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Introducing Volume 1, Number 1

THIS is Volume I, Number I, of a new magazine designed to be of help to Patrol Leaders. This issue is called *The Junior Leader* which is only a temporary name. We want the Patrol Leaders of Canada to select its permanent name, and with that in mind a contest to name the magazine is detailed elsewhere in this first issue.

The production of this magazine is an experiment. Dominion Headquarters is hopeful that it will become a permanent publication. As yet it is a newborn baby, and like all new born babies it will have to learn to stand, to creep, to walk and to run. It will make mistakes, but the individual who never makes a mistake is yet to be born.

It will depend a great deal for its success upon the loyalty and help of Patrol Leaders all over the Dominion. It is your own little periodical, and it will prove useful to you only insofar as you let us know what you expect of it.

While we at Dominion Headquarters are dealing with boys all the time, we admit that we are grown up, and that perhaps we are not as fully conversant with what Patrol Leaders are thinking and wanting as we might be. With that in view we have selected a group of four young leaders to act as Junior Advisory Editors. Because we want to meet with them often and talk over the details connected with the production of *The Junior Leader*, we have confined our selection to the Ottawa District. We are not suggesting that Ottawa district junior leaders are superior in any way to junior leaders elsewhere, but we do think they are a good example of what qualified and enthusiastic leaders should be. We want you to meet them, so you will find in this issue their pictures and a brief Scouting history of each.

Any of you who have read *Scouting for Boys*, (and we hope you all have), will know that Lord Baden-Powell considered the Patrol System the foundation of the Scout Movement. That places you chaps who are Patrol Leaders in a pretty tough spot, because it assumes that the success of the movement depends to a large extent on the leadership you give to your patrols. It is the earnest hope of those concerned with the production of this paper, that it will help you to become

the kind of Patrol Leaders our Founder wanted you to be.

In the Bible there is a text which reads "Ye are the salt of the Earth." That applies in full measure to you fellows who are Patrol Leaders. You are extremely important cogs in the machine of Scouting. In fact you are so important that Scouting in Canada cannot succeed unless it has, in every Troop from coast to coast, able, keen and enthusiastic Patrol Leaders.

So here we leave our baby magazine on your doorsteps, with a plea that you will deal kindly with it, that you will help it to grow and become a robust and useful part of Canadian Scouting. We feel pretty sure you'll help us, and your fellow Patrol Leaders, the advisory editors, to make *The Junior Leader* the official organ of Patrol Leaders and Courts of Honour in every Canadian Troop.

Those Patrol Funds

The Moose Patrol of the 45th Ottawa (Rockcliffe) Troop made \$8.00 for their Patrol fund in a two week salvage campaign. Pamphlets were first distributed to householders with the result the Patrol collected 108 fruit baskets, 37 dozen coat hangers, and 54 potato sacks. Don't overlook such opportunities for enriching your Patrol funds.

**B. - P.
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"IN all cases I would strongly commend the Patrol System, that is, small permanent groups, each under responsible charge of a leading boy, as a great step to success."

Patrol Leaders' Parliament

Here's your chance to voice your own opinions on subjects of general interest to Patrol Leaders. We sent the question "What do you do with backward Scouts in your Patrol" to a number of secretaries who selected boys to answer. From now on it's up to you. In as brief a form as possible write us your views on the question at the foot of this column.

Here are our first letters:

Ronald Watts, P.L. Fox Patrol, 238 Toronto Troop, writes: "As a Patrol Leader working with different boys, I often find myself up against problems. One of them is the backward Scout. A backward Scout is sure to turn up in almost every Patrol. I try to fire his enthusiasm by encouraging his interest in Patrol work and keeping him busy. I am always surprised at the energy and thoroughness he then shows."

"Another good method is to appeal to his sense of Loyalty. I help him to see that his behaviour is a disadvantage to the Patrol and point out how valuable his contribution to the whole can be. The backward Scout is not easy to deal with, but I believe that with patient and sympathetic handling he can become a real asset to the Patrol."

Troop Leader Jack Webb, of the 27th St. George's Troop, Winnipeg, says: "By a backward boy I presume you mean one who doesn't pull his weight and is a poor worker. About the best way to cure this, I believe is what my friend and I had to go through a couple of years ago. We were pulled up on the carpet. The Court consisted of our four P.L.'s and our T.L. One at a time we were placed "on the stand" and then had our poor points all shown up. When they were through we knew they were right and we sure felt pretty small. The result was that when it came time for promotion, both of us headed the list."

"I have never seen anything have such good effect on anyone and it has proved itself many times. I find also that occasionally a sweat job or a few knocks will do the job, but for best effect I recommend the first method."

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✻ Talks to ✻ PATROL LEADERS

Patrol Spirit

IT'S not hard to tell when a Scout has acquired knowledge in Scouting subjects. One has but to look for his Tenderfoot, Second or First Class, King's Scout and Proficiency Badges. But there is something in Scouting as vitally if not more important than badges, much harder to acquire, and without which a Scout cannot get the best out of the Movement.

It is called Patrol Spirit. It is not an easy thing to define. It is represented in the things that don't appear in the tests, and for which no badge is awarded. It is that thing which brings a boy out loyally to meetings every week. It is that pride in one's patrol that insists that everything he does, he does not for his own sake but for the sake of his Patrol. It is that insistence in a boy's mind that his Patrol must be the best it is possible to make it.

Patrol Spirit not only brings a boy out to every meeting but out on time and in full uniform. It makes him a pal to every boy in the Patrol. It urges him to be personally interested in the progress of each boy in Scouting and he is a close friend outside of Scouting. It makes him proud of his Patrol emblem, and he wants his Patrol to be fully supplied with all the equipment needed to give his Patrol the opportunities to advance in Scouting.

Patrol Spirit makes him the type of boy who wants to see every boy in his Patrol a King's Scout, and not only makes every effort to be one himself but where possible assists other boys in his Patrol to achieve this rank.

You Patrol Leaders determine to a large degree whether Patrol Spirit exists in your Patrol or not. You must supply the leadership. If you expect loyalty from your Patrol, you must be



DONALD FRASER

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HAROLD SERSON

ALAN HOLMES

Meet Your Advisory Editors

WE would like to introduce to the Patrol Leaders of Canada the four Ottawa Junior Leaders who have been selected to serve on our Editorial Advisory Board.

Troop Leader Don Fraser

Troop Leader of the 15th Ottawa, Parkdale United Church Troop. Was second star Cub and Senior Sixer in the 15th Pack, a Patrol Leader, Troop Leader, King's Scout in the 15th Troop. Was the first Scout in Ottawa to win his B.-P. Badge, has his Gold Cord and Junior St. John's Ambulance, and is a student at Glebe Collegiate Institute in Ottawa.

Troop Leader John Wilcox

John is the son of a Scoutmaster and has Scouted from Coast to Coast. He started in as a Cub in the 31st Vancouver Pack where he gained his first star. He joined the Scouts in Dartmouth, N.S., and gained his second class badge there. Moving to Ottawa he joined the 6th Ottawa, All Saints Troop, of which he was a Patrol Leader and now Troop Leader. He is a King's Scout, has his B.-P. Badge, Red Cord, Junior St. John's Ambulance and his Flying Lions Red Wings

loyal to it. If you expect friendship, you must be friendly. If you expect to see the Patrol advance steadily, you too must advance steadily.

There can be no real Patrol Spirit if the Patrol Leader has not the spirit himself. So see if you cannot encourage this loyalty to your Patrol, this pride in its achievements, this desire to be week-long pals in and out of Scouting. Ask nothing of your Scouts that you are not prepared to give yourself. So live your life as a Patrol Leader that the Scouts will admire and want to follow where you lead. Remember too that the successful Leader is one who has learned to obey orders before being entrusted with giving them. Then you will have Patrol Spirit, without which Scouting cannot serve its full purpose.

Badge. He is a student at the Ottawa Technical School, and finds time to fill the role of Acting Cubmaster of the 5th Ottawa Pack.

Patrol Leader Harold Serson

Harold represents Canada's Sea Scouts on the Board and is a Patrol Leader of the 30th Ottawa Sea Scout Troop. He started Scouting as a Cub in the 26th Ottawa Pack, and became a second star Cub. He gained his tenderfoot and second class badge in the 26th Ottawa Troop, later joining the 30th Ottawa Sea Scouts. He is a King's Scout, has his B.-P. Badge, his Red Cords and Senior St. John's Ambulance Badge. He is also a student at the Ottawa Technical School.

Troop Leader Alan Holmes

Troop Leader of the 57th Ottawa, St. John's Anglican Troop. Joined the movement as a Cub with the 3rd Toronto Pack, second star Cub and Senior Sixer. Became a Scout in the 57th Ottawa, was Patrol Leader and Troop Leader. Has his King's Scout and B.-P. Badges, his Red Cords and his Junior St. John's Ambulance. Alan is a student at Ottawa's Lisgar Collegiate.

P.L.'s Parliament

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Writes Douglas Price, P.L. Wolf Patrol, 4th Halifax, N.S., Troop: "The backward boy in the Patrol can be turned into a good Scout with a little time and effort. The main thing is to get him interested in his work, and keep him interested. The Patrol Leader should do his best to help him along. If the boy gets into the spirit of the thing, he will compete with the other boys and get along better. A little time and energy and sympathetic help spent on the backward boy will often bring surprising results."

NEXT MONTH'S QUESTION
What Do You Give Your Patrol
Second To Do?

On my Honour I promise . . .

TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW

—No. 1—A Scout's Honour is to be Trusted—

WHEN you are training a new recruit in his Tenderfoot tests, do you consider it sufficient that he should be able to read off the Scout Laws without a mistake? Or do you try to impress upon the recruit the real meaning of the laws?

The Scout Law really means very little if it is taken as a memory test. You might just as well teach a fellow a funny poem. There are lots of other good ways of training the memory.

The Scout Law is much more than a memory test. It is the Scout's way of life described in its briefest form. Any of you who have dads who are members of service clubs will probably have seen hanging in his office or in his study at home his club's "Code of Ethics." This code is the standard he sets for himself when he becomes a member of his club.

The Scout Law is likewise the Scout's Code of Ethics. It is his expression of his highest ideals. The mere fact that he learns them off by heart doesn't mean very much. In fact it doesn't mean any more than the Rotarian, or the Lion, or the Kiwanian, or the Kinsmen who hangs his Code of Ethics upon the wall, and then promptly forgets about them.

Every Scout should know what each law means, and what he is expected to do in carrying out the law. It is up to you as Patrol Leaders to see that the recruit not only learns his Scout Law, but learns its meaning, and practices it from day to day. We know it is not an easy or light task; but it is one of the responsibilities of being a Patrol Leader, and if you accept those responsibilities of junior leadership it is going to make a real leader of you later on, not only in the Scouts but in your business or professional life.

To help you train your recruits, we are going to give a brief talk on one of the Scout Laws each month for the next ten months. Here is the first.

"A Scout's Honour is to be Trusted"

It was not without purpose that Lord Baden-Powell placed the law of honour first in the Scout's code. Honour governs all our relationships with the other fellow, with the people we meet from day to day. It is the yardstick by which our actions toward our fellow men are measured.

B.-P. says: "The true knight placed his honour before all things; it was

sacred. A man who is honourable is always to be trusted; he will never do a dishonourable action, such as telling an untruth or deceiving his superiors, and he always commands the respect of his fellow men. His honour guides him in everything he does.

"A captain sticks to his ship till the last. Why? She is only a lump of iron and wood; his life is as valuable as that of any of the women and children on board, but he makes everybody get away safely before he attempts to save his more valuable life. Why? Because the ship is his ship, and he has been taught that it is his duty to stick by it, and he considers it would be dishonourable in him to do otherwise. So he puts his honour before safety. So also a Scout should value his honour most of anything."

Next month we will have something to say about the second Scout Law—
A Scout is Loyal.

We Want a Name!

Five Prizes Offered

THIS new monthly for Patrol Leaders has temporarily been named *The Junior Leader*. Perhaps you can think of a better and more appropriate name. If you can you may win for yourself a copy of the *Handbook for Patrol Leaders*, a publication of the Boy Scouts of America, or choice of other books of equal value in the current Scout Catalogue.

This book will be valued by any Patrol Leader, and will make a welcome addition to the Patrol library. It gives all kinds of information on patrol organization and operation, on camping, and patrol dens and equipment. You'll find in it all kinds of games, and yells and stunts and handicrafts.

Here's how to win a copy of the *Handbook for Patrol Leaders*. Just submit a name for this periodical on behalf of your patrol or yourself. Send it along to the Editorial Department, Dominion Headquarters, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa. Your entry will then be judged by a group of competent judges, and the five Patrol or Troop Leaders offering the best suggestions will receive a gift of the *Handbook*.

Entries must reach this office by September 30th, and announcement of the winners will be made in the November issue when the new name, if a new name is decided upon, will come into use.

Send your entry today. You may win a Patrol Leader's Handbook.

Proficiency BADGES

World Friendship Badge

HERE is a badge any Scout can start work on as soon as he is invested. Do not wait until a boy is a Second Class Scout before starting him on the quest for Badges. Here briefly, are the provisions of the World Friendship Badge.

(a) Have an elementary knowledge of the geography and history of at least three foreign countries and the

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Are you making full use of your Court of Honour? Does it meet regularly after each meeting and to discuss special matters which come up from time to time? This Western Canada Court of Honour governs two Troops which have united for the duration

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A Nature Lore Hike

A good way to emphasize the "out" in Scouting now that fall activities are getting under way, is to make sure that wherever possible your Patrol activities be of the outdoor variety. In this column each month we hope to give you some ideas for both outdoor and indoor activities, planned especially for the particular month in which the suggestions appear.

September is a glorious month, a grand month for Patrol hikes and rambles. Start off with a Nature Lore Hike. You need not know a great deal about nature to undertake such a hike, but you and your Scouts will know a lot more about it after each hike.

Preparation. Each Scout should arrive for the hike equipped with a plain school scribbler for pressing and carrying specimens of flowers and tree leaves found on the jaunt. Each boy should also bring notebook and a pencil to make a list of the birds and animals he may see, and any particulars he may learn about their nests, calls or habits.

The Hike. If possible plan the route of your hike in advance and be sure to include a wooded area. Travel to it by compass direction, and a rough sketch map in your notebook would prove useful. On the hike make a note of the varieties of trees and shrubs you see, the birds you see and hear, and the wild edible fruits you may come upon.

A Nature Scavenger Hunt is an interesting hike feature. Prepare a number of paper slips each listing a different item to be found in the woods, an acorn, an elm leaf, a piece of cedar bark, a sprig of clover, a wild fruit, etc. Let each boy in the Patrol draw two slips from a hat, and go out and hunt for the items listed on his slips.

Another good nature game is for the hike leader to place a number of numbered tags on trees through the woods. The Scouts then fan out and each time they locate a tag, they must write on the tag the name of the tree to which it is attached. The leader will of course have the master list showing which numbered tag was attached to which type of tree. The object of course is to find as many tags as possible and name the trees correctly.

There are several other things you may do on a nature hike, such as collecting leaves from as many varieties of trees as possible. September is an ideal month for this as the leaves are

full size and in good condition. Press them temporarily in the scribbler and mount them when you arrive home. Do the same with wild flowers.

You might take along some plaster of paris on one of your hikes and make casts of animal and bird tracks you may see. Don't try to do too much on a hike. Make one hike for bird observation, hunt for cocoons on another, collect edible plants, leaves, flowers, insects, on other hikes and search for field mice, moles and other small animals on yet another.

During rest periods on a hike take out your Scout knife and whittle away at a piece of wood to make a paper knife, a Scout staff, or some other useful item.

We would like to have stories and pictures of your hikes. We will try and include some in *The Junior Leader*.

WELCOME
New Junior Leaders

WE intend to devote a small corner of *The Junior Leader* each month to extending congratulations to new Patrol Leaders and Troop Leaders. Will your Court of Honour arrange to send in the names of Scouts promoted to Patrol Leader or Troop Leader so that they may be publicly welcomed into the brotherhood of the Junior Leaders. This month we congratulate these new Leaders:

Promoted to Patrol Leader

Douglas Ratcliffe, 7th Regina Bufalos; Mac Phillips, 7th Regina Foxes; Gibson Hallam, 15th Regina Eagles; Richard Berry, 15th Regina Beavers; Herbert Spanier, 13th Regina Wolves; Walter Hornstein, 13th Regina Eagles; Clarence Lockert, 13th Regina Hawks; Donald Maier, 13th Regina Gulls; Verne Wade, 5th Regina Beavers; Alfred Haughton, 1st Barrie, Ont., Eagles; Jim Horn, 1st Barrie Otters; J. Caldwell, 1st Barrie Beavers; Walter Carruthers and Allan Gates, 2nd Barrie; James Hays, 3rd Fort Erie Wolves; Ronald Andrews, 3rd Fort Erie Beavers; William Willy, 3rd Fort Erie Foxes; John Possler, 3rd Fort Erie Owls; Charles McKinney, 3rd Fort Erie Chipmunks.

Proficiency Badges

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British Empire.

(b) Correspond with an overseas or foreign Scout for not less than one year, writing and receiving replies to three letters, or—

Correspond for at least one year with an overseas or foreign Scout,

HOLD A PATROL MEETING EVERY WEEK

If your Patrol is not meeting each week between Troop meetings you are missing a lot of fun, and an opportunity to get on with your Scouting. Here is a four meeting layout for Patrol meetings which may prove helpful for Patrol Leaders to whom Patrol meetings are an innovation.

- 7.00 Patrol meets at home of member of Patrol.
 - 7.05 Opening ceremony, Flag raising or repeating Scout Promise.
 - 7.10 Business session. Discussion of Patrol Fees, Expenditures, Equipment, Discipline, Progress, etc.
 - 7.25 Games Period
 - (a) Ping Pong
 - (b) Jigsaw Puzzle
 - (c) Crossword Puzzle
 - (d) Parlour Games
 - 7.45 Test Period
 - (a) Tenderfoot
 - (b) Second Class
 - (c) First Class
 - (d) Badge Work
 - 8.05 Patrol Hobby
 - (a) Basket Making
 - (b) Beadwork
 - (c) Leatherwork
 - (d) Knot Board
 - 8.25 Social Time
 - (a) Sing Song
 - (b) Outdoor or Indoor Games
 - (c) Story Telling
 - (d) Movies
 - Eats
 - (a) Weiner Roast
 - (b) Popcorn Party
 - (c) Watermelon Feed
 - (d) Corn Roast
 - 8.55 Prayers, Dismiss.
- NOTE—A Patrol Meeting may be held outdoors, may take the form of a hike or wide game with another patrol.

writing and receiving two letters, and a camp at least three days with an overseas or foreign Scout.

(c) Have some knowledge of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide international organizations.

(d) Be able to identify flags of twenty other nations.

Get your Scouts started on this badge, or at least the corresponding part of it now. If you want the name of a foreign or overseas Scout with whom to correspond, write to Dominion Headquarters, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa, and a name will be supplied.