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## PERSPECTIVE

"IT CAME UPON ME freshly how the secret of uniform was to make a crowd solid, dignified, impersonal: to give it the singleness and tautness of an upstanding man. This death's livery which walled its bearers from ordinary life, was sign that they had sold their wills and bodies to the State: and contracted themselves into a service not the less abject for that its beginning was voluntary."

—T. E. Lawrence, *Revolt in the Desert*.

**THE CUB RECORD IDEA** that appeared on pages 8 and 9 of the October issue of *The Scout Leader* has prompted many readers to write in asking if the forms are available from the Stores Department and local Distributors. At the present time, the forms are not available. The matter is being studied by the National Headquarters and results will be announced in the March 1962 issue of this magazine. Incidentally, we neglected to give credit for the idea to Scouters in the London, Ontario District Council who developed the forms that were shown in our pages.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO:** The Scout Reporter's Club at Saskatoon, Sask. met over lunch boxes for reciprocal criticism, discussion, hints on journalism — Winnipeg Packs manufactured wooden "books" for the Wolf Cub balancing test to save wear and tear on real books — The 2nd Trail, B.C. Rover Crew successfully undertook a Quest to organize the 4th Trail Group Committee and Pack — The 1st Kincardine, Ont. Rover Crew qualified and acted as a relief fire department, beach lifeguards, and provided leaders for Pack and Troop.

—from *The Scout Leader*, December 1936.

### OUR COVER PICTURE

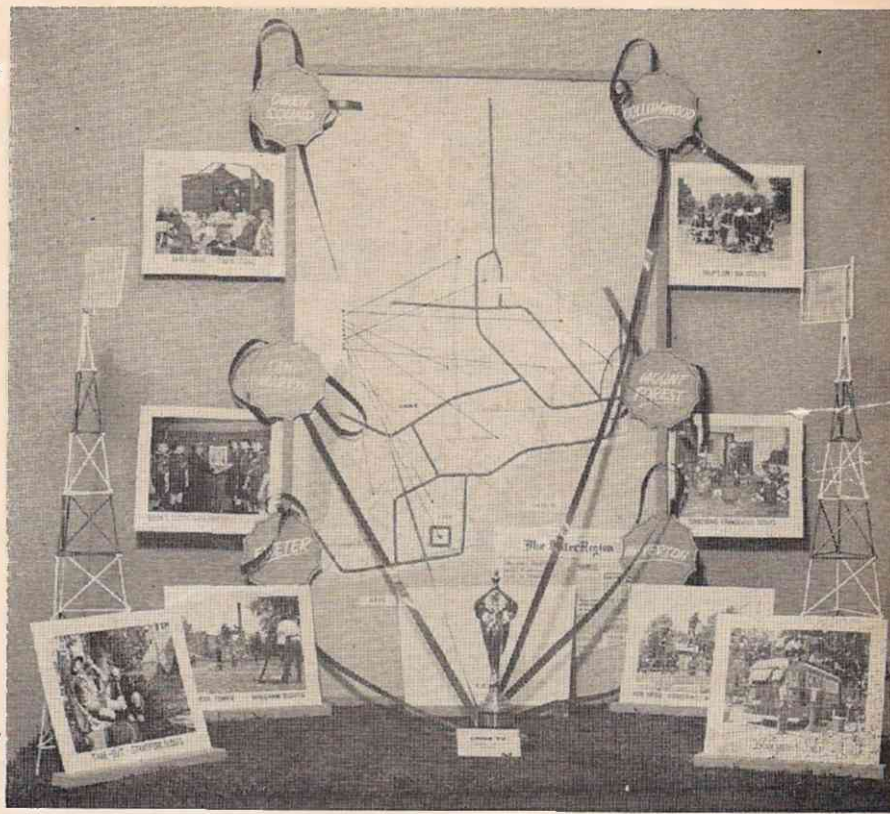
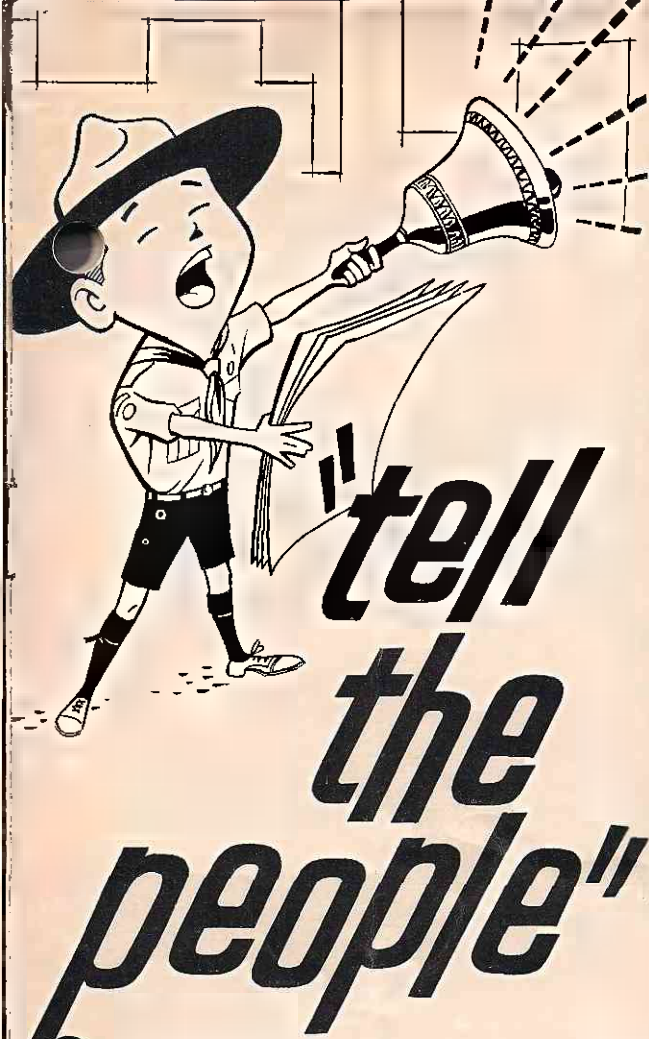
Two of the Scouts who helped earn funds for Scouting by selling Christmas trees at a downtown lot in Red Deer, Alberta were Billy Mah (above) and Barry Mah-Wing. Who could resist those winning smiles?

(Photo: *Red Deer Advocate*)

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Ontario's Blue Water Region set up this display at the provincial annual meeting to show how local press, radio and television help tell the people about Scouting.

by Leonard L. Johnson, Executive Commissioner (Public Relations), National Headquarters.

Now is the time to "Tell the People" what Scouting is and is doing for the boys of your community.

Now is the time to get your Group Committee together and plan Group activities for the months ahead, then map out a plan whereby the boys, their parents and the community are told what's cooking in Scouting in your Group.

One of the best ways of achieving results is to have your Group Committee appoint one of its members as P.R.O.—Public Relations Officer—whose sole job is to tell your Group's Scouting story.

Another step is to make sure that your Group Committee Chairman, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Rover Scout Leader and your Group P.R.O. each has a copy of Canadian Scouting's P.R. Handbook, "Tell the People".

Now in its eighth edition, the P.R. Handbook has had a distribution of over 40,000 copies since it was first published in 1949. It has been requested by P.R.O.s of several other organizations and in many other countries.

Don't let the words "Public Relations" and "Publicity" alarm you: Public Relations is the over-all "personality" and "policy" of an organization, plus the communicating of it. The communicating is "publicity", hence the title of the P.R. Handbook, "Tell the People".

In the foreword to "Tell the People", our Chief Executive Commissioner, Fred J. Finlay, comments:

"Scouting has an enviable reputation and a fine story to tell. This revised handbook is published to assist Scouters, Council and Committee men, particularly those dealing with public relations, to maintain that reputation and to develop still further the appreciation which the public has of the Boy Scout Movement. It is hoped that,

through the use of this handbook, greater public awareness can be developed of Scouting's contribution to the development of good citizens.

"Scouting offers a programme of proven appeal to boys for use by all churches and groups interested in the welfare of youth. It is our duty, as members of the Boy Scout Movement, to tell our story well and to so conduct ourselves that we may further enhance the public esteem which Scouting enjoys.

"Let us remember that there is no better ambassador for Scouting than a well-uniformed, courteous and well-disciplined Scout or Scouter."

The P.R. Handbook was written to help Scouters, Group Committee, Ladies Auxiliary and Council officers to interpret Scouting to the people whose support is so essential.

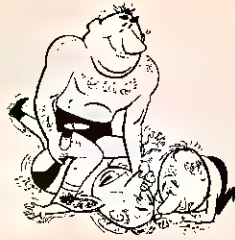
A glance at the chapter headings of the P.R. Handbook will convince you that here is a package of practical pointers on Scouting P.R.

Covering a wide range, the chapters deal with the Why of P.R., As Others See Us, Good Turns are P.R. Plus, From the Boys' Viewpoint, The Whole Family Benefits, Scout Displays, Posters, Panels and Presentations, Editors Want Live Local News, Custom of the House, Speaking for Scouting, Broadcasting Scouting, Films for Scout Groups, P.R. Service at National H.Q., Making P.R. Opportunities, Display Panel Illustration.

Here's a really helpful handbook, yours for the asking—from District, Regional or Provincial H.Q.—if you are a Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Rover Skipper, Group Committee or Ladies Auxiliary Chairman, Council officer or P.R.O. Let's use it and tell the people of Canada the Scouting story! ★



# Pinned Down?



Rare indeed is the man who, at one time or another, has not been confronted with a great disappointment. As Scouters we are bound to get perhaps more than our fair share of life's frustrations. The programme doesn't go the way we thought it would; the Committee doesn't approve all our recommendations; the boys don't all turn out just the way we thought they would; unforeseen personality conflicts arise; and social and economic forces bring stress into the work and play of our lives.

These frustrations are an important part of Scouting as far as we Scouters are concerned because the way in which we meet and wrestle with them may have a remarkable influence on our fellow Scouters and the boys whom we serve.

"A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties", but this does not mean that we should treat serious problems lightly. By the same token we should not let them "get us down beyond all hope of recovery". Handled correctly, most problems and mistakes can be turned into useful

object lessons that will help Scouters and boys to do their job more thoughtfully and more effectively.

One night, not many years ago, the "fur was about to fly" at a certain Troop Court of Honour meeting. The Scoutmaster sensed that the battle lines were being drawn across the room. In a firm but friendly fashion he quietly interjected the remark, "Whenever anything goes wrong, I first of all look to myself, not only for the blame, but more importantly, for the way in which I can correct the wrong." The fur didn't fly and, even though he may have never fully realized it, his example is still being followed almost twenty-five years later.

As we approach a new season—with a new year—and with the prospect of many new lives to be trained through living the Promise and Law, let us get on with the job we have chosen and to which we believe we have been called.

Let us take heed of the words of the Apostle Paul when he said, "Brethren, I count not myself to have attained: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark." ★

*Chief Executive Commissioner.*

## COLONEL RUFUS T. SPOONER



Canada has lost one of its great Salvation Army Scouters. Colonel Rufus T. Spooner, who retired from the Salvation Army in August 1953, died suddenly in Toronto on October 11th, 1961.

Major Joe Craig, Assistant Territorial Youth Secretary for the Salvation Army, well known in Canadian Scouting, in paying tribute to Colonel Spooner, wrote:

"A great man of God, a stirring Salvationist, a Christian gentleman, a wise counsellor, a cherished friend—these all describe our beloved Colonel.

"The Colonel well deserved the honour bestowed upon him for his outstanding contribution to Scouting when he was awarded the Silver Wolf for Services of the Most Exceptional Character in 1944.

"The years he spent as Canada's first Territorial Scout Organizer (commencing in 1915) brought him in contact with boys who today are living testimonies of how this great Christian Scouter taught them not only the skills of Scouting, but how to live 'clean in thought, word and deed'.

"As Scouters we ask that you pay tribute to this great man at your next campfire, and may his passing be a challenge to a renewal of our lives in the interest of boys in Canada". ★

# THE CHALLENGE



## FOR THE CREW SCOUTER

by Don Kearns, Crew Scouter

The Rover Scout Section of the Movement is often misunderstood. Certainly there is a great deal to be said for the improvement of standards and quality of programmes, not to mention the impact of our leadership.

Truly successful Rover Scout leaders do not boast that they have reached any state of perfection in Rovering, if indeed such a state exists. Their success can be measured to some extent by the quality of Rovering in the Crew and by observance of their activity. A good Skipper does not merely sit in some remote corner smoking a pipe, making casual observation and pious statements. I have known men who, though paralyzed or blind, were respected Rover Scout leaders and while their physical activities were somewhat restricted, their leadership ability was not limited. They knew how to lead without running the whole show; they recognized the implications of their title; they made decisions wisely, thoughtfully and promptly. Scouting is a king-sized activity programme demanding men of sincerity and keen interest.

A Rover Crew is led, not molly-coddled. Quality leadership is achieved through training and experience and the type of fellow who makes a good candidate for the job is usually best recognized by the boys themselves, with the guidance of an enlightened Group Committee. Some men are born leaders. Unfortunately, many of us are not. B.P., however, believed that leadership ability could be developed and thus he instituted a programme of training which points out the duties and responsibilities and encourages the trainees to learn by doing, to seek out for themselves the basic truths and solutions, and to gain experience based on some foundation of knowledge. Training courses are so easily come by, so inexpensive, so useful and so often ignored, yet so vital if the Scouter is to be successful as a leader. Young people do like a leader but he must be one in whom they can have confidence and who can instil confidence in them.

These boys are in training to face the realities of life. They want achievement, respect and a programme which offers accomplishment and entertainment. The Crew cannot be run like a machine—human beings are not machines or parts thereof and should not be treated as such. With this in mind, then, the Crew is quite capable of producing a good programme and it is the Skipper's

job to see that the quality of the programme is compatible with the aims of Scouting. Bulldozing and browbeating tactics are not leadership. The wise Skipper will delegate, encourage, commend, when it is advisable and restrain when necessary. He does this through his Crew Executive and he is no less a leader for doing so. The boys expect and need some direction and the seeds for this direction will find fertile ground in the elected officers of the Crew.

Doing things for the boys is an example of a poor decision on the part of some R.S.L.s. It is much better to do things *with* them or to know when to leave them alone, even when to let them make their own mistakes. It is mostly a matter of common sense, which is not necessarily easy. That is why training is so important.

To be sure, we must guide our Crews. Sometimes we must use kid gloves but this must never detract from our positions as leaders. We have accepted the responsibility of Crew leadership and are insufficient if we try to be something less than a leader. We can not counsel on matters in which we are not informed or on matters which others could do better. We should be prepared to direct and advise within the limits of our particular abilities and be willing to chase after information and help when the situation calls for attention outside our sphere of knowledge.

A Skipper should be a source and an example, not a pseudo-philosopher. He can create confidence by being informed, by using the personnel and equipment at hand and by being his own best self. Rover Scouts know when the Scouter is not acting genuinely and will respect him far more when he does his best and admits his own limitations.

It is essential that the Crew Scouter recognize and utilize the singular importance of the channels through which he can be most effective—the Crew Executive, the Rover Mate and his Assistant Rover Scout Leader.

Success in Crew Leadership is not ascertained merely by the accomplishments of the Crew Section itself but more properly by the eventual pride and accomplishment one may rightfully know from the dignity of the citizens which that Crew will some day, God willing, yield to the world.★



# CANADA'S *Colourful* DISTRICT BADGES

## Part IX



The badge of the Lynn Valley District in Ontario displays pictorially the pioneer heritage of the area. Colours of the badge are brown, yellow and red.

The Macdonald District Badge (Montreal Region, Que.) is a copy of the design of a medallion issued by Sir John A. Macdonald in 1892 but never used. The medallion is now in the possession of Prime Minister Diefenbaker. The colours are brown, black, green and red on a yellow field.

The badge of the Foothills District in Alberta, designed by a Scout, is white, green, sky blue and yellow-orange. The name is derived from the District's location in the foothills of the Rockies. Bears are common to the area, hence the paw print.



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## INTERNATIONAL HONOURS

Major-General D. C. Spry, Director of Boy Scouts World Bureau and former Chief Executive Commissioner of Boy Scouts of Canada, has been presented with the Bronze Wolf, Scouting's highest international decoration.

At the Boy Scouts World Conference in Portugal this fall, General Spry and four others were presented with the Bronze Wolf in recognition of their distinguished services for youth in the international field.

The other four recipients were: Michiharu Mishima, Chief Scout for Japan; Juan Lainé, former member of World Committee, Vice-President, Boy Scouts of Mexico; Sir Rob Lockhart, former member of World Committee, Deputy Chief Scout of United Kingdom; John M. Schiff, Chairman of World Finance Committee, former President, Boy Scouts of America.



Two Scouts of the 1st Griesbach Scout Group received their Queen's Scout badges at a ceremony held at Griesbach Barracks, Edmonton, Alta. The boys are sons of soldiers serving with the regular army at Griesbach. Their certificates were presented by the Lt.-Governor of Alberta at a later recognition ceremony. L. to R.: Capt. C. H. Van Aggelen; Sgt. W. Jowett; Bill Jowett, 15; Capt. L. A. P. Gemmill, Group Committee Chairman; Boyd Van Aggelen, 15; Sgt. W. F. Harper, Scoutmaster. *National Defence Photo*

# Scoutscope



## 11th WORLD JAMBOREE BRIEF

The Soma Hellinon Proskopon (Boy Scouts of Greece) report that preparations are going smoothly for the 11th World Jamboree which will be held in Greece in July 1963.

The site chosen for the Jamboree is the same place where the famous battle of Marathon was fought in 491 B.C. There is a two-mile long sandy beach with approximately 250 acres of pine forest bordering it and just beyond is 865 acres of level land where a camp for 20,000 can be set up. It will be an ideal location for aquatic sports.

## PICNIC WORK BEE

A massive Scout-Cub picnic and work bee held at the new Leinan, Saskatchewan campsite resulted in three concrete fire places and cooking areas, a new fence and a general clean-up. This work-pleasure combination is an idea worth noting.

## I SPY

Merchants of Paris, Ontario exhibited a fine spirit of co-operation with their Wolf Cubs and leaders. The store-keepers were asked to place in their window an article, which they would not normally sell, to test the observation of the Cubs. The test was a success and very much enjoyed by the boys.

## FATHER-SON CAMP

Forty fathers and sons attended the 3rd annual week-end father-and-son camp sponsored by the three Elmira, Ontario Cub Packs.

Activities included a ball game, a tug-of-war, a raft-building contest, a raft race, swimming and a campfire.



These Sea Scouts from the 18th Kitsilano Troop in B.C. are jubilant over a whaler race win at the Metro Vancouver Regatta, held at Stanley Park. The day long events included water and shoreside competitions. L. to R.: Glen Palmer, Derek Darling, Clayton Doves. *Vancouver Sun Photo*

““ The uniform, in every detail, was taken from a sketch of myself in the kit which I wore in South Africa, 1887 and 1896, and in Kashmir in 1897-8. —B.-P., 1914.””

We're Looking at

# “UNIFORM! WHEREFORE

For any uniformed organization, uniform is often a contentious subject—and likely always will be—and Scouting is no exception. Function, design, material, colour, quality, cost, what, where, when and how and maybe why are all subjects for differences of opinion and discussion.

However, while it may not be possible to please everyone all the time, it is important that at any period of time the dress worn by Scouts is that which is most nearly acceptable to the *contemporary adolescent generation*.

With this in mind, this article briefly reviews Scout uniform past and present, and some of the variety introduced by different countries. It gives some of B.-P.'s thoughts and poses some questions for your careful consideration. Our article in the January issue will develop some of the pro's and con's of the subject and seek suggestions from you for guidance in evaluating Uniform—function, design, material, colour, quality, cost, what, where, when and how and why.



Left: U.K. Uniform 1907-1961

Middle: Canada, 1912

Right: Canada and U.S., 1961



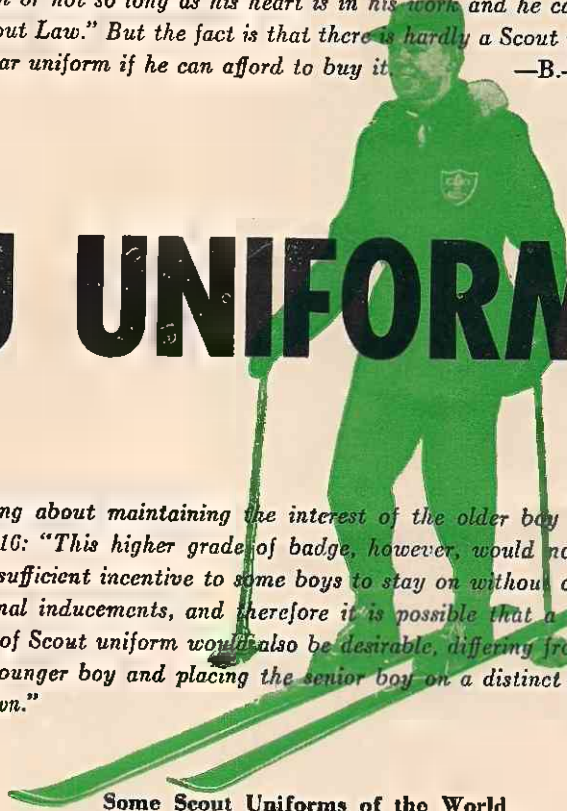


“ I have said before now: “I don't care a fig whether a Scout wears uniform or not so long as his heart is in his work and he carries out the Scout Law.” But the fact is that there is hardly a Scout who does not wear uniform if he can afford to buy it. —B.P., 1913.

# ART THOU UNIFORM?”

## PART I

“ Talking about maintaining the interest of the older boy B.P. said in 1916: “This higher grade of badge, however, would not of itself be a sufficient incentive to some boys to stay on without other more personal inducements, and therefore it is possible that a distinctive form of Scout uniform would also be desirable, differing from that of the younger boy and placing the senior boy on a distinct footing of his own.”



Some Scout Uniforms of the World

The uniform, like the programme, was designed for boys in Great Britain.

The uniform is for boys to wear.

Compare rigid uniforming with developing individuality.

What is a uniform?

Is it necessary (obligatory) to have a Scout uniform?

Why have a uniform?

- Do todays boys (i) ages 8-11
- (ii) ages 12-16
- (iii) ages 17-23

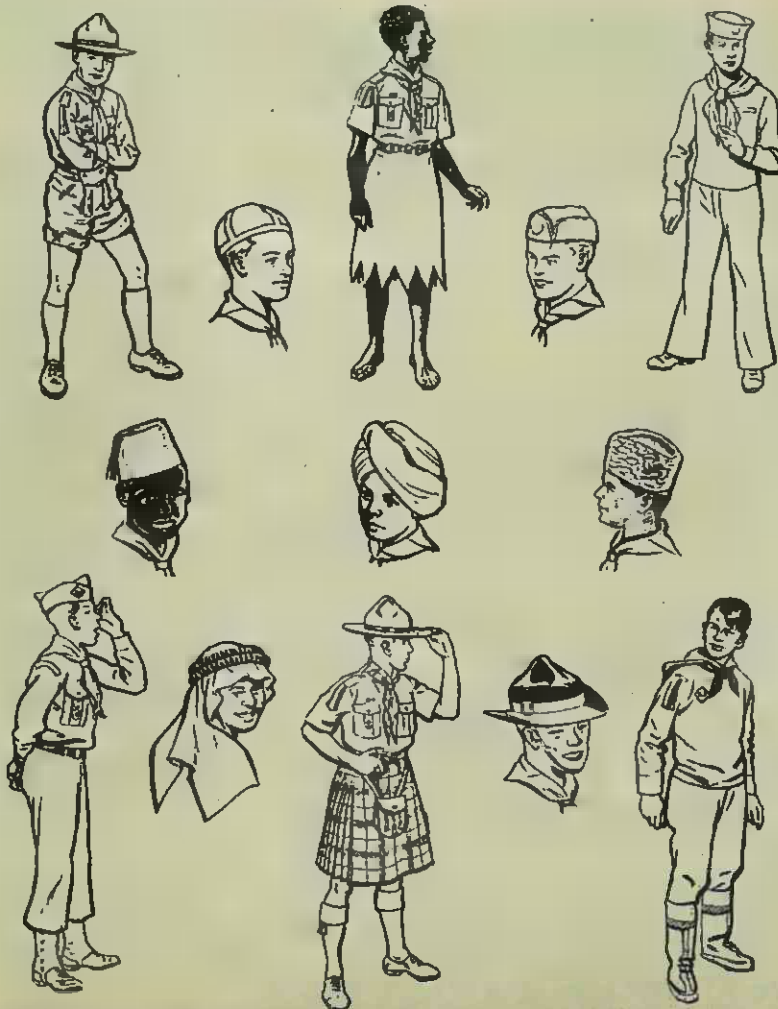
- (a) want a uniform?
- (b) need a uniform?

How much should a Cub or Scout uniform cost?

Should uniform be designed primarily:

- (a) for ceremonial purposes?
- (b) to suit major programme activities?
- (c) as indoor wear?
- (d) as outdoor wear?
- (e) for summer wear?
- (f) for winter wear?
- (g) all purpose (if there is such a thing)?

or should there be different uniforms for different occasions and seasons?

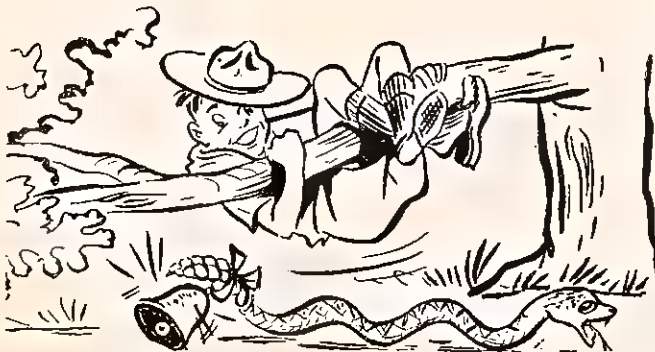


# MERRY ❄️ CHRISTMAS

FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER AND ALL THE STAFF AT YOUR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

# HAPPY ❄️ NEW ❄️ YEAR

## G A M E S



### ZIG ZAG RELAY

Patrols in Indian file, one pace interval between each boy. On "Go!" last boy in each Patrol runs around right of boy immediately ahead, left of next boy, right of next, etc. On reaching head of the Patrol he stands at a pace interval and without turning tags boy behind. Tag is passed on to rear boy, who then runs. Game is ended when P.L. is again in front.

### GETTING READY (Sense Training Game)

The Pack is formed into Competition Sixes and numbered. Each Cub has a number plus the name of an article of Cub's uniform.

Akela reads the story (see below) and when the number or name of a Cub occurs in it, the Cubs with that number or name run to a given line and back. Score one point for the winner and total the points for each Six at the end of the game.

The Cubs could be named, from 1 to 6, as follows: 1 is also cap; 2 is neckerchief; 3 is woggle; 4 is uniform; 5 is socks; 6 is handkerchief.

Use the following story, or make up your own.

"Norman finished supper and rushed to his room to change to his Cub uniform. He had only 5 minutes before he had to leave. It took 1 minute to get out of his play clothes, including socks. In 2 minutes he had washed, cleaned, brushed his teeth, and was ready to dress. He got it all done in 3 minutes, straightened his neckerchief, put on his woggle, got a fresh handkerchief, pulled up his socks and put on his cap. It took 6 minutes, so he had to run to be on time."

This game can also be adapted to fit titles such as Mowgli's Lair, Bagheera's Hunting Ground, etc.

(The Editor's thanks to A.C.M. Ethel Wallace, Ottawa, Ontario.) ★

### CATCH THE DONKEY

Each Patrol nominates a "donkey" and turns him loose in the "field". Patrols line up at end of hall, and each member is given a length of rope. A knot is named, and as soon as the lengths are tied together, the P.L. and Second run to catch, tie and drag home one of the loose donkeys of another Patrol. Lots of fun, even for grown-ups.

### WHERE IS IT?

Two of the Pack or Troop are blindfolded and each given a Scout staff. The rest of the boys form a circle, holding hands. A coffee can lid is placed in the circle. At "Go!" the "blind" Cubs tap about with their staves until one of them finds the tin. The first to find it wins. This could be played with two teams, rather than individually.



# BULLETIN

On October 28, 1961 the Executive Committee of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of Canada approved a recommendation:

1. That the Publications Committee be authorized to publish a National Boy Magazine on a controlled circulation basis within the Scout Movement and on a paid subscription basis to adult Leaders within the Movement and to the general public outside the Movement,
2. That the Executive Committee authorizes the Publications Committee through its Finance Sub-Committee to raise the sums required to cover launching costs, and
3. In order to finance the estimated cost of publication, starting in 1963, National Headquarters be authorized to raise, through Provincial Councils, a token subscription of 50c per boy member per annum.

We are sure that all members of Canadian Scouting and others who are interested in the development of good reading material for young Canadians will greet the above announcement with enthusiastic acclaim.

It is anticipated that the first issue of the new magazine will be published early in 1963. There are literally hundreds of details to be worked out and we know that readers will understand that this is the earliest possible date for the introduction of the new magazine.

Each Provincial Scout Council will, in due course, be in touch with the Groups in its various District and Regional Councils with regard to steps to be taken in circulating and financing the magazine.

In the meantime, no subscriptions from, or on behalf of, boys in the Movement should be forwarded to any Scout Office.

We extend our sincere thanks to all Scouters and Council members who gave careful consideration to the magazine proposal as set forth in the August-September and the October issues of *The Scout Leader*.

We believe that the introduction of the new boys' magazine marks an important milestone, not only in the history of Scouting, but more important, in the life of our country.

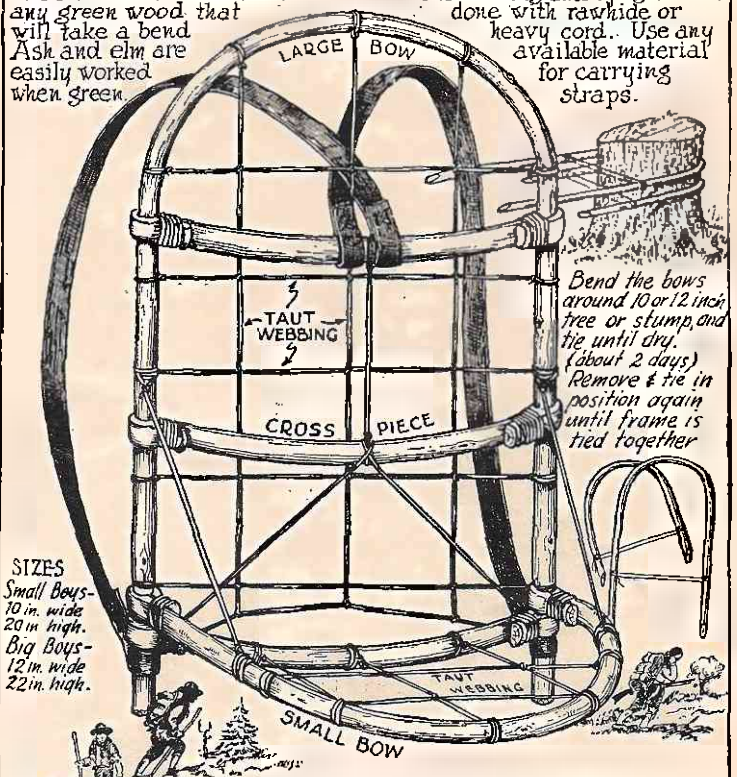
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE  
National Council  
Boy Scouts of Canada

## CHIPPEWA PACK FRAME

PLATE BY W. BEN HUNT - HALES CORNERS, WIS.

This frame can be made of any green wood that will take a bend. Ash and elm are easily worked when green.

The webbing and tying can be done with rawhide or heavy cord. Use any available material for carrying straps.

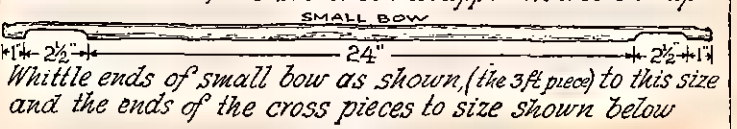


Bend the bows around 10 or 12 inch tree or stump, and tie until dry. (about 2 days) Remove & tie in position again until frame is tied together.

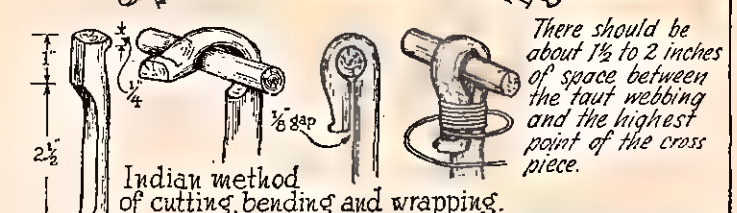
SIZES  
Small Boys-  
10 in. wide  
20 in. high.  
Big Boys-  
12 in. wide  
22 in. high.

Cut two green saplings (elm, ash or hickory) 1 inch thick at butt, before peeling, one 4½ ft. long and one 3 ft long. Also get three naturally bent 1 inch branches 20 inches long, and bent about like this

Whittle them all down to an even thickness (about ¾ inch) and flatten the concave or inner side of the cross pieces. Keep ends of small bow and the cross pieces moist. The cross pieces can be laid in water and the ends of the small bow wrapped in wet burlap



Whittle ends of small bow as shown (the 3ft piece) to this size and the ends of the cross pieces to size shown below



To make bending easier, heat may be applied to the parts to be bent. Heat turns the moisture in the wood to steam, making it more pliable. Green wood shrinks when dry and the wrappings have a tendency to become loose. So make temporary wrapping first and in a few days tie permanently.

## The Badgers Club

Since the start of my series of articles on the Canadian District Badges, in *The Scout Leader*, I have been flooded with letters asking where these badges are available. I understand too that provincial offices have had the same problem.

Those who have written will know by now that provinces are unable to supply badges or information as to their source.

For those people who are interested in collecting badges, an International "Badgers" Club has been in existence since 1956. Its membership is close to 600 and represents 20 Scouting countries.

Our aim is to assist members in starting and increasing their collection of Scout and Guide Badges, the exchange of information about such badges and their history, and to foster the international spirit of Scouting and Guiding by correspondence and occasional meetings.

We are also concerned with the fact that we occasionally become a nuisance, and try to stop this where possible. Our collections include Provincial, Regional, District and Group badges, but not Grade or Proficiency badges. We hope if possible to reduce the cutthroat swapping that was evident at Niagara and Sutton Coldfield, and though swapping will continue at Jamborees, we hope it will be on a badge for badge basis. We also discourage chain-letters.

For anyone who wishes to join the "Badgers" Club, membership is \$1.00 per year which includes a list of members, badges and a magazine issued every two months. We also have our own distinctive badge for campfire robe or jacket.

It is our hope that those who join the Club will swap within the Club and supply only those badges they can obtain locally rather than pestering provincial offices for large quantities of swapping materials.

For further information on the Club, please contact either myself or the treasurer: Mrs. R. S. Allen-Smith, 20 Eastfield Ave., Watford, Herts., England.

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The idealist and conformist will wear full uniform all the time. A lot of others will wear it for special occasions. Visit on an ordinary meeting night (especially in winter) and you will realize ours is a half-uniformed Movement. We have come to the crossroads. If we are to retain our present uniform we must insist on it being worn at all times. Can we?

Let us not lose sight of the forest for the trees. Apart from boys, without which we would have no purpose, our need, today as always, is for good leaders and good programme, through which we will grow and prosper regardless of uniform.

ART VASS,  
District Cubmaster.

Ottawa, Ont.



The hue and cry over the uniform has been going on for more than 30 years and nothing new is really being said.

The remark by one Scouter to the effect that boys can expect ridicule and must be strong enough to bear up under it intrigues me. Why must he be required to submit to insults or even good-natured teasing over the clothes he wears?

There is a strong desire on the part of boys to conform to what other boys of their own age wear and, more particularly, to imitate the dress of their elders. Guardsmen do not wear busbees into battle; RCMP red coats and stetsons are ceremonial dress. Everyone within a uniformed organization for any type wears uniform to suit the climate and occasion. Why are we different?

The present uniform is practical in a limited degree only; it is not satisfactory to the majority of older boys; it is much too expensive if we wish to draw boys from poorer families who, after all, have a greater need for Scouting than most of the boys we now have.

R. W. HAWKINS,  
Scoutmaster.

Sardinia, Italy.

On one occasion, when I was on parade with the 3rd Maple Leaf Group in Zweibrücken, Germany, the honourable Mayor of that city and many citizens praised highly the standard of our uniform.

Here in one of the remote and northern areas of our country, where our summers are not much longer than what is known to the average westerner as Indian Summer, I and my boys who have shorts wear them to every meeting, and to outings if conditions permit.

J. W. CURRY,  
Cubmaster.

Whitehorse, Yukon.

There is a plain inference in the Rev. Stanley Smith's article (*The Scout Leader*, October 1961, p. 22) that if the Scout Law and Promise are not popular they may be changed.

This is intolerable. If we throw away our principles we may as well abandon any

pretence to offer anything worthwhile to youth.

In matters of programmes and uniform we must move with the times but we must not allow our desire to have more boys in the Movement make us lose sight of our reasons for wanting them.

D. MASON,  
District Commissioner.

Victoria, B.C.

If Scouting is to continue we must move forward and take drastic steps such as Great Britain has done to stimulate, motivate and encourage enrolment, also retain membership. How can Scouting truthfully be called a movement if it doesn't progress with the times?

There must be flexibility in all plans and preparations, meaning, in the case of short pants, the option of longs when and where necessary. (Do you recall the film on B.P.'s life, where he apologized to the Scouts for not being in regular Scout kit, and said, "They've gone and dressed me up in these clothes for healthful reasons.")

Here in Europe, people believe that Canada is "the landing field of democracy" and then we are asked why we retain some old style dress and training in Scouting, especially why we retain the large, costly and cumbersome hat.

A. R. P. GOLDING,  
Scoutmaster.

Metz, France.



# BANQUET COUNT DOWN



If your Section or Group plans to have a Father and Son Banquet during Boy Scout Week or later in the year, we suggest that you make a check list similar to the one below. Add items where necessary. *Check* when initial plans are made. *Double check* when the item has been completed.

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Group Committee and Scouters meet to discuss purpose of banquet.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Set date and time of banquet.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Work out tentative timetable of plans.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Reserve place and equipment required.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Schedule publicity: notices, letters, announcement to boys.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Mail notices to parents; follow up with telephone call or personal visit.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Delegate responsibility for all tasks.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Special invitations to head of Sponsoring Institution, caretaker, camp benefactor, former Scouters, other friends.                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Consult with Ladies Auxiliary regarding menu, cost, serving, clearing and washing dishes.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Plan for action-packed programme, varied in pace, with great amount of boy participation.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Have boys make introductions, propose toasts, extend thanks, etc. Scouters and Committeemen give assistance, where needed, in planning what to say. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Arrange for song leader, piano, songs that are familiar to boys and guests.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Make physical arrangements about tables, chairs, seating, flowers, decorations, visual aids, clean-up.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Obtain supplies such as place mats, serviettes, place cards, name tags.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Arrange for appropriate newspaper publicity; provide clear details for press.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. Encourage use of clean and proper uniform.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Write letters of thanks immediately after the event.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. Have Group prepare complete financial statement on the event for future use.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Because of the articles appearing in *The Scout Leader* and changes in Scout uniform in the United Kingdom, there appears to be a general air of expectancy that changes are imminent in Canadian Scout uniform.

The Sub-Committee studying Programme and Uniform has not reached any decision and will not do so until the Scout membership has been consulted.

After this, any recommendations for change will have to receive the approval of the National Executive Committee. From the date of their approval, it will take at least 1½-2 years before changed uniforms would be available from the Stores Department.

This statement is made to eliminate any confusion which may have occurred among customers and distributors anticipating that uniform changes were imminent.

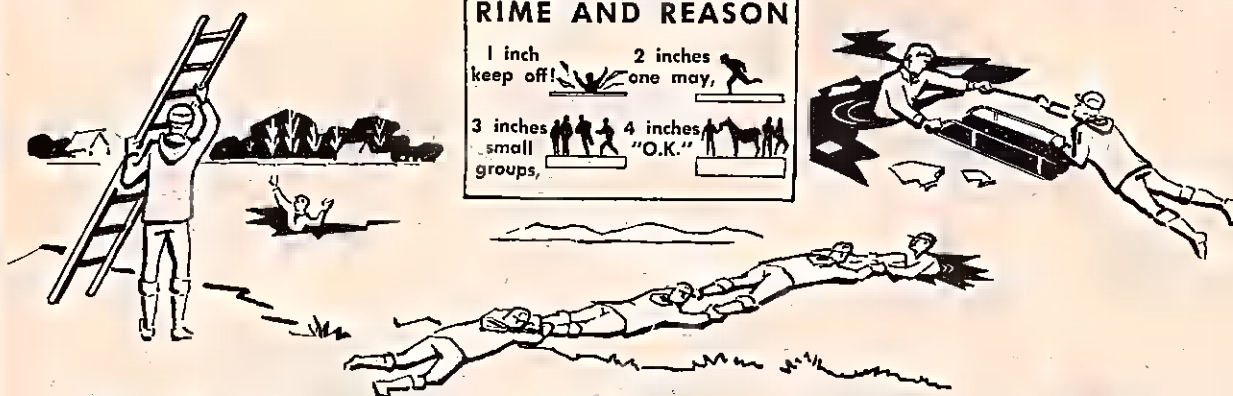


"Don't argue . . . if he says he went that way, then he went that way!"

# ICE SAFETY AND RESCUE

## RIME AND REASON

1 inch keep off!  
 2 inches one may,  
 3 inches small groups,  
 4 inches "O.K."



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



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

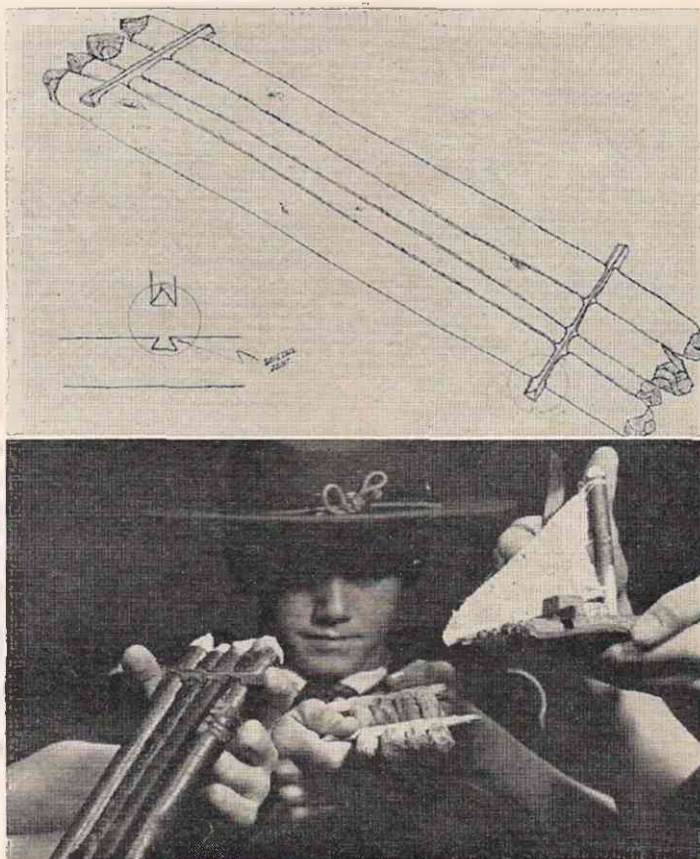
# PIONEER RAFT

## Troop Spare Time Activity

To provide a welcome change from modern gimmicks, plastic model kits, do-it-yourself oil painting, etc., here is an idea that has been tried in "Pinetree" Troop. The project, which met with tremendous response from the boys, is a pioneer raft made without the assistance of rope or nails. Wood, a sharp axe and patience are all that is required. During the long winter nights of Northern Quebec, the "Pinetree" Troop had an inter-Patrol miniature raft-making competition, designed to encourage the Scouts in knife proficiency. Competition was keen and every boy made at least one raft. First, second and third prizes were given to the boys who made the neatest job and turned out the most river-worthy craft. ★

by Stephen C. Plant  
 Scoutmaster

1st RCAF Parent "Pinetree" Troop  
 Parent, Quebec





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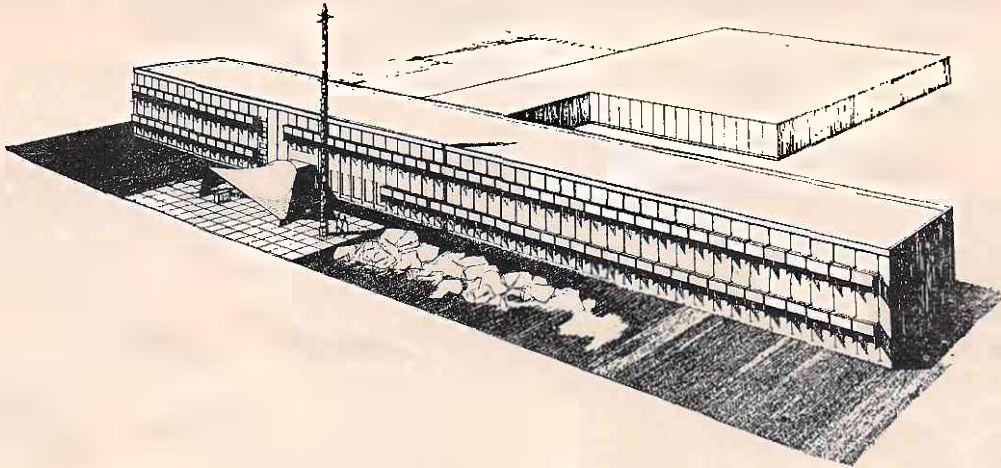
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Have you sent in your contribution yet to the National Headquarters Building Fund? Many boys and leaders throughout Canada are "doing their bit" to raise 200,000 quarters that will provide \$50,000 from *within* the Scout Movement toward the building fund objective.

If every Cub, Scout, Sea Scout, Rover Scout,

Lone Scout, Scouter, Group Committeeman, Auxiliary member and Council member will contribute at least 25 cents, we shall reach our objective.

Let's pull together, and, by our own efforts (not asking for help outside the Movement), let's raise at least 200,000 quarters and make a significant contribution towards the National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of Canada.



*Let's  
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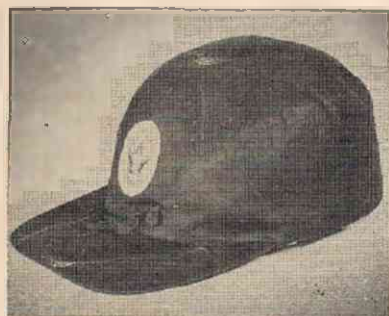
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