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The Scout Leader

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Chief Executive



We shall soon be celebrating Boy Scout Sunday (or 'B.P.' Sunday as it is sometimes called). And it is well at this time to remind ourselves and our boys of the purpose of this important day.

This purpose is two-fold: to remember the man who gave Scouting to the world — 'B.P.' Sunday is always the Sunday closest to his birthday — and to emphasize the implications of the promise we all make to do our 'Duty to God.'

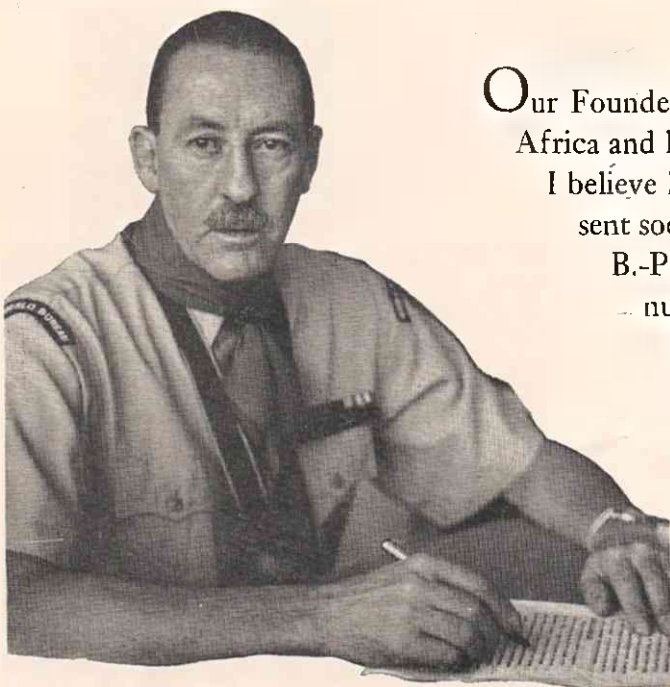
While the Boy Scout movement does not attempt to teach religion in the denominational sense, it does seek to bring every boy into contact with the religion of his family or his choice. It is our duty as Scouters to encourage the members of our packs, troops or crews to faithfully carry out the religious obligations of their own church.

The celebration of 'B.P.' Sunday is also a particularly appropriate time to bring 'Duty to God' to the fore by encouraging Cubs, Scouts and Rovers to work towards the achievement of their Religion and Life Emblem.

I am happy to note that the number of these emblems earned increases year by year. Let us make 1964 a record year for the number of Religion and Life Emblems earned.

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Our Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, spent much of his life in Africa and learned to appreciate its beauty and its peoples.

I believe he would have been keenly interested in the present social and political developments there.

B.-P. would have taken pleasure from noting the large number of ex-Scouts who are leading their countries in so many positions of importance in politics, administration, education and industry.

On February 22nd this year, surely all of us throughout the world ought to give thanks for B.-P.'s gift of Scouting, the fruits of which can be seen in those men of stability and stature who are leading Africa in this moment of history.

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Perspective

WITH HEALTH, EVERYTHING is a source of pleasure; without it nothing else, whatever it may be, is enjoyable. It follows that the greatest of follies is to sacrifice health for any kind of happiness.

—Schopenhauer

WE ARE UNABLE TO ADVERTISE an article for resale unless the Executive Committee of the National Council has specifically authorized the advertising of the article in publications of the National Council. A ruling on this matter was made at the meeting of the Executive Committee in October, 1963. This should clear up any misapprehension Scouters may have held in the past when local councils prohibited Scouts from selling such things as greeting cards and Christmas trees that were advertised in *The Scout Leader*.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: A blood transfusion service was maintained by members of the 1st Mimico Rover Crew in Ontario. Each member of the crew took a blood test at St. Joseph's Hospital and qualified. The service was given free. —Rovers of St. John's Crew, Peterborough, Ont. made a 6-foot by 5-foot map of the city for use as an official guide to the district. The mapping was assigned in sections to various members of the crew.—A lending library for patients at the Regina General Hospital was operated by the 14th Regina Rover Crew. Each Thursday evening books were distributed to all patients desiring them.

—from *The Scout Leader*
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OUR COVER PICTURE

Boys like to progress through Scouting and Scouters like to see evidence of this advancement. Here is Robert Tremblay of the First Willow Point Troop being congratulated by Scoutmaster Herbert Learmonth on earning the Queen's Scout badge.

Photo: Nelson News, B.C.

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March's Programme

Fit

for

Action



PACK

Star Activities

During March, place special emphasis on the requirements dealing with exercising. Develop games and activities involving leap-frog, somersaults, skipping, hopping, ball-playing, toe-touching and knee-bending.

As your boys gain experience, introduce some of the Athlete Badge requirements.

Your Cubs may like to try for their Personal Fitness Badge. The requirements for this were listed in the December issue of *The Scout Leader*. Arrange to give each Cub a mimeographed copy to take home so that parents can help with the task.

'Exercise for Happy Living'

This is the title of a ten-minute, black and white, 16 mm. sound film. It tells how Jimmy finally wins a place on the Scout baseball team after a tough schedule of muscle-building exercises. During the process he discovers he has overcome his tiredness and lack of staying power.

This is a good film on a sound philosophy of exercise. It is available from the Canadian Film Institute, Carling Avenue, Ottawa, for a small service charge.

Wolf Cub Activity

Have your boys review the Wolf Cub activities listed in the first issue of *Canadian Boy*. They represent unusual and appealing ways of exercising that they can do on their own whenever they wish. All are designed to help them grow and become fit for action.

'Wide' Game

There are a few suggestions on wide games in chapter 5 of *The Pack Scouter's Handbook*. Use these and work in compass, signalling, knots and perhaps nature lore. Develop at least one meeting to be held outdoors during March. For example, pointing out the main constellations of the winter sky could be one means of working in the Second Star requirement on nature lore.

TROOP

Rules of Health

Surely this is an overworked subject! Scouts have taken it in school and many posters and articles have appeared on it.

But is it?

Have your patrols work out how to ensure that the rules of health can be observed at the next camp. Let them draw up a programme and menu that will be in keeping with these rules.

This is the sixth in a series of monthly suggestions designed to assist you in developing a worthwhile programme for your pack, troop or crew. The series is based on the pamphlet, *Programme Planning Guide*, available from your local Scout office.

Dental and Medical Check-Ups

Medical check-ups are extremely important to you and your troop. Planning a wide game, a hike, some rough-and-tumble activities or a camp? Before taking part in such activities, you and your Scouts should have a medical check-up and get a clean bill of health. These check-ups may reveal that some boys must be restricted in their activities. If this is the case, make sure you fully understand the problem.

Dental check-ups are every bit as important. If you have ever had a toothache, you will appreciate that camp is not the best place to be at such a time.

Through co-operation with parents, ensure that you are notified of dental and medical check-ups as your Scouts have them.

Hiking and Camping Gear

Has anybody checked over the troop equipment lately? If not, have the troop do an inventory of equipment and check each piece: Are utensils clean? Are axes and saws sharp? Are tents, canvas, ropes, poles and pegs all in good shape?

Light-weight Equipment

Do you require a three-ton truck to go to camp? When you check over your equipment, give some thought to the use of light-weight equipment.

Ask a member of an alpine club, or similar organization, to present a display and talk on the use of light-weight equipment.

Personal Gear

How long does it take you to get ready for a hike or camp? Do you, or your Scouts, have to hunt for your gear before each camp? Have a display on how to care for gear and how to store it after each activity.

Present a list of personal equipment to each patrol. See which patrol can provide all of this equipment and have the lightest pack. Score on weight if items are suitable.

Have a discussion on the relative merits of the equipment so that your Scouts will know what to look for when they get equipment.

'Wide' Game

Combine with Rovers, other troops or as a district and run a week-end wide game! Set a series of projects over a route of twenty miles. Include time for camp on Saturday and church services on Sunday.

Use projects such as a rescue from a ravine, controlling crowds, traffic control, first aid, pioneering, map and compass.

Tie all of this under a *challenging name*. For example,

the New Brunswick Provincial Council has run an 'Operation Escape' for several years.

CREW

Rules of Health

Have a dietician, a public health official and a doctor as members of a panel discussing health. Invite other crews *and/or* girl friends to participate. After a brief presentation, call for questions. It is not enough to know the rules of health. This age group should understand them.

Dental and Medical Check-Ups

Applying for a job or an insurance policy? Medicals are often included in such applications. Through discussions with the crew, discover why annual medicals are important. Invite a local doctor to chair the discussion.

Why do dentists recommend bi-annual check-ups? Find out the cost of dental plates and how fluoridation of water can help maintain good teeth. Debate the merits of such a process.

Hiking and Camping Gear

Does the crew have any camping equipment? Does it adequately meet the particular needs of the crew? How does the crew camp? On tours? Canoe trips? Mountain climbing? How can it be made more suitable?

Visit a tent manufacturer and investigate the relative merits of a variety of tents. Do a similar study on sleeping bags.

Find out what to look for when purchasing equipment.

Light-weight Equipment

How much weight should a person pack? What is the minimum needed for a summer camp or a winter camp?

Use crew 'quests' or personal quests to study this subject. *The Crew Scouters' Handbook* gives ideas on making equipment.

Personal Gear

How many in the crew are fully equipped to go camping? Can equipment be made that will cut costs?

Why not hold a competition for inventiveness? Issue a pair of theatre tickets to the rover who designs the best piece of camp equipment that can be made by an individual at minimum cost.

'Wide' Game

Participate with crews or troops in a week-end wide game as suggested for the troop.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is the second of a four-part series, *Understanding Boy Behaviour*, taken from the 1963 edition of the Scoutmaster's Handbook published by the Boy Scouts of America.

(Canadian readers may interpret the term 'Scout Oath' as 'Scout Promise'.)

UNDERSTANDING

You can't expect boys to respect you and Scouting if you permit the ground rules of behaviour expressed in the Scout Oath and Law to be ignored.

What will boys' attitudes be, for example, if you stress cleanliness of speech at troop meetings, but permit foul language when the troop is in camp? Your approach to the ideals of Scouting must be consistent. Let's look at the handling of some of these deviations from the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law.

THEFT

Your troop is in summer camp. Boys are advancing and having a swell time. You relax in your tent while patrols clean up the aftermath of a tasty chicken dinner. Your reverie is broken as a Scout hesitatingly enters the tent and says, "Sir, somebody stole my knife, and I think it was Jimmy."

What do you do? Suddenly camp ceases to be the fine community it was just moments ago. The ugly head of lawbreaking, of accusation, of suspicion and doubt has reared itself to cast a pall on the activities of the camp. A boy has lost property. Another boy has been indirectly accused of theft. The entire membership of the troop will be involved unless the matter can be quickly cleared.

Again, as in the case of Bill the troublemaker, there's no one single easy answer, but there are a few guideposts to help you.

- Remember the basic principles guaranteed citizens in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. In the handling of this situation, respect for these great rights of our citizens needs to direct our actions. For example, we have a tradition in the United States of America that a person is presumed innocent until proven guilty. The accused has a right, under our system of justice, to face his accuser to defend himself against any charges. A person's home and property are private and cannot be entered without a search warrant made available when real evidence of guilt is provided.

- Be sure the act is truly theft. Some boys faced with the need to explain to parents the loss of a piece of equipment find it easier to claim theft than to admit loss through carelessness on their part.

- Never, never, never accuse a boy of theft unless you have ironclad evidence. False accusation is one of the worst things that can happen to a boy. Memory of it can be a scar for years.

- Don't make public issue of theft. Quietly investigate all the facts, but don't involve any more boys in the matter than necessary to reach a solution. Deal with boys individually in this matter — never in a group.

- Don't hold a kangaroo court with the accused being judged by other Scouts. This places a stigma on the accused whether or not it is handled properly. Boys of Scout age aren't mature enough to serve as lawyers, judges and jurors.

- Utilise a boy's acceptance of Scout ideals. A Scout's honour is a powerful force.
- If guilt is established, the subsequent handling of the matter is between you and the boy. We are in the business of building boys, not tearing them down. Certainly, property should be returned and justice meted out, but we've come a long way since a guilty person sat in the stocks in a public square.

- Don't jump to conclusions. At the close of camp an axe was missing. The Scoutmaster lined up the troop and searched the duffel. As he unrolled a boy's sleeping bag, the missing axe fell out on the ground. He publicly censured the boy, shaming him before the entire troop.

Several years later the Scoutmaster received a letter from one of his former Scouts saying that he could no longer live with himself without writing. He said that he and another Scout had put the axe in the accused

BOYS - Part II

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boy's sleeping bag as a practical joke and then had been afraid to confess when the Scoutmaster made such an issue out of the affair.

SWEARING

This could become a problem with a group of boys unless it is checked as soon as it starts. You should make it quite clear that this sort of thing isn't part of Scouting — that toughness is proven in other ways than in swearing.

If you hear boys swearing, talk to them in private right away. Bawling out in public does little good and usually just causes resentment. Private appeal to pride and a play on the boy's innate desire to be wanted and liked by adults can work wonders. You might point out that swearing shows a limited vocabulary and results in lack of understanding and low esteem by others.

The leader's example is most important. A leader who swears can expect swearing among his Scouts.

LYING

Boys tell lies to get attention, to cover up for failure, to get out of trouble and to protect others. Boys need to be exposed when they lie. They must learn that the truth pays off in the long run. A lie may provide temporary notoriety, may alibi away a failure, and may get him out of trouble, but the consequences of exposure are worse than the result of telling the truth in the first place.

If a lie is suspected, it's important to gather the facts, and then face the boy with these facts. Lying can become a habit. You need to give understanding counsel to boys who lie — to get behind the motivation for the lie and show that the goal can be better achieved in other ways than by lying.

VANDALISM

Malicious destruction of property can't be tolerated in Boy Scouting. Scouts must understand that respect for the property of others is basic to the principles of

Scouting. Vandalism is caused by thoughtlessness, desire for thrills, a dare or revenge. Prevention is better than cure. Emphasis on respect for property in and around the troop meeting place, on hikes or in camp will make boys aware of the senselessness of foolish destruction of property. Insist on respect for troop, patrol and personal property in all Scouting functions. If vandalism occurs, determine the guilty parties and see that they pay for all damages.

SMOKING

Use the Scoutmaster's minute and other quiet occasions to chat with boys about the disadvantages of smoking. Point out that it's a poor way of trying to look big. Emphasize the cost and health factors and the really big problem of getting hooked by an undesirable habit at a young age.

If you smoke, you're apt to feel that you can't advise boys against it for they will think you are saying: "Do as I say, not as I do."

However, you should realize that there are many things adults do that aren't done by boys. If you smoke, you're in an excellent position to discourage boys from smoking — you can speak from experience about the costs, the difficulty of quitting and other disadvantages.

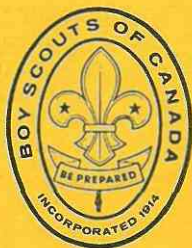
It is recommended that leaders who smoke not try to conceal the fact from their Scouts, but confine their smoking to such times when they are not engaged in the leadership of the troop.

If you have Scouts in your troop who are starting to smoke, it is especially important that you counsel with them. Pull out all the stops to convince them of the foolishness of this step they are taking. Point out, too, that you cannot allow smoking on the part of a Scout unless he has parental permission and then only when the smoking isn't connected with troop activities, including meetings and special activities. There can be no excuse for boys smoking while wearing the Scout uniform or while engaged in Scout activities.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Leader example is the best way to overcome poor sportsmanship on the part of Scouts. You should show boys by your own acts and words that while winning a contest is fun, the winning can leave a bitter taste if other than fair methods were used in gaining the win, and that there's no disgrace connected with losing if you do your best and play according to the rules. If you set a poor example of sportsmanship at district camporees and rallies, you can hardly expect your Scouts to ignore what they have seen. Leaders have pride in their troops, and want it to appear at its best in comparison with other troops, but they must realize that in some of the unsportsmanlike tirades levelled at judges in an attempt to justify subpar performance, they are putting their troop and their Scouts in the very poorest perspective in the eyes of fellow Scouters.

(In the March issue, Mr. Hines will suggest what to do about boys' personal problems of homesickness, physical and mental handicaps and sex curiosity.)



CANADA'S *Colourful* DISTRICT BADGES

Part 28



Do not write to any Scout office about badges or mailing lists to be used in making a collection of badges because they are unable to handle such requests.

Left: Lethbridge, Alta. District Badge, in red, yellow, green and black, symbolizes prominent features of the area: the CPR Viaduct Bridge across Old Man River, a sheaf of wheat—the main economic supporter of the area—and a coal miner's pick and helmet, recalling the mineral that prompted settlement of the area.

Centre: The Van Horne District of Montreal takes its name from Sir William Van Horne, the man who worked his way from office boy to general manager of the CPR. The blue, gold, silver, black and red badge features the family crest of Van Horne.

Right: The Kempfenfelt Bay, Ont. District Badge commemorates the historic nine-mile portage from Kempfenfelt Bay to Fort Willow on Willow Creek. The badge reminds Scouts of local history and of the importance of reforestation in the field of conservation.

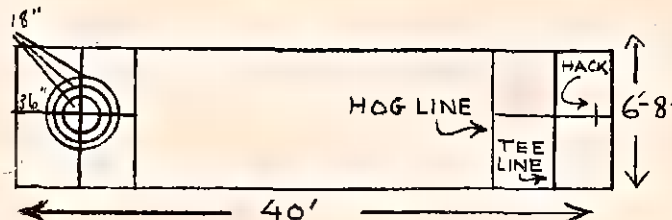
Jam Can Curling

(This game was selected from *The Book Of Outdoor Winter Activities* by Gunnar A. Peterson and Harry D. Edgren, published by Association Press, New York.)

For *Jam Can Curling* a small rink is marked on ice—40 feet long and six to eight feet wide. The scoring rings at one end are 18, 36 and 54 inches in diameter. This form of curling is played more as shuffleboard, with players all playing from one end and aiming for the circles at the other end.

A board with three nails at correct spacing can be swung on a pivot to scratch the three circles on the ice. An oil can with ink or blueing in it can be dribbled to colour the ring marks, the tee and hog lines.

The stones are made from empty, four-pound jam tins, filled with concrete to about one inch from the top, with a handle inserted in the concrete. If concrete is not available, the cans may be filled with water and frozen to ice. However, ice may bulge the bottom of the can



so the stone will not glide smoothly. A wooden stone may also be used. These are made from pieces of stove-wood, six to ten inches in diameter and three to five inches in height. The piece of wood should be wrapped with stovepipe wire to prevent splitting. A bent spike or bolt makes a handle. The bottom rim of the wood should be rounded slightly with a plane for smoother gliding. Such a wooden stone is sometimes used in areas where stove-wood and stovepipe wire are still household commodities.

Since *Jam Can Curling* is usually played on an outdoor ice rink, snow may fall or drift onto the rink. Sweepers keep the ice keen and clean at the direction of the *skip*, just as in regulation curling.

Jam Can Curling can be played by using most of the standard rules for regular curling, with the modifications necessary because the rink has only one set of scoring circles. The hack line, tee line, hog line and sweep lines are laid out in the same way as on a regulation curling rink. ★

Scouts Help Her Celebrate

Mrs. Levina Hookey of St. John's, Nfld. celebrated her 100th birthday recently with members of the 22nd Boy Scout Troop.

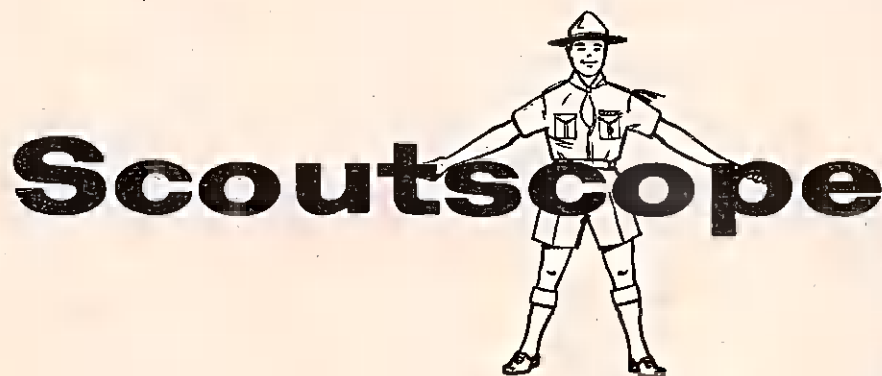
Five years ago the Scouts made the date with Mrs. Hookey who lives at Sunset Lodge, a Salvation Army home for the aged. And on her birthday they and other guests helped her celebrate with a cake boasting one hundred candles.

In good health, Mrs. Hookey had no trouble reading her congratulatory messages from Prime Minister Pearson and Queen Elizabeth.

A native of Portugal Cove, Mrs. Hookey has two daughters, both in their seventies. She has lived at the Lodge for twelve years.



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Well Done!

Congratulations go out to Brulé District in the Greater Toronto Region for collecting 6,398 bags of used clothing.

The collection was turned over to the Society for Crippled Civilians and will mean at least 2,000 working days for the society which will turn the clothing into useful articles.

It's A Big Parade!

The annual Boy Scout-Girl Guide parade sponsored by the Hamilton District Council is believed to be the largest youth parade in the free world. About 11,000 Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies took part in last year's parade held in May.

Indian find

An Indian grave containing a skull, bones of at least four persons and a collection of Indian artifacts was discovered recently by Bright's Grove Boy Scouts at Pinery Park near the Sarnia, Ont. Scout camp.

The initial discovery was made by Michael Rowe, 15, above, left, here examining the artifacts with his brother Peter, 16.

Dr. Wilfred W. Jury, curator of the University of Western Ontario museum of Indian archaeology inspected the find.

Also uncovered was a large collection of small bone fragments, teeth, nine arrow heads, bone needles and Indian ornaments.

Be Prepared!

Scouts in the Victoria, B.C. area plan to 'be prepared' when darkness falls. Many are wearing a new armband made of a fluorescent light reflective material. A mother's committee from the Fairfield Scout Group started a drive to raise money to buy material for the armbands.

A similar safety device has been endorsed by the Vancouver Police Department and Safety Council.

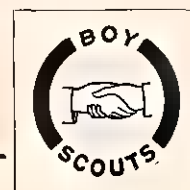
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Brotherhood Fund

The Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund was set up to assist packs, troops or crews in Canada and abroad which sustain serious loss of property or equipment because of fire, flood, hurricane or similar disasters. In addition, it sometimes provides equipment and literature for needy Scouts in certain countries. Donations are accepted from individuals and groups and may be sent to *The Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund, National Headquarters, Boy Scouts of Canada, P.O. Box 3520, Postal Station 'C', Ottawa 3, Ontario*. Personal donations are exempt from income tax and a receipt for this purpose is provided. We acknowledge the following donations with thanks.

Forward	\$3,829.38	B.C. Provincial Training Conference	13.46
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Scout Group, Grand Forks, B.C.	5.00	Members of Training Course, Vancouver East District ..	1.35
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1st Camp Borden Scout Group, Ont.	21.78	12th Port Colborne Scout Group	3.42
2nd West New Westminster Wolf Cub Pack, B.C.	5.00	83rd Beaconsfield Group Council, Carleton District Vancouver Coast Region	23.75
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Scout/Guide Service, Hanover, Ont.	16.76	Beaurepaire Group Committee, Seneca District	40.75
Boy Scouts of Canada, Fort George District, B.C.	18.20	Ladies Auxiliaries, Hamilton District	20.01
Cubs and Scouts, Burnaby-Mountain District	42.96	Candidates at Part II Wood Badge Pack Scouters' Course, Saskatchewan	10.18
Boy Scouts of Canada, Calgary District	37.30	Pack Scouters' Part II Log Fund, Regina Region	8.00
Cubs and Scouts, Port Hope District	40.00	Executive Committee Meeting	1.25
Boy Scouts, Town of Mount Royal, Que.	34.57	Boy Scouts of Canada, Manitoba and N.W. Ontario	3.80
Boy Scouts of Canada, Cowichan Valley District, B.C.	14.30	Prince George Training Course	5.26
Cub Packs and Akela Club of Sur-Del District, North Surrey, B.C.	20.38	Boy Scouts of Canada, Ontario Provincial Headquarters	11.73
Boy Scouts of Canada, Woodroffe United Church Group, Ottawa, Ont.	39.36	Boy Scouts of Canada, Quebec Provincial Headquarters	102.71
Boy Scouts Groups, Mount Hamilton, Ont.	27.50	Balance	\$4,907.69





WIDE WORLD PHOTO



Above: Cathy Fogle, 11, takes blind, 10-year-old David Bundy Fogle, a foster child of the Ivan Fogle of Seattle, Washington, for a ride on a two-bicycle arrangement. Cathy's father copied the bike from a newspaper photo. David, who expects to be an Eagle Scout by the time he is 16 says: "Being blind is not a handicap; it just slows me down."

The aim of Scouting with the handicapped is to help boys 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.

Acquainting Scouters and others with developments in Scouting with handicapped boys across Canada is the purpose of

THE PHOENIX

9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

The 9th annual Scouting with the Handicapped Conference was held last September at Leaside Presbyterian Church in Toronto. About sixty Scouters, Guiders and committeemen from Hamilton, Toronto, Windsor, Fallowfield, Cedar Springs, London, Montreal, Georgetown, Port Dover and St. Catharines attended.

Clark Locke, assistant provincial commissioner for Scouting with the Handicapped, officially opened the conference and turned the programme over to Bert Page, deputy regional commissioner for the Greater Toronto Region—host region for the conference.

Delegates were divided into seven discussion groups, each of which was given an assignment to work on during the day. These assignments concerned methods of teaching a handicapped pack or troop. During the evening each group presented the results of their discussions to the entire conference, using flip charts, games, demonstrations and explanations.

Frank Worth, provincial commissioner, R. St. J. Terrett, provincial executive commissioner and George Jones, assistant executive commissioner for the Greater Toronto Region spoke of the work being done through Scouting for boys with handicaps and stressed the need to seek every available means to do the best job possible.

During the afternoon, visits were made to the Ontario Crippled Children Centre and the Harold R. Lawson School and Residence for Retarded Children.

The conference ended with a campfire programme which included a recording by Queen's Scout Jimmy Shard, who is confined to a wheelchair. The message contained his ideas on what Scouting has meant to him. Jimmy was recently awarded the Cornwell Badge.

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100TH HAMILTON SCOUT GROUP

Doug Angus, who uses crutches, and Harold Parks, who is confined to a wheelchair, attended the Toronto Scouting with the Handicapped Conference. Both are 19-years-old, have been Cubs, Queen's Scouts, Rovers and are now assistant Scoutmasters with the 100th Hamilton Troop for handicapped boys.

Both have completed their Basic 'A' training and are about to embark on their Basic 'B'.

Another assistant Scoutmaster with the Hamilton 100th Troop is Michael Mildren, who is deaf. Michael went through Cubs and Scouts and is also associated with the Hamilton 43rd Rover Crew.

Recently the 100th Hamilton Cub Pack finished in first place at a cub rally in competition with other packs in their district. Members were awarded the Dr. Cowan Trophy.

Our congratulations and best wishes go out to the 100th Hamilton Pack and Troop. Here is proof of what can be done through hard work and determination.

SENSE TRAINING APPARATUS

An idea for the application of the sense of touch is to cut out six different shapes from a piece of hardboard or plywood—each piece should be large enough to handle, about two inches across—and smooth the edges of the

shapes and the holes with a piece of sandpaper. Put the cut-outs on one side and glue the remainder to a second piece of hardboard, plywood or cardboard.

Shut your eyes—or use a blindfold—and see how quickly you can place the cut-outs in their correct spots. The fact that the shapes are not always symmetrical (the pieces only going in one way) adds to the skill.

If you make a different set for each patrol, paint the hardboard different colours before cutting them out. It doesn't help the blindfolded person, but it makes sorting them out beforehand much easier!

Martyn Lamb
The Scouter

A REPORT FROM QUEBEC

Here is a summary of a report outlining the development of a pack for retarded boys in Quebec:

Sioux Wolf Cub Pack

After a couple of weeks of driving two retarded boys to school I began to wonder if Scouting could help them. I met Don Snell, who is also a Cub leader and we both decided to see what could be done. First we contacted the boys' parents who were willing to help and then approached our sponsors—All Saints Church, the group committee and our district commissioner. All were in favour of the suggestion, so we were off.

We attended meetings and gained experience with a retarded group in Verdun, under Charlie Horrobin. For three months we worked with our first two boys. Parents and leaders both felt that the boys were getting a lot out of Cubbing and as leaders we were gaining valuable experience before setting out to bring in new boys.

One of our important tasks was to have the retarded boys accepted by other Cubs. Every night, after our meetings, we would take them to the Cub pack to join in the campfire. This was a success—the other boys treated them just like brothers. Our next step was to find out if there were other retarded boys interested in Scouting. The local association for retarded children was helpful, having just planned a registration night for pupils for their new school.

While the parents were registering, we entertained the children. From this meeting we received four more boys. Our present strength is now six boys and two leaders. The boys are keen and happy and if we arrange to take them some place special they are always ready a couple of hours before the appointed time.

In our sessions with these boys we have found that the leader must be prepared for a meeting, must have all the things he intends to use readily available and must avoid confusing the boys. He must instruct each boy carefully and, if possible, demonstrate what is required. All boys should be brought along together. Any presentation of any kind or the taking home of any handicraft must be done as a pack. If not, we notice a feeling of loneliness and anguish. We have no competitions because we believe this causes frustration and helplessness.

The pack is called the Sioux Wolf Cub Pack and meets on Friday nights at All Saints Church, 18th Avenue, City of Two Mountains, Quebec.

George Shadwell

PROGRESS FOR RETARDED CUBS

Here is a suggested list of grade tests and programme ideas used by the Sioux Wolf Cub Pack:

Investiture

Do the actions of the Grand Howl with a leader acting as a sixer; the Cub Grin, Cub Salute and Handshake (use the right hand to avoid confusion.) Have the Cubs repeat the promise and law at the ceremony if they can speak clearly.

First Star

Draw the three flags and let boys copy the colours from your drawings. (This may need to be done in stages.)

Have them lace and tie their shoes (knot a bow.)

To help vocal cords and lungs, blow a table tennis ball over a course laid out by a leader.

Hop, balance a book and walk a straight line. All will help co-ordination.

Demonstrate how to wash hands and face and how to keep nose and finger nails clean.

Teach the boys how to zip up their coats, to put them on properly, to take them off and to hang them on hangers.

As one can imagine, this takes a lot of time but, remember, the boys will always be Cubs.

Second Star

Draw a simple picture in stages for the boys to follow. Colour it with crayons. Make a toy or model out of plasticine.

Start a scrapbook, allowing the boys to use 'paper' scissors. Have a sequence of birds on one page, cars on another. The idea is to get boys to recognize these items in books.

A plant can be grown under parents' supervision.

Show them how to clean their shoes. For thrift, try and get them to tell their parents when a button comes off or when there is a rip in their clothing.

Programme

For games we suggest *Play Activities for the Retarded Child* by Bernice Wells and David Ginglend. This book contains games, songs and handicrafts.

RECRUITMENT OF LEADERS

Best of luck to the Vancouver Coast Region in its appeal for leaders which appeared in a recent bulletin:

Help Wanted (A Special Appeal)

If you find that your present troop is not taking up as much time as you had expected or that you have time on your hands because of depth in leadership within your troop—this appeal is directed towards you.

The 85th Vancouver Troop (Jericho Hill School for the Deaf and Blind) needs a Scoutmaster and an assistant Scoutmaster immediately.

- We have an established Cub pack.
- There is no group available which can accommodate the boys when they reach Scout age.
- These boys are asking for Scout training and should not be denied the opportunity.
- Leaders can start with a small group—possibly one patrol.
- Leaders with *patience* and *understanding* will have 'satisfaction guaranteed'.

Let's give these boys a chance to be 'A friend to all and a brother to every other Scout!'

Those interested are asked to contact Ken Singleton (address and phone number listed.)

Vancouver Coast Region Bulletin

GAMES FOR CUBS

Who Is In the Box?

A cardboard box, big enough to hide a Cub is brought into the room. The leader tells one Cub to leave the room. While he is out, the leader hides one of the other Cubs in the box. The Cub is then brought back into the room and has to guess who is in the box. The Cub in the box can make any noise to distract the other Cub.

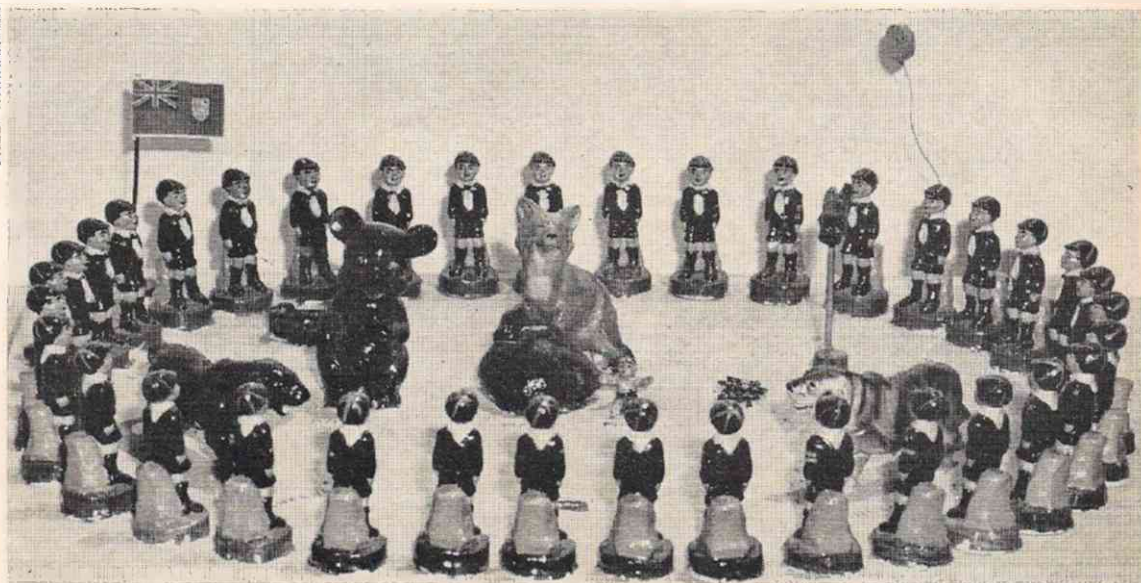
Walk on Fence

Draw a chalk line on the floor and pretend it is a fence. Feet must be placed one in front of the other with arms outstretched to keep the balance. Cubs who tumble off the fence must start again.

The Passing Soldiers

Imitate the marching of soldiers by clapping hands

FRED WARRANDER



This composite model of a Wolf Cub pack, complete with jungle animals, was made by retarded Cubs of the Sioux Pack of the City of Two Mountains, Quebec.

softly at first and then increasing the sound until it is very loud. The sound should then diminish again.

Changing Seats

Cubs are seated on chairs. One Cub leaves the room. Two or more Cubs change seats and the one outside comes back in again to determine who has changed.

Noisy Mug

Cubs at one end of the room are blindfolded. A coin is dropped into a tin in different parts of the room and each Cub must walk to the exact location of the sound.

Ontario Council Bulletin

CONGRATULATIONS, ROBERT PARRIS

Robert Parris, 14, stricken with infantile paralysis at the age of one year has qualified for his First Class Badge.

When he contracted polio, doctors told his parents he would never be able to sit up. He is paralyzed from the waist down and only has the use of one hand.

But with all these handicaps he has learned to sit up and has taught himself to walk with the aid of leg irons and crutches. He has passed the 50-yard swim, knot-tying and star navigation tests. He even completed an eight-mile hike in six hours.

London Free Press, November, 1963

'AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?'

In camp the other day I had a chat with the older fellows—a group of physically handicapped Rovers who looked back over their lives and offered thoughts for the benefit and progress of others who are similarly handicapped and who are now growing up.

It was felt that, although the problems of the handicapped may be fairly obvious, it isn't appreciated generally that one of the difficulties for the adult handicapped person (if he is to take his place in everyday life) is often his lack of appreciation of the non-handicapped person's problems. This is probably because the handicapped and non-handicapped do not have much opportunity to get to know each other. This attitude could be corrected during their 'growing-up' period by having handicapped boys mix with other youngsters through Scouting. Then they will learn that all boys, even those not handicapped, have 'unseen' problems.

The non-handicapped boy will also benefit from this experience. Perhaps without realizing it, he will learn how to help handicapped children lead as natural a life as possible.

In all our endeavours let us consider the Scout family as a whole—not handicapped Scouts in isolation.

Leonard Robinson, The Scouter

GOOD TURN

One area Wolf Cub pack has gone beyond the duty call of 'one good turn for someone every day.'

Members of the First Point Pleasant Wolf Cub Pack labour independently every day to do the required 'good turn' for someone. But, as a unit, they work together all year, hoarding their pennies for an annual 'good turn.'

This year the fruit of the cub pack's efforts went to the

newly-opened Sunshine School for Retarded Children. The pack purchased three desks for the school and presented them to W. B. Doubleday, president of the Kingston and District Association for Retarded Children. Plaques commemorating the boys' efforts were fastened to the desks.

The pack also collected enough money to buy a wheelchair for the Angada Children's Hospital. Last March members held a combined hobby show, tea and bake sale from which they collected \$50.68. This was added to the \$75 they had collected among themselves from donations made at each pack meeting.

When the KDARC had its last fund-raising drive for the new retarded children's school, the Cubs delivered advance letters throughout the district. It was then that they decided their extra 'good turn' for this year would be for retarded children.

Kingston Whig-Standard
September, 1963

BLIND BOY OPERATES WIRELESS

Charles James 'Chuck' Berry is a typical 12-year-old, complete with freckles, brushcut, jeans and sneakers. Although blind since birth, he still has 'seen' a good part of North America as the result of being, at his home in Conrad, Montana, a licensed amateur wireless operator.

Chuck was among five hundred persons who gathered at Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta for the 29th annual Glacier-Waterton International 'Hamfest.'

A few years ago he found an old radio set in the basement of his home and happened to turn the dials to short-wave. His mother explained that what he heard was wireless amateurs talking to one another.

Chuck quickly learned the *dot-and-dash* code and received his novice licence in September, 1961.

"I wanted so much to get on the air," he said.

Chuck then began studying for his general licence, learning most of the theory from a wireless operator in Conrad. He put the theory together with his code study and obtained his licence.

Now he makes regular contacts from his set—call letters *K7QVL*—and records them in his log book in Braille.

In his spare time, Chuck built his own electro-magnet. He plays the electric organ and is taking piano lessons.

As for the future, he says: "I like to mess around with electronics."

PROMISE IN SIGN LANGUAGE

Fifteen boys stood together, raised their hands and pledged to be good Wolf Cubs. But not one said a word.

All fifteen are members of the Winnipeg Church for the Deaf and performed their promise through the medium of sign language. Rev. Don Wilson officiated at the investiture, leading the boys in sign language and reciting the promise for the benefit of parents attending the ceremony.

"The boys have been learning the promise since spring," he said.

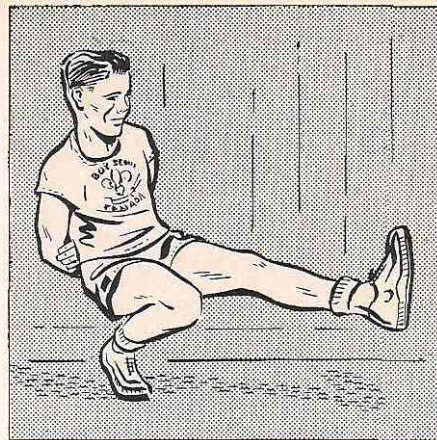
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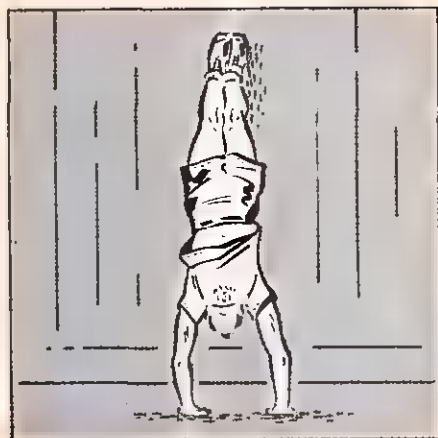
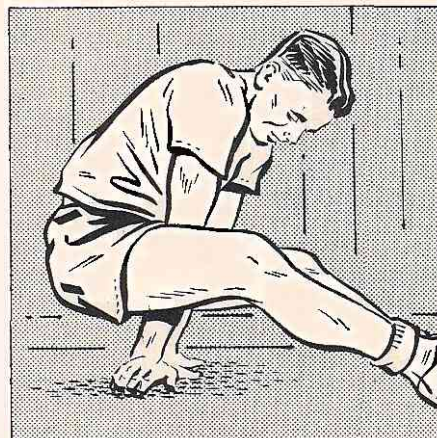
Armless Balance. In squat, hands holding elbows behind back, put one leg out straight in front without touching it to floor, and draw it back. Immediately do same with other leg.



Good balance is vital if you're going to get the most from sports and other physical activity. It is basic to body coordination, and also helps give you the ease of motion so important in fast-breaking sports.

Here are 8 balance tests. Count the seconds 'one-thousand-and-one', etc. If you can do each test, your balance is quite good, but if some throw you, do some work to build up your sense of balance. Start by mastering the test which stumped you. Then ask your school physical education instructor for other balance building helps.

Body-Up. Sit, hands on floor between legs, lean over, straighten arms to raise body up.

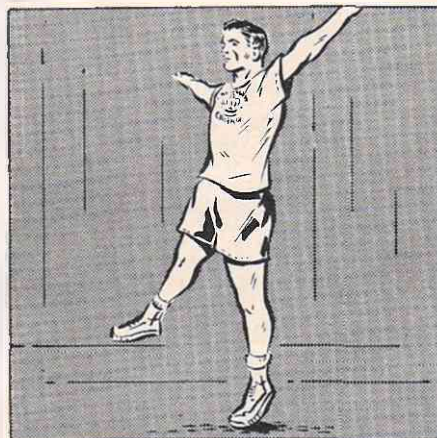


Handstand. Hold handstand against wall 10 seconds. Try also with one hand.

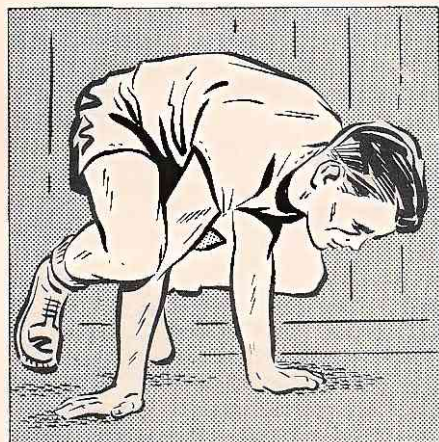
V-Up. Lie down, hands at waist, bring up chest and straight legs into sharp angle.



Toe Balance. Arms outstretched, lift one foot to side for 10 seconds. Then rise to toes of other foot for 10 more.



Rock Squat. Squat arms between knees, hands on floor, thighs against upper arms. Rock forward 10 seconds.



Blind Man's Balance. With hands over eyes, put bottom of left foot against right knee and hold your balance 10 seconds.

Toe-Hold Knee Bend. With one leg held out straight, go down and up with a knee bend of the other leg.



Sponsor and Sponsorship are two words bandied around a great deal in Scouting because, after all, each of Canada's nearly 6,000 Scout groups has a sponsor.

But how many people really understand what these words mean in relationship to the Boy Scout movement?

What is a sponsor? Why do we have sponsors? Are sponsors necessary?

Let P.O. & R. provide the answer to the first question:

What is a sponsor?

Rule 63 defines sponsors as "established institutions such as churches, service clubs, home-and-school and parent-teacher associations, hospitals, homes for the handicapped, schools, fraternal organizations, Women's Institutes, Canadian Legion and similar organizations. Groups may also be sponsored by bodies of citizens drawn from the community, preferably from parents of boys."

Why do we have sponsors?

To understand why we have sponsors we must first be aware that the Boy Scouts of Canada does not itself sponsor any of the 12,000 packs, troops or crews operating in the country. The Boy Scouts of Canada has a programme which, by an Act of Parliament, it alone has the right to administer in this country. The Boy Scouts of Canada exists to service this programme by providing the ideals, the programme content, the organization to service the programme (councils, commissioners, and district Scouters); the training of leaders, literature, uniforms and equipment, camping facilities and supervision.

To get this programme to boys it seeks the partnership of such institutions as those listed above—institutions similarly interested in the development of good character in boys.

To this partnership the Boy Scouts of Canada contributes the things we have outlined. Those institutions entering into partnership with us agree to provide the emphasis for God, country and service, the presentation of the programme, the selection of leaders (including group committee personnel and leaders for each section), leadership training in the ideals of the sponsor and a place to meet.

It is, of course, expected that the sponsoring institution will be in accord with the ideals of Scouting. For example, an institution opposed to religion or one which believes in the overthrow of the government by force would not be an acceptable sponsor.

Are sponsors necessary?

This is the question we want you to think about and answer.

In doing so, perhaps you will ask yourself: how would Scouting operate without sponsors? Could the movement itself be the sponsor—providing the meeting

what do YOU think about

place, recruiting the leaders, administering and supervising the 6,000 groups with 12,000 sections?

In examining the question further you might like to make clear in your own mind whether the system now in use works effectively.

As you know, the sponsor is obligated to form a group committee to administer the group on its behalf.

Has your sponsor appointed such a committee?

Is this committee appointed because its members are interested in boys or is it just to *protect* the sponsor from the boys?

If you have a committee, does it understand what its job is supposed to be? (Pamphlets and folders are available outlining the committee's job.)

Does it just administer the group or does it go beyond its terms of reference and try to do the Scouters' job of running the programme for the sections?

Does it meet regularly and are its meetings business-like?

Does it report regularly to the sponsor on the affairs of the group?

Does it insist that the ideals of the sponsor are incorporated into the section programme?

We might go further and ask ourselves if our present system of sponsorship is as broadly based as it might be. To answer this question you must understand that sixty per cent of our sponsorship is undertaken by churches of eleven different denominations or faiths. The degree of sponsorship differs with each church. One church has Scouting in one out of every three parishes while other churches sponsor to a lesser degree.

by B. H. MORTLOCK

Director, Relationships Services
Boy Scouts of Canada

SPONSORSHIP?

Besides churches, schools and home-and-school and parent-teacher associations, Scouting is also sponsored by some elementary schools and by special schools for the blind, deaf, crippled and mentally retarded and by training schools for boys and hospital schools.

All major service clubs also sponsor Scouting, although they do so in small numbers compared with the total number of such clubs in Canada.

About one hundred different civic organizations, including Women's Institutes, the Canadian Legion, chambers of commerce, boards of trade and fraternal organizations are partners with us in bringing Scouting to boys.

About 5,000 Scouts and Cubs receive the programme under the sponsorship of Canada's armed forces—about one-quarter of them on overseas bases.

Let us have your views on the following questions:

- Do you think our base of sponsorship is broad enough?
- If not, how would you broaden it?
- Do you think our present system of sponsorship is the best to ensure continued growth and successful operation of the programme?
- Do you know of a better way of taking the Scout programme to boys than the sponsorship system now in use?
- Does the present system provide the emphasis on the ideals and purposes of the sponsor as well as on those of Scouting?

• What could be done to increase the understanding of sponsors of their role in the partnership with the Boy Scouts of Canada?

• Is the group committee method of operation an effective way of administering the Scout group?

• If not, what better way would you suggest?

• If the group committee system is satisfactory, how can we improve its operation and train committee personnel in their rights, privileges and responsibilities?

Your National Headquarters (and the Relationships Services which is principally concerned with sponsorship) would like your views on this system. Attach them to the coupon below and send it to the Programme and Uniform Sub-committee, National Headquarters, Boy Scouts of Canada, P.O. Box 3520, Postal Station 'C', Ottawa 3, Ontario.

Programme and Uniform Subcommittee

Attached are my views on the sponsorship system presently employed by the Boy Scouts of Canada to bring Scouting to Canadian boys.

Name

Address

Rank in Scouting

A Visit To Brownsea



The 500 acres of Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour, Dorset boasts two lakes, a wildfowl sanctuary, a heronry, a marsh with rare wild flowers and three miles of sandy beach.

And it may soon become a place of pilgrimage for Scouters and a campsite for Scouts and Guides.

Restoration work on the island, chosen fifty-six years ago by Robert Baden-Powell as the

Left: A general view of the experimental camp where Scouting was born.

Left: B.-P. at the first experimental Scout camp on Brownsea Island, August 1907.

Below: With megaphone in hand, B.-P. supervised camp activities at the camp. Twenty boys from all classes of society attended.



site of his first experimental Scout camp, is being carried out by the National Trust. This body is an unofficial society which undertakes to preserve places of historic and scenic interest.

Although I was born and brought up in Dorset—within forty-five miles of the island—I had never visited it until 1962. At that time, as a Canadian citizen, I arranged to join a party of Guides and Rangers who had received special permission to visit the island.

We spoke to a Poole ferry-boat captain named Harvey who reminisced about the August day in 1907 when he ferried B.-P. and twenty boys from Poole Quay to the island.

He proudly recalled how often he had piloted Lady Baden-Powell across the harbour, both before and after her marriage to B.-P. And with a steady finger he pointed across to the mainland at Parkstone where the founder of the Scout movement and the future World Chief Guide were married in St. Peter's Church.

by Doreen Bowdidge

District Cubmaster
Sudbury, Ont.

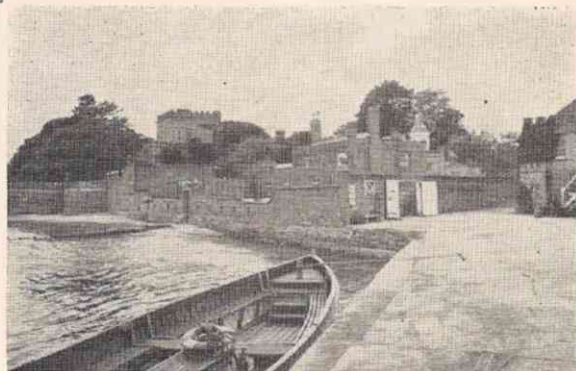
At the time of my visit we were unable to hike from the village of Brownsea to the camp-site because of dense undergrowth but we could see the site from the boat as we circled the island.

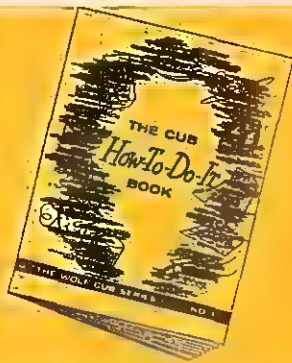
Brownsea village is picturesque with small, ivy-covered cottages, an ancient town clock and three cannons—relics of the days when the Dorset coast was the haunt of pirates and smugglers.

When restoration is complete—and at the time of my visit there was also talk of erecting a memorial to B.-P.—it is expected that Scout and Guide camping will be permitted on the island. ★

Below: Brownsea village today with the castle in the background.

Bottom: Guides and Rangers pay a nostalgic visit to Brownsea.



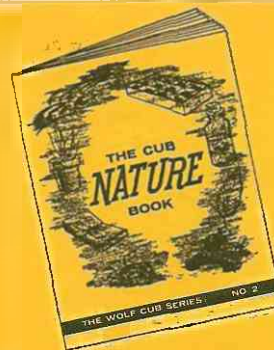


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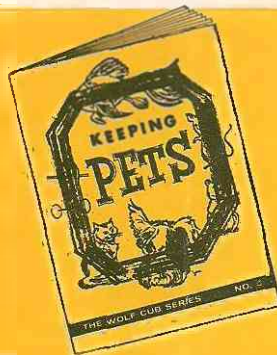
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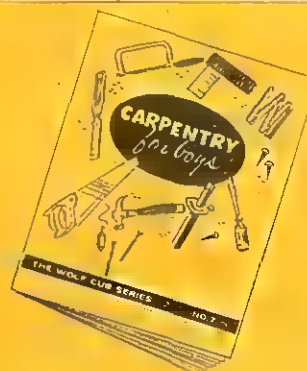
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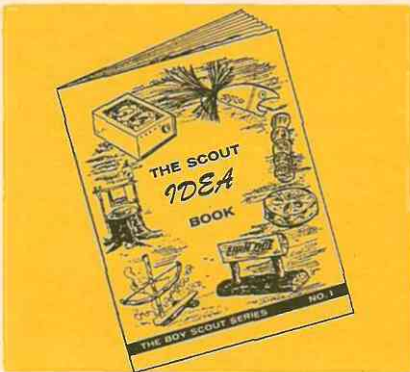


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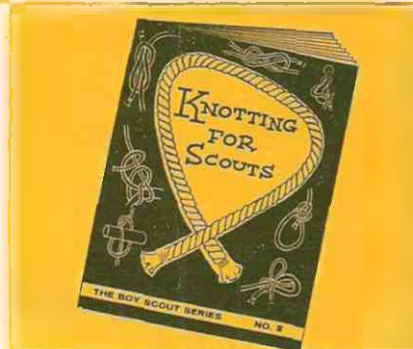
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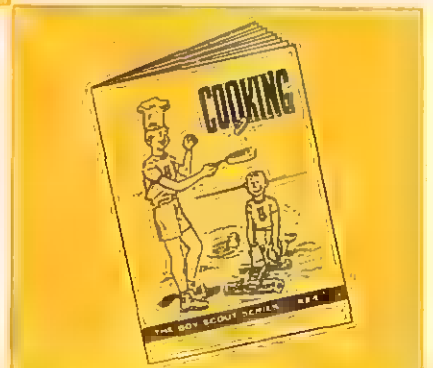


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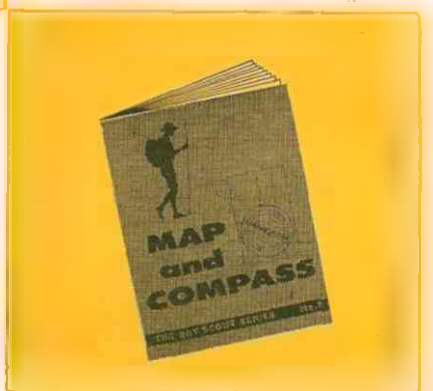
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EVENT	PLACE	DATE
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9th Scottish International Patrol Jamborette	Blair Athol, Scotland	July 21-31, 1964
8th International Patrol Camp	Venezuela	August, 1964
2nd New Brunswick Provincial Jamboree	Sussex, N.B.	August 15-22, 1964
Manitoba Provincial Jamboree	Portage la Prairie, Man.	August 8-15, 1964

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The conditions are as follows:

* Photographs submitted may be black and white, in colour or colour transparencies of any size, but they must be taken *within the territory of the Republic of Mexico*.

* Participants can send as many photographs as they wish. The following particulars must appear on the back of each print (in the case of transparencies the particulars must accompany each one on a separate paper): name and address of the person taking the picture, the Scout troop to which he belongs, the name of the place referred to in the photograph and the date taken. The photos and the above information must be sent or delivered to the National Council of Tourism, Insurgentes Sur 421-B 80. Piso, Mexico 11, D.F.

* The competition will close April 30, 1964.

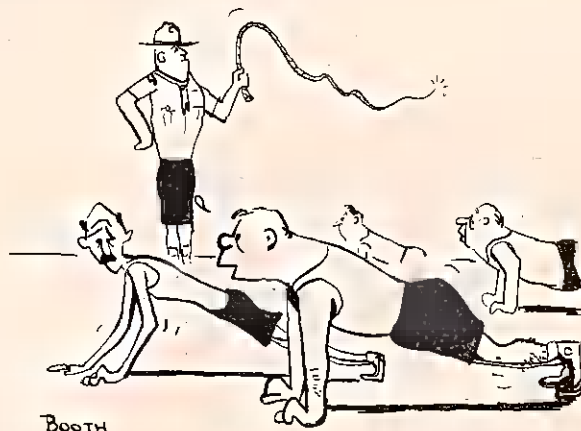
Four judges will be chosen to select the winners and the results will be released through the Boy Scouts World Bureau.

The following prizes will be given:

A—First Prize will consist of a gold medal and \$1,000 for the group to which the winner belongs and a gold medal and \$500 for the winner himself.

B—Second Prize will consist of a silver medal and \$250 for the group to which the second winner belongs and a silver medal and \$250 for the winner himself.

C—Twenty honourable mentions and twenty silver medals will be awarded the twenty next best photographers selected by the judges. ★



"Scouters' Club hasn't been the same since the commissioner got his Fitness Information Kit."

Think of New Scouters

This October [1963] issue [of *The Scout Leader*] seems to have a great deal of material and a great deal of space used for reporting events that are now history—information on the work of the Programme and Uniform Sub-committee and of changes to take place in the Girl Guides [of Canada] and an article about the National Agency Review Committee which I don't think is of much interest to the ordinary Scouter. But [there isn't] much included for the new Scouter, who opens *The Scout Leader* for the first time or has received only three or four issues.

J. Percy Ross

Provincial Scout Executive
Vancouver, B.C.

✿ While we do not agree that these articles are of little interest and value, we appreciate Scouter Ross's comments. We hope other readers will let us know periodically how they view the information in *The Scout Leader*.—Ed.

Baden-Powell House

Baden-Powell House has now been established for two years and has proved to be more of a success than anyone could have imagined. Scouts of not less than sixty-one nations have already stayed there, not to mention Guides and Girl Scouts from at least twelve nations.

It is the realization of B.P.'s dream that there should be such a place in London and it is indeed the most fitting memorial there could be to the man to whom Scouting and Guiding owe their foundation and the free world owes so much.

Many of the visitors and guests have expressed some disappointment that the house, having been paid for, and the target for the endowment fund reached, there is no scheme whereby they may continue to regard themselves as belonging to the 'house' and helping in some way with general household expenses. We feel there is a case for forming a body to be known as 'Friends Of Baden-Powell House.'

Its organization and administration could be very simple and anyone could become a 'friend' on payment of a minimum annual subscription of 10 shillings [about \$1.50] to the warden.



Friends would be invited to an 'open day' at the 'house' on the Founder's birthday, February 22nd, and [would] receive an annual report.

Charles MacLean
Chief Scout of the Commonwealth
D. C. Spry
Director, Boy Scouts World Bureau
C. Dymoke Green
Commonwealth Commissioner
The Boy Scouts Association
England

We Goofed!

At a most crucial time in our Scouting history—when we are concerned with the vitality of the programme—and at the beginning of a Scout year when fitness has been adopted as our national theme to introduce more vigour into our activities, it seems incongruous that *The Scout*

Leader would seriously recommend four such tame indoor sports as were shown on page 15 of the December, 1963 issue.

How about Indian wrestling, pyramids and the like?

David Green

Provincial Field Executive

Montreal, Que.

✿ Your points are well-stated. How about the game on page 8 of this issue?—Ed.

Scout Seal

Many Scout seal collectors were not aware that the 1963 Canadian Easter seals included a Scout and Guide seal. The Easter Seal sheet contained forty different seals depicting crippled children participating in various activities. One seal shows a Scout with crutch saluting. Another shows a Girl Guide in a wheelchair.

Murray Fried
Cubmaster

Kitchener, Ont.

A 'Penalizing' Policy?

The publishing of a magazine for Canadian boys is a worthwhile venture. However the circulation policy seems to penalize a family that has more than one member in the movement.

Why three members of our family . . . must pay additional registration . . . for three copies of *Canadian Boy* seems . . . ridiculous.

. . . I think other Scouters in the same position resent, in principle, the idea of having to take extra subscriptions to the magazine.

St. Catharines, Ont.

Alex Herrick

✿ While we know that many Scouters are finding that this is a problem (in spite of the explanation provided on page 12 of the August-September 1963 issue of *The Scout Leader*) we have an idea that other Scouters have turned it into opportunities for service. We would like to hear about these and share them with our readers. In the meantime, one Scouter has written, "The problem is not much different than when, a few years ago, local newspapers across the country included week-end magazines as a Saturday supplement (without choice) and at increased cost."—Ed.



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NOTICE

Unless you just joined the Scout movement within the last few months, you have probably already received and read a copy of the first issue of **CANADIAN BOY**. We hope you are as enthusiastic about the magazine as we are.

You know how important it is to balance the budget—at home, in your pack or troop, and particularly in business. The publication of **CANADIAN BOY** is a major business venture and to keep our expenses in line with our advertising and subscription revenue—without impairing reading value—we combined the first issue into a January-February issue. The second issue will also be combined—a March-April issue to be published by March 15.

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