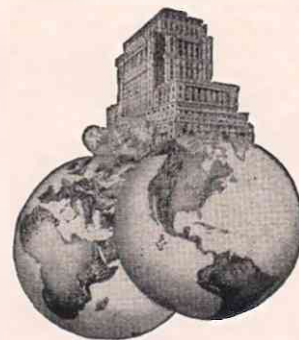
Yours sincerely,
John M. Eacott,
Tillsonburg, Ont.

Ed. Note: It is always a pleasure to receive a letter with new ideas and suggestions. We would be happy to have comments from our readers regarding these ideas, and their own.

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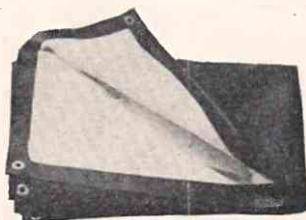
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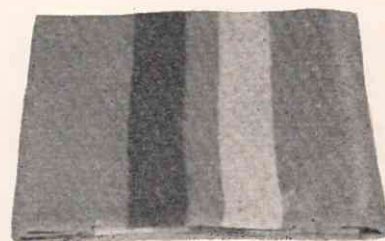
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