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PERSPECTIVE

"**THE WAY I SEE IT**, these are the problems which have to be tackled wisely, courageously and immediately: 1. We have to provide adequate education for all citizens to prepare them (a) for an industrial society; (b) for an interdependent world; and (c) for an increasing rate of change in virtually all conditions during our life-time; 2. We have to attempt to find a consensus as to the purpose of our educational system and the products we wish to emerge from it; 3. We have to do our utmost to attract the best elements of society to the teaching profession; 4. We have to provide the most effective means of carrying out the agreed process of education; 5. We have to find the most efficient and equitable method of financing this enormous undertaking." (Kurt R. Swinton in 'The Way Ahead')

Related to Scouting, are not these the problems which we too must tackle wisely, courageously and immediately?

NOW AS NEVER BEFORE our country needs that integrity of character, that loyalty, and those many and varied skills which Scouting teaches. (The Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Churchill)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: Each week, two Scouts were being invited as guests at the Rotary Club's dinner in Sherbrooke, P.Q.—The 9th Rover Crew, Niagara Falls, Ont. took on the responsibility of collecting the news for the weekly Scout column in the local newspaper—A corner of the 1st Quebec City Troop headquarters was fitted up for model making and woodworking—Senior Scouts in Saskatoon, Sask. were invited by the Rover Crews to take part in a month of special Rover activities which included such things as group discussions and a "wind-up" hike. (from *The Scout Leader*, May 1936)

OUR COVER PICTURE

During a French Boy Scout Jamboree in Metz, France, Scouts and Cubs of the 1st Canadian Maple Leaf Group inspect a tree house made by the local Scouts. (RCAF Photo)

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JACKSON DODDS, C.B.E.

The Boy Scouts of Canada have learned with deep regret of the death on April 7th, 1961 of their Honorary President, Jackson Dodds, C.B.E.

Mr. Dodds had been active in Scouting for over 35 years, commencing his service with the Winnipeg and Manitoba Councils in 1922. From 1929 onwards he served with the Montreal, Quebec and National Councils.

He became Dominion Commissioner in 1947 following his retirement as head of the Canadian Red Cross Society. In 1950 he was appointed Canada's first Deputy Chief Scout, a post he held until 1960 when he became Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of Canada.

In 1947 Mr. Dodds was elected a member of the International Committee, the first Canadian to serve World Scouting in that capacity. He was re-elected to the committee in 1951.

In appreciation for his services to Greece he was made a Commander of the Royal Order of Phoenix by that country in 1947 and was awarded the Silver Phoenix, highest honour in Greek Scouting, in 1950. In June of the same year he was honoured by the Government of France, which appointed him an Officer of the Legion of Honour in recognition of his Red Cross work on behalf of the French nation.

At the 1955 meeting of the Boy Scouts International Conference held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, which followed the 8th World Jamboree of which he was the Camp Chief, he was awarded the Bronze Wolf, International Scouting's highest award. Only nine of these awards had been given since Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell received the first.

Mr. Dodds was also presented with the highest awards of the Boy Scouts of Norway in 1955, and of the Boy Scouts of America (Order of the Silver Buffalo) in 1957.

Across Canada and throughout the Scouting world Jackson Dodds gave generously of his time, talents and substance to strengthen and improve the Scout Movement. The impact of his warm personality and his great faith in the value of the Scout way of life will long be felt.

To boys and Scouters alike he was an inspiring and devoted leader whose wise counsel and friendship was greatly valued. ★



KARSH

"... You [volunteers] are the ultimate power in the Boy Scout Movement, and upon your judgment and your decisions, rests the future welfare of this tremendously important work amongst the boys of our country. . . . In the quality and guidance you give . . . [you] hold in your hands the key to the success or failure of Scouting in Canada.

"... the challenge is simply that you recognize the responsibilities and obligations you have freely undertaken—and that you meet your problems and duties with courage and foresight, and that every decision you make be the result of study, thought and much heart searching."

—Jackson Dodds, C.B.E.
Deputy Chief Scout
April 24, 1953



3rd CANADIAN JAMBOREE
JULY 6th TO 15th, 1961
CONNAUGHT RANGES, OTTAWA, ONTARIO

3rd CANADIAN JAMBOREE



3,000 adventure-bound Canadian Scouts will gather for the 3rd Jamboree near the nation's capital in July.

QUALIFICATIONS for attendance are that each Scout must have attained the **Second Class Badge**, be at least **fourteen years of age** and able to fulfil the **medical examination requirements**.

PARTICIPATION IS THE KEYNOTE of the Jamboree programme. There will be opportunities for every Scout to enjoy a multitude of activities each day.

ACTION PACKED DAYS of pioneering, athletic competitions, campfire fun, tours of the nation's capital, Patrol competitions and good Scouting fellowship will be yours at the 3rd Canadian Jamboree.

BOYS GROW



"It is no good trying to force a boy from his mother's apron strings if you merely tie him to your own belt."

I do not know who wrote the above quotation but it was given to me by the Editor with the suggestion that I should use it as the basis of my talk this month. I am happy to comply.

When we think about apron strings, we not only think of a child-parent relationship but of one person's dependence on another or even one person's domination by another. Of course, in our early years apron strings are very necessary for our welfare, but the growing-up process is inevitable, and even though the apron strings are sometimes in evidence longer than is desirable or necessary, at least physical growth continues.

Scouting's main function is to assist in loosening the apron strings by helping the boy to grow, not only physically but mentally and spiritually, and to get back to our quotation, this certainly cannot be accomplished if we substitute a leader's belt for the apron strings. Our purpose is to develop good character and a well-rounded personality, which means that we leaders must avoid trying to pour every boy into the same mold. We must rather help him develop his particular talents, and channel his energies into those activities for which he is most suited. We must assist him in the development of a moral and spiritual code which will help him to meet life's frustrations and disappointments. We must help him emerge as an individual, in other words, we must help him find himself.

One of the basic principles of the game of Scouting is that each one learns by doing, not by watching or listening or being shown, but by being permitted to try to do things for oneself and, what is most important, being permitted to learn from one's own mistakes.

This aspect of Scouting is more than ever essential today with so much paternalism in our lives and so much reliance on others, whether the "others" be governments or pushbutton machinery. Even in this age of technology, the human element is still a most important factor. No machine has yet been invented which will replace creative thinking and initiative. We who are privileged to be leaders in Scouting have a grave responsibility in helping to ensure that the human element is capable of meeting the tremendous challenges of today and the even greater challenges of tomorrow.★

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fred J. Curran".

Chief Executive Commissioner



(National Defence Photo)

CANADIAN

Above: Four Scouts of the Maple Leaf Region furiously paddling a rubber dinghy across the Moselle River during an obstacle race held at a French Boy Scout Jamboree during the summer of 1960.

Right: Maple Leaf Region Scouts participating in another phase of the obstacle race at the French Boy Scout Jamboree held near Metz, France.

Carrying on the traditions of Scouting thousands of miles from home, under conditions that are new and unusual to most Canadian youngsters, are more than 850 boys of the Maple Leaf Region of the RCAF Air Division's Scout organization.

The Canadian boys practise Scouting in France, in Germany and on the Italian Mediterranean island of Sardinia, where their fathers are based on NATO duty with the RCAF.

The first fighter wing of the Canadian Air Division was formed in 1952 and Scouting within the Division did not lag far behind. The first Troops were formed early in 1953 and, since then, the Canadian boys' traditional Scouting activities, spiced with the interesting and unusual opportunities found in their European host nations, have increased steadily.

Latest and most significant development was the raising, late last year, of the Air Division's Scouting organization from District to Regional level.

Heading the Division's Maple Leaf Region is a 29-year-old pilot from Saskatoon, Flight Lieutenant Ted Millar. A former Cub, Scout and Scoutmaster in Saskatoon before joining the RCAF in 1951, F/L Millar is presently serving as a staff officer at the Division's Headquarters in the ancient French city of Metz, the capital of Lorraine province.

Under him come the Region's five Districts. One of these Districts embraces the Division's Headquarters at Metz as well as the nearby Canadian

radar squadron. The other Districts are at the four operational fighter wings—at Marville and Grostenquin in France, and Zweibrucken and Baden-Soellingen in Germany.

Included in the Zweibrucken District are the Canadian Scouts at the international NATO headquarters of the 4th Allied Tactical Air Force at Ramstein, Germany, while the Grostenquin District includes Canadian youngsters at the Italian NATO practice firing range and base of Decimomannu on the southern tip of Sardinia.

In all, the Region comprises seventeen Scout Troops and twenty-one Cub Packs. More than 100 RCAF officers and airmen give their services as leaders and executives.

Europe lacks the wide open space common to most parts of Canada. Even so, the Scouts of the Maple Leaf Region carry on a full programme of outdoor activities, including Patrol hikes and summer camps. Summer camps were held last year in France, Germany and Luxembourg, and the Canadian boys attending were able to mix with Scouts from several other nations.

This liaison is not restricted to annual summer camps, for numerous visits and exchange projects are arranged throughout the year.

SCOUTS IN EUROPE



(National Defence Photo)

1961 OVERSEAS EVENTS

LONDON INTERNATIONAL PATROL CAMP. Three Scouts from the Maple Leaf Region and three from the Red Patch (Army) Region have been selected to attend.

AUSTRIAN NATIONAL JAMBORETTE. It is likely that the Maple Leaf Region will have a Troop attending this Jamborette.

HOLLAND. The 5th Maple Leaf District have a Troop camping this summer at the 1960 Indaba site in Holland.



B.-P.

By Harry D. Thorsen, Jr.

ON STAMPS



Perhaps in our lifetime we will discover that no other man has been honoured as a philatelic motif by so many different countries as has the founder of the Boy Scouts, Lord Robert Baden-Powell. Already nine different countries have pictured him on eighteen postage stamps from 1900 to the present time.

In addition, many more nations honoured him in 1957, the 50th anniversary of the Scout Movement and the 100th anniversary of his birth, by issuing other Scout commemoratives.

In 1900 during the Boer War siege of Mafeking in South Africa, Col. Baden-Powell was first pictured on an improvised stamp, made as postage for local use as well as to amuse the garrison.

Since the town was besieged for 217 days, all men and boys were pressed into service and by the ingenuity of Baden-Powell the defence was successful. Letters were delivered by boy messengers who risked their lives during the bombings to provide this bicycle service.

On April 10, 1900, just 40 days before the town was relieved, there were issued the two different sizes of stamps picturing Baden-Powell. Both designs are alike and each is the 3d value.

Of the smaller size (18½mm wide) 6072 were photographically printed from glass negatives. For the larger size (21mm wide) 3036 were produced. The various shades of dark and light blue copies indicate different exposures on the sensitized paper employed in creating them.

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Also printed in the same manner were 9476 stamps picturing a boy messenger known as Sgt. Maj. Warner Goodyear, who could be considered as Baden-Powell's first Boy Scout. Here Baden-Powell was impressed by the many "good turns" performed by his cadet corps and realized the great value in keeping these youths busy on worthwhile projects.

These stamps are listed under the Cape of Good Hope in the following stamp catalogues: Scott's, small B.-P., No. 179; large B.-P., 180; bicycle messenger, 178. Gibbons, small 19-20, large 21-22, bicycle 17-18. Minkus, small 18, large 19, bicycle 17.

The Baden-Powell stamps today are quite scarce and command full catalogue prices if in good condition. When found on original envelopes, they are auction items, but must be cancelled between April 10 and May 18, 1900, to be genuine. These are truly philatelic museum covers for both Scout collectors and the specialists in British Colonial stamps.

Not until 1953 did Baden-Powell again appear on a postage stamp issued by a government. Then Liechtenstein, one of the smallest countries in the world, was selected for the location of the 14th International Boy Scout Conference. This country reproduced the founder's photograph on four different postal values of the same design on backgrounds of tiny Scout badges. A hand is shown giving the Scout sign.

All the stamps were sold in sheets containing wonderful marginal designs with a Scout hat, neckerchief, slides, knots, and Baden-Powell's African wood beads (which are now part of the Gilwell insignia).

In 1957 the following countries pictured Lord Baden-Powell on one or more of their postage stamps:

BELGIUM—the 4 francs value is printed in green, with the founder's image centered on a large Scout badge

background and the dates 1857-1957. The other stamp in the set is the 80c value, gray in colour and shows the Boy Scout and Girl Guide badges.

BRAZIL—Airmail value 3.30 Cruzeiros is magenta in colour and shows Baden-Powell, the Brazilian Boy Scout badge in the central design, and a smaller Girl Guide badge in the lower right corner. Wording is "Centenario Do Nascimento Baden-Powell".

CUBA—An airmail 12c gray stamp shows lettering in white under the chief's picture and reads "Lord Baden-Powell, Fundador de Los Boy Scouts 1857-1957".

LUXEMBOURG—A profile portrait of Baden-Powell is shown on a 2 fr. olive and brown value. Below the image are two Scout badges of this country's two divisions of her Scouting organization. The other stamp in the set is a 2.50 fr. of the same design except for two different Girl Guide badges. The colours are reddish violet and blue violet.

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES—Three stamps of different colours and values honour Baden-Powell with his image encircled with a wreath. The two values on each copy indicate semipostal nature, meaning that the smaller amount was collected to benefit Scouting and the larger figure for the postage.

The 6c plus 1½c is orange yellow, 7½c plus 2½c dark green, and 15c plus 5c red. Small Scout emblems appear in each of the four corners. The founder's name and "1907-1957" are below the central design.

NICARAGUA—By far the largest number of Scout stamps in 1957 was printed by this Central American country. Fifteen stamps in three sets recognize many phases of the Movement, three of which show Baden-Powell.

Two of these are the same design except for colour and value. The 1 Cordoba airmail stamp is maroon and dark green with the regular postage 25c in maroon and blue. Both show Baden-Powell in a circled photograph and the Scout badge of Nicaragua.

The anniversary wording has the dates "1856-1956" incorrectly. The 4c airmail issue has Baden-Powell's head in an oval. However, the central design is the Nicaraguan badge surmounted on a portion of the globe of the world. Colours are dark brown and blue.

IRAN—The 20 rials value is in green and brown, with Baden-Powell's head framed by five Scout badges. The outside border has 48 smaller badges roped together.

The anniversary wording appears below the central photograph in Persian while the words "Iran" and "Baden-Powell" are in English and Persian.

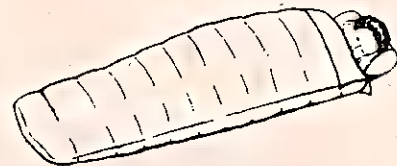
LIECHTENSTEIN—A humorous caricature of Baden-Powell in his wavy-brimmed campaign hat is found on the 20 rappens brown stamp. A sprig of leaves is referred to as the "heraldic design" in the official post office bulletin.

The second stamp in the set is blue black, showing Scouts in a "torchlight procession". Printed in small sheets of only 12, every other stamp is the 20 or 12 rappens value so that adjoining pairs are found on covers. ★

SPORTS-TIPS for **TEEN-AGERS**

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Cub Camp Programmes



It's time to start planning your Cub Camp activities! That week-end or week in camp that Cubs have been looking forward to will soon be here. Scouters should study Chapter 15 of *The Pack Scouters Handbook* that gives details of almost every aspect of Cub Camping; also Bite 14 of *The Wolf Cubs Handbook*.

What makes a *good* Cub Camp? Many things; let's take a look at some of them.

**Leadership and Staff:* Not too many or too few; 1 adult for every 6 boys; trained and familiar with their duties.

**Equipment:* Should be adequate and serviceable for the size and programme of the camp.

**Flexible:* Programmes fully planned for both good and bad weather.

**Good Meals:* Well-planned and balanced meals help Cubs to remain happy and healthy. *This is essential.*

**Rest Periods:* Essential for active and growing minds and bodies. A chance to tell stories.

**Swimming:* Fun and adventure for the accomplished swimmer as well as the learner. "Every Cub a swimmer" should be your slogan.

**Hikes:* Rambles, treasure hunts and cook-outs that bring Cubs to a greater knowledge and love of God's wonderful work.

**Handicrafts:* Camp life provides opportunities for Cubs to discover and develop abilities in outdoor handicraft work.

**Games:* Wide games and field sports build team spirit, exercise growing muscles, develop strong bodies.

**Free Time:* To read, collect things, write home, tidy up, play a game, to fish, try a test, make something, or prepare a campfire skit, develop friendships, or just to day-dream.



**Special Days:* When boys *really* are pirates, Indians, pioneers, space travellers, cave men, etc.

**Campfires:* When songs, games, skits and stories mingle with the sounds of the fire and the glow of the embers—a perfect end to a happy day in camp.

May every Cub have a truly wonderful camping experience this year! ★

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 Department, Boy Scouts of Canada, P.O. Box 3520, Station "C", Ottawa 3, Ontario.

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

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.

Quebec Promotes Scouting with the Handicapped

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Quebec Provincial Council of the Boy Scouts of Canada, a Committee was formed to actively promote and further develop Scouting with handicapped boys. While this phase of Scouting is not new in the Province, it is the first time that the Provincial Council has acted to further extend its work and programme for the benefit of boys who are not so fortunate as some of their brothers.

One of the first steps the Committee has taken is to prepare an article, based on the booklet, "Scouting with the Handicapped Boy", and send this to all the weekly papers published in the province. Through this means, they hope to let as many people as possible know of Scouting's interest in helping handicapped boys.

For those interested, additional information may be obtained by writing to the Boy Scouts of Canada, 2085 Bishop Street, Montreal 25, or directly to the Chairman, "Committee on Scouting with the Handicapped", Thurston D. Archibald, 482 Lakeshore Road, Beaurepaire, Quebec.

Accept Him for Himself

Many handicapped boys are able to take a full or almost full part in the regular activities of the local Scout group.

Of all the methods used in bringing handicapped boys into Scouting, this by far offers the greatest good for all. Authorities in the fields of education, rehabilitation, and care of the handicapped suggest that such handicapped children should enjoy the most normal conditions of living and treatment possible, as if they were without limitation. Limitations, however, must be recognized even though not stressed.

It is also important that non-handicapped children should know about those who are handicapped. The hardest job that handicapped youngsters have is to be accepted by other youngsters. Therefore, before accepting handicapped boys into the regular group, it is necessary to create an atmosphere of acceptance. It is also necessary to satisfy the non-handicapped boy's normal

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curiosity about the handicap before it becomes morbid. The Scouter should let him try to walk with a crutch, or learn how a hearing aid works, or learn what a brace is for. Boys who are not handicapped should have the companionship of those who are in order to appreciate and respect the situation. It is an opportunity for Cubs and Scouts to really show that Scouting is a Brotherhood.

Furthermore, the handicapped boy must be ready to fit into the group and his readiness can be checked through consultation with his parents, doctor, nurse, and/or school teacher.

A Scouter Reports

Following is a report from the Woodlands School for Retarded Children, Burnaby, B.C., which sponsors the 4th Sapperton Scout Group.

The Cubs and Scouts held a most successful "fun fair" on the 24th of February in the play area of the auditorium from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. and 6.00 to 8.00 p.m. This took place during "Scout Week", February 20th to 26th, which was being held throughout Canada to celebrate the fifty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the Scout Movement.

Our Group "Good Turn" took the form of entertaining 450 pupils who enjoyed the fun of throwing darts, bowling, ring toss, fish pond, and other "try your luck" games.

The camping display by the Troop was complete with tent, fire, cooking utensils, chopping block, camp gadgets such as plate and mug holders, and the First Aid kit along with improvised stretcher and splints. The display also included a layout of a Scout's personal kit for morning inspection.

Through their Jungle Dances, the Cubs put on a good colourful display. Several photographs of previous Cub and Scout activities were also displayed.

REPORTS ON SCOUTING WITH THE HANDICAPPED



Jimmy Shard of Toronto is eleven years old and a member of the Sunnyview School Boy Scouts (Toronto, Ont.). Muscular Distrophy has not hindered his winning of merit badges. He sits with his dog, the "best dressed dog at the dog show".

We were greatly encouraged by the interest shown by the staff and others in our efforts and we would like to thank them for their support.

The sum of \$19.50, plus a \$10.00 donation from the Woodlands Chapter Association of Nurses was collected for Cub and Scout funds.

(signed) Frank MacKenzie, Scoutmaster; Charles Webb, Cubmaster; Ed Gunned, Asst. Scoutmaster; Sid Burton, Asst. Cubmaster; Ted Roach, Cub Outdoor Activities.

A Good Turn

For their Christmas donation to the needy children of the world, the 1st Minnedosa Boy Scout Troop of Manitoba collected and contributed \$56.81 to the Mission to Lepers. The boys had been putting aside a 10% tithe for the needy children for the year 1960 and, at Christmas time, had a total of \$56.81 on hand. This represented 10% of all the money they had taken in during the year and it was the boys' decision that it should go to a Troop of Leper Scouts.

Accepting the donations on behalf of the Mission to Lepers, Charles Smith said, "Thank you and your Scouts for the generous donation received. I rather think the greater portion will go to a (Leper) Troop at Purulia, India. I know there are a great many children there also".

Is This a First?

Ontario Headquarters sent us a Part III Wood Badge confidential card for ACM Arthur Davies of the 6th Kitchener Pack. Scouter Davies took a Part II Course at Blue Springs last year and did a wonderful job.

The most interesting point of all this is that Mr. Davies lost his sight several years ago and yet still retains his connection with Scouting. Do any of our readers know if this is the first time that a completely blind person has earned his Wood Badge?

Timmy—1961

Kent Sullivan, nine year old Wolf Cub of the 120th Toronto Sunnyview School Pack, has been chosen as Timmy for 1961. He will represent 60,000 other crippled children in Canada during the Easter Seal campaign.

It is good to learn from newspaper reports that "Timmies" of other years are doing so well. Paul Gamble (Timmy for 1957) is still active in Scouting and was a Camp Counsellor last year, although he is still wearing a brace.

Dave Crocker (Timmy for 1958—his picture is on the back of our pamphlet "Scouting with the Handicapped Boy") is also active in Scouting and is a good camper and swimmer.

Phillips Minty (Timmy for 1960) is active enough to be a member of two Packs, loves to swim, sings in the



Cubs of the 4th Sapperton Pack at the Woodlands School for Retarded Children, Burnaby, B.C. doing the Jungle Dance of Kaa.

Photo: B.C. Mental Health Services

choir, plays a violin and otherwise leads an active, well-rounded life—despite his attack of polio.

Thanks to the work of the Easter Seal Campaign, many crippled children across Canada have been assisted on their road back to recovery.

Good Luck to Kent Sullivan, Timmy for 1961!

A Story

Two friends in the Boy Scouts of America, John Schulke and David Irwin, helped each other along the Scout trail towards Eagle Scout rank. John drew on David's great skill in handicraft work and David drew on John's ears and voice—for David was deaf and needed an understanding interpreter.

Some Amendments

Following are amendments to addresses of several Provincial Associations for Retarded Children that were given in the first issue of *The Phoenix*.

Alberta Association for Retarded Children,
Mrs. E. Follensbee, Corresponding Secretary,
721-15th Street N.W.,
Calgary, Alberta.

New Brunswick Association for Retarded Children,
Mrs. A. Gundry, Corresponding Secretary,
404 Collishow Street,
Moncton, New Brunswick.

Nova Scotia Association for Retarded Children,
Mrs. A. E. Josey, Corresponding Secretary,
56 Inglis Street, Apt. 6,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Prince Edward Island Association for Retarded Children,
Mrs. M. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary,
12 Waverley Court,
Charlottetown, P.E.I.



Scouts of the 87th Vancouver Troop, Vancouver Preventorium, a children's hospital for long term patients.

Some Films

The following films are available for a small service charge from the Canadian Film Institute, 1762 Carling Avenue, Ottawa 3, Ontario. The details provided are from the current film catalogue of the Department of National Health and Welfare.

The Wall

Sound B&W 20 Mins.

B.C. Div Ed \$55. Service Charge \$2.

Produced for the British Columbia Department of Education this film shows the special instruction that is

provided for children with little or no hearing, or with little or no vision at the Jericho Hill School in Vancouver. It also shows the conditions under which the students live. The film points out that most of us take for granted the sounds of everyday life; that we use sound to interpret and communicate with the world around us. The film shows how these children are trained to communicate and to get along with their fellow man and to receive a normal education.

Comment: A good film for public education showing the needs of these children and what can be done for them. Suitable for showing to parents, Home and School Associations and anyone interested in this subject.

Eternal Children

(1959) Sound B&W 30 Mins.

NFB \$63. Service Charge \$3.

This film presents an intimate study of the special problems of retarded children. It shows, in considerable detail, how they are being cared for and trained in special



Three Wolf Cubs of the 87th Vancouver Pack, which is composed of members at the Vancouver Preventorium.

schools and institutions across Canada to fit them for a measure of independence. More particularly, it shows progress being made in a Toronto school for retarded children.

Comment: This is a particularly well directed film, sensitive, sympathetic and informative. Its message is direct and is told with simplicity. Will be very useful for parent and citizen groups, for public health nurses, teachers, social workers and others in the mental health field. It could also be a valuable teaching aid for students of these professions.

Some Games for the Bedridden

Laughter

The Scouter stands where all Cubs or Scouts can see him. He throws a handkerchief up in the air and immediately the boys start to laugh and continue laughing until it touches the floor. Any boy laughing too long loses a 'life'. Each boy has three 'lives'.

What Animal Am I?

Each Cub has the name (or a picture) of a jungle animal pinned to his bed where he cannot see it, but where some of the others can see it. The Cubs ask each other questions about themselves until they guess what name they have been given. Only "Yes" or "No" may be used as an answer.

Good Food

Each Cub or Scout is given the name of a food, e.g., bread, milk, lettuce, butter, orange. The boys do not know each other's names. Each boy is given a chance of asking all the others in turn: "Who are you?". He tries to remember all the foods. At the end the boys each have a point for every food that they can remember.

The Invisible Ball

The Scouter throws an imaginary ball to one boy. That boy "catches" it by placing his hands over his ears. The boy on his right places his right hand over his right ear, and the boy on his left places his left hand over his left ear. The first boy tosses the ball to someone else whose neighbours must do as above. Encourage boys to keep the ball moving. Lots of fun in side-boys forgetting to put up their hands.

Knot Throwing

A piece of rope is thrown from one Cub or Scout to another. When the Scouter names a knot (or use of a knot) and claps his hands, the boy with the rope ties the knot.

Nature Relay

The Group is divided into two. Each team is given a sheet of paper and a pencil. On the word "Go" the first Cub or Scout writes the name of a wild flower and passes the paper and pencil to the next Cub or Scout. Each one writes down the name of a different flower. The team to finish first wins.

This game may also be played with the names of garden flowers, birds, animals, or insects.

—Adapted from "100 Games for Cripple and Hospital Packs"; now out-of-print.

Have You a Tape Recorder?

In a recent issue of "The Window", Scouter V. Pottinger suggested that a tape recorder could be a most useful piece of equipment for handicapped boys.

Tape recorders are now readily available in Canada, either for purchase or for rent or loan. Once the novelty of using it has worn off, the boys can get down to real business. Here are some suggestions:

(1) Develop your own Kim's game through playing or recording everyday sounds.

(2) Record the members of the group who are good musicians or talented in other ways. They can listen to the playback, and thus be enabled to improve their work as well as entertain their fellows.

(3) It is possible to record direct from the radio by adding a lead to the tape recording machine.

(4) A boy confined to bed could record articles from a Scout magazine and pass these on to a blind Scout, knowing that the blind Scout is often unable to receive such articles in braille magazines.

(5) In return, a blind Scout could record an item from the outside world, perhaps in the country, or even in the town, for the benefit of the bedridden boy.

A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout, no matter to what country, class or creed the other may belong. What is going on in England? What is going on in Australia? What was it like at the Philippine Jamboree? Questions of this sort and many others could be answered by tape correspondence. And, who knows? Such correspondence may help to promote international friendship and give us all a better understanding of each other.

Try tape recording with your boys and let us know the results.

An Outpost Patrol

From a news clipping, we learn that Maurice Parry was invested as a member of the 7th Charlottetown Boy Scout Troop which has an Outpost Patrol at the Rehabilitation Centre. A patient, at the centre, Maurice is the first invested member of the Rehabilitation Centre Scout Patrol. Several other boys, patients all, are being prepared for Investiture. The Patrol is a full part of the 7th Charlottetown Troop but will meet in the Centre and will choose its own Patrol Leader from among its members. The Scouters of the 7th Charlottetown Boy Scout Troop are Blanchard Mahon, Jack Rawek and William Ives.

Having an Outpost Patrol consisting of handicapped boys attached to a regular Scout group seems to be an unique but successful experiment. Congratulations to the 7th Charlottetown Troop on its experiment!

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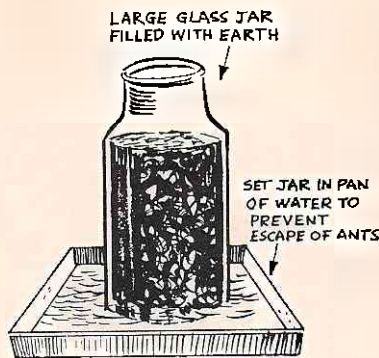
Thanks to Dennis Lewis of Ontario Headquarters and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind in Toronto, we will soon have 60 braille editions of each of *Tenderpad to Second Star* and *Tenderfoot to Queen's Scout*.

These will be sold at cost by the Training Department, the former at 75c each and the latter at \$1.00. ★

BOTTLES

Most boys of Wolf Cub age seem to delight in bottled "zoos". Bottles may hold butterflies, bees, cocoons, tadpoles, swamp bugs, caterpillars, ants or other equally fascinating creatures.

Ants are especially suited to family living in bottles and make good pets for several reasons; they cost little to get and keep; they are unobtrusive and docile; they can be easily carried about in the jar. Ant colonies may also be kept in an ant box similar to that illustrated.



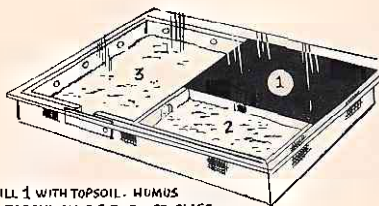
WHEN YOU CAPTURE ANTS TRY TO GET THE QUEEN. KEEP WATCH THAT THEY DON'T INVADE THE HOUSE

BUGS

To get your ants, find a large single hill in good soil. Carefully dig up the hill and place whole sections of ant tunnels in the bottle. Ants will not establish themselves unless they have their queen and you must also be sure to include the white eggs and larvae, so fill the jar with earth and as many stray ants as are left about the hill. Those from other hills will not be welcome.

Cover the jar and place it in a dark, cool spot. After a day or two, if observation shows that the ants are busy making new tunnels, all is well. Any other type of activity means that the ant family is not happy and would prefer to leave the bottle.

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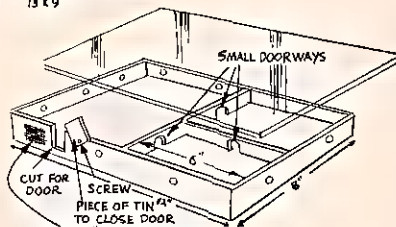
FILL 1 WITH TOPSOIL, HUMUS & TOPSOIL ON 2 & 3. PLACE GLASS. PUT SHEET OF BLACK PAPER ON 1 SO YOU CAN PEEK. PUT ANTS THROUGH DOOR. FEED DAMP SUGAR

and CUBS

Ants are best kept in the dark so that they will dig their tunnels next to the glass. A half spoonful of sugar every week or two should supply their food needs. Give them water but don't give them too much or you will drown the colony and don't feed and water the ants at the same time or you will dissolve the sugar.

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HEALTH AND HYGIENE IN CAMP

By H. P. WELLER, A.D.C., Oakleigh District
from *The Victorian Scout*, Australia

Scouters must always take seriously their responsibilities to the boy and his parents. The boy and his Scouter must be trained in the subject of hygiene as physical fitness is of tremendous importance to successful Scouting, and stringent measures *must* be enforced, particularly in camp, to see that personal hygiene is maintained at the highest possible level.

Our aim must be to make all members of the Movement health conscious, promote the maintenance and improvement of hygiene, and to prevent sickness in camp.

The *implications* include food, water, accommodation, equipment, ablution and laundering, work and recreation, rest, exercise, insect-control, latrines. The *applications* include food storage, food handling, dining facilities, and personal cleanliness, all of which involves adequate inspection of feeding arrangements. Also sanitation, disposal of waste, drainage, water supply, insect control and disinfection. It is the duty of all to be familiar with all aspects of hygiene.

Principles of Health in Camp

Collect the available information, gauge your needs, and take the necessary, appropriate preventive action.

Prevention is better than cure. Prevent the entry of disease-producing germs into the bodies of your charges and promote positive health in your camp.

All orders relating to hygiene *must* be enforced, particularly with regard to food, sanitation, and personal cleanliness. Training must be continuous and thorough. *All* must co-operate *all the time*.

Causes of Sickness in Camp

These are ignorance, carelessness, laziness, lack of proper training. A special factor is that there is greater risk in community life such as we experience in camp. Education, training, supervision and discipline can help prevent disease.

It is the Scouter's responsibility to see that his Troop camps use the highest possible standards.

Maintenance of Patrol Strength

You, the Scouter, are responsible to the parents for the health of the Scouts in your charge. In turn, you should see that the P.L.s of the Troop realize the importance of this matter. They should also be made aware of the difficulties involved if several of their Patrol should be affected by sickness, due perhaps to contaminated food or water, poor drainage in the camp area or around the

tent, incorrect use of the latrine system, or a low standard of personal cleanliness.

Enthusiasm and determination will carry these points home to the P.L. Loss of boy power in the Patrol through poor hygiene will be prevented by *health education, health supervision and health discipline*.

The following factors should also be taken into consideration in planning to run a *healthy camp*:

Protection against climatic extremes. Adequate and attractive food. Tasks within the physical capabilities of each individual. The right clothing for the right activity. Adequate mental and physical rest and recreation. *Strict* attention to personal hygiene.



Responsibility for Health of the Camp

This rests with The Boy Scouts Association, but must, of necessity, be delegated to you, the Scouter. Carry out regular inspections of the camp, paying special attention to all matters relating to health and hygiene.

If sufficient Scouters are available, *allot* the following duties:

Scouter in charge, Quartermaster, Recreation, Scoutcraft, Camp Inspections and Parades, Health and Hygiene Officer.

However, it is most unlikely that Scouter strength will be sufficient to give one man one job, so be careful to give the right duty to the right man, and do not overload anyone, particularly with regard to Health and Hygiene.

The Scout

He must realize that *he* must play *his* part. It is most unlikely that he will keep everything spotlessly clean (including himself), so the training in health and hygiene must be continuous, and repeated over and over again, until it becomes habit.

Lessons to be Learned

Many camps have been ruined by sickness that could have been prevented.

All Scouters *must* realize that training in, and enforcement of, proper health and hygiene measures is as important as any other facet of Scouting.

Learn the requisites of camp health and hygiene.

Prevent recurrence of past errors.

Train others to be as fussy about it as you are yourself. ★

SCOUTING Digest

HERE'S A HELPFUL CHANGE!

It has been customary for *The Scout Leader* to be published during the summer months in two bi-monthly issues: July-August and September-October.

This year, the bi-monthly issues will cover the periods of June-July and August-September.

The change in publication dates has been recommended in order that programme ideas contained in the magazine may be in the hands of Section Scouters prior to the time of year when they are most valuable.

This means that the June-July issue will deal with summer camping and the August-September issue will highlight plans for the fall season, including the 1961-62 Programme Planning Guide and 1962 Calendar of Religious Holidays.

We hope that Scouters will be pleased with this change and that it will be of help to them.

COMMUNITY GOOD TURN

Scouters, Rover Scouts, Group Committee and Ladies Auxiliary members in St. Catharines, Ontario, contributed 127 of the 340 pints of blood collected at a recent Red Cross blood donor clinic.

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FALSE ALARM

The parents of two young ladies, aged eight and eleven, reported to the Goderich, Ontario police that a man in a long coat and a brown hat and carrying a gun had frightened the girls as they were on their way home through a laneway.

The case was soon closed, however, when it was discovered that the Boy Scouts of Knox Church had been participating in a game of "hide and search" as part of their evening's meeting. One of the Scouts had chosen the laneway as his hiding place and, mistaking the sound of the girls' footsteps for those of his searching buddies, had whipped out his toy pistol.

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Letters

Cubs Come Up Too Early

I feel that the chief cause of older boys losing interest in Scouting is due to the Cubs coming up to the Troop when they are eleven or eleven and a half.

As a Patrol Leader, I do not, in any way, resent the young Cubs. Some of them make excellent Scouts. But this is not the point. Some will say, and I fully agree, that it is the job of the advanced Scouts to educate and assist the young fellows; but throughout this whole procedure there are problems.

Here are some of these problems. Some points may be exaggerated; other points may be missing: I am certain that many Scouts, young and old, will disagree with them.

Age: Cubs are coming up soon after they are 11 and some of the advanced Scouts are 16 and 17 years old. Let's face it: boys of this age span just don't mix well.

Size: Some Cubs are 3 ft. 6 in. tall and weigh less than 60 lbs. while some Scouts are 6 ft. tall and weigh 150 lbs. How can interesting games for competition and/or enjoyment be played with these odds? The older boys have a choice of not entering the games or taking part while they must be very careful of the little fellows' safety and spirit.

Mental Capacities: Some of the young boys are only in Grade 5 while the older Scouts may be in Grade 10 or 11. This situation presents a handicap in preparing games, stunts and other activities. I have found some young fellows who couldn't read some of the requirements in *Tenderfoot to Queen's Scout*, let alone understand them.

Maturity: This may seem to be trifling, but during parade sessions and ceremonies many of the new Tenderfoot Scouts find it necessary to talk, shift about and scuffle their feet.

Capability: What happens on hikes and especially during camping hikes? The youngsters certainly find it hard to keep up with the older Scouts; periodically, the Patrol or Troop has to sit down and wait for them. At camporees, these little guys can barely carry themselves, not to mention a pack.

I wonder how many Patrol Leaders have felt like fitting these fellows inside a pack-board instead of under it!

Interests: I think that this is the most important point of all. It is very difficult, especially for Scouters, to pick even a game which will appeal to all the boys. No one but a genius could design a programme capable of giving all the Scouts satisfaction.

It is for this reason that we find more and more boys, young and old, losing interest in their Scouting.

I suggest that the situation could be successfully handled in one of two ways. First, the gap between the Cub Pack and the Scout Troop should be filled with advanced Cub training or young Scout training. Second, older Scouts should have separate Patrols and at the same time they should be on hand to teach the young fellows. Give the "old hands" the opportunity, as a Patrol, to get out hiking and camping apart from the fellows who are half their size and do not share the same interests.

I hope that these points will help in taking steps to solve the dilemma of age span in our Boy Scout Troops.

ROBERT LAYZELL, Jr.
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Richard C. Berkinshaw, C.B.E., LL.D. of Toronto, Ontario was elected President of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of Canada at the council's annual meeting on April 21st.

For many years, Mr. Berkinshaw has been a keen supporter and active worker in the Boy Scout Movement, having served in various capacities with several Scout Councils.

Well-known in civic and industrial affairs, he is Chairman of the Board of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company of Canada, Limited.

Mr. Berkinshaw is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys golf, fishing and hunting.

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BUILDING FUND

Among the material currently being studied by the Programme and Uniform Sub-Committee is an extensive report recently completed by the Research and Statistics Department at National Headquarters, based on results of uniform surveys carried out in two Canadian cities. It runs to nearly 90 pages. Since it would be impossible to summarize such a report within the space available in *The Scout Leader*, in this article and one to follow, we shall simply look at the background of the problem and at some of the findings of the survey.

To understand the survey it is necessary to understand its aims. These were to determine

- (1) actual dress practices,
- (2) some of the most common attitudes to Scout dress among parents and Scouts,
- (3) whether some of these attitudes are strong enough to warrant change or further study.

The Content of the Controversy

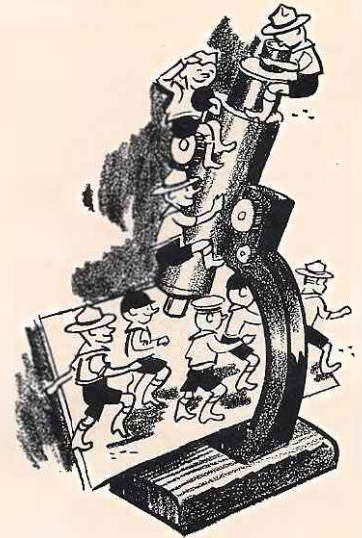
The author of the report points out that for many years the Scout uniform has been a centre of controversy within the Movement. Some people approach it as a functional dress, raising questions of its relationship to Canadian activities and climate. Others see it in the context of social values and relations, hence questions of shorts versus longs, the age of the wearer, the question of "drop-out" and holding the older boy. Still others see it as an issue of maintaining tradition and discipline, and see the wearer chiefly as a member of the Movement.

Arising from these various attitudes there are those who see the question as simply one of shorts versus longs. There are those who feel some need for change, but are uncertain about its effect on the traditional uniform as a symbol of Scouting. There are those for whom the present uniform is an essential part of Scouting and who, therefore, consider discussion of any change as irrelevant.

Widely differing views are held as to the purpose of a uniform. This is not spelled out in the existing regulations, which seem inadequate to govern dress practices of a large, geographically and socially diverse membership

We're Looking at Ourselves —

A REPORT ON TWO UNIFORM SURVEYS



By Bower Carty, Chairman of the Uniform Sub-Committee. This is a synopsis of a report on two uniform surveys conducted by the Research & Statistics Department, National Headquarters, published March 1961.

TABLE 1

Number and Percent of Parents and Troop Members Favouring "Longs" For Indoor Activities at Each Month of the Year.

Mo.	CITY 'B'		CITY 'A'	
	Parents	Troop Members	Parents	Troop Members
Jan.	1317 - 100%	1185 - 100%	659 - 100%	663 - 100%
Jan.	62	46	76	54
Feb.	62	45	76	52
Mar.	60	39	73	41
April	50	27	60	27
May	26	19	37	18
June	17	15	25	16
July	16	15	24	15
Aug.	16	16	25	16
Sept.	27	23	41	24
Oct.	50	36	65	41
Nov.	60	46	75	54
Dec.	61	48	76	55

TABLE 2

Percent of Parents and Troop Members Favouring "Shorts" for Outdoor Activities at Each Month of the Year.

Mo.	CITY 'B'		CITY 'A'	
	Parents	Troop Members	Parents	Troop Members
Jan.	1351 - 100%	1185 - 100%	673 - 100%	671 - 100%
Jan.	*)	*)	*)	1
Feb.	*)	*)	*)	2
Mar.	1	4	1	7
Apr.	17	39	11	42
May	64	72	47	74
June	82	81	69	86
July	84	82	73	87
Aug.	84	80	72	83
Sept.	67	60	43	53
Oct.	22	15	9	13
Nov.	2	2	*)	2
Dec.	*)	*)	*)	1

*) less than 1%

further distinguished by age and length of association with Scouting.

This controversy is said to be primarily at the adult level where control of the symbol rests. It is adults who decide on and prescribe the uniform and who wish to perpetuate it either in its traditional form or with modifications. Boy member attitudes are largely the reflections of adult divisions. The two important groups of adults here are adults in the universe of Scouting and the parents of the boys in Scouting.

Basic Assumptions

Fundamentally the Scout uniform is a symbol of *esprit de corps*, regardless of its appearance but contingent on its acceptance.

As such it means a variety of things to a variety of people. The meaning of the uniform derives from Scouting, not the other way round. It will change as activities change and as the people engaged in them change. Meanings cannot be imposed.

A symbol not tied to specific functions is likely to have greater permanence than one that is. Scout uniform was originally thought of as a functional dress, which has influenced its present appearance. The functions have changed a good deal, leaving the uniform to this extent without support. Thus it tends to fall within the role of a ceremonial dress. This in turn tends to leave dress for routine activities to individual practice, raising problems of dress discipline.

Since membership is increasingly concentrated in the younger ages, for whom the uniform on the whole is considered acceptable by public and members, why then is there concern about "the uniform"?

Partly, it is suggested, because it is an unsolved adult problem of the same order which, adults insist, the Scout uniform creates for the "older boy".

On the other hand, we must ask ourselves whether the noticeable stress on the uniform and

uniformity may not have become ends in themselves, an attempt to create symbolic values, "character", "discipline", by exhortation and external pressure, in the absence of and as a substitute for the kind of special training and co-operative action which are the only sources of such qualities and values.

Survey Methods and Sampling

Surveys were carried out in two Scouting districts. A mailed questionnaire was sent to the parents of boy members. Another questionnaire was directly administered to an independent sample of Troop members whose parents were not canvassed. Returns on the mailed questionnaire were between 40 and 50 per cent in both cities. The representative character of mailed returns was judged validated by the similarity of the member age distributions derived from the parents and the Troop samples.

Summary of Results

1. Dress Practices

What did the surveys tell us about dress practices? In general they showed that complete official uniform is not worn by most of the members most of the time. The two Tables (1 & 2) give the story.

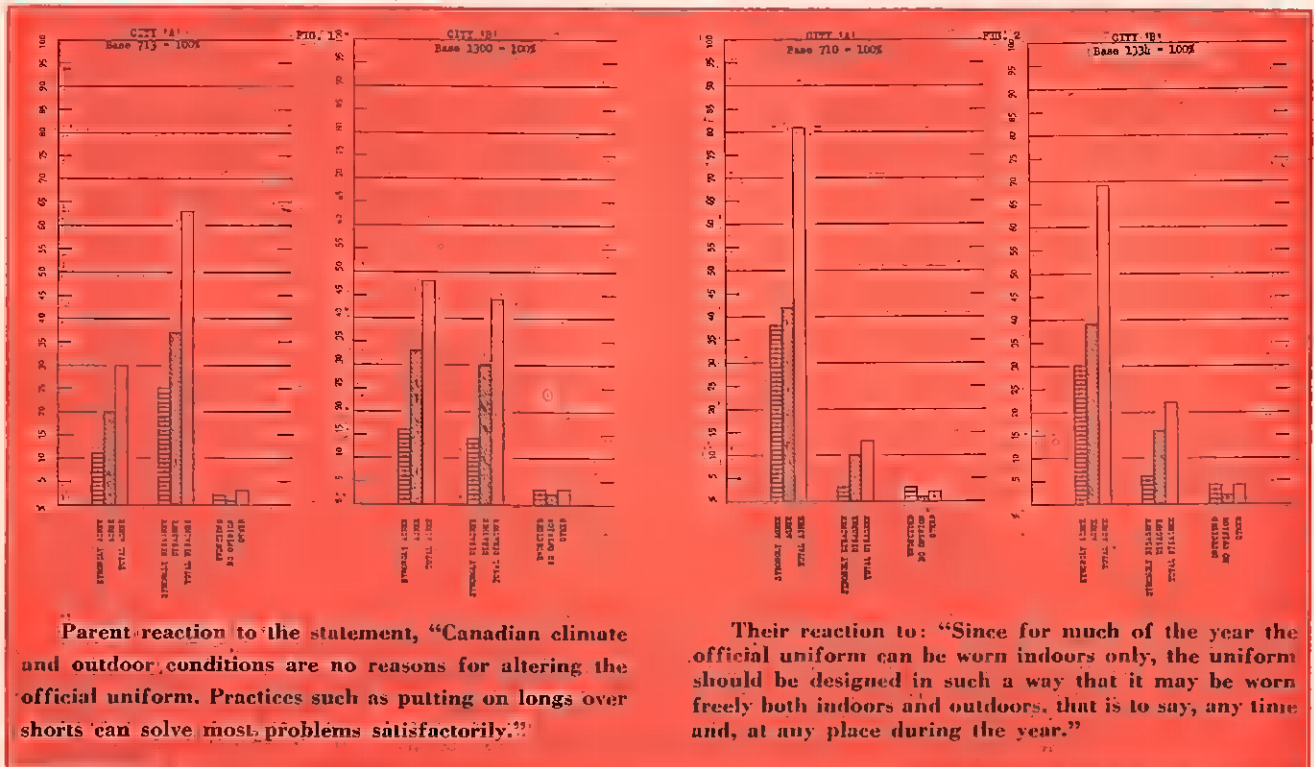
And here's one curious fact discovered in one of the surveys (the questions were not asked in the other). About 25 per cent of Troop members said they favoured shorts for all Scout activities for all ages, but 63 per cent of *this* group said that during last year *they* wore longs for Scout activities as much as or more than shorts!

2. The Scout Uniform as a Functional Dress

Climate is a factor. (See Fig. 1)

Parents and Troop members favoured longs even for indoor activities for much of the year. (See Fig. 2)

Next month we shall take a look at some other findings of the surveys, to see what light they can shed on the relationship between Scout dress and the age, structure, and the Scout uniform and tradition. ★



Itching to Avoid Poison Ivy?

You can gain immunity against poison ivy, you can help to protect others from the rash annoyer, and you can avoid falling for some of the misconceptions that are widely held; once you understand the key facts about how the plant affects you, how it doesn't affect you, and how the new immunization process works.

Common Misconceptions

Have you heard that some people are so susceptible to poison ivy, they can get it just by looking at the plant? Or that some people are so immune they can never get it? Or that you won't catch poison ivy if you make sure *not* to touch the plant? There are flaws in each of these ideas. Each is a popular fallacy.

The poison ivy rash is caused when the skin is touched by *urushiol*, the oil substance in the leaves of poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac. Because actual contact with the oil is necessary to start the inflammation, you can't get poison ivy just by looking at the plant.

Some of the worst cases of poison ivy are often caught by people who thought they were immune to it. This follows because, unlike our reaction to many other types of ailments, each exposure to poison ivy can make us increasingly susceptible to it, instead of helping us to build up a "tolerance". People who are naturally immune often lose their immunity. And four out of five people have no immunity to begin with.

How about avoiding trouble by learning to recognize the poison ivy plant? Is this a good idea? Definitely, if you have the time, but the surprising fact is that you almost have to be an expert botanist to recognize poison ivy in all its forms. Though many people think of the ivy as a simple, three-leaved plant, it also grows as a ground creeper, a vine, and even as a bush! The shape of the dangerous leaves varies from one place to another; there are thousands of different varieties.

Another difficulty with trying to avoid poison ivy by recognizing the plant is that you can catch the scratch just by touching something—a rake, a shoe, a dog—on which the *urushiol* has rubbed off.

Preventive Techniques

Centuries ago, American Indians tried to gain immunity by chewing on poison ivy leaves, but this failed to solve the problem. The Cherokees tried to placate

the spirit within the weed by calling it, "my friend".

These primitive techniques were no less successful than methods later tried by scientists. The idea of injecting people with a mild ivy extract mixed with oil or alcohol, didn't work. The bloodstream picked up the solution too fast and normal body reaction caused more poison ivy cases than the remedy prevented!

But the scientists were on the right track. A biochemist named Margaret Strauss began adding new chemicals to the ivy extract to delay its release into the bloodstream and finally came up with a safe, effective injection fluid. Scientists at New York University's Bellevue Medical Centre and at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine put the product into the more convenient form of tablets that could be taken orally.

Results? Given in a study among campers, 100% were immune to poison ivy all summer long. In a group of Coastguardsmen working in poison ivy on river duty along the Mississippi, 95% gained immunity that lasted at least ten months. Completely lacking in unpleasant side effects, the tablets proved so safe that they are now sold without prescription at drug stores.

Helping Others

Even after you are immunized, remember that many others may not be; millions of people have even failed to take advantage of the Salk vaccine. So, if you are able to recognize any poison ivy on your property, get rid of it. Don't try weeding it out by hand, however, for you are likely to leave the roots behind. Instead, buy a good commercial plant killer which will destroy roots as well as foliage.

When gathering firewood, be on the lookout for dead tendrils of ivy clinging to the logs. Watch that pile of raked leaves, too. Vaporizing when burned, *urushiol* can travel all over a neighborhood via heat radiation and smoke, exposing dozens who may not be immunized.

Finally, if you know someone who has caught a serious case of poison ivy, urge him away from common home remedies, many of which don't work, and suggest that he see a doctor. For whether one calls it poison ivy, poison oak, poison sumac, markweed, mercury, piery or thunderwood—all names for plants bearing the same oil—one thing is certain: it's poison! ★



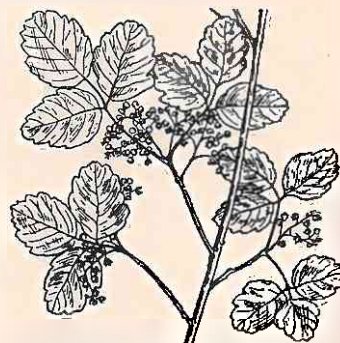
Poison oak, *Rhus quercifolia*



Poison sumac, *Rhus vernix*.



Poison ivy, *Rhus radicans*.



Western poison oak, *Rhus diversiloba*.

THE SCOUT BROTHERHOOD FUND

Should your Section or Group suffer loss of equipment or property through fire or similar disaster (although we hope it never happens!), the Scout Brotherhood Fund is available to help you replace the loss.

To be effective, the Fund must be maintained through donations from the Groups themselves.

Balance on hand, December 31st, 1960.....	\$3,278.53
Diamond Willow Dist., Alta. (Jan. 11/61).....	4.99
Maitland Dist. Scouters' Club, Ont.....	10.00
North Sydney District Council.....	10.20
90th Hamilton Troop, Ont. (Apple Day), per F. Vickers, Group Committee Treasurer.....	10.57
Colchester County Scouters' Club, Truro, N.S., per J. Gazeley, Treasurer.....	3.00
North Okanagan Wolf Cubs, B.C. (Cubs' Own), per Miss K. Bartholomew, D.C.....	30.00
1st Fruitvale Troop & 1st Montrose Troop, B.C.....	8.30
8th Brandon Pack, Man., per Miss M. McCown, A.C.M.	5.00
B.-P. Church Service, Calgary, Alta.: 6th, 43rd and 93rd Groups.....	17.68

Diamond Willow Dist., Alta. (Mar. 6/61).....	54.93
1st Grand Centre Pack, per J. Corless, RCAF, Cold Lake, Alta.	7.51
2nd Can. Maple Leaf Group, 2 (F) Wing, RCAF, Europe	17.50
Burnaby Mountain Dist., B.C.	13.50
1st & 2nd White Rock Groups, B.C.....	12.06
Church Parade, per R. W. Carry, D.C., Val- cartier, Quebec	14.50
Cobourg and District Cubs and Scouts Own.....	8.00
2nd Dryden Group, Winnipeg, Man.....	2.30
45th "Gregor Pack", Winnipeg, Man.....	10.00
Bowmont Valley Dist. Council, Calgary, Alta.....	15.04
17th Knox Presbyterian Church Group, Calgary, Alta.	17.17
Wolseley Dist. Scouts, Winnipeg, Man., per O. O. Stretch, Hon. Treasurer.....	12.00
B.-P. Church Service, Town of Mount Royal, P.Q., per E. L. Nelson, D.C.	42.25
	<u>\$3,605.03</u>



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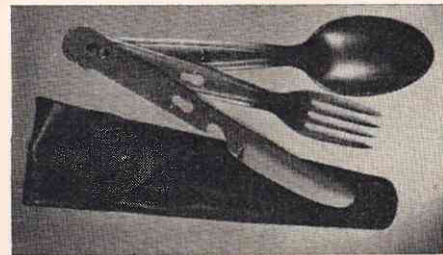
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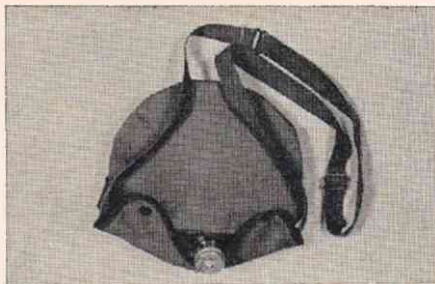
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Bowl 8 oz.....	.50
Cup 6 oz.....	.60



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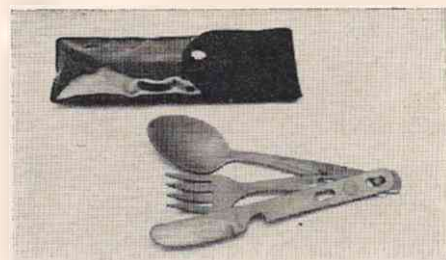
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