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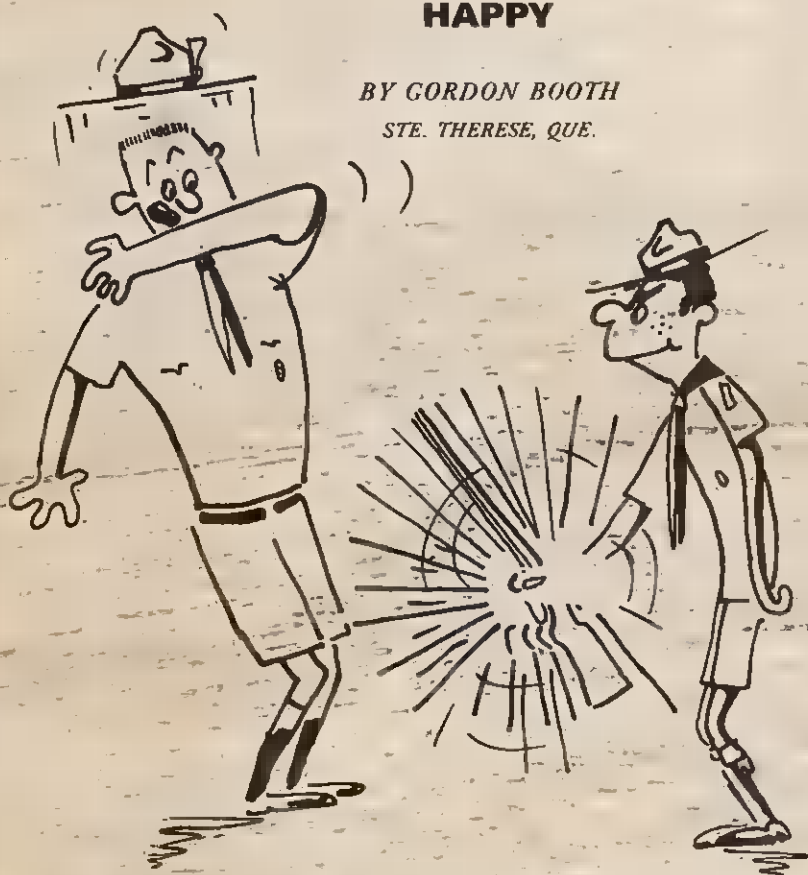
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DON'T BE TRIGGER HAPPY

BY GORDON BOOTH
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"I don't care WHAT the Rifleman does!"

Only the last part of the five-part requirements for the Marksman's Badge is concerned with the actual firing of guns. The first three are designed to ensure that the Scout has a thorough knowledge of what a gun is, how it works and what precautions must be taken to prevent accidents.

Simply being able to answer the questions posed in the requirements is not sufficient. The boy must be able to demonstrate to the examiner that he can handle a gun efficiently and safely.

Statistics tend to bore, but, for the record, more than two thousand persons in the United States die each year as a result of accidental shootings. Of this number, almost half are twenty years of age or less.

It seems incredible that parents would be so callous as to let their children play with firearms without first making certain they have been properly instructed in their use. Certainly the same parents would not let their offspring drive the family car without first having had driving instruction. All shooting accidents could be avoided by a little common sense. That's all that gun safety is—common sense.

Take hunting, for example. During the hunting season some people lose all sense of reason. Armed with a gun and turned loose in the bush they become so tense with the excitement of the hunt that the slightest sound or suggestion of movement becomes a deer and a load of buck-shot tears into the bushes—perhaps to kill or maim a fellow hunter.

Common sense tells us that it is imperative to positively identify our target and be able to see it clearly when we shoot. The hunter with 'buck fever' is under an emotional strain, often behaving in a completely irresponsible manner.

Many accidents occur when a hunter is so intent on swinging his gun around after a pheasant that he fails to notice his companions in the line of fire.

'Buck fever' is not the only cause of hunting accidents. It is remarkable how many hunters will scramble over fences, leap ditches, cross streams and even climb trees with a loaded gun in their hands.

Many hunters do not realize the danger of placing a

loaded gun in their car or bringing it into their cabin or home. It is tragic enough that they kill or injure themselves through their carelessness, but in many cases it is the innocent bystander who is the victim.

Not all shooting accidents occur in the field. On the contrary, about half take place in the home while cleaning, dismantling, loading, putting away, taking out or simply playing with a gun *thought* to be unloaded.

There's an old army saying that 'unloaded' guns are responsible for most accidental shootings. Certainly the most important safety rule, when handling guns, is: remove the magazine and open the action to make sure it is unloaded. At the same time, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Accidents occur in the home when guns and ammunition are accessible to children, so keep your gun in a safe place, preferably under lock and key with the ammunition in a separate place, also under lock and key. (This includes antique guns and war souvenirs.)

Only ammunition of the calibre of your gun should be used in it. However, calibration is confusing and accidents have happened through using ammunition of the wrong size.

The calibre of a rifle barrel is measured in one-one-hundredths of an inch and may indicate either the diameter of the barrel between the 'ridges' of the rifling as in a .22 or between the grooves or 'valleys' of the rifling as in a .257. The gauge of a shotgun represents the number of lead balls of the diameter of the barrel that would weigh one pound, i.e. twelve lead balls weighing one pound would each be of 12-gauge diameter.

The exception is the .410 which is measured in one-one-thousandths of an inch. Care should be taken to use ammunition, not only of the right size but also of the right power. Some fine old damascus steel barrels would come apart if modern, high-power smokeless shells were used in them. Do not use high-power ammunition unless your gun is built to take it.

Shotgun pellets travel about 1,100 feet per second while a rifle bullet may travel 3,000 feet per second. In spite of the difference in effective range—both can kill.

Considering the relatively small size of a gun barrel, it is sometimes surprising what can be found in it—not only gobs of grease, mud, gravel and pieces of cloth, but also sections of cleaning rods. Make sure your barrel is clear before you attempt to use your gun.

Always remember that a safety catch is a mechanical device and may become defective. When we say 'Never point a gun at something you do not intend to shoot,' or 'Always point the muzzle in a safe direction,' this applies equally to all guns, even if the safety catch is on.

You can have a lot of enjoyment hunting or target shooting with a gun, but treat it with respect. Don't use the butt to bash in tent pegs and don't tinker with the mechanism unless you are a gunsmith. Keep it clean and store it in a dry place, preferably cased in an upright position.

If you can reconcile the sixth Scout law and our conservation programmes with hunting, then you must observe, in addition to gun safety rules, regulations regarding licences.

You must obtain permission to hunt on private land and you must thank the owner. You must not damage property or frighten livestock and must always leave gates as you find them. Wear conspicuous clothing—red or orange—and take care to prevent fires. Carry a first-aid kit, compass, matches and map.

There are many gun and hunting clubs throughout Canada. Most of them would be only too-pleased to assist you in preparing a gun safety programme and in examining boys for the Marksman's Badge.

Why not introduce this to your group if you haven't already done so?

Troop Scouters and others interested in this subject are asked to send their comments on the following questions to the Programme Services, National Headquarters:

Is the present Boy Scout Marksman Badge valid?

Is one target of 80 sufficient?

Should the badge requirements be tied in with a hunter safety programme?

—Ed.



THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE

You are interested in Scouting or you would not be looking through this magazine—or reading this article.

In fact, since you probably belong to the Boy Scouts of America, I assume that you believe in providing more and even better Scouting for all boys.

But when was the last time you asked yourself *why* you believe in and support Scouting?

Do you believe that Scouting helps develop a manly sense of responsibility that fosters resourcefulness and initiative among boys; that it provides real, but boy-sized opportunities for practice in the give-and-take required to preserve the democratic process; that it gives boys the opportunity, at their own level, to feel they are helping to shape the world in which they live?

Do you believe in Scouting because it teaches useful skills, because it helps boys love and appreciate their American heritage—and determine to defend it, because it provides fine male leadership for boys at a time when this leadership is harder and harder to find?

Perhaps I've listed some of your reasons, because Scouting *can* contribute to the achievement of these things in the lives of boys. But there is *no* magic formula for achievement. It happens only through hard work. And we're going to have to work even harder.

Here are some of the challenges Scouting must face in the years immediately ahead if it is to truly serve our nation through a programme of character building, citizenship training and physical fitness.

I. We must face the implications of the change in our society from a predominantly rural culture to a predominantly urban culture.

This change is here now and it is accelerating.

The problems of our central-city areas are worsening dangerously. There are numerous reasons, but two stand out.

First—the change in patterns of employment—patterns that require skill and education to compete in a more and more automated industrial system that leaves fewer and fewer jobs for the unskilled.

Second—the serious impact of our second great period of migration—this time internal. The migrants come from the marginal farm, from areas where whole patterns of work

have changed. In large measure they are rural people seeking work. They may be assimilated in time but as of now they are not.

What might this change to the more complex urban culture mean? It can mean more emphasis on a programme designed to reflect the changes that have occurred in our culture. Scouting has already changed and I'm not sad about this. I could be nostalgic and say it was better in the old days when I was earning *my* First Class badge. For example, I built a bough lean-to, made a bough bed and cut dozens of saplings to make griddles and gadgets that I copied from Uncle Dan Beard.

Scouting doesn't teach much of this anymore. We have accepted our responsibilities in a changed world where the woods and forests no longer exist just for the fun of using them wastefully. We must make sure that boys in Scouting today have the opportunity to have experiences that make sense in 1964.

II. We must face the challenge of changes in formal education. I refer to the increasing demand for educational excellence which is leading schools into new and exciting areas of experimentation. I predict that Scouting will provide still more challenges in the future for the egghead boy as well as for the football hero.

How do we face the 12-month school year that is cropping up here and there? Summer school is no longer the place inhabited by last year's failures. It is more likely to be inhabited by next year's successes. What do we do about the school year so arranged that vacations are staggered through all of these seasons? What does this mean to summer camp? We will have to be ingenious enough to adapt to these impending changes and in the process strengthen the values of Scouting.

III. We must face the challenge of the population explosion. It means more than just more boys to be enrolled. It means less available land. If we expect to maintain some of the flavour of our programme, we will have to move as rapidly as possible to acquire more camping land—and its year-round use.

The need for more land by people, by industry and by highways poses other problems. Where is the open country? For city boys, it is no longer at the end of the trolley line.



Today



Yesterday

While this article refers to conditions in the United States, Canadian Scouters may find it useful to read in light of conditions that exist in Canada.—Ed. By Kenneth A. Wells, Director, Research Service, National Council, Boy Scouts of America. Reprinted by special permission from Scouting.

There is no trolley, and the urban sprawl extends on and on. In many places groups of Scouts must ride in a car to get to a spot for camping, and when they get there they must stay put!

Leaders will ship in charcoal or bottled gas, but will we still expect Scout Johnny to prepare kindling and build a wood fire? Will he put on his knapsack and hike *all the way* to the axyard or the cooking demonstration area to build that fire?

A Scoutmaster told me that his troop uses duffel bags for all camping purposes because they fit better into trunks of cars; and, he said, "You don't get all tangled up with those useless shoulder straps."

I don't like this—but then I used to be opposed to air mattresses and Bisquick until I learned that *they* were not the measures of importance.

IV. We must face the challenge of population mobility. Last year, one-fifth of the population of the U.S. moved their place of residence. Next year another fifth will move, including some of the first fifth who will move again. It is true that over half of those who moved didn't move very far, but it is a fairly safe bet that nearly all of them moved beyond the normal range of a pack, a troop or a post. How do we meet this?

V. We must face the challenge of our role in relation to government. Regardless of which party controls the White House or the governor's mansion, the future will see more public involvement in private lives. This is inevitable if our nation is to continue as a mixed private and public economy. There will be more zoning, including zoning of rural areas and wilderness areas; more laws about sanitation and pollution, more safety regulations, more taxation.

There will be increasing pressure on the Boy Scouts of America for co-operation with other agencies and with government to help in the solution of social problems—juvenile delinquency, for example. We need the means and the determination to face this responsibility.

We must also help boys understand our *free enterprise system*. This in no way conflicts with an understanding of the complex role of government in our lives. We are privileged to live with both.

VI. We must face the challenge of the changing American family. Our families are today what social scientists call *nuclear families* in contrast to *extended families*. They are increasingly one-generation families, consisting of mother, father and children. The grandparents, sisters, cousins and aunts live somewhere else.

There is constantly less meaningful work for each family member to do, that is necessary to the welfare of the others. Today's family provides more opportunities for growing girls to learn their female roles in society than it does for growing boys to learn their male roles. The family has more leisure (time free from paid work), but it does not necessarily have more leisure.

VII. We must face the challenge of a changing moral climate. Americans of all ages are freer than they have ever been to make their own decisions about the nature of right and wrong. Much of our past's traditionalism has lost its grip. This is both good and bad.

What is honest, what is moral, what is right today in business and commerce, in love and sex, in government and politics? *Thou shalt not kill*—"but this bomb has a capacity of 100 megatons and can kill X millions of people." *Thou shalt not steal*—"but the company expects me to do certain things—have to get business, you know." *Love thy neighbour*—"but you have to be practical, you know. Our property values would go down—and anyway they prefer to live with their own kind—not that I'm prejudiced."

We must stand still once in awhile and look at what lies ahead—some way ahead. Scouting presumes to help strengthen the moral base of this society. When it doesn't, then it is merely another fun game for boys.

Obviously Scouting alone won't change the moral climate of America—but it can help. When men who lead boys stand firm, have values of their own and can explain these values to boys, then you have something of great worth, something sacred. And men *can* do this, and Scouting can help them to do it!

The Boy Scouts of America is prepared to face the challenge of our changing times. Together we will determine Scouting's place in tomorrow's world. It can be a great one!

*His Excellency, General,
The Right Honourable
Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D.,
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Boy Scouts of Canada Honours and Awards

**The 'Cornwell Scout'
Badge** For pre-eminently
high character, devotion to
duty and specific acts of
physical courage

*Troop Leader Harvey Hutchings, 16,
Cloverdale, B.C.—This boy began
Scouting in September, 1957. He attend-
ed camp in 1958 but later contracted
rheumatic fever and was hospitalized.
His condition became worse and he was
totally bedridden with osteomalacia for
the next two years. In spite of multiple
operations and a great deal of pain he
continued to make progress in both his
school work and in his Scouting.
Happily, Harvey's health improved as
well. Following his discharge from
hospital, he returned for several painful
treatments. This Scout, despite his handi-
cap, has done so well in Scouting that he
has achieved the grade of Queen's Scout.*

The Bronze Cross
For special heroism with
extraordinary risk

*Cub Jerry Tetz, 9, Trochu, Alta.—For
his clear and cool thinking when fire
struck the family home during the ab-
sence of his parents. Jerry, with the aid
of his younger brother, David, succeeded
in shepherding two smaller members of
the family from the burning building,
after having telephoned the operator.
This Cub showed extreme gallantry in
re-entering the house in an attempt to
rescue his baby brother, age one, but
was driven back by heavy smoke. He
tried a second time but the ceiling col-
lapsed, forcing a final retreat.*

The Silver Cross
For gallantry with considerable
risk

*Cub Peter Codling, 9, Fillmore, Sask.—
For his instantaneous reaction when two
younger children had set a car in motion
towards a deep ravine in Waterton
National Park, Alta. Peter gallantly
leapt into the car and applied the brake,
bringing the vehicle to a halt, thus sav-
ing the children from possible death or
severe injury.*

*Patrol Leader Roger Delton Leclerc, 16,
Chalk River, Ont.—For his presence of
mind and the gallant rescue of his
brother Scout, Keith Smith, from drown-
ing when the latter broke through the ice
which the two boys were crossing on
Corry Lake. Roger's persistent efforts
after the rescue in warming him resulted
in there being no ill effects to his friend.*

Rover Scout Robert Roy McAllister, 17, Sarnia, Ont.—For his prompt and gallant action in diving off a dock to the rescue of a sailor, who, while painting the side of the motor vessel *Torrhead*, had fallen from the scaffold with another sailor and was in danger of drowning in the waters of Sarnia harbour.

The Gilt Cross For gallantry with moderate risk

Patrol Second Michael Rowe, 13, Camlachie, Ont.—For his repeated and gallant attempts in the rescue of his brother, Peter, age fourteen. Michael's efforts, along with those of Patrol Leader Wayne Grant, brought the many attempts of both boys to a successful conclusion when Peter was dragged out of the icy waters of Lake Huron after he had fallen through an ice formation into ten-foot waves.

Patrol Leader Danford Lakins, 16, Westbrooke, Ont.—For the gallant rescue of his father who was asleep in an upstairs room of their home when the building caught fire. Danford showed great courage in entering their burning and smoke-filled house.

Patrol Leader Wayne Grant, 17, Camlachie, Ont.—For his persistent and gallant efforts, along with those of Patrol Second Michael Rowe, which resulted in the rescue of Michael's brother, 14-year-old Peter, who had fallen through an ice formation on Lake Huron and was in danger of drowning in the ten-foot waves.

Certificate of Merit For Gallantry

Cub David Tetz, 8, Trochu, Alta.—For his gallantry in assisting his older brother, Jerry, in the rescue of a younger brother and sister from their burning home.

Scout Robert Brian Campsall, 12, Sydenham, Ont.—For his gallantry in rescuing, with the assistance of Scout Anderson, two older boys who had fallen into the icy waters of Sydenham Creek.

Scout Joseph Sydney Anderson, 13, Sydenham, Ont.—For his gallantry in rescuing, with the assistance of Scout Campsall, two older boys who had fallen into the icy waters of Sydenham Creek.

Patrol Leader Larry Critz, 13, Sarnia, Ont.—For his gallant and successful efforts, along with those of Patrol Leader Richard Maaten, which led to the rescue of Mrs. Lillias Harper when she was in danger of drowning in the pool of the Bryn Mawr Apartments.

Patrol Leader Richard Peter Maaten, 13, Sarnia, Ont.—For his gallant and successful efforts, along with those of Patrol Leader Larry Critz, which led to the rescue of Mrs. Lillias Harper when she was in danger of drowning in the pool of the Bryn Mawr Apartments.

Medal For Meritorious Conduct For meritorious acts not involving heroism or risk of life

Patrol Leader Michael Edall, 14, Lone Butte, B.C.—For his quick wittedness and prompt action when Mr. Oliver Mulligan fell through thin ice at an ice-cutting operation on Horse Lake. Michael quickly located a piece of lumber which he placed under Mr. Mulligan's arms. When adult help arrived he assisted further with the rescue by holding the rescuer's legs as the victim was drawn from the icy waters.

Patrol Leader Randall Naylor, 15, Midnapore, Alta.—For his quick and meritorious action when he snatched a younger boy from the path of a large, dislodged rock which was hurtling down a steep mountainside in Waterton National Park directly towards the youngster.

Certificate of Meritorious Conduct

Patrol Second Ronald Elmer Leiren, 14, Bawlf, Alta.—For his meritorious action in pulling to safety his six-year-old sister, Coral who, in attempting to cross a full and swiftly flowing drainage ditch by means of a log which spanned the ditch, had fallen in and was in danger of drowning.

Letter Of Commendation For Meritorious Conduct

Patrol Second Kenneth K. Johnson, 14, Soest, Germany—For his prompt action in rendering first aid to four-year-old Roy Jones who received powdered cement in his eyes when playing with some other children.

Mr. Kenneth Blocksom, Hanna, Alta.—For his prompt action in pulling to safety Cub Dale Finnerty, 10, who, during a game, fell through a grating onto a hot furnace and suffered severe burns.

Mr. Alan Robert Purvis Golding, Westwin, Man.—For his prompt action, along with Mrs. Golding in rendering first aid to the victim of a car accident which had occurred outside the Golding home late at night.

The Silver Fox For services of the most exceptional character to Scouting in the international field

Major-Gen. Daniel Charles Spry, C.B.E., D.S.O., C.D., Ottawa, Ont.

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Mr. Thomas W. Pratt, Lethbridge, Alta.
The late Neville L. Reid, West Vancouver, B.C.

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7th Jamboree-on-the-Air	World-wide	Oct. 17-18, 1964
7th Australian Jamboree	Dandenong	Dec. 31/64 to Jan. 10/65
5th Canadian Rover Moot	British Columbia	1966
1st British Columbia Provincial Jamboree	To be announced	July 9-16, 1966

4th Scout Film Festival Venice, Italy Feb. 1965

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Mexican Scout Photographic Competition (see details in the Scout Leader February 1964, p. 22.

Closing date for entries has been extended from April 30 to October 10, 1964.

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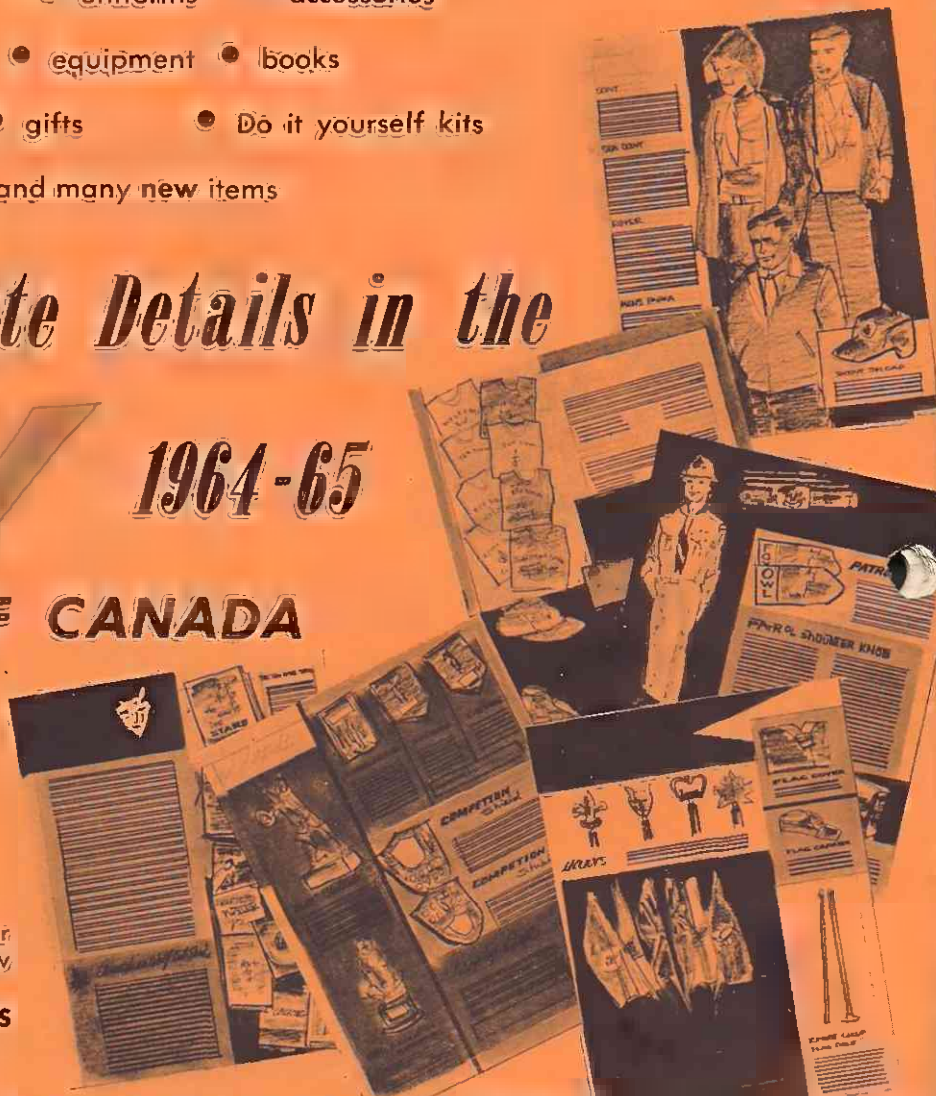
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Gen. Graham enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1916 and served in England, France and Germany. After the war he studied law at Osgoode Hall in Toronto and graduated with honours in 1922. In 1933 he was appointed King's Counsel.

Between his graduation and the outbreak of the Second World War he was a member of council and later mayor of Trenton, Ont.

He went overseas in 1939 with the First Infantry Brigade which he later commanded. He served in Sicily, Italy and north-west Europe.

After the war he stayed in the army. In 1955 he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general and appointed chief of the Canadian General Staff. He retired from this post in 1958.

In 1959 he organized Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip's tour of Canada. In 1960 he became president of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Gen. Graham twice has been awarded the British Distinguished Service Order and was appointed a commander of the Order of the British Empire. The United States made him an officer of the American Legion of Merit. The French government awarded him the Croix de Guerre and made him an officer of the Legion of Honour.

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In May, the executive committee of the National Council approved a number of recommendations submitted by the National Programme Committee.

Two of the recommendations proposed the removal of age, grade and service restrictions on the earning and wearing of grade and proficiency badges by Wolf Cubs and Boy Scouts.

The recommendations were based on research carried out by the Programme and Uniform Subcommittee and followed further by the National Programme Committee.

In November, 1962, the executive committee of the National Council approved a submission of the National Programme Committee which contained a number of basic assumptions designed to keep Scouting moving ahead.

Two of the assumptions are directly related to the subject of this article:

No. 10 That the Scout programme will be boy-centred, as opposed to programme-centred. This means that the programme content will be adapted to meet the needs of boys and situations rather than expecting them to conform to a fixed programme.

No. 18 That the programme shall provide maximum opportunities for self-development by boys.

In October, 1963, the executive committee approved a report entitled *A Review of the Programme of the Boy Scouts of Canada*.

Two items of interest in Part IV of this report state that the "Placing (of) age or length of service as a requirement for a grade badge is seen as unnecessary" and "Setting pre-conditions for the wearing of proficiency badges emphasizes programme rather than the needs of boys."

These statements recognize and give priority to the approach raised in the basic assumptions stated above.

The executive committee also approved, in principle, a recommendation on Ages and Groupings. This will mean that, within certain limitations, seven-year-old boys could become Cubs.

Under present regulations they would have to wait until they were nine before they could wear the First Star. This recommendation also makes it possible for some ten-year-old boys to become Scouts. At present, this would mean they could not become First Class until they had reached the age of fourteen.

As it was felt that the age, grade and service restrictions inhibited self-development and prevented boys from progressing at their own rate, the recom-

RESTRICTIONS REMOVAL



mendations were approved by the executive committee.

Following are the details of the changes outlined in the recommendations:

WOLF CUB GRADE BADGES

Delete underlined sections

Rule 186 "Before awarding the First Star, the Cubmaster must satisfy himself that the Cub is nine years of age, can re-pass his Tenderpad and accomplish the following: . . ."

Rule 187 "Before awarding the Second Star, the Cubmaster must satisfy himself that the Cub is ten years of age and can re-pass his Tenderpad and First Star and accomplish the following: . . ."

Delete Rule 186 (xi) "Have at least three months' satisfactory services as a Cub."

Delete Rule 187 (xiv) "Have at least one year's satisfactory services as a Cub."

WOLF CUB PROFICIENCY BADGES

Delete Rule 182 "A Tenderpad may neither earn nor wear proficiency badges."

Delete Rule 183 "A One Star Cub may earn and wear not more than two proficiency badges."

BOY SCOUT GRADE BADGES

Delete underlined sections

Rule 210 "A Second Class Scout is a Tenderfoot Scout who has had at least one month's satisfactory service and who has completed the following requirements . . ."

Rule 211 "A First Class Scout is a Second Class Scout who has (a) either served as a Second Class Scout for at least two years, or has attained the age of fourteen years, whichever occurs first . . ."

BOY SCOUT PROFICIENCY BADGES

Delete Rule 206 "A Tenderfoot may earn but not wear proficiency badges."

Delete Rule 207 "A Second Class Scout may earn any proficiency badge but may wear only six."

Delete underlined sections

Rule 210 (Paragraph in centre page — page 81) A Second Class Scout wears the badge as shown in Rule 208 (ii)

and he may earn any proficiency badge but wear only six from those given in Rules 216 to 311."

Rule 211 (Paragraph at bottom of page 84) "A First Class Scout wears the badge as shown in Rule 208 (iii). He may earn and wear any proficiency badges."

ALL-ROUND CORDS

Amendment to Rule 314 (i) Change section (a) Be a First Class Scout to read (a) Be a Second Class Scout
Amendments to Rule 314 (ii) Change section (a) Be a Queen's Scout to read (a) Be a First Class Scout

Both the Wolf Cub and Boy Scout Subcommittees of the National Programme Committee are aware of the implications of the recommendations. They are now conducting a thorough review of the present grade and proficiency badge scheme.

HELP WANTED

The Wolf Cub and Boy Scout Subcommittees of the National Programme Committee are doing an extensive review of the grade and proficiency badge schemes of their respective programmes.

In recent years, Scouters and others have submitted suggestions and ideas on these areas. The committees welcome such suggestions and would like to hear from readers who may have further ideas.

In particular, they would like your ideas on:

The content of the grade badges (Should they be cut down, added to or streamlined?)

The progression of the grade requirements within sections (Tenderpad to Second Star and Tenderfoot to Queen's Scout).

The progression of the grade requirements between sections (the Cub is taught compass which leads to mapping in Scouts)

The streamlining of the total proficiency badge scheme for Cubs and Scouts.

Please send your ideas to: The Wolf Cub or Boy Scout Subcommittee, Boy Scouts of Canada, P.O. Box 3520, Postal Station 'C', Ottawa 3, Ontario.

SEPT

PACK PROGRAMME

Venture into Scouting

Get together with your sixers and seconds to plan an extra special meeting that will appeal to both Cubs and recruits. This could be a bus trip, train trip or just a car drive to the local park. As sixes, the Cubs could make fires and toast marshmallows or weiners.

Send a post card to all registered Cubs inviting them to the special meeting.

If your pack needs recruits, have each Cub bring a pal to the meeting. Or you could have each six bring along a guest. Make the guests welcome on this, their first venture into Scouting. Provide each guest with an application form before he leaves.

Early in September, check on all the 11-year-old Cubs. Arrange for them to visit the troop at the earliest opportunity.

Other Activities

Although not directly related to the theme for September, the following should be considered as six or pack activities:

- (a) UNICEF—Cubs should be encouraged to participate in this worthwhile, universal project.
- (b) Visit Fire Station—This is the time for Fire Prevention Week. Sixes or packs may visit the local fire hall for advice and guidance on fire prevention and to learn what to do in case of fire.
- (c) Hallowe'en provides another opportunity to have fun . . . to be different . . . to be imaginative . . . to invite a pal to join Cubs.

OCT

PACK PROGRAMME

Venture into Space

'We Seven'

This is the story of the selection, training and work of the astronauts. The book is available in a paperback edition. Older Cubs should be able to read the book themselves. Its contents may provide ideas for some pack, six and home-centred activities.

Rockets And Space Ships

Encourage Cubs to bring in models of rockets and space ships. At the same time they should be able to tell something of the history of jet propulsion, readily available in most encyclopedias. It is of special interest to Cubs to learn that rockets are not really an invention of our times.

Visit TV or Radio Station

This could provide a special meeting for the Cubs. Try to get them to a live show—preferably one geared to their level that allows them to participate.

Radio shows may have less appeal than TV, but the older Cubs will be interested in the technical equipment and recording aids used. It will add to their visit if they can see and hear a well-known 'disc jockey' in action.

Such visits must be carefully planned and controlled.

Jamboree-On-The-Air

Check with your local Scout office to see if there are any 'hams' in the area who will be working on jamboree-on-the-air. If possible, arrange to take some of the boys to the station to participate.

Star Gazing

To give your Cubs an idea of the vastness of space, make arrangements to have some of them take part in a star gazing expedition. On a moonless night go to an isolated spot away from the city lights. Prior to the expedition, discuss and show illustrations of the main constellations. On the expedition, point these out to the Cubs, along with the North Star and any planets in sight.

Pinpoint Planetarium

This is simply a round, oatmeal-type box with a flashlight mounted inside. Take cards and punch holes for the stars according to the form of the constellations. These are placed, one at a time, over the open end of the box. With the main lights off and the flashlight on, the form of the constellation comes through just as it appears in the sky.

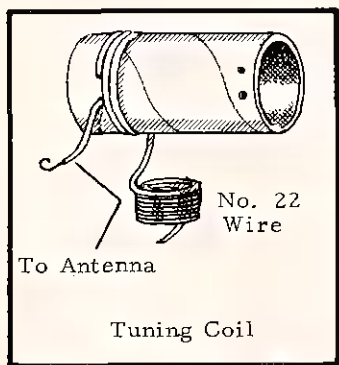
Stories About Stars

Astronomy is the oldest science in the world. Leaders and boys will find many legends and stories concerning the stars and planets. Encourage Cubs to investigate and share the information with each other.

A Crystal Radio

Help your Cubs 'Venture into Space'. Use this project on a handicraft night to harness the radio waves. Try a father and son competition! See which team can complete a working set. The only rule should be that the Cubs must do at least 50% of the work.

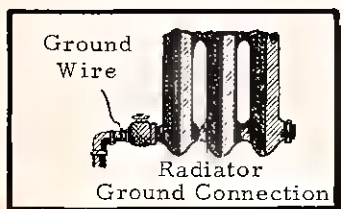
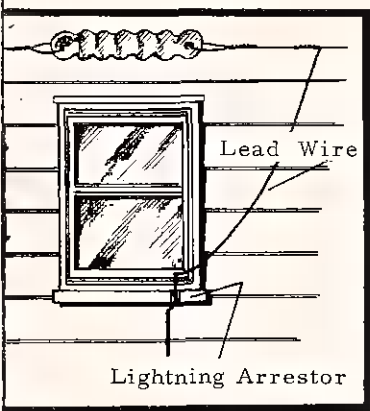
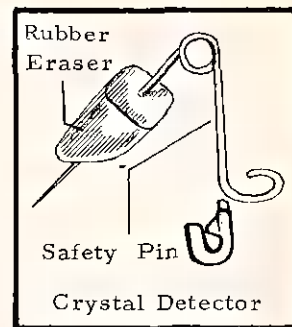
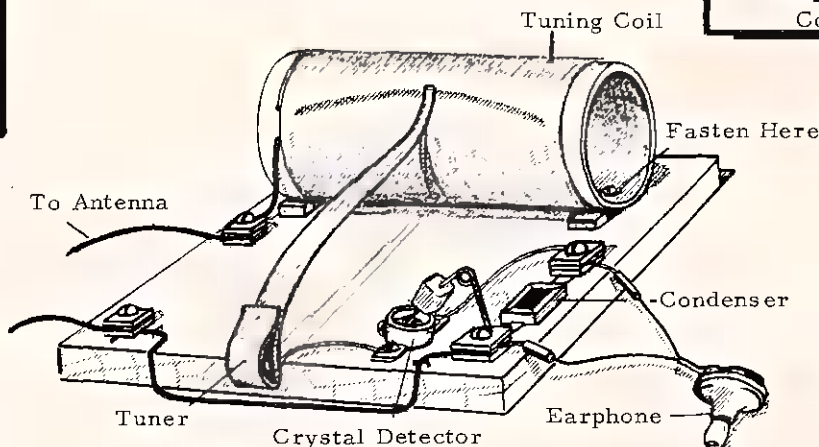
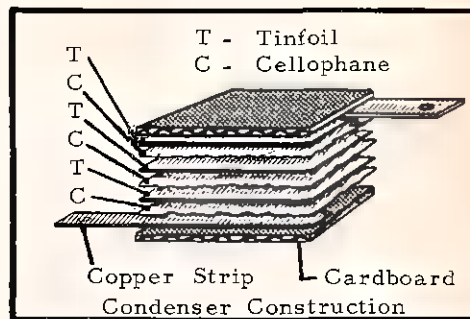
Projects such as this will help develop muscular co-ordination and encourage mental development. This is one way to provide Fitness through Scouting.



Wind wire tightly around a dry shellacked cardboard tube $2\frac{1}{2}$ " dia. x 7" long. Shellac all over again. When dry, fasten it to the baseboard at both ends. Place blocks to keep it from touching the board.

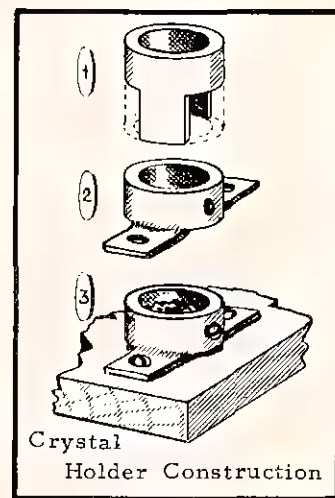
To Ground

The parts for this crystal set can all be bought. However, it is more fun and quite easy to make from scrap materials. The tuner is a strip of brass, with one end screwed down to the baseboard at such an angle that it can be turned with the other end sliding over the tuning coil in an arc. Scrape shellac and covering from the wire along the tuner's path. The end of the ground wire, with covering scraped off, is fastened to a pipe driven into the ground, or the wire may be fastened to a radiator. The aerial can be put on the roof, be sure to insulate it at both ends.



PART LIST FOR YOUR CRYSTAL RADIO SET:

TUNING COIL:	Cardboard tube from either a toilet roll or waxed paper roll. Wire is No. 22 and is approximately 40c per 100 ft. roll.
RUBBER ERASER:	School
COPPER TUBING:	Dad may have a small piece in his workshop; if not, check your local plumber for a piece of scrap.
GERMANIUM CRYSTAL:	Approximately 40c each.
CONDENSER:	You can buy it, but it's more fun to make. Just follow the little diagram drawing.
EARPHONE:	Approximately 75¢ and up.
SCREWS:	See Dad or neighbour.
SAFETY PINS:	See Mother.
TUNER:	A piece of scrap brass strip.
INSULATORS:	Approximately 20¢ each.



SEPT

TROOP PROGRAMME

Venture into Scouting

Meet with the court of honour to consider patrol and troop re-organization. Develop a troop recruitment plan.

Patrols may wish to regroup and the election of patrol leaders should be arranged. New patrol leaders and seconds will require Golden Arrow training.

Arrange with the Cubmaster to have 11-year-old Wolf Cubs visit the troop and plan to join patrols. Consideration should also be given to recruiting from outside the movement.

If the present membership of your troop permits, have Scouts or patrols recruit members by bringing a chum to meetings.

Organize a 'round-up' hike as the first fall event and ensure that all registered Scouts are invited to it. This should be an exciting, appealing activity.

Other items included in the plan could be an Open House for parents and new recruits and an announcement by the sponsor of troop meeting time and place.

OCT

TROOP PROGRAMME

Venture into Space

Jamboree-on-the-air, Oct. 17 and 18 provides a splendid opportunity for Scouts to experience world brotherhood and 'venture into space'.

With assistance from your local Scout Office, locate and arrange with local 'hams' to participate. Invite a 'ham' operator to a troop meeting. Familiarize Scouts with the equipment.

Signalling

Encourage Scouts to develop their skill at signalling by making it a *meaningful* activity. Use coded messages as part of troop meeting and hike instructions. Have Scouts build buzzers and blinkers and make full use of heliograph, wig-wag and even smoke signals! (A piece of dry ice in a bucket produces 'smoke'.)

Proficiency Badges

The Radioman, Signaller, Starman and Weatherman Badges are particularly appropriate to the theme of 'venture into space'.

Umbrella Planetarium

It's easy to make and will give your Scouts a better working knowledge of the universe.

Since an umbrella has the shape of the inside of a sphere, it can be used to illustrate portions of the heavens. Secure an old, large umbrella and with chalk mark the North Star or Polaris next to the centre on the inside.

Use a star map to mark the star positions for various constellations and crosses. Later, use white paint or chalk to make dotted lines joining the stars in a given constellation.

(This is an excellent device for learning circumpolar stars and constellations and how to tell time by the Big Dipper.)

Star Gazing

A late-night troop meeting to study the stars and planets will appeal to your Scouts.

If you live in the vicinity of an observatory or planetarium, arrange for the troop to visit it. If not, locate an amateur astronomer in your community. These men are enthusiastic about their hobby and will be happy to pass on their knowledge and enthusiasm to your Scouts.

It will help if the instructor has a flashlight with a powerful beam to point at star locations. At night, the beam of light serves as a gigantic pointer.

Weather Station

Have patrols construct weather stations, including a wet and dry hygrometer, anemometer, wind vane, rain gauge and barometer. Keep an accurate record of weather over a one-month period.

An excellent book for reference on this and many related subjects is *700 Science Experiments For Everyone*, compiled by UNESCO. Available in Canada from Doubleday Canada Ltd., 105 Bond Street, Toronto, Ont.

Another book to be recommended is *Science For Camp And Counsellor* by William T. Hartog, published by Association Press, New York. The cost is \$10.95.

Weather Hike

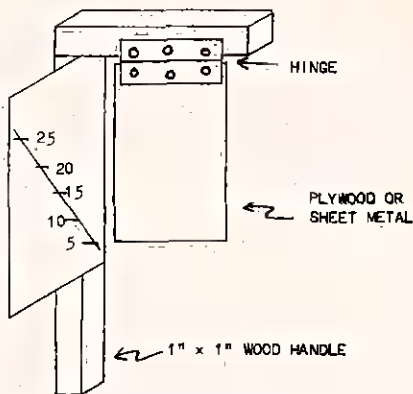
Any Scout can make a fire with nice dry wood and no wind and rain, but it takes a *real* Scout to do the same job under trying conditions.

Each patrol selects a member as patrol weatherman. His job is to try to choose the weekend of *poorest* weather for the hike. Patrol weather station observations, long-range weather forecasts and even the occasional look at TV will assist him in his job. When a decision has been made, the patrol is mobilized and given all details—time, place of departure, special kit, etc.

Let's hope the day selected will be one of snow, cold, rain and wind—or at least one of these—to make a real test of Scouting skills!

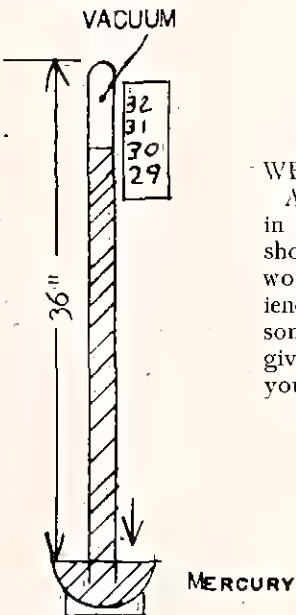
Accomplishments achieved under adversity are long remembered with pride.

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VANE ANEMOMETER

The wind blows against a hinged vane and as the wind speed increases, the vane swings up farther. The measuring line is calibrated by holding it out the window of a car on a windless day. Marks are made on the scale as the car moves at 5, 10, 15, and 20 miles per hour. When in use be sure the anemometer is headed directly into the wind as indicated by a weather vane.

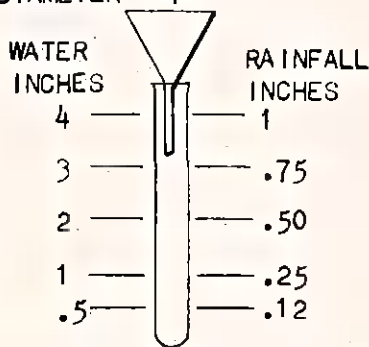


BAROMETER

A barometer detects changes in atmospheric pressure. Decreasing pressure often indicates a storm and rising

pressure usually indicates fair weather. Barometer may use a fluid such as water or mercury. Aneroid Barometers do not use a fluid.

FUNNEL
DIAMETER = 2"
TEST TUBE
DIAMETER = 1"



RAIN GAUGE

A rain gauge is designed with a larger area at the top of the funnel than the area of the measuring tube so the water height will be exaggerated and more exact measures are possible. In the rain gauge shown above, a one inch rainfall will produce four inches of water in the tube. One quarter inch of water in the tube will be produced by a rainfall of only .06 inches.

WEATHER CHART

Accurate record keeping is important in weather forecasting. The chart shown below will be helpful to Scouts working on the weatherman proficiency badge requirements. Comparison of your chart figures with those given by the weather bureau will prove your ability.

WIND VANE

Start with a piece of wood about 10 inches long and 2 inches square. With a saw cut a slot in the centre of each end of the stick about 2 inches deep.



Find a thin piece of wood about 4 inches wide which will fit tightly in the slot. From this cut two sections, one the end of an arrow, the other a tail as shown below.



Push the head and tail of the wind vane into the slots and fasten them either with glue or small nails.

Next, balance the wind vane on the blade of a knife and mark the place on the stick where it balances. Secure the glass part of a medicine dropper and close the small end by rotating it in a gas or alcohol flame. At the place where the vane balances drill a hole about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the distance through the stick, just slightly larger than the medicine dropper tube. Put the small end of the tube in the hole and fasten it securely with glue or putty.

Make a supporting rod for the wind vane by using a piece of soft wood about a yard long and drive a small nail in the top. With a file sharpen the end of the nail to a point. Place the medicine dropper over the nail and mount the wind vane on top of a building, or on top of a pole where it has access to the wind from all directions.

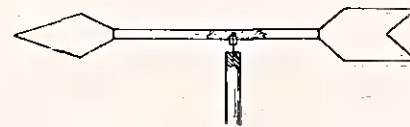


CHART FOR WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

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WHAT DO STATION CALL LETTERS SIGNIFY, IF ANYTHING?

In the early days of radio, the first International Conference on Radio Communication was held. One of the first things done was to provide some means of identifying a station. This conference allocated prefixes to each country. Canada was given the prefixes *VE* and *VO*. The number after the prefix is allocated by the country concerned. Canada does this roughly by provinces. The last two or three letters after the number are allocated by the province concerned, usually in strict order of application, although in special cases it is possible to obtain special letters if they are available.

This is how the Boy Scouts World Bureau station got the call *VE3WSB*.
VE—Canadian amateur station
3—located in Ontario
WSB—World Scout Bureau

WHAT DOES CQ MEAN?

This is a general call, indicating that the caller is prepared to talk to any station answering. Sometimes it can be limited to a special area or group, for example, *CQ Europe* or *CQ Jamboree*.

WHAT IS DX

DX is an abbreviation for distance, although the distance is not clearly defined. Generally, however, it can be taken to mean outside the caller's own country, or more than 1,000 miles away.

WHY DO THE OPERATORS KEEP REPEATING THEIR CALL SIGNS?

By law, the station must be identified at the beginning and end of each transmission, or, if transmissions last more than ten minutes, each ten minutes.

In Canada, identification must be in either English or French, although other languages may be used. You will also hear the operator using one of the many phonetic alphabets such as *Victor Echo Three William Sugar Baker* for *VE3WSB*.

WHAT DO THE LETTERS AM, CW AND SSB MEAN?

These are some of the various types of signal the amateur is allowed to put out with his transmitter.

AM stands for 'amplitude modulation'. It means that the voice is carried on the carrier wave. Voice frequencies are superimposed on radio frequencies.

CW means 'carrier wave' of radio frequency. Strictly speaking, it should be *ICW* for 'Interrupted Continuous Wave'. The radio frequency being emitted is interrupted by the key to produce Morse Code.

SSB means 'single side band' and is a modification of *AM*. On an ordinary receiver it sounds garbled and can only be received with a communications receiver.

WHAT DO THE LETTERS QSL, QRM, ETC., MEAN?

These are part of an international 'Q' code used by all countries. Using this code you can communicate with any amateur, no matter what his country—at least to the extent of obtaining the more important details.

Here are some examples of the 'Q' code:

QSL—I will/will you confirm your/my signal by post. (Also used to denote the actual postcard confirming signals.)

QRM—Another station is interfering with your signals.

QRN—Electrical noise or static is interfering with your signals.

QTH—What is your location /my location is . . .

QSY—Will you/I will change frequency.

WHY CAN WE HEAR THAT STATION IN ENGLAND YET NOT THE ONE IN MONTREAL HE IS TALKING TO?

Long distance communication on short waves is done by 'bouncing' the signal off the ionosphere. Depending on the height of this at the time, the 'bounce' may land 1,000 or 3,000 miles away, completely missing anything in between. Another part of the emitted signal goes out in a straight line parallel to the ground, but this can rarely go uninterrupted for more than ten to twenty miles.

WHY IS IT SOMETIMES EASIER TO HEAR STATIONS AT NIGHT?

The ionosphere changes in character as the sun goes down.

WHY THE NAME 'HAM'?

There are a number of explanations. The one most generally accepted is that the word 'amateur' began to be abbreviated to 'am' and the 'h' was almost immediately added to form a proper word.

WHO CAN BE A HAM?

Any Canadian or British subject over the age of eighteen.

WHO CONTROLS RADIO AMATEUR OPERATIONS?

In Canada Transport.

DO YOU HAVE TO KNOW MORSE CODE TO BE A HAM?

Yes. In Canada, you require knowledge of Morse code words per minute.

WHAT IS MEANT BY BANDS OR FREQUENCIES?

A band is a range of frequencies forming a spectrum. You have many bands—for instance, the radio band—referred to as megacycles. Only a small number of cycles are covered by each band. The number of cycles in a band decreases, and the frequency increases, as the wavelength decreases, and the frequency increases.

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BY LEN JARRETT
Boy Scouts World Bureau

Citizen Band Radio

Cubs and Scouts tests require boys to learn semaphore or morse code. Yet, despite this programme, few Scouts have earned the Radio Man proficiency badge. Radio can be an interesting venture into Space! Financing is an important but not insurmountable factor. The results would justify the efforts required to raise the necessary funds.



Most of these tools can be found in the home. A fine soldering iron is essential. Check local stores for various priced models.



Scouts can work as Patrols or small ad hoc groups in assembling kits. It is useful to have an advisor who is familiar with such kits and their use.

There are many models and kits available for citizen band radios. Every part of the country has an increasing number of C.B.'ers. Perhaps your troop could become part of this group.

Why the C.B.? There are many advantages to Scout Troops.

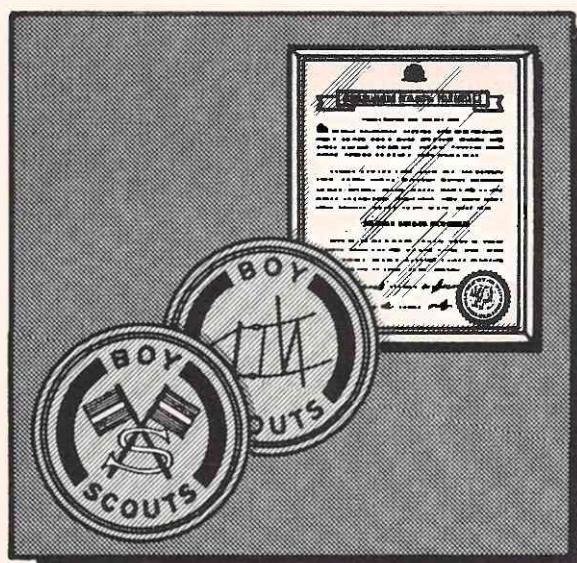
1. Kits can be assembled by boys of Scout age.
2. The price is reasonable.
3. It is portable and can be used on wide games, service projects and venture camps.

The benefits inherent in such a 'Venture into Space' are many. Scouts can improve co-ordination and motor skills by assembling the kits. They increase their knowledge through assembly and use of radios.

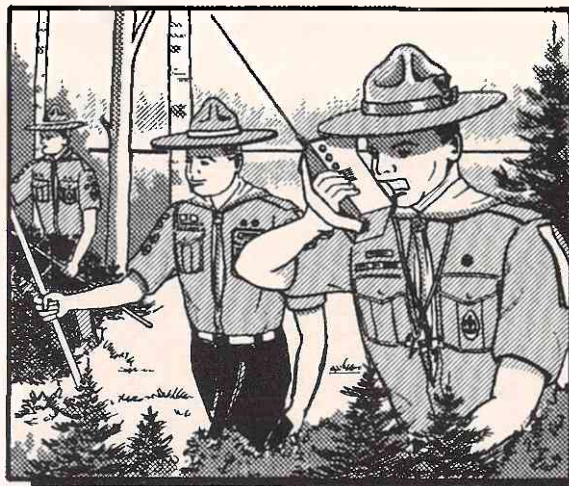
Physical development can be a side benefit. Wide games can be more fun if the defending team can co-ordinate its defenses.

Search and Rescue, with these mobile radios, can be co-ordinated and teams will know if, and when, the last person is found.

Will your Troop "Venture into Space"?



Encourage your scouts to work through the Signaller and Radioman proficiency badges to their D. O. T. "ham" Operators' Licence.



Use completed kits in volunteer service (e.g. search and rescue operations), wide games and camps.

SEPT

OLDER BOY PROGRAMME

Venture into Scouting

Older Boy

What is he? A Cub? A Scout? A Rover? Technically he is none of these. He is a member of an Older Boy patrol or troop designed for the 14 to 17-year-old.

Older Boy patrols may operate within existing troops in which they will have an assistant Scoutmaster whose sole function is to work with this Older Boy patrol.

Older Boy troops may also be formed with a Scoutmaster and assistants.

In either case, the core programme will be the Boy Scout programme found in *Tenderfoot To Queen's Scout* and *The Troop Scouters' Handbook*. Because of the age of members this core programme will have to be expanded to meet the needs and interests of the members. Useful material will be found in *The Crew Scouters' Handbook* and the *Exploring Manual* of the Boys Scouts of America.

Members should have a greater say in the development and operation of the programme which should provide fun, adventure and challenge. It should seek up to ninety members, do things and meet people.

Birthday Party

Before starting an Older Boy patrol or troop, contact your local council for help and advice and get approval of your group committee. Invite Older Boys (14 to 17) from the troop, high school, friends, drop-outs, etc. to a Birthday party.

Highlight the event with a large papier-maché cake. Use sections of the cake to show activities which the unit could use in the programme. Try these or add your own:

- Hiking—orienteeing
- Pioneering—adventure camping
- Canoe trips—mountain climbing
- Co-educational activities—parties
- Tours—expeditions—visits

Include a real cake for refreshments. Encourage members to offer suggestions over refreshments. If the programme appeals to the boys, form an Older Boy patrol or troop.

Note: Gifts are given at birthday parties. How about sending one of the following to the *Older Boy Subcommittee*, *Boy Scouts of Canada*, P.O. Box 3520, Station 'C', Ottawa 3.

Help find a name. Some names (Venturer, Explorer, Discoverer, Pioneer, Voyageur, Adventurer, Challenger, Pathfinder) were suggested many months ago. Pick your favourite or add your own.

- Help with programme areas. Tell the subcommittee what the Older Boys want as a programme.
- Help with organization. Tell whether patrols, as in Scouts, or an executive, as in Rovers, should be the basis of organization.

Uniform

A new uniform will be available through Supply Services

for Older Boy units (patrols and troops) this fall. It consists of a loden green beret, tan shirt and loden green slacks or shorts. For further information write *Supply Services*, *Boy Scouts of Canada*, P.O. Box 3520, Station 'C', Ottawa 3.

Note: The present Boy Scout uniform can also be worn by Older Boy units. The choice should be made by the members.

OCT

OLDER BOY PROGRAMME

Venture into Space

Citizen Band Radios

Opposite is a page on Citizen Band radios.

The use of these opens up whole new areas of programme. Wide games, search and rescue operations, adventure camps and service projects all become more feasible when teams are co-ordinated by these through the use of radios.

The cost varies. Completed sets or kits may cost the same. Range is an important factor in cost. Most kits will produce a saving over a completed set of the same power. Encourage members to earn funds for this equipment.

Use of Kits

The do-it-yourself fad is still with us. This is particularly true of those interested in hi-fi and 'ham' radio. There are many values inherent in building your own sets. Service and maintenance becomes less of a problem if the members have built the set. They know what makes it work!

There are many side benefits to building your own set. An increase in knowledge, the development of motor skills and a team spirit can evolve from such a project.

Ham Receivers

Many Older Boys will be interested in going beyond the Citizen Band sets but are too young to earn a 'ham' radio operator's licence. Building a receiver may be a big first step towards their goal.

Signaller And Radioman Proficiency Badges

These badges can be used as stepping stones to the 'venture into space'. Stress the case of Morse code in the Signaller's Badge and seek a high degree of proficiency.

Consider combining the requirements of both badges.

Signal Equipment

Don't settle for second best. Build quality signal equipment. Contact local radio supply outlets.

In addition, assign projects, providing minimum gear which require members to devise equipment under emergency situations.

Jamboree-On-The-Air

Plan early to participate in this international jamboree. Start with VE3-WSB and see how many different countries and groups can be contacted. Plan an all-night watch with members attending in shifts.

Local 'ham' clubs should be contacted for possible stations. Make it a big event. Publicize it in advance. Design and print cards for exchange.



"What's more, Phelps, there has been no suggestion to merge the services within the Scout movement."

A CAMPIN' I MUST GO

BY FRANK LOWE

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The Montreal Star

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It is rather exhilarating to hear that the latest ruse used to stimulate interest in the Girl Guide movement is something known as 'co-ed camping'—which means that on weekends Girl Guides and Boy Scouts head for the woods and camp together.

All I can say is: "Ma, hand me my short pants and my knapsack—a-campin' I must go."

The lady who announced this fascinating addition to the traditional Girl Guide curriculum said that this experiment had already increased interest in the Girl Guide movement. And I would say that the lady is putting the case mildly.

Co-ed camping may well do for the Girl Guide movement what Brigitte Bardot did for the French movies.

It is all proof, however, that I was born many years too soon.

When I was a Boy Scout (Beaver Patrol), our husky, bare-kneed leaders frowned on anything co-educational. What red-blooded boy, they asked, would want to be with a girl when he could be in a leaky tent learning how

to tie knots?

I figured then that there was something wrong with this type of thinking. And now I am sure of it.

Frankly, when I compare this latest announcement with the strictures which applied during my Boy Scout days I realize that we were so well segregated from girls it is a wonder any of us learned enough about the fair sex to get married.

Even when we had church parades, the Girl Guides were carefully shepherded to one side of the church, while the Boy Scouts were seated on the other side.

If the leaders wouldn't let us mingle in church, you can well imagine what would have happened to anyone suggesting that we should get together in the woods. Why, a fellow would have his patrol leader stripes torn from his uniform for even thinking such a thing.

I know, because once I broke out of a Boy Scout camp to visit a girl who lived on a farm a few miles from our seaside 'men only' haven. At the time I was sharing a tent with a nut who sincerely believed everything he read in the Boy Scout manuals, so when I fell over him about midnight as I returned to my bed roll he awoke in a

bit of snit.

I didn't mind that, but when he kept me from going to sleep by preaching at me about the varied and many Boy Scout regulations I had broken during this illicit safari I did get angry. That wakee-wakee whistle blew early in this camp and I needed some shut eye.

Finally, when he culminated his tirade by telling me he was going to ask the camp padre to pray for me, I did what any sleep-loving Boy Scout would do. I belted him on the nose.

After that, for some reason, the Boy Scouts and I became increasingly more disenchanted with one another. I felt that there were other things in this world beside sing-songs around the jolly old campfire, and I already knew how to tie more knots than I could possibly ever use.

I now realize, of course, that what was happening was that I had become aware that girls wearing shorts were more attractive than boys wearing shorts. And if only that enlightened Girl Guide leader had been around then with her 'co-ed camping' plan I might have stayed on to become the oldest active Boy Scout in the organization's history.

SEPT

CREW PROGRAMME

Venture into Scouting

Recruitment

In 1962 and 1963 Rover Scouting had two big years in recruiting members and establishing new crews. Let's make 1964 bigger and better!

It is not necessary to have been a Cub or Scout to be a Rover. However, many Rovers have progressed through these channels and we should continue our efforts to attract these young men.

Still, many young men can be recruited directly into the crew. Sources are: friends of members, church members and high school friends.

Rover Scouts need not hide their light under a basket. In fact, it would be better to put up a prominent beacon to show that the Rover Scout programme provides fun, challenge and adventure.

Remember, the product must live up to its advertising. Build up your programme, share your experiences with others and your crew will soon have young men knocking on the door.

Take The Story Out

Publicity does not always come easily. In fact, many people find that it takes sustained and conscientious effort to properly tell a story.

To be effective, information must be written for the public for which it is intended. And it must reach this audience.

Consider using posters, displays, open houses and parties. While these will all do a good job, probably the most effective method will be personal contact. A Rover who has enjoyed Rover Scouting is the best person to sell Rovering.

Membership Night

Invite prospective Rovers to a membership night. Use films, slides, logs, talks and discussions to tell the story of the crew. Invite the girl friends in later for refreshments and a dance.

OCT

CREW PROGRAMME

Venture into Space

Hi-Fi and Stereo

While it is nice to listen to music on a quality hi-fi or stereo set, it is even more enjoyable if you have built the set.

Contact local radio parts outlets. Perhaps they will allow you to test various turntables, amplifiers and speakers. Try to find the best sound for the most economical price.

Ham Operations

Mobile transmitters provide greater flexibility. Qualify for your ham radio operator's licence. Then invest in, or build, a mobile set that can be transported in your car. Contact a local 'ham' for advice on training and equipment.

Telecommunications

'Tele', meaning long distance or, in current vernacular, 'way out', is particularly interesting to young men seeking a career. There are many varieties of telecommunication. As a crew, explore these and their contribution to today's life.

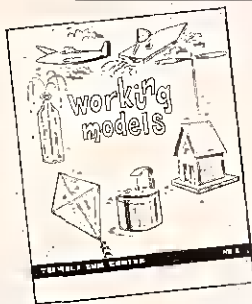
Jamboree-On-The-Air

As a crew, help sponsor the local effort for Jamboree-on-the-air, Oct. 17 and 18.

Contact ham operators, visit troops and packs, set up a visiting roster, act as guides, serve refreshments and publicize the event.

Jamboree-on-the-air provides an opportunity for Scouts to become, if only for a brief interval, a participating member of a world-wide brotherhood.

NEW BOOKS

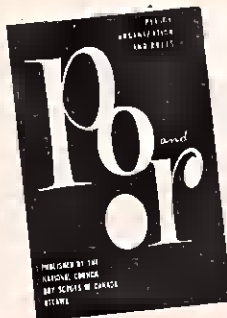


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1964

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Includes revisions made by the National Council in May 1964.

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Scout council office or order from
Boy Scouts of Canada Supply Services,
Box 3520, Station C,
Ottawa 3, Ontario

Games

1. Jump the Shot

Equipment: Soft weight, such as a rolled-up cloth or sand-bag, tied-in end of rope at least ten feet long.

Method: Players in circle formation. Leader in centre swings rope around inside circle to get it going in a steady, circular motion. Then the rope is swung around the circle below the knees of the players who must 'jump the shot'!

Scoring: No scoring. If hit by the rope or weight, the player drops out. The game continues until only one player is left.

Scoring Variations: Each patrol begins with fifty points. Patrol members mix throughout the circle. When a player fails to 'jump the shot,' five points are subtracted from the patrol score. Players remain in the circle. The game is continued until one of the patrols is in the 'red'.

2. Snail Race

Equipment: A bicycle for each contestant.

Method: A course fifty feet long is laid out with a lane for each contestant. Lanes are three to four feet wide. Patrol representatives line up at one end of the course. Each Scout stands by his bicycle. At the signal 'GO', each Scout mounts his bike and proceeds as slowly as possible toward the finish line. Any rider whose foot touches the ground or whose wheel touches either side of his lane is disqualified.

Scoring: The last one to cross the finish line without being disqualified wins.

Variation I—Handicap Race: Scouts line up as above. Six-inch diameter logs (not too heavy) are tied so they are dragged along by the bicycles.

Variation II—Speed Race: Scouts line up as above, but at the signal 'GO', they set off as fast as they can. First to finish wins.

3. Bull in the Ring

Equipment: None.

Method: Each patrol forms a circle by joining hands. A representative from another patrol is the bull and goes to the centre of the ring. At a signal, each bull attempts to break out of the ring in any manner he wishes.

Scoring: The first bull to break out of his ring wins a point for his patrol.

Variations: Each patrol, in turn, acts as bulls, with the rest of the troop forming the ring. Time each patrol. The patrol getting out in the shortest time wins.

Novelty Grand Howl

By Bob Shairp, District Cubmaster, Summerside, P.E.I.

Begin with Cubs in lairs. Baloo enters from the centre of the hall and calls out:

*"Listen, O Cubs of the jungle
To these words of old Baloo,
On your left paw (pause) turn to follow
(At pause, all Cubs turn to face left)
The trails laid down for you.*

*"Now raise your voice to the jungle,
Let the shadows echo it back,
Once, twice, and again repeat,
The 'Law of the Wolf Cub Pack.' "*

At the final word 'pack', the Cubs start a slow, methodical march around the circle, repeating the 'law' threetimes. By the end of the third 'law' they are in a complete circle and Baloo can call 'Pack, Pack, Pack'.

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Progress Report for 1963

The 1963 Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of Canada was presented at the Annual Meeting, held in Ottawa, May 8th, 1964.

EVENTS The report includes brief accounts of the 11th World Jamboree, 3rd National Sailing Regatta, 19th World Scout Conference, 3rd Commonwealth Scout Conference and the presentation of "The Boy Scout" statue to the National Headquarters by the Philadelphia Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS Summaries of the year's principal activities of the various services at National Headquarters—Administration, Information, Programme, Publications, Relationships, Research, Supply—are presented in the Annual Report by Chief Executive Fred J. Finlay.

APPRECIATIONS Mr. R. C. Berkinshaw, Chairman of the Executive Committee, expresses appreciation to the following on behalf of the Executive Committee: Government House staff, the Government of Canada, provincial and civic governments, all those who provided financial support, volunteer workers, the press, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the Canadian Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters, the Canadian Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance Association, the Girl Guides of Canada, and the Executive staff of the Boy Scouts of Canada.



Scouts and Scouters on Mount Morrow in Jasper National Park.



Driftwood for hospital handicraft projects collected by boys at Peterborough, Ontario. Yunge-Bateman Photo.

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- 1 COLLECTION BOXES
- 2 LITERATURE KIT — valuable for a first programme (containing sample of Items 5 to 11, Planning Guide, Banking arrangements, Report Form, Order Forms)
- 3 PUBLICITY KIT (containing 2 short editorials, broadcast spots, announcements, newspaper shorts, location of films available for rental)
- 4 STORE DISPLAY KITS (containing UNICEF Banner and Poster, Sample Collection Box)
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- 6 YOUNG CANADA (age 10-12)
- 7 A LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY (age 10-17)
- 8 STUDENTS 'ROUND THE WORLD (age 12-17)
- 9 UNICEF WHAT IT IS (age 12-17)
- 10 DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (age, adult)
- 11 HALLOWEEN HINTS
- 12 HI-NEIGHBOR BROCHURE, listing Books and Records
- 13 FILM STRIP BROCHURE, listing Film Strips which may be obtained on loan or purchased
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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the National Council was held at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Ontario on Friday, May 8, 1964. Mr. R. C. Berkinshaw was in the chair.

Lieut.-Gen. Howard D. Graham, C.B.E., D.S.O., C.D., E.D., Q.C., of Oakville was elected president of the National Council; Mr. R. C. Stevenson, O.B.E., C.A., of Montreal was re-elected vice president; and Mr. D.A. Thompson, Q.C., of Winnipeg was elected vice president.

Re-elected to office were A. J. Frost, F.C.A., Ottawa: Honorary Secretary; Fletcher W. Troop, Ottawa: Honorary Treasurer; Earle T. Moore, Montreal: International Commissioner. Mr. John C. Osborne, Q.C., Ottawa was elected Honorary Counsel.

A live report on Canadian Scouting events of 1963 was given by a number of boys representing the "first Trans Canada Troop".

Dr. Eli Boyaner of Saint John, New Brunswick paid

tribute to the fine contribution made by the dedicated leaders of packs, troops and crews, and members of committees and councils who had given so generously of their time, energy and talents in the interest of the members of the Scout movement in Canada.

In a message sent to the dinner meeting marking the 50th Anniversary of the National Council, the Chief Scout, His Excellency General the Right Honourable Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D. Governor-General of Canada, said "... the very magnitude of what has been achieved is a minimum measure of what remains to be done. Though lasting advances have, and must continue to be gained in administration and some aspects of planning, each new generation sets off new recruiting, new training and new organizing. The work of Scouting is never ended and must grow as the country grows.

"The past gives Scouting to the present as a trust and it is incumbent upon each of us to be prepared to add our part before handing it on to the future."

Statement of Census as at December 31, 1963

PROVINCES	WOLF CUBS	BOY SCOUTS	LONE SCOUTS	SEA SCOUTS	ROVER SCOUTS	ROVER SEA SCOUTS	GRAND TOTAL BOY MEMBERS	ADULT LEADERS	DEC. 31, 1963 TOTAL	DEC. 31, 1962 TOTAL
* O/SEAS ARMY	305	189	—	—	—	—	494	69	563	563
" AIR FORCE	509	217	—	—	19	—	745	116	861	973
POLAND (WARSAW)	14	—	—	—	—	—	14	2	16	—
NFLD.	1,774	2,009	—	—	50	—	3,833	370	4,203	4,681
P.E.I.	907	582	—	—	5	—	1,494	201	1,695	1,774
N.S.	7,626	5,333	—	—	132	—	13,091	1,504	14,595	14,271
N.B.	5,398	4,037	17	72	155	—	9,679	923	10,602	10,757
QUE.	12,552	7,117	7	466	224	92	20,460	2,155	22,615	21,601
LONE CUBS	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ONT.	76,345	40,174	42	1,459	2,762	150	120,932	13,479	134,411	134,474
MAN.-N.W.O.	11,726	5,566	54	61	148	—	17,555	1,868	19,423	19,265
SASK.	7,485	3,814	74	—	67	—	11,440	1,367	12,807	13,134
ALTA.-MACK.	19,914	9,261	55	62	193	—	29,485	3,391	32,876	32,611
B.C.	22,984	11,278	—	390	441	23	35,116	4,333	39,449	39,880
LA FED.	6,588	9,669	—	—	1,670	—	17,927	3,147	21,074	20,352
TOTAL 1963	174,129	99,246	249	2,510	5,866	265	282,265	32,925	315,190	—
TOTAL 1962	171,458	102,490	404	2,426	4,958	220	281,956	32,380	—	314,336
INCREASE	2,671	—	—	84	908	45	309	545	—	854
DECREASE	—	3,244	155	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PERCENTAGE	1.5	3.2	3.8	3.5	18.3	20.5	.11	1.7	—	.27

* ESTIMATED

Cub and Scout Membership Trends 1952-1963*

YEAR	CUB MEMBERSHIP	PER CENT CHANGE OVER PRECEDING YEAR	SCOUT MEMBERSHIP	PER CENT CHANGE OVER PRECEDING YEAR	TOTAL CUB AND SCOUT MEMBERSHIP	PER CENT CHANGE OVER PRECEDING YEAR
1952	81,700	—	48,600	—	130,300	—
1953	89,000	8.9	51,900	6.7	140,900	8.2
1954	98,500	10.6	57,400	10.6	155,900	10.6
1955	111,300	13.0	63,300	10.3	174,600	12.0
1956	125,500	12.6	68,000	7.3	193,300	10.7
1957	135,700	8.1	73,500	8.0	209,200	8.1
**1958	143,300	5.6	84,000	14.2	227,300	8.6
1959	150,100	4.7	93,300	11.0	243,400	7.0
1960	157,000	4.6	101,000	8.2	258,000	6.0
1961	165,800	5.6	104,500	3.5	270,300	4.8
1962	171,500	3.4	105,300	.8	276,800	2.4
1963	174,100	1.5	102,000	-3.1	276,100	-.2

* NOT INCLUDING ROVER SCOUTS.

** CHANGE IN "GOING-UP" AGE



Canoeing at Camp Alloway on Big Whiteshell Lake, Manitoba.

Analysis of Groups

	O/SEAS ARMY	O/SEAS AIR FORCE	NFLD.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN. N.W.O.	SASK.	ALTA. MACK.	B.C.- YUKON	LA FED.	TOTALS 1963	TOTALS 1962
GROUPS	— (11)	—	89	39	300	206	350	2,196	351	235	563	779	464	5,583	5,592
PACKS	*	20	56	41	313	173	453	2,692	446	278	743	961	278	6,454	6,433
TROOPS	*	14	62	27	261	182	359	2,052	305	211	521	653	350	4,997	5,048
CREWS	*	3	3	1	18	13	39	367	21	12	26	55	94	652	561

* ARMY FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE

Scout Group Affiliations as at December 31, 1963

Sponsoring Institutions	Over Seas	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man. N.W.O.	Sask.	Alta. Mack.	B.C. Yukon	La Fed.	Dec. 31 1963	Dec. 31 1962	Dec.	Inc.
CHURCH SPONSORS																
ANGLICAN		10	2	38	31	50	368	48	17	56	107		727	734	7	
BAPTIST			1	26	26	3	72	9	5	18	18		178	192	14	
JEWISH					2	14	16	2		2	1		37	37		
LATTER DAY SAINTS				2			20	1		50	10		83	75		8
LUTHERAN				2			29	14	7	22	17		91	90		1
PENTECOSTAL						1	13	4		3	3		24	26	2	
PRESBYTERIAN		2	2	15	5	15	151	16	9	13	18		246	252	6	
ROMAN CATHOLIC		23	3	36	25	36	234	25	20	52	42	464	960	949		11
SALVATION ARMY		19		4	3	6	58	5	1	7	13		116	121	5	
UNITED		19	3	73	32	38	447	75	41	80	130		938	901		37
OTHERS				3		1	3			8	2		17	22	5	
JOINT CHURCHES				7		1	19	5	1	4	1		38	34		4
TOTALS		73	11	206	124	165	1430	204	101	315	362	464	3455	3433		22
SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONAL SPONSORS																
H. G. S. and P.T.A.			4	26	14	25	109		24	42	76		320	343	23	
SCHOOLS :																
PUBLIC						2	1				1		4	5	1	
PRIVATE							1			1	2		4	4		
TRAINING				2		2	2	1	1				8	5		3
INDIAN							5	5	1	3	1		15	17	2	
BLIND						1					1		2	4	2	
DEAF							3		1	1			5	4		1
CRIPPLED /		1					7						8	10	2	
MENTALLY RETARDED				1			15	1		3	2		22	25	3	
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UNIVERSITIES					1								1	1		
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NAVY				4		1	1				1		7	6		1
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AIR FORCE	7	2	1	2	4	10	14	3	2	3	3		51	50		1
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FORESTERS								2	2	1			5	6	1	
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Religious Calendars 1964-65

SEPTEMBER 1, 1964 — AUGUST 31, 1965



PROTESTANT, ANGLICAN, ORTHODOX

1964	
Sept.	Rally Day
Oct. 4	Worldwide Communion Sunday (World Council of Churches)
Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Services
Oct. 25	Reformation Sunday
Nov. 1	All Saints Day
Nov. 29	Advent Sunday
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
1965	
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Jan. 6	Feast of the Epiphany
Jan. 18-25	Octave of Unity
Jan. 24-31	Christian Youth Week
Feb. 21	Boy Scout Sunday
Mar. 3	Ash Wednesday
Apr. 11	Palm Sunday
Apr. 11-17	Holy Week
Apr. 16	Good Friday
Apr. 18	Easter Day
Apr. 23	St. George's Day Patron Saint of Scouts
May 9	Christian Family Sunday
May 27	Ascension Day
June 6	Whitsunday or Pentecost
June 13	Trinity Sunday
Aug. 15	Repose of the Blessed Virgin (Orthodox)

IMPORTANT

1. Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox boys are taught to say morning and evening prayers and grace before meals. They should be given every encouragement to follow these practices on Scout activities.
2. Provision should be made at camp for all boys to attend services of their own denomination if possible. If not possible, a service conducted by the Scouters and boys, of a character acceptable to the denominations participating, should be carried out.
3. Efforts should be made to obtain the services of ministers of various denominations to conduct services for their own Scouts on Sundays as an alternative to the above.
4. Scout events should not conflict with major religious festivals, or interfere in any way with the regular religious obligations of any Scout.



ROMAN CATHOLIC

1964	
Nov. 1	*Feast of All Saints
Nov. 29	Advent Sunday
Dec. 7	**Vigil of Immaculate Conception
Dec. 8	*Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec. 23	**Day before Vigil of Christmas
Dec. 25	*Christmas Day
1965	
Jan. 1	*The Circumcision of Our Lord— New Year's Day
Jan. 6	Feast of the Epiphany
Jan. 18-25	Octave of Unity
Feb. 21	Boy Scout Sunday
Mar. 3	**Ash Wednesday
Apr. 16	**Good Friday
Apr. 17	Holy Saturday
Apr. 18	*Easter Day
Apr. 23	St. George's Day Patron Saint of Scouts
May 27	*Ascension of Our Lord
June 6	Pentecost Sunday
Aug. 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Indicates Holy Days necessary for all Catholics to attend Mass.

**Complete abstinence from flesh meat.

IMPORTANT

1. It is necessary for all Catholic boys to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
2. No Scout of Catholic faith should be placed in circumstances that make it difficult for him to abstain from meat on Fridays and days of complete abstinence.
3. Usually one Saturday of each month is Confession Day for the Catholic boy. Enquire about this before planning a week-end or overnight camp.
4. A Catholic boy is taught to say morning and evening prayers every day. A reminder of this will be helpful to the Catholic Scout.
5. Avoid hikes and Scout activities involving Catholic boys on Good Friday.
6. Consult parish priest Diocesan or District chaplain when in doubt about anything of a religious nature concerning Catholic Scouts.

It is an accepted principle in the Boy Scouts Movement that Scouting events will be arranged so they do not conflict with the religious obligations of Scouts and Scouters. This calendar lists important dates observed by various religious denominations and is produced to assist those planning Scouting events to avoid scheduling training courses, camporees, week-end camps and conferences which would interfere with the religious obligations of members.



JEWISH

Sept. 7-8	*Rosh Hashanah—Jewish New Year
Sept. 16	*Yom Kippur—Day of Atonement; devoted to fasting and repentance
Sept. 21-22	Sukkoth—Tabernacles—Harvest Festival commemorating the dwelling of the Children of Israel in tabernacles in the Wilderness
Sept. 28-29	Conclusion of Sukkoth
Nov. 30-Dec. 7	Chanukah—Dedication days—commemorating the victorious struggle for religious freedom in 167 B.C. (see note 2)
1965	Hebrew New Year of the Trees (see note 2)
Feb. 16	Purim (see note 2)
Feb. 20	Boy Scout Sabbath
Apr. 17-18	Passover—commemorating the liberation of the Children of Israel from Egyptian bondage.
Apr. 23-24	Conclusion of Passover
May 20	Lag B'Oner (see note 2)
June 6-7	Shavuot—Pentecost—the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai
Aug. 8	Fast of 9th of Av

* Indicates Holiest Days of the Year

Notes

1. All holidays begin at sundown on the evening previous to date given.
2. All holidays are major holidays except Chanukah, Purim, New Year of the Trees and Lag B'Oner. Observance of these holidays does not interfere with regular activities.
3. When there are ten or more Scouts of Jewish faith at camp it is customary to arrange a religious service for them on Friday evening before Sunset and Saturday morning. A Rabbi or a Scouter may conduct the service.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Oct. 2	Meeting of the LDS Canadian Scouting Relationships Committee
Oct. 6	Parent's Night in troop meeting
1965	
Feb. 7	Scout Sunday observance
Apr. 2-3	Annual Primary Conference
Apr. 5	Meeting of LDS Canadian Scouting Relationships Committee
May 15	Commemoration of Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood
June 11, 12, 13	Annual MIA June Conference
June 11, 12	Explorade
Aug.	Programme planning month for coming year
Aug. (late)	International LDS Explorer-Senior Scout Conference, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

Sunday Camping

Concerning religious observances in the "Mormon" Church, Councils should make note of the following

Church policy regarding Sunday camping

It is the desire of the Church that Scout Troops sponsored by the Church do not schedule or participate in events that occur on Sunday. The same principle applies to Scouts of the Church who are members of other Groups. This includes travelling to and from camp on Sunday. The doctrine of the Church teaches boys that they have a "Duty to God" obligation that requires their presence in meetings on Sunday in the wards and branches.

Special Note

The first Sunday of each month, with some exceptions, is Fast Sunday, when members abstain from eating for two meals.

A representative of the Primary Association, which is responsible for Cubbing, and a representative of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, which is responsible for Scouting, will be in attendance at one quarterly stake conference each year in each stake.

Scout Executives and local council leaders should contact the chairman of the stake Scouting committee in each stake and mission presidents in areas not covered by stakes in matters of relationships and co-operation between the Church and the Boy Scouts of Canada.

SPECIAL ORTHODOX OBSERVANCES

Several of the Orthodox observances carry two dates. The first date is the observance of those Orthodox bodies using the Gregorian calendar, which is the same as that used by most other churches. The second date is that used by those Orthodox bodies which conform to the Julian calendar.

Sept. 14-27	*The exaltation of the Precious and Lifegiving Cross.
Dec. 25-Jan. 7	Christmas Day
1965	
Jan. 1-14	The Circumcision of our Lord—New Year's Day.
Jan. 6-19	Feast of the Epiphany.
Mar. 8	*The first day of the Great Fast (Lent).
Mar. 14	Sunday of Orthodoxy.
Mar. 25-Apr. 7	The Annunciation of the Virgin Mother Mary.
Apr. 18	Palm Sunday
Apr. 23	*Good Friday
Apr. 25	Easter Sunday
June 3	The Ascension of Our Lord
June 13	Pentecost Sunday
June 29-July 12	The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul.
Aug. 15-28	The Assumption of the Virgin Mother Mary.

*Indicates an absolute fast.

OTHER SPECIAL DATES

Oct. 24	United Nations Day
1965	
Feb. 21-28	Boy Scout Week
Feb. 22	B.-P.'s Birthday
Apr. 21	Queen's Birthday
May 8	V.E. Day
May 9	Mother's Day
May 21	Citizenship Day
June 20	Father's Day
Aug. 2	Civic Holiday (in many centres)
Aug. 15	V.J. Day

HOW TO WRITE A LETTER

... to the editor, that is.

First, set your typewriter at 36 characters to the line. That is the approximate length of the line in our correspondence section.

When you have completed 49 lines, you have taken up seven inches of type. So tear up your 49 lines and throw them away. They were only a warm-up anyhow. You are now ready to say what you really wanted to say.

When you have finished, cross out all unnecessary adjectives and adverbs and all repetitive phrases. You will probably find whole sentences that you can eliminate with no great loss.

If you don't, we'll have to do it for you. And it will break our heart.—Ed.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS

... My husband and I would like to offer a few comments on (*The Scout Leader*.)

... Most of the articles are good. We were especially interested in Mr. Horan's remarks (in the March issue.) on the proposed uniform changes. We also approve of *Scoutscope* and (the District Badges.)

... I would appreciate seeing articles by more headquarters' people on a variety of topics. Members of the national training team could, I think, write coherently.

... Why is our magazine so lacking in humour? Why not have a series in which Scouters write of some of the funny things that have happened to them in their Scouting careers?

... We were alarmed by G. Stuart's well-written article *Let's Plan A Cub Jungle Night* (in the March issue.) Is he speaking in seriousness or with his tongue in his cheek? At first glance it's a grand idea for a special pack meeting, but look again. ... Surely any self-respecting pack uses all the things (he mentions) constantly. ... In this area they do, anyway. Naturally we don't have jungle yarns and dances at every meeting, but the other things are the basis on which the programme is built.

Where did we get all this? From the handbooks and training courses. Now, I wonder, are we an average,

normal district after all, or are we out of step with a turn-'em-into-youth-clubs generation of leaders? ...

Carol Bennett
District Cubmaster
Carleton Place, Ont.

CAMPING HINTS

First, I would like to congratulate you on the fine magazine that is now being printed. I had occasion to be looking over a number of old *Scout Leader* magazines back to 1957 and the improvement in this magazine in the last few years is commendable.

... With regard to material selected for this magazine ... I feel any article pertaining to Scout activities or boys that is educational and/or entertaining should be printed ... (no matter) where or from whom it is obtained.

... I have learned of a few camping gadgets, cooking utensils and camping hints that may be of some interest to other Scouters or Scouts.

Used valves from tractors or truck motors make excellent, inexpensive tent pegs. Using bailer or binder twine is nothing new to camping Scouts, but if the ball is placed in a wooden box which has a hole in the lid nailed to the box, the whole ball is used instead of having it end up in a tangle.

Any troops or patrols looking for an excellent cast aluminum frying pan about 20 inches by 20 inches should locate the lids from old Maytag washing machines. (I think they stopped manufacturing these about 1920 but there are still a lot in use.)

W. Whittaker
Scoutmaster
Olds, Alta.

DECISION 'SHOCKS'

I have just heard of the decision of national headquarters to eliminate the Part III requirement for the Wood Badge for the time being. I can assure you that this shocked me to the core because it is my feeling that this is the most important part of all.

... With the removal of the Part III qualification you are placing an extremely heavy burden on the shoulders of the training team by asking them to judge, in the space of three week-

ends or one week whether a person is qualified to wear the Wood Badge. Under your new system a Scouter can attend a Part II and say or do nothing that would fail him or bring him the wrong kind of attention, while really not believing what he is being taught. He can then go back and operate his troop as he wishes ...

As a holder of the Wood Badge I would like to strongly protest this lowering of the standards required for the Wood Badge ... I am at a loss to understand why Canada should do this other than to have the statistics show an appreciable increase in Wood Badges earned in 1964.

R. LeClerc
District Scoutmaster
Toronto, Ont.

✿ *The decision to eliminate Part III of Wood Badge training was made by the executive committee of the National Council on the recommendation of the National Programme Committee. National Headquarters does not make or change policy.*—Ed.

A SHOULDER KNOT?

I would like to hear opinions of Wood Badge holders regarding the Gilwell scarf. Unless a Scouter is on the district staff he rarely has a chance to wear the scarf. How about having a colourful shoulder knot that would clearly identify Gilwellians in parades and at district meetings?

Leonard McKenna
Cubmaster
Hamilton, Ont.

HOW TO TEACH

I enjoy reading your excellent magazine and have gained a lot of knowledge and useful ideas from it.

I especially enjoyed the series of articles, *Understanding Boys* by Fritz Hines. ... They were very worthwhile.

I would like to see some articles on basic child psychology ... perhaps a series of articles on teaching methods.

There is all kinds of information on *what* to teach but very little on *how* to present the basic Scouting activities and skills ...

Peter C. Walton
Assistant Scoutmaster
Ancaster, Ont.

em coming. read "how to write a letter" . . . to the editor, that is.

FEW SCOUTING BOOKS

I recently journeyed to our local library and was appalled at the books on Scouting. The few books available were very old.

Has any other district encountered this problem, and what was the solution? Moreover, what books on Scouting were available in their library?

W. Eckersley
Assistant Scoutmaster
Richmond, B.C.

PUT BACK THAT KNOT!

Your article, *Let's Revive The 'Good Turn'* in the April issue brought to mind something which has been puzzling me for some time. What happened to knots in Cub's scarves?

Several Scouters I have discussed this with thought that most Cubs were too young or irresponsible to know when a good turn had been done and would remove the knot for the slightest thing.

Isn't this opposed to the aims of Scouting? . . . surely our job as Cubmasters is to instill in our boys honesty, self-reliance, truthfulness and, above all, a desire to help others at all times. If one of my pack says he has done a good turn, I accept that without question and without trying to qualify it.

I, for one, look forward to the day when I can give a quick glance during inspection, see that the knot has been removed and know that these boys are learning the first steps towards citizenship.

Kathleen Trace
Cubmaster
Vancouver, B.C.

CUBOREE GAMES

In the letters page of the April issue . . . Lois Leadlay asked for help in compiling a book of games suitable for a large group of boys.

I would be most interested to see any leader control "two hundred to five hundred boys at a time" in any game.

A method used with great success at a fun-type Cuboree is to have a leader for each pack playing a game for ten to fifteen minutes.

At a signal, the leaders move to the next pack and play the same game with another group of boys. If an in-

teresting assortment of games, interspersed with jungle dances and other activities are chosen, a most enjoyable afternoon can be accomplished with very little wasted time.

Mrs. Fred Buesnel
Cubmaster
Toronto, Ont.

JUST A SUGGESTION

On page 45 of the Patrol System booklet, Requirement 1 for patrol camping states: "*You must be a First Class Scout.*"

This statement has caused some confusion in our region in that nowhere in P.O. & R. is this rule found.

Obviously, if a patrol leader must wait until he is First Class before he can take his patrol on an overnight hike, very few overnight hikes would take place.

Dave Pattie
Regional Scout Executive
Nanaimo, B.C.

✿ *When the Patrol System Booklet was compiled and this particular reference used, it was not intended to be a policy statement, but merely a suggestion. If the parents and Scoutmaster are satisfied that the patrol leader has the necessary qualifications, then this should be the final authority. The statement in the book was in no way meant to restrict overnight camping.*
—Ed.

DISTRICT BADGES

As a Scouter, I find *The Scout Leader* a useful and interesting publication and read every issue from cover to cover.

I also find interesting the pictures and descriptions of Canada's colourful District Badges . . .

I am presently making a campfire blanket and am looking for district badges for it . . . Any information would be deeply appreciated.

John Quillinan
Cubmaster
Richelleu, Que.

✿ *We suggest you write to D. R. May, Box 487, Camrose, Alta. for information on the Badgers' Club.* —Ed.

THE KNOT AGAIN!

At last! On page 9 of your April issue I read *Let's Revive The 'Good Turn'*.

Indeed, as a Scouter of forty years' standing,—one of the old brigade—I was used to the 'good turn' knot, as were all the Boy Scouts, Cubs and Rover Scouts with whom I have had anything to do.

May I emphasize the need for the revival of the tying of this knot . . .

B. O. Robinson
Vancouver, B.C.

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Mrs. Delbert Robinson
Assistant Cubmaster
Verdun, Que.

CHAIR KNOT

One of your correspondents claimed in a letter that the Chair Knot should be done away with as it is not adjustable.

I beg to differ. It is a very adjustable knot until it is locked by the two finishing half-hitches. Even after these are put on, one can easily change its size . . .

Tom Vella-Zarb
Assistant Scoutmaster
Wallaceburg, Ont.

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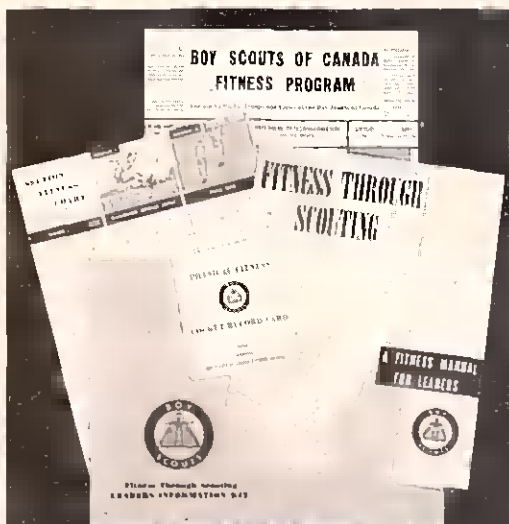
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