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PERSPECTIVE

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE VINCENT MASSEY, speaking at the Commemorative Stone Laying Ceremony at the new Canadian Headquarters, said: "... those whom we seek to serve in the world of Scouting come our way but once—as boys—and not one of these should be neglected, for who knows what they will be able to do for their community—as men."

ON B.-P. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, thousands of boys, young men and leaders will attend special church services commemorating the 104th anniversary of the birth of Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scout Movement. Jewish Scouts observe Saturday, February 25th as Scout Sabbath. When we get together with our minister, priest or rabbi to plan our participation in these services, let us keep in mind that the services are held first and foremost to the Glory of God. A secondary significance is found in giving thanks for the life of B.-P. and in a personal re-dedication to the fulfilment of our religious obligations.

"A GREAT MANY PEOPLE think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices." (William James)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: A number of Scout Troops in smaller communities across Canada were operating public skating rinks—Ridgetown, Ont. Scouts were getting \$4.00 a ton for waste paper—Scouts in Amherst, N.S. distributed T.B. Christmas Seals to householders—Winnipeg, Man. Troops assisted the Department of Public Works in connection with special motion picture shows held to provide clothing for distressed prairie families—Some of the programme activities of an Edmonton, Alta. Rover Crew included basketball, a bobsleigh party and moonlight hikes. (from *The Scout Leader*, January 1936).

OUR COVER PICTURE

The 60-foot cedar totem pole is carefully being raised into position in front of the new Canadian Headquarters building in Ottawa. Some idea of its towering height can be gained by comparing it with the workman standing at the lower left corner of the picture. Included in this issue is a story on the totem pole.

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GREETINGS

Since undertaking the responsibility of my present office, I have spent as much time as I could acquainting myself with some of the many aspects and problems of our Movement, as well as with my fellow Scouters. I hope to continue this "indoctrination" in 1961 and am already planning a trip through the Western provinces.

What I have seen and learned during the past year has only deepened my respect for Scouting and my admiration of all it stands for. I am proud to be at last actively connected with this best of all boy organizations.

Because we live in a world of changing values and a society which becomes more and more complex, I think it especially important that we, as Scouters, should now, more than ever, emphasize the simple, straightforward principles of Scouting, that is, challenge and achievement, healthy outdoor interests, courtesy and "the Good Turn", and the place of religion in the boy's day to day life. We may make adjustments to meet changing conditions but surely we must never compromise on these principles.

I look forward to more meetings with Scouters at all levels and I, with many others, am keenly anticipating our 1961 Canadian Jamboree which is to be held just outside of Ottawa.

Good luck and best New Year's Wishes to all readers of *The Scout Leader*.

Deputy Chief Scout

BOY SCOUT WEEK

A Scout Week banquet can be a lot of fun and it can be a real highlight in the life of your Group. In addition, and of equal importance, it can be a valuable training experience for the boys.

If your Group is planning to have a banquet, either for boys only or for boys and parents, you will want to make sure that everyone has a good time and that you have a good programme.

Leaders and Committeemen everywhere have found dozens of helpful suggestions in the pamphlet, "How to Plan a Father and Son Banquet". It is available from your Scout office.

There are really two menus to plan for a good banquet. The first one, of course, concerns the food. This will probably be looked after very well by the Ladies' Auxiliary or other group of ladies that your Committee has lined up for the job. The second one, no less important, concerns the various items of the programme—right from the time you start to plan such things as presentations, songs, games, brief speeches of welcome and thanks—and even the job of cleaning up after the big event!

Whatever you do, remember that your banquet is a Scout family affair. Have fun! The programme will move smoothly if it is well-planned and if *all* the participants know *beforehand* what is expected of them.

Although certain formalities and courtesies should be observed, there is no need for the atmosphere to be uncomfortably formal. Everyone should relax and enjoy the meal and the programme.

At the right there are two ideas—"Definition of a Cub" and "A Toast to the Fathers"—which you might like to include in your banquet programme. We would be pleased to hear of any new ideas you plan to use.

Make use of every opportunity for boys to be the focal point of the event. In the friendly atmosphere of a Scout banquet, a boy can gain valuable experience in being a banquet chairman, proposing a toast, or welcoming visitors. Such experience may not be available elsewhere in a boy's activities, and if it is gained in Scouting, it will stand the boy in good stead in future years. ★



Ready . . . Set . . . Go—for Boy Scout Week!

Definition of a Cub

Once a male baby has grown out of dresses and triangles and has acquired pants, freckles, and so much dirt that visiting aunts do not dare to kiss it between meals, it becomes a Cub.

A Cub is nature's answer to that false belief that there is no such thing as perpetual motion. A Cub can swim like a fish, run like a deer, climb like a squirrel, balk like a mule, bellow like a bull, eat like a pig, or act like a jackass, according to climatic conditions.

He is a piece of skin stretched over an appetite, a noise covered with smudges. He is mother's little helper, dad's boy, sister's hair puller, and Akela's necessary headache.

Cubs faithfully imitate their dads in spite of all efforts to teach them good manners. A Cub, if not washed too often, and if kept in a cool, quiet place after each accident, will survive broken bones, hornets, swimming holes, fights, nine helpings of pie and three energetic Cub leaders.

At camp, a Cub is never homesick, though he sometimes suffers from "heresickness". All day he keeps the leaders and the cook busy. For lunch, after a busy morning of games and swimming, he will settle for three helpings of beef stew, and holler: "Gee, that was good. When do we eat?"

At night he sleeps like a rock—unless, of course, there are Martians outside his tent or inside his sleeping bag.

A New Chum will joyfully announce to his parents that he will be "investigated" at the next Pack meeting; or when transferred to a new Pack, will write that his new Akela is "only a woman".

If asked to empty his pockets at inspection, he will produce: a key, 5 pennies, 3 stamps, his lost woggle, 2 love notes to the girl next door, bubble gum wrappers, 1 fire cracker without a wick, last week's good turn, and a carefully folded handkerchief (which he seldom uses).

A Cub can break a flag, break a window, or "break" his Cubmaster with equal easiness.

Every Cub invested is evidence that there are still countless wonderfully patient, enterprising men (known as Old Wolves), who keep trying to coordinate and control these young bundles of vitality.

Every boy born is a potential Cub, and, as such, concrete evidence that God is not yet discouraged of men.

PANQUETS

A Cub is a growing animal of superlative promise, to be fed, watered, and kept warm. A joy forever, a periodic nuisance, the problem of our times, the hope of the nation.★

(A. Clement, C.M., Quebec)

Toast to the Fathers

Mr. Chairman, Fathers, and Sons:
I'm flattered indeed
That I'm asked to appear
To give a toast to the Fathers
For your fellows this year.

To the Fathers who love us
For better or worse,
We'll offer our tribute
By the use of "free verse".

They feed us and clothe us
And send us to school,
They give us a home
And teach us the "rule".

They take us on trips
Many sights for to see,
Or send us to camp
To make us healthy.

They encourage our sports,
But seldom join in,
Mum says, "that's because
They're too fat or too thin".

But once in a while
They do become boys
For each year at Christmas
They play with our toys.

Now let us be honest
Without them we'd feel
Like a boat on the ocean
Without any keel.

To the Fathers about us
And to the Father above,
We tender our thanks
With this token of love:
... to our Fathers.

(Author Unknown)

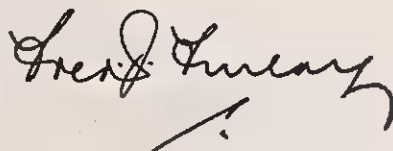
Bear in Mind

"Remember that boys are the sole reason for Scouting. Without them there would be no Scout Movement. The best Boy Scout Week programmes are those in which Cubs, Scouts and Rovers are in the spotlight. Bear this in mind, and make boys the focal point of all your Boy Scout Week displays."

This excellent advice is contained in the pamphlet "Bear in Mind", which is full of good ideas for observing Boy Scout Week. For me this quotation sums up the whole purpose of Boy Scout Week; to let the public see what boys *do* in Scouting, by letting the boys *do* it.

How important it is for us who are leaders to be constantly reminding ourselves that our programme is a programme of "Learning by Doing", not just watching or listening, but doing. Boy Scout Week provides us with a wonderful opportunity to put this principle into practice by letting the boys plan and do the activities for themselves.

Of course, we must not confine this to Boy Scout Week. How many times, for instance, are golden opportunities lost at father and son banquets when, instead of the boys planning and executing the programme, everyone sits around watching movies? I am sure most dads, and boys too, get enough watching at home with the TV set. When they go to a father and son banquet they would much rather watch live people doing things. And there is no doubt in my mind which the boys would prefer. Let us "bear it in mind".



Chief Executive Commissioner



THE LOST CORD

The Boy Scouts and Rover Scouts of the Edmonton, Alberta, Region have shown great interest in Civil Defence and the following camping experience, carried out with the co-operation of local Civil Defence authorities, indicates the effectiveness of their training.

Leaders for the event were selected from all Districts and invited by personal letter. The thoughts behind this were to provide a nucleus of experienced leaders with a view to carrying out the activity on a District basis and to ensure keen and active participation, as well as able leadership.

In October, fifty-three senior Scouts and their leaders took part in a week-end exercise called "The Lost Cord". Most of the Scouts were convinced that the Scouters had gone mad, because any enquiry, even at the hour of departure, as to where they were going, or what they were going to do, met with the laconic reply, "I don't know."

Shortly before the appointed week-end, the Scouts received notices advising them to watch the personal column in the local newspaper for details of a planning meeting. The group taking part was divided into three Troops designated by the colours, Red, Green and Gold. Each of these Troops had a separate planning meeting. At the meetings, Patrols were formed and the Scouts had an opportunity to get acquainted. They were then briefed on "Survival", particularly the making up of a Survival Kit which they were to assemble and bring with them.

At 6.30 on Friday evening the boys climbed into a large bus which had been chartered to take them to their unannounced destination.

Eventually they arrived at Camp Mehwasin on Lake Wabumun but before they were allowed to set up camp they were put through a Custom's Inspection. All pots, pans, plates, knives, forks and spoons, etc., were seized, amidst screams of protest and woe. All they had remaining were their survival kits. The surprised Scouts were then turned out into the bush to make camp. A later inspection revealed many ingenious and resourceful means of obtaining shelter. By 10.00 p.m. all were settled in real Scout fashion. A snack of crackers and cheese to go with their own hot drinks put everyone in a better mood and all—almost all, that is—settled down for a good sleep. One or two Patrols found it necessary to cut firewood at 4.00 a.m. and woke the entire camp while doing so.

At 7.30 a.m. camp was officially roused and rations for breakfast were issued, prepared on open fires and

consumed amidst cries of "How do you eat porridge with no spoons?". The typical Scout answer: "Make it thick enough!"

After breakfast, the Green Troop departed for town by boat and on arrival they toured the Calgary Power Plant. In the meantime, the Red Troop did an Observation Hike to the same objective. The Gold Troop remained in camp and, in the process of finding a Troop champion on the cross-cut saw and broad-axe, did a camp Good Turn and logged out several large trees that threatened to fall across the roadway. The Red Troop returned to camp by boat and the Green Troop hiked back to camp.

A substantial lunch took the edge off well-whetted appetites. In the afternoon, the Gold Troop made the trip to the Power Plant while the Green Troop got their logging experience by preparing a gigantic campfire. The Red Troop cleared the area around the camp's new well and erected a protective fence.

After supper and a campfire, the camp settled down for the night—until 6.00 a.m., when a Civil Defence truck came roaring into camp with the siren wide open. It was announced that there had been an airplane crash in the area and three men were known to have bailed out somewhere near the camp.

The camp was quickly formed into a proper search organization under the able direction of Bill Falkner of the Edmonton Civil Defence. The area was searched and each Troop found a casualty and had to render First Aid on the spot. The casualties were brought out under actual emergency conditions. All of this was, of course, prepared ahead of time—with parachutes hanging from trees and bodies appropriately muddled up.

When the emergency situation had been dealt with, everyone had breakfast, followed by religious observances. The Civil Defence truck was then driven on to the assembly area and instructions on rescue work accompanied by many demonstrations completed the morning programme.

After lunch, the finals of the cross-cut saw, Swede saw and axe championships were run off amidst the cheers of those present.

What about the Lost Cord? Well, after every piece of string, twine, rope, etc., was turned in; several cords of wood cut and many attempts made to play the Lost Cord on the camp horn, it turned out to be the rip cords from the parachutes and they never were found. There weren't any. ★

THE TALE OF THE TOTEM

A distinctive feature at the new Canadian Headquarters site is the magnificent totem pole shown in the picture at the right.

Chief Mungo Martin, of the British Columbia Kwakiutl tribe, created the design for this pole. Chief Martin, and his nephew, Henry Hunt, did the carving of the Headquarters pole in about six months' time, working under the supervision of the Provincial Museum of British Columbia. About \$2,000 of the cost was borne by the museum in connection with their totem pole restoration programme.

The pole, which is valued at approximately \$8,000, has six main figures: Raven, Man, Grizzly Bear, Cannibal Woman, Killer Whale and Beaver. All are typical clan crests of the Kwakiutl and neighbouring tribes, and represent clans to which Mungo Martin is closely related. Most of the crests represent the founders of the clans, who changed from an animal to human form.

The Raven on the top is such a crest. The tradition is that the Raven, Gwawina, came down to earth at a definite spot on the coast, took off his raven cloak, and became a man, Lewagila. The man, shown as the second figure on the pole, founded the Lelewagila clan of the Kwiksutinuk tribe, Gilford Island.

The Grizzly, named Kyelem "bully", changed to human form at a place in Knight Inlet, and took the name Walibui. The Wawalibui clan of the Kwakiutl of Fort Rupert are his descendants, and use him as their crest. On the pole he is shown holding a smaller grizzly, his son.

The fourth figure, Tsonoqua the Cannibal Woman, took a human husband on the upper part of the Nimpkish River, and her son (shown in her arms on the pole) was the founder of one clan of the Nimpkish tribe.

The large figure of the Killer Whale, Makinukw, with a face on its tail and holding a seal in its mouth, second from the bottom, represents a slightly different type of tradition. He was not a clan founder, but did give supernatural power over seals to two men, who have passed the crest down to their descendants.

The bottom figure is the Beaver, Tsawa, holding his son. He was created half human, half beaver (Tsokstclis), taking the name Nemokwis ("alone at the head of the inlet"). Other people from all over (nakwa) later joined him and formed the Nakwakto "people from all over" tribe which now lives at Blunden Harbour.

When it was completed, the totem pole was transported on two flat cars from British Columbia to Ottawa where it was erected on the grounds in front of the building. The base, 4½ feet in diameter and 10 feet in length, is embedded in almost 78 tons of concrete. The vivid colours and textures of the column, which rises 60 feet above the ground, provide an interesting contrast to the low, modern lines of the building.

The pole is a gift of British Columbia Scouts, assisted by several commercial and industrial firms. ★



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Cub Day at the Jamboree

Wednesday, July 13th, 1961 will be a special day for Cubs at the 3rd Canadian Jamboree. It will be their day to visit the Jamboree which is being held at Connaught Ranges just outside Ottawa.

Cubs are in training to become Scouts. A visit to the Jamboree will provide a golden opportunity for them to see their older brothers in action.

Cub Packs that are within reasonable travelling range of Ottawa should plan now to arrange for transportation to take the Cubs on a visit to the site.

Group Committees should investigate the possibilities of providing transportation by means of chartered or regular bus, car pools and rail travel. Plans should be



laid well in advance in order that all arrangements may be confirmed several weeks prior to the Jamboree.

Ottawa is a popular spot for visitors from all across Canada. Some of these are Cubs and Scouts travelling with their families on vacation. Scouters who know of such families planning to visit the nation's capital may wish to advise them of the special Cub day at the Jamboree.

While they are at the Jamboree, Cubs will be able to see Scouts from every part of Canada in their colourful campsites and taking part in activities in the programme areas.

Souvenirs will be available at the Trading Post and there will be refreshments on sale at the canteens. There will be adequate space for Cub Packs to have a picnic lunch, which they should bring with them.

If your Pack decides to visit the Jamboree and depending on your travel timetable, do not overlook the possibility of making a side trip to see one or more of the highlights of the National Capital, such as the Parliament Buildings, the Mint, or the National Museum.

When a Pack undertakes to go on a trip like this, it is essential that there be sufficient adult supervision. This means that members of the Group Committee and other parents of the boys should be invited to share in this responsibility. It is suggested that the best arrangement would provide for one adult for every two or three boys. With this type of supervision, it is not necessary for the entire group to stay together at all times, and there is less likelihood that any small boys will become lost. It will also permit the boys and adults to more fully enjoy the trip and the places they visit. ★



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We acknowledge with grateful thanks, the following contributions received from within the Association.

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If you or your Group wishes to make a contribution to the Canadian Headquarters Building Fund Campaign, you may do so simply by addressing your contribution to the Canadian Headquarters Building Fund Campaign, P.O. Box 3520, Station "C", Ottawa 3, Ontario.★



5th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SCOUTING WITH THE HANDICAPPED

Under the auspices of Ontario Headquarters, the Fifth Annual Conference of Scouting with the Handicapped took place on November 13th, 1960 at St. Catharines, Ontario. Seventy-seven Scouters and other interested people came from twelve Ontario communities and one New York community to attend the event, which was chaired by Regional Commissioner Art Leather and guided by Assistant District Commissioner (H.) Joyce Herrick of St. Catharines.

The high point of the Conference was the address by Dr. Keith Armstrong, National Executive Director, Canadian Council for Crippled Children and Adults. Dr. Armstrong began his talk by stressing the fact that *all* boys are individuals and must be treated as such. Differences in handicapped boys are not so much in their reactions to life but in their experiences in living—at home, at school and in the community. These boys do not want special concessions because of their handicaps.

There are many teachers and others who are engaged in working with handicapped people. Dr. Armstrong felt that Scouters could assist these co-workers by interpreting problems of the handicapped to the public so that a handicapped person will be understood and accepted as a fully participating member of society. Home-bound handicapped boys should be encouraged to become Lone Scouts. Other handicapped boys may become members of a regular Group or of a handicapped Group, depending on the boy and his handicap. Dr. Armstrong concluded by calling for enthusiasm and co-operation in

dealing with agencies for the handicapped, and urging that Scouters and these agencies, as well as doctors and teachers, work together to provide an opportunity for Scouting experience for every handicapped boy in Canada.

Among the special guests attending the Conference were: Clark Locke, Ontario Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Lone Scouts and Handicapped Scouts; Mrs. June Braatan of the Recreation Division of the Ontario Society for Retarded Children and also of the Canadian Society for Retarded Children; Gordon MacLaren, from the Newark, New York School for the Retarded; Reg. Terrett and Dennis Lewis of Ontario Headquarters and Pat Horan of Canadian Headquarters.

Other highlights of the Conference were discussions, demonstrations of games and crafts for the handicapped and film slides. The 120th Toronto (Sunny View School) Group showed some slides of their own "Gang Show".

Bulletin for Scouting with the Handicapped

Ontario Headquarters is now providing a bulletin to assist Scouters who are working with handicapped boys. Primarily, this will be an exchange bulletin.

Next Conference

The Scout Group at the Brantford School for the Blind have offered to sponsor the next Conference, which is to take place in November 1961. ★

SCOUTER'S BOOKS—II**ROAD TO SNOWBURBIA**

This is the second of a series devoted to outlining the valuable contents of a number of idea-packed Canadian Scouting books. Each month one book will be discussed. In the succeeding issue of *The Scout Leader*, a quiz, designed to help you test your knowledge of this book, will be published. We suggest that this material could be used as a discussion topic at your Scouters' Club.



There is a rich treasure of real Scouting available to every Scout and Scouter who ventures forth to enjoy the delights of outdoor living in the winter.

Those who have carried out a vigorous programme of winter Scouting have discovered that preparedness is the watchword for success. Even more important than it is in relation to "fair weather" Scouting, a knowledge of special skills, equipment and Scouting practices is essential when winter activities are being carried out.

There is more information available today than ever before on preparedness training for winter Scouting. A concise collection of authentic and up-to-date information is contained in the *Winter Scouting Handbook* which every Troop and Crew Scouter should possess.

This 95-page manual gives detailed guidance on everything from the qualifications that Scouts should attain for winter Scouting, to the steps in constructing an Eskimo Igloo.

The book contains eight clearly laid out chapters. It concludes with a section listing the requirements for the Winter Scouting and Winter Sportsman proficiency badges.

Because proper clothing and equipment are so important in this activity, twenty pages near the beginning of the book are filled with well-illustrated sections on what to wear, bedding, how to travel on skis and snowshoes, personal, Patrol and emergency kit, and methods of carrying equipment.

Life at a winter campsite is very different to that at the same site in the summertime. The facilities that a Patrol maintains for the welfare and comfort of its members are doubly important not only if the Scouts are to survive what may be a rigorous adventure, but also if they are to enjoy their experiences and receive the full benefit of training activities that can be carried on while they are on the trail and in camp.

Pitching tents and building shelters on frozen ground requires special care and ingenuity. The *Winter Scouting Handbook* deals with many ways in which this skill can

be acquired. Experience has shown that tents and other temporary shelters can be extremely comfortable if they are erected properly.

Other camping skills which assume new aspects when practised in the winter include fire building and cooking. A type of cooking fire and a menu that would be quite adequate for a "fair weather" camp may not be at all practical in the winter. The handbook lists high energy foods, suggests proper menus and describes the best methods of preparing meals.

There is also a brief but important section in the book dealing with sanitation and hygiene principles to be observed on Winter Scouting trips.

Several pages of the book are devoted to Scouting competitions, making plaster casts of bird and animal tracks in the snow, and information on winter wildlife.

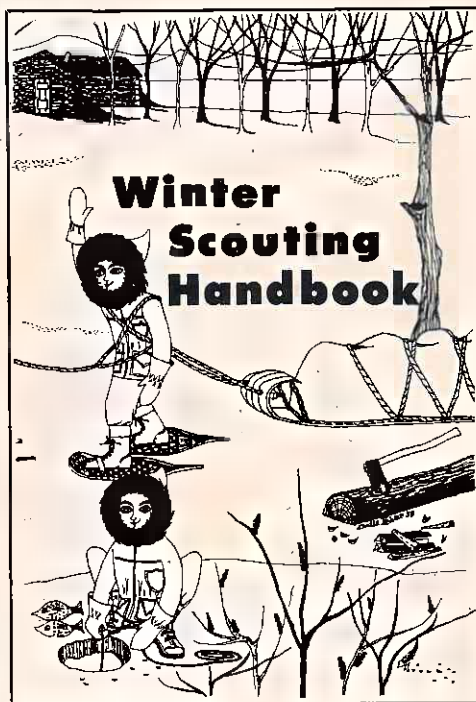
A chapter on Winter First Aid tells how to guard against the ill effects of frostbite, chilling, freezing, blisters, snowblindness and carbon monoxide fumes. The last mentioned hazard occurs when shelters and snow houses are not sufficiently ventilated.

Make sure that your Troop or Crew has its share of winter Scouting adventures. Make sure that all those taking part have ample opportunity *beforehand* to become familiar with the requirements and special skills that they will need to know about.

Every Scout and Scouter will find that the *Winter Scouting Handbook* is a most useful aid in preparing for these adventures. The book is available from your local Stores Department Distributor at 50 cents per copy.

Your Group can join the ever increasing number of Canadian Scouts and Rovers who are becoming more proficient in the arts of hiking and camping during the winter months.

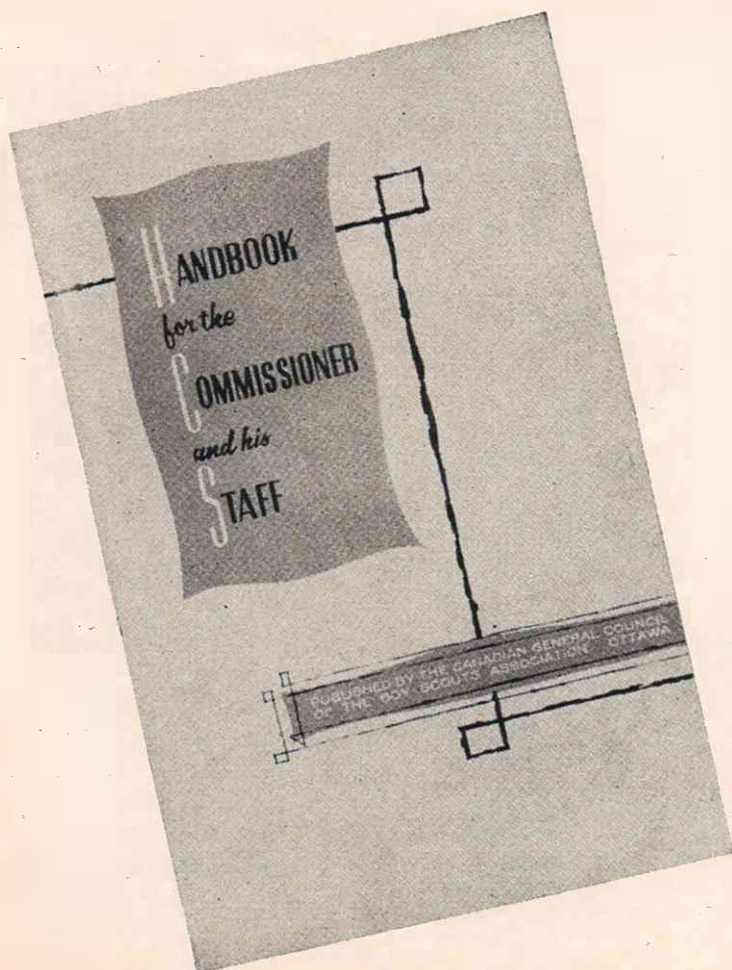
If you have a good winter Scouting story for publication, send it along to the Editors of *The Scout Leader*. In the meantime, we will have a quiz in the next issue of this magazine to test your knowledge of the *Winter Scouting Handbook*. ★



What's Your Camping Guide I.Q.?

This first questionnaire is designed to help you test your knowledge of *The Scouter's Camping Guide* which was discussed in the December issue of *The Scout Leader*. You will also find it useful as a guide to your reading of this book; for this reason, no answers are included in *The Scout Leader*.

1. What preliminary training is essential—for Scouts and Scouters—to ensure successful camping experiences?
2. What a) physical, b) financial and c) programme arrangements must be made before camp? How far in advance of camp?
3. What facilities must be set up immediately upon arrival at camp?
4. What are the regulations of the Association with regard to Religious Observances at Camp?
5. What duties should your a) Patrol Leaders, b) Group Committee and c) other assistants be responsible for?
6. What are the ten essential points to remember about breaking camp?
7. What records should be kept and how should these records be utilized in planning next year's camp?
8. What qualifications should be considered essential for Scouts participating in Winter Camps?
9. What should an emergency kit contain?
10. Who plans the programme and the menu?



THE HANDBOOK FOR THE COMMISSIONER AND HIS STAFF (Revised Edition)

is an indispensable book for Commissioners and their Assistants and for District Scoutmasters, Cubmasters and Rover Scout Leaders.

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CANADA'S COLOURFUL DISTRICT BADGES

Periodically we have published illustrations and stories of District emblems or badges that are worn in various parts of Canada. This month, we begin a new series based on information gathered by Provincial Field Commissioner Denny May of Camrose, Alberta.

Canadian *Scouts* are proud of their heritage. This is evident in the design of the badges which they have adopted as their own District emblems.

The distinctive uniform identifies a Cub, Scout or Rover as a member of the Scout Brotherhood. The Group shoulder badge and neckerchief indicate the institution or group of citizens who sponsor the Group.

The District badge is symbolic of the kinship that exists between *Scouts* and the larger community of citizens and institutions in the midst of which the *Scouts* are living and growing.

This kinship is symbolized on District badges in many interesting ways. Badge designs include devices relating to the geological structure of the land, historical events in the development of the territory, and industrial and commercial enterprises on which so much of the life of the district depends.

A great number of District badges pay tribute to the Indians, generations of whom have provided rich and colourful traditions in the folk lore of Canada.

In creating designs for their badges, several Districts start with a contest open to all boys and leaders in the District. At this stage, the important thing to be found is the idea—symbols and what they mean.

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION



A QUARTER MILLION YOUNG CANADIANS

When a "winning idea" is chosen, it can be passed to an artist who will produce an accurate design.

Here are some suggested "rules" for badge designing based on experiences of many Districts.

Keep the general appearance simple. Don't crowd too many symbols into a small area.

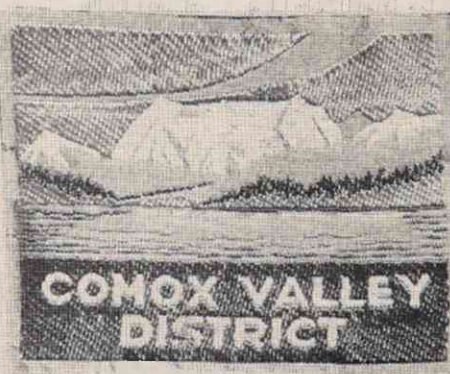
Experiment with various colour combinations, keeping in mind that there are definite limitations as to the number of colours that some machines can handle in weaving a badge. Consult a manufacturing firm.

Be sure to conform to the policy on District badges as laid down by your senior Scout Councils.

In the pages of *The Scout Leader* we look forward to telling the story of your District badge to all Scouters across Canada and overseas who, in their area, serve with you in training the Cubs, Scouts and Rovers of Canada. ★



The Burlington (Ontario) District badge shows the head of Joseph Brant, Chief of the Mohawk Indian tribe which was closely associated with the early history of the area. The badge is bright red with white lettering. The Indian appears in brown, black, yellow, red and white.



The badge of this B.C. District depicts the Comox Glacier, a central landmark visible from all parts of the District. The foreground represents the waters of the Straits of Georgia. The background is blue grey with a light blue sky; mountains are white and grey above grey water. The name appears in white lettering on a dark blue background.



Miramichi (New Brunswick) District's badge is green with two fish outlined in red, symbolic of the local fishing industry. The tree, also in red, represents the district's great lumber industry. The name appears in red below the yellow Scout fleur-de-lis.



THE PHOENIX

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The purpose of **The Phoenix** is to acquaint Scouters and others with developments in Scouting with handicapped boys across Canada. Comments, suggestions, games, news items and programme ideas will be welcomed. Please address all contributions to the Training Dept., The Boy Scouts Association, P.O. Box 3520, Station "C", Ottawa 3, Ont.

The Phoenix replaces the U.K. publication entitled **The Window**. Individuals who wish to continue receiving **The Window** may do so by writing directly to Imperial Headquarters, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London S.W.1, England.

We would suggest that you pass your copy of **The Phoenix** on to someone else who might be interested in this phase of Scouting.



From a United Nations Bulletin

1. The handicapped person is an individual with full human rights, which he shares in common with the able-bodied.
2. By the very nature of his physical handicap he is exposed to the danger of emotional and psychological disturbance, resulting from a deep sense of deprivation and frustration.
3. He is capable of developing his residual resources to an unexpected degree, if given opportunities of so doing.
4. The chief longing of the physically handicapped person is to achieve independence within a normal community.
5. The rehabilitation of the physically handicapped can only be successfully accomplished by a combination of medical, educational, social and vocational services, working together as a team.



Clark Locke, A.P.C. (H.), Ontario

Congratulations to Ontario on their appointment of Clark Locke as an Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Lone Scouting and Scouting with the Handicapped. Experience in England has shown that Scouting with the handicapped develops most rapidly and most consistently when there is a person in charge on the local and national levels.

Ontario is also producing a bulletin on the work. This will help Scouters in that province to share ideas with other Scouters who are working with handicapped youngsters.

Our Aim

The aim of Scouting with the handicapped is to help more boys to help themselves. As Scouting stresses abilities rather than disabilities, the approach is to get each boy to work to improve that which he has rather than dwell on that which he lacks.



The Role of Canadian Headquarters

Assisting in this work is the Canadian Headquarters of The Boy Scouts Association which:

1. Acts as a clearing house for programme ideas, suggestions, bulletins, correspondence and queries on this phase of Scouting. It also provides booklets, pamphlets and reprint articles on the work.
2. Provides panel boards which illustrate, by means of photographs, something of the work being done with these boys. The panel boards are available for loan to conferences, workshops, Scouters' Clubs and other such gatherings.
3. Maintains contact with national organizations that are working with handicapped children.
4. Has a national advisory committee to advise on each aspect of Scouting with the handicapped.



How Scouting with the Handicapped is Developed

Scouting with the handicapped is carried out in the following ways:

1. By encouraging local Scout Groups to accept as members, those handicapped boys who are able to take a full, or almost full, part in the regular activities.
2. By encouraging local Scout Groups to accept as out-post members, those handicapped boys who are confined to their homes or hospital beds and thus are unable to fully participate in the activities of the Group.
3. By encouraging hospitals, orphanages, sanatoriums, convalescent homes, training schools and other institutions to form their own Scout Group when, for one reason or another, the boys in their care cannot join the local Scout Group.

Michael Elliott at the 8th World Congress

A physically handicapped Ottawa Boy Scout, Michael Elliott, 15, represented the Scouts of Canada at the Eighth World Congress of the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples, in New York City from August 28th to September 2nd, 1960.

Handicapped Boy Scouts served as messengers and carried national flags of some 35 participating organizations at the opening ceremony.

Michael has done exceedingly well in Scouting. He is a Patrol Leader in the 38th Ottawa All Saints (Westboro) Troop, a First Class Scout and well on his way to becoming a Queen's Scout. A stamp collector and keenly interested in sports, he participates in many athletic activities, is an excellent swimmer and has earned his Scout Rescuer proficiency badge. His Scoutmaster is William S. Button.

The International Society for the Welfare of Cripples is a world federation of voluntary organizations conducting programmes for the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped. Mr. Hall H. Popham of Ottawa, a past president of the Canadian Council for Crippled Children and Adults was elected President of the International Society.

**The Canadian Council for Crippled Children and Adults**

The Canadian Council for Crippled Children and Adults is a federation of provincial organizations interested in the medical, social, economic, educational and vocational problems of disabled persons. Its aim is to develop, in co-operation with other governmental and non-governmental bodies, adequate rehabilitation services in Canada. In the past, Scouting has assisted in this rehabilitative work and will continue to do so in the future. Periodic conferences on Scouting with the handicapped have been of great value.

The Executive Director of the Council is Dr. Keith S. Armstrong, 31 Alexander St., Suite 115, Toronto 5, Ontario. The provincial associations, with their Executive Directors, are:

The British Columbia Society for Crippled Children
445 West Broadway
Vancouver 10, B.C.

Executive Director: Mr. J. G. King

Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia
895 West 10th Avenue
Vancouver 9, B.C.
Executive Secretary: Mrs. G. A. Lamont

Alberta Council for Crippled Children and Adults
10002-102 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
Executive Director: (appointment pending)

Saskatchewan Council for Crippled Children and Adults
1410 Kilburn Avenue
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Executive Director: Mr. C. A. Westcott

The Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Manitoba
442 William Avenue
Winnipeg 2, Manitoba
Executive Director: Mr. S. C. Sparling

Ontario Society for Crippled Children
92 College Street
Toronto 2, Ontario
Executive Director: Mr. R. W. Hopper

Society for Crippled Civilians
91 Jarvis Street
Toronto, Ontario
Executive Director: Mr. G. B. Smith

Province of Quebec Society for Crippled Children Inc.
1980 Dorchester Street West
Montreal 25, Quebec
Executive Director: Miss M. A. Daigle

The Cerebral Palsy Association of Quebec Inc.
3015 Sherbrooke Street West
Suite 216
Montreal 25, Quebec
Executive Secretary: Mrs. W. H. Sparrow

New Brunswick Society for Crippled Children Ltd.
P.O. Box 127
Moncton, N. B.
(No Executive Director)

Nova Scotia Society for Care of Crippled Children
154 Quinpool Road
P.O. Box 331
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Executive Director: Mr. J. M. Kinnoid

Rotary Club of Charlottetown
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
(No Executive Director)

Newfoundland Society for the Care of Crippled Children
and Adults
P.O. Box 1403
St. John's, Newfoundland
Executive Secretary: Mr. H. W. Hall



Canadian Association for Retarded Children

The Canadian Association for Retarded Children is a non-profit federation of provincial associations organized to help mentally handicapped children regardless of race, colour, creed or age.

The provincial associations are, in turn, made up of 170 local associations scattered across the country. Each local association carries out the aim of the national association, which is to help mentally handicapped children in their home care, education and recreation. Scouting has a place to play in the educational and recreational aspects of the programme. Local associations at Windsor, Ontario and Regina, Saskatchewan are already using Scouting with the boys in their care.

We have listed the address of each provincial association so that you may, if you wish, contact them or welcome them if they express an interest in using Scouting in their work.

Association for Retarded Children of British Columbia
198 W. Hastings Street
Vancouver 3, B.C.

Alberta Association for Retarded Children
377 - 10th Street S.W.
Edmonton, Alta.

Saskatchewan Association for Retarded Children
2521 Broadway Avenue
Saskatoon, Sask.

Association for Retarded Children in Manitoba
513 Manchester Blvd.
Winnipeg, Man.

Ontario Association for Retarded Children
137 Wellington St. W.
Toronto 1, Ontario

Quebec Provincial Association for Retarded Children
839 Sherbrooke St. E.
Montreal 24, Quebec

New Brunswick Association for Retarded Children
Duck Cove, Lancaster, New Brunswick

Nova Scotia Association for Retarded Children
30 Jennings St.
Halifax, N.S.

Prince Edward-Island Association for Retarded Children
8 Ambrose St.
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Newfoundland Association for the Help of Retarded Children
4 Patrick St.
St. John's, Newfoundland

Some Books

Games for the Handicapped

This Imperial Headquarters publication contains 124 games, classified to show those suitable for Cubs and Scouts with various handicaps. Copies of this excellent book are available for 50c each from your local Scout Distributor.

The Bulletin

This is the official magazine of the Canadian Association for Retarded Children. Copies may be obtained from the Editor, P.O. Box 275, Place D'Armes, Montreal 1, P.Q. The magazine is published quarterly and the next issue will have an article on "Scouting is for all Boys".

Fleur de Lys

The Royal National Institute for the Blind (224 Great Portland Street, London W 1, England) publish this small but worthwhile monthly braille Scout magazine. Any blind Scouter may receive copies free of charge, on written request to the institute.

Working with the Handicapped

This a well written, highly recommended book, published by the Girl Scouts of America, 155 East 44th St., New York 17, N.Y. (cat. #19-171; 75c).

It is a co-operative effort of the Girl Scouts and of authorities working with the handicapped. It tells what needs to be done and why; it also tells when, where, how and by whom.

Scouting with the Handicapped

This booklet, published by the Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association, tells something of the value, the aim, the methods, the plan, the Scouter, the programme and the challenge of working with handicapped Cubs and Scouts.

Copies are available from your District, Provincial or Canadian Headquarters.



Film: "These, Our Brothers"

This is a 30-minute, 16mm., black-and-white sound film about Scouting with the Handicapped, which was produced in England. It explains the work of this phase of Scouting and shows handicapped Scouts participating in regular Scout activities.

It is available for rent at \$3.00 from the Canadian Film Institute, 1762 Carling Ave., Ottawa 4, Ont. Book well in advance as it is a popular film.

**A Good Turn**

Captain Barry German, Honorary Secretary of the Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association, had the pleasure of receiving a cheque for \$350.00 towards the new Canadian Headquarters Building Fund from the Cubs and Scouts of the Smiths Falls Hospital Group. The cheque was the result of chores done by the Cubs and Scouts at the school, e.g., washing cars, running errands, etc.

**Some Crafts****Old Christmas Cards**

The 30th Coventry Hospital Group in England make good use of old Christmas cards to supplement their income.

In 1959 they added to their funds by making and selling 'Christmas Gift Tags' in lots of twelve. These were made from old Christmas cards, using pinking shears, a hole punch and short lengths of brightly coloured cotton or ribbon. (The Window)

Coal Flowers

The following recipe has been used with considerable success by the 21st Oxford (Church Hospital) Pack in England. Because of the ammonia content, do not use this with boys who suffer from chest troubles.

Ingredients

- 1 Tb. Prussian Blue in powder form (paint shop or druggist)
- 3 Tb. household ammonia
- 2 Tb. coarse salt
- 1 Tb. coloured ink (preferably a dark colour)
- 3 Tb. lukewarm water
- A number of small pieces of coal (about 1" x 1½")
- A lipped bowl

Directions

1. Place the pieces of coal in a pyramid shape within the bowl.
2. Thoroughly mix ammonia, salt, Prussian Blue, ink and water.
3. Pour mixture over pyramid of coal very gently.
4. Leave in a warm place for growth.
5. When growth appears (like small hairs) feed a teaspoon of salt mixed with a little warm water down the side of the bowl.

If by any chance a bowl is knocked over, the flower will very quickly grow back again in a few hours if kept in a warm place.

(The Window)

**Some Games**

Leaders are constantly asking, "Where can I find games for my boys?". Games in the regular Cub and Scout publications can very often be adapted to the needs of your boys. Emphasize the use of sense-training games rather than steam-off, muscle-using games. Whenever possible, try to have the boys improve their personal scores rather than try to beat a competitor. Team

competitions are suitable. Develop your own notebook or file of games that have been successful. Here are some favourites with Cubs and Scouts.

Where Did He Go?

All the boys hide their eyes, and one ambulant Cub or Scout walks to different parts of the ward. One of the listeners must give a detailed description of his route and actions.

Knotting Race

Each Cub or Scout is issued two ropes of different sizes. Individual competition to finish a knot first.

Telegrams

Each team is given a telegram showing a list of first aid items which the sender requires for a supposed illness or accident. From this list the team must deduce what kind of accident has happened.

Detective

Use when Kim's game becomes too easy. Lay out a selection of articles on the bed so that all boys may see them. One boy — the detective — turns his back and one item is removed from the collection. Detective now inspects the collection and tries to name the missing item. Time each Cub or Scout by seconds; low score wins.

Compass

Paper pie plates with the eight Cub or sixteen Scout directions of the compass are prepared, using vertical lines only. North is indicated with an arrow. Cubs or Scouts are to set the plates on their beds with North correctly located. When a direction is called out, the boys point out the correct place on the plate. Variation: Rotate plate to show correct direction.

Our Island Story

Each Patrol is given a large piece of white cardboard, on which is drawn the outline of an imaginary island, showing north point. The maps are all identical. A week or two is allowed to fill in details: scale, name of island, natural features, villages, etc., and to write a story based on the completed map. This story is read by the Patrol Leader at the Troop meeting and points are awarded for the best map and tale. Each member of the Patrol must have some share in the making of the map and/or the story.

**Some Programme Items**

1. Along with that aquarium in the ward, why not have another tank containing specimens of local pond life — sticklebacks, snails, water boatmen, pond weeds, etc. — not forgetting some of the pond water. Collecting these items would be a worthwhile Saturday afternoon project for some local Pack or Troop. Observation of the common minnow can be just as interesting as tropical fish.

2. After you have taught your Scouts to read a map, let them work out a 15-mile 'hike' between two place names. Tell them steep hills must be avoided as wheel chair cases are going. Ask them to describe the countryside along the route they choose.

3. From illustrated magazines, old guide books, post cards, etc., collect pictures and sketches of churches, schools, post offices, telephone booths, hills, rocks, rivers, etc. and ask the boys to place them appropriately on a given section of the map. This can really put life into map reading — and your instruction too.

(The Window)



Announcing the First National Boy Scout Sailing Regatta

An exciting new adventure for all Scouts across Canada is in the offing with the first national sailing regatta being planned for next July on beautiful Lake of Two Mountains near Montreal, Quebec.

Sponsored by the Sea Scout Ship *Venture* Committee of the Montreal Regional Council, the regatta has officially been named The First National Boy Scout Regatta and will be held July 16, 17 and 18 at The Boy Scouts Association's Camp Anderson at Choisy, Quebec. The regatta has been authorized by the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council.

It follows on the heels of the Third Canadian Jamboree being held at Ottawa from July 6 to 15. Choisy is 100 miles from the Ottawa Jamboree site and close to a CPR station.

The regatta will be open to registered members of any Scout or Sea Scout Troop. Entries in pairs are encouraged so that Scouts from one Troop or District may live and sail together in two-man teams.

Firefly and Ackroyd dinghies will be supplied from the SSS *Venture* fleet. Racing rules will be in accordance with those approved by the Canadian Yachting Association, with due regard to Water Safety Rules of The Boy Scouts Association. Rescue craft and a well-equipped committee boat will be on hand with Rover Sea Scout sloops being used instead of marker buoys to increase the safety factor.

A single trophy for the championship crew is planned, to be retained at Canadian Headquarters between competitions, with a replica being presented to the winning crew.

Attendance at the Canadian Jamboree is not mandatory. Teams will be invited from across Canada. Tentage and other facilities will be provided.

Since there will be a very active programme and a strict time schedule of events, it will be more convenient to use the available dining hall facilities than to plan on team or Patrol cooking.

Estimated cost per individual is \$15 including transportation from Ottawa and return (assuming most persons would have transportation tickets from distant points to Ottawa), meals, tours and miscellaneous expenses.

Troops should begin now to brush up on sailing theory and racing rules. Boy Scout Troops may be able to make arrangements with local Sea Scout Troops or the Junior Squadrons of nearby yacht clubs for use of craft in which to practise.

Further details will be published in *The Scout Leader* and distributed from various Provincial headquarters. Application forms will be available from your Provincial headquarters in mid-January. ★



COME TO TRINIDAD for the CARIBBEAN JAMBOREE!

The 2nd Caribbean Jamboree will take place at Valsayn Park near Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, from April 4 to 14, 1961.

A cordial invitation to attend the Jamboree has been extended to Canadian Scouts by the Scouts of Trinidad and Tobago, who are hosts.

This promises to be a thrill-of-a-lifetime for those who are fortunate enough to attend. Canadians who went to the 1st Caribbean Jamboree in Jamaica in 1951 will long remember the wonderful hospitality of the people of the Caribbean and the high standard of their Scouting.

Scouts and Scouters who wish to make application to represent Canada at the 2nd Caribbean Jamboree should take immediate action and obtain full information through their District Commissioner. Scouts must be of First Class standing and, of course, all applications must have the approval of Provincial Headquarters. The camp fee is \$17.50 (U.S. funds). All transportation costs will be borne by those attending.

Formation of a formal contingent will depend on the number of applications received. An announcement in this connection will be made at the end of February.

Think about this opportunity now; let your Group Committee and Scouts know about it. Let's do our best to have Canada well-represented at the 2nd Caribbean Jamboree!



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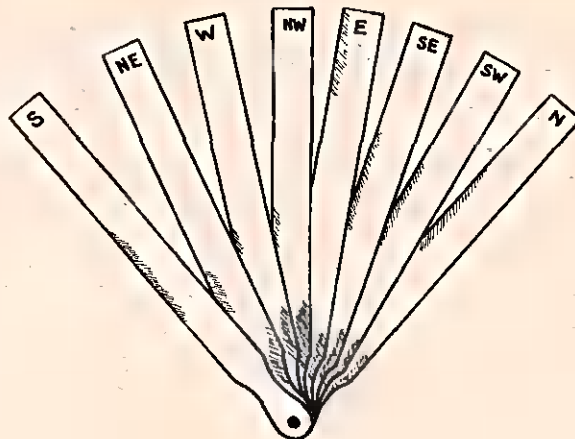
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GAMES



COMPASS POINT AID RELAY

Equipment: One Compass Point Aid for each Six.

Pack in relay formation.

Each Six is given a compass point aid. Akela has a compass in his hand and calls out a 2nd Star Cub to *come to centre of room* and read the compass, pointing his right arm in the direction of North.

At the word "Go", the first Cub in each Six runs to the other end of the room, places the eight compass points in the right directions, stands at attention while the A.C.M. checks them. If correct, the A.C.M. picks up the aid, places all points together, mixing them up, hands the Cub the aid and receives a "Thank you, Baloo". Cub then runs back, gives the aid to the next Cub and takes up position at back of line.

If Cub does not place directions correctly, the A.C.M. shows the Cub the proper directions. This is a game best played for instructional purposes rather than for a winning Six. (R. W. Griffin, D.C., Agincourt, Ont.)

CHINESE RELAY

The players reach back between their legs with their right hands and grasp the left hands of the player next behind. The entire column assumes this position. At signal to start, the column shuffle-runs to the goal line, rounds a stake or obstacle placed there, and returns to starting line. The team first over wins, provided the column has not been broken.

CAPPING VERSES

All the players are equipped with pencils and paper. Each Patrol works as a team. The first player on each team writes one line of an original poem, and passes the paper to his neighbour on the right, who adds another line rhyming with the first line and corresponding as nearly as possible in meter. He then folds the paper so that only his line shows, and passes it on to his right-hand neighbour, who adds a line, and so on until each boy has written a line of the verse. Troop then forms circle and Patrol Leaders (or any chosen member of a Patrol) reads out the verses. This need not be a competition. ★

BOOK REVIEWS

The Princess of Tombozo

Published by Oxford University Press, Toronto, Ont.
Price \$2.50

This is a fairy tale told in pictures by Frank Newfeld, based on a Canadian folk story collected by Marius Barbeau. It would be a fascinating yarn to tell Cubs, or the book would make an excellent gift item for those of eight years and under.

The Queen's Cowboy

By Kerry Wood

Published by The Macmillan Co. of Canada Ltd.,
Toronto, Ont. Price \$2.50

This is the latest book in the series GREAT STORIES OF CANADA. It is the thrilling *adventure* and story of the man still referred to in the R.C.M.P. as the greatest Mountie of them all—Commissioner James McLeod. There are so many wonderful things that this outstanding policeman did in the early days of Canadian history, that it would be difficult to select any one for mention in such a brief review. Suffice it to say that this is a wonderfully exciting adventure story for boys of Cub and Scout age and at the same time it will help them to gain a better understanding of the history of their own country.

This is highly recommended reading and a welcome addition to the GREAT STORIES OF CANADA series.

Battle for the Rock

By Joseph Schull

Published by The Macmillan Co. of Canada Ltd.,
Toronto, Ont. Price \$2.50

This is another addition to the GREAT STORIES OF CANADA series and like so many of the others, is written by a very famous and well known Canadian author. While it is true to say that most young people in our schools will have heard the story of the Battle of Wolfe and Montcalm on the Plains of Abraham, this is a fresh and excitingly new approach to one of the greatest battles in the history of this country. While the book is certainly based on up-to-date historical fact concerning the battle for Quebec, Joseph Schull has taken a few liberties resulting in making this an exciting and interesting adventure story.

This book is highly recommended for all young readers and would make an excellent gift item and addition to any Troop library.

The World of Night

By Lyus Jay and Margery Jay Millin

The Desert Year

By Joseph Wood Krutch

On the Various Forces of Nature

By Michael Faraday

All Published by The Macmillan Co. of Canada Ltd.,
Toronto, Ont. Price \$1.59 each

These three books are the first of a series entitled VIKING EXPLORER BOOKS. For the leader who has been asking, "How can I put across Nature Lore in our Section?", this is part of the answer. These three books, each covering a phase of natural science in an interesting and easy-to-read manner, provide materials for the leaders who will take time to read them. The Scouter who reads these books will be in a much better position to encourage his boys to look about them to discover the wonders of nature and natural science. THE WORLD OF NIGHT, in particular, provides wonderful material for night hikes or for campfire yarns.

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Woodsmoke

This is a book you won't want to be without!

It contains thirty delightful tales—about Scouting and about the bravery of men in whom the Scouting spirit lived.

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Scoutmasters will find this book ideal for Scoutmaster's Five Minutes or to tie in with their programmes at any time of the year and especially at campfires.

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Scouters, Committeemen and Chaplains will find the stories in Woodsmoke at Twilight useful in planning Scout Week messages.



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THE CASE OF THE U.T. SECONDS

By Scouter Don

"Gad, Holmes, this is the most baffling mystery. One year a perfectly healthy Scout Troop, and the next—disaster. Surely this is beyond even your powers!"

"Not at all, my dear Watson. This is merely a replica of the famous Case of the 1st Flotsam. You read about that one in the papers, of course."

"I did read parts of it, although I don't believe I ever learned how you arrived at the solution."

Holmes tapped his forehead, "Sheer intellectual power, Watson, sheer intellect."

It was too late to stop him. He puffed on his pipe reflectively for a few moments.

"Not even you, Watson, could have failed to deduce that Fumer was in an agitated frame of mind. Here were all his plans shot, his dreams gone up in smoke!"

"I must admit, I don't see how you saved the situation."

"Quick thinking, Watson. I gave him a dose of smelling salts. Then I elicited from him the whole sad history. The rest was easy."

"You mean . . .?"

"Yes. Hidden in that story of his—though he, of course, didn't recognize it—was the answer to the whole puzzle."

"Holmes, I *must* know what it was."

"And you shall, dear Watson. Be patient. You recall his story?"

"Er—I may have missed one or two details."

"No doubt. That's your nature. Weak memory, Watson. But as I was saying, his Troop started off in the usual way: a small start, nothing spectacular, but with steady progress in the training of his Patrol Leaders and Seconds. He waxed at great length on what a job *that* was."

Holmes puffed contentedly for a few seconds.

"Then," Holmes went on, "Fumer reached the stage where all appeared to go well. A most misleading situation. For a time, however, the Troop prospered remarkably. Eight Queen's Scouts in one year, if I remember. Patrols all up to the mark, all with able, well-trained leaders. Camping standards excellent."

"Holmes, you are making me drool."

"Easy, Watson. Then came the second stage of prosperity. Everything still tip-top on the surface. The first Patrol Leaders left—as I recall, one was writing for a scholarship and three went to Rovers—but their Seconds took over readily and all seemed rosy."

"And that was just before disaster struck, Holmes."

"Yes, but surely the clue is not beyond even you. The following year, these Patrol Leaders left and their Seconds, instead of taking over, left, too. Why, Watson?"

"Fumer was losing his grip?"

Holmes snorted.

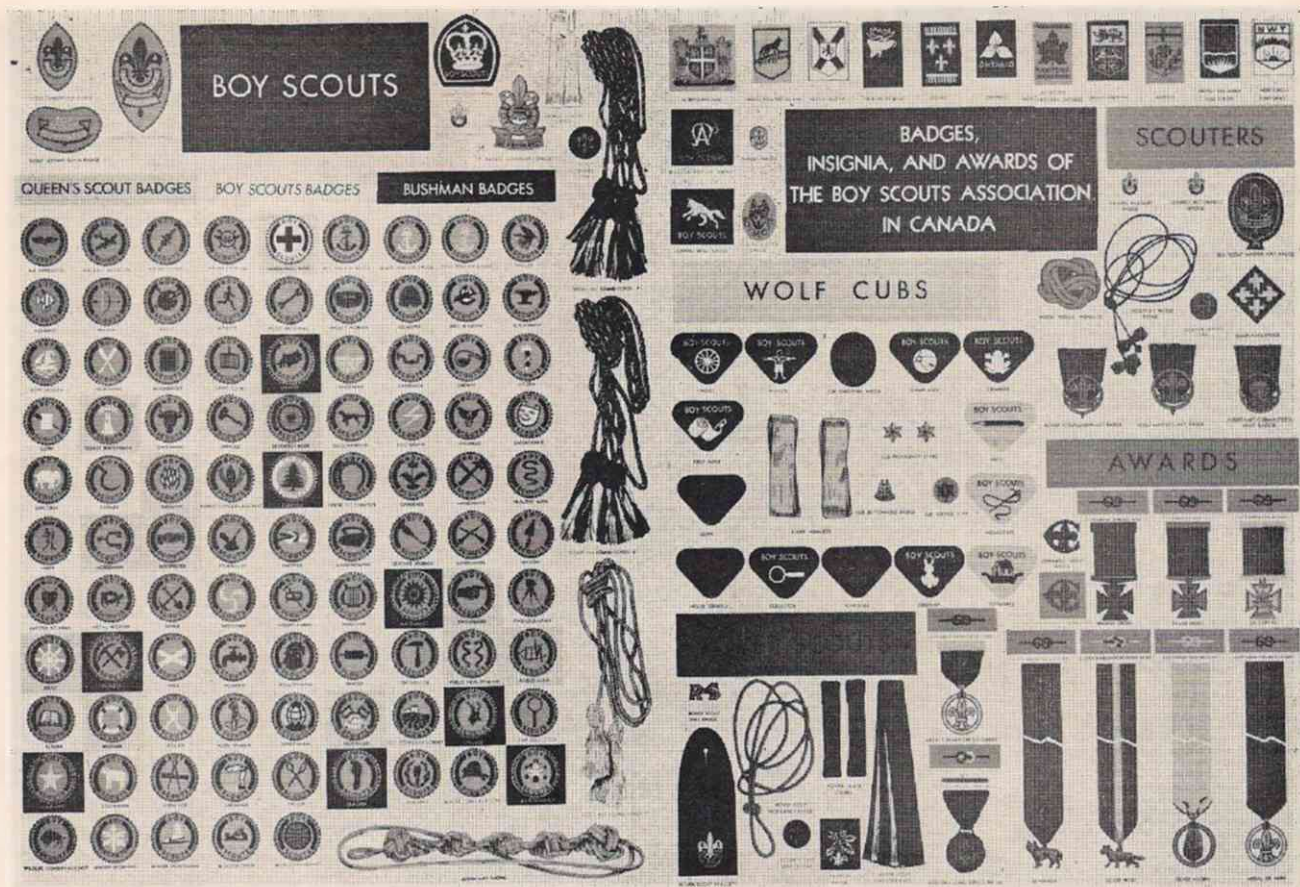
"Because they should have been leaders but they weren't. They were at the age for leadership but they hadn't been trained for it. They would take over when their P.L.'s were away but they lacked the confidence and skill to take over completely when their time came to step up. Instead, they took the easy way and stepped out."

"You mean . . .?"

"Exactly, Watson. Oh, occasionally, a boy comes along who is apparently a natural leader. But most Patrol Leaders have to be trained, and from pretty ordinary material. The thing to do, is do the job while they're still Seconds. U.T. Seconds, as you remember, was the name I gave the case. U.T. for untrained. Even if they don't escape, these boys are pretty shaky risks as P.L.'s. Besides, keeping the Seconds up to calibre makes the Patrols even better. Reminds me of an old saying: 'Be Prepared'."

"Well, I must admit, Holmes, Fumer learned his lesson. Keeps his Troop up to scratch now."

"Yes, Watson. He knows that Patrol Leader training never ends. As soon as one group takes over the reins, there has to be another group undergoing training as replacements. It's hard work but it pays. I hear he expects to have nine Queen's Scouts next year." ★



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

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

This attractive wall chart has been reproduced in a large size measuring 28" by 42" on a paper stock that would be ideally suited for either framing or hanging free in a Troop Headquarters. The chart comes rolled in a tube designed to keep it from damage while passing through the mails.

These charts are available at a cost of \$2.00 each and may be ordered from your local Distributor or the Stores Dept., P.O. Box 3520, Station "C", Ottawa 3, Ontario.

SCOUTING Digest



On Tuesday, November 22nd, 1960, a number of Scouts and Scouters were presented with awards for gallantry and outstanding service by the Chief Scout for Canada, His Excellency, Major-General Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D. Those who received awards are shown above with the Chief Scout, Madame Vanier, the Deputy Chief Scout and Maj.-Gen. G. R. Turner, Chairman of the Honours and Awards Committee. The Investiture took place at Government House, Ottawa and was followed by a dinner at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa.

S.O.S.

The recent appeal in these columns for old style insignia resulted in almost 90% success. The Curator of Canadian Scouting's Museum and Archives is hopeful that a similar appeal will prove as successful. Can you help?

The Curator is looking for:

1. Photographs of Scouts and Scout activities, up to and including 1920.
2. Certificates (Membership, Badge, Test, etc.) up to 1920.
3. Warrants of Appointment up to 1912.
4. Booklets, pamphlets, circulars up to 1920.
5. Scouting books published prior to 1920, especially those by B.-P.
6. Early Correspondence with B.-P.

As a matter of fact, the Curator would be delighted to see anything at all connected with Canadian Scouting prior to 1920.

In addition, the Curator would appreciate it if anyone can turn up a Surgeon's Badge. This was a buttonhole type of badge showing a red cross on a circular white background, with a Scout Badge superimposed on it.

And one more. Although the Museum is now in possession of a Chaplain's Cloth Badge, the collection still requires a Chaplain's Pin Badge. This was a green fleu-de-lys enamelled pin, with a cross superimposed on it.

Have you been up in the attic lately?

INTER-TROOP MEETINGS

Inter-Troop meetings have met with much success in the Trent Valley District (Ont.), where a Troop from Havelock and Troop "C" of Campbellford exchanged visits last fall. The Scouts participated in Scout games and competitions.

The interest and enthusiasm of the boys is such that plans are now under way for more meetings and it is hoped that the idea will eventually spread through the whole District and even farther.

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TANTALLON CAMPOREE

The Tantallon Camporee of October 1960 was held in Halifax, N.S., with the 8th, 35th and 36th Halifax Troops participating. The programme of this camporee was largely built around suggestions of the boys themselves; activities included campsite duties, sports meets, Scouting competitions, a campfire, flagbreak, and a nature hike. Throughout the camporee, the boys concentrated on Patrol spirit and sportsmanship and found that doing so contributed much to the success of the camporee.

Letters . . .

Pro Shorts

Sirs:

The Boy Scout uniform should not be changed from shorts to long pants. Of the two, shorts are more comfortable and neater. It is easier for a Scout to wash a soiled knee than to launder a pair of trousers.

J. S. LARSEN

Hixon, B.C.

Scoutniks?

Sirs:

It was ghoulsh to print that revolting cartoon. "Chief, do you have a band-aid?" (*The Scout Leader*, Sept.-Oct. 1960, p. 28) I thought sick jokes were for the beatniks.

R. W. HAWKINS.
R.C.A.F.

Baden-Soellingen, Germany.

Angle on Eating?

Sirs:

Recently, a Scout wrote in the Log of his First Class Journey, "Proceeded from inter-section after eating a chocolate bar at a bearing of 315 degrees".

JOHN CLARK,
District Commissioner.

Burlington, Ont.

When writing, correspondents are urged to indicate their rank or position of service in Scouting (e.g., Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, District Rover Leader, District Commissioner, Group Committee Training Chairman, etc.). This will enable readers to better appreciate the writer's viewpoint. Contributors are requested to include their return address so that we may acknowledge their letters.—Ed.

ISWW? (cont'd)

Sirs:

A Scouter who asks "Is Scouting Worthwhile?" (*The Scout Leader*, Sept.-Oct. 1960, p. 30) should recognize that, because Man is not infallible, his achievements may fall short of his goals. However, this does not mean that he should take a negative approach to situations that require positive thinking.

Among the boys and leaders who pass through our ranks there will always be some who fail to grasp the Spirit of Scouting. Others will suffer a lack of moral fibre.

Thank God there are so many who continue to pursue the aim and who put in to practice the principles of the Scout Brotherhood. These people are not content to sit down and lament over tragic conditions that exist in the world.

RON HARDY,
Scoutmaster.

R.C.A.F.
Cold Lake, Alta.

Sirs:

I believe that one of the reasons that segregation is ending in the United States is because many members of a rising generation were influenced by, and continue to observe, the Scout Law.

Scouting helps to make a person aware of what his country stands for. It gives us a better understanding of the people in other countries. When millions of men and boys make the traditional handshake and salute all over the world, they give us a strong answer to the question, "Is Scouting Worthwhile?"

LEO G. MARTIN,
Scoutmaster.

Los Angeles, Calif.

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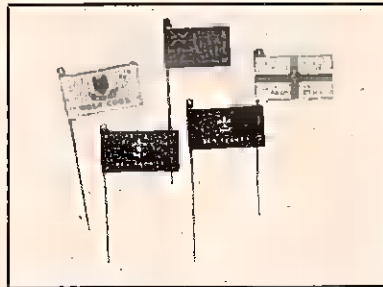


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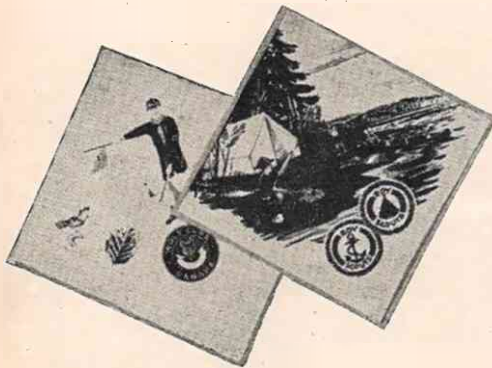
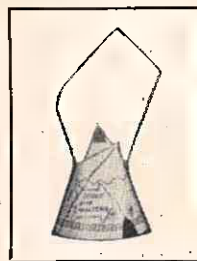


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