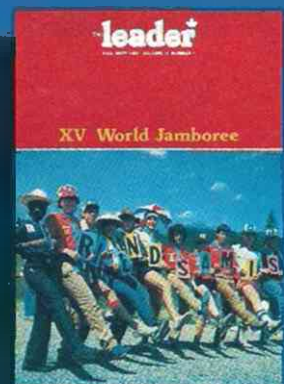
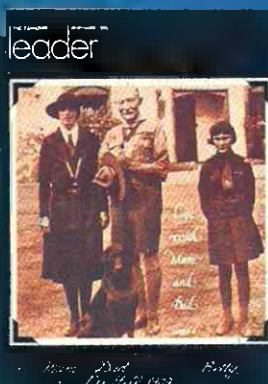
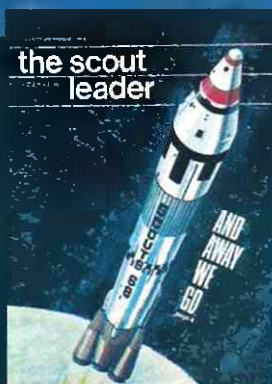
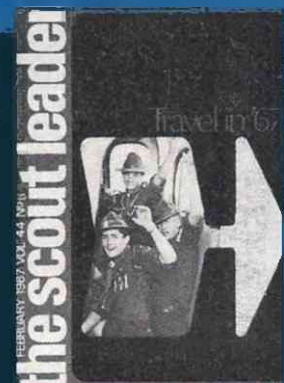
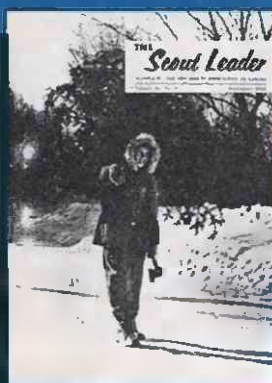
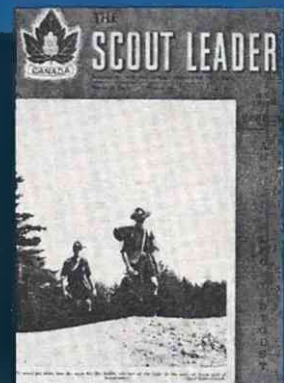
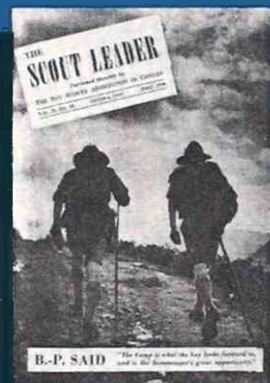
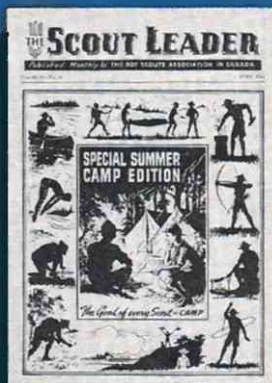


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COVER: For the Leader's Diamond Jubilee, we pay tribute to the magazine's 60 years of serving Scouters. Besides our feature, you'll find ideas from the past scattered throughout this issue, not because they represent history, but because they're still good ideas. You'll see what I mean when you get to *Patrol Corner*, an actual reproduction of a page from the very first LEADER. From the past to exciting present-day activities, to looking to the future and CJ '85 — it's a great way to say Happy Birthday!

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60 Years of the Leader

by Linda Florence

It's our Diamond Jubilee! The Canadian Leader Magazine is 60 years old this month and celebrates the occasion with pride. To trace its development over the years is to read the history of Canada and Scouting in Canada and see the evolution of printing technology and graphic design.

The magazine was born in November 1923 as THE SCOUT LEADER, a close-packed eight-page black and white periodical with an estimated circulation of 5,000. Published by The Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association and edited by F.E.L. Coombs, it addressed itself to "Boy Scouts & Wolf Cub Leaders of The Boy Scouts Association in Canada."

"The Scout Leader is published with the primary purpose of placing in the hands of every Scout leader in Canada practical and seasonal helps for the carrying on of his troop work," the first editorial announced. "It will be issued monthly until June, concluding the publishing year with a camping number, and resuming again in the fall."

This first issue also initiated an important and lasting interdependence between the Leader and its readers with a column called *The Duffel Bag*. "A page of helpful ideas from wherever and whomsoever we can obtain them."

The Magazine

Change in society was a relatively gradual process until the post-war years began to race into the age of technology and mass communications. Change in Scouting and the magazine followed a similar pattern. Frank Coombs remained editor for 23 years until Bert Mortlock took the chair in 1946. George Beers followed in Sept. 1950 and then there was a quick turn-over from David Aitken, named in 1963, to Jim Mackie, who became editor with the Aug/Sept 1964 issue and held the position until

present editor Bob Butcher arrived on scene in Aug/Sept 1979.

The Leader's size grew steadily with Scouting, except for a period during the depression years 1932-34 when it cut back from 12 pages to the original eight and printed only every two months, often in coloured ink to make life look brighter. In June, 1945, a special 24-page camping issue featured the first true cover rather than simply the masthead over lead articles in newspaper style.

"Commercial advertising" appeared on Leader pages in 1952 as printing and distribution costs rose with the cost of living during the post-war boom. Because both readers and advertisers were becoming accustomed to slick sophisticated publications, the Leader worked on improving

46,000), the Leader's viability was threatened by the cost of mailing. In Aug/Sept 1970 it changed name, becoming THE CANADIAN LEADER to reflect more accurately that it was for youth leaders in all Scouting sections and all other organizations who wished to use it. This, and a switch in publishers from Boy Scouts of Canada to Canyouth Publications Ltd., enabled the magazine to qualify again for second class mailing.

The World It Reflected

As well as providing program ideas and leader training information, down through the years the Leader reported all jamborees and other Scouting events at home and abroad, major national and international happenings, and changes of Scouting

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eye-appeal. With the help of an art consultant, it underwent a complete redesign for the Aug/Sept 1964 issue and emerged a truly modern-looking magazine. Within its limited budget, it has since tried to keep up with changing design trends — a new "in" typeface in 1967, and its most recent make-over for the Aug/Sept 1983 issue, which adopted today's most popular typeface.

Then as now, the Leader kept subscription rates as low as possible. They increased for the first time in the early 50's, doubling from 50¢ to \$1.00 a year. The big crunch came in 1969 when regulations governing mailing rates changed. The magazine's second class mailing privileges were withdrawn and the monthly cost of postage jumped from \$82 to a whopping \$960. Pages became smaller and paper lighter to reduce weight. Subscription rates doubled again.

With a circulation of 25,000 and growing, it now stands at about

personalities and policies. As a magazine serving those who worked with young people, its concerns and approaches reflected what was happening in society.

The early issues had a strong British accent and flavour, the heritage of Scouting's roots and the Founder's active leadership. During depression years, reports and project suggestions revolved around relief work, job-getting hints for Rovers, and fund-raising ideas like Scout Apple Days — the first held in fall 1932.

"The Chiefs" visited Canada in 1935, and Scouts fired up a coast-to-coast chain of beacons to celebrate Scouting's Silver Jubilee. With the Leader, they mourned a king and Kipling (March 1936), prepared for a coronation, and worried about the war warnings rumbling out of Europe.

"The less Scouting imitates soldiering the better," said Canada's Chief Scout Lord Tweedsmuir in the April 1937 issue. "But if it should ever be

necessary... 'to stand on guard' for Canada, what better foundation could you have than this sense of brotherhood, this feeling of partnership, this love and devotion for our native land."

The early 40's focussed on wartime service, emphasizing skills like Morse signalling, air raid procedures, first aid, and any other training which would prepare Scouts for action in a war emergency. Articles urged tough "commando-type" Scouting, and monthly Honour Rolls mourned the movement's dead. To the sorrows of war, the Feb. 1941 issue added news of B.-P.'s death in Kenya.

When war ended in 1945, the magazine directed Scouting back to community service and helping Europe rebuild. It added pages of Scout news from around the world and, in Nov. 1946, announced, "Canada joins the International Scout Bureau."

The *Leader* welcomed our newest province in March 1950, began to include occasional French language articles, and proudly reported acceptance of Niagara Falls as the site for the 1955 world jamboree. In 1960, it announced that The Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association would become simply Boy Scouts of Canada.

The space race, a fascinating scientific age, a burgeoning materialism — all of this is reflected in the *Leader* of the 50's. Heavy on space theme activity ideas, fitness, science projects and encouraging boys to read, the magazine devoted fewer and fewer pages to the words and personality of B.P.

"We Give Kids Too Much" shouted an article in the April 1958 issue, heralding the turbulent 60's and dramatic changes in society and Scouting. Adults were trying to come to terms with the expectations of a youth population better fed, better educated and more highly informed through television and other instant communication media than ever before. So was Scouting, and the *Leader* plunged into a "We're Looking At Ourselves" flurry of surveys, analyses and reports, as well as articles with titles like *How to Talk to Boys*, *Youth in the Jet Age*, *They Are Older Than You Think* and *The Teenage Subculture*. Membership was down and falling. Even the post-war influx of Cubs had slowed.

Uniforms changed. "Scouts will be known by what Scouts DO, rather than by what they wear," said the Jan. 1963 issue. It was just a start.

In Aug/Sept 1965, the *Leader* an-

nounced the Venturer program for older boys. In Dec. 1965, it announced the Cub 5-Star Program and, in Dec. 1967, it outlined a revamped Scout program with "new approaches... new experiences and new ways of doing things". By 1972, Rovers were going co-ed and Venturers were urging a similar move, although they waited until 1980 for a trial program and expect the verdict only this year.

The big excitement came in the June/July 1972 issue when the *Leader* trumpeted "approval to launch a new program section for boys 5 to 7 years of age... Beavers Canada".

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There were 5,300 Beavers in Canada by fall 1973 and 14,000 by Dec. 1974 when the magazine proclaimed the adoption of Beavers as a regular program section. Scouting membership in other sections headed upwards as well.

The fast and furious changes sparked plenty of grumbles, and an active letters page aired them. Cut the psychology and the jargon and give us practical ideas we can use, Scouters cried. The *Leader* responded by starting many of the program section columns familiar to today's readers. It reassured those who feared the changes marked too sharp a turn away from the movement's original ideas and ideals by reminding them, "B.-P. is still alive in Scouting" (Jan. 1971).

Plus Ça Change...

"Floor hockey is not Scouting," the magazine scolded in 1949. Boys really like swimming, campfires and "night Scouting", it concluded when it published results of a camp survey in 1952. Despite the "revolution" which broke on the heels of those quieter times, such statements like so many of the *Leader's* headlines from the past, have a familiar ring today.

In Volume 1, No. 1 Scouters found articles titled *Troop Meeting Suggestions* and *Stalking Games*. In the rest of the decade, they picked up ideas on winter hikes and camps, camp cooking, outdoor fall activities, reforestation projects, field days, canoeing, *Keeping the Out in Scouting*, *That Puzzling Older Boy*, a photograph hike and how to *Make a Backpack*.

In the 30's they read about first aid training, a new skier's badge, a bi-

lingual PLs course in New Brunswick (Feb. 1937); Scouting for the Physically Disabled (May 1939); the danger that Scouting was getting "soft" (March 1934); *Roping in the Fathers* (Jan. 1935); Scouts and smoking, with reference to a marijuana "reefer" (May 1938); and *Drop-out Problems and Solutions*.

And so it continued in the following years as activities like mountaineering and orienteering, spelunking and scuba diving joined the table of contents. Scouting expanded and adapted to fit the times and the *Leader* kept Scouters informed.

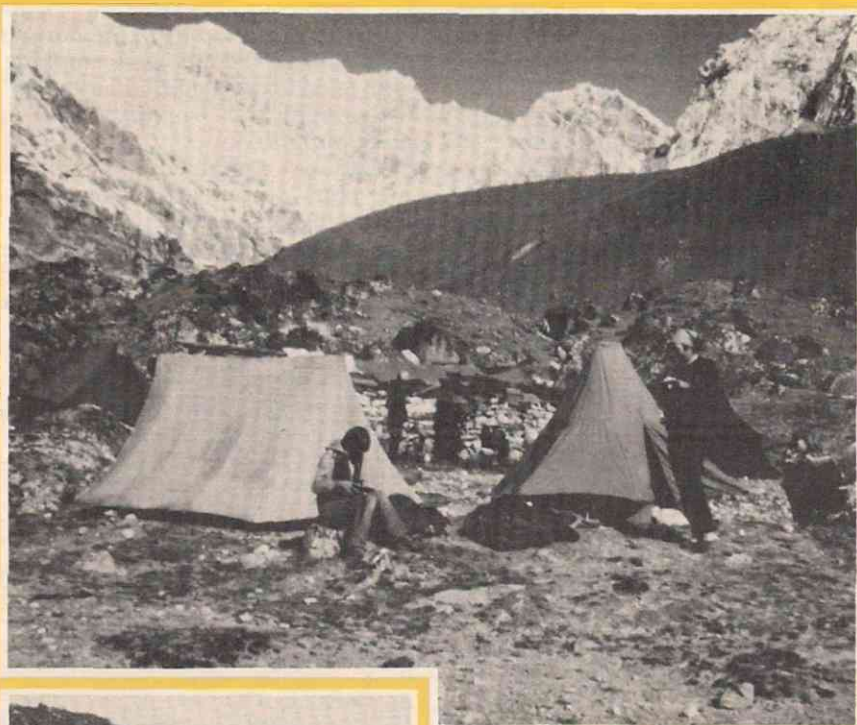
Articles like *Highrise Scouting* showed the movement's adjustment to an increasingly urbanized Canada in the 60's. Through the 70's, growing awareness of environmental fragility in a crowded world led, not to a de-emphasis of camping in the program, but rather to promotion of lightweight camping — more demanding for boys as well as kinder to nature. It wasn't exactly new to those who remembered that B.-P. advocated "no trace camping" when he told Scouts to "Leave nothing but your thanks" after a visit in the outdoors.

In every decade, all-season camping, hiking and rugged outdoor pursuits have filled the *Leader*. Skills training in preparation for an active outdoor and community life, a sense of fun and adventure, the philosophy of brotherhood and service, love for the natural world and its Maker, and helping boys become the best and happiest adults they can be — the magazine has shared all of Scouting's meanings since the first issue came off the press.

In Aug/Sept 1982 the *Leader* outlined an editorial policy which aims to: "help Scouters understand boys and the world as it affects the development of youth; help Scouters understand the aims and policies of Boy Scouts of Canada; help Scouters do their jobs through the provision of program aids; build enthusiasm for Scouting; and inform Scouters and committee personnel of national and international Scouting developments and events". This description of purpose gives both a summary of the magazine's past service and a reaffirmation of the promise it made in November 1923.

Although much has changed in 60 years, much remains. Boys are basically the same creatures they've always been. Scouting's original aims and principles hold fast, and the *Leader*, now a hearty 40-page adult, continues to serve people who are vitally involved with the future of both. A

Memories of Kathmandu



Taking a breather.



Some parts of the trail were a little tricky.

For armchair travellers who followed progress vicariously on the news, memories of the Canadian Mt. Everest climb last fall may be dimming. For two Venturers and two Rangers from Canada, the Everest expedition made memories likely to last a lifetime.

Sponsored by Air Canada, Venturers Dave Stack and Steve Williams of Calgary, and Rangers Alexia Minton, Calgary, and Lisa Jones, Lower Sackville, N.B., flew to Nepal for a trek up to the base camp of the Canadian climbing team. Although still on the trail when the Canadians made their successful summit assault, they arrived in time to deliver much welcomed "up-to-date mail" and to help dismantle the camp.

A year later, the Venturers vividly recall details of the month-long trip, which included tours of London and New Delhi. "The flight (from India) to Kathmandu, Nepal, was only about an hour long, but the difference between the two cities was indescribable," they said. "After the extreme heat of New Delhi, we found it comfortable in Kathmandu. The green colours were a relief to our eyes after the dry, burnt colour of New Delhi."

They spent a few days touring Kathmandu and the surrounding country, by bicycle to "get back in shape after spending so much time in

planes", then flew to Lukla (9,000 ft.), the start point of their trek to base camp. It was "a somewhat harrowing landing on a bush strip perched on the side of a mountain," they recalled.

From there, accompanied by "a cook, a cook's helper, a guide and a sardar (he ensures that everything runs smoothly and looks after any disputes)", they made slow upwards progress stretched over a period of eight days "to help our bodies acclimatize to the altitude". Their gear carried by yaks (animals they describe as being like domesticated cattle), they hiked in short bursts with light packs "containing only the minimum required for the day: water and spare clothes".

"The terrain that we covered during the trip to base camp was indescribable," the Venturers said. "Days were not measured in miles or kilometers, but in hours. It would take us two or three hours to go two miles but, in that two miles, we would gain 3,000 vertical feet."

Happy not to have missed the Canadian climbers, who were breaking camp after their successful summit ascent, the Venturers and Rangers "helped to catalogue all the gear which was to go back out to 'civilization', and to collapse some of the tents". After a few hours, the 17,000 ft. altitude began to tell on all of them, and it was a relief to start down, a trip which took only half the time of the upward trek. "Our bodies were adjusted to the altitude, we were a bit more used to the native food, and it was downhill," the Venturers explained.

Before their flight home, the four representatives of Canadian Scouting and Guiding spent a week touring Kathmandu and its surroundings. Their experiences included a seven hour 200 km trip to the village of Pokara in a local bus which "had everything (travelling on it, even a goat)".

When they were offered the opportunity to be part of the Everest expedition, these young people knew it was a "chance of a lifetime". As they remember the warmhearted people they worked and visited with, the sights and experiences met in distant lands, and the challenge of the base camp trek itself, they're very happy that they took the chance.

Pack Outings

story and photos by Paul Ritchi



The ads in the local newspaper caught everyone's eye. For \$15.00 a person, CP Air offered a 45 minute sightseeing trip from Toronto to Niagara Falls and back on a DC 10-30 jumbo jet.

The leaders quickly agreed that it was an opportunity of a lifetime. A hasty poll of our Cubs showed that 70% of the boys had never been on an airplane. And so we launched a flurry of arrangements to ensure that all interested boys could fly — including those whose families needed help to pay for the adventure.

On the big day, our planned departure time from the meeting hall was 6:15 a.m. Some parents reported their sons so excited that they were up, in uniform, and ready to go at 4:30 a.m.!

They weren't disappointed. The pilot made spectacular passes and sharp turns over the falls and the flight was all it promised to be. Before we knew it, we were landing again in Toronto but the enthusiasm carried through as the boys toured other aircraft, a static display, and control and service facilities.

Many packs never go on outings. What a shame! Pack outings can play a major role in the pack program. What better way to promote or complete a badge or star? What better way to expose Scouting to the public eye and add variety and adventure to the Cubbing experience.

A pack outing is an opportunity to take boys away from the normal meetings or activities to a special place of interest to boys of Cub age. When you and your leadership team sit down to plan your overall program, discuss various possible outings. Decide on places to go and set

Advise parents of your plans as far in advance as possible. Include basic information about dates, times, transportation, what to bring, costs (if anything), dress (full uniform whenever possible), program, and the name of someone they can contact for additional information.

Ensure that a first aid kit is available on all outings. Set up a system to make sure you can account for all boys at all times. Cubs being Cubs, it means there's always a possibility that one or two stragglers will be left behind. Assign one leader to be a back-up person who can drive home with any boy who may become sick.

Pack Outing Suggestions

The places you can go with your Cubs are limited only by your resources and determination. Consider these four possibilities:

- the local fire department; police department;
- a harbour and/or large ship;
- Canadian Armed Forces facilities;
- boat/car/sportsman shows;
- a train ride (e.g. on the GO train in Ontario); plane ride;
- local tourist attractions;
- a concert of interest to boys of Cub age;
- a puppet show;
- an airshow;
- a hobby shop; pet shop;
- a farm; horse stables; maple sugar bush; animal shelter;
- a hospital; library; museum;
- a park for an afternoon of games and a cookout;
- a visit to another pack/group;
- a visit to a Brownie pack (if you are daring!);
- a bicycle hike;
- a hockey, baseball or soccer game.



dates. Share the workload by giving different leaders the responsibility of organizing and directing particular outings.

Planning

Of course, it's not just a matter of saying, "Let's go!" There are a number of things to keep in mind as you prepare for an outing.

Set specific goals. Decide where you want to go and what you and your Cubs want to see and do when you get there.

Contact the necessary people. Make a verbal agreement and ensure that all questions about costs, dates, times and program are answered.

Follow up the verbal agreement with a letter to confirm the details.

Arrange for transportation. Will leaders or parents drive the boys or will you charter a bus? If you go the bus route, shop around for the best price and reserve the vehicle when you find it. Make sure you get written confirmation of your reservation.

Give It a Go

Do boys enjoy pack outings? You bet, and they tell us it's because "it gives us a chance to see things that we haven't seen before... and I probably never would have seen them in my life!"

Remember that, when you and your boys are on a pack outing, you are on public display. Your boys' behaviour and dress will have a great impact on the impression of Scouting held by members of the public who see them and their leaders in action.

When you plan well and your boys know what you expect from them, pack outings both enrich your program and strengthen the bonds between Scouting and the community.

1st Neebing Voyageur Brigade

They Dare to be Different

by Linda Florence



Loading the canoe.



Boarding a dignitary.

The company's aim "is to compliment all existing goals of Scouting with the added challenge of learning local history by living it".

On July 1, 1982, a group of voyageurs set a birch bark canoe into the Rideau Canal near the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, loaded it with trade goods, boarded some top-hatted dignitaries, and departed for "the fur trade area" amid cheers from an estimated 7,000 spectators.

Members of the crowd, who later visited the voyageur camp set up at the Canadian Canoe Festival on Victoria Island in the Ottawa River, found themselves in an authentic 1820's milieu talking to a bright 1980's company of Venturers from Thunder Bay, Ontario.

The 1st Neebing Voyageur Brigade is a Venturer company which, in 1976, adopted as a theme the history

of the voyageurs and the fur trade. The company's aim, says publicist Arnold Paradis, "is to compliment all existing goals of Scouting with the added challenge of learning local history by living it".

A number of factors led the 1st Neebing towards their historical approach. The Scout troop established by the group in 1951 became noted not only for traditional outdoor pursuits and community service, but most particularly for adventurous canoeing. Close to their meeting place stood Old Fort William, a historical site operated by the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

"It was natural, therefore, that the troop should be enthusiastically

impressed by the bicentennial voyageurs of Elgin, Illinois, who participated in the 1976 Rendezvous at Old Fort William," Mr. Paradis said. "This American Scout group developed outdoor skills and added an interest in history and the voyageur who first discovered the waterways of the great northwest. 1st Neebing realized that they had a unique 'classroom' in which to explore their heritage... Old Fort William and all the historic waterways which are right in their own backyards."

Since then, the relationship between the 1st Neebing and the Fort has been close. "The brigade has been involved with every opening, closing and pageant held at Old Fort William since the fall of 1976," Mr. Paradis said. In turn, museum officials provide the company information on costuming and equipment, and offer them a meeting place.

The boys, who may include 1st



Four members of the brigade receive their Chief Scout's award from Jim Blain, chief executive at National Headquarters.



Pack racing.



A pow wow at the authentic encampment on Victoria Island.

Neebing troop members who've achieved the Voyageur Scout level, make their own paddles and "authentic voyageur costumes" as field uniforms. They develop traditional Scouting skills in camping, canoeing, knotting and cooking along with knowledge of fur trade history, and they have been regularly invited to participate in various historical activities in both Canada and the U.S.

During their encampment in Ottawa, the Venturers entertained more than 5,000 people with voyageur activities and songs. They cooked over open fires using period equipment and utensils and played the kinds of games the voyageurs enjoyed during their rest-stops. At any time you might have seen them indulging in Indian wrestling, pack racing or axe throwing contests.

With their three 25-foot canoes, they also competed in Festival challenges: a canoe race; a canoe handling

"We received expressions of amazement that this could be done by Boy Scouts."

program which included a figure of eight, a vertical draw, a 180° turn, a lateral displacement and the loading of a voyageur canoe; and the judging of costumes and a routine for displaying them. "We placed a very respectable fifth out of 15 teams," Mr. Paradis said.

"This was a great experience for the boys and their families, and also, obviously, for Ottawa," he continued. "We received many compliments on our camp and expressions of amazement that this could be done by Boy Scouts."

Their stay included numerous tours of the area, "always in voyageur costume" which attracted "many startled looks". To top off a list of

memorable experiences, they visited National Scout Headquarters where four of the boys received their Chief Scout awards from Boy Scouts of Canada Chief Executive Jim Blain.

The colourful Venturer company continues to represent Scouting during ceremonies at Old Fort William and in many other areas. Most recently they took part in the historical re-dedication of a century-old church on Lake Helen Indian Reserve, and accepted an invitation from the Ontario government to participate in the official opening of Minaki Lodge.

Through these activities and trips like their excursion to Ottawa, the 1st Neebing Voyageur Brigade is proud to provide "national exposure to Scouting and the spirit of Scouting in a unique way".

Many thanks to Arnold Paradis, who shared information, news and photos of the 1st Neebing Voyageurs with the Leader. X

Bobouscka~ a Christmas Play

by David Goss

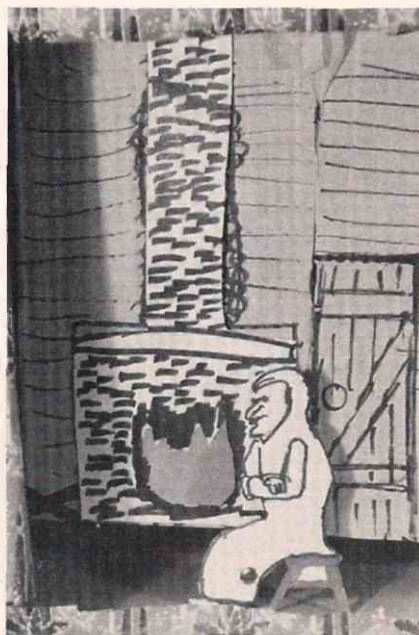
As I reached into the duffle bag this month, I was conscious of the complaint, heard from time to time, that the **Leader** does not present seasonable items early enough. And, while Christmas may seem far off, the celebration has already begun. It will continue to gather speed over the next few weeks and, if you're going to be prepared, the time to start is now!

With all that in mind, I've selected a successfully tested little puppet play based on the Russian folk legend of Bobouscka, the old woman who brings gifts to Russian children at Christmas. Preparation time is minimal and making the stick puppets and the backdrop can be part of the Beaver or Cub craft program. Scout troops might consider mounting this production and giving it as a "gift" to Beaver colonies or Cub packs in their area. Scouters can build the balance of their Christmas program around this legend using appropriate treats, children's games and costumes. Or, given sufficient lead time, troop members can research these items at the library and present an all-inclusive program to go with the play.

Since I wrote the script myself, the poetry is just passable, and can be improved by those of you who have more feeling for such matters.

Production Notes

Bobouscka, a wrinkled old Russian woman, is said to have refused to accompany the wise men on their journey to see the Christ Child on that first Christmas nearly 2000 years ago. Her story can be the subject of a simple, yet interesting, stick-puppet play. All you need is a cardboard box to serve as the stage and background, three cardboard Bobouscka characters (sitting before her fire, sweeping her home, wandering through the snow), and three cutouts to represent the wise men. Make simple drawings of figures 10 or 12 inches high (25-30 cm).



Scene 1

As the poem is read, the players insert the puppets at the appropriate times. You can use a single narrator, but it is better to have different narrators to take the various parts. You can also craft much more elaborate puppets and scenery but, if you use what's shown, the whole production can be done by our youngest members. In fact, the work we photographed was done in part by my own children.

The little theatre is a box covered with wrapping paper. We cut out one of the larger sides and used the resulting cutout as the background scenery by hanging it from a slit in the top of the box. The fireplace is made of construction paper and taped in place for the first three scenes. It's then removed to convert the inside wall to an outside wall. In this final scene, use a tree or two to convey the idea of the outdoors. As the photo shows, we cut a door and a window in the backdrop. Of course, you can construct a more elaborate plywood set if you have several performances in mind.

Because the story of Bobouscka is not widely known, this simple presentation will add to everyone's awareness of the different Christmas customs around the world.

The Play

Scene 1: Bobouscka (pronounced Bo-Bush-Ka) sits before the fire.

Narrator:

December nights are dark and long,
And they can be so cold,
Especially in the Russian lands;
Especially when you're old.

One December night, long years ago,
A night when snow was falling,
When trees were snapping in the woods

And birds had stopped their calling,
A lady old sat in her home,
Her fire banked high with trees;
She wrapped herself in coat and shawl

So she would feel no breeze.
She thought of times, the warmer days,
When flowers bloomed and water lapped,

And feeling snug, content and warm,
She closed her eyes and napped.
And, as the night grew colder

And the midnight hour grew near,
She started at a noise outside,
Which filled her heart with fear.
What could it be at this late hour?
What beast was at her door?

She cringed in fear and listened hard,
Hoping to hear no more.

But, once again, loud and clear,
She heard footsteps come walking;
Then, on her door, a sudden thump =
A loud and violent knocking.
Bobouscka knew it was no beast,
Her heart began to soar;
She crossed the room,
threw up the latch,
And opened up her door.

Scene 2: The sitting Bobouscka exits and Bobouscka with the broom enters. She goes to door and, as the next verse is read, three wise men enter.

In stepped three men, their faces red,
Their cloaks all flecked with snow.
"Come by my fire," Bobouscka said,
"No further must you go."

"Nay," they said, "we must press on,
We've stopped for information;
We've precious gifts for a newborn
babe,

The future king in every nation.
Pray, have you heard of such a king,
For we have travelled far,
Led many months o'er many lands
By a brightly burning star."

"I know no king," Bobouscka said,
"For I am poor and all alone;
Nor have I seen this star aglow

Outside my simple home."

"Then come with us," the three men
said,
"The star is moving west;
You'll be much help along the road,
For you will know it best."

"Not tonight," Bobouscka said,
Taking broom in hand;
"I cannot leave my home a mess;
With such a journey planned.

When I've cleaned my house,
and tidied up,
I'll join you on your quest,
But I've some work I must do here,
And need a night of rest."



Scenes 2 and 3

Scene 3: Bobouscka sweeps as the wise men depart through the door. As the next verse is read, each passes by the window.

The strangers gathered up their
cloaks
And stepped into the night,
Bobouscka knew she should have
gone;

She knew it wasn't right
That she should tarry in her home
While they went on their way.

"But I am old," Bobouscka said,
"And must travel by the day.
When dawn breaks through
the thick night sky,

I'll join them on the road;
It can't be many miles from here
We'll find the King's abode."

Bobouscka tarried in her house,
She cleaned it high and low;
She rested well and, came the morn,
She set off through the snow.

Scene 4: Bobouscka goes outside with lamp. Strip fireplace off background and add two trees. As these verses are read, the old woman wanders back and forth in the foreground.

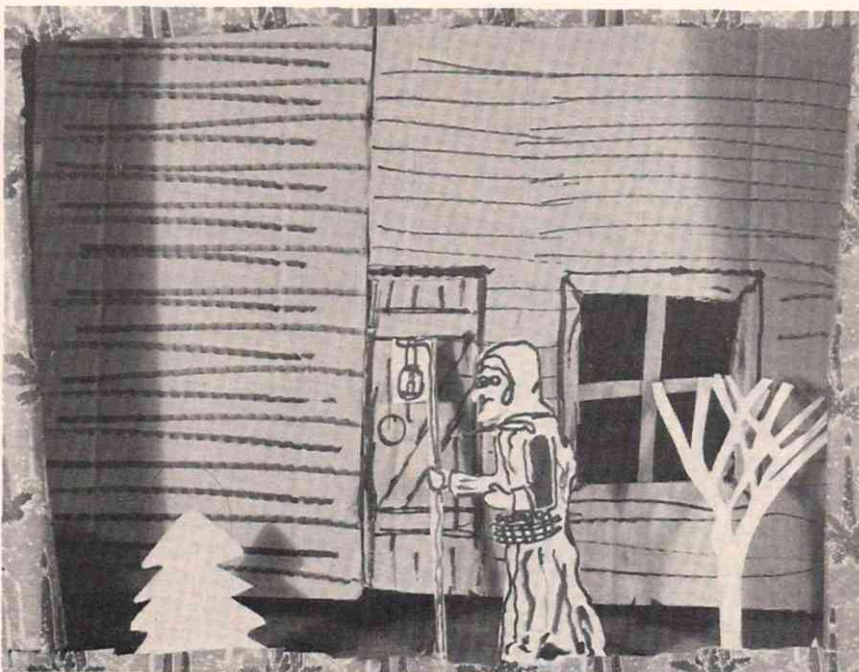
For many days she wandered
And searched with greatest care,
But never found the strangers
And their wondrous gifts most rare.
Bobouscka knew she must not stop,
She, too, had gifts to bring;
And so she checked in every home
Which might have housed the King.
And if, inside, she saw a child,
She stopped beside the door;
And quietly opening it, she placed
Some toys upon the floor.

It's said that every Christmas since,
Bobouscka travels through her land;
She hopes she'll find the baby yet,
So she can follow His command.
And still she carries on her arm
A basketful of toys,
And leaves them by the doorway,
For all good girls and boys.

Afterword

You can follow this presentation with a short question period about the play and its message. The very young may have problems understanding the play and it might be wise to repeat it after a few questions.

Here's another idea for Cubs. In sixes, they may be able to prepare the play and props and have a competition to see which group does the best job of presenting a performance. You might award prizes for best actor, actress, props, spirit, diction, and so on. Be sure to have "outside" judges. Such a contest can add to the fun of the evening. X



Scene 4

Christmas Crafts from the Past

by Linda Florence

November and December issues of the *Leader* have always featured Christmas ideas but, until the late 40's, crafts were not a big part of the offerings. No doubt handicrafts were taken for granted in an age when fewer manufactured goods were available. Rather than crafts, Christmas issues during the 20's and 30's emphasized "Good Turns" — particularly the large, well-organized and heavily promoted good turn of the Scout Toy Repair Shop.

"Can you think of a Scoutier Christmas Good Turn than making a number of little New Canadians happy on their first Christmas in Canada? This is our Jubilee Scout Toy Shop job," says the Dec. 1927 issue of THE SCOUT LEADER. "To date, announcement has been received of the opening of no less than 37 shops."

In the shops, Scouts applied their hand skills to repairing and painting used toys they'd collected. At Christmas, they delivered the refurbished items to needy families so that no child would experience "the tragedy of the empty stocking". During the grim years of depression and war, all forms of "Winter Relief" work kept Scouts busy collecting not only toys, but also clothing, footwear, firewood and food for families in need.

The value of handicrafts in Scouting began to take a higher priority in the Jan. 1950 issue, but the emphasis was on philosophy and theory rather than "how-to", perhaps because handicraft was still much a common part of everyday life. Magazine publicity about Scout Toy Shops also began to taper off in the 50's.

By mid-decade, more and more craft ideas appear in the *Leader* and, as a sign of prosperous times, the Dec. 1959 issue says of a short Toy Shop story, "Although the Scout Toy Repair Shop is not needed now as much as when it was first introduced, there is still a place for this wonderful activity."

Even today, toy repair shops have a place in Scouting. A Nov. 1981 *Editor's Notebook* item tells about the annual Scout Toy Shop in St. John's, Nfld., which first opened its doors in 1928 and continues to make Christmas a happier time for many children.

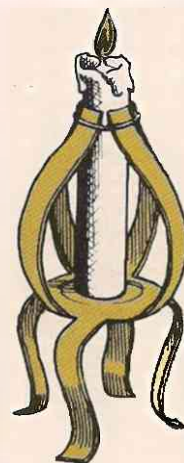
Both Good Turns and crafts are a part of today's Scouting during the holiday season. For the Christmas craft offering in our 60th anniversary issue, we've chosen some simple ideas for all ages from past issues of the *Leader*. Most of them appeared within the last 35 years, but we've steered away from very recent November and December issues. In some cases we've simply reprinted descriptions; in others we've rewritten in order to shorten and clarify directions or suggest variations.

Of course, Christmas is not the only December celebration which calls for gift-giving and decorating the home or meeting place. The craft article in the Nov. 1982 *Leader* provided ideas based on the traditions and symbols of both Christmas and Hanukkah, the *Festival of Light*. Many of our ideas are suitable for Hanukkah as well. Candle holders, decorated bottles, herb gardens and children's gifts of change purses filled with Hanukkah gelt can say either Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah. Candy chains and candy men, perhaps adapted so that the body is strung with golden chocolate coins, can add

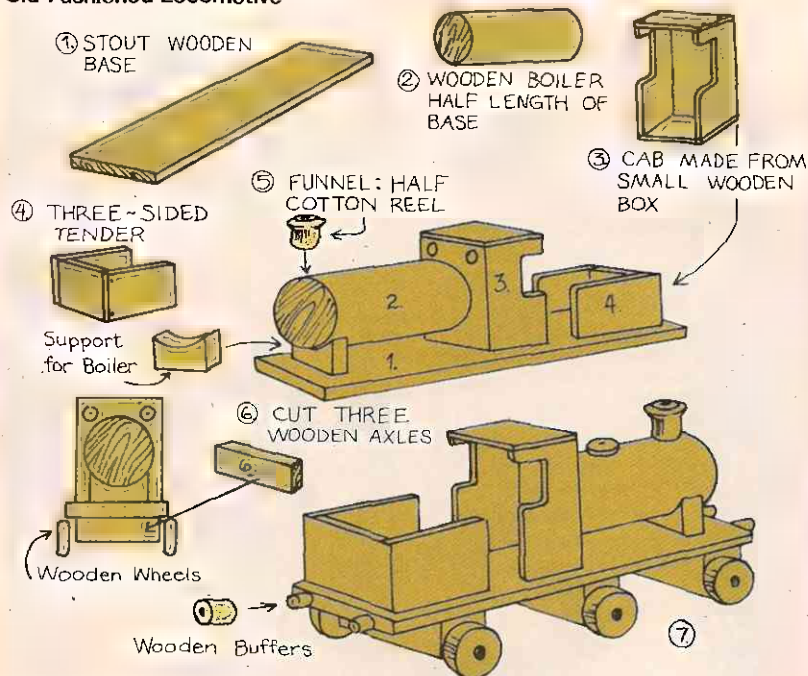
a festive air to both Christian and Jewish homes.

Give your boys the pleasure of making something as the basis of a good turn which says "thank you" to section or group supporters, "I love you" to members of their families, or "Happy Christmas" to shut-ins for whom the holiday season may often seem less than jolly.

Tin Can Candle-Holder



Old-Fashioned Locomotive



Gift Suggestions

Tin Can Candle-Holder — June 1944

Although the magazine offered no directions for this craft, the illustration is straightforward. Mark the rim of a clean tin can into eight evenly spaced segments. Use tin snips and care to cut down from each mark to the bottom of the tin. With pliers, fold down every second strip to make legs, and bend up the end of each to make flat feet. Using a candle as a sizer, twist a wire around the remaining strips to form the mouth of the candle-holder. Smooth all sharp edges with a metal file, and paint flat black or a holiday colour of your choice.

Old-Fashioned Locomotive — Nov. 1945

This relatively ambitious project to make from wood scraps was introduced by reminding Cubs they "can be most helpful in the operation of Boy Scout Christmas Toyshops. They can make simple toys... which make most acceptable gifts for small children..."

Today's Cubs who enjoy making Kub Kars and have a favourite toddler on their gift list, may want to try this "simple toy". Although the drawings need little explanation, the designer added a few instructions:

"Fig. 1... Use piece of wood at least half inch thick. Fig. 2 The ends of a sound scaffold pole would do, but rounding off a square piece of hardwood is better. Fig. 3... If you cannot get a box the size required, it is quite simple to make one... Fig. 5... If you want to make a good job of this, screw the parts together on the base, but do not forget to nail the support for the boiler on the underside of the boiler before fastening to the base.

"The funnel is just a cotton reel with one end cut off. The wheels, which can either be bought or cut out of thick plywood, should be fixed on with screws, a metal washer being placed between the wheels and the axle. Do not forget to make the holes in the wheels large enough to allow them to revolve quite easily. Smooth the whole with sandpaper and paint black and red or black and green..."

Decorative Bottles — Dec. 1968

It's simple and satisfying to make empty bottles and jars into interesting vases, piggy banks, pencil holders or knick-knacks. You need clean bottles or jars of various sizes, assorted colours of art tissue, white glue, water, paint brush, and spray plastic or shellac.

Tear tissue into different shaped pieces. Mix a half-and-half solution of white glue and water and brush the mixture all over the bottle, coating each with diluted glue as you go. Apply several layers of tissue, overlapping different colours. When satisfied, allow to dry thoroughly.

The tissue will fade as it dries. Restore the colours and provide a protective seal by spraying with plastic spray or coating with shellac.

Garden Gift — Dec. 1969

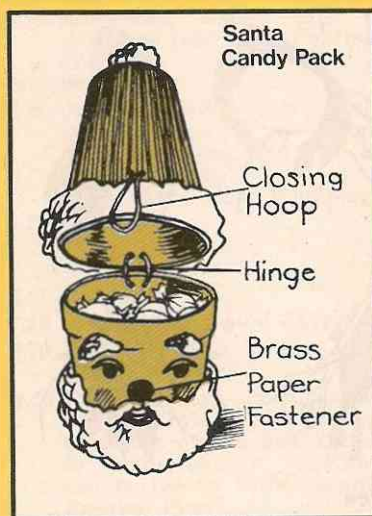
Have boys start a herb garden as a decorative and useful gift for Mom. They can make nice labels for the different kinds of herbs — parsley, rosemary, mint, thyme and dill, for example — and label a small plastic or clay pot for each type of plant. Or they can decorate tins or other containers (don't forget to make drainage holes) for each herb.

Even seeds planted near Christmas will be ready to transplant outside in May and, if the boys sow early, Mom will be able to use fresh herbs in her favourite recipes long before she could expect them to appear in the garden.

Santa Candy Pack — Nov. 1974

For each of these gifts you need two styrofoam drinking cups; one brass paper fastener; red tissue paper; cotton wool; small bits of coloured construction paper for eyes and mouth; white string; darning needle and heavy thread; and white glue.

Cover one cup with red tissue paper, smoothing and gluing down. Top with a cotton pom-pom and add cotton around the cup rim for Santa's hair. Use the needle and thread to sew the lips of the cups together in one spot with two big close stitches. This makes the hinge, so allow enough slack that it won't bind when you lift Santa's hat.



On the bottom cup, opposite the hinge and about 1/4" down from the rim, insert the brass fastener. It makes both Santa's nose and a button for closing the pack. On the top cup, about 1/2" from the rim and directly above the brass fastener, use needle and string to make a 1 1/2" loop knotted on the inside of the cup. This becomes the closing loop.

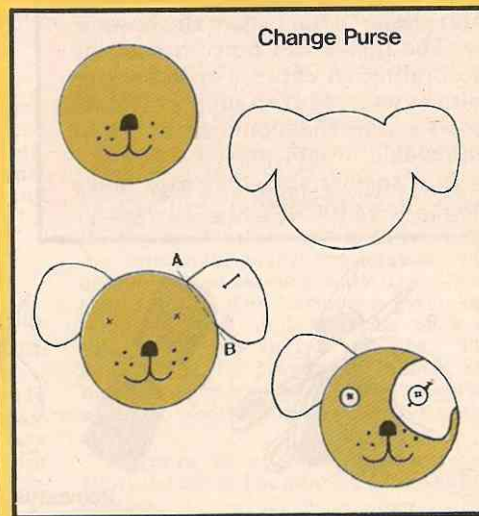
Glue on blue construction paper eyes and a smiling red mouth, and lots of cotton for Santa's beard. Fill with candy and give to someone you like.

Change Purse — Nov. 1977

For this happy gift, you need felt in two contrasting colours — red and white, for example; scissors; white glue and black felt-tipped marker; a pair of bright buttons; needle and thread to sew on buttons; and a styrofoam coffee cup or any 3" diameter circle for marking the pattern.

Tracing around the pattern or cup, draw one circle on red felt and another on white. Add ears to the white circle, then cut out both pieces. On the red circle, draw a nose and mouth as shown. Lay the face on the piece with ears and line it up so the ears poke out the top. Bend the right ear down over the face, and trim the red face piece across the line marked A-B to make the purse opening. Mark the position of the eyes with a felt pen so that you know where to cut a slit into the right ear for fastening the purse.

Make the size of the slit suit the size of the buttons you're using for eyes. Sew on the button eyes. Younger boys can glue and older ones can sew the two pieces of felt together. Remember not to glue the purse opening closed. Let glue dry well, put in a lucky penny, and close the purse by fastening the button through the buttonhole in the ear flap.



Sawdust Beads — Jan. 1978

Beavers or Cubs might want to make a bead necklace or bracelet for someone. Mix together equal parts sawdust and glue or sawdust and flour and water to make the molding material. With fingers shape beads around a soda straw or some other kind of stick which will leave them with holes in the centre. When beads are thoroughly dry, remove them from the straw and paint first with a white wash, then with colour. Acrylic paints are best. To seal and brighten, finish with a coating of varnish, shellac or liquid plastic. When dry, the beads are ready to string.

Gift Wrap — Nov. 1961

It's nice to wrap homemade gifts in homemade wrapping paper. Fill a flat pan with boiling water and shave thin slices of various coloured crayons over the surface. As soon as the crayon shavings melt, draw plain paper through the water underneath them. The melted shavings will stick to the paper as it's drawn through and produce a pretty marbled effect.

Decorations

Poinsettia Tree — Nov. 1958

The Poinsettia Tree can easily be made at home or in the pack or troop meeting. Here's what is needed:

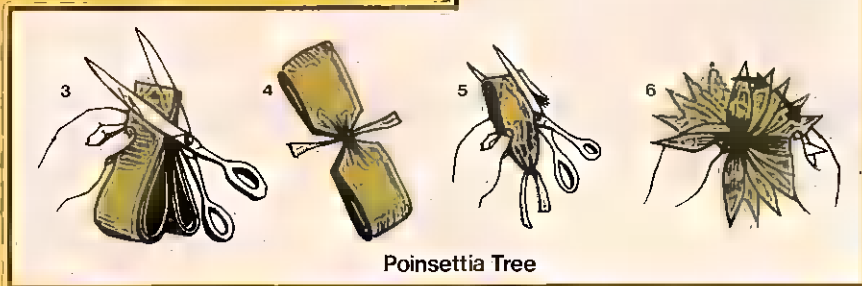
1. Some old twigs and branches
2. White paint (small can of enamel or spray paint)
3. Red and yellow sashen ribbon

"Spray or paint the branches. Construct a dozen or more poinsettia bows according to the instructions in the diagrams. Each bow can be made by using less than a yard of ribbon.

"Arrange branches, using molding clay to hold them in place on a dish or tray. For a more permanent display, branches can be set in plaster. A coffee can filled with sand does just as well. Attach poinsettia bows to the branches. Don't spare the bows.

"The theme can be continued by decorating an entire Christmas tree with bows. Make a supply of larger bows and tie them on the tree just as you would ornaments.

In a smaller size, they also make pretty bows for special gift boxes.



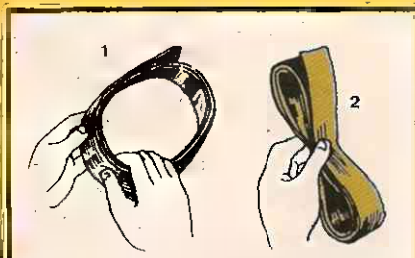
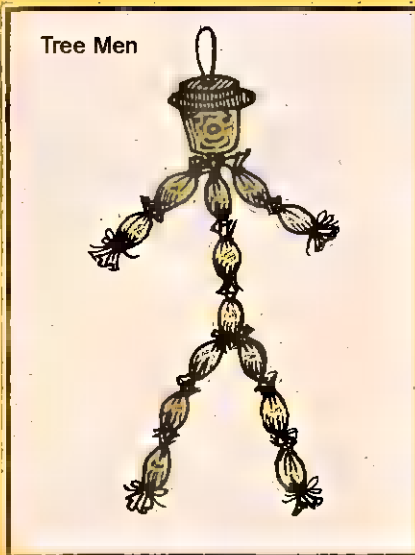
Poinsettia Tree

Tree Dangles — March 1960

Paint empty thread spools in bright colours and decorate with sequins, stars, beads or glitter. Run ribbon through a button and pull up through the hole in the spool. Tie on the tree.

Tree Men — December 1958

For each man, you need an empty thread spool, a bit of cardboard for a hat brim, felt-tipped pens for drawing on a face, 10 wrapped candies, a small two-holed button and sturdy thread. Chip off the rims of the spool and sandpaper it smooth. Fit a cardboard ring around the spool as a hat brim, then paint spool top and brim the same colour, preferably the colour of the candies. Add face features. To make the body, tie together the candies with thread. Lead a double thread at the neck up through the holes in the button and the hole in the spool. Tie in a loop at top for hanging. Some may prefer to make candy ladies using wool or cotton wool for hair.



Christmas Star or Flower — Dec. 1964

Cut a cardboard crown shape with a 3" base for the pattern. From coloured construction paper, cut a 3" square for the centre of each star and at least eight crown shapes. Tape or glue one crown shape to each edge of the square to make the basic star.

Curly back the edges of four single crowns and tape each together at the back. Glue the curled crowns to the large star so that they meet at the centre and extend up the middle of each crown.

You can make the curled crowns a different colour than the base star if you wish, and you can turn the star into a flower by adding four other curled single crowns. Glue them from the centre of the main star so that they extend between the crowns of the main star. Some may choose to make a very elaborate flower by adding further layers of petals.

Finish off with some glue and glitter, or glue two completed stars or flowers back to back and hang them from the ceiling.

Boys might also try making smaller versions of these stars from Christmas wrap or wide satin ribbon to use as decorations on gift boxes.



Candy Chains — November 1978

Small hands sometimes find stringing popcorn difficult. Beavers will have an easier time making colourful and edible candy chains for the tree. Provide big bowls full of miniature marshmallows and gumdrops, and give the boys large blunt darning needles and sturdy thread to string the candies and mallows together alternately in a chain.

Christmas and Hanukkah come but once a year, and they are very special occasions with rich offerings for your program, your boys and you. Plan ahead so that you can take full advantage of all the possibilities in this happy season. /A

Troop Meeting Suggestions

SCOUTING is a Game—An Interesting Prepared-Beforehand Program
It is recreational education—learning while playing.
Is the Secret of the Successful Weekly Scout Meeting—Also the Easiest for the Scoutmaster

This is the never absent keynote of the weekly meeting of the successful Boy Scout Troop.

It is a busy meeting from start to finish, with something new each week: a new way of doing old things, such as a new idea in a patrol first aid competition, or a new game. Also a new story, and a new brief talk pointing some principle in Scouting during the Scoutmaster's "five minutes."

To the new Scoutmaster this may seem a difficult standard to maintain. In reality it presents few difficulties with a Troop organized on proper lines—including the Patrol System and the Court of Honour—and where a Scoutmaster will spend a little time regularly in studying the helps offered in this and other publications, and the books mentioned elsewhere under **The Scoutmaster's Bookshelf.**

Particular Points

Make certain that your weekly meeting is held on an evening when the majority of your boys can attend.

Commence not later than 7.30 p.m. and finish sharp at not later than 9. Make sure that no boy is home later than 9.30; earlier if possible.

Be on hand 10 or 15 minutes ahead of time to see that the Patrol Leaders or the Duty Patrol have everything in readiness at least five minutes before the opening hour.

Always start exactly on time.

Have a word with each Scout as he arrives, shaking hands or saluting. When saluting always salute first if possible.

A Good Opening

A few minutes before Flag Break, Patrol Leaders fall in their patrols in corners, and call the roll. On signal from the Assistant Scoutmaster they lead their patrols to positions in the horseshoe about the flag, stand them at ease and make attendance report to the Troop Leader. The T. L. passes it on to the A.S.M.

On the stroke of the hour the Scoutmaster makes his official appearance, and the troop is called to the alert by the A. S. M. On a nod from the Scoutmaster the flag is broken out, by the Troop Leader, and the troop salutes. The Scoutmaster calls for the "Scout Silence," and all stand with head bowed and eyes closed for twenty seconds.

The Scoutmaster then stands the troop at ease, and proceeds to inspect each patrol in turn. The P. L. of the patrol inspected walks around with the Scoutmaster, and each Scout come to the alert as the Scoutmaster reaches him, and returns to "at ease" as soon as he passes on.

The Inspection

When inspecting it is well to remember such details as hair, clean face, neck, hands and nails, boots, and

Program Here Given as Scheduled by Court of Honour.

- 7.10 Scout room opened by Assistant Scoutmaster or Troop Leader.
- 7.15 Duty Patrol arrives, and makes room ready, including preparation by P.L. of flag for breaking.
- 7.25 Balance of troop arrives.
- 7.30 Horseshoe formation about flag. Flag Break. Scout Silence. Inspection.
- 7.35 Patrol Corners, three 15 minute periods: 1. First Aid. 2. Friction Fire. 3. Signalling.
- 8.20 Inter-patrol Games: Shoe identification.
- 8.35 Open air game: Hare and Hounds.
- 8.45 Council Fire: Talk and story by Scoutmaster.
- 9.00 Announcements. Prayer. Lower flag. Dismiss. Duty Patrol tidies up room.
- 9.10 Court of Honour.

Program Variations

No. 1

- 7.35 Noisy game: Under Bridge. (This is a Patrol competition, and a good one.)
- 7.50 Horseshoe, seated—Dr. Jones on Pressure Points. (Hold to 20 minutes.)
- 8.10 Instructional game, "Compass," all taking part; competitive if desired.
- 8.25 Patrol Corners—Patrol Leaders in Charge: Owls, First Aid, Beavers, Sand tracking. Crows, Tenderfoot Instruction. Antelopes, The Flag.
- 8.45 As usual.

No. 2

- 7.35 Kelly Says. (Formation practice and warming up.)
- 7.50 Horseshoe, seated—Fire Chief. (Use and care of fire extinguishers.)
- 8.10 Relay race.
- 8.25 Patrol Corners—P.L.'s. in charge: Owls, Knots for use in rescue work. Beavers, Artificial respiration. Crows, First Aid Bandages. Antelopes, Whipping and Splicing.

No. 3

- 7.35 Dodge Ball.
- 7.50 Horseshoe, seated—Axemanship.
- 8.10 Sand Tracking. (Patrol competition.)
- 8.25 Patrol Corners—Patrol Leaders in charge: Owls, Model fires. Beavers, Care of axe and knife, how to handle, etc. Crows, Knots for use in rescue work. Antelopes, Friction Fire.

other little points which go to make up the tidy Scout. Praise where praise is due, and remember that a chaffing remark to a boy whose hair needs cutting—"looks like a haystack; get it cut before next meeting, there's a good chap"—is going to have much more effect than a sharply spoken "Hair too long! Get it cut!"

Patrol Corners

As soon as each patrol has been inspected its P. L. leads it to its corner. There the dues, if any, are collected, and the P. L. proceeds with the instructional or practice work arranged for at the preceding Court of Honour.

If the Patrol Leaders have been properly trained they should be left to carry on with little or no supervision, the period being used by the Scoutmaster to take care of some of the miscellaneous matters always requiring attention.

"Patrol corners" may be continued for three consecutive fifteen-minute sessions, the P.L.'s. themselves changing the subject at the time scheduled.

Continuous Patrol Contest

Most successful troops run a continuous patrol contest, of two months' duration, or for three periods ending at Xmas, Easter and the opening of the summer camping season. Each week points are given or subtracted on inspection, games, inter-patrol contests, training and passing of recruits, etc. The A.S.M. may be delegated to mark the board, or other form of visible record; which should occupy a prominent place on the wall.

Inter-Patrol Contests

These may be put on at the conclusion of patrol corners, and may consist of such contests as: 15 minutes in which to think up and list uses of the Scout staff; a series of 2 minute boxing bouts; nose, ear or shoe identification; some variation of Ann's game; advanced knotting; first aid problems, etc.

In awarding points a good system is to give 1 to the patrol in last place, 2 to the next, etc. Each patrol is thus encouraged by some addition to its patrol contest total.

Don't Omit Games

When possible, follow inter-patrol contests with a short open air game. For a fine cold night a modified form of Hare and Hounds is recommended: Each patrol selects one Scout as hare, the remainder being the hounds. The hounds may capture only their own patrol hare. The hares are given one minute's start, and must be back at the club rooms in ten minutes. The game must be played in silence, the hounds if necessary communicating with one another by their secret patrol signs.

If yours is a city or town troop, limit the game boundaries to the safest streets.

A Nice Thought

by John Sweet

Far be it from us to induce you to act out of character in your delicate relationship with your patrol leaders' council, but how would it be if you suggested that they might like to provide and serve the light refreshments at the next meeting of the group council? Hot sausage rolls, wafer-thin sandwiches, selected chocolate biscuits and lashings of scalding hot coffee with dainty paper doilies to swab up the drip — absolutely marvellous!

The timing of this gracious act would, of course, have to be studied with great care. It could so easily be misunderstood if, for instance, it coincided with a request for a special allocation of group funds or a massive turnout of private transport to take the over-14 age group to some distant activity centre. No, no. Be discreet. Let it be seen as a spontaneous tribute from the boys themselves. No one will believe you, of course, but they will be so captivated by the boyish charm of their young hosts that nothing else will matter.

It's a nice thought, anyhow, as I think all present will agree.

Have-A-Bash Ideas

As we mentioned quite recently, we think this may be as good a time as any to revive the good old "Have-a-Bash" activity which was devised by the Cambridge University Scout and Guide Club in 1966 (a vintage year).

The idea is to have a wide variety of non-competitive activities on offer to the troop, so that customers may range at will, trying their hands at whatever may tickle their fancy.

Each Scout should be given a classified list on which he can tick off the items as he completes them to his own satisfaction. The activities themselves should be classified under such headings as are shown in the specimen list below, with a Scouter in charge of all the necessary equipment or impedimenta on tap.

To be honest, we feel that our own (1966) "Have-a-Bash" may be a bit stereotyped, and we are anxious for some new ideas. Perhaps you could give the matter some thought and let

us have a few suggestions.

Physical Dexterity

1. Stand on one leg blindfolded for one minute without moving from a given spot marked out with chalk on the deck.
2. Hold a Scout staff or other light spar horizontally with both hands in front of you. Swing it back and forward six times and jump over it without leaving hold.
3. Balance a Scout staff on the tip of one finger for one minute.
4. Skip 30 forward and 30 backward without stopping.
5. Do 15 press-ups, clapping your hands on the rise.

Scoutcraft

1. Demonstrate the principle of the parbuckle, the Spanish Windlass and the Harvester's Hitch.
2. Demonstrate the fireman's lift and (with a companion) the four-handed seat.
3. Put a knee bandage on your own knee.
4. Set a map with a pocket compass and read a given map reference.
5. Estimate the height of a given feature in the locality (tower, spire, tree, flagstaff, telegraph pole...)

General Proficiency

1. Change the wheel of Skip's old banger.
2. The electric light has fused. Show how you would deal with it.
3. Demonstrate how to sharpen a clasp knife with a carborundum stone.
4. You will be required to direct a stranger from one point in the town to another not less than a quarter of a mile away.
5. Demonstrate the proper use of three garden tools.

Arts and Crafts

1. Recite two verses from any poem from memory.
2. From memory, draw the outline of the highest building in the locality.
3. Name the colours of the spectrum.
4. Produce a clear print of your own left thumb.
5. With your thumb nail, tap out on the table the rhythm of any two well-known songs.

L.F.I.Q.

Here is an Intelligence Test for troop Scouters old and young. Kindly answer the following questions to the best of your ability, awarding yourself 20 points for each correct answer: correct, that is, in your own judgment. The total will give you your L.F.I.Q. Rating out of 120. And, whatever the result, *please don't worry*. Our movement is full of nut-cases.

1. A young untrained Scout finds himself alone in the middle of the Lord Lieutenant's estate on a fine summer morning. The LL is a great friend of Scouting but is known to be a fanatic about trees. The parkland is deserted. The birds are singing in the trees. The Scout is on top of the world. He sees that some kind person has left a razor-sharp felling-axe sticking in a log. There are several choppable trees within easy distance — an indifferent elm, a weedy birch and a fine, healthy beech. Which tree would the Scout bash first? Whose fault would it be?

2. In the 33rd Uptight Troop, the choice of troop night games is left to the boys themselves. Which single game would the troop play night after night after night after night?

3. You find yourself in the loft where you store all your camping and training equipment. Everything is ship-shape. You examine the cordage and see that every rope-end is stoppered with a neat sailmaker's whipping. Tools are bright and sharp, with all cutting edges masked. Tents, cooking pots, stoves and other items of camping gear are all as they should be. You pinch yourself to see if you are dreaming. What do you find?

4. From the following list, select two items only for a weekend survival exercise for your patrol leaders: beans, bangers.

5. One day in camp, Scout Leader Smart called his boys together and said, "What would you rather do or go fishing?" What was their reply?

6. State which, if any, of the following campfire stunts would NOT come up fresh as paint at your next campfire: *The Three Corpses* (that's the one where the first and second corpses sit up one after the other to say that they took poison because Mary at the Dairy refused to marry them, while the third... yes, that's the one); *Up Periscope* (that's the fine old water-down-the-sleeve one); and, of course, *The Family Secret* (there ain't no Santa Claus).

Fashion Note

I sent my Grenfell jacket to the dry cleaners and, when it came back, the zip-fastener had jammed.

Only those who have had to keep vigil in the middle of the East Anglian fens on a wintry Saturday afternoon, waiting for six patrols to show up in the course of a Wide Game, will be able to sympathize with me fully in my plight.

Then, up spake Roger Almond, a talented young assistant Scouter from Wisbech. Said he, "All you have to do is to rub the zippers with the point of a soft pencil."

Which I did.

And it worked.

And has served me well on several occasions since.

A Stunning Success

"Dear John," Scout Leader Don Brown of the famous 32nd Huddersfield (Dalton) Scout Troop wrote to us the other day, "I have just read OTL (June/July '83) where you invite Scouters to send in a copy of any troop night program which turned

out to be a stunning success. Perhaps I should explain that, at the moment, I am just recovering from a family camp we held last weekend. Everybody enjoyed it. Final result:

"One Scout Leader with back locked with muscular rheumatism;

"One Assistant S.L. with bad case of food poisoning;

"Another A.S.L. with mild case of ditto (still talking into great white telephone, if you know what I mean.)"

(Thinks: I don't really, but think I can guess.)

"However," Mr. Brown continues, "I managed to crawl down to headquarters for the weekly meeting and was just strong enough to hand a copy of the proposed program to the patrol leaders before crawling back home. My program included such novelties as melting ice-cubes, two-ball football, a first-aid stunt and the usual games.

"At 9:15, the duty patrol leader came to the house and sat on the sofa looking reasonably well-pleased with himself.

"Well?" I asked in a weak voice.

'How did it go?'

"What? Oh, you mean that piece of paper you gave us, Don. Er — we didn't do it. They all wanted to dash about a bit, so me and the other PLs put on a map-reading stunt instead. Lost two patrols altogether, but the other three got it all right. Everybody had a real time."

All of which seems to indicate that there is no real cause for concern in Huddersfield (Dalton) at the moment, though no doubt a few "Get Well Soon" cards would be appreciated.

Galloping Idea

Turning now, if we may, to the work sheet, it occurs to me, now that I've finished drawing the pesky thing, that it might be even better fun if more legs were added to the so-called "donkey", converting it into a species of centipede. Which, I wonder, will be the first Scout troop to claim the world record for sending the longest creature the longest distance before it disintegrates?

Claims, please, to this feature c/o the editor. X



Fire Hazard

by Gerry Giuliani

While many of you may not use charcoal or briquets for camping and outdoor activities, I know that some leaders do. They store away any remaining in the fall for next year, frequently in a church or school locker room with the rest of the unit's equipment. Insurance for churches and schools often does not cover loss of group equipment due to fire. Stored charcoal can be a fire hazard, as this article, adapted from the Safety Council of Canada's January 1982 news bulletin, shows.

Where Did We Leave the Charcoal?

If someone said that last summer's charcoal, put away damp from being left in the rain, could start a fire through spontaneous combustion, one's natural tendency would be to ask if that person was joking, or to suspect he or she had partaken of a holiday spirit to too great an extent.

But it's true.

Those cold, damp charcoal briquettes left over from the barbeque season can indeed start a fire if conditions are right. In fact, the National Research Council of Canada says the danger accompanying the wetting and subsequent drying of charcoal has been known for years.

They referred us to a booklet called *Spontaneous Heating*, published by the Fire Protection Association of London, England in 1957. The booklet notes that charcoal has a high tendency to spontaneous heating. "Hardwood charcoal must be carefully prepared and aged," it warns. "Keep dry and well ventilated. Avoid wetting and subsequent drying."

The National Fire Protection Ass. headquartered in Boston, Mass. has a publication called *Fire Protection Handbook* which, in the 1976 edition, explains in more detail.

"Under certain conditions, charcoal reacts with air at a sufficient rate to cause the charcoal to heat spontaneously and ignite. Charcoal made from hardwood by the retort method appears to be particularly susceptible. Spontaneous heating occurs more readily in fresh charcoal than in old material: the more finely divided it is, the greater the hazard.

"The principle causes of spontaneous heating of charcoal appear to be: lack of sufficient cooling and airing before shipment; charcoal becoming wet; friction in grinding of finer sizes, particularly of material insufficiently aired before grinding; carbonizing of wood at too low a temperature,

leaving the charcoal in a chemically unstable condition."

The average homeowner, having half a bag of charcoal left over at the end of the season, would seldom think of it as a fire hazard. Had it been left outside for a period and become damp before being moved indoors for the winter, the hazard is greatest. The Canada Safety Council believes the public should be warned of the potential hazards, because the danger can be minimized with reasonable precautions.

The dust sometimes associated with formed briquettes will not be used next season and can be discarded. This dust is indeed "fine particles". The remainder should be kept dry and should not be allowed to become contaminated with foreign combustibles. Storage should be in a dry, ventilated area well away from any heat source.

No wet or moist charcoal should be taken into a dwelling, even though the quantity contained in an average store-bought supply is not a substantial hazard. Wet charcoal is more risky than dry charcoal. Partly used charcoal which has been doused with water is best not retained.

The Council knows of no statistics showing how many fires have been caused in this manner. The number is probably not large, but many households do use the product without realizing that it requires some special care. An unheated, dry, metal-sided garden or tool shed, away from other structures, is probably the best storage place of all. X

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Beavers and Seniors

by Gerry Giuliani

Here's a great idea for the Christmas season offered by Marianne Foster from Dartmouth East District, Nova Scotia. A number of colonies in Marianne's district successfully participated in what proved to be memorable experiences. I'd like to pass on accounts of the different ways in which two colonies shared Christmas with senior citizens.



1st Port Wallace Beavers

From the onset, let me say you can always depend on Beavers to show the true meaning of their promise, law and motto.

Our project started with an idea at one of our planning meetings in September, when we decided to put the motto to work by involving some of the senior citizens in our community with the colony. We asked Rev. MacKillop to provide us a list of senior citizens who wouldn't have family around for the holidays. Once we had the list, we paired off each Beaver with a senior.

On one evening, the boys made invitations to our Christmas party and hand-delivered them to the seniors with our help. We wore full uniform and explained who we were and what we'd planned.

The next week, each Beaver made a Christmas placemat and napkin ring. We wrapped these so that Santa could give them to our guests at the party. We make it a point to help the boys with crafts when they ask, but our main purpose is to make sure it's always their craft and not ours. In the

meantime, the leaders made small gifts for the Beavers. Parents provided sandwiches, cookies and other goodies for the party.

Before supper on the big night, Beavers and their guests made small Christmas decorations and strung popcorn for the tree. After supper, everyone enjoyed a lively game of *Pass the Parcel*. We filled a shoebox with enough candy canes for all, wrapped it in about 15 layers of paper, and passed it around to music. Whenever the music stopped, the person holding the box removed a layer of wrapping. The person who unwrapped the final layer shared the treats inside with everybody.

We ended with a sing-song and Santa passed around gifts to Beavers and guests. Everyone was pleased, but none were prouder of the excellent behaviour of the boys than the leaders. Nothing better brings out the best in Beavers than the love and affection shown by seniors.

There was a sad part to the experience. We'd invited one senior for each boy, but not all came, even though we'd told them transportation would be available for them. Consequently,

some boys had no guests to call their own and, after planning, meeting, and expecting them, they were disappointed. But not for long. In the true spirit of their motto, they shared each other's guests.

This project has since been tried by other groups and sections and variations are possible. Instead of inviting guests to your hall, plan a visit to their homes, senior citizen homes or a hospital. The idea is suitable not only at Christmas, but for Easter, Valentine's Day, or just because it's Wednesday. It's not necessary to have a special day or reason to share with others the love of our boys.

2nd Woodlawn Beavers

Last Christmas our colony decided we would share our Christmas party with some residents in a senior citizens' home. We discussed the idea with our boys a few weeks in advance and asked them if they would be willing to do a chore for their parents for three weeks in order to earn 75¢ to buy the supplies needed to make a gift. We asked parents to pay the boys 25¢ a week for whatever chore they chose. As the boys handed in their first quarters, they were very proud to tell about the bed they'd made, the table they'd set, and so on.

During the following weeks, as they made their gifts, we prepared the boys for the visit. We asked them to think about the things senior citizens may have to use because of their ages — things like glasses, canes, wheelchairs and the like. Some boys expressed fears and we all discussed them.

Parents supplied sandwiches and sweets and some local companies donated small gifts for our parcels. Our leaders made sachets for the ladies.

Soon after arriving at the home, we held our opening and, with the help of a volunteer organist, sang carols.

We'd previously matched each boy with a senior citizen and now the boys presented their gifts.

After we'd served the food and held our closing, the boys circulated among their new friends to say good-bye — all signs of shyness gone. One Beaver walked up to a fellow in a wheelchair and said, "Hi, I would like to shake your hand."

When I looked at the man's face as he reached to take a small boy's hand, I knew our visit had been a big success. Certainly, for this man and the boys, it accomplished everything we'd hoped it would. A

Fun at the Pond

by Kay Warren

To help the *Leader* celebrate its 60th birthday this month, *Fun at the Pond* presents a collection of Beaver games and activities from past issues. With this special anniversary issue, we also approach the third birthday of *Fun at the Pond*, which first appeared in Dec. 1980. If your colony has a favourite game, song or activity, send it along and we'll share it with leaders across Canada.

Meanwhile, here's a look at some popular Beaver ideas from the *Leader's* past.

The Snowman: a Finger Play

Beaverfing began as an experiment in Winnipeg in 1972 and was adopted in November 1974 as an official Boy Scouts of Canada program. Here, from the November 1974 issue of the *Leader*, is one of the magazine's first finger play suggestions for Beavers.

There was a chubby snowman
With a carrot nose, (close right fist
and point index finger out)
Along came a bunny,
And what do you suppose? (index
and middle finger of left hand
touch thumb and open and close)
That funny little bunny,
Looking for his lunch, (look left and
right with "bunny" left hand)
Ate the snowman's carrot nose, (left
hand grabs finger of right hand)
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

River Rat

The *Leader's* editor, Bob Butcher, suggested this energy burning game for Beavers in the Jan. 1977 issue.

The game uses an area marked down the centre of the room to represent a river and is similar to musical

chairs. Have all the Beavers line up on one side of the room. Start the music and tell them to run back and forth across the room, touching the wall on either side. When the music stops, anyone caught in the river must do some crazy activity such as hopping on one-foot five times.

Songs

Beaver colonies seem to devour song suggestions. Here are two from the March '78 issue. The first was sent in by Donna Thomas of Sydenham, Ontario, and is sung to the tune of the *Caisson Marching Song*.

Beavers work, Beavers share.
Beavers learn to love and care.
We have fun as we swim along;
(Repeat first verse)

We help our families and
We help our friends.
That's what good Beavers do;
We are swimming from a kit
To a Beaver to a Cub,
We have fun as we swim along.

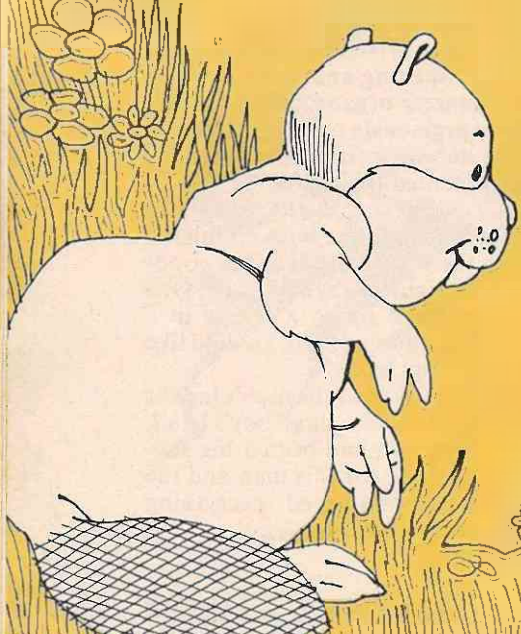
And this song comes from Christine Herring and Georgette Girard of Edmonton. Sing it to the tune of *The More We Get Together*.

The more we get together
In Beavers, in Beavers,
The more we get together,
The happier we'll be.

For Beavers make good friends
And Beavers, they share things;
The more we get together,
The happier we'll be.

The Beavers do ceremonies,
Both opening and closing;
The more we get together,
The happier we'll be.

The leader calls, "River banks."



Then, joining hands, we build
the dam;
The more we get together,
The happier we'll be.
We all feed the beaver
As Hawkeye calls out our name;
The more we get together,
The happier we'll be.
We all share in story time,
In craft time and play time;
The more we get together,
The happier we'll be.
The Beavers do their salute,
And shake with their left hand;
The more we get together,
The happier we'll be.
(repeat first verse to end)

More Games

From the December '78 issue, here are two more game suggestions, the first something special for the Christmas season.

Christmas Bell

Have the colony or lodge stand in a circle. Choose one Beaver to be "It", give him a bell, and stand him outside the circle. The Beaver who is "It" moves around the circle while all sing:

*Ring the bells for Christmas,
Ting-a-ling, ting-a-ling,
Ring the bells for Christmas,
Ting-a-ling.*

As the Beavers sing, "It" picks a Beaver in the circle, rings the bell behind him, drops the bell, and runs. The Beaver who has been chosen picks up the bell and tries to catch the other by running around the circle. If "It" reaches the empty place in the circle before he is caught, the Beaver who lost his place becomes "It" and the game continues.

Sharp Eyes

Have one of your leaders stand at the front of the room. Tell all the Beavers to look closely at the leader. Then tell them to close their eyes and turn around. The leader does something to change appearance, such as removing his or her hat or turning up a pant leg. The Beavers turn around again to look carefully and try to guess what is different about the leader.

The Santa Claus Stretch

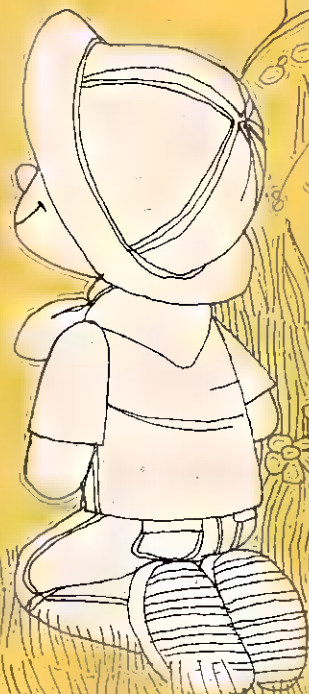
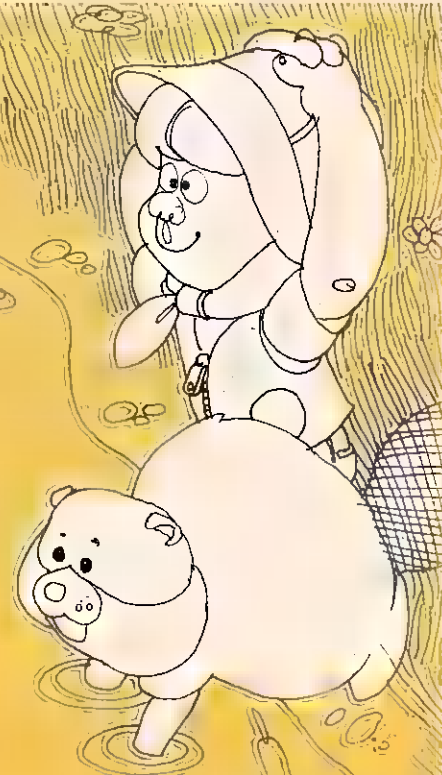
This activity appeared in last December's *Fun at the Pond*. Instruct the Beavers to follow the leader and suit actions to the words.

Santa Claus stood and
Stretched his arms out wide.
First he looked to his left,
Then to his right side,
Then down he bent
And wiped his boots so shiny,
Then turned around
To see his behiny,
But he couldn't see past
His great big sack,
So he had to give up
And turn right back;
Feeling much better,
He stomped his feet,
And plopped right down again
In his seat!

Christmas Wishes

And finally, here's a short verse for the holiday season which could be used at the end of a special Christmas meeting. It first appeared in *Beaver Happenings*, November '77.

Each light on this tree,
Is a wish you must hear,
Have a Very Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year. X



Spiritual Activities for Everyday

What's spiritual development? We don't need to get hung up on definitions, but we can set aside the habit of keeping spiritual development for religious occasions. There are spiritual elements in practically every happening: eating, discussing, running, woodworking, praying, playing, sunsets, rain, pain, joy.

Scout's Own

If we confine the idea of spiritual development to religious ritual, we miss the spiritual elements in everyday experiences, but religious ceremonies do have a part. Too often, though, we save them for specified "religious" days and established houses of worship.

Religious ceremonies can happen anytime, anywhere. Involve members in prayer, grace and Scouts' Own and encourage them to use their creativity.

Encourage boys to volunteer a component in the weekly prayer that is in addition to the essential religious content. It might be something they've read; something they want to show; some thoughts about a member who is sick or has done something special; a personal experience. It can be anything significant to the individual and appropriate to share in God's presence.

Sixes or patrols can take it in turn to conduct Scouts' Own. Let them

choose a place which will provide the focus or theme for the service. It might be a sculpture, a garden, a special tree or wood, a hilltop with a view, a fountain, a special building, a clearing in the inner city, a hospital — in short, any place significant to the patrol or six where it's possible to hold a short service. Having chosen the spot, they select prayers, songs, sayings or a yarn to reflect the significance of the place.

Sharing

Sharing is a rewarding experience at all ages. It is a central part of the Beaver program in the hope that, if young people experience its joys, sharing will become a way of life for them.

Provide opportunities for members to share their experiences after an activity, over a meal, at the end of a day around a campfire, or whenever and wherever it's appropriate. It's easier to start in small groups.

Encourage them to share their joys, disappointments, excitements, fears and newly acquired insights. Help them to encourage one another, give compliments and express appreciation.

Make these sharing moments informal and natural. Some may happen spontaneously; for example at a lakeside campsite after a day of canoeing when a boy remarks, "It's so

peaceful here — I wish we could stay forever."

At other times, an expression of your own reactions or a simple question might get the boys going. If nothing happens, leave it for another occasion.

Outdoors Experiences

Scouting takes young people out of doors where the beauty of nature and natural processes often evokes strong feelings of God's presence. Your words can focus their attention on the hand of God, but it's often a more meaningful spiritual experience if you help people discover and feel it for themselves.

While on a hike, just out for a walk, or resting on the top of a hill, watch the sun rise or set; look at the view, distances, lines and colours; watch for wildlife and the unexpected. You might imagine a different arrangement of nature; for example, what if the sky were green and the leaves red? You can explore feelings of aloneness, freedom, smallness and bigness, and encourage boys to share their ideas and feelings, or to take photos or make sketches to share later. If the feeling is there, you might gather together and sing a song.

The greatest contribution a leader can make to the spiritual development of young people is to present them opportunities to become aware of spiritual happenings and feelings, encourage their discoveries, and accept that the meaning of each person's experience is unique to that person. In this way, we can help individuals find and love themselves and their neighbours through finding, accepting and loving God. A

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Hobo Day

A spring weekend *Hobo Day* outing in a local park was a huge success with the 1st Plainfield Cubs of Roslin, Ont., Moira Valley District.

All boys and leaders came dressed in their oldest clothes and hats and carried broomsticks dangling bandana-wrapped lunches, reports Scouter Pat Isaac.

After a scavenger hunt, the boys improvised fishing poles from their broomsticks, string and bent pins, dug up some worms, and lined the river banks for some lazy fishing. The first boy to put in a line caught a bass.

The hobos then searched for wild edibles before cooking lunch, including cattails, hobo-style in cans over a fire. After lunch, one group of hobos made a lean-to shelter, another laid out a trail, and a third built a water

still and checked weather signs. The groups gathered together to compare notes and examine each other's projects, and suddenly it was time to cook dinner.

Along with foil-wrapped meals, they baked eggs in scooped-out oranges, and dampers mixed from bisquick and twisted around a stick. To top it off, they covered bananas with chocolate chips, marshmallows, nuts and raisins, wrapped them in foil and baked them until the chocolate melted. This treat was definitely a hit, and gave everyone the energy needed to pick up his pack and hike home.

We thank Scouter Pat for sending this report of a successful outing.

Beaver Beanbag Game

The 2nd Bonnyville Beavers of Alberta have a favourite game which helps them remember their law, promise and motto. Scouter Elizabeth Reed shared it with us.

Label three beanbags — one *Law*, the second *Promise*, and the third *Motto*. Arrange the Beavers in a circle, choose one to be "It", and have him take a place outside the circle. Give "It" one of the beanbags.

The Beavers sing:

*"I wrote a letter to my love,
And on the way, I dropped it,
A little Beaver picked it up
And put it in his pocket."*

While they sing, "It" runs around the outside of the circle and, at the words "I dropped it", drops the beanbag at the heels of another boy. That Beaver picks it up and races around the outside of the circle in the opposite direction, trying to beat "It" back to his place. If he doesn't make it, he recites the Beaver law, promise or motto, depending upon how the beanbag is labelled. The leader then gives him another beanbag, and he becomes "It" for the next round.

Try to give every Beaver an opportunity to be "It".

Blindfold Tangle

Here's another patrol challenge from Scouter Bud Jacobi of St. Catharines, Ontario.

Blindfold the members of a patrol and tie them together with a long rope attached to waist or leg of each. Move them around until they and the rope are completely tangled. Time them as they untangle themselves. A

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Venturer Challenge '83

by Phil Newsome



Canoeing, bicycling, spelunking and parascending — there was something for everyone at Nova Scotia's second annual Venturer Challenge held last spring in the Musquodoboit Valley.

The weekend event also included a Saturday night forum in which Venturers resolved that girls should be included in Venturing and that the number of provincially-sponsored Venturer events should increase. Throughout the two days, members of a Rover crew helped run challenge activities and, by their presence, promoted "Rovering in the province" and encouraged Venturers to think beyond their section of Scouting.

The first day of the weekend offered two main activities. After being transported to the head of the river in the Upper Musquodoboit, half the group canoed a 50 km stretch back to base camp at Elderbank, some of them taking time to catch a few fish along the way.

Those who skipped the canoeing biked to Shubenacadie Wildlife Park for a specially arranged tour. Run by the provincial department of lands and forests, the park is conducting wolf studies, and the Venturers returned to camp "filled with facts and figures on wolves and coyotes".



Sunday was another multi-choice activity day. Venturers who wished to go underground spelunked deep caves near Dutch Settlement and, guided by experienced advisors, discovered special rock formations,

bats, blind fish, and an albino porcupine.

Experienced canoeists with demonstrated skills enjoyed white-water canoeing while, from a nearby field, "the young and young at heart" tried out some parascending.

For this exciting diversion, passengers strap themselves into the harness of a special parachute attached to one end of a long rope. The other end of the rope is attached to the back of a truck and, when the truck moves forward, the parachute lifts. Venturers and advisors "flew" from rope lengths which varied between 100 and 200 feet.

"A good time was had by one and all," said Peter Landry, provincial event coordinator.

It certainly appears that way.

Thanks to Peter Landry for sending information and photos from this successful event to the Leader. X

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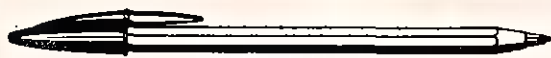
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a word to chairmen

Program Planning

by Pat Horan

Dear Murray,

A recent letter from the Reverend G.E. Butterworth of Longlac, Ontario, sent me scurrying through the last four issues of *the Leader*.

As a Group Committee Chairman and, more recently, President of his District Council, Mr. Butterworth was wondering how to stimulate more leaders to make greater use of the program material in *the Leader*.

Personally, he has found the magazine "inspiring, instructive, challenging and motivating". He noted that Beaver leaders seem to make the most effective use of magazine material and this has added to the strength and growth of that program section.

As I glance through the Aug/Sept 1983 issue, a number of ideas occur to me.

The lead article is a particularly well done feature on the World Jamboree which can be used to stimulate present Scouts and older Cubs to plan for the coming Canadian Jamboree. It will be held at Guelph, Ontario in July 1985. In itself, the article covers a wide variety of activities — rafting, computer games, campfires, stamp-making, regional cooking, wheelchair obstacle courses, walking, stage shows — ideas which can be adapted by any wide-awake Court of Honour, if the information is brought to their attention.

Go Take a Hike suggests several fun ways to add a little extra to those outdoor activities. Again, all an astute Scouter needs to do is drop a few hints or post the article on the board.

Starting Up is perfectly named. It provides a mixed duffle bag of ideas to appeal to all leaders, including a section titled "Three Rs for Recruiting (other) Leaders".

On the Level is the usual zany collection of tried (!) and true nonsensical program items of international appeal. I always read John Sweet with a chuckle. Again it is a question of sharing these great ideas with the boys.

Even Supply Services catalogues, when used creatively, can stimulate the imagination of boys and encourage them to suggest, develop, plan and conduct activities. Does each of your boys have a catalogue?

Reg Roberts mentions the exciting new publication *Youth with (dis)Abilities* which is designed to help all Scouters (and Guiders) and their members reach out and welcome youth with disabilities as full members of their groups. This is not only of immense benefit to the young people who have disabilities, but also helps all members grow.

What I'm trying to say, Murray, is that there are many ways and many resources by which leaders can build creative programs to attract and hold boys.

Now, it's over to you and your leaders.

Sincerely,

Pat

Jungle Dancing

by Gerry Giuliani

As I meet with pack Scouters across the country, I'm frequently told that jungle atmosphere isn't used enough. Many feel that is one reason some packs have difficulties.

This material came from such a meeting of district and pack Scouters in Quebec. We all tried Kaa's Hunger Dance and thoroughly enjoyed it. For more background, see the *Cub Leaders' Handbook* (pp 75-78; 139-142) and *The Jungle Book*. Both are available at Scout Shops.

The Hunger Dance of Kaa the Python

The Cub leading the line is Kaa's head; the others tail behind with hands on shoulders of boys in front. The line of boys follows the leader, each boy moving slowly and keeping in step with the boy ahead. The leader glides along in a figure eight pattern which winds the tail into a gradually diminishing circle, then works out into a spiral. Cubs hiss during the whole performance and walk as quietly as possible on tip toes to make a sound like a snake rustling through the grass.

When Kaa has coiled and uncoiled, the leader calls, "Bandarlog!" At this point, the snake breaks up and Cubs run off in all directions imitating monkeys.

Some monkeys run off, suddenly stop, sit down and look at the sky. Some dance round and round on all fours without any real object. One may chase his own tail. Others climb imaginary branches where they sit and scratch. One keeps running in a figure eight. In fact, they can do any

silly thing monkeys might do, without taking an interest in what the rest are doing. They are aimlessly busy all the time and chatter the monkey's call, "Goorrukk, goorrukk how, how, goorrukk."

Suddenly the leader shouts, "Kaa!" The monkeys freeze in horror for they know what their terrible enemy will do. The Cub who is Kaa's head stands up with arms outstretched, thumbs clasped, head down. Slowly he swings his body to and fro. He hisses once and all the monkeys take an unwilling step forward. He points to one of them. The victim crawls forward between Kaa's legs. When he has been "swallowed", he tails on behind the leader as in the first part of the dance.

This continues until all of the tail is joined up. The snake moves heavily around in a circle, then lies down to sleep. For this manoeuvre, the leader starts and the others follow one by one, each Cub resting his head on the back of the fellow in front of him. At the call, "Pack, Pack, Pack!", everyone jumps up, shouts, "Pack!" and forms parade circle.

A small pack will find they obtain a much more snake-like appearance if Cubs hold hands instead of placing them on the shoulders of the boy in front. Emphasize the frozen horror of the monkeys at the dreaded call, "Kaa!" Each monkey keeps very still, with eyes glued to Kaa until Kaa points to him.

Teaching Jungle Dances

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ginative instinct and love of acting and, at the same time, set forth very valuable lessons.

There may be a number of reasons a jungle dance is not a success. It requires a lot of imagination. Perhaps jungle dancing hasn't been introduced early enough. Older Cubs will like the dances only if they've been brought up on them. Perhaps the dance is approached too rigidly — simply as a number of set movements rather than an opportunity to act and portray characters and emotions.

It's important to take care in teaching the dances, and to spend enough time that the boys have the satisfaction of feeling them. Perhaps the most important thing is to ensure that all Cubs know the story well beforehand.

Some Tips

Be prepared to demonstrate particular points in a dance. Never try to teach more than one dance at a meeting.

Start with a yarn about the animals, taking particular care to draw their characters in plain bold lines.

Explain the idea of the dance thoroughly. Practise dances two or three times, but don't overdo them. Once a month is sufficient.

Don't bore the pack with jungle stories, but when you plan to do a dance, remember that you need to recreate the atmosphere of the jungle in the minds of the Cubs.

The jungle is an atmosphere, not a fact. It's a way of thinking, not something superimposed on the program. It can help you realize the aims and principles of Scouting in a way uniquely suited to the development of young boys.

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by Pat Horan



#12 Optimist International

The purpose of Optimist International is to develop and encourage Optimism as a way of life; to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; and to aid and encourage the development of youth.

Scouting is one of eight national youth programs endorsed and promoted by Optimist International in keeping with their motto *Friend of Youth*. One result is that, each year for the last six years, local Optimist Clubs have increased the number of Scout groups sponsored. Over the last decade, they have doubled the number of Scout groups they sponsor.

Optimist International is divided into 41 districts, each under a district governor. Subdivisions, called zones, are led by lieutenant governors. Each club has an annually elected president who, along with other officers, takes office on October 1. The *Boys Work Committee* in each club usually administers Scouting.

In addition to sponsorship of Scout groups, local clubs can provide administrative leadership, project support, financial backing, and technical assistance. Presidents are eager to commit their members to active, stimulating community programs, and to keep them involved.

Supporting the club philosophy of service to youth, local clubs sponsor a wide variety of other youth activities and programs as well as Scouting. These include oratorical contests, bike safety campaigns, junior Optimist Clubs, special interest clubs for teens, youth appreciation week, and so on. *Scout* members are invited to take part in these programs either as individuals or as program sections.

The OPTIMIST magazine and individual district and zone publications have contained articles and references on Scouting. Editors would welcome further items and photographs which show Optimists and Scouts working together.

Make contact with local club presidents and/or chairmen of Boys Work Committees. At the provincial level, seek out the district governors and lieutenant governors. Thank them for their growing support and discuss further ways Scouting and Optimists can work together.

If you need information at the national level, write to the Director of Sponsor Relations at National Boy Scouts of Canada Headquarters, or to A.E. Percival, 1861 Arizona Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K1H 6Z5.

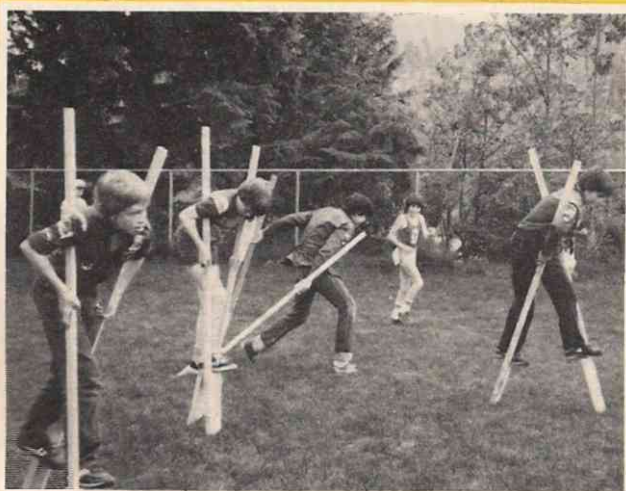
Alf is a long-time Scouter and Past Vice-President of Optimist International. He has been representing O.I. at the annual National Partners' Conference, and will be glad to hear from you. A

cross-country photo news



FIFTY VENTURERS AND Scouters from the Sherwood, Summit and Willow Valley areas learned to be Heart Savers last spring, reports Scouter William Walker. Here they practise their skills on life-sized dummies during a four-hour course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) run by Metro-Save-A-Life at a Canadian Forces Base in Toronto. "We appreciated the chance to learn CPR, which puts us in a better position to assist someone in trouble," Scouter Walker says.

SCOUTS OF GRANDE Cache, Alta. were happy to find their Koin Kilometer raised enough money to buy needed equipment for their troop's World Jamboree representatives, even if the line of coins didn't quite stretch the distance. The Scouts set up the imaginative fund-raiser in a shopping centre where they erected a huge sign explaining the event and measured out a 1 km distance (seven times around the sign). They plan to repeat the successful event this spring, reports Ann Box, who sent along a photo snapped by Scouter Glen Dick.



BEAVER IS POUND while Scouts race on stilts during a group Sports & Picnic Day held last spring in Roosevelt Park, Prince Rupert. We thank photographer Leonard Lincoln, activity leader, and Scouter Chris Green for sharing the photos with us. Looks like everyone had a great time!

MOM BAKED IT! Cub Jason Hurlburt of the 4th Fort McMurray Pack in Alberta has reason to be proud of the beautiful cake his mother made for the Cub's end-of-the-year party. Scouter Dorothy Unterschutz, feeling that those who bake goodies for the pack deserve special recognition, sent along with this photo a declaration granting all Fort McMurray volunteers who have baked cakes for our Cubs full membership in The Canadian Cub Cake Bakers Club, Fort McMurray Branch #1. "Great idea!"



Talking to Everyone

by Stephen R. Breen

In his final *Training Talk* (Oct. '83), my predecessor, Reg Roberts, pointed out that articles over the past few years have gone beyond dealing with training alone. At one time or another, their varied subject areas have had a bearing on all volunteers.

In consultation with Reg, I've changed the title of the column to reflect this broader content. I introduce *Volunteer Notepad* in the hope that readers who felt the articles were only for trainers will now be able to use some of the ideas and information in them.

Having said all this, where does one start? One has to begin from one's own experience and observations, but ideas also come when people share them. In the months ahead, I hope we will be able to share a great deal.

New People Need Help Now

Fall is here and we are well into the new Scouting season. Over the past few months, many new adults have been recruited for various positions, especially at the group level.

Now that we have them, what do we do with them? How do we meet their needs and concerns? As service personnel and trainers, these are the considerations we face.

Think back to the kinds of questions you asked yourself when you became a volunteer in Scouting. Where do I fit in? What do I do with 36 Cubs on Monday night? What is involved in chairing a group committee meeting? And most important: Who can I contact to give me answers and some help?

Now is the time when we can be of most help to new volunteers. What we do now can set tone and attitude and make the difference between keeping people involved for a long time or having to look for someone to replace them in the next few months or year.

Nothing is more frustrating than feeling you need help and finding none offered. Recognition of volunteers' efforts begins at the moment they agree to take on a role. It happens when we help them get organized and start to provide them the skills and knowledge they need to do their jobs.

My introduction to my new position at National Office is a good example. I was made to feel welcome and a part of the team. I was introduced to all the people I would be working with and shown the routines — even down to details like where pencils are kept.

Through this, I was left with the impression that, if I had any questions, someone would be here to help. I didn't feel the need to ask myself why or how I got involved in this position.

Unfortunately, many volunteers don't have such a positive experience. Left out in the cold, they never see anyone from the district who can help them get started: These are the people who ask, "What am I doing here?" When they don't get a satisfactory answer, they leave.

We may have highly developed training courses designed to provide all the skills and knowledge a person needs to do the job, but what good are they if we don't get to them soon enough?

Support Services

When was the last time your council looked at the support services they provide to groups and program sections? Who do you provide support services for? Are they only for adults who run programs, or do they involve members of the group committee as well? How soon after an adult volunteers for a position do you visit that person or, at least, make contact to let him or her know you are there to help?

If you can't answer these questions, or you're not satisfied with the answers you get, now's the time to look at what is happening and how you can improve servicing in your area.

First, clearly identify for whom services are provided. All volunteers, no matter what their function, require service and support.

How is the servicing in the area delivered? Do you wait for groups to contact you about new people they've recruited, or are you in touch with them to know when vacancies have occurred and are filled?

Once you contact new volunteers, give them an outline which helps them understand Scouting's purpose

and organization and where they fit in; what is required of them; what resources are available in the form of printed material, handbooks, personnel and training opportunities; and what support is provided by the Service Team. At the same time, give them an opportunity to have their questions answered.

Does this sound familiar as an orientation outline? It should. It's an *Introduction to Scouting* found in the training notes available through council offices.

Service at all Levels

In a recent letter, an assistant district commissioner for Venturers shared his experience as a brand new leader. He reported that he didn't see anyone from the district whom he could ask for help. Fortunately, he was determined enough to find out on his own what he needed to know to do his job.

Unfortunately, the same thing happened to him when he became a member of district staff. Again he had to search out and learn on his own.

It's important for us to recognize that, at whatever level of Scouting people become involved, they need to be able to obtain the skills and knowledge required to carry out their function properly. It's not a concern just at the group and section level, but exists to a greater or lesser degree at all levels.

We must remember that there are proven ways to retain adults in Scouting. We have to make contact with them as soon after they join as possible. We have to help them get started. We need to let them know what training opportunities are available to them and make sure they get involved.

These are some thoughts about recognizing and servicing volunteers. I'm sure there are many successful approaches across Canada and I'll be pleased to hear about them. I hope I'll be able to share them in future articles.

Now is the time for us to take advantage of the opportunity to make sure new adult members of Scouting receive the recognition and servicing they deserve.

Good luck. A

New Pins

by Jim Mackie

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The Jungle Book

We have been informed by the publishers of *The Jungle Book*, cat. #20-226, that they have sold the publication rights to another publishing house which has chosen to discontinue printing the book at this time. It would seem that Supply Services was the major purchaser of the book upon which the original Wolf Cub program was based. At present, we are making enquiries to see if we can obtain permission to publish the book ourselves but, in the meantime and until further notice, *The Jungle Book* is discontinued.

The Rover Handbook

The Rover Handbook, cat. #20-780, is currently on back order where it will remain for some time. The future of this book will be discussed at the November 1983 meeting of the Program Forum. At that time, a decision will be made either to reprint immediately or delay printing until all revisions are available. Your local supplier will be informed as soon as a definite decision is made.

Youth with (dis)Abilities

The book *Scouting for Boys with Handicaps*, cat. #20-803, has been discontinued and replaced by a new publication entitled *Youth with (dis)Abilities*, cat. #20-813 — \$5.50. The new book is now available through your local Dealer or Scout Shop.

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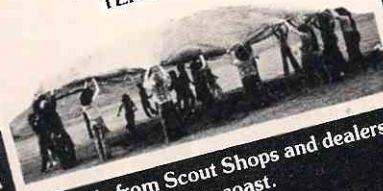
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International Events

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*Those interested must complete an **Application to Attend an International Event** (available from Scout offices); possess a valid passport; carry a completed medical form (available from Scout offices); be responsible for baggage and out-of-Canada medical insurance; and meet deadlines for applications and deposits.*

Relationships Service of your National Office will act as a link between Canadian participants and the host organizers, and will pass along new information as it becomes available.

IRELAND, July 4-12 — The Federation of Irish Scout Associations will be hosts for *Jamboree 1984*, an international Cub Scout Leaders' camp at Larch Hill, Dublin. Approximate fee IRE75. Because only 10 members from each participating country will be accepted, it's important to apply now. First come, first served!

ENGLAND, July 21 — Aug. 11 — *International Friendship Scout Camp* at Kibblestone, Staffordshire. Visiting troops will be paired with an English Scout troop which will also arrange for home hospitality before or after the jamboree. Activities offered include archery, abseiling, climbing, orienteering, pioneering, boating, swimming, radio, astronomy, and judo. Fee details are unknown at this time. Spaces are limited, so apply early for part or all of the camp period.

ENGLAND, July 28-Aug. 4 — *International Jamboree '84* at Great Leighs Nr. Chelmsford, Essex, is open to Scouts and Guides aged 11-16, Venturers and Rangers up to 20 years old, and leaders. Program offerings include water activities, sports, Scout/Guide skills, country crafts, displays, hikes, and evening campfires, discos and entertainment. Some home hospitality will be available before and after the event, but please enquire early. Fees of £25.00 do not include food, which may be purchased on site.

JAPAN, July 27-Aug. 3 — Boys Scouts of Nippon will hold an international camp at Minamizao, Miyage Prefecture, for participants aged 15-18 years. Planned activities include golf, painting, energy projects, athletics, yachting and horse riding. The fee of Japanese Yen 30,000 includes food and activities.

FINLAND, August 6-12 — *Finnhike VI* in Valkeala, North Kymenlaakso, is open to a limited number of participants over 16 years of age. The program includes hiking and sightseeing. Home hospitality will be offered and the fee of FIM600. includes food. X



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— Tony Cox, St. John's, Nfld.

Who's in Charge?

I wonder how many fellow Scouters have the problem I do. When parents or visitors come into the hall during a meeting, they have to ask around to find the leader in charge. This has happened to me very often because I'm the youngest Scouter in my area and in charge of the Cub pack. People are more inclined to go to the older leaders first.

I feel there should be a badge or insignia which indicates the leader's position with pack or troop. I got the idea from an American Scouter who had the same problem until they came out with their Unit Leader Badges.

If others feel the way I do, I suggest they write either to the **Leader** or the Boy Scout National Committee in Ottawa.

— M. Levasseur, St. Luc, Quebec

Stamp Not Sold Out

It was recently brought to my attention that some Scouters tried to buy the Scout stamp at their local post office and were told they were sold out. I've even heard that some people have been buying these stamps above cost because they weren't available.

If your local post office is out of these stamps, contact the philatelic branch of the post office. They still have lots of Scout stamps for sale.

— Karl Mezger, Canada Post Corp.

Looking for Pen Pals?

In a recent Pack Part II, our course leader asked us, "How do we inform boys that the Scouting organization is world wide?" After talking to members of our six, I've come up with what I think is a good idea — the forming of a Cub Scout Pen Pal Network for Canada. I was volunteered to take on the project.

Boys could write to boys of another pack either as a group or on an individual basis. This can very easily

tie into their badge work without them catching on, and it would be an excellent way for Pack Scouters to exchange ideas on crafts, meetings and other program ideas.

Interested Scouters, please contact me for an exchange name and I will send names and addresses back to you. If this project takes off as I hope it will, I would be happy to send the **Leader** a progress report from time to time.

— Sheldon Korentayer, 160 Cactus, Unit 18, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 2V3

I am a representative of the Yale Overseas Friendship Society and an English teacher in high school. There is a pen pal boom happening in Korea because the Olympic Games will be held here in 1988.

If you want to exchange letters with girls and boys of Korea, I will introduce a suitable friend to you. Please send a letter including name; address; sex; age; hobby; picture (if possible); and a brief introduction of yourself, to the address below.

— Yong Ja Jeong, Yale Overseas Friendship Society, Jin PO Box 36, Busan 601, Korea

What a Waste!

For the past two years, I have been a group committee chairman. During this time I noticed our Cub and Scout leaders are NOT using the excellent material and ideas published in your magazine. It seems that, between the formal openings and closings, the program is sadly lacking. Whether this is a "training" problem, I am unable to say, but I never hear these leaders referring to the **Leader**. This troubles me greatly.

Happily, some leaders are inspired by your articles. Our Beaver leaders use them to the greatest possible benefit, going so far as to make a book of *Fun at the Pond*. Needless to say, this section is our strongest unit.

I am making discussion of the many ideas in the **Leader** a priority at each district meeting. I realize I should have made better use of it at our group committee meetings.

— (The Revd) Gerald E. Butterworth, President, Kenogamis District, Longlac, Ontario.

Clarification, Please

On page 38 of the Aug/Sept '83 issue, Erika Griffen states her mind (and also some experiences) on being

a registered Troop Scouter. While I realize there might be extenuating circumstances for a female Scouter in Northern Alberta, it is, in fact, against national policy.

I don't want to get involved in the pros and cons of female Scouters, but I feel the editor should clarify such issues and perhaps explain why she is a registered Troop Scouter so that the rest of the leaders in the country can understand why an exception was made.

— name withheld by request

Ed's Reply: We should clarify the national policy on leadership in the Scout section. Bylaws, Policies & Procedures states, "Male Scouters only may serve in this section." Elsewhere, it states that, as a requirement for section leadership, a person "must be of an age and sex as stated for the applicable section unless otherwise authorized by the provincial commissioner".

The Leader neither condones the contravention of this policy, nor presumes to judge it in any way. We print material which, we believe, is of interest or value to readers.

Thanks

The hosts of the 107th Hospitality Suite at the World Jamboree would like to thank all who attended. Without you, it would not have been the success it was.

Anyone interested may purchase a badge saying, "I survived the 107th Hospitality Suite at the 15th World Jamboree." The cost is \$1.00 per badge and quantities are limited. Contact Harold Wallbridge, 13-185 Carriage Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2Y 0L7.

— Harold, Eddy, Tom and Tony

A Rose

This is just a short note to add my name to what I'm sure will be a long list of Scouters who will be congratulating you on the new look of the **Leader**. Your choice of typeface, graphics and new layout is really great and adds an overall look to your magazine that will be hard to beat. As an editor myself, I know that feedback on what you are doing is often hard to come by, so I felt I must put my thoughts on paper and get them to you as soon as possible. Keep up the good work. It's a great magazine.

— Bill Fettes, Ottawa, Ontario

scouter's 5 minutes

Gleanings from 60 years of the Leader

The Scouting Man

Let me live my life like a Scouting man,
With Scout friends good and true;
Let me play the game on the Scouting plan,
And play it all the way through.

Let me win or lose with a Scouting smile,
And never be known to whine;
For that is the regular Scouting style,
And I want to make it mine. — March 1929

Necessary materials for a hike are cooking
utensils, food, matches, an axe and a few
Scouts. — April 1943

The Best

If you can't be the pine
on the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley, but be
The best little scrub by the side of the rill;
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush,
be a bit of the grass
And some highway happier make;
If you can't be a muskie then just be a bass,
But the liveliest bass in the lake.

If you can't be a highway,
then just be a trail;
If you can't be the sun, be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or you fail;
Be the best of whatever you are. — Jan. 1926

No one could tell me where my soul might be;
I sought for God, but God eluded me;
I sought out my brother and found these three,
My soul, my God and all humanity.
— Apr. 1964

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songs

We found our Scouter's 5 items and our
songs this month while combing through 60
years of *the Leader*. All but one appear in the
cut-out format for the first time.

Games on "a handy page to place right in
your leader's pocket record book" became *the
Leader's* first cut-out in J/J '65. Cut-out
Songs were added as a centennial project in
Jan. 1967. The pages proved so popular that
the Aug/Sept '74 issue expanded the subjects
and introduced a numbering system for each
series: *Songs* p. 1; *Skits* p. 101; *Games* p. 201;
Openings & Closings (since dropped) p. 301;
and *Scouter's Five Minutes* p. 401. *Recipes*
(p. 501) appeared in Mar. '76 and *Hints*
(p. 601) in Mar. '79.

Swimming Jim (*Incy, Wincy Spider* — Action)
Oh Jemima, look at your Uncle Jim,
He's in the duck pond learning how to swim;
First he does the breast stroke,
Now he does the side;
Now he's under water,
Swimming against the tide. — May 1944

Lucky Beavers (*Clementine*)
In a country, big and lucky,
Lived some Beavers all alone,
Found a Rusty and a Rainbow,
And a special place their own.
We are sharing, we are caring
For the world as best we can;
By our sharing and our caring,
We will help our fellow man. — March 1978

Three Little Pigs (*Polly Wolly Doodle*)
A jolly old sow lived in a sty,
And three little pigs had she,
And she waddled about saying umph, umph,
umph,
While the little ones said wee, wee.
"My dear little brothers," said one little pig,
"My dear little piggies," said he,
"Let's all in the future say umph, umph, umph,
It's so childish to say wee, wee."

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Then these little piggies grew skinny & lean,
 And lean they might well be,
 For somehow they couldn't say umph, umph,
 umph
 And they wouldn't say wee, wee.
 A moral there is to this little song,
 A moral that's easy to see;
 Don't try when you're young
 to say umph, umph, umph,
 When you only can say wee, wee.

— Sept. 1941

Nothing like Cubbing (*My Bonnie*)

We're the (pack name) Cubs in the jungle,
 A bright jolly crowd don't you see,
 We have a good time, do you wonder;
 There's nothing like Cubbing to me.

Chorus: Cubbing, oh Cubbing,

There's nothing like Cubbing to me, to me;

Cubbing, oh Cubbing,

There's nothing like Cubbing to me.

Akela's the Wolf in the jungle,
 The leader and head of the pack,
 Bagheera will teach us good hunting,
 You can't beat a panther for that. (*chorus*)
 The laws of the jungle are many,
 Baloo knows them all off by heart,
 And Chil, the great bird of the tree-tops,
 Will teach us to take our own part. (*chorus*)
 We learn to be useful and happy,
 Serve others instead of just ME,
 And to grin when things aren't so easy,
 There's nothing like Cubbing to me.
 (*Final chorus*)

— Sept. 1945

Campfire's Close (*'Til We Meet Again*)

By the blazing council fire's light,
 We have met in comradeship tonight,
 Round about the whispering trees
 Guard our golden memories;
 And so, before we close our eyes in sleep,
 Let us pledge each other that we'll keep,
 Scouting friendship strong and deep
 'Til we meet again.

— Feb. 1977

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If (with apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

If you can light a fire with soggy matches
 While standing in a steady stream of rain,
 And see it fizzle out before it catches,
 And hold your tongue,
 and light the thing again;

If you can fix a brew for all your brothers,
 When they are in their blankets warm and dry,
 And rather you got wet than all the others,
 And laugh when you are tired enough to cry;

If you can tie a knot that never fails you,
 And trust it if the worst comes to the worst,
 To save your life

when nothing else avails you,

But put the other fellow's safety first;

If you can give first aid

to those who need it,

And treat for shock when you are shaken too,
 And though you suffer badly, never heed it,
 Until you've done the best that you can do;

If you can go on working when you're weary,

And go on singing till your throat is dry;

If you can meet with sadness and be cheery,

And when you fail, just have another try;

If you can trust your friends

and those about you,

And yet forgive them if they should forget,

And though the whole world sometimes seems
 to doubt you,

Be loyal to the task which you are set;

If you don't put yourself before the others,

And never your patrol before your troop:

If you salute all races as your brothers

In one united, universal group:

If you can see the aim and help to win it,

And never falter till the job is done;

Yours is the earth and all that's in it,

And, what's more, you'll be a Scout, my son!

— M. Hill, December 1949

Lord of the far horizon,

Give us the eyes to see,

Over the verge of sundown,

The beauty that is to be.

— May 1941

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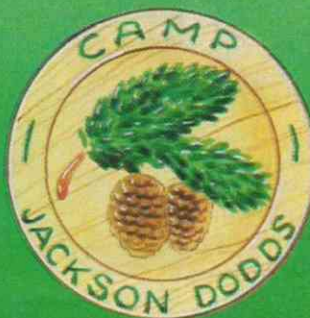
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Royal Visits

by Bob Butcher

Whenever members of the royal family visit Canada, crowds of loyal monarchists are present, and Scouting members, if they are not asked to perform some special function, are usually evident in the crowds.

This month we share with readers accounts of Scouting participation in two royal visits this year, one from Vancouver and one from Edmonton.

From Assistant Scout Leader Larry White of the 141st Edmonton group, we learned that on Wednesday, June 29, 200 World Jamboree participants from Edmonton and Northern Alberta, together with two Scouts each from Sudan and St. Lucia, were invited to attend the royal reception for the Prince and Princess of Wales at the Alberta Legislature in Edmonton.

The Scouts gathered at 11:00 a.m. to await the arrival of the royal couple. When the motorcade came into sight, the boys had their first glimpse of the Prince and Princess, who inspected a military honour guard before proceeding into the legislative buildings.

Then, the Scouts replaced the military as honour guard and had front row positions when the royal couple emerged for their "walk-about".

"My patrol were honoured to meet the Prince and Princess," writes Larry. "The conversation between Prince Charles and our patrol centred on where we were from and which hand we should use when we greet him."

Larry concludes, "It all seemed to end as quickly as we gathered, but the memories, I'm sure, will be everlasting."

From Paul Stanwood, DRC Venturers in Vancouver-Coast Region, we learned that on March 10, a group of Venturers were invited by the Office of the Prime Minister to provide a guard of honour for the state dinner on the occasion of the Queen's visit.

"It seemed appropriate that the 14 Queen's Venturers from Vancouver-Coast Region, the number required, who were soon to be presented to the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia to receive their awards, should be invited to serve in this special role," Paul writes.



On the evening of the event, the Venturers gathered at the Westin Bayshore Hotel ballroom to receive instructions and rehearse their part in the ceremonial opening of the banquet. When the time came, they stood in a long row near the hotel elevators as a crowd of hundreds pressed close to catch a glimpse of the arriving guests.

As each member of the head table arrived, a Venturer moved to escort him or her in the procession into the banquet room where they took their places. Finally, the Queen entered to a trumpet fanfare, and the Venturers' formal place in the evening was over. But they were asked to remain for the reception following the dinner and, during this time, both Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip took a special interest in the Venturers, managing to talk to most of them.

"Besides the excitement of being part of a glittering occasion, these young people learned more of the special meaning of being a Queen's Venturer, for here, indeed, was the Queen for whom they act," Paul writes. "Her Majesty's Venturers proved all to be worthy of their title, demonstrating Canadian Scouting at its best."



Queen Elizabeth and Prime Minister Trudeau talk with Craig Ross (10th Richmond-Georgia) and Debbie Carier (83rd Carleton), two of 14 Queen's Venturers who formed a guard of honour at a state dinner in Vancouver last spring.



See You at CJ '85!

It is time to start planning so that your Scouts or Venturers will attend the 6th Canadian Jamboree. It will be held just outside Guelph, Ontario from July 3 to July 12, 1985.

Committees have been working for months to ensure there will be enjoyable and exciting activities for both Scouts and Venturers.

Watch for further details!

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