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By R. J. Roberts

A recent article in *The Toronto Globe and Mail* entitled "Child's Wizard of Waste" tells a fascinating story of how to turn your waste items into interesting and enjoyable articles to amuse and entertain young people, and seems to be aimed at pack Scouters who are looking for new things to introduce to the pack.

All of these ideas are contained in a book called *Toy Book*, written by Steven Caney, published by Saunders of Toronto; and if you are interested but don't wish to pay the asking price, why not try the public library.

Steven Caney is an architect, mathematician and television personality and, in the course of his work, does quite a lot of travelling. He seldom goes anywhere without a gigantic suitcase filled with odds and ends and, at any stop along the way, he rummages around for a piece-of-that or a bit-of-this and, presto, a new toy is made!

Steven Caney doesn't just talk about a Kazoo that can be made out of an old toilet-paper roll, he makes one; then he gets some eager child to try it. When demonstrating to other people how he goes about making toys from discarded items, he points out that the best thing about making a toy is the chance to share it with someone, and he usually has lots of young people around to share his creations.

At home, Mr. Caney says they have a rule: nothing gets thrown away for a month. They have what is called a "material centre," into which go shells, beads, boxes, old cloth — just about everything imaginable that might be of future use.

Mr. Caney admits there is nothing new in his idea, since parents have been making toys to amuse children for years. What he does claim, however, is that many parents feel the toy must be expensive and often is given as a peace offering for some imagined error on the part of the parent.

He points out that children want to be closer to parents and to "play" with them, and making simple toys together is a good way to begin.

Most of the toys Mr. Caney makes are inexpensive, easy to make and easy to repair, or replace if they get broken, and they cover a wide range of interests for any age child.

In reading of Mr. Caney, it seemed to me that such toy-building projects would be pretty useful in preparing pack programs and that many of the requirements for Star and Badge work could be covered by making things on such project nights.

If you don't have a grab bag, maybe you would want to start collecting items now. Popsicle sticks, small pebbles, wax milk cartons, coloured cloth, toilet-paper or paper-towel rolls, shells, twigs, leaves — the list is endless and could help your pack in many ways.

Perhaps some of you are already doing this type of thing. If so, let us know and we will share your ideas with others in future issues.



The leaders of one colony in the **Uplands area of Regina** hold their meetings in the children's section of the public library. In this way they have the use of resource books and they have immediate access to storybooks to accompany any theme they decide upon.

Thanks to **Regina Beaver Team**

What Is My Name?

While I was visiting the first Beaver colony of Mississauga, Ontario, part of their program was to name their leaders.

One leader read the first chapter of *Friends of the Forest* to give the Beavers an idea of what the possible names were. Then the chapter was discussed with the Beavers.

Another leader talked with the boys about what they were going to call the different leaders. There were five leaders in this colony (three parents and two Venturers) and five name tags were held in the air.

The name tags were really signs with string attached to the top corners so they could be hung around a leader's neck. Four signs were individually marked: *Rainbow*, *Rusty*, *Hawkeye* and *Bubbles*. The fifth sign was blank.

Now it was up to the Beavers to decide who was to be called by each name. First, each of the four tags with a name on it was held up individually.

The boys then pointed to the leader whom they wanted to be called by that name. The majority ruled. After each

name was decided, the name tag was placed by one of the Beavers around that lucky leader's neck.

Now the blank sign was held up. The boys were to choose the name for the last leader. Names suggested were: *Chipmunk*, *Anne*, *Robin Hood* and *Walnut*, to name a few. Finally, the name unanimously chosen was **Chippy**.

While the story was being read, the boys sat quietly, listening closely but, as each sign was held up, the excitement grew, and the boys began standing and then closing in around the leaders. It was great fun for all — and that is how the leaders of the **1st Mississauga Colony** received their names.

Keeo Sharing Session

Twenty-two Keeos took part in the highly successful **Keeo Sharing Session** held by North Calgary. They discussed what a Keeo should do in a colony and shared what was happening in their colonies. They played a few games and, of course, enjoyed refreshments.

Due to this success, Calgary Region is planning a **regional Keeo Sharing Session**.

Thanks to **Ileen Charlebois, North Calgary Beaver Coordinator**





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COVER



It's summer again and the water's fine! At least, that's what these Cubs at **Greater Victoria's Camp Barnard** seem to be saying. Camp Barnard operated last year from Easter till mid-September, and an estimated 3,000 Scouts, Cubs, Venturers and Rovers took advantage of the facilities. In August, the camp will host the greatest event in its history, the **British Columbia-Yukon Provincial Jamboree**. Up to 2,400 campers are expected from all provinces and a number of American states.

Victoria Colonist photo by Jim Ryan

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SUPPLY SERVICES



NEWS



Jack Fraser Stores in the **Sheridan Mall**, **Pickering**, Ontario, is now an official dealer of Scout supplies to service **Owasco District and vicinity**.



A new item now available through dealers and Scout offices is the **Olympic-style Medallion** which has been designed for use as an award at sport or athletic meets. Of cast metal, it is 2½" diameter, with a red-and-white neck loop, and has Cub or Scout crest on one side.

Catalogue No.

60-192 Bronze Medallion — Cub	\$2.50
60-193 Silver Medallion — Cub	2.50
60-194 Gold Medallion — Cub	2.50
60-202 Bronze Medallion — Scout	2.50
60-203 Silver Medallion — Scout	2.50
60-204 Gold Medallion — Scout	2.50



A new, attractive, **Bike-and-Hike Poncho Groundsheet** is available — a practical addition to our camping supplies — economically priced, too. Size: 66" x 45", rubberized material, blue outside, gold inside, with hood, Canadian flag on front, safety signs on back. Catalogue No. 51-121; price: \$4.49.



Another new item is the **Bike-and-Hike Safety Lite**, designed to strap on arms or legs as a safety factor when cycling or walking in the dark. It has two lamps, white in front and red in rear. Should prove a popular item — Catalogue No. 53-940; price complete with batteries: \$1.69.



Just in time for the camping season — a new, **FOUR-PIECE, FLATWARE SET**, consisting of knife (serrated), fork, soup spoon and teaspoon, in heavy, durable, stainless steel. For use by individual campers or in quantity for dining halls. The set has no container but is economically priced at \$1.39. Catalogue 55-937.



The April edition of "Supply Services News" in *The Canadian Leader* included information about the Little Toymaker Kit. We now have introduced a larger and more advanced kit called the **Deluxe Toymaker Kit**. It contains a bag of specially shaped pieces of wood, tool box, mitre box, nails, paint, hammer, pencil, sandpaper, wheels, dovetail saw, instructions and suggestions. Its price is \$13.98; Catalogue 71-296.

By Allen P. Smith

February 4, 1974, was a monumental day for the 36th Halifax Troop. That was T.P.L. day (Trade Patrol Leaders) and it was an event to behold.

It all started last October when John Sweet suggested the event in his column, "On the Level," in *The Canadian Leader*. His words certainly had an effect on me and, after much soul searching, I decided that I would risk my own pl's in the experiment. After all, I felt safe, and my assistant leaders were safe, so why not? (At least this once they shouldn't lead such a sheltered life.) SO, with this resolved, I set out to find an equally daring Girl Guide leader. This could have been a problem as I felt I should find one who met with her Guides on Monday night, and also had four patrols, as in my troop — that excluded my senior patrol and leadership patrols. (I have to admit that I wouldn't risk my 15- and 16-year-olds in such an enterprise, as yet.)

The search proved to be quite easy. My daughter Barbara goes to her Guide meetings on Monday night and thus it was simple to learn that her company had four patrols. So I called upon her captain. I didn't have to do much convincing and, that night, Captain Beverly Hirschfeld of the 9th Halifax Girl Guide Company took the idea to her pl's. This, of course, was to be a top-secret mission and, therefore, until the swap was made, only the pl's were to know anything about it. Captain Hirschfeld phoned me the next day and said all systems were "go" and her girls were making grandiose plans for their adventure afield. The date was set for February 4 and, then, I took the plan to my own Court-of-Honour. Well, sir, you've never in your life heard such moaning and groaning by a bunch of boys. But, being stout of heart, and

with the determination of an unthreatened leader, I soon had them convinced. (I must admit that at one point I did threaten impeachment proceedings.) Anyway, that left the task of what they were going to do with the girls. I assigned one of my senior patrol leaders to oversee this part of the operation and it ended with three pl's doing rope-work and one working on map and compass. With that all worked out, we had only to keep our secret from the rest of the troop and wait for the fateful day to arrive.

The morning of February 4 was very eventful. I first found out from Scout HQ that the provincial winter scheme, "Icicle," had been cancelled. This was a bad enough blow in itself to take to my Court-of-Honour but when I phoned Captain Hirschfeld I received the news that she was very ill and the pl exchange would have to be cancelled. With that news, I phoned my own first assistant, Gordon MacLeod, and we decided to put into effect a new program centring around our Scout-Guide Week display at the Halifax Shopping Centre. Well, to show you what a ping-pong world Scouting is, I had just finished talking with Gordon when Captain Hirschfeld called back and said, "We are on after all." She had discussed the matter with her lieutenant and they decided the show must go on (Lieut. Daily evidently not being of faint heart). Thus, another call to my assistant and we were ready for action.

To digress just a little, about three weeks before the pl swap, a senior Scout from 1st Armdale Troop phoned me to ask if he could attend one of my meetings to observe my troop. Well, sir, not to let a chance go by to tantalize the imagination and curiosity of a Scout, I immediately consented to his request. I told him then that my next meeting would host some university basketball stars and he was welcome to come. He accepted without question.

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TPL... OR GUESS WHO'S COMING



(That was just my left jab: I then delivered the sneaky right blow — right on target.) "However," said I, "the following week I have a special event planned which will have to remain unknown — interested?"

"Is it a T.A.O. (Try Anything Once)?" he asked.

"No," said I, "better than any T.A.O. so far." (Knowing all the time what was going through his mind — after all, what could be more fun than selling toilet tissue for a nickel a square on street corners.)

"I think I'll come to that meeting instead of the basketball meeting," said he.

"OK," said I, "see you then."

Thus, Mike Edwards from 1st Armdale was there observing the whole thing. He took many notes and had a sly smile on his face the whole evening — so, watch out, 1st Armdale. The past regional commissioner and a troop Scouter from the 4th Halifax also dropped in to observe the meeting. Neither knew in advance about the swap, so we might have started a chain reaction.

Anyway, back to the evening of the 4th — I had my usual Court-of-Honour meeting (1st Monday of each month) from 6 to 7 p.m. and, at the end of the meeting, the four involved patrol leaders and I put on our coats and walked through the church hall and out the door. We received a few "Where are you going?" questions; however, we made a rather clean getaway without answering. I drove the pl's to the Guide hall and collected the four Guide pl's. Arriving back at the church hall, I had Gordon form the troop horseshoe while one of my senior patrol leaders kept the girls in the entrance hall. When I took up my position in the horseshoe (I was very dramatic), I explained that an emergency had arisen and our pl's were called away for special service. Then I explained that by a stroke of luck I was able to get replacement pl's

— however, due to short notice, I had to take what was available. Now the girls were brought in, and you could have heard a pin drop as they took up their positions. (Ever see 37 boys struck speechless at once?) I made the appropriate introductions and gave them their instructions and, just to show you how cool and collected I was about the whole thing, I forgot about the badge presentations I was to do.

Well, we broke into patrol corners and I think this was the first time every Scout ever went and stayed in his corner. A quieter, more attentive troop you have never seen. The girls were well prepared and two patrols ended in the kitchen **making fudge** while the other two patrols **MADE FLOWERS**. I didn't believe it myself! Things went so well. In fact, one boy even asked the Guide pl if he could have a couple of needles so he could make more flowers at home. (I'm afraid the masculine, pioneering image of the 36th received a shattering blow.) One Scout sought me out during the meeting and, drawing himself up to full height, looked me square in the eye and said, "Smith, this is the last straw," to which I answered, "Yes, Deeley, I suppose you will never quit now." If he had grinned any wider, he would have decapitated himself.

In short, after my pl's returned with stories of equal success with the Guides, I have only one last thing to say, "Sweet, you may have created a monster: **they all want to do it again.**" (Thanks, and keep the ideas coming.)

P.S. Captain Hirschfeld, who has access to Y.W.C.A. facilities, is trying to set up a gym, swim and sleepover party for the troop and company, and she informed me that her own daughters, who are in a Ranger company, would just love to get together with my Venturers. So you see, John Sweet, you **have** started a chain reaction. We will just have to keep it from reaching critical mass.

TO OUR TROOP?





FROM CARBACE TO CADGETS

By T. Russell Evans

Have you ever considered the use of old inner tubes in your Scouting activities? No? Well, you don't know what you've been missing. So why not read on and find out?

First —

Where can you get them? Try your local tire dealer or haulage company or heavy vehicle contractor or service station, or try them all!

You will find that many, if not all, of these potential sources will have old inner tubes and will be only too pleased to part with them. After they have been repaired once, maybe twice, they are not worth refitting because of the high labour cost and the loss of operational time due to defects. If they don't have any on hand when you're out looking, ask them to save tubes for you.

They come in large (excavator) size, down to the small (scooter) size, and all are useful for Scout activities. But how, you ask? Don't give up, read on.

Let's Consider —

The *small* — very useful for a camp hassock. Just inflate to suit the size of your posterior and be seated in comfort. A tree can always serve as your backrest, if you need one. And just think how much more comfortable you're going to be at campfire from now on.

This size also can be used in a canoe, where, in addition to saving wear and tear on the rear, it can serve as

additional flotation and any additional flotation is also a possible life-preserver.

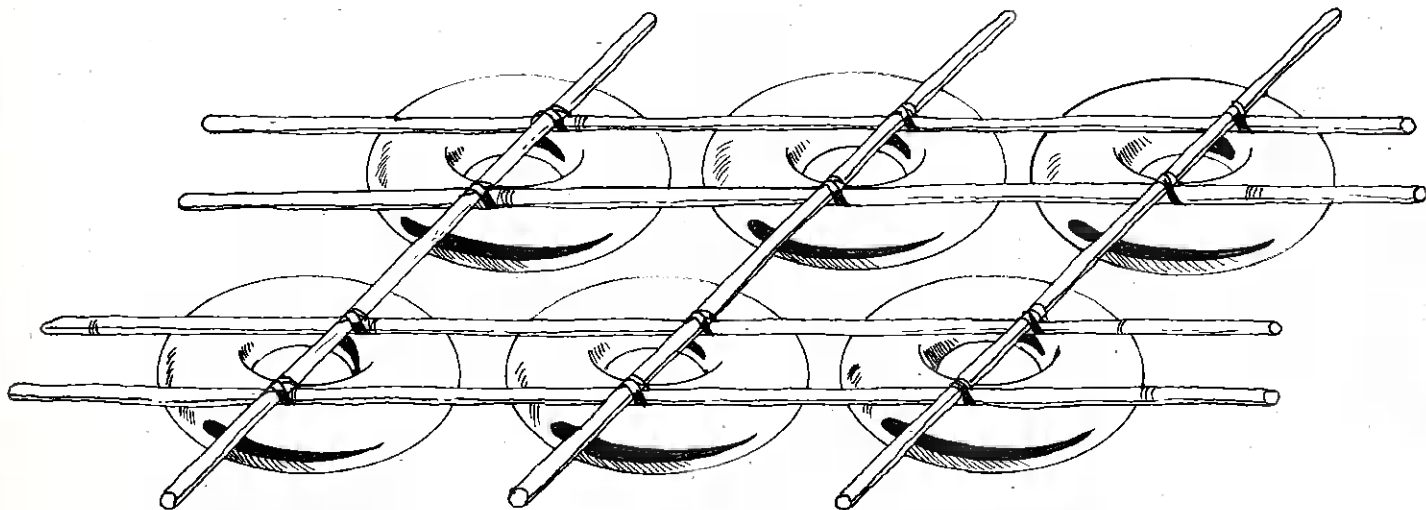
The *medium* — these can be used for more ambitious projects and can form the basis for an excellent flotation base for a raft. Great care must be taken when securing your timber to the tires to prevent chaffing which could cause a premature failure and a dunking. But a little imagination can overcome any problem in this area.

For a day of good fun, when water and weather conditions are favourable and a qualified lifeguard is in attendance, why not launch an armada of medium tubes and run everything from races to a full-fledged naval battle. A hand-held piece of plastic could serve as a sail for your race and the object of the battle could be to overturn opponents. (No sharp instruments, please!)

The mind boggles at the opportunities for fun!

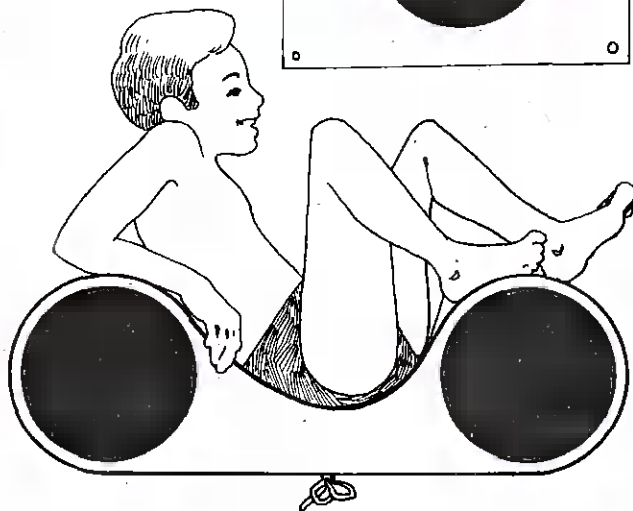
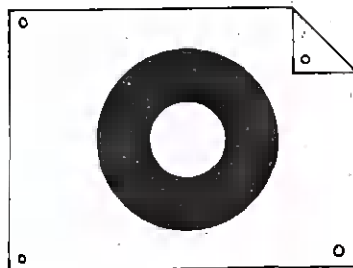
The *larger* — these can be used for such ambitious projects as large rafts that will carry a full patrol. With a large piece of plastic or tarp secured to a frame, you can make a genuine coracle. And if you don't know what a coracle is, have a look in your dictionary and then consult our illustration. Coracle races are lots of fun and a variety of paddles can be constructed by the racers.

And then you ask, what can be done with the tubes when they leak and are not seaworthy but the rubber is still in fair condition? On you go to the next paragraph.



Coracle

START



INVERT FOR ANTI-TANGLE MODEL

- Try tying a bundle together and making a **blast-into mat!** Very useful in breaking a fall from an aerial runway or assault course.

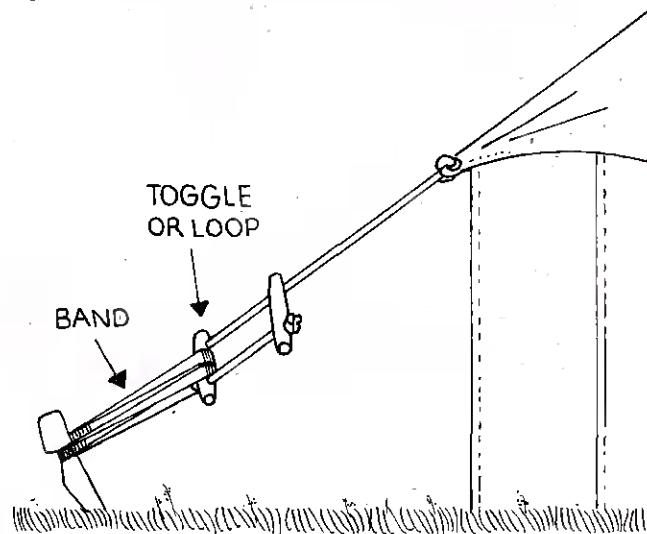


- Fill them with water and make — what else? — **A king-size water pistol**, ideal for wide games. Just imagine a bandolier full of ammunition (water) slung over the shoulder of a wide-game bandit. My bet is that the Scouters will be the first in line to test the weapon.
- Keep them around the camp kitchen as **emergency water supply**, in case of fire. They can also be used to dampen down the campfire and, from personal experience, I can tell you they are not half as painful as a bucket to fall over in the dark.

And when they are well and truly "done for," you ask? Simple — cut them into king-size elastic bands.

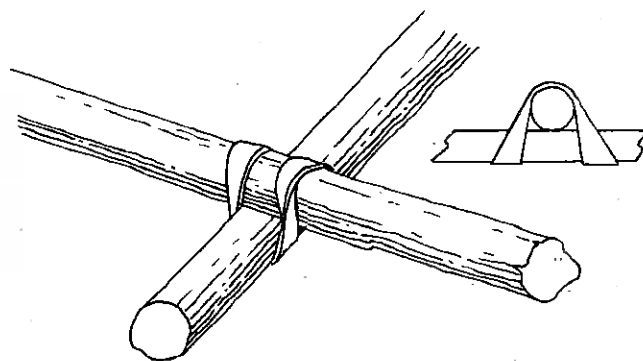
And now, I suppose, you want to know what to do with all the king-size elastic bands you seem to have on your hands?

Well, you can use them to hold all those tent poles together that always seem to go flopping around and hitting people on the shins.



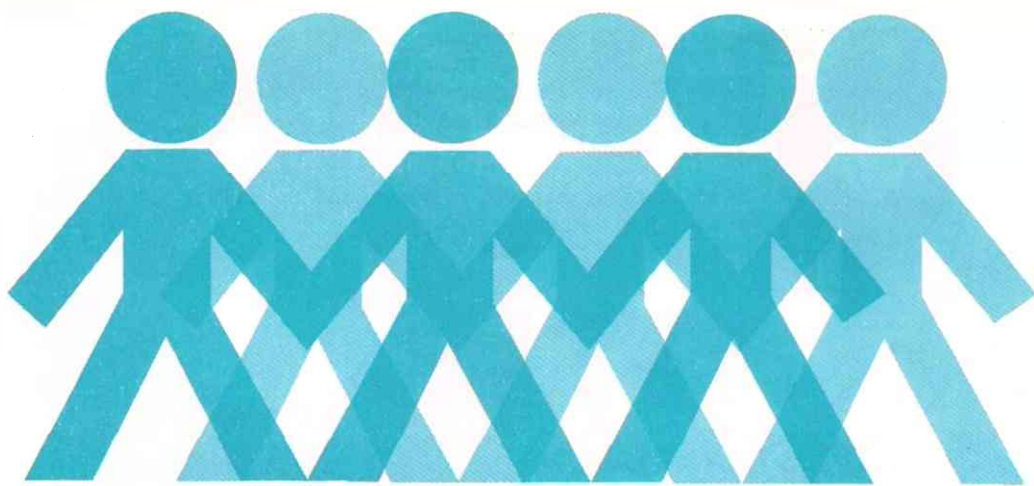
Or how about an all-weather, self-adjusting, tent guy line. It can't be done, you say! Rubbish! It is simply a matter of selecting a proper band width to ensure that the tension is correct for the use intended. Why worry about the weather and the checking of all those guys. Let it rain, you will be prepared with your garbage gadget.

And then there is the quick assembly method for camp gadgets, with a simple loop of elastic. Our illustration shows that there's nothing to it, if you know how. The size of the project, of course, will determine the size and strength of the band needed.



So now you have a few ideas of what can be done with inner tubes and, with a little practice, you will find many more applications for this modern, recycled-garbage product and, what is more, a lot of fun, too. How about sending the editor anything you develop on the battle lines?

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INTERPATROL COM

More years ago than I care to remember, I was a patrol leader, but even with the passing of time I can still vividly remember the competitive spirit that built up between the patrols in our troop, with the encouragement of our Scoutmaster. Now I know there is a school of thought today that believes competition between youngsters is not healthy but, having had a lot of fun out of interpatrol competition, I am not prepared to attend that particular school. Like everything else, I suppose, competition can be taken to extremes but, controlled, it can make a troop really live and grow.

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My happiest moments in the Owl Patrol were when we were nose to nose with the Foxes, Sea Gulls and Wolves and working our you-know-whats off to take the lead in the troop competition. What's more, the Owls were never more of a team than when the competition was at its heaviest.

Every once in a while, much to our delight, our Scouter would suggest that the regular meeting routine be put aside for an Interpatrol Competitive Rally. This meant that, during the week preceding the event, patrol leaders met with their boys and drilled them in the finer points of compass, knotting, first aid and most of the other things we had done or were doing to earn badges. Those competition points might have been silver dollars, the way we struggled for them.

Why an interpatrol Competitive Rally? For the following very good reasons:

- To pinpoint where certain Scouts were weak and get them the help they needed.
- To test the boys' abilities to put into practice, under some degree of pressure, the things Scouting had taught them.
- To allow the boys to test themselves against their peers.
- To help to develop patrol spirit and the boys' leadership abilities.
- To teach sportsmanship through competition.
- To give the boys an enjoyable and exciting program.

These reasons are as valid today as they were those years ago, so why not try an Interpatrol Competitive evening or weekend rally with your troop?

Here are only a few program suggestions to get you started: you will be able to think of many more when you recognize the needs of your own troop and its members. And remember, a few fun events should always be included in the program. Most of the events are carried out in

relay style and some care should be taken to see that boys of comparative age and ability are matched against each other.

Knotting

Provide sealed envelopes, each containing the name of a knot, and a supply of ropes of various sizes and colours. This is best run in relay style with Scouts running in turn and choosing an envelope. Award points for each knot tied correctly and for the first patrol to successfully tie all knots.

Estimating

Provide each patrol leader with a list of things to be judged as to height, weight and distance. The patrol estimates are to be based on the judgment of all members. Award points for closest to actual, with any 10% over or under not considered.

Judging Time

Scouts are seated on the floor in patrols. Leader says, "go," and all boys try to judge when a minute is over. When a patrol feels that the time is up, they stand. Patrol to rise closest to exact minute wins. Repeat using other lengths of time.

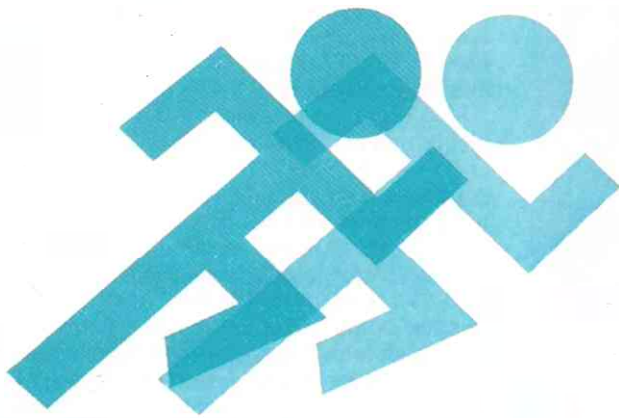
Compass

(1) Make a set of 16 cards, each card showing one point of the compass. Draw a chalk circle on the floor and place the cards, next to it, face down. Patrols, in relay formation, must run up in turn, select a card and place it on the circle in the correct compass position. Points go to the first patrol who successfully completes their compass.

(2) Patrols to find compass directions, using the **Watch Method**. See page 86, *The Canadian Scout Handbook*.

Compass Reading

Patrols are in relay formation and, opposite each patrol, at the other end of the room, is a circle, just big enough for a boy to stand in. In the circle is a compass, pencil and a sheet of paper containing a list of objects in the room or area. Player Number One runs up, stands in the circle, takes reading with compass to the first object on the list, writes down the reading and runs back to touch off the next player and so on until all the readings are made. Award ten points for reading within 10 de-



By Jim Mackie

PETITIVE RALLY

grees, five points for readings with error from 10 to 20 degrees.

First Aid

A number of simple first-aid bandages are listed on cards (e.g., arm sling) and boys, in relay formation, draw cards and then actually demonstrate bandage on judge.

The Peddler's Bag

An adult dressed as a peddler enters the Rally area with a bag or suitcase. From it he drags 10 to 15 items with a steady stream of sales' talk, the items are then returned to the bag and he leaves. The patrols must then try to list the articles he has exhibited, in correct order.

Animal Hunt (Observation)

Stand a small toy animal somewhere in the room and tell the Scouts to start looking for it and, when they locate it, to sit down without giving its location away. The first patrol to have all its members seated is the winner.

Highway Safety

(1) Give each patrol sheets of paper showing standard highway signs (e.g., STOP, Bumpy Road) and have members identify each sign. First patrol to successfully complete assignment wins.

(2) Reverse procedure by listing names of signs on paper and having boys draw signs.

Personal Fitness

(1) In relay formation, have patrols complete a fitness relay of any number of stations. Have stations manned by adults where each participant must complete assignments in a prescribed time. For example: sit-ups; broad jumps (running and/or standing); push-ups; timed runs.

(2) Shuttle Run: see page 176, *The Canadian Scout Handbook*.

Emergencies

As a patrol, have group complete an emergency assignment. Have instructions in sealed envelopes. Final points should be based not only on speed but on correct method of handling the emergency. Such things as an ice rescue, fire rescue, person trapped by high tension wires could be considered.

Tent-Peg Driving

Equipment required: a mallet per patrol and a supply of pegs. This competition requires each boy to drive a peg into the ground, to a spot marked on the peg, in as few strokes as possible. Score patrol on total strokes of all its members.

Tent Erecting and Striking

(1) To win, a patrol must erect a tent, correctly, in the shortest length of time.

(2) The second part of this project is to strike the tent in the best time. To win, tent must be bagged, pegs cleaned, ropes tied up and poles dismantled (if necessary).

Carrying & Passing a Message

Each patrol leader is given a sealed envelope containing a message that must be transmitted by mouth from one point to another. This must cover a predetermined time and distance. After passing the message to the first boy in the line of communicators, the patrol leader must proceed to the finishing point, receive the message from the final boy in line and then pass it to the judge as he received it. Each patrol is given a number of points at the beginning and deductions are made for errors in the message finally received.

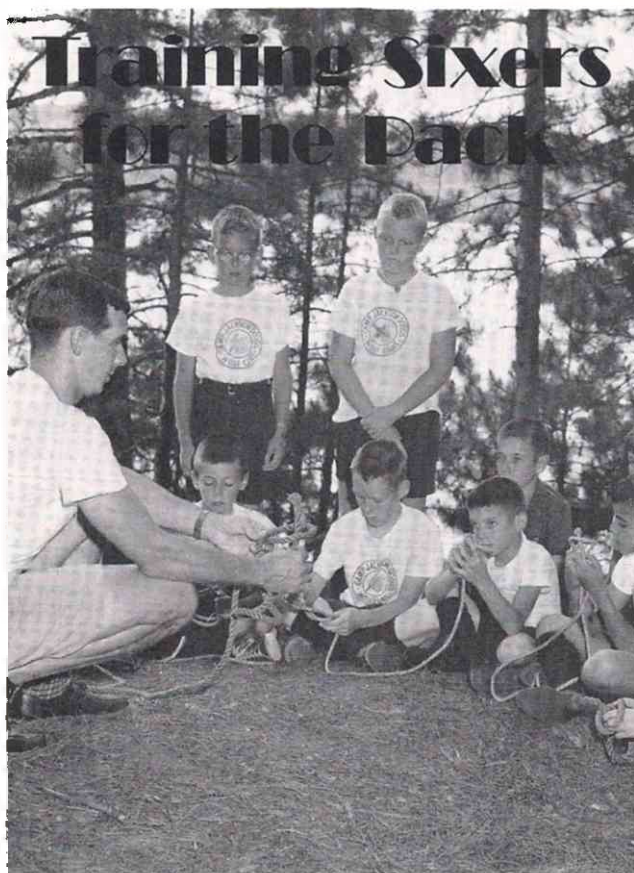
Blind Man's Trail

All members of the patrol are blindfolded except the patrol leader, who must then direct them through an obstacle course by verbal instructions only. Points are determined by the best times and the fewest errors.

Pancake Derby

As we said, all events need not be based on tests and Scouting knowledge; fun competition adds to the enjoyment. For the Pancake Derby each patrol requires a piece of 1/4" plywood, cut to pancake size and shape and painted a different colour on each side, and a frying pan. Boys start with one colour up in the pan and finish with the other. They must run from one point to another, all the time flipping the "pancake" as they go and catching it in the pan. If they drop the "pancake" they must return to the starting point and begin again.

An Interpatrol Competitive Rally is a lot of fun for adults and boys. Be sure to involve all your assistants and as many parents as you need. Give them their assignments early so that they can be well prepared and then stand back and watch the fun!



By R. C. Shaw

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It's always nice to know that somebody reads your stuff and even nicer when they agree with you. What is really great, however, is when you are pressed for time, have a deadline for an article you should have written three weeks ago, then open your mail to find a reader who not only agrees with you but has sent along a story ready for print.

Such is the case here. I hope Joan Kearley of the 3rd Thorburn Pack of Pictou County, N.S., agrees with me since this story is in response to her comments in the March *Paksak*, and this month's contributor obviously feels that sixer camps are worthwhile — he's tried two and both turned out to be successful.

R. C. (Bob) Shaw lives at Belleville, Ontario, and sent us this report on behalf of the leaders, sixers and seconds of the 10th, 18th and 19th Belleville Packs. — R.J. Roberts



In response to the *Paksak* article in the March edition, we say YES!

We tried a camping seminar last October and wanted to submit an article at that time, but could not find time to write it.

We were so successful in October that when we rotated our sixers and seconds we had already planned a second seminar. Having had the previous success, we decided to involve other packs with us this time.

We approached two other groups and finally went to camp with 24 Cubs, five experienced leaders and five inexperienced leaders. Knowing that we intended to send in this article, we kept notes as we went along:

Our camp seminar was held Saturday and Sunday, March 30, 31, and, to put it bluntly, the weather was rotten, but we were not to be deterred.

Driving to the camp, north of Belleville, was a major task in itself as everything was ice, ice and more ice. After having to push one leader not once, but twice, and hold another vehicle from literally skating off the road, we arrived some 45 minutes behind our intended schedule but all safe and sound.

Flag break (in the rain), camp opening and then the allocation of Cubs to their cabins . . . a quick change out of uniforms, then down to the "long house" for a cup of hot chocolate and cookies . . . our quartermaster had arrived at camp an hour or so before us, so all was ready.

Then the day's activities began in earnest . . . Out into the bush for a familiarization hike with all Cubs and four leaders taking part. The hike itself had a multi-purpose. First, as some of the participants had never been to Saginaw before, it was to make them acquainted with the grounds. A brief discussion, while walking, helped the Cubs to distinguish different types of trees. Some Black Star 6 work was involved as well.

As the theme for campfire this evening was to be the wild west, we tried to build the boys up to it by getting them involved in trail signs, tracking and survival while on the trail. All this, of course, was done at Cub level so that they would not only understand but have fun while learning.

Back to the "long house" which was now nice and warm, we had lunch consisting of hot dogs, milk, cookies and fruit cocktail . . . then a time period just to sit and talk before clean up. The leaders provided wash and rinse water and kept a close eye to make sure each boy really did wash his dishes.

Our original plan was to stay out of doors as much as possible, but for the seminars or talks we decided to stay inside.

Cub participation is the key to success so, during our pre-camp planning, all leaders who would be involved in these talks were advised to say as little as possible and encourage the Cubs to speak as much as possible. To this end, the leader involvement was mainly to ask questions rather than to give a speech.

Our first topics were: leader responsibility to a leader and leader responsibility to a six.

I should point out that, at the start of the camp, all Cubs were informed that, as a sixer or second, they filled a position of a leader.

These two topics took approximately 40 minutes and were followed by a leader skit on telephone communication. This showed the wrong way and then the correct way to pass a message along. We greatly exaggerated and had fun doing it.

Time for a break to stretch the legs and get the blood circulating again . . . at this time, we requested of the boys a written comment of the activities as we progressed through the weekend.

Back to lectures with the combined topic "Dues — sixer record book," followed by general and special inspection preparation.

Then came proper dress during which one leader came in with the uniform so mixed up it was ridiculous. But the point was made and everyone had fun.

By now it was 2:40 and time for some juice and cookies, followed by a games' period which went on until 3:30. As it was still raining we remained indoors but games are games and all enjoyed themselves.

Then back to work . . . at this time we divided the group into two sections: one to work on compass instruction, the other on campfire building.

On campfires, the Cubs learned where and how to build a fire, different types and size of wood to use and how to extinguish the fire. They were then shown how to use wood for such things as pot holders, coat hangers

and tripods. We did not get into the lashing aspect of the tripod.

The compass gang were shown how to hold a compass properly, how to set a bearing, how to determine the direction of travel after setting a bearing and how to determine the bearing of an object of interest (the reverse of the previous item).

This was reviewed until all demonstrated the correct procedures.

Then the Cubs learned how to measure distances by pacing.

The two groups were then reversed. Happily, the rain let up for this period of time although it was still mucky underfoot.

Free time for the boys: During this time, the cabin chiefs who had been appointed in the morning had control of the Cubs in their cabins. This 30-minute period took us right up to supper time which was on schedule.

After everyone was fed the boys were reminded that they were expected to have skits prepared for campfire that evening and then they were told they had one hour free time.

At approximately 7:20 we commenced our evening activities with an instructional period. Two more topics: discipline and conduct in public.

This took us up to campfire. To set the mood one leader gave a short yarn about campfires and their place in Scouting.

Our secret is "Keep it moving." All leaders knew what they had to do and when, and this kept the boys involved throughout.

Their skits were not *all that bad* but we have come to realize that we need more playacting during our pack programs.

Mug-up: hot chocolate and cookies, then preparation for bed. Cabin chiefs were informed of their responsibilities but after such a full day we did not anticipate any problems.

Guess what? We didn't have any . . . all off to sleep. Boys' comments on day's activities:

"Everything we did today I really liked."

"I did enjoy the day."

"I think the talks were interesting about what sixers and seconds are supposed to do. I knew some things but I didn't know some other things. But I'm glad we talked about it."

"I like camp because it teaches us to be a good sixer."

"I was scared but people made me feel at home."

"I like this because it helps us to be good sixers."

"I liked most of the things we did today but I didn't want to get split up with my friend, and I didn't feel too happy to get split up."

"I liked today at camp because I always like camping and it was fun, also I liked the fire and the food."

"I did not like it."

"I enjoyed the day."

"I liked the day very much and everything was good."

"Today I enjoyed doing all the things. I had a good time and I wish I can have fun often like today."

"I have enjoyed my day with the leaders and sixers and seconds."

"I think the talk about sixers and seconds was O.K. It was good to talk about what job we had to do in the pack."

Sunday. Rise and Shine was scheduled for 7:45 but was somewhat early, 6 a.m. to be exact. The weather had deteriorated even more, but the Cubs were in good spirits and eager for the new day.

We were fortunate to have with us one leader who was an extremely sound sleeper. As we were up so early, breakfast had not been prepared; so, to occupy the boys, we told them to use their imaginations to devise a way of waking Sleeping Beauty. Yelling, shouting, blowing whistle, tickling feet, jumping on, rolling over had no effect at all. By 7:30 we were all getting frustrated so we gave in and allowed snow to be used. Just a little, mind you. Oh well, maybe a wee bit more than a little. Yes! — a reaction. But just to toss the snow out of his cosy nest, then back to sleep. But we were making progress — another ten minutes of torture and we won the battle. By this time eggs and bacon had the camp smelling like a camp, hot coffee and toast with heaps of jam, cornflakes and milk and everyone eating as fast as the supply came.

Clean up and then ready for a Scouts Own service . . . two Cubs had been asked to prepare prayers; two more, hymns; and a fifth, a short story. We again were compelled to stay indoors so we set all pack flags and the Canadian flag at the front of the hall and everyone was in uniform. The entire service lasted about 15 minutes and was a memorable occasion.

Morning sessions were on Grand Howl procedures followed by *duty six* responsibilities. A snack break in between the two for juice and cookies was taken more to move around than for food as we were still stuffed from breakfast. Even at that, cookies seemed to vanish into thin air.

Following the talks, a free-time period in which the Cubs went outside to play in the snow.

Lunch followed with everyone's favourite, hamburgers — milk, fruit and cookies to complete it.

For the early afternoon we had scheduled an orienteering meet but decided against this due to weather conditions.

Instead, we provided compass instruction in the form of a game and did some whittling. Most of the lads wanted to whittle away and, after an hour, some interesting sculptures began to appear.

Pack up, clean up and camp closing preceded departure at about 3 p.m.

Having now had two opportunities as leaders with this type of sixer and second training camp, we feel able to urge other leaders to try it themselves. Our experience has shown us that, if you consider all the details, plan carefully and keep fun as the main ingredient, the Cubs will have a really fine time, learn a lot and return home with memories they will not easily forget.



Bob Shaw and the leaders and Cubs who lived through this experience are understandably sold on the idea of a camping experience as a way of training the sixers and seconds, and it would seem that, despite the rather inclement weather, a worthwhile experience was had by all.

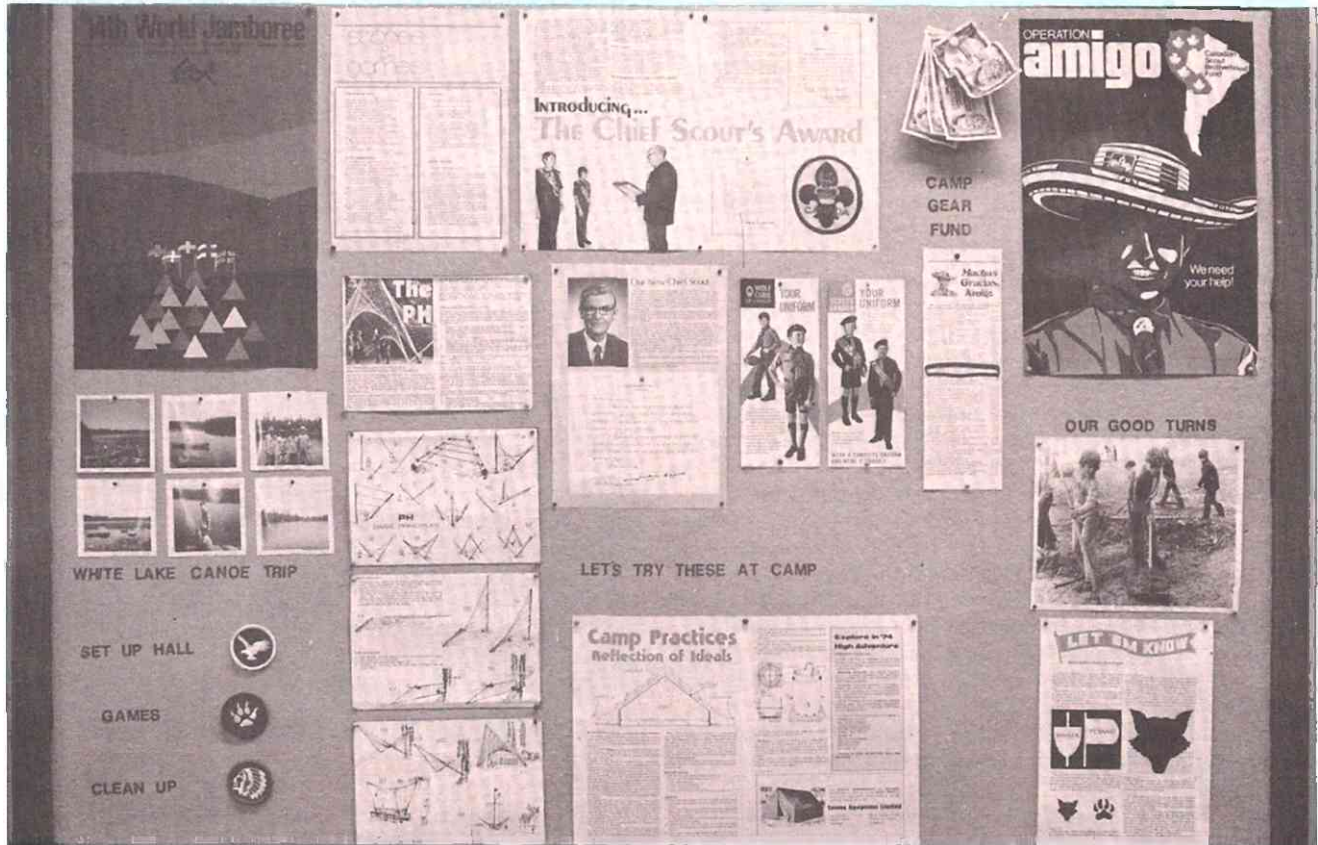
Your comments on this or any other aspect of the Wolf Cub program are welcome, and we would particularly like to hear from Cub leaders who have other methods of training sixers and seconds.



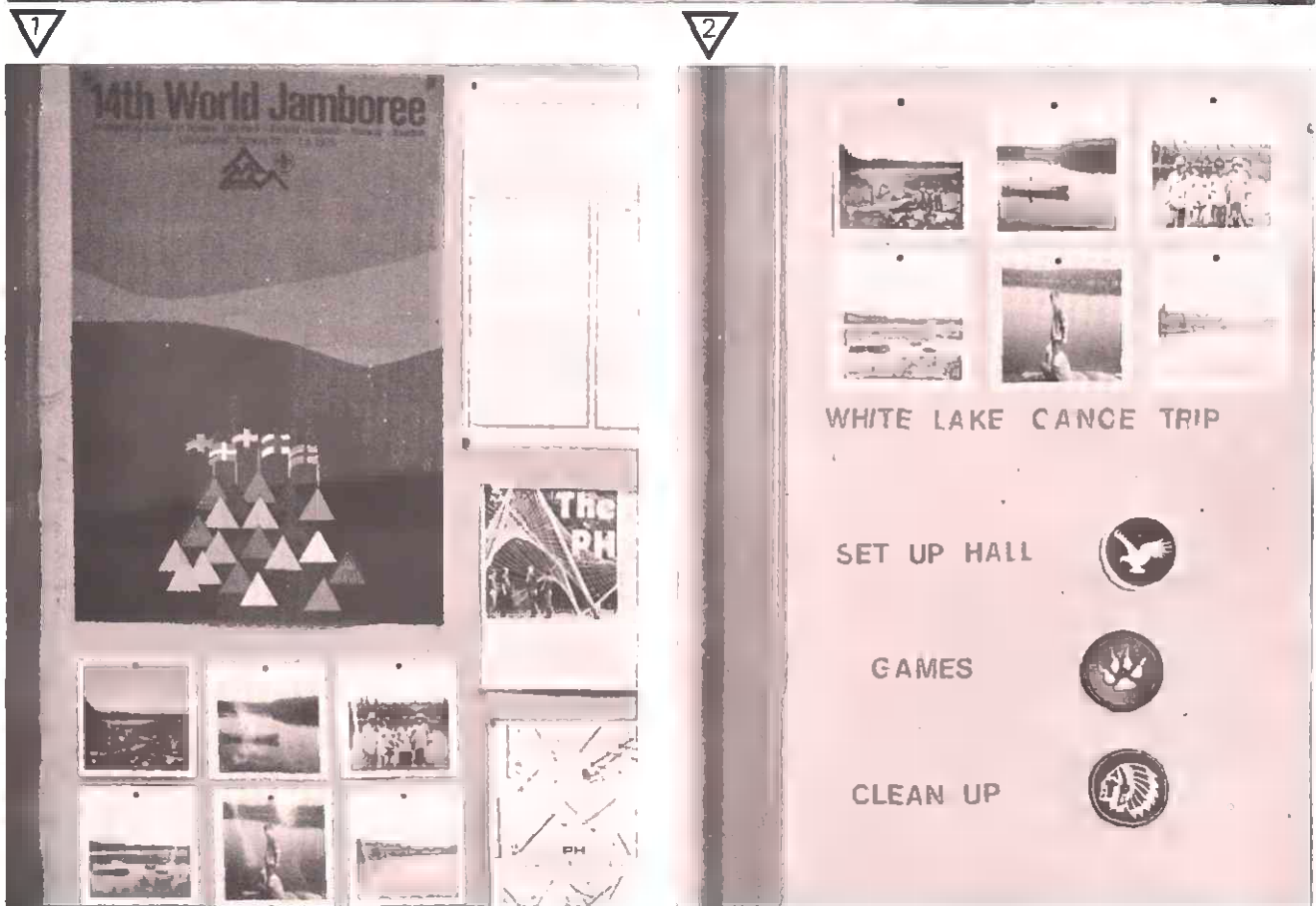
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By Robert E. Milks



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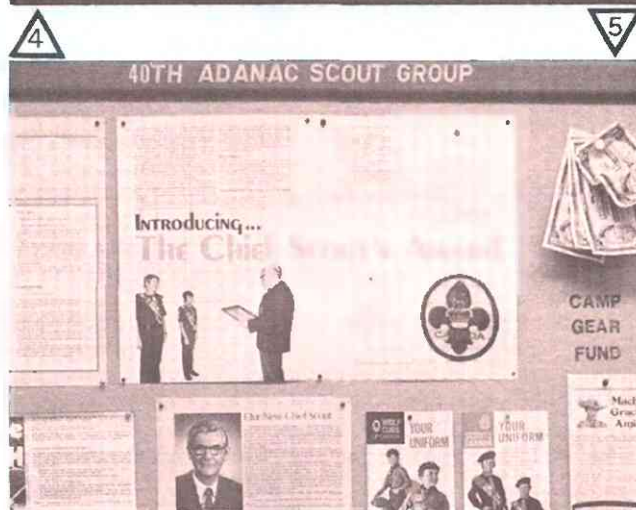
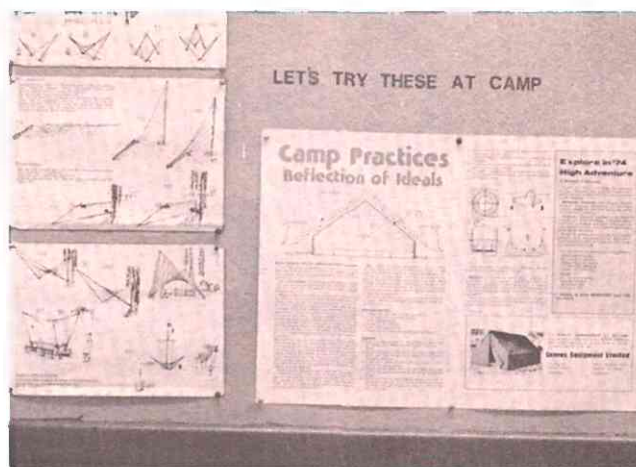


More commonly called a bulletin board, this wall newspaper is made of pressed fiber panel — it takes thumb-tacks easily. We simply reinforced the back and framed it. Painted in the group colours, it is attractive on our wall.

The major problem with such boards is keeping them neat and up-to-date. Some boards become catchalls and look messy. These are the kind that cause sponsors to say, "No board, please." We have one Scouter responsible for the board and he tries to keep it up-to-date.

If you can't hang a board permanently, produce a two- or four-panel board that can be stored between meetings — then set up on a table for the meeting.

1. **Jamboree** and our last canoe trip — one to come — one finished. When they look at our camp pictures they may become interested in the jamboree.
2. **Duty roster** — it's simple to change the badges around, leaving the words intact.
3. **Good Turns** — We arranged a beach clean-up — photo from daily paper. Note our donation to *Operation Amigo*. This form of recognition will make it easier to give next year.
4. **Camp Ideas** — The Court of Honour figured that these should be tried out.
5. **We hope** to have six boys qualify for the Chief Scout's Award; also, we show that there is a new Chief Scout.
6. **Camp Gear Fund** — some stores give coupons — we use these to replace small items of our camp gear. Each boy brings in those from his family. We often identify an item and indicate how many coupons are needed to get it.



Camping in Harmony

By Terry Trussler



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Back to nature! Many of us will be going back to our own familiar piece of wilderness during the next few weeks to escape the burdens of urban living. The annual experience of "The Great Renewal" is well known to Scouting.

Camping has increased rapidly in popularity during the past few years. Followers of the "back to nature revolution" are in evidence everywhere — by the pop cans, bottles, old fireplaces, ruined shelters, litter and scarred forests that are left behind. Wilderness retreats, in many cases, have become imbued with the reminders of a careless society. Perhaps your own getaway place is beginning to show signs of human onslaught.

We have a great responsibility in Scouting to make certain that our boys learn and practise expert camping skills which will prevent further ruin and ensure wilderness areas for the future. Good habits have a way of spreading. Scouting is a source of knowledge in camping techniques and it is expected that Scouts will display excellence in outdoor skills. Through leadership and by example we can have an effect on the camping practices of others.

Camping in harmony requires that we practise skills which have the least impact on the natural environment. This necessitates the preparation of the group through experience. Excellence in camping is developed by building on outdoor experience until the group is ready for wilderness camping. Experience leads to full enjoyment of camping, using the best methods, the simplest equipment, offering the most comfort and having the least impact on the natural environment.

The real adventure of the outdoors is the experience of freedom in the natural environment. Simplicity is the key. Living simply while in camp is the way to achieve this sense of freedom and, at the same time, preserve the natural environment. The best camping will be the most fun for the boy and the least damaging to the site.

These are some important guidelines for camping in harmony with the natural environment.

PREPARATION : to prepare the group for camp
— use books, films, demonstration, practise

1. Develop awareness of needs of natural environment.
2. Practise individual skills; stoves, tents.
3. Plan.
4. Use patrol system.

LEADERSHIP : to get the best results in camp
— small groups are best and have least impact on environment;
— patrol system is a built-in aid to management and teaching of group;
— use patrol unit to get optimum co-operation among the boys.

SITE

1. Use camping practices that are appropriate to your area.
The best practice in any area is the one that causes least damage.
- a) Wilderness requires expert skills and the right kind of equipment.
- b) Standing camps or parks require good practice and appropriate equipment.
2. Cut no trees, live or dead.
3. Keep fires small.
4. Clean up and carry out waste left by others.
5. Leave no trace.

EQUIPMENT : The upsurge in popularity of recreational camping has made durable, lightweight equipment less expensive and more available. This new equipment is easy to assemble or use, provides maximum comfort and ultimately is less damaging to the natural environment.

1. TENTS (a) Lightweight tents with "ripstop" nylon are best under most conditions; easily carried and assembled; addition of a nylon fly improves these tents in wet weather. Some wilderness conditions necessitate moving tents daily.

(b) If your troop still uses canvas tents, make certain you bring ridge poles and riders with you. Don't cut new poles from the forest.

(c) **Do not** make bough shelters.

2. PACKS (a) Nylon and aluminum packframes offer neat packing, comfort and are lightweight.
(b) Packing in and out of camp imposes simplicity of all other equipment.
(c) Learn to pack for maximum comfort.

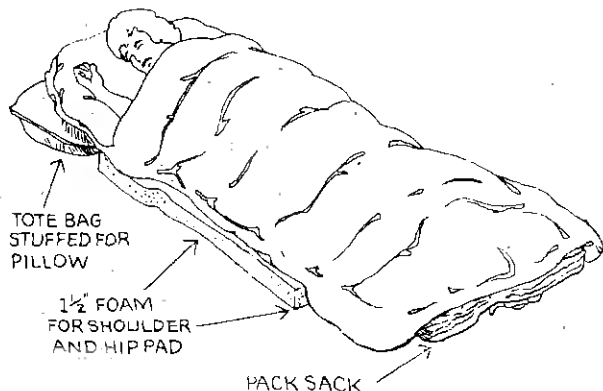
3. **STOVES** (a) A large variety of lightweight stoves has reduced the necessity of cooking fires:

- use in windless areas to get maximum heat;
- use caution in handling fuels;
- practise lighting stoves and cooking in one pot.

(b) Follow plans to make simple, woodburning or fuel-burning stoves.

4. **BEDDING** (a) Bedrolls and sleeping bags should be lightweight. Down is ideal. Find the right bag for temperature ranges.

- (b) Beds
- (i) foam is ideal insulation and most comfortable: 1½" thick, cut to suit tent or bedroll, or shoulder and hip pad;
 - (ii) air mattresses: good under most conditions except cold;
 - (iii) do not cut evergreens to make bough beds.



5. POTS, PANS AND DISHES

- (a) Simple necessities are a must for backpacking: 1 bowl, 1 spoon, 1 mug, 1 cooking pot
- (b) Try simplifying cooking equipment in standing camps; less equipment = less clean-up.

6. **CLOTHING** : multifunctional clothing on trips provides warmth and dry bones.

GENERAL NOTE ON EQUIPMENT: keep camping equipment simple and multifunctional.

CAMPING IN HARMONY

Cooking — cooking on campstoves requires ingenuity in use of equipment. Cook in courses and clean pots between.

Fires — fires should be small and contained, if used at all. Burn only windfall. Gather only what you need. Burn wood down to ash. Scatter rocks when ashes are cold. Bury ashes. Leave no trace of old fireplace. Burn garbage gradually but completely. Clean up and scatter old fireplaces of other, careless campers.



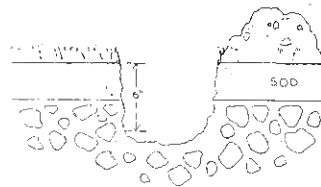
Sanitation — (a) Carry plastic garbage bags. Pick up trash left on trails.

(b) Pack out all unburnables. Do not bury.

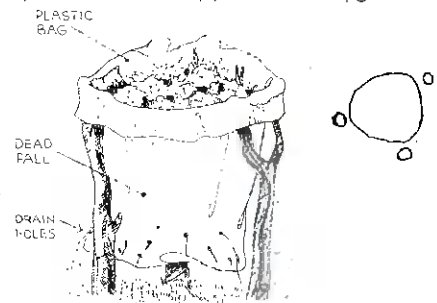
(c) Clean up campsites left messy by careless campers.

Latrines — should be no deeper than eight inches in "biological disposer" layer of soil;

- 50 feet away from water;
- "cathole" is ideal for wilderness;
- cover with topsoil immediately after use.



Greasepits — trail cooking requires less equipment, less waste water from clean-up. Dispose of water on the ground away from eating area. Do not wash in lakes or streams. Standing camp may require more waste water: try different methods of disposal; i.e., fill garbage bag or potato sack with leaves or bracken; place holes in bottom of bag to allow seepage. Pour waste water into bag; grease and food particles are trapped. Burn bag at end of camp.



Activities

(a) **Gadgets** are part of pioneer camping which have little application and are hard to dispose of. Use stumps and rocks that are in wilderness area to your advantage without disturbing the conditions. Bring all you need with you and make a game of doing without and still remaining comfortable, if you must. Use only deadfall, and scatter remains.

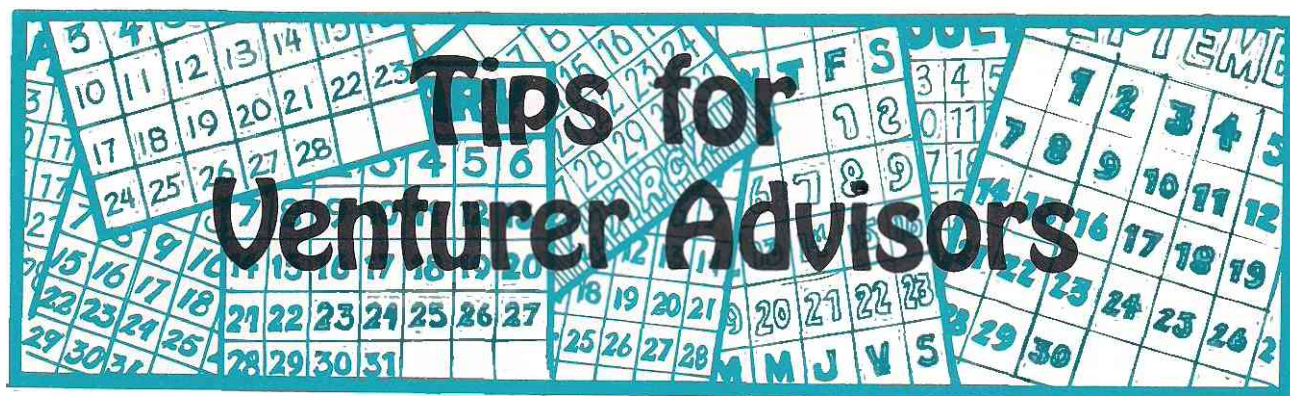
(b) **Axes** have their place and should be understood and used correctly. There is no real need for axes at camp and certainly no need in the wilderness.

(c) **Nature Lore and Observation** — provide every opportunity for your boys to understand the balance of nature. Don't rely on collections. Use observations as your teaching tool. Understanding the natural environment is a good step to understanding the need for care in camping.

Camping in Harmony

Our national policy states that "responsible citizenship imposes on man an increasing obligation to live in harmony with his natural environment." We should make every effort to see that camping practice reflects this ideal. Camping in harmony with the natural environment is an important challenge to Scouting for it is only wise use of this resource that will ensure its future.

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By R. J. Roberts

This issue falls close to the middle of the summer and at a time when many companies will be enjoying their summer camping trip or looking forward to some major event that the entire company has been planning for so many months and now is only a week or two away.

If your planning has gone well and if all the fees come in on time and if everyone knows what is expected of him, then the entire venture should be a huge success. The next thing to think about is — more planning, this time for the new season just around the corner.

What are we going to do at the next meeting? What about the fall, the winter season, and are we going to do something special for Scout-Guide week next year?

What we are really talking about here are those day-to-day activities that all companies should be involved in because, in every Venturer company, it's the activities that bring the old members to each meeting and encourage new ones to join. It is the activities that hold companies together.

The major activities, the really super events, are important, as are the district or regional events that will be held in your area, but they are often not held frequently enough to hold the attention of the Venturers. Therefore, your own activities must be regularly attractive and appealing.

Where do ideas come from for company activities? A good place to start is by making an inventory of the job, hobby or skill of the adults associated with your company. Parents, group or section committee members, the sponsor representative, and then extending this survey to other people in the community.

Your company executive should make this survey every year and a good time is early in the fall, as soon as your company swings back into action again. Make a list of all the jobs, hobbies and other skills or contacts of the adults. The results should suggest several possible programs using the resources of these people.

Then, too, check your community's resources. Get the executive to look into such possibilities as your community recreation commission and find out about the community swim program or canoeing or safe diving program; or check the local hockey or lacrosse leagues for possible program opportunities.

Have someone check the local night-school programs: such things as camping practices or gourmet cooking or maintenance of boats and motors could be interesting to many of the members.

Also find out what plans your local Scout council has for the months ahead, decide what you intend to participate in and block out the dates on your calendar.

Look also at those sportsmen's organizations in your community: rod-and-gun clubs, fly-tying clubs, judo or wrestling groups, or keep-fit groups.

Consider the other companies in your area. Find out if any would be interested in setting up a floor hockey or

basketball league: then work out a schedule with those who want to participate.

Perhaps you can make arrangements for specific acts of public service. The Red Cross can always use help with Blood Donor Clinics, and social welfare agencies such as the Children's Aid or the Big Brother movement may be very pleased to have you invite some of their members to be a part of your activities and this, too, makes a very interesting program possibility. Don't overlook the Fire Department, your local Police Force, the E.M.O. office or the neighbourhood Distress Centre.

Having the various members of the company report on what they have found out, and the planning and integration in your program, can well be an activity in itself. In any case, none of the information need go to waste and much will be of value to your company at some time.

The following are some ideas that have been tried before and found to be successful, and all have originated from just such a talent survey as outlined above.

LIVE-IN The company spends a full day (maybe a weekend) in a round-the-clock institution, such as a hospital or community health centre, observing and working as orderlies' aides. It is an introduction to some of the joys and sorrows that take place in one of our most important institutions. Make arrangements with the administrator. Have a clear understanding of what your members can and cannot do — how they can help and who will supervise them.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE VISIT Some of your Venturers are approaching the age when they will be able to vote and hold office for your town council. They, and the younger members, should be informed of the workings of local government. Spend an evening or two at the meetings of your local town council or other public body to see government in action. Try to arrange for a brief talk with the presiding officer afterwards.

BIKE HIKE Cycling is becoming ever more popular these days among all ages. Plan a bike trip of 10-15 miles (more if everyone is in good shape) with a definite destination — a provincial park or historical site, museum, sports event, or to swim or explore some caves.

AFTER DARK Arrange for your company to spend all or part of the night with one of the agencies or industries that never close. Perhaps at the police station or riding in the cruiser, or visit a bakery or a newspaper plant, radio station or other establishment that never closes.

CAR TRIP How about an expedition by car to a sports event in another city or to a band concert or road rally. Keep the costs in mind and have everyone included.

ECOLOGY WEEKEND For a camping weekend, mixing fun and outdoor education, have an ecology workshop. It can be held at your local Scout camp or a provincial park or in any area that will improve everyone's knowledge of the delicate balance of nature. You will need to brush up on what to look for but, better still, invite some knowl-

the Church and Scouting

— partners in action, serving youth and their families

The purpose of *The Church and Scouting* bulletin is to acquaint clergy, leaders, chaplains and sponsor representatives with developments in strengthening the partnership between churches and Scouting. Comments, suggestions, reactions and news items will be welcomed. Please address all correspondence to Boy Scouts of Canada, P.O. Box 5151, Station F, Ottawa K2C 3G7.

May we suggest you share your copy of the bulletin with others. Additional copies are available on request.

THE CHURCH AND SCOUTING—GETTING TOGETHER TO SERVE MORE YOUTH

A Progress Report

Increasing recognition is being given by both churches and Scouting to the partnership concept of working together to serve boys/youth in local communities.

Following are some of the highlights of events and meetings that have taken place recently or that are underway between major church partners and Scouting.

The United Church of Canada sponsors 909 Scout groups.

- President Ian Roberts met with the Rt. Rev. N. Bruce McLeod, Moderator of the United Church, in Toronto to discuss ways and means of strengthening and expanding church-Scouting ties.
- Deputy Chief Scout Bill Carr also had written to the Moderator to express thanks for past cooperation and to offer continuous support in the future. In his reply, the Moderator stated: *"I am aware of the long association of our church with the Scout Movement and look forward to its continuance for many years to come as together we look for new ways to help the human family grow together."*
- *The United Church and Scouting* filmstrip is being very well received by both church and Scouting officials all across the country.
- Scouting likely will be represented at seven of the ten Regional

Church Conferences and at the August General Council Meeting.

- Rev. John Anderson of Toronto, Rev. Don Laing of Saskatoon and Rev. Roy Huntly of Ottawa were official church delegates to the 17th National Church Relationships Conference held in April.
 - *The United Church Observer* contained an article on Scouting in its April, 1974, issue.
 - Rev. Don Laing of Saskatoon, Editor of *Let's Celebrate*, the forthcoming book on the spiritual aspects of Scouting, was chairman of the 1973 and 1974 National Church Relationships Conferences. Don also will be serving as a "catalyst" at a United Church Scouters' Conference to be held in Taber, Alta., in September. Don attended a similar event held in Calgary in October, 1973.
 - A recommendation regarding the formation of a "National Advisory Committee on Scouting in the United Church" will be presented to the 26th General Council of the United Church in August.
- The Lutheran Church** sponsors 98 Scout groups.
- Through the support of its Lutheran Brotherhood, the church pro-

duces and distributes a simple but graphic flyer during Scout-Guide Week to all Lutheran parishes in Canada.

- The 1974 Church Relationships Conference reviewed the idea of adapting and expanding the Lutheran Scout-Guide flyer for distribution in all churches.
- Walter Schultz of Winnipeg and Pastor Howard Kuhl of Ottawa were official delegates to the National Church Relationships Conference.

The Mormon Church sponsors 109 Scout groups.

- Dr. Varge Gilchrist of Ottawa was called to be the church's official representative to Boy Scouts of Canada. Varge was also the church's delegate to the National Church Relationships Conference.
- The First Alberta Latter Day Saints Scouters' Conference is planned for the end of May and will be attended by Robert Backman and Rulon Craven, key church-Scout officials from Salt Lake City.
- Scouting was represented at the Primary Conference of the church in April, during which a special session was held for about 30 Canadian Scouter delegates.

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SCOUTING PROGRAMS ENDORSED



The Anglican, official newspaper of the Toronto diocese, carried an article entitled "Scouting Programs Endorsed" in its May 1974 issue.

Much of the factual information was adapted from the filmstrip, *The Anglican Church and Scouting*, developed in cooperation between church and Scouting officials.

One unique feature in Toronto is a Diocesan Task Force on Scouting and readers of *The Anglican* article who were interested in obtaining further information or support were invited to contact Rev. Douglas Jacques, chairman of the Task Force on Scouting, c/o 135 Adelaide St. E., Toronto M5C 1L8.

We invite our readers to feel free to write to Mr. Jacques.

CAMPING IS THE LIFE BLOOD OF SCOUTING

Writing in a recent issue of *Scouting Trails*, Captain Peter Roed says: "Boys are still keen for outdoor adventure and, as *The Troop Scouters' Handbook* suggests, nine out of ten boys still associate Scouts with 'camping'!

"Camping is the life blood of Scouting, and it provides all leaders with opportunities to help boys develop into good citizens. There are few places better than camp where a leader can come closer to understanding boys, or boys and leaders to understanding the ways of God.

"This year, make your Scout camp or Cub camporee more than just a holiday camp — make it a fun training experience where a boy learns to

accept the rough with the smooth, the tough with the easy, and where he is confronted with challenges and adventure, and where the wonders of nature unfold and lead him into the very presence of his Maker."

Family camping is a growing and appealing activity in Scouting. What are your plans for this summer? As a leader or chaplain, see that your boys experience camping this summer, and check the possibilities for you and your family . . . maybe for some of the families of your boys also having that experience. Check your local Scout council office for information.

Take time to preview the new, colour, 60-frame filmstrip, *Scouting and the Outdoors*.

IDEAS ON WORKING/SHARING TOGETHER

Filmstrips now available:

Baptist Churches and Scouting
The Anglican Church and Scouting
The Catholic Church and Scouting
The Salvation Army and Scouting
The United Church and Scouting

— coloured, 30 frames, with printed script and cassette tape: \$10. each; without cassette: \$7.50;

— the script also provides information for proper screening procedures and for making slides from the strip.

Simulation/Gaming/News of March, 1974, was themed to simulation/gaming and religion, and contained a simulated interview with a number of church adult-education leaders on "The Future of Simulation/Gaming in the Church" as well as descriptions

and outlines of some 60 games with religious applications. Sources and costs are mentioned. S/G/N is issued five times a year @ \$4 for five issues: Box 3039, University Station, Moscow, Idaho 83843, U.S.A.

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RECOMMENDATION FROM THE UNITED CHURCH

The Rev. John Anderson, Youth Ministries Consultant of the United Church, submitted the following resolution regarding a more official relationship with Boy Scouts of Canada which was passed at a recent meeting of the Department of Christian Development.

Recommendation re Boys' Work

1. Recognizing that there are more than 50,000 boys registered in the Boy Scout programs under United Church sponsorship, and

Welcoming the new flexibility and person-centred revisions which have been introduced into these programs since 1968, and

In response to the invitation of Boy Scouts of Canada for churches to enter with them into a Partnership in Scouting,

The Department of Christian Development declares its intention to work in close cooperation with Boy Scouts of Canada

a) to encourage the development of those programs in harmony with the educational perspective of the Division of Mission in Canada, and

b) to promote their use in United Church congregations and to educate them about the privileges and responsibilities of sponsorship of the Scout programs.

2. In order to implement this cooperation, we recommend the formation of a National Advisory Committee on Scouting in the United Church of Canada.

3. So that the church-at-large may be informed of this decision as soon as possible, a letter should be sent to the Agenda Committee for the 26th General Council requesting that display space be allocated to Boy Scouts of Canada in order that members of General Council be informed of the excellent potential for Christian development of boys which lies within a United Church-Boy Scout partnership in Scouting.

Cooperative steps are now underway to set up the National Advisory Committee and to arrange and run a display on the "United Church and Scouting" at the 26th General Council of the Church in August, 1974.

Congratulations to Brigadier Joe Craig of the Salvation Army, a long-time supporter of Scouting and a delegate to the National Church Relationships Conference, who was presented with the Silver Wolf by National Council President Ian Roberts in June at a conference of Salvation Army Guiders and Scouters.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 17th NATIONAL CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS CONFERENCE



During the recent 17th National Church Relationships Conference, the Rev. Don Laing, editor of *Let's Celebrate*, discusses some points with Rev. Gerry Cooke and Rev. Frank Rice of Baptist Federation of Canada, and Pat Horan, Director of Sponsor Relations.

The 17th National Church Relationships Conference

- was held at the National office of Boy Scouts of Canada, April 24/25, 1974;
- attracted 22 delegates representing the chaplaincy services and Girl Guides of Canada as well as a number of visitors and resource personnel;
- was chaired for the second time by Rev. Don Laing of Saskatoon, Vice President of the National Council and editor of *Let's Celebrate*;
- paid a special welcome to newcomer Howard S. Sheehy of the World Headquarters of the Reorgan-

ized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Independence, Mo.;

- followed an agenda based on results and evaluation of the 16th Conference and ideas identified by small design groups of delegates from the 16th Conference;
- approved of the steps taken on the Church and Scouting filmstrips and encouraged further progress;
- welcomed the news that *Let's Celebrate* (see page 4) would be available by end of June;
- heard and, in turn, reported on field trips and action taking place or planned in their areas of responsibility;

— asked that consideration be given to theming the 18th Conference in 1975 around "Scouting and the Family";

— had the opportunity to see Beavers in action, and met with and discussed details of Scouting's new program with Beaver leaders and coordinators (local and national);

— asked that copies of the report on the status of Scouting in '74, as presented by Chief Executive J. Percy Ross, be included in the resumé going to all delegates.

— welcomed the interest and cooperation of Girl Guides in the idea of developing and producing a joint certificate for the Religion-in-Life Program;

— explored with invited guests and staff personnel certain basic aspects of the evolving church-Scout partnership;

— asked that consideration be given to developing and producing a new program folder for use at Divine Services;

— looked at the concept of "Team Leadership";

— expressed concern that limited time prevented fuller review and discussion of topics such as "Leaders and Leadership," "Sponsor Representatives," "Ways to Serve Youth."

A resumé has been forwarded to all delegates and most church-national offices.

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A Progress Report (Continued)

- In their reply to Deputy Chief Scout W. K. Carr's letter of support, the Presiding Bishopric stated: "We are most pleased to have this partnership and want you to know how we appreciate your support in helping us with our young men."

"If there is anything we can do to strengthen our partnership or support of Boy Scouts of Canada, we should be pleased to hear from you."

The Roman Catholic Church sponsors 468 Scout groups.

- One of the major Catholic sponsors is the Knights of Columbus who have officially expressed full support of Scouting as one of their youth programs. Special interest recently has been shown by councils in Manitoba, Ontario and Prince Edward Island.
- The Most Rev. Charles Halpin, Archbishop of Regina, recently welcomed Scout officials to a special meeting during which the filmstrip, *The Catholic Church and Scouting*, was previewed. His

Grace expressed much interest in the filmstrip and commented on its content reflecting current thinking about parish councils, churches' educational programs, the influence of Knights of Columbus and other points. Rev. L. Savoie, Archdiocesan Chaplain, attended the meeting.

- Rev. Pat Byrne of Ottawa, Rev. Thomas McEntee of Montreal and Rev. John O'Donnell of Toronto (Archdiocesan Director of Scouting and Guiding) were official delegates to the National Church Relationships Conference.

- Scout officials met with priests at a retreat for chaplains in St. John's to look at Scouting as a parish youth program.

- Thanks to the cooperation of the B.C. — Yukon Provincial Council, Scouting had a representative attend the 23rd Biannual Conference of the National Committee on Scouting of Boy Scouts of America. One of the goals of the committee is to have a Scout unit in every parish in the country.

- Writing on behalf of the President of the Canadian Catholic Conference and in reply to a letter from Deputy Chief Scout W. K. Carr, Monseigneur Martin Jeffery stated: "We are very proud and pleased to be able to participate in so fine a movement for youth. In particular, we find it very satisfying to be able to participate effectively in the leadership given by Boy Scouts of Canada. Your organization is certainly among those with whom we feel quite privileged to collaborate."

The Presbyterian Church sponsors 195 Scout groups.

- At press time a decision has yet to be made about the possibility of a filmstrip on the Presbyterian Church and Scouting.

- Rev. Dr. Peter Wotherspoon and Rev. Malcolm Caldwell, both of Ottawa, were delegates at the last two National Church Relationships Conferences.

The Anglican Church of Canada sponsors 577 Scout groups.

- President Ian Roberts met with the Primate, the Right Rev. E. W.

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A Progress Report (cont'd)

Scott. Results of this meeting were reported in the *Church and Scouting* bulletin of Aug./Sept. '73 and, at that time, the Primate, a former Queen's Scout and leader, expressed his conviction strongly that Scouting is needed even more today than it was in his time. Scouting's ability to provide direction for growing youth was seen as a great strength.

- At the instigation of the Bishop of Toronto, a task group composed of diocesan officials and Scout executive personnel was set up to review the place of Scouting in the church. One of its steps was to preview the filmstrip, *The Anglican Church and Scouting*, and, as a result, asked that it be booked to show to the Board of Parish Services, the Central Christian Education Committee and do a special meeting convened by the Archdeacon responsible for setting up the task group.
- The task group prepared an article entitled "Scouting Programs Endorsed" which was produced in the May issue of *The Anglican*, official newspaper of the Toronto diocese.

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- Scouting set up and manned a display at the 1973 General Synod held in Regina.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd of Church House in Toronto and Scouter Wilbur Cowan of Ottawa were delegates to the National Church Relationships Conference.

The Baptist Churches in Canada sponsor 129 Scout groups.

- In April, the Christian Education Committee of the Baptist Federation of Canada approved a script for a filmstrip, *The Baptist Churches and Scouting*, now available from National office.

- Currently, church officials are looking at a "Guide for Baptist-Sponsored Scout Groups."
- Rev. Gerry Cooke of Toronto and Rev. Frank Rice of Oakville were delegates to the National Church Relationships Conference.
- A photograph and short article on the 1973 Conference were carried in *The Canadian Baptist*.
- Field contacts and visits by Scout officials have been made with Rev. Eugene Thompson in Winnipeg and the Rev. Byron Fenwick of Saint John, N.B.
- The well-known *Religious Graffiti Sheet*, so widely shared with Leader Training Courses, originated with the Christian Education Committee of the Baptist Federation of Canada.
- Church and Scout officials have taken initial steps to set up a leaders' conference — to start in St. John's this autumn and, hopefully, to expand to New Brunswick and so throughout the Maritimes.

The Salvation Army sponsors 86 Scout groups.

- Across the country, there are ten fulltime Salvation Army officers who act as divisional Scout directors. These maintain fairly close contact with local Scout executives and volunteers.
- *The Salvation Army and Scouting* filmstrip has been issued to divisional Scout directors and Scout officers.
- Captain Peter Roed, Territorial Scout Director, and Captain Clyde Moore, *Divisional Scout Director* in Toronto, were delegates to the 1974 National Church Relationships Conference.

- Once a year Territorial Army-Scout personnel and National Scout personnel meet to review and share ideas on strengthening the partnership between the Army and Scouting.
- Captain Joy Rennick of New Brunswick used the filmstrip, *The Salvation Army and Scouting*, at a retreat for Scouters and Guiders of the Salvation Army.
- Every year in May officer cadets of the Salvation Army Training College attend a session at Blue Springs, the adult training centre of the Ontario Provincial Council. This day spent on Scouting is a recognized part of officer training.
- The Lethbridge Corps sponsors a Sea Scout troop, a Beaver colony, a Cub pack and hopes to set up a Sea Venturer company (Salvation Navy! says Peter Roed). Major Joan Pierce gets her leaders through parents and their friends.

In addition to field visits and contacts, made personally or at conference, synod or council meetings, copies of this bulletin, *The Church and Scouting*, are sent to almost all clergy, primarily through church distribution channels.

Meetings at the national level are stimulating further meetings at other levels; and resulting dialogue is helping to identify the challenges involved in working together to influence more boys/youth/leaders/families who are connected in one way or another with church-sponsored Scout groups.

As a Scouter of a church group, you can help develop this partnership by seeing that your chaplain reads this bulletin and provides the editor with his comments on it and on the church-Scouting partnership. Your comments also are welcome.



Let's Celebrate is a 140-page, illustrated, collection of ideas on worship services, prayers, hymns, Religion-in-Life program, church parades written for Scouters, chaplains, sponsors, Venturers, Rovers and service Scouters from every Christian background.

Let's Celebrate was written by a Scouter-Chaplain, the Rev. Don Laing of Saskatoon, in cooperation with representatives of several Protestant denominations and the Roman Catholic Church.

Let's Celebrate will be available by June 15, 1974, from Scout council offices and most church offices or bookstores, at a cost of \$1.50.

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PROGRESSIVE DINNER PARTY This is an evening event where you travel from one member's house to another. At the first stop, you get soup or juice; at the second, a salad course; at the third, the main course; at the fourth, dessert is served; then coffee at the fifth house; and a speaker/musical event or a sports show on TV to top off the evening at house number six. This makes an ideal event to bring girlfriends along or, if you have some new people who are thinking of joining the company, what better way to get acquainted.

COMPANY MEETING ACTIVITIES These ideas that follow can be used to end an evening following a business meeting or, stretched out, can make up a full-length activity.

GOLF PRACTICE Go to a driving range to practise shots. Borrow clubs from fathers and, if you have an expert among the fathers, have him come along to show style, swing and correct grip.

NIGHT COURT Visit a night court. Watch justice at work at an elementary level. Your Venturers will be most interested in the type of cases dealt with and how witnesses, police officers, lawyers and judges behave.

HOST A COMPANY Heard of any other companies who have been doing some special activities or who have just returned from a fantastic trip? Invite them over, have them talk about their activities or show slides. Treat them to pop and cookies at the end.

ELECTION NIGHT Elections coming up in your community for school board, local council or the mayor's office? Meetings will be held locally so that candidates can

present themselves and their platforms. Go and sit in on one or two of these meetings and ask questions if you feel some issues are not made clear.

SHOW-A-FILM NIGHT Many other organizations need items to fill their own programs. Your company can help them by showing a film, say, on first aid or any other subject for that matter and, along the way, promoting Venturers in your area.

MEET-THE-LADIES NIGHT Invite some young women (slightly older than the Venturers) to come down and spend an hour talking about what is expected of young men on a date. How to dress, what to spend, how much to tip. How to ask for a date, where to go, etc.

EQUIPMENT-REPAIR NIGHT Have all the company equipment overhauled: tents repaired, stoves cleaned, pots and pans shined and handles replaced and, generally, get ready for that next trip.

Program planning is an important part of the Venturer companies' affairs. It allows you to know pretty well what the company will be doing a week, a month or a year from now. It provides an opportunity for everyone to participate in the preparation, enables people to save money or raise funds for some of the more expensive events and helps to alleviate that problem of having to ask every week, "well, what are we doing tonight?" Much information on program planning appears in the *Canadian Venturer Handbook* and more is in the *Executive Work Book* and the *Venturer Advisor's Kit*. A lot, however, can come from experience that you build up just by being with your Venturers.

Listen to what they say they would like to do, or see, or know; then try to find ways of causing those things to happen. Try out the talent inventory as outlined above and don't overlook any aspect of your community that can offer a program resource.

Keep track of past members. Where are they now, what are they doing, can they help in some way? Then make use of them to help the new members enjoy Venturing.

Try to find out what other companies are doing and share your ideas with them. Encourage camping and outdoor activities whenever you can. Young people generally like the out-of-doors and many program ideas can be found and used in that environment.

Finally, let me know of your program activities so that they can be reported in this magazine. Other people will be glad you did.

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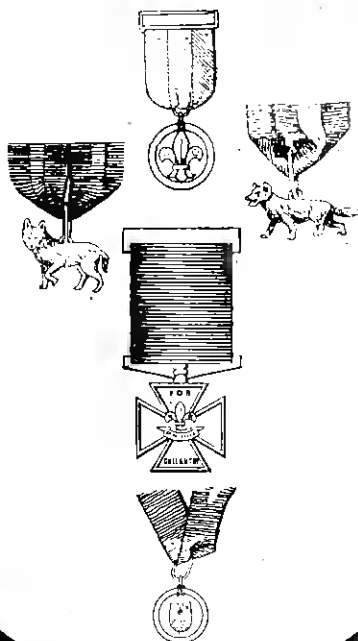
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Honours and Awards



By P. M. O. Evans

Assistant Executive Director, Administration Services
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Should you suddenly receive a punch in the nose, right out of the blue as it were, you'd more than likely, after regaining your equilibrium and composure, question the person who had struck the blow: "What was that for?" Great would be your surprise if you were informed that it was in retaliation for some untoward act which you had wittingly or unwittingly performed some two weeks before. Or again, you'd be more than a little put out should you receive a thank-you note in August for a gift you'd given at Christmas. In either case, receipt of the punch or the note would, be anticlimactic, to say the least.

In the life of a youngster "next week" is a long way off, and next year is "forever and a day"; that is why in seeking to recognize a boy's gallant or meritorious act the procedure should be started without delay. The actual processing of a submission for an honour in itself takes time, time which cannot be avoided, although every effort is made to keep the wheels turning. Further, ways and means are constantly being explored to reduce the period between act and recognition.

It is only fair to point out, however, that a decision could be reached nationally to confer an honour upon a lad just two weeks prior to the Chief Scout's Annual Investiture. In no way will that youngster be invited to the current ceremony. Inevitably, he will have to wait twelve months before receiving his decoration from the hands of the Chief Scout. If, in addition to the twelve-month wait, is included the period used in processing the submission, plus a substantial delay in initiating that submission in the first place, it can readily be seen that some of the polish will have left the apple when it is finally received.

Perhaps one of the most important factors in a Scouter's dealings with boys is recognition of effort, **as soon as possible**, by the presentation of an award or honour, whatever that may imply. How much more so should this be when the boy's effort has involved valour, courage or a meritorious act.

Section Scouters must be on the lookout at all times for such behaviour among their boys and lose no time getting in touch with their Scout office, giving an outline of the act deemed worthy of recognition. While waiting for the proper form and accompanying instructions from the Scout office, use the time to obtain written and signed statements from witnesses while details are still fresh in their minds. Get out that duster and polish off that apple.

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By R. J. Roberts

This month the big news is "Moot '74." We have been talking of the **7th Canadian Rover Moot** for many months now and all with a view to stimulating your interest and urging you to attend. Why? For a number of very good reasons.

The most common complaint we hear from Rover people is that "they" don't really care about Rovers or that nothing is ever done for Rovers or that Rovering is dying; so, in my opinion, Moot '74 is one event where all Rovers can come "to be seen," "be heard" and generally make their presence felt.

Secondly, a group of hardworking Rovers and advisors have worked long and hard to make this the most exciting, enjoyable, Rover gathering ever held in Canada. This group, the steering committee for Moot '74, are all from Ontario and all are dedicated to Rovering and all of them have spent hours making sure that the areas they are responsible for will be successful and contribute to the overall satisfaction of those who attend.

Thirdly, Rovers and friends of Rovers are expected from all over Canada, and invitations have been sent to all member countries in an effort to make this Canadian Moot have as much of an international flavour as possible. Special invitations have been sent to the U.S.A., Mexico and Jamaica and, hopefully, you will meet friends from those countries whom you may have met at other Rover events.

Finally, an exciting program has been developed for all those attending, with events to cater to everyone's tastes — A Great Stage Show, a visit to the Nuclear Hydro Station, a luncheon hosted by the Province of Ontario and a visit to the Ontario Science Centre; a trip to the Canadian National Exhibition, a tour of Niagara Falls, a canoe trip, a midnight car rally; and those are just a few of the major attractions.

In addition, we have all the usual in-camp specialties, such as Contingent Presentations and Speakers' Corner and the opportunity to meet fellow Rovers from across the country and around the world.

The most important ingredient of course is **you**, the Rover. The theme of this Moot is Brotherhood but, for that to mean anything, it requires you and your brother Rovers in full force. Come on out to the Moot, let's see what Rovering is all about, let's hear your views, let's see just how serious you are in support of Rovering in Canada.

The place is Camp Samac — Oshawa, Ontario, the time: August 21-28, 1974, and the event: **the 7th Canadian Rover Moot**.

Snorkel Diving

The Association of Canadian Underwater Councils have developed a Snorkel Diver's program throughout Canada. The program covers both Snorkel Instructor Training Clinics and Snorkel Diver Courses.

These courses are available to any interested Rovers in most parts of Canada, with further information available from the provincial offices listed below:

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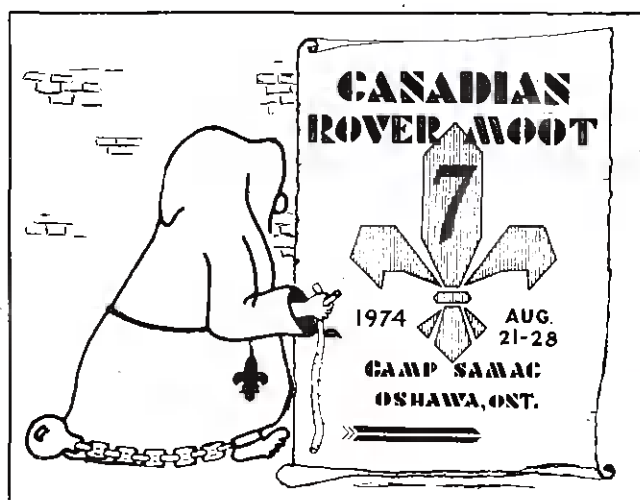
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J.M.A.

The final item this month is regarding a booklet produced by the province of Ontario and called **J.M.A.**, which stands for **Joint Movement Activities**. This booklet was produced cooperatively by Scouting and Guiding, as a guide to some of the many considerations which need to be looked at when planning an event involving members of our two organizations.

It is, however, an extremely useful guide for any crew who is planning an activity with any group of females, regardless of the organization to which they belong. If you haven't seen this booklet, check with your local office. If they don't have one, I'm sure the Ontario office has copies they will be pleased to share. Look into **J.M.A.**



I have just remembered something . . . Fifty years ago, give or take a year or two, my headmaster called me into his study and, in the course of a brief but painful interview, uttered a few words which have remained in the back of my mind ever since.

"One of these days, Sweet," said he, "you will go too far, and then —"

And then, what? If only the silly wet hen had taken the trouble to finish what he was saying before inviting me to bend over I need not have given the matter another thought and would have been spared all these years of uncertainty and vain speculation.

How far **is** too far? And what happens when you get there?

Headmasters, Scout leaders and other heavyweights, who have it in their power to influence for good or ill the tender minds of growing boys, should watch what they are saying. It needs only a few unguarded words and, **zowie!** a chain reaction is set up in the subconscious that might go on for years, sometimes with dire effect upon the personality and character of the subject.

It is perhaps too late now to do anything about my own personality and character but I just thought I'd mention it as a warning to any other old pontificators who might happen to read these lines.

That's all the psychology for this month. Now read on:

FORGOTTEN GAMES NO. 8 THE RUTHIN BUMBANG

Ruthin (pronounced "Rithin") is a small country town in North Wales. The night I visited the troop there were twenty-four boys present. The Scouter carefully counted twenty-two tennis balls into a cardboard box. The boys lined up eagerly. The Scouter walked to the middle of the room, up-ended the box and scattered the balls everywhere. The boys rushed forward to pick them up and returned to the base line. The two unfortunates who had failed to secure a ball walked disconsolately to the far end of the troop room and leaned against the wall with their backs to the troop and arms shielding their heads. The rest took careful aim and fired. I was horrified. It seemed to me that the poor victims would be annihilated. Not a bit of it. Back they came, right as rain, the balls were returned to the box and the game went on.

People sometimes wonder why the Welsh are the champs at Rugby.

Now they know.

THREE PEACEFUL PURSUITS FOR A QUIET AFTER-NOON IN CAMP

1. Invite the boys to improvise an outsize pencil by sheathing a stick of home-baked charcoal in a rod of elderberry from which the pith has been removed.

(Note: to make charcoal, simply line the bottom of a can, which has a lid, with a good layer of fine sand, place on it a few selected sticks, and repeat the process several times until the can is full, with a layer of sand on top. Pierce a small hole in the lid before replacing it. Build a good fire around it and bake for about one hour.)

2. **The Situation:** an isolated tree (or merely a stake well driven into the ground) with two long ropes of the same length laid like tramlines on either side. Half the patrol at each end. **The Task:** to make the free end of each rope fast to the tree (or stake) without moving from the given position. **The Method:** simply use the fisherman's knot. Make an overhand knot around the left-hand rope at one end of the trampoline and a similar knot around the other rope at the far end, then draw them together until they lock around the tree or stake.

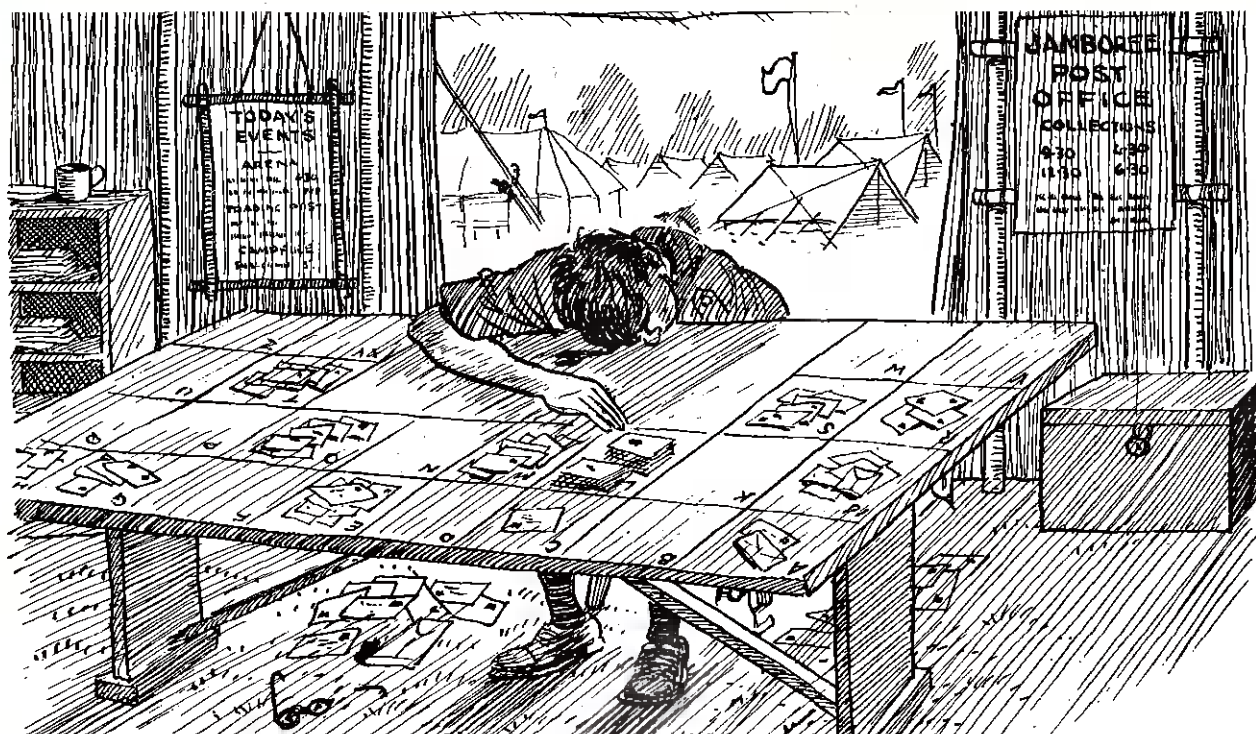


3. Call up the patrol leaders, hand to each a goodly hank of sisal twine and two lead pencils, and invite them to measure accurately — within a fraction of an inch — the girth of any well-grown tree at about five feet above ground level. No tapes or rulers to be used, and the entire operation must be carried through from outside a radius of thirty feet.

(Note: one way of doing this would be to make a rough guess at the circumference of the tree and stick the two pencils through the lay at this distance apart near the middle of the rope. The Scouts could then carry the line around the tree until the two pencils came more or less together, and then withdraw the line and adjust the pencils as necessary until — probably after much trial and error — the pencils fell precisely alongside each other. The line could then be withdrawn and the distance between the pencils determined by the application of personal measurements — handspan, length of thumb joint, etc.)

One or two things I seem to have noticed recently:

1. When TV comics want to take a crack at Scouting, they put them in droopy shorts and hats with wavy brims.
2. National Job Day is still the biggest fund-raiser at group level in the U.K. but it is growing increasingly unpopular with Scouters.
3. In many Scout groups, the weekly dues are still about the same as the price of a packet of potato chips.
4. Troop Scouters are the Cinderellas in most Scout groups.
5. Drum and bugle bands, once regarded with disfavour by the elite, are gradually increasing in number as a result of the British National Scout Band Championship.
6. Scout groups with bands always seem to have a higher proportion of older boys than the others and are smarter on parade.
7. Nevertheless, official concern about our "public image" has made little difference to the general turnout of Scouts on parade. Viewed from the sidewalk, they still look like the rearguard of a peasant revolt.
8. Venture Scout/Ranger Guide cooperation seems to be going reasonably well in the U.K. but most of the initiative is taken at county level.
9. Camping is still the most popular activity in the Scout troop but the annual summer camp attracts fewer boys each year in competition with the family holiday, school journey parties to the continent of Europe and other less demanding activities.



TROOP ROOM PROBLEM NO. 9 THE JAMBOREE MURDER MYSTERY

In the busy setting of the jamboree, the body of a murdered Rover Scout looked singularly out of place.

They found him in the Post Office marquee, lying over the table on which he had been sorting the incoming mail. He had been shot in the chest. The table was marked off in squares lettered A to Z. Many of the squares were empty but in some were untidy piles of letters.

Detective-Inspector Bludgeon noticed at once that many of the envelopes bore blood-stained fingerprints which undoubtedly belonged to the dead Rover.

The camp doctor confirmed Bludgeon's impression that he had died slowly. Though unable to move from his seat at the table, he had probably retained consciousness until quite near the end.

"So he **could** have gone on sorting the mail automatically?" Bludgeon asked.

The doctor nodded but indicated the broken spectacles lying on the ground amid a tumble of letters. "Notice the thickness of the lenses," he pointed out. "Without those he must have been practically blind."

"Then he couldn't have read the names on the envelopes," mused Bludgeon, "— which might explain why the letters bear no relation to the squares they are in. Take this one, for instance." He picked up the four letters in the square marked G. "Agate, Tomkinson, Blenkinsop and Hurrall. And this single letter in square C, addressed to somebody called Henderson."

In square L there were two neat piles of letters, six in one and seven in the other.

Bludgeon swiped thoughtfully at a fly which was patrolling the air an inch or so from his nose. "He was too shortsighted to read the writing but the fingerprints prove that he *must* have handled the letters after he'd been shot. Seems to me he wanted those letters to say something . . . Perhaps he recognized his attacker and, having no other means of leaving a message —"

Painstakingly he began to sort the envelopes and list the names against the index letters of the squares in which they had been placed by the murdered Rover:

- A — Jackson, Delany.
- C — Henderson.
- E — Crane, Errington, Bloggins, McBride, Smithson, Redmayne, Postgate, Douglas, Leverson, Lambert, Dixon, Drummond, Barclay.
- G — Agate, Tomkinson, Blenkinsop, Hurrall.
- H — Custard, Styles, Simpson, Harrison, Foley, Marple, Booth, Franks, Reynolds.
- I — Tasker, Isaacs, Browing, Young, Finch.
- L — **First pile:** Jevons, Cartwright, Mills, Miller, Blatchford, England. **Second pile:** Rogers, Jeremy, Croft, Hall, Sherman, Wade, Jobson.
- M — Coldham, Beil, Alexander, Freeman, Sheldrake, Webber, Tuke-Pennington, Crichton, Harrold, Sullivan, Newman, Pinkerton.
- O — Trevor, Dunn, Harker, Bones, Billington, Colegate, Marshall, Smith, Stammers, Mummery.
- R — Yeoman, Druce, Lilley.
- S — Bloomfield, Mackintosh, Rodney, Ridley, Dacre, Dancer, Arnold, Mearns.
- T — Temperley, Trelawney, Jevons, Barker, Perkins, Jarrold, Ormsby, Courtenay, Wilkes, Maypole, Munnings.

Twenty minutes later Detective-Inspector Bludgeon strode into the headquarters marquee and slapped his notebook on the table in front of the Scouter-in-charge.

"I want to interview *this man* in connection with the shooting of Rover Scout Edward Sludge," he said. "Can you tell me which sub-camp he's in?"

The man behind the table gazed at the name in astonishment. "He was in here not ten minutes ago. Said he'd just received a telegram from his firm, recalling him for some urgent business, and went off to pack his gear into his car. Why," — he jumped to his feet and pointed to a bright-red sports car which was bumping over the turf toward the main gate — "there he is now."

Bludgeon leapt into action.

"**Stop that man!**" he yelled, and sprinted for the gate.

WHO WAS THE MAN? HOW HAD THE MURDERED ROVER SENT HIS DYING MESSAGE? ALL THE CLUES ARE HERE TO HELP YOU SOLVE THIS BAFFLING MYSTERY — but if you find this too exhausting, the solution is on page 22.

POCKET KON-TIKI

Inflate as many small polythene bags as you can raise, simply by holding the open ends and whirling them around your head before tying the necks with string. Pack them into four, large cardboard cartons. Cover the cartons with groundsheet or sheets of plastic, and lash them to a trestle of light spars. If a reasonable breeze is blowing, rig up a polythene sail.

Note: the advantage of using a lot of SMALL bags, rather than fewer large ones, is that if some of them leak — as leak they will — it won't be a major disaster.

If you find that your Kon-Tiki is a bit unstable in the water, you can fit extra cartons as outriggers or improvise a centre-board.



It had rained during the night. The tip of our birch-pole flagstaff bent alarmingly as I tugged the halyard but, suddenly, the flag broke and streamed out, cracking like a whip in the wet wind.

"Prayers," said Skip.

We were a church troop but the familiar words sounded different in that setting. Standing there knee-deep in wet grass at the head of the Woodpigeons, I listened to their mumbling voices, and to the sound of our little river storming down its rocky channel, and to the bleating of the sheep on the shoulder of the moor, and the incessant "weet-weet" of the circling plovers, and I felt somehow different myself.

We were camping at West Woodburn in Redewater, a few miles short of the Scottish border. It was the last week in June many years ago — the troop was the 2nd Wallsend, and it always rained for us.

As I walked back to the tents I saw on the rising ground across the river the figure of a young man with a stick and a dog. I knew who he was — Jake Robson, son of old Jake the "gentleman farmer." I'd last seen him playing Rugger for Tynedale against Percy Park at Tyne-mouth. I gave the thumbs-up sign and he raised his stick in reply before turning away.

I felt fine, and resolved to take up Rugger myself next season.

Freddie Mellidew came up behind me. Freddie was 13 to my 15-plus, a member of my patrol. I couldn't stand the sight of the little perisher and made no secret of it, though for some reason (so my Mother had told me) I

was his "hero." ("You could help that boy, John," my Mother had said to me after a patrol meeting in the kitchen at home. "He obviously thinks you are marvellous — I can't think why — and he certainly needs help from somebody.") Somehow this only increased my irritation and dislike.

There he was, tagging apologetically at my heels as usual.

"Freddie," I heard myself say, "the very man! Grab a rope from the stores' tent. There's a log jammed upstream. Let's go and see if we can float it down."

His pleasure was painful to see. He dived for the tent, tripped over a guyline and behaved in general like the absolute little twit he undoubtedly was. The odd thing was I didn't feel irked — not in the slightest. "Steady the buffs," I said.

As we walked off together I felt different. I felt like a man.

Matter of fact, I do believe I **was** a man from that moment, and have remained so, more or less, off and on, ever since.



The Upper School Debating Society had just decided by an overwhelming majority that "Scouting Is Not a Good Thing" when a gate-crasher from the Lower School at the back of the hall rose to say, "The 1st Norwich will take you on at anything."

He was thrown out.

That was sixty-four years ago.

We could do with a bit of that spirit today.

Instead we hear of one Scout district council in England solemnly debating whether boys from the tough end of the town should be encouraged to travel to and from troop meeting in civilian clothes to protect them from the attention of the yobboes.

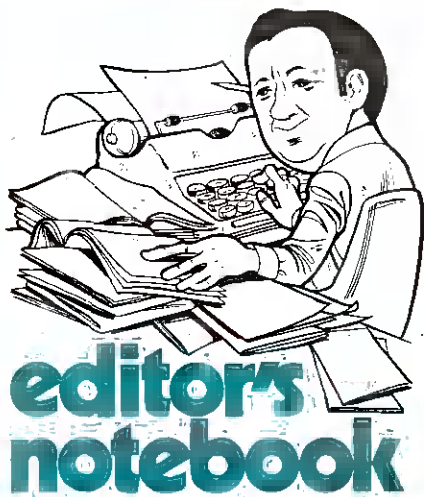
I sometimes think a bit of active hostility would work wonders.



SOLUTION — The Jamboree Murder Mystery

The murdered man had spelt out his dying message by using the lettered squares, indicating their place in the message by the number of letters in each square: e.g., one letter in C, two in A, three in R, and so on. The message read: "CARGILL SHOT ME."





A letter was received recently from **Mr. John W. Argo** of **Toronto** regarding a trip that he and his wife made to Bangkok, Thailand, last fall. When they arrived on October 16, they were told of events which had happened on Sunday, October 14, and which had left the city of four-and-a-half million virtually without police protection.

Protests by university students against the military dictatorship, and the arrest of about eighteen, had led to riots by the populace and the overthrow of the government. During the riots, the police had called in a helicopter which had fired on the unarmed crowd, killing between 300 and 500 people. The infuriated mob then attacked and burned the police headquarters and radio building, and destroyed traffic signals, police stands, cars and trucks. Afterwards, the police were afraid to leave their barracks.

Who took over the control of traffic? The Scouts of Thailand did! The police were confined to barracks but on each corner, in their place, were about five or six Scouts in full uniform, with white gloves and whistles. And according to Mr. Argo, when the Scout blew his whistle and held up his hand, the traffic stopped. There was no fooling, the drivers obeyed.

While on duty the boys were provided with lunches by grateful citizens, and the local papers were loud in praise of the boys who took hold in an emergency and did a fine service for their city.

Mr. Argo closed his letter by saying, "We admired the way the people handled themselves and especially the Scouts for their contribution to a return to normalcy." Hopefully, we're training our boys to meet emergencies in such a calm and orderly fashion.

As part of Confederation celebrations, **Newfoundland** is encouraging Cub packs to participate in a worthwhile project — a community good turn. A special crest has been produced for sewing on the section flag and will be presented to packs that successfully meet the following qualifications:

1. Perform a 'Good Turn' for the community, or for an individual, that will be of definite service and benefit.
2. Eighty percent of the pack membership must participate.
3. The boys must participate in choosing the project.
4. The project must be performed between April 1 and October 14, 1974, the dates of the Confederation celebrations.
5. A short report must be filed at the conclusion of the project.

A panel of judges will be set up to review projects.

From Newfoundland's **SCOUTING TIMES** the story of an honest mother: "This is to certify that Bill has cooked potatoes (hard), sausages (black), eggs (underdone), bacon (overdone), fried bread (soggy). But has made a very good attempt at it all, considering . . ."

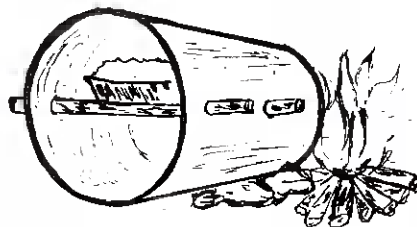
Trees for Canada was launched officially on May 9, on the grounds of Government House, Ottawa, by **His Excellency, Governor-General Jules Léger**. Nature kindly looked after the initial watering of the Chief Scout's tree by laying on a continuous down-pour that soaked all participants. However, in spite of the rain, a good time was had by all. His Excellency's tree was the first of some two million planted by 30,000 Scouts across Canada this spring.

Photo: Proulx Brothers, Ottawa.



Your Scouter in Skirts is the rather unusual name for the newsletter of the **Maxwell 19th Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Group** — which, we presume, is edited by the distaff side of the 19th's leadership corps. Handwritten and illustrated with pencil drawings, the copy we received recently reported an outing taken by the group during the winter school break which saw 43 Scouts, seven Cubs and four leaders travel some 100 miles by chartered bus for a day of ice fishing. The boys and leaders were hosted by representatives of the Department of Natural Resources and Northland Lodge and were taught how to drill holes through 40 inches of ice, keep the hole clear of slush, and bait and set hooks. Scout John Dowding was declared champion of the event for catching a 10-pound pike — after a good fight.

The newsletter also contained the following instructions for building a simple reflector oven from a metal pail whose inner surfaces are bright



enough to reflect heat, and with sides which plane outward at the top.

Make holes in the sides and fit iron rods or wires between them to serve as a baking rack. The oven is placed in front of a fire and the rear raised slightly to level the rack. Approximate temperature of the oven can be determined by holding the palm of the hand near the area where the food is placed and slowly counting. A slow fire (12 - 16 seconds): 250 - 325 degrees; a medium fire (8 - 10 seconds): 325 - 400 degrees; a hot fire (4 - 6 seconds): 400 - 500 degrees; and very hot (1 - 2 seconds): over 500 degrees.

Thanks to the Maxwell 19th for the newsletter and cooking tips.

We had a letter recently from **Jack Fanning of Granby, Quebec**, who operates what he thinks may be a one-of-a-kind troop — for Canada, at least. Jack is an old friend who has been a Scouter since 1938 and has a well-earned reputation for his work with handicapped youth.

His Granby operation is called the **Butterfly Troop** with the *Butterfly* being taken from the symbol of the **Quebec Society for Crippled Children** which has given its official per-

mission for the troop to use its symbol, name and flag.

The Troop, which is community sponsored, is composed of 14 handicapped boys, aged 10 to 23. All are French speaking and suffer from birth defects, polio, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis. The Troop has just completed its third year of operation and the boys enjoy a basic Scouting program which is adjusted to suit their capabilities. As an example, one Scout has no hands but to qualify for Investiture had to tie one knot. He did, using his feet and his teeth.

The Troop takes educational field trips and has visited fish hatcheries, wildlife reserves, bird sanctuaries, a planetarium, toured factories, hotels, hospitals (of which, Jack notes, the boys see a lot), garages, stores and a sugar bush. They also attend district camporees and church parades.

... An example of Scouting serving a vital need.



Teamwork, that's what it takes! And these Scouts soon found out that, to win in a land-skiing relay, they had to move as one. The event took place at **SCOPE** (Scout Centennial Ontario-Pennsylvania Expedition) where over 2,000 Scouts from the United States and Canada participated in a fun weekend. The American boys, from Pennsylvania, were billeted with Canadian Scouts and, in addition to spending a day in a Canadian school and having a tour of points of interest, took part in a camp which provided 40 different activities. Each boy was given a camporee passport and, on arrival at an event, had it stamped. Those who completed eight or more events in two hours were presented with a SCOPE badge. The camporee took place in Earl Rowe Provincial Park, Alliston, and was visited by the then Chief Scout, His Excellency, Governor-General Roland C. Michener. **Brampton Daily Times photo**



It's been said that one good turn deserves another and it would seem the Cubs of the **8th St. Thomas, Ontario**, Group subscribe to this old adage. After having been given a tour of St. Thomas's new firehouse and its equipment, the pack made a donation to Firefighter Bill Campbell to support the Muscular Dystrophy Fund.

Thanks to Publisher **Laurence J. Beavis** of *The St. Thomas Times-Journal* for sending along this and a number of other excellent Scouting photographs, with his compliments.



From World Scouting's **NEWS-LETTER**... The **1st Asia-Pacific Jamboree**, which was also the Golden Jubilee Jamboree of Boy Scouts of the Philippines, was not only an adventure of varied activities for the 20,000 participants but a demonstration of *Scouting for Development*. On each of the four days of the year-end jamboree, 5,000 Scouts went forth to carry out community development and service projects in Laguna and Batangas provinces. These included flood control and irrigation, beautification of highways with coconuts and other seedlings, improving town plazas including cleaning up, painting fences and erecting flagpoles, and creating and fencing community gardens for the "Green Revolution" ... In **Great Britain**, a Hertfordshire Cub pack reports that one of their Cubs recently brought to pack meeting a number of white mice which his mother had said he must get rid of at once. However, the Cub leader made it clear that he could not give the mice to any of the other Cubs unless their parents first gave permission. At the next meeting the leader asked if he had been able to dispose of the mice and the reply was that it had been easy. He had just walked along the road and at each house had put a mouse in the mail slot in the door until they were

all gone! ... In Calcutta, **India**, Scouts and Guides are prominent among the volunteers in the "Clean Calcutta" campaign which cleans up a different part of the city each Sunday ... As their part in **Iran's** "Year of Books," Scouts and Guides pledged to collect one million books for use by villagers studying in the current literacy campaign. So far, the youngsters have collected over 600,000 books and will continue until their goal is reached ... In a contest sponsored by an **El Salvador** pencil manufacturer to collect used pencil stubs, Scouts won first place by collecting over 200,000. For their prize they asked for enough money to buy a Braille-writing machine for the Rehabilitation School for the Blind. The machine has now been presented. ... **Explorer Post 370 of Lansing, Illinois**, won \$250 in the Environmental Award Program of the Owens-Illinois Company — and all members are *blind*. The thirteen Explorers trained intensively in swimming and canoeing before undertaking to collect litter from the banks of the Pine River. They recovered 26 large bags of litter from riverside campsites.

A distinctive "M" and stylized maple leaf form the national symbol for metric conversion in Canada. The new symbol, soon to be seen on goods and products, is shown here. In a fall issue, we hope to have a specially written article on how the conversion to metric will affect Canadian Scouting.



Safe Swimming and Water Fun



By Beatrice Lambie

When Saskatoon Scout leaders Frank Pascoe and Neil Hepburn decided to give their 18 boys swimming lessons they rented the YWCA pool for one hour for 10 successive Saturday nights. That was 18 years ago. Frank Pascoe is still a leader, still active with the swimming program. Nowadays the Saskatoon Region Scout Swim Program rents the University of Saskatchewan pool from 6 to 10 p.m. for 29 successive Saturday nights, and the staff numbers 38, with an enrolment of 530 students.

Both fall and winter courses are conducted, and each course runs for 11 weeks, with examination in the 12th week. From 6 to 9 p.m. there are six classes of an hour each, and each class has two instructors and an enrolment of 14. From 9 to 10 p.m., the pool is used for three adult classes, plus the staff and their friends. All classes follow the Red Cross and Royal Lifesaving Programs.

The staff is composed of volunteers from Scouting families, who fall into three categories: aides, Red Cross leaders, and Red Cross/Royal Lifesaving instructors. When applying for swim staff, the following minimum requirements must be met: under 14 years the candidate must hold a Red Cross Senior/Royal Lifesaving Intermediate and be enrolled in the current Bronze Medallion class. Those over 14 years must be enrolled in the current Bronze Medallion class. Upon reaching their 15th birthday, candidates are enrolled in the Red Cross leader course, which is run during the winter course and involves one hour of practise teaching, one hour of theory and one hour of practical water work each Saturday night. On reaching their 17th birthday, candidates are enrolled in the Red Cross/Royal Lifesaving instructor course, a one-week, 40-hour course, generally run over the Christmas or spring break.

Staff members usually stay on an active roster for at least six years and, during the summer, most are employed at pools and waterfronts throughout Saskatchewan.

The program is open to all members of the Scouting family over seven years of age. Course fee is \$6. per person, which pays for pool rental, staff training and program administration.

A Scout Family-Fun Swim Meet ends the winter course. This is open to the whole family and is entirely a fun evening. Prizes are ribbons and everyone wins at least one ribbon. Each course ends with a party for staff and friends, organized by the staff, and includes games, dancing and buffet supper.

On April 28, 1974, the Saskatoon Scout Swim Staff "A" Team captured the Saskatchewan underwater hockey tournament trophy, with the "B" Team placing second. *The Canadian Leader* magazine salutes the Saskatoon Region Scout Swim Program for its 18 years of continuous service to swimming and for its recent successful activities.

Anyone wishing further information about the Saskatoon program is invited to contact Bill Goble, Swim Director, c/o Boy Scouts of Canada, 508 — 12th St. E., Saskatoon.



Back in the "old" days, there were rules and regulations covering almost every activity and, like the Ten Commandments, most began with, "Thou shalt not," or "Don't" or "Never."

Red Cross water safety rules were like that, too. "Don't swim alone." "Don't dive into unknown water." "Don't overload your boat."

Psychologists said this was the wrong way to approach the problem. They claimed that "Don'ts" and "Nevers" turned people off. So the writers of rules and regulations re-phrased everything. "Don't cross the street on a red light" became "Cross the street with the green light only."

"Don't swim alone" became **"Always swim with a buddy."**

"Don't dive into unknown waters" became **"Investigate unknown water before you dive."**

And so on. The instructions became sugar-coated.

Last year 1,339 people drowned in Canada — an increase of 173 over 1972. Most of the increases occurred in the age group from 16 to 30, people in the prime of life, who should be the most capable of taking care of themselves.



Reaching Assists



Water Safety Class

Photos by J.P. Sceviour, Saskatoon

In an effort to avoid "turning people off," have they been made to turn a deaf ear, to grow careless?

Nobody wants to return to the time when people feared the water. Swimming and boating are good, healthy, fun activities. But a little more **respect** for the dangers certainly is indicated.

Al Thiessen, National Director, Red Cross Water Safety Service, says, "Any sport is more fun when you know the rules. The more skilled you are, the more fun you have; the more skilled you become, the safer you are. The Water Safety Service wants people to enjoy aquatic activities in safety. Commonsense goes a long way but you need skills, too. Commonsense *doesn't* tell you how to perform rescue breathing or teach you how to throw a ring buoy. These are not difficult skills to learn but they are skills which must be taught by an expert.

"If I may use that word the psychologists hate: *don't* let another summer go by — enroll in a Red Cross water safety course this year. Learn to swim, learn to swim better, learn to handle small boats, learn the rules of water rescue and self-survival.

"The Red Cross water safety slogan is, **Keep in the swim**. There is a program for every ability level, any age group. We invite you to come on in."



Water games provide a great opportunity for enjoyment and they help youngsters to grow accustomed to the water. For a little water fun with groups during the next few months, try some of the following suggestions; plan a water rodeo or a water olympics. The number of events is almost limitless.

Air Mattress Race

Straddle air mattresses and wade out so feet no longer touch bottom. Propel by paddling with hands and kicking. Participants must stay upright on mattresses. Any one who tips over must remount before continuing.

Kim's Game Underwater

In shallow water or on the bottom of a pool, spread a collection of items that do not float. The boys must wade

out, open eyes underwater, look, then return to the shore or side of the pool and list the objects seen.

Boat Tug of War

Tie two rowboats together, stern to stern, about 20 yards apart. Place a floating object midway between boats as a marker. Crews must try to out-row each other and pull opponent over marker.

Shallow Water Scavenger Hunt

Arrange a number of different items in shallow water. Have boys line up at water's edge. Call out a specific object that is in the water: flat stone, golf ball, plastic container, horseshoe (items that don't float). The boys are to rush into the water to try to find the object and return it to the leader.

Water Dodge Ball

Use regular Dodge Ball rules but play in shallow water. Use a floating ball at least 9 inches in diameter.

Bubbling Contest

Players are to form a circle in chest-deep water. On signal they submerge their faces. Then, by controlled effort, they exhale slowly. Winner is the last to lift his face out of the water.

Greased Watermelon

Divide players into two teams and station them in the water in lines about 25 feet apart. A watermelon which has been well greased with shortening is placed midway between the teams. On signal, each team tries to carry the floating melon to their goal line. The winning team eats the watermelon.

Water Spud

Required: one rubber ball and at least five players. The starter throws the ball high into the air and calls a player's name. That player recovers the ball while the others scatter around the pool. From then on, he tries to hit one of the other players with the ball. The other players **must stay in the same spot** although they can duck underwater to avoid being hit. When a player is hit, he then must try to hit another player.



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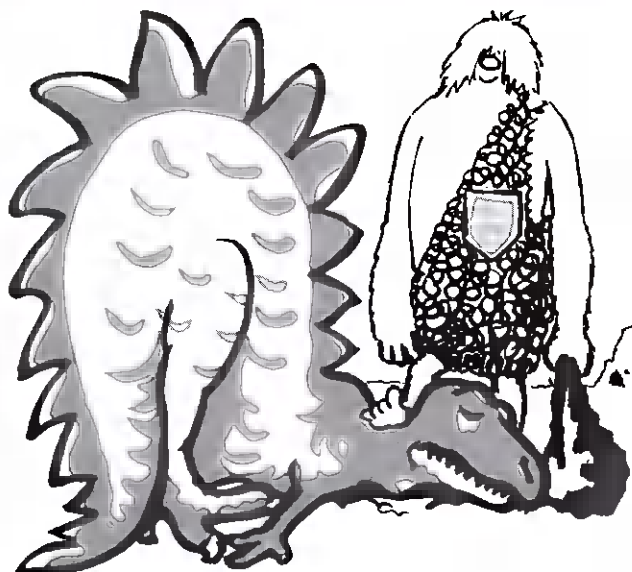
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THE FAITHFUL FEW

When the meeting's called to order
And you look around the room,
You're sure to see some faces
That from out the shadows loom.
They are always at the meeting,
And stay till it is through;
The ones that I would mention
Are the Always Faithful Few.

They fill the vacant offices,
As they're always on the spot
No matter what's the weather,
Though it may be awful hot;
It may be dark and rainy,
But they are tried and true,
The ones that you rely on
Are the Always Faithful Few.

There are lots of worthy members
Who will come when in the mood;
When everything's convenient
They can do a little good;
They're a factor in the Movement
And are necessary, too;
But the ones who never fail us
Are the Always Faithful Few.

If it were not for these faithful,
Whose shoulders at the wheel
Keep Scouting moving onward
Without a halt or reel
What would be the fate of Scouters
Who have so much to do?
They surely would go under
But for the Faithful Few.

— From *The Pak Scout*,
official organ of the Pakistan Boy Scouts
Association

WATER TRUCE

Two parallel lines, about six feet apart, are marked on the floor. Akela stands in "stream" at one end, and Bagheera, with a flashlight, at the other. Half the Cubs are on one bank, half on the other; they are animals coming to drink. Each Cub acts the part of an animal, howling, screeching. The game begins by Akela saying:

"The pools are shrunk, the streams are dry,
And we be playmates, thou and I,
Till yonder cloud — Good Hunting! — loose
The rain that breaks our Water Truce."

The Cubs can drink safely as long as the sun (flashlight) shines, but as soon as the clouds cover it (light off) the rains have come and the truce is over. The Cubs must run to their corners before Akela catches them.

The game can be fast and furious as flashlight is switched on and off. If the light comes on while a Cub is being caught, he can shout, "Water truce!" and be released.

WHAT DO I SMELL?

Make up six or eight containers with vanilla, turpentine, vinegar, ammonia, cinnamon, cloves, almond extract, etc.

Have players form a single line. Pass containers along the line so that players can try to identify each by smelling it for a short time. When all containers have been smelt; players go to their corners and make a list, in the order that items were passed along the line.

One point is awarded for each item correctly identified, and 25 points are scored for each list containing all items and in correct order.



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BALL-ON-CHAIN BATTLE

For this game the boys (knights) are divided into two groups and number off from opposite ends. In the centre of the hall or playing space, place two balls and chains (balloons on strings).

When a number is called, each player having that number runs to the centre, picks up the ball and chain and sees who will be the first to hit the other.

First to do it each time wins a point for his side. After each player has had a turn, the group with the most points is declared the winner.

LOW JUMP

Any number of boys can play. Each takes a turn at passing under a string without touching it. The game continues until only one player is left.

Each time all the boys have had a turn passing under the string, it is lowered.

If the string is touched at any time, the player will be disqualified.

THINGS THAT END WITH LETTER T

Take the boys out of doors for a hike. Each boy is given a paper and pencil. Each boy is to look for things that **end** with the letter T. You can use any other letter desired.

When all return from the outing, the answers are checked and the group or six with the most words is declared the winner and can be awarded a prize.

These games were contributed by
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DEFINITION OF A BOY

After a male baby has grown out of long clothes and triangles, and has acquired pants, freckles and so much dirt that relatives do not dare kiss it between meals, it becomes a boy. Boy is nature's answer to the false belief that there is no such thing as perpetual motion. A boy can swim like a fish, run like a deer, climb like a squirrel, balk like a mulé, bellow like a bull, eat like a pig, or act like a jackass, according to the conditions of the moment. A boy is a piece of skin stretched over an appetite. He is a noise, covered with smudges. He is called a tornado because he comes in at the most unexpected times, hits at the most unexpected places, and leaves everything a wreck behind him. He is a growing animal of superlative promise, to be fed, watered and kept warm. A joy forever, a periodic nuisance, the problem of our times, and the hope of a nation. Every boy born is evidence that God is not yet discouraged with man.

Were it not for boys, newspapers would be undelivered and unread, and a thousand picture shows would go bankrupt. Boys are useful in running errands. A boy can easily do the family errands with the aid of five or six adults. The zest with which a boy does each errand is equalled only by the speed of a turtle on a July day. The boy is a natural spectator. He watches parades, fires, fights, ball games, automobiles, boats and airplanes with equal fervour, but he will not watch a clock. The man who invents a clock that will stand on its head and sing a song when it strikes will win the undying gratitude of millions of families whose boys are forever coming to luncheon along about dinner time because they didn't notice the clock. In spite of all efforts to teach boys good manners, they faithfully imitate their fathers. But a boy, if not washed too often, and if kept in a cool, quiet place after each accident, will survive broken bones, hornets, swimming holes, fights and nine helpings of pie.

— Author Unknown

BOAT FUN FOR CUBS

Rainy weather at camp can sometimes create problems and have the staff asking: "What can we do with them next?" Well, here's a program item that can be run in almost any weather and, what's more, can be repeated, without fear of boredom.

Two separate programs can evolve from this — the building of the boats and the racing.

If you're taking your pack for a one-day waterside outing or weekend camp, you might want to build the boats at a regular pack meeting prior to the event but, if you plan to camp for a week or more, work the construction into an early craft session. And you don't have to build all

the boats at one sitting — save a few for later in the week, just in case of more rain.

The majority of the boats can be built from odds and ends, while the two steam boats are a little more complicated and require, if not a couple of purchases from your local hardware store, an assist from dad's workshop.

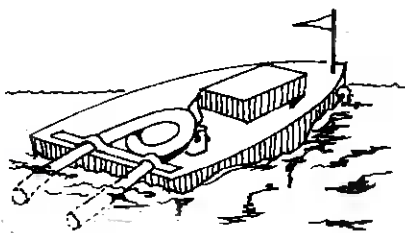
Base of boats can be cut from plywood, a shingle or any soft wood, in one of two basic designs.



When all boys have built one or more craft, run a regatta with simple prizes or trophies for the winners.

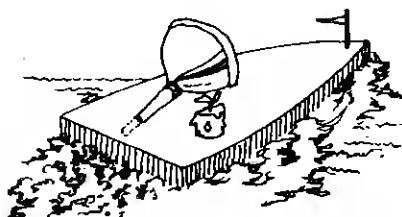
STEAM BOAT "A"

Mount copper tubing so that coil is over flame and openings are under water. Heat should drive boat forward and provide "putt-putt" sound.



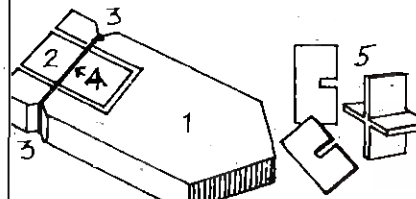
STEAM BOAT "B"

Use cheap oil can, half filled with water. Drill angled hole through base to admit top inch of can. Set and light candle and steam will propel boat.



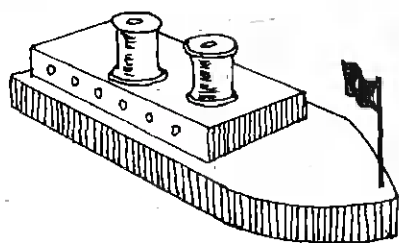
PADDLE STEAMER

1) Basic pattern; 2) Paddle cut from pattern; 3) Notches cut in sides of basic pattern to hold rubber band; 4) Rubber band, placed in notches and used to wind paddle; 5) For four-blade paddle, notch two paddles to fit together.



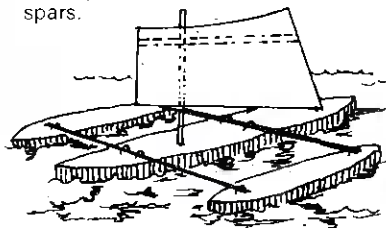
FERRY BOAT

Use the basic pattern and add a cabin of cardboard or wood; top with spool funnels.



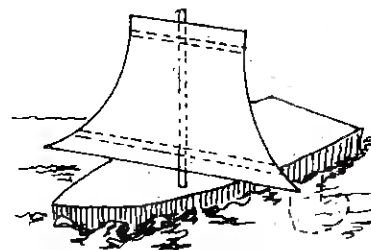
OUTRIGGER

Put a point at both ends of basic pattern. Make pontoons of wood and shape half the size of main boat. Make sail from heavy paper, and use light dowelling for mast and spars.



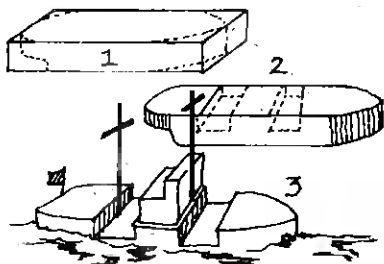
CHINESE JUNK

1) Basic pattern; 2) Sails of paper reinforced with light sticks; 3) Rudder made from tin may help in sailing boat.



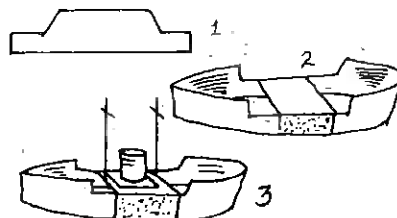
TRAMP STEAMER "A"

Made from 2"x4" pine blocks, spools and dowelling for mast. Paint final job.



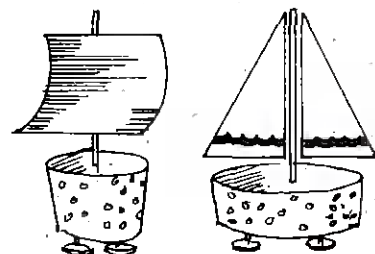
TRAMP STEAMER "B"

Made from small match box, thin cardboard strips, cork and toothpicks. 1) Cut two pieces of thin cardboard like this. 2) One piece is folded and pushed into front of box. The other is bent and pushed into rear. 3) Cork or cardboard cabin and funnel glued on. Add toothpick masts.



CORK SAILING BOATS

1) Use toothpicks and pieces of paper for sails. 2) Have Cubs decorate sails with designs; 3) Use one or more thumbtacks for keel.





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