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Scoutmaster Jack Young,
2nd Shale Falls Troop,
St. Matthew's Church,
Shale Falls, Ont.

Dear Jack:

What an excellent idea it was to hold Court of Honour meetings at your Troop camp this year, to plan for next winter's activities. Whoever was responsible for the suggestion deserves a lot of credit.

Your telling me of this not only emphasizes the value of forward planning, if the leader and his boys are to get the most out of the programme, but also reminds me of the serious lack of this sort of thing within the Movement. All too often do we find not only a lack of forward planning in Packs and Troops, but even meetings held with no prepared programme and with the leader having but a hazy idea of what he intends to do. Boys very quickly catch on to the unplanned, haphazard type of meeting and promptly lose interest. Contrary to what many people think, boys like to have an aim and a purpose in what they are doing and they like to feel that they are accomplishing something. I know of no better way to foster this sense of purpose than by carefully planned programmes, through which a definite theme or central purpose is strongly in evidence.

Another thought which appeals to me very much is the idea of budgeting for progress at the beginning of each season. A budget prepared on the basis of projected accomplishment and activities can form an excellent basis for discussion at the monthly Court of Honour meeting. If, during the summer, each Patrol sets up its own budget of progress for the season, this can be reviewed at the first Court of Honour meeting and either approved or changed. The combined total of the Patrol budgets, plus a budget for Troop activities, then forms the over-all budget for progress, which can be set up in chart

form on the Troop notice board. The posting of the monthly progress of the Patrols and the Troop on the chart will stimulate the interest of everyone in the Troop. This can also form a part of the Patrol competition, and lend continuity to the meetings.

The only word of warning which I think needs to be said in connection with this idea is that the Patrol leaders should be encouraged to avoid making their budgets impossible of attainment, while at the same time they should avoid making them so easy that they would not present a challenge to the boys.

One of the most important things we must remember in Scouting is this: if we present boys with a challenge they will respond.

So glad to hear that you had a fine summer and that your camp was so successful.

What a thrill for Bobby to be with you at his first Scout camp. Tell him I was very glad to hear that he acquitted himself like a veteran.

Best regards.

Chief Executive Commissioner



Our cover picture

On her recent visit to Canada, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II presented Queen's Scout certificates to many proud young Scouts. One of them summed up their reactions admirably when he said, "It'll seem different when I see her on television—she's not a stranger anymore."

WOOD BADGE TRAINING

WITH A NAUTICAL FLAVOUR

Twenty-eight Troop Scouters from 20 different cities and towns across Ontario met at Lakefield near Peterborough on July 25th to take part in a Part II Troop Scouters' Course. The Course had a special twist,—it emphasized Sea Scouting activities. Sailing, boating, rules of the road, charts, plotting courses, Sea Scout ceremonials, water safety and other items peculiar to Sea Scouting were added as extras.

Of the 28 Scouters attending 14 were Sea Scouters and 14 were Boy Scout Leaders. The Course was headed up by Ken Jakins, A.P.C. (Sea Scouts) Ontario, assisted by Bob Taylor, P.F.C. (Ontario), Ian Burgess, R.S.S.L. (London) and Syd Young (C.H.Q.). The Staff agreed that it was one of the best courses they had attended and the spirit and fellowship on the Course was of the highest.

The participants also added their opinions of Part II training. "Every Scouter should have the opportunity of attending a Part II Course" said Tom Graham of Port Dover. "I would have taken my Part II earlier if I had known it was going to be so much fun and that I'd meet such wonderful fellows," said Bruce Lang of Hamilton. "The sessions and practical activities will help me immensely in the running of my Troop" said Russ Mulhall of Toronto.

From Saturday, July 18th to Sunday, July 26th these 28 Scouters camped, cooked, learned and exchanged ideas and problems. Some of the highlights of the Course were the night Wide Game, the obstacle journey, practical pioneering, sailing, pulling boats and the overnight hike.

If you have not taken your Part II of the Wood Badge, make sure that you do so at the very first opportunity that presents itself in your Province or District.



(Top) International Code Flags are run up the halyards by Tom Atkinson, Lakefield, and George Donnelly, Bronte.

(Bottom) Pulling boat commands and procedures are explained by Staff member Len Burgess.

Pulling boat practice proved to be a popular pastime.

Cooking and camp chores are all part of the general routine on the Part II Course.

A practical use of a swinging derrick constructed by the Beaver Patrol on Part II Course.



IMPORTANT DATES IN RELIGIOUS CALENDARS 1960

PROTESTANT	
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Jan. 6	Feast of the Epiphany
Jan. 25-31	Christian Youth Week
Feb. 21	Boy Scout Sunday Ecumenical Youth Service
Mar. 2	ASH WEDNESDAY
Apr. 10	Palm Sunday
Apr. 10-16	Holy Week
Apr. 15	GOOD FRIDAY
Apr. 17	EASTER DAY
Apr. 23	St. George's Day, Patron Saint of Scouts
May 8	Mother's Day Family Church Service
May 26	ASCENSION DAY
June 5	WHITSUNDAY
June 12	Trinity Sunday
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Services
Oct. 30	Reformation Sunday
Dec. 25	CHRISTMAS DAY

Suggestions

1. Provision should be made at camp for all boys to attend services of their own denomination if possible. If not possible, a service conducted by the Scouters and boys, of a character acceptable to the denominations participating should be carried out.
2. Efforts should be made to obtain the services of ministers of various denominations to conduct services for their own Scouts on Sundays as an alternative to the above.
3. Scout events should be timed so as not to conflict with major religious festivals, or to interfere in any way with the regular religious obligations of any Scout.
4. Encourage private prayers, morning and evening, and grace at meals.

ROMAN CATHOLIC	
Jan. 1	*THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD New Year's Day
Jan. 6	*FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
Feb. 21	Boy Scout Sunday
Mar. 2	**ASH WEDNESDAY, Beginning of Lent
Mar. 9, 11, 12	**EMBER DAYS
Apr. 15	**GOOD FRIDAY
Apr. 16	**HOLY SATURDAY
Apr. 17	*EASTER SUNDAY
Apr. 23	Feast of St. George, Patron Saint of Scouts
May 26	*ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
June 4	**Vigil of Pentecost
June 5	Pentecost Sunday
June 8, 10, 11	**EMBER DAYS

Aug. 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sept. 21, 23, 24	**EMBER DAYS
Nov. 1	*FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
Dec. 7	**Vigil of Immaculate Concep- tion
Dec. 8	*FEAST OF THE IMMACU- LATE CONCEPTION
Dec. 14, 15, 17	**EMBER DAYS
Dec. 24	**Vigil of Christmas
Dec. 25	*CHRISTMAS, THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Important

1. It is necessary for all Catholic boys to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
2. No Scout of Catholic faith should be placed in circumstances that make it difficult for him to abstain from meat on Fridays and days of complete abstinence.
3. Usually one Saturday of each month is Confession Day for the Catholic boy. Enquire about this before planning a week-end or overnight camp.
4. A Catholic boy is taught to say morning and night prayers every day. A reminder of this will be helpful to the Catholic Scout.
5. Avoid hikes and Scout activities involving Catholic boys on Good Friday (April 15th).
6. Fast is to be observed on all week days during Lent, March 2nd to April 17th, inclusive, for all Catholics, ages 21 to 59.
7. Consult Parish Priest, diocesan or District chaplain when in doubt about anything of a religious nature concerning Catholic Scouts.

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

**Complete or partial abstinence from flesh meat.

JEWISH

Feb. 13	Hebrew New Year of the Trees, Minor Holiday—see note 2.
Feb. 20	Scout Sabbath
Mar. 13	Purim—Minor Holiday, see note 2
Apr. 12, 13	Passover—commemorating the liberation of the Children of Israel from Egyptian bondage.
Apr. 18, 19	Conclusion of Passover
May 15	Lag B'Oner—see note 2
June 1, 2	Shavous—Pentecost—the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.
	Fast 9th of Av
Sept. 22, 23	*Rosh Hashana—Jewish New Year
Oct. 1	*Yom Kippur—Day of Atone- ment—devoted to fasting and repentance.

- Oct. 6, 7 Sukkoth — Tabernacles — Harvest Festival commemorating the dwelling of the Children of Israel in tabernacles in the Wilderness.
- Oct. 13, 14 Conclusion of Sukkoth
- Dec. 14-21 Chanukah—Dedication days, commemorating the victorious struggle for religious freedom in 167 B.C.—see note 2.

Notes and Commentary

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

*Indicates Holiest Days of the Year.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

- Feb. * Scout Sunday
- * Annual General Primary Conference (including Cubbing)
- * General Church Conference—Salt Lake City, Utah
- April 17 Easter Sunday
- May * Primary Sunday School
- * Aaronic Priesthood Restoration
- June * Annual M.I.A. Conference (Special Scouting Meetings)
- Aug. * Primary Birthday Service
- * General Church Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day

*Dates to be announced

Sunday Camping

In addition to the dates given, concerning religious observance in the "Mormon" church, councils should be aware of the following Church policy regarding Sunday camping and activities.

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

Note

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

The Primary Association which sponsors Cubbing, conducts annual conventions in all the stakes

of the Church. Scout executives should make contacts with the local Primary leaders of the Church to help them with the operation of Cubbing in the Church.

The Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, which sponsors Boy Scouting in the Church, also conducts conventions and institutes in all the stakes in the Church. Local councils should contact Y.M.M.I.A. leaders for these dates.

OTHER CHURCH CALENDAR DATES

Common to Roman Catholic and many Protestant Churches

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| Jan. 1 | The Circumcision |
| Jan. 25 | The Conversion of St. Paul |
| Feb. 2 | Purification of the Blessed Virgin |
| Feb. 14 | Septuagesima Sunday |
| Mar. 17 | St. Patrick's Day |
| Mar. 25 | The Annunciation |
| Apr. 25 | St. Mark's Day |
| May 1 | St. Philip and St. James |
| June 11 | St. Barnabas Day |
| June 24 | St. John the Baptist Day |
| June 29 | St. Peter and St. Paul |
| July 25 | St. James Day |
| Aug. 6 | The Transfiguration |
| Aug. 24 | St. Bartholomew's Day |
| Sept. 29 | St. Michael and All Angels |
| Oct. 18 | St. Luke's Day |
| Oct. 28 | St. Simon and St. Jude |
| Nov. 1 | All Saints Day |
| Nov. 27 | Advent Sunday |
| Nov. 30 | St. Andrew's Day |
| Dec. 21 | St. Thomas' Day |
| Dec. 26 | St. Stephen's Day |
| Dec. 27 | St. John the Evangelist |
| Dec. 28 | Holy Innocent's Day |

STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

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| New Year's Day | Friday, January 1st |
| Good Friday | April 15th |
| Easter Monday | April 18th |
| Victoria Day | May 23rd |
| Dominion Day | Friday, July 1st |
| Labour Day | Monday, September 5th |
| Thanksgiving Day | Monday, October 10th |
| Remembrance Day | Friday, November 11th |
| Christmas Day | Sunday, December 25th |

Quebec Province Only

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| The Epiphany | January 6th |
| The Ascension | May 26th |
| All Saints Day | November 1st |
| Conception Day | December 8th |

Other Special Dates

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|------------------|---------------|
| B.-P.'s Birthday | February 22nd |
| Queen's Birthday | April 21st |
| Mother's Day | May 8th |
| Citizenship Day | May 20th |
| V.E. Day | May 8th |
| Father's Day | June 19th |
| V.J. Day | August 15th |



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CREW SCOUTERS PART II WOOD BADGE COURSE

A Crew Scouters Part II Wood Badge Course will be held by the Greater Toronto Metropolitan Region at the Camp of the Crooked Creek just outside Toronto (Scarborough) on the week-ends of September 11th-13th, 18th-20th and 25th-27th.

Anyone interested in further details on the course should contact the Toronto Metropolitan Region Headquarters, 1162 Bay St., Toronto, Ont.

SASKATCHEWAN JAMBOREE

The Saskatchewan Provincial Council announces its Fourth Provincial Jamboree, to be held at the Little Red River campsite, July 2nd to 9th, 1960.

It is hoped that they will have representation from other provinces in Canada, also from the Boy Scouts of America, and invitations will be extended. Anyone wishing to attend and who has his Second Class should contact his Provincial Headquarters.

BOY SHOT, SCOUTS SAVE HIS LIFE

Twenty-seven Boy Scouts, on a hike through the bush in Markham Township, Ontario, proved they were well prepared to give emergency treatment recently.

Tom Sibbald, 13, was wounded in the shoulder when a companion's rifle discharged accidentally. The three boys remembered passing the party of Scouts and they carried Tom a mile to the Scout camp. Sibbald, bleeding profusely, lost consciousness on the way.

The Scouts, 10 of whom had completed a First Aid course only a week before, ripped up their undershirts, handkerchiefs and other clothing to bandage the wound, then two of them waded through a swollen creek to call a doctor. The Scouts—all of the 7th Willowdale—made a makeshift stretcher for the wounded boy.

PLUCKY SCOUT

Ron Kennedy, of Lindsay, Ontario, has had no formal schooling. Most of his life he's been fighting the effects of cerebral palsy. But while struggling to overcome the handicap which has left him partially crippled, he has undertaken to help two other similarly affected children—Tim, 9, and Bruce, 11, sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hurlbut. Twice weekly, Ron goes to their home, where, through the help of a local service club, he has set up a miniature classroom and instructs the boys in the rudiments of reading, writing and drawing.

Ron is an accomplished sketcher and painter, and his work has been displayed in touring art exhibitions.

In addition to aiding the children, Ron also is Senior Patrol Leader of a local Boy Scout Troop. Says Scoutmaster Art Dickinson: "He's a First Class Scout and should be receiving his Queen's Scout Badge this fall."

A few years ago, Ron could only crawl. Now, following therapy, he gets about with the aid of crutches.

QUEBEC MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

There is a correction in the membership figure shown for Quebec in the Statement of Census, page 239 of the Annual Report Summary, July-August issue of *The Scout Leader*.

Total membership figures should read 16,474, rather than 14,485. The reason for this is that the end of the census year, December 31st, is in the middle of the Quebec Provincial Council Registration period. Therefore, the 14,485 represented that portion of the membership which had re-registered by December 31st, 1958.

AUDIENCE WITH PAPAL DELEGATE

Most Reverend Sebastiano Baggio, newly-appointed Apostolic Delegate to Canada, has received Mr. Fred J. Finlay, Chief Executive Commissioner for Canada's Boy Scouts, who called to pay his respects on behalf of the Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association.

To mark the occasion, Mr. Finlay presented him with a Scout paper knife.

Archbishop Baggio, who has been active in the Boy Scout Movement for many years, brought greetings to the Scouts of Canada from Pope John and the Boy Scouts of Italy.

HALLOWE'EN TRADITIONS

Hallowe'en festivities go back at least 2,000 years. The last day of the year on the old pagan calendar, October 31, served the triple purpose of bidding good-bye to summer, welcoming winter and remembering the dead. The Irish built huge bonfires on hilltops to offer encouragement to the waning sun and to provide a warm welcome for the visiting spirits of dead kinfolk.

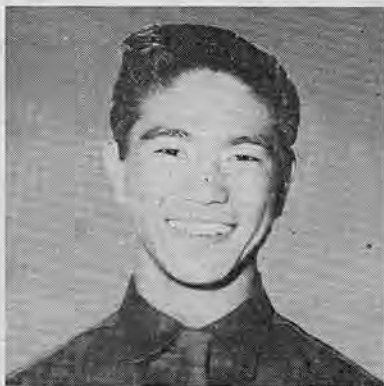
Superstition had it that Samhain, god of the dead, sat waiting by the fire to catch the approaching souls and turn them into animal form. Wickedest of the ghosts were metamorphosed into cats—which is how the black feline entered the Hallowe'en picture. Later, of course, black cats became known as witches' familiars, thus enhancing their spooky reputation.

Folks began hollowing out turnips and pumpkins and placing lighted candles inside to scare evil spirits from the house. Why was the result called a jack-o'-lantern? Tradition says that an Irish Jack, too wicked for heaven and expelled from hell for playing practical jokes on the devil, was condemned to walk the earth with a lantern forevermore.

Few apple-bobbers realize what an ancient game they play—or how rugged the sport used to be. During the Middle Ages, an apple and a lighted candle were stuck at opposite ends of a stick, which was suspended from the ceiling by a cord. The players—blindfolded, of course—attempted to grab a bit of the apple without getting singed.



Flag swapping between an American Cub Scout and a Canadian Wolf Cub with Peace Arch near Blaine, Washington, in background. On left is Ronnie Harper, 9, of Pack 284 West Seattle; on right, Teddy Olson, 9, of 105th Vancouver Pack.



Eagle Scout James Fuchigami, 17, of Lanai, Hawaii, stepped off a plane at Vancouver on July 24th and was met by Queen's Scouts Wm. David Brain of Vancouver and Barrie James Lewis of Lethbridge, who were en route to Hawaii, as part of the World Aloha Scout Exchange whereby the boys were guests of each other's brother Scouts for a fun-filled week.



Governor General Vincent Massey observes the Wolf Cubs of the 2nd Aklavik Pack giving the Grand Howl, while on one of his last treks before relinquishing his post as Governor General.



JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

Most Boy Scout Jamborees are held every four years, but there's a new type, a Jamboree-on-the-Air, an international meeting of Scouts via the amateur radio air waves, that promises to become an "annual event".

The first Jamboree-on-the-Air was held last year, in May. It was sponsored in England. This year it is being sponsored by the Boy Scouts International Bureau in Ottawa, and will be held from October 23rd to 25th.

The Boy Scouts International Bureau will operate from a specially-licensed amateur short wave station in Ottawa, using specially-assigned call letters "VE 3 JAM". QSL cards will be sent to all Scout groups, and amateurs, contacting the International Bureau station during the Jamboree-on-the-Air.

Jamboree-on-the-Air is not a contest and there are no prizes for those making the most contacts. It is the hope of the International Bureau that amateur radio station operators everywhere will co-operate with Scout Groups by helping them to contact Scout Groups in other countries by means of amateur radio equipment.

Operating rules for the Jamboree-on-the-Air are simple. Here is a general outline of the plan of operation:

1. The dates: From midnight, October 23rd to midnight October 25th, GMT.
2. Those wishing to participate may join by simply calling "CQ Jamboree". They will then be answered only by other amateurs taking part in Jamboree-on-the-Air.
3. Operations may take place on any amateur wave band and with any equipment which is consistent with license requirements.
4. All amateurs participating are courteously reminded that they must strictly observe license regulations.

Appointment of national co-ordinators for Jamboree-on-the-Air has been requested by the Boy Scouts International Bureau of all member countries. Leonard J. Johnson, Executive Commissioner for Public Relations, Canadian Scout Headquarters, 306 Metcalfe Street, is co-ordinator for the Canadian Scouting effort.

Canadian Scout Groups are urged to take early steps to seek the co-operation and support of Canadian radio "hams" in an effort to make Canadian Scouting's participation in Jamboree-on-the-Air, 1959, an outstanding success.

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Danny Kaye and Wolf Cubs of 3rd Long Branch "C" Pack (Toronto) display UNICEF posters.

**UNICEF
Goblins
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Again!**

Last year on Hallowe'en more than 200,000 Canadian young people in more than 1,000 communities across the country shared their Hallowe'en with UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) and "all the world's children". Their accumulated gifts of pennies, nickels and dimes rang up the astounding total of \$135,000! More than half of the gifts were from school groups where the Hallowe'en celebrations were the climax of exciting educational preparations. To get ready for Hallowe'en the youngsters learned a great deal about geography, nutrition and hygiene, world folklore, medical projects and economic assistance. From kindergarten to high school they participated in poster and essay contests, distributed flyers

and shared their new-found knowledge with their parents and neighbours. The excitement and disguises, the fun and frolic were the same, but those who shared their Hallowe'en with UNICEF knew that each penny collected could mean five large glasses of milk, anti-TB vaccine or some other badly needed aid for another child somewhere in the world.

Scouts and Guides, Cubs and Brownies all participated in this fine work. Last year, the 3rd Long Branch "C" Pack helped in this project and again this year they have been saving their pennies, nickels and dimes and plan to participate fully in the Hallowe'en "Shell Out" campaign. Some of the Cubs visited and had a joyful session with Danny Kaye on his recent visit to Toronto.

The Cubmaster of the 57th Ottawa "A" Pack wrote to say: "Thank you for allowing our Wolf Cubs the opportunity to do a 'Good Turn' for the needy children of the world. Twenty-five of our Cubs participated in this venture. Prior to this we distributed notices telling of our coming visit and most homes received us well."

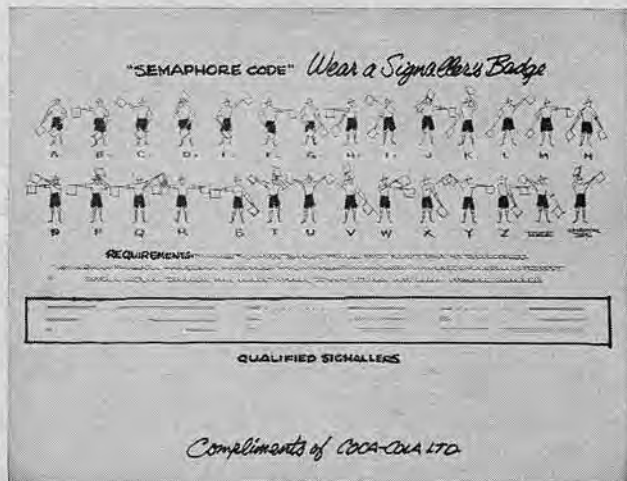
Young Canadians have made "Hallowe'en for UNICEF" a nationwide, enthusiastic venture because, with a minimum of adult guidance, the whole project is really their own. This Hallowe'en our children's laughter can once more echo around the world. Start planning now. Spread the word. Interest your school, your church, your sponsor, your Scouter's club. Join other Groups and make it a community-wide affair. The Canadian Committee for UNICEF will send you a special Hallowe'en Kit complete with a planning guide, publicity ideas, sample pamphlets, and will supply materials free of charge to groups large and small. Write for it today to the U.N.A. Committee for UNICEF, 280 Bloor Street West, TORONTO 5, Ontario.

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YOUR STORES DEPARTMENT MAIL ORDER SERVICE

By H. R. C. CROUCH, Assistant Executive Commissioner (Stores), C.H.Q.

Although we have received great response to an appeal to members of Scouting across Canada that they purchase their requirements through the nearest distributor, we still serviced 17,296 mail orders in the Stores Department during 1958. There must, by necessity, be some mail orders as many groups and Lone Scouts are considerable distances from distributors. The total, about 3,000 lower than in 1957, still averaged 72 per operating day.

The servicing of this number of orders per day entails quite a lot of work and you may be interested in knowing how we, the Stores Department, deal with them.

Each order goes through the following six stages:

- (1) Extracted from envelope and checked,
- (2) Entered on Stock Control Sheets,
- (3) Listed in Daily Sales Record,
- (4) Assembled in Warehouse,
- (5) Checked and wrapped,
- (6) Shipped (mail or rail).

These stages are normally completed in a matter of hours, allowing orders to be shipped the same day as received or the following day. However, circumstances such as an extra heavy mail, sickness, holidays, or indecipherable orders sometimes prevent this good intention from being carried out.

Stage 1. That of opening envelopes and checking orders, is the most interesting. The majority are readily decipherable, allowing them to be processed easily and rapidly. However, the following list indicates some of the problems our "interpreter" endeavours to overcome in his daily chore:—

The No-Namer

Completes order well except for his name. This can sometimes be found by checking sender's name on accompanying Money Order (if there is one) or by addressing label to "The Occupier" at given address.

The No-Townite

He presents a real problem—unless, of course, some reference can be made to a Money Order or if the post-mark on envelope is decipherable.

The No-Name or Addressite

We receive quite a number of orders with absolutely no means of identification. These can only be filed pending later (and sometimes irate) enquiries.

The No-Size or Colourite

This customer expects us to be mind-readers or to have X-ray eyes. "For a 10-year-old" is a favourite description with no further information as to whether the 10-year-old is short, tall, fat, thin, wide or narrow. "Send neckerchiefs for the '1st Blanktown' group." We just do not know the colours of every group in Canada.

The Old-Timer

He orders from a ten year old catalogue, anticipating prices have remained unchanged over the intervening years. He occasionally orders items that have not been stocked for several years.

What You Think Bester

"Am enclosing \$5.00. Please send me what you think would make a suitable present for my eleven year old nephew." This request seldom contains any indication of a preference.

Scrap Paperite

Mail orders arrive on all sorts and sizes of paper ranging from "postage stamp" size, containing five or

six items, to foolscap sheets, containing, perhaps, one article. We've received orders written on old envelopes, tags, brown paper, backs of cheques, scraps from notebooks, in fact any piece of paper that happened to be handy. Yes! any piece!

It is in this stage when the remittances accompanying orders are extracted and checked. You will have noticed that your order bears a receipt stamp.

Stage 2. We do not keep a copy of every mail order. As it would be a very lengthy and costly operation and is not considered worth the extra work involved. For purposes of controlling our stock, the number or amount of each item is carried to a Stock Control Sheet.

Stage 3. Next we list each order by a given number, name of customer and his town and province—with the amount of the order. This gives us a daily number and total value of mail orders processed and, at the same time, provides a means of checking whether or not a particular order has been received. A label is prepared at this point and attached.

This list is made in duplicate and the copy accompanies the orders to the next stage of processing.

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GAMES OF OTHER COUNTRIES

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A Trip to Rome (from Belgium)

One player is chosen to be *It*. He goes around saying, "I am going to Rome. Haven't you a gift for me?"

All the other players, in turn, hand him some object, trying to pick things which are awkward to carry. When *It* is loaded, he tries to walk across the room without dropping any of the objects. (Such objects as lamps, umbrellas, shoes, cartons, coats, etc. might be used.)

Who Has the Pebble? (from Burma)

Two teams of six each sit in two rows on the floor or ground with their legs straight out in front, feet touching the player ahead. The captain of one of the teams takes a pebble and walks along his team, pretending to hide the pebble under someone's knees. As he passes, each player raises and lowers his knees slightly, in case he is the one the captain chooses for the pebble. Each player pretends to have the pebble, but only one really does.

The captain of the opposite team (or first player in the line) now tries to guess which one has the pebble. If he guesses correctly, the player who has the pebble joins the opposite team. If he does not guess, then one of his team must join the other team. The team with greatest number of players at end of game wins.

Kabbadi (from India)

Two teams of players are chosen. They stand facing each other, not too far apart. A line is drawn on the ground between them. One team starts the game. It sends a player across the line to the other team.

The player is to tag someone on the other team and run back over the line without being caught. As the player does this, he must hold his breath the whole time. To prove that he is holding his breath, he says over and over, "kabbadi, kabbadi, kabbadi," (pronounced *cubbidy*).

If the player is caught by the other team, he stays with them. Play is informal, with each team sending a man out at random, trying to surprise the other. The object of the game is to capture all the men on the other team.

Hopping Fun (from Liberia)

One player is chosen to be *It*. The rest of the players stand in a circle with *It* in the middle. While the circle of players clap their hands and sing, *It*, hands on hips, hops from one foot to the other, pointing his toes as he hops.

Suddenly *It* points one foot at one of the players in the circle. That player must immediately point the same foot at *It*. If *It* points his right foot, the player must point his right foot. If he points his left foot, their feet will touch. Then they change places, the player in the circle becoming *It*.

It keeps on hopping and pointing his foot until he catches some player. This game is not as easy as it sounds.

CANADIAN SCOUT IN FRENCH TROOP

Courtesy, Information Service, Royal Canadian Air Force

A friendly, freckle-faced Quebec youngster has the distinction of being the only Canadian to belong to a French Boy Scout Troop.

He is Ivan de Bagheera, 12-year-old son of Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. Jack de Bagheera, of Ste-Genevieve near Montreal. His father is a staff officer at the RCAF's Air Division Headquarters in Metz, France.

Completely bilingual, Ivan joined the French Scout movement two years ago "to see how they carry out their activities".

The French Scouts were delighted to welcome a foreigner into their ranks, and after a few months had slipped by, the oddity of having an "outsider" among them wore off and they came to regard Ivan as one of their own. Now in fact, some of the boys in the Troop are unaware that he is a Canadian.

Ivan is delighted to belong to the French Troop. The many French holidays allow plenty of opportunity to go on camping trips throughout the countryside. The outings are usually two-day affairs, but last year the Scouts spent an entire month at a camp near the famous city of Lourdes.

Here, they were taught such activities as field craft, first aid, map reading, signalling and mountain climbing, and they constructed a rope bridge between two mountains.

By Canadian standards, the cost was very reasonable. Ivan's month of camping, including train fare to Lourdes, cost just \$20.

French Scouts lay stress on good health. Before going on a camping trip, a Scout must show proof of vaccination and receive inoculations against tetanus and typhoid fever. Accident insurance is also required.

On a trip, French Scouts don't carry their food. Instead, it's purchased from vendors in the nearest village by the Scout Leaders. Canned goods, common in Canada, are rarely seen in a French Boy Scout camp. Fresh foods are preferred and are bought on a meal-to-meal basis, eliminating the need for refrigeration.

While on a hike, French Scouts often indulge in a game which their Canadian counterparts may have played with variations.

Many parts of the French countryside still sport defence bunkers and fortifications left from two World Wars. These come in for special attention. The Troop is split into "defenders" and "raiders", and the latter are given the location of the bunker to be attacked on a map. Their task is first to find, then dislodge the defenders.

Among the favourite methods of budging the defenders is the use of smoke, under supervision. Then the attack, if successful, is wound up with a lesson in first aid.

Ivan's contact with his French chums isn't limited to Scouting activities. He attends a French public school in the city of Metz, where school starts at 8.00 a.m. and goes until 5.30 p.m. with two hours off for lunch. Thursday is a school holiday in France, but the students must attend on Saturday.



Ivan feels the work load in French schools is heavier than in Canada. "I could do with a lot less homework", he grins broadly.

Ivan has been in France four years, and will return to Canada this year with his parents and 10-year-old sister Georgette. His new home will be at RCAF Station Cold Lake, Alberta.

"I've had a lot of fun in France", says Ivan, "but I'm looking forward to going back to Canada. I want to join the Scouts in Canada as soon as I get there, and maybe I can pass on a few ideas I've learned here. I hope it's going to be something like this."

Ivan added, as an afterthought, that he was going to miss the French Scouts with whom he has played and worked with over the past two years.

And the French Scouts will miss him too. To the members of the 1st Metz Troop, Ivan isn't a foreigner from across the seas. He's one of them, a real French Scout and a good fellow to have along on a hike.

A PROGRAMME



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The Importance of Planning

EVERY youth leader realizes the need for planning programmes. In our Movement this planning is of the utmost importance if every boy is to make steady progress along the Scouting trail. This is not to suggest hard and fast detailed programmes for each meeting for three or four months in advance, or a stereotyped form for a given number of meetings, but rather an overall plan of progressive training.

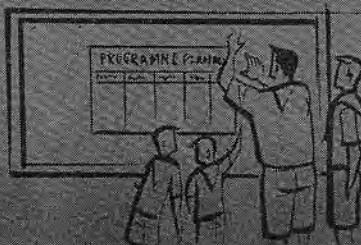
Experience has shown that it is often necessary to change a planned programme on the spot because of the mood of the boys or for one of a variety of other reasons including weather conditions. This is, of course, the exception which acts as a stimulant to the Scouters' imagination and proves the rule of the need for planning.

The charts on the following pages are only suggested outlines. It is not intended that they should be taken as is and used by any Section without modifications designed to meet local objectives. What is suggested is that they may prove useful to you, your Assistants and the Court of Honour, etc., as you plan your own activity for the coming season.

Take a large piece of paper and make the same headings as those appearing on the *Planning*

Guides. Then, after looking over the suggestions given here, make your own plans and write them into the appropriate spaces in your own chart. Apart from standing dates, it would probably be best to write your plans in pencil and then it will be less trouble to make changes as you go along. From this form you can paste a programme guide on the Section notice board as often as you think best and the boys will be able to see what lies ahead in their programmes. This often acts as an encouragement to Cubs and Scouts in particular to make their own personal plans to be ready for the adventures and instruction that lies ahead.

Throughout the year, *The Scout Leader*, *The Junior Leader* and *The Rover Rambler*, will feature information and ideas on the suggestions contained in these charts. However if you have other plans and would like us to enlarge on any of them, please let us know and we will do our best to be of assistance to you. Obviously it would be impossible to cover all the subjects listed in the Planning Guides in any one issue of the magazines, but we will touch on some of them each month.



A PLANNING GUIDE FOR PACK PROGRAMMES

MONTH	GROUP COMMITTEE AND GROUP COUNCIL	REGULAR ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN AND OUT-OF-DOORS	GOOD TURNS
SEPTEMBER—1959 7th—Labour Day	C.M. report to Group Committee Planning—New Assistants Going-Up Ceremony List equipment	Planning—Going-Up Ceremony Welcome New Chums Reorganize Sixes Look over equipment	Special Outdoor Meeting "Games" Visit parents of New Chums.	At home—clean up backyard. Good Turn to Sponsor:
OCTOBER Fire Prevention Week 12th—Thanksgiving Day 24th—United Nations Day 31st—Hallowe'en Remember UNICEF	C.M. report to Group Committee Attend Conference Review Leadership Training Invite Cubs "Going-Up" to Patrol Meeting. District Annual Meeting	Thanksgiving Day Service. Recruit and train Cub Instructors. Sixers' Council to discuss plans. P.L.'s/Rovers visit Pack. Handicraft—paper bag mask, for Hallowe'en.	Going-Up Ceremony (outdoors) to end with a Group Weiner Roast, Hallowe'en Ramble or Party. Conservation programme. Visit Fire Station (yarn by Fire Chief).	At home—clean out fire hazards in shed and basement. Clean War Memorial. Collect pocket books. Shell out for UNICEF
NOVEMBER 11th—Armistice Day National I-H Week 15-22nd—Young Canada Book Week 30th—St. Andrew's Day	C.M. report to Group Committee Review Conservation plans Plan Group Fund-Raising project. Emphasis on "Completing the Group". Plan for Toy Shop-Carol singing Inter-section visits by Scouters.	Stories read/told to Pack. Inter-section visits by Scouters Handicrafts—simple toys, bird feeding stations. Story of St. Andrew.	Act out favourite stories. Group party or Open House. Visit Library (yarn by Librarian) Star-Gazing.	At home—help to clean storm windows. Toy shop—Carol singing Clean leaves off of Church lawns.
DECEMBER 25th—Christmas Day	C.M. report to Group Committee. Plan for Boy Scout Week. Plan for church attendance on B.S.-G.G. Sunday.	Tell Christmas Story. Record of Christmas Carol (Dickens). Holiday Ramble. Handicraft—make a gift for Mom or Dad.	Christmas party (bring a friend) Visit Old Peoples, Children's Home, to sing Carols, play Games.	At Home—make a gift for Mom or Dad. Encourage giving rather than receiving. Toy Shop—Carol singing
JANUARY—1960 1st—New Year's Day 8th—B.P. died 1941	C.M. report to Group Committee. Plan for Boy Scout Week. Group Fund-Raising Project. Bring in names for Group Committee.	First Aider Badge Handicraft—make Christmas Card Scrap Book for distribution to Children's Home/Hospital.	Special "Handicraft Meeting" to make up Christmas Card Scrap Books for Children's Home/Hospital.	At Home—give away extra to less fortunate. Feed Birds. Clear away snow from of peoples' homes.
FEBRUARY 14th—St. Valentine's Day 21st—B.S.-G.G. Sunday	C.M. report to Group Committee. Church Attendance. Review Cubs "Going-Up" to Troop.	Visit or entertain another Pack. S.M./R.S.L. to yarn to Cubs. First Aider Badge Church Attendance Handicraft—Valentine cards for Mom.	Toboggan or ski ramble. Special Group Party. Link-up with Foreign Pack.	At Home—make bird nesting boxes. Feed Birds World Brotherhood Fund Handicapped Groups.
MARCH 1st—St. David's Day 17th—St. Patrick's Day	C.M. report to Group Committee. Annual Report to Sponsors. Visit by District Scouters. Review conservation project.	Jungle Atmosphere—stories, props, dances and costumes. Guide Badge. Story of St. David/St. Patrick. Handicraft—costumes for Jungle Dances.	Special Pack Meeting, "Pack of 2000 B.C." Visit Museum.	At Home—place seeds in pots for garden. Put out nesting boxes. Lenten Good Turn. Special Easter offering from own allowance.
APRIL 1st—Be careful National Wildlife Week 15th—Good Friday 17th—Easter Sunday 21st—Queen's Birthday 12th Passover 23rd—St. George's Day	C.M. report to Group Committee. Review plans for Holiday period. Group Committee Annual Meeting. Installation of new officers. Church Attendance.	Group Chaplain to yarn to Pack on their "Duty to God". Church attendance (group) Guide Badge. Handicraft—help Dad make gadgets for garden. Story of St. George.	Have P.L.s run part of Pack Meeting. Observer Badge Rambles Gardener Badge Special Pack Meeting "Treasure Island". 'Learn to swim' campaign.	At Home—help Dad on cleaning garden tools. Make garden gadgets.
MAY 8th—Mother's Day 17th—Mafeking Day Citizenship Day National Clean-Up Week 23rd—Victoria Day Forest Fire Prevention Week	C.M. report to Group Committee. Review plans for Holiday Programme. Plan for Picnic outing and Field Day.	Road Safety emphasized. Observer Badge. Story of Siege of Mafeking. Handicrafts—gift for Mother's Day.	Mother and Son Banquet (served by Dads). Older Cubs visit Troop. Gardener and Observer Badges 'Learn to Swim' Campaign. Picnic outing and Field Day.	At Home—make gifts for Mother for Mother's Day. Road Safety. Help others not to be "litter louts".
JUNE Shut-In's Day Father's Day 24th—St. Jean Baptiste	C.M. report to Group Committee. Conclude plans for Holiday Programme.	Stories of Cubs in other lands. Observer Badge. Handicraft—gift for Father's Day.	'Learn to Swim' Campaign. Special Pack Meeting "Cubs of Other Lands". Play-Acting. Gardener Badge.	At Home—make a gift for Father for Father's Day. Visit ill or lonely people. Adopt Pack in other land.
JULY & AUGUST July 1st—Dominion Day	C.M. report to Group Committee. Transportation for Holiday Programme. Plan Fall Round-Up.	Pack Holiday, Rambles, Summer Programme, Observer, Gardener and Swimmer Badges. Handicrafts—Nature Lore collections. Industrial Visits.	Older Cubs visit Troop Camp. 'Learn to Swim' Campaign.	At Home—look after the lawn-mowing. Good Turn to animals. Help others not to be "litter louts".

A PLANNING GUIDE FOR TROOP PROGRAMMES

MONTH	ACTIVITIES OF PATROL LEADERS AND COURT OF HONOUR	PATROL ACTIVITIES	GENERAL ACTIVITIES	SCOUTERS GROUP AFFAIRS
SEPTEMBER—1959 7th—Labour Day	Court of Honour does Short Range planning for next 3 months, allocating responsibility. P/L's round up boys, old and new. Check Troop equipment. P/L's visit Pack to meet Cubs coming up.	Patrol in Council to plan Patrol meetings until Christmas. Christmas Good Turn. Patrol week-end camp. Invite Cubs due to "Go Up", to Patrol Meetings. Start training them in Tenderfoot.	1st Class Hikes. Patrol Hikes culminating in combined wide game. All Troop meetings outdoors on theme of Pioneering.	Meeting of Group Council to discuss Cubs "Going Up" and Scouts advancing to Rovers. Plan Group weiner roast. Group Committee meeting. Submit plan of major events for year. Present Budget. Discuss fund-raising activities. Visit Pack to meet Cubs due to "Go Up".
OCTOBER 12th—Thanksgiving Day Fire Prevention Week 24th—United Nations Day 31st—Hallowe'en	Court of Honour plan winter camps. Plan Troop's part in weiner roast and Hallowe'en party. Select Cub Instructor to work with Pack.	Build, decorate or re-decorate Patrol den, corner or box. Visit and inspect a campsite discovered by Rovers.	Visit Fire Station. Some to take Fireman's Badge Course. Waste paper drive during Fire Prevention Week. Going-Up Ceremony. International Good Turn. Hallowe'en Party with Guides. Week-End Camp.	Group Council meeting. Group Committee meeting. Visit parents of recruits. Work out training requirements for leaders and sign up for courses. Attend District Annual General Meeting.
NOVEMBER 11th—Remembrance Day National 4-H Week 15-22nd—Young Canada Book Week 30th—St. Andrew's Day	Court of Honour vote new books for Troop Library. P/L's visit Rover Crew with other Scouts due to advance. Start Bronze Arrowhead Course for new P/L's and Seconds.	Election in Patrol to choose Leader to replace one gone to Rovers. Patrol Meeting based on St. Andrew's theme. Plan Christmas Good Turn.	Theme for Troop meetings—Ambulance Badge. Repair books in Troop Library. Visit Observatory or go star gazing. Remembrance Day Services. Build and put out birdfeeding stations. Advancement Ceremony to Rovers.	Group Council plan for Christmas carolling and good turn. Plan emphasis on physical training. A.S.M. to take Basic "A" Training Course.
DECEMBER 25th—Christmas Day	Court of Honour does Short Range planning for next 3 months and allocates responsibility. Discuss plans for Camporee.	Make Pack frames with help from a Dad. Christmas Good Turn.	Street wide games run with assistance from Group Committee. Investiture of new recruits. Group carolling to Shut-ins. Troop Hike.	Allocate responsibility for organization of Church attendance for Scout-Guide Sunday. Plan details of Father and Son Banquet.
JANUARY—1960 1st—New Years Day 8th—B.P. Died 1941	Study individual progress. Court of Honour plan weekend camps and Summer Camp. P/L's get instruction in care and use of snow shoes. Snow Shoe hike.	Each boy to make himself an emergency kit. Ski hike. Experiment with making cooking fires in snow.	Theme for Troop meetings—Winter Emergencies. Winter camp. Ice hockey match with another Troop. Outdoor meeting on tracking. Winter Sportsman's Badge. Group fund-raising activity.	Group Council finalize arrangements for Father and Son Banquet. Work with Camp Sub-Committee on Summer Camp arrangements.
FEBRUARY 14th—St. Valentine's Day. 21st—Boy Scout-Girl Guide Sunday	Court of Honour plan Easter hikes. Camp for Senior members of Troop. Plan a Conservation activity. Discuss poor position of Troop funds. Suggest increase in dues payable monthly.	Snow shoe instruction and hike Patrol work on Weatherman Badge — each boy to make instrument and keep records.	Father and Son Banquet. Winter camp. Special Church attendance on Scout Sunday. Troop meeting on ice. Contribution to World Brotherhood Fund.	Group Council plan for Leaders to attend Provincial Conference. Discuss problems. Review Scout advancement and Cubs "Going Up".
MARCH 1st—St. David's Day 17th—St. Patrick's Day	Court of Honour does Short Range planning for next 3 months. Court of Honour plan Troop emergency call out. Plan programme for Parent's night in May. P/L's joint Ramble with older Scouts and Rovers. Check camping gear and make list of requirements.	Plan Patrol emergency call out. Make new patrol knotting and splicing board.	Sugaring off hike. Arrange for D.C. or D.S.M. to visit Troop. Special Troop meeting on cooking.	Inform Group Committee of plans and dates of weekend and Summer Camps. Group Committee submit annual report to Sponsor. Discuss new camp equipment required. New Group Committee appointed.
APRIL National Wildlife Week 15th—Good Friday 17th—Easter Sunday 21st—Queen's Birthday 23rd—St. George's Day	Plan Summer Period activities for Patrols and individuals. P/L's to run part of Cub Pack meeting.	Make Patrol advancement targets for the summer. Recruits who joined in Oct. to be 2nd Class by end of camp.	Troop Emergency Call Out scheme — Find two missing children. Group Chaplain to visit Troop meeting.	Group Council review summer plans of all sections. Group Committee Installation of officers, renewal of Charter, registration of boys.

A PLANNING GUIDE FOR TROOP PROGRAMMES—CONT'D.

MONTH	ACTIVITIES OF PATROL LEADERS AND COURT OF HONOUR	PATROL ACTIVITIES	GENERAL ACTIVITIES	SCOUTERS GROUP AFFAIRS
MAY 8th—Mother's Day 17th—Mafeking Day Clean-Up Week Forest Fire Prevention Week 23rd—Victoria Day Citizenship Day	P/L's and Second's special training weekend of Pioneering. Court of Honour to finalize plans for Parents' Night. Plan special activities for week-end camp. Court of Honour does Short Range planning for next 3 months.	Special Patrol meeting on B.-P. and siege of Mafeking. Clean-up activity and good turn. Victoria Day Hike. Plan programme for Patrol week-end camp.	Spring clean Headquarters. Do painting and repairs as necessary. Good turn to Sponsoring Authorities. Area Camporee. Parents' Night.	Scouts asked to help with Pack Field Day on 17th. Group Committee approve special summer activities. A.S.M. to take Basic "B" Training Course.
JUNE Shut-In's Day Father's Day 24th—St. Jean Baptiste	Court of Honour finalize arrangements for summer camp.	Patrol week-end camps. Instruction in swimming and life saving by a Dad. Axe and knife work. Stalking and tracking.	All outdoor troop meetings. Pioneering theme for activities. Work on Conservation project.	Group Committee check final summer plans. Lay foundation for Fall round-up and activities.
JULY & AUGUST July 1st—Dominion Day	Plan canoe trip for Leaders in early September. Court of Honour meets at Camp to do Long Range planning for next year.	Summer camp or cruise. Put summer activity plans into action. Look out for Scouts from other parts of the country and practice the 4th Scout Law.	Summer camp and cruise. Work on outdoor proficiency badges.	Group Committee check and follow up plans, etc.

SUGGESTED 12 MONTH CREW ACTIVITIES

MONTH	SPECIAL	OUT-OF-DOORS	SOCIAL AND CO-EDUCATIONAL	SERVICE	TRAINING AND PROGRESS	GROUP BUSINESS
SEPTEMBER—1959 7th—Labour Day Schools re-open Colleges re-open	CREW IN COUNCIL Round up of Crew Recruit new members. Bring down year's budget. Determine year's major events.	PLAN AHEAD TO NOV. 30 Rambles to find sites for Troop. Provincial Moots.	PLAN AHEAD TO NOV. 30 Splash party with girl friends.	PLAN AHEAD TO NOV. 30 Conservation Projects. Qualify for Rescuer Badge. Begin Toy Shop	PLAN AHEAD TO NOV. 30 Individuals enroll in night classes. Individuals present progress plans to Crew for approval.	Group Council; Plan weiner roast programme. Plan advancement of Scouts to Crew. Group Committee; Present Crew budget and list of major events for approval. Plan weiner roast.
OCTOBER 12th—Thanksgiving Day 24th—United Nations Day 31st—Hallowe'en Fire Prevention Week	Appoint Committees for year's major events. Help District with Boy Scout Apple Day.	Ramble to farms for Thanksgiving decorations. Group weiner roast.	Hallowe'en Masquerade Party	Decorate church for Thanksgiving Services. Toy Shop. Check Den for fire hazards. Demonstrate Fire Prevention to Pack and Troop.	Appoint Sponsors for recruits. Admission Ceremonies. Speaker and Study Groups about the U.N. Talk by Rovers who attended Moot.	Crew Executive; Plan for November Theme. Group Committee; R.S.L.'s report. Review training status of Scouters. Attend District Annual Meeting.
NOVEMBER 11th—Remembrance Day. 15-22nd—Book Week	CREW IN COUNCIL Advancement Ceremony. Inter-Section visits.	PLAN AHEAD TO FEB. 28 Ramble to historical landmark. Assist with Bronze Arrow-head Course.	PLAN AHEAD TO FEB. 28 Girl friends dress dolls for Toy Shop.	PLAN AHEAD TO FEB. 28 Toy Shop. Assist at Remembrance Day Services. Repair Prayer Books and Hymnals at church.	PLAN AHEAD TO FEB. 28 Start study of literature — reading, writing and appreciation. Visit Publishing House. Appoint Sponsors for Scouts advancing.	Group Council; Plan for Christmas Carolling and Good Turns. Group Committee; R.S.L.'s Report. Conservation review and Plans for 1959. Plan Group Fund Raising Project.
DECEMBER Christmas New Year's Eve	Group Christmas carols for shut-ins.	Practice ice rescue.	New Year's Eve party.	Toy Shop. Christmas baskets made up. Post unsafe ice areas.	Continue study of literature. See Film "Ice Rescue".	Group Council; Plan demonstrations for Boy Scout Week. Group Committee; R.S.L.'s Report. Plan church attendance for Scout-Guide Sunday.

SUGGESTED 12 MONTH CREW ACTIVITIES—CONT'D.

MONTH	SPECIAL	OUT-OF-DOORS	SOCIAL AND CO-EDUCATIONAL	SERVICE	TRAINING AND PROGRESS	GROUP BUSINESS
JANUARY—1960 New Year's	Group Fund Raising Project.	Overnight hike on skis or snow shoes.	Girl friends invited to participate in First Aid Course.	Start First Aid course. "Adopt" aged couple and arrange to shovel snow for them.	Investitures. See film "Winter Scouting". Make pack frames.	Group Council; Plan demonstrations for Boy Scout Week. Group Committee; R.S.L.'s Report. R.S.L. suggests names for Group Committee. Plan exchange visit.
FEBRUARY 14th—St. Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday 21st—B.S.-G.G. Sunday	CREW IN COUNCIL Group B.-P. birthday party.	PLAN AHEAD TO MAY 31 Exchange tour with Boy Scouts of America Explorer Post.	PLAN AHEAD TO MAY 31 St. Valentine's Dance.	PLAN AHEAD TO MAY 31 Continue First Aid course. Subscribe to World Brotherhood Fund.	PLAN AHEAD TO MAY 31 Make and mend camp equipment.	Group Council; Review advancement plans for Scouts to Crew. Group Committee; R.S.L.'s Report. Plan for Scouters to attend conference.
MARCH Lent	Visit by D.C. or D.R.S.L. Lenten Services.	Older Scouts and Rovers combined Ramble.	Visit to Radio and T.V. Station.	Project set by Sponsoring Institution.	Progress Thong Talks and demonstrations by Rovers.	Crew Executive; Review summer plans. Group Committee; Annual Report to Sponsors. New Group Committee appointed.
APRIL 15th—Good Friday 17th—Easter Sunday 23rd—St. George's Day	District St. George's Day Rover Banquet	Spring ramble for Edible wild plants.	Study of comparative religions.	Project set by D.C. Conservation Project.	Progress Thong Talks and demonstrations by Rovers. Individuals study history of their church and give talk to Crew.	Group Council; Review summer plans of sections and coordinate. Discuss camping equipment needs. Group Committee; Charter renewal and registration. Installation of officers.
MAY 8th—V.E. Day 8th Mother's Day Colleges Close Citizens Day	CREW IN COUNCIL Mothers' Supper — prepared and served by Crew.	PLAN AHEAD TO SEPT. 30 Rambler Badge Logs checked.	PLAN AHEAD TO SEPT. 30 Rambler Badge and Progress Thong Presentation Banquet. Visit to City Council.	PLAN AHEAD TO SEPT. 30 Help with Pack Field Day. Conservation Project.	PLAN AHEAD TO SEPT. 30 Progress Thong Talks and demonstrations by Rovers. Investitures.	Crew Executive; Review summer plans Group Committee; R.S.L.'s Report. Summer plans approved.
JUNE Father's Day Schools Close	Attend theatre, concert, etc. with Dads as guests.	Fishing expedition with Dads.	Tennis Tournament. Splash party.	Conservation Project.	Visit to civic filtration plant and/or waste disposal plant.	Group Committee; R.S.L.'s Report. Final summer plans.
JULY & AUGUST July 1st—Dominion Day	Plan Fall Round-up	Extensive motor trip: — know Canada's national parks.	Corn and weiner roast.	Personal service when opportunity presents itself.	Summer employment. Moot participants prepare talks and demonstrations for Fall programme.	Plan Fall Round-up. Group Committee; R.S.L.'s Report. Report of summer plans.

SUGGESTED 12 MONTH PROGRAMME GUIDE FOR GROUP SPONSORS AND GROUP COMMITTEES

MONTH	SPECIAL	HEAD OF SPONSORING INSTITUTION	GROUP COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 7th—Labour Day 23rd—Ros'h Hashana	Round-up of Group Committeemen	Invite Group Committee Chairman to report on year's plans for the Group. Interim appointment of men to Group Committee to fill vacancies. Visit to Pack.	Consider Section Plans for the year. Bring down year's consolidated Group Budget—expenses and income. Approve Section activities and help plan.
OCTOBER 12th—Thanksgiving Day 1st Yom Kippour 6th Sukkoth	Help District with Apple Day.	Invite Group Committee to have boys assemble decorations for church for Thanksgiving and to check meeting place for fire hazards. Visit to Troop.	Consider Section reports and plans. Review training status of Scouters. Attend District Annual Meeting.
NOVEMBER 11th—Remembrance Day 15-22nd—Book Week 1st—All Saints Day 30th—St. Andrews Day	Plan to "Complete the Group" i.e. add Pack, Troop or Crew.	Meeting of Group Committee Chairman and Scouters to discuss co-ordination of Sponsor's over-all youth program and Scouting. Religious training planned. Invite Crew to repair Prayer Books and Hymnals. Visit to Crew. Arrange for Church Choir Leader to help train boys for Carol singing.	Consider Section reports and plans. Plan Group Fund Raising Project. Recruit additional leaders—3 deep.
DECEMBER 25th—Christmas 31st—New Year's Eve Channukah	Extend Scouting to children with a handicap.	Give list of needy families to Group Committee for Toys and Christmas baskets. Discuss plans for Boy Scout Week with Group Committee Chairman. Attend Group Committee Meeting.	Consider Section reports and plans. Plan Group attendance at Church for Boy Scout Week. Group Committee Social with wives. Scouters and wives guests.
JANUARY 1st—New Year's Youth Week	Final plans for Boy Scout Week.	Attend meeting of Scout Mothers' Auxiliary. Give public recognition of work of Group Committee and Scouters. Consider nominations for future Group Committee.	Consider Section reports and plans. Plan B-P Birthday Party for Group. Work with District to plan District Financial Campaign. Transmit nominations for new Group Committeemen to Head of Sponsoring Institution.
FEBRUARY 14th—St. Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday 21st—B.S.-G.G. Sunday	Boy Scout Week. Finance Campaign.	Scout-Guide Sunday Services. Attend B-P Birthday Party. Support District's Financial Campaign. Invite District Commissioner or Scout Executive to meet to review "State of the Group".	Consider Section reports and plans. Work on District Financial Campaign. Run B-P Birthday Party. Plan for Scouters and Committee to attend Conference.
MARCH Lent 13th Purim World Day of Prayer 17th—St. Patrick's Day	Attend sponsors meeting. Summer plans.	Set a project for the Group to do for the Institution. Meeting with D.C. or Scout executive. Present Group's Annual Report to Executive Board of Institution. Appoint Group Committee for 1959-1960.	Section Scouters submit their Annual Reports. Prepare a Consolidated Group Annual Report for submission to Head of Sponsoring Institution District Council.
APRIL 15th—Good Friday 17th—Easter Sunday 21st—Queen's Birthday 23rd—St. George's Day 12th Passover 10-16th Holy Week	St. George's Day Re-dedication Church Service Summer plans.	Initiate "Duty to God" training for Scouts. Assist Rovers with study of History of their Church. Install Group Committee.	Meeting with District President (or appointee) to Review Charter and Register Members of Group. Consider Section reports and plans.
MAY 8th—V.E. Day 8th Mother's Day Ascension Thursday 23rd Victoria Day Whit-Sunday	Announce in Institution's Bulletin Officers and Members of Group Committee. Summer plans.	Arrange for Religious Observances for Sections while in camp and meet with Scouters to discuss.	Consider Section Reports and plans. Careful check of Health and Safety features of Summer Plans. Applications for permission to camp submitted to H.Q. Camping gear purchased.
JUNE Father's Day	Summer plans.	Visit each Section of the Group.	Consider Section reports and plans. Final Summer Plans considered.
JULY & AUGUST July 1st—Dominion Day Assumption Aug. 15th—V.J. Day	PLAN FALL ROUND-UP.	Visit camps.	Consider Section reports and plans. Special reports of Summer Activities. Camping gear checked and stored.

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SCOUTING PAMPHLETS

By B. H. MORTLOCK, Executive Commissioner (Relationships), Canadian Headquarters

Every year, Canadian Headquarters prepares and distributes more than 400,000 pamphlets dealing with many phases of Scouting. In the next few months we hope to provide a brief review each month of some of the pamphlets available.

It should be remembered that pamphlets are not available directly from Canadian Headquarters, but should be ordered from District Headquarters, where such exist, or from Provincial Headquarters by those Groups serviced by a Provincial field official.

In the first of this series we will deal briefly with pamphlets directed mainly to Group operation and administration.

The Group Committee Working Kit

The kit consists of a cover which holds a series of pamphlets. It carries on the inside the definitions or terminology commonly used in Scouting. Inserted also are the registration forms desired by the Provincial Council.

The kit includes these pamphlets:

Scout Group Sponsors outlines the rights, privileges and responsibilities of Group sponsorship, telling how an organization becomes a sponsor, and how it goes about its task.

Here's How. The basic book for Group Committees, telling how to organize and administer the Group, how to secure Scouters, and the relationships between the Committee and its Sponsor, The Boy Scouts Association, and the Scouts; how to finance the Group and other pertinent information.

Religious Obligations of Scouters. This outlines the religious policy of Scouting and the part expected of the Scouter in bringing religion into a boy's life.

Camping—The Group Committee's Responsibility. It is not the Scouter's job to do all the detailed work in connection with the annual camp. The Group Committee has many important responsibilities which are outlined in this booklet.

The Boy Scout Movement in Canada. This pamphlet is included in the kit to give members of the Group Committee an understanding of the background of Scouting in Canada and throughout the world, and the aims, principles and methods used in the Movement to train boys.

Work Cards. There are two work cards in each kit. One, on thin board, is perforated and may be broken up into individual cards. There are cards outlining the duties of the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Camping Committee, the Finance Committee and the Public Relations Committee (sub-committee of the Group Committee). These cards are made to fit the average-sized wallet. There is also a paper sheet which the Chairman keeps for himself, and which may be folded into a small booklet. It keeps him in touch at all times with the duties of his officers and committees.

Other pamphlets available for the Group, but not included in this working kit are:

Scout Group Ladies' Auxiliaries. An outline of the duties of this most useful auxiliary to a Group Committee.

Father and Son Banquet. This event has become an annual "must" in thousands of Groups. This pamphlet discusses the planning of a Father and Son banquet in all its details.

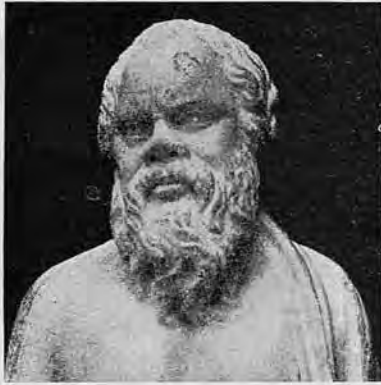
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SOCRATES AND SCOUTING

By SCOUTER DON

The speaker's subject was social work, but it might well have been Scouting, when he referred to how difficult it is for a trained and experienced person to refrain from giving all the answers to a group instead of letting them decide a question for themselves. Yet to give *all* the answers defeats one of the main purposes of the meeting—that of helping people to learn to make decisions.

Any Scouter knows the same difficulty with boys.

Boys are too often unaccustomed to figuring out the answers for themselves. They've been given the answers all their lives. It's a natural temptation for adults to give young people the answers; it's business-like. Or is it? It doesn't train them to *think*.

Socrates was the first notable exponent of the question method of teaching. His pupils received few direct answers from him. What they did learn was to think and find the answers for themselves. In that respect, Socrates was like a good Scoutmaster who asks his Court of Honour questions and then sits back while they sweat out the answers.

We could all improve our use of this method—questioning rather than answering—whether it be in connection with Cubs, Scouts or Rovers.

B.-P. knew boys. That's why he stressed the use of the secret ballot in making Court of Honour decisions. The secret ballot forces each boy to choose for himself. In a show of hands, the hesitant or weak-willed boy will vote with the majority or the way the most popular boy votes, or the way he thinks the Scoutmaster wants him to vote. The ballot can force him to think, which is, after all, equally as important as the decision itself. He may be wrong, but at least he is using his own brainpower; he is training himself to take his place as a responsible member of his Troop, his community and the world. The use of the ballot is often sadly neglected in Troop planning. It should be used at least in all major decisions.

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The Scouting Movement went from strength to strength in England, where in time to come the Scouts were joined by their younger brothers, to be called Wolf Cubs, and elder and younger sisters—Guides and Brownies, while the Rangers became senior members of the devoted band.

Soon it was ringing the world, and in 1909 Baden-Powell received a summons to stay as a guest of King Edward VII at Balmoral.

He was dressing there for dinner when a knock on the door distracted his attention.

"Come in," he called, wondering who would want to

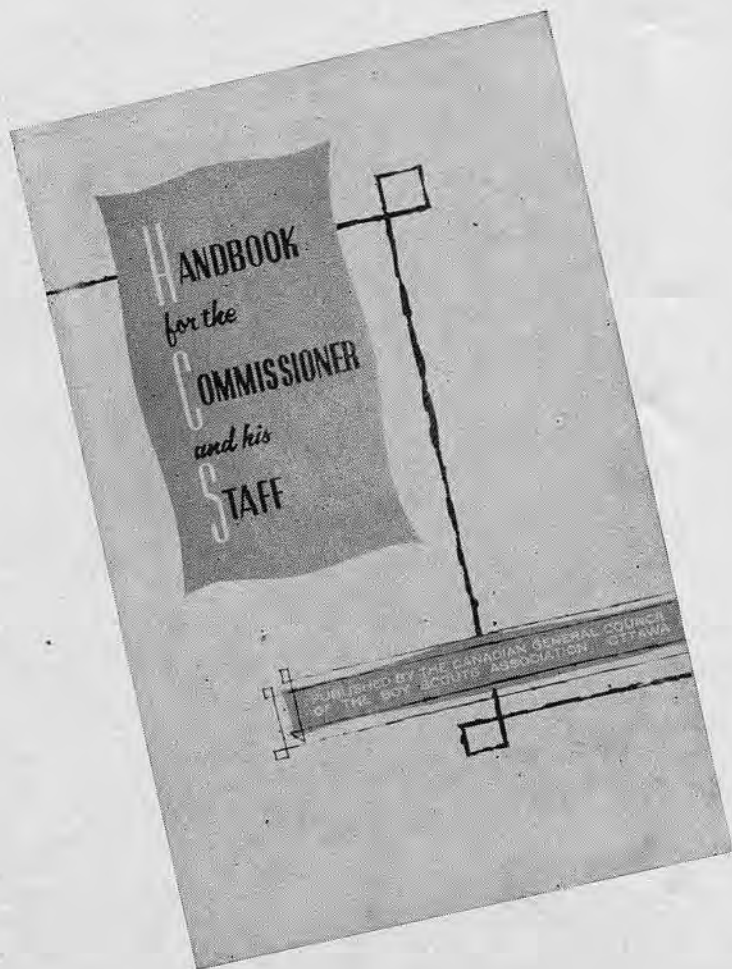
disturb him at such an inconvenient time, but when the door opened it was to disclose one of the King's equerries.

"What is it?" asked B.-P. in surprise, and the official replied in words no less astonishing.

"His Majesty wishes to confer your knighthood at once, sir!"

Now the Chief Scout (as he had by now been acclaimed), knew this reason for being called to Balmoral, but that such an unusual time should be chosen to confer the honour he found it difficult to understand. It was not until the ceremony had actually taken place that he learned the reason from the King's own lips.

"You see," explained the King, "I wished to knight you immediately because it has been brought to my notice that your dinner card bears the title 'Sir Robert' and as the notice is now too short for it to be changed, I thought it better that I should remedy the defect myself by the obvious means!"



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During the month of November, Cubs, Scouts, Rovers and Scouters throughout Canada will be giving some of their programme time to a support of Young Canada's Book Week. As Scouters will be looking for various books to recommend to their young, and not so young, readers, we felt that we should give you a list of recent publications which we have had the opportunity of reviewing, and which we suggest you consider for recommendation to your Cubs, Scouts or Rovers.

Antarctic Scout

By Richard Lee Chappell

Published by Dodd, Mead & Co.

(Canada) Ltd., Toronto

Price \$4.00

This is a thrilling story written by Eagle Scout Richard Chappell, who was selected by the Boy Scouts of America and a Committee of the United States National Geophysical Year Programme to journey with the scientists of the I.G.Y. to the ice-bound wastes of the Antarctic Continent during the winter of 1957-58. Eagle Scout Chappell records with the keen eye of a trained Scout many of the interesting, dramatic and light moments of this wonderful adventure on the last outpost of civilization.

This is a book that every Scout will want to read and when he has finished reading the book, he will be as proud of his brother Scout, Dick Chappell, as is Dr. Arthur Aschuck, the Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

Letter of Marque

By Andrew Hepburn

Published by Little, Brown & Co.

(Canada) Ltd., Toronto

Price \$4.50

This is one of the most thrilling sea stories we have had the opportunity of reading for some time. It is a fascinating yarn about an American privateer and her struggles, along with other similar ships of the early days of the United States Navy, against the British Navy. The author himself was a sailor during the last war and writes with skill and realism in this exciting new historical novel.

On Course for Danger

By Philip McCutchen

Published by The Macmillan Co. of

Canada Ltd., Toronto

Price \$2.75

This is an action-packed story of a mutiny on a British merchant ship and the trials and tribulations of a Sub-Lieutenant in the Royal Navy appointed to take control of this ship with an armed party. The scene is set in the Far East and we are given intimate glimpses of Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland. This book was written for young readers and is well calculated to keep their interest through a series of swiftly moving and exciting adventures.

The Pennor Mine Mystery

By Wallace Nichols

Published by McClellan and Stewart

Ltd., Toronto

Price \$2.25

Every boy and girl that goes on a holiday hopes that something exciting will happen to them. This book is written to satisfy just such a demand from young readers and the story of David and Silvia Barnes and the exciting holiday they have near an old Cornish tin mine in England, will delight all young readers. The attractive illustrations by Audrey Fawley help to make this book more attractive for young readers.

Captain Anson and the Treasure of Spain

By Capt. Frank Knight

Published by The Macmillan Co. of

Canada Ltd., Toronto

Price \$3.00

This is a true story which, although ignored by history books, is every bit as exciting as the adventures of Sir Francis Drake. Captain Knight has reconstructed from the diaries, letters and logs of British seamen one of the most outstanding exploits of the thrilling days when the British Navy was in command of the seas in the early 18th century. The author is one of the finest writers of children's books in England. We highly recommend this book for young readers in Canada.

Wonders of the Deep Sea

By Boris Arnov, Jr. and Helen

Mindlin

Published by Dodd, Mead & Co.

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This is another of the Dodd, Mead WONDER BOOKS written especially for young readers. Although written in a very easy-to-read style and profusely illustrated, it has been carefully designed to provide a vast wealth of information and thrilling yarns.

Andy and the Gopher

By Audrey McKim

Published by Little, Brown & Co.

(Canada) Ltd., Toronto

Price \$3.00

This is a delightful story that would appeal to a very young Cub or his brothers and sisters of six or seven years old. It is an exciting story about a leprechaun from Medicine Hat, Alberta who has all sorts of adventures carefully designed to amuse the young reader. This book received honourable mention in the recent Canadian Children's Book Awards.

Whittling with Ben Hunt

By W. Ben Hunt

Published by the Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

Price \$3.50

This is another book which we would highly recommend for camp libraries and in addition would suggest it for every Troop library. Ben Hunt has been writing about and illustrating his How-to-do-it ideas for the Boy Scouts of America for years, through the media of *Boy's Life* and this book is an outstanding example of his writing and illustrating skill. If you are looking for a presentation book for a boy who likes to whittle, we cannot think of a better gift than this book.

The Romance of Chemistry

By Keith Gordon Irwin

Illustrated by Anthony Ravielli

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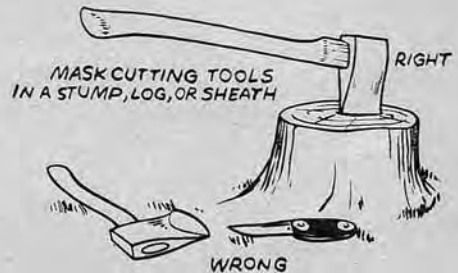
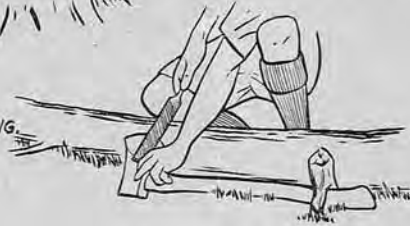
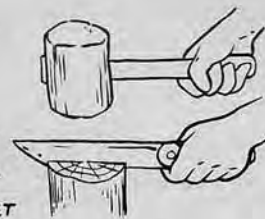
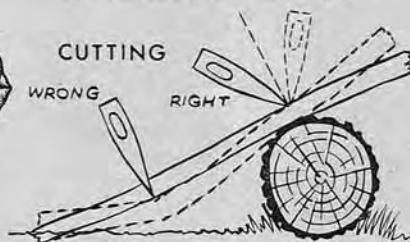
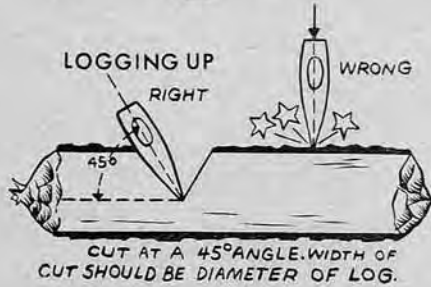
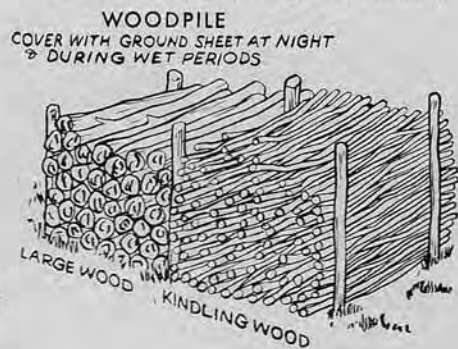
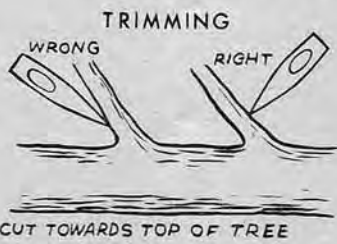
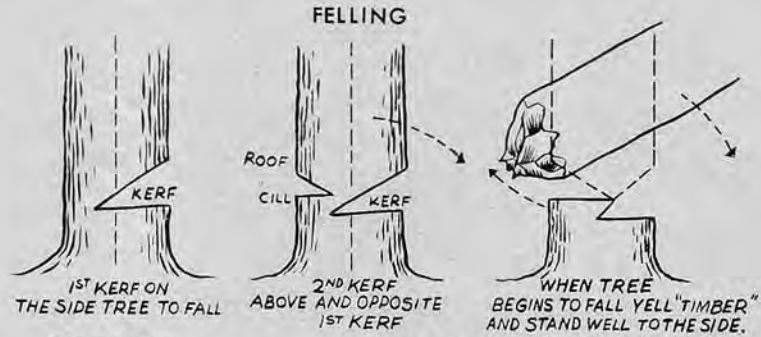
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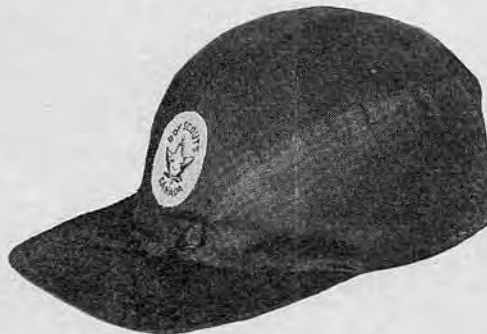


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By DON KING, Alberta

Remember the old story of the Cub who, when asked why he went to Cubs, replied, "Because I needn't."?

Too many Leaders and parents today are ignoring this most important factor of Scouting. The Cub meant that he liked Cubs because he was not forced to attend—he was a Cub of his own free will. Some boys, as we all know, do not like school—mostly because they *must* attend. They do not like things they are forced to do, such as eating spinach and carrots. When a parent forces a child to attend Scout and Cub meetings, he feels much the same way. He rebels. It is his nature. Scouting is not something which can be fed to a boy, or forced upon him in any way. True, he can be persuaded to attend meetings—but you cannot force him to learn against his will. A boy who must be forced to attend Scout and Cub meetings does not belong in Scouting. We cater to the boy who comes because he wants to come, not because his father wants him to come.

The Boy Scouts Association has earned a reputation for the type of man and boy it produces. Let us not forget that the Association is not a movement of reform whereby 'bad' boys are magically transformed overnight into 'good' boys. The *Scout* uniform is not necessarily a halo or robe. We seek not so much to make a good boy out of a bad one, but to direct the boy, good or bad, into channels which will assure his becoming a *better* man than if he had not been associated with Scouting. We seek to turn the normal boy into lines which will help him decide for himself the kind of man he wants to be, and possibly encourage him to become a responsible, worthwhile citizen. True, if we can take a problem boy and make something out of him, it is a feather in our cap, but often the time and work necessary to do so causes neglect of the rest of the boys in the Troop and in the Pack.

The main theory of the Scouting programme as set up

by B.-P. is the training of *character*. And character is inside the boy, not in the uniform he wears or the words he mutters inaudibly. Character training is the instilling of morals and ideals and personal methods into the individual boy. We do this by encouraging the boy to learn by himself, not by pounding facts into him by force. He learns to obey because he wants to take part in the programme, because he *wants* to obey, wants to play according to the rules. Obedience may be achieved by forceful methods at home and in school, but not in Scouting. The will of the boy must remain his own.

We must face the fact that all boys are not suited naturally to Scouting. In fact, some boys will rise to greater heights because they are not associated with Scouting. The 'oddball' is not necessarily headed for delinquency because he will not align himself with the 'troop' or 'pack'. It may well be that he has obligated himself to the church, or Y.M.C.A., 4H Club or any one of a number of other worthwhile youth organizations, all of them striving to help him achieve his personal goal in life.

We must bear in mind that our programme is *one* means to an end and definitely not the end in itself. Even though a percentage of our boys do turn out to be dedicated Scouters in adulthood, the vast majority go on from Scouts to civilian life with not much more than a happy memory of their Pack and Troop days. This is all we should expect from the boy—for this is all we have ever endeavoured to achieve. We want the boy to become a worthwhile man—we do not work for his undying gratitude.

Boyhood is only a short part of a man's life. We must try to make it a happy, fruitful part, even though it is but dimly remembered in the heart of the man. It is what he makes of himself and of the training we have given that really counts.

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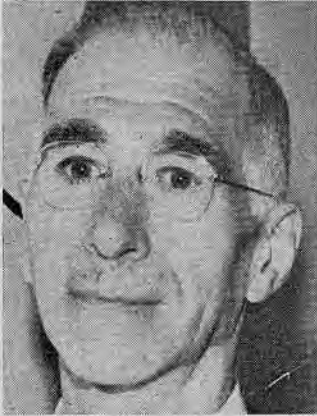
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Tented City in Peace Garden

By LAURIE V. SMITH

The International Peace Garden straddling the boundary between North Dakota and Manitoba, took on the appearance of a tented city as over 1,000 eager Boy Scouts from all parts of Manitoba and North Dakota assembled for the third annual Camporee, May 29-31st. It was an experience not soon to be forgotten. If it did nothing else, it gave an opportunity for fourteen handicapped boys to enjoy the outing through the kindness of the Kinsmen Club of Norwood-St. Vital and St. Boniface. To see these boys at the various activities of camp life was, in itself, an inspiration and a very practical demonstration of courage, fortitude and determination.

A highlight of the Camporee was a colourful demonstration put on at one of the camp fire gatherings by two Patrols of the 1st Ethelbert Troop. Although organized only last September by Constable Stan Gatchell, RCMP, the boys had worked all winter making beaded and feathered Indian headdresses and various items of equipment which they used in the presentation of tableaux and dances.

Another special feature of the 1959 Camporee was a thrilling air rescue demonstration of F/L John Barton, RCAF, Officer Commanding the Helicopter Flight at CJATC, with Captain Van Agelan, acting as a live dummy. The boys saw how a helicopter pick-up and drop is accomplished, and marvelled at the manoeuvrability of the craft.

Great interest was shown in fire fighting demonstrations carried out by members of the Forestry Branch, and a number of boys soon found out that water is just as wet from a hose as it is from a tap.

Scouts qualifying for their Weatherman Badge were keenly interested in the improvised weather station ingeniously set up by Scoutmaster Bill Black. The instruments, made out of an assortment of materials, included an effective barometer, a rain gauge, an instrument for determining the wind direction and another for measuring the speed of the wind. Although the instruments were constructed of such items as a can of vacuum packed coffee, ordinary funnels, tin cans, an egg beater and oddments of wood, they really worked with a fine degree of accuracy. Pamphlets supplied by the Canada Department of Transport, Meteorological Branch, were distributed.

Another very practical demonstration showed the boys how to make rope of excellent quality and strength. To test their skill and knowledge, the boys were required to set up a tent in record time, boil water, throw

a life line and negotiate a difficult obstacle course. Not the least of the points of interest was the bivouac camp constructed by using natural material in the area. Considerable interest was shown in this "model" camp which contained a number of ingenious gadgets constructed on the spot by the boys.

Apart from the benefit derived from having to depend entirely on their own resources for making meals and other camp duties, the Camporee provided a rare opportunity for Canadian and American Scouts to share a common experience in collaboration and goodwill. The administration was in the very capable hands of District Commissioner J. W. D. Tucker of Brandon, ably assisted by a staff of competent leaders. Oscar Olson, the chairman of camping and activities, Boy Scouts of America, was deputy chief of the camp.

Dr. Robert Hoare with his Rover Crew performed a number of important tasks. Under the direction of SM Pat Golding they prepared the meals for the headquarters' staff, served as walkie talkie operators and remained behind to assist with the final stages of cleaning up the camp ground.

On Sunday morning, services of worship were held for those of Protestant, Roman Catholic and the Mormon faiths.

PC Don Thompson, Q.C., of Winnipeg, officiated at the opening ceremonies on Saturday and A. C. Scott, Provincial President, addressed the gathering and officially closed the camp proceedings on Sunday afternoon. Adding colour to the proceedings was the presence of two red-coated members of the RCMP.

To organize and carry out an undertaking of this size requires much planning and considerable ability; those who did it deserve the highest praise. The Camporee demonstrated in no uncertain way the value of the training and discipline provided by the Boy Scout Movement. The Camporee was a great success, indeed.

Snarled lines





DO YOU KNOW?

By P. M. O. EVANS,
Assistant Executive Commissioner
(Administration), Canadian Headquarters

Do you know the story of Jack Travers Cornwell, V.C.? Here it is as it appears in *Scouting for Boys*.

'The name and fame of Jack Cornwell are known to every boy in Britain as the lad who in the great sea fight off Jutland in 1916 stuck to his gun aboard the *Chester* when all the gun's crew were killed or wounded and he might have got away under cover.

'He was badly wounded himself—but in the responsible work of sight-setter his duty was to be at his post by the gun, and there he stayed for twenty minutes under heavy fire, in case he should be wanted.

'At the end of the fight after the *Chester* had come successfully through her tremendous contest with three German cruisers, the only unwounded man of the gun's crew said to him, "Well done, lad. You stuck it out well. Lucky you weren't wounded."

"Well! I am wounded—here in the chest. But did we win?"

"Yes, my lad."

'The boy sank down fainting. He lingered a few days in a hospital and died of his wound, but satisfied—knowing that he had done his duty. He had "stuck to it", as every Scout should.'

Extract from Admiral Beatty's despatch:

'Boy (1st Class) John Travers Cornwell, of H.M.S. *Chester* was mortally wounded early in the action. He nevertheless remained standing alone at a most exposed post, quietly awaiting orders, till the end of the action, with the gun's crew dead and wounded all around him. His age was under 16½ years. I regret that he has since died, but I recommend his case for special recognition in justice to his memory and as an acknowledgment of the high example set by him.'

In the Scout Movement it was decided to keep alive Cornwell's memory by the institution of a "bravery badge". "P.O. & R." for 1919 outlined the following requirements:

"To obtain the Cornwell Scout Badge a Scout must:—

1. Pass a test in physical courage, such as for example, in high diving, boxing, or gymnastics; or, as alternatives:
 - (a) Hold an award for bravery for having saved life under exceptional circumstances.
 - (b) Have undergone great suffering in a heroic manner.
2. Be a First Class Scout.
3. Obtain a really good report from his Scoutmaster and some independent responsible person for:
 - (a) Industry and effort.
 - (b) Obedience and discipline.
 - (c) Trustworthiness.
 - (d) Punctuality in attendance.
 - (e) Smartness in bearing, kit and appearance.
4. Have passed for a Missioner's Badge.
5. Have passed for two of the following badges:—Boatman, Pilot, Sea Fisherman, Signaller, Star-Man, Swimmer or Rescuer, Watchman or must have the Public Service Coast-watching Badge."

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I will welcome for payment, articles and pictures of general interest from members of The Boy Scouts Association on the subjects of camping, boating, motoring or trailering provided they are well written by those experienced in these subjects.

I have a successful record of publishing in other lands and this magazine also will be coming to stay. All my other journals have continued steady publication, the oldest now twelve years of age. All, like this present project, were started from scratch.

Here is an opportunity for the outdoor life of Scouting to make use of a wide platform and I hope Scout writers and photographers will come forward with worthwhile material for publication.

Thanking you,
Yours sincerely,
Paul Delmer,
Cedar Grove Park,
Summerville, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

The attached article appeared in a recent newspaper. Also attached is my reply to Scout Robert Keikkila, which I felt might interest your readers.

From the newspaper: Robert Keikkila, 20, a Queen's Scout of Cobalt, Ontario, expressed criticism of the Scout regulations instituted by the late Lord Baden-Powell, and said they were in need of a change.

"Scout laws created in the horse and buggy days don't always fit into today's rocket age."

He was critical especially of Scout dress, restrictions on fund raising, the Scout award system and jamborees.

And the reply:

Dear Bob: — I noticed, with a great deal of interest, your views regarding certain aspects of Scouting which have appeared in various newspapers throughout this area.

I would like to take this opportunity of answering in some detail each of the main points you have raised.

The most distressing remark that you made was your criticism of the Scout Law which you say does not fit today's conditions. In my opinion, Bob, moral standards do not change and the best example of this are those which are set down in

the Bible. The Scout Law as devised by B.-P. was based on customs and moral standards adopted by the knights of olden times. Each principle (and after all, that is what each Scout Law means to me) set down in each of the ten Scout Laws is certainly valid today. This Law is first learned by a boy when he enters the Troop at age 11 and should act as a basis around which he builds his life as a Scout.

Now, if we are going to be loyal to the Boy Scout Movement, we must do so all down the line and that goes for the Law, uniform, customs, etc. By "sticking up" for these things I do not mean that you and I cannot criticize them. On the contrary, I believe that criticism is most essential. It is your method of criticism that I disagree with. Statements such as yours which appear in the public prints cannot but do Scouting harm. However, there are places where you could have aired your beefs for example, *The Scout Leader* and *The Junior Leader*. These two magazines are published monthly by The Boy Scouts Association and are widely read within our Movement by all ranks from the top to the bottom, which includes The Canadian General Council down to the Patrol. Your remarks, had you submitted them to either one of these magazines, would have been gladly accepted and no doubt published for all Scouts to read and digest.

You have also raised the much-discussed subject of shorts. This, once again, is a point of loyalty. If this is our uniform then all good Scouts should be proud to wear it until such time that it is changed. I am a Scoutmaster 44 years of age and I wear shorts. Every member of our Cub Pack, Scout Troop and Rover Crew wear shorts, when in uniform, and I will wager some of our Rovers are as big and tall as you are. Mind you, I don't particularly like to expose my knobby knees to the general public anymore than you do.

With reference to your remarks about fund-raising, I have this to say: Bingo's, raffles, etc., even when used for fund-raising purposes by churches, are still gambling and have no place in the Scout programme. We are an unattached Scout Group and run two paper drives and an Apple Day each year. These activities provide sufficient funds for our needs and this year I think we will have a small surplus. Our Patrols are completely equipped with lightweight camping gear and they camp in many places each year. We practise backwoods camping and pro-

vide our own comforts. This keeps the fee down and also the "out" in Scouting.

Regarding your statement that a badge should be instituted for rocketry. This will no doubt be done, Bob, when the demand from the boys such as yourself becomes strong enough. Scouts interested in new badges should make their desires known to their Commissioners and respective Headquarters. It is only in this way that the boys' wants can become known.

I agree with your remarks about Jamborees. I understand that soon all unattached Groups in Ontario will be formed into Districts. This will greatly help our Provincial Staff to give better service to all Scouts in the Province and I believe that one result of this better service will be more Camporees and Jamborees on a Provincial level. Personally I would like to see Jamborees held by each Province and to these would be invited not only their own Scouts but a small contingent from each of the nine other provinces.

So far, Bob, we have been talking about ourselves among ourselves as Canadians. Now let us take a look at what other people have to say. Last year a D.C.C. from England attended our Scout camp. This old Scout who was 78 years of age and has been in Scouting for 48 years, said that Canadians should be very proud of the high standard of dress, general smartness and high level of Scouting as practised in Canada. Another Scout Leader, from the U.S., brings Scouts to Canada each year because he says the level of Scouting in Canada is very high.

So, you see, there may be some minor things wrong with Scouting in Canada but generally speaking, the standard is high. Mind you, there is room for improvement but this does not mean that we should condemn the whole structure in the public press just because some features do not meet with our personal approval.

No offense meant Bob. Keep thinking; keep criticizing (to the right people); and above all, keep Scouting.

Yours sincerely,
Wilfred J. Cooper, S.M.,
First Stroud Group.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find two issues of The St. Maurice Valley Chronicle, a local weekly whose reporter, Mr. Duncan Breese, is our Publicity Chairman on the Group Committee and also one of our Outdoor Instructors, as well as being an expert on canoeing. Dunc served in the Troop prewar and incidentally, is an ex-serviceman (Army) like myself. He became interested in our broad outdoor programme last Fall and was out with us on our two Survival Winter Camping trips this past Winter. He is an old hand at living outdoors and has lectured throughout the Province on his canoe expeditions and forays into our own northern Quebec wilderness.

The canoe which you see in the newspaper photo was loaned to him by the manufacturer as an experimental pilot model, and the manufacturer has now assigned him another one to experiment

with. He was given the option of returning the old one or of donating it to some worthy organization, hence his decision to pass it on to us. It is in excellent condition and probably one of the finest in the valley with all the latest in fibre glass canoe refinements. Duncan will be taking our Senior Scouts out on canoe training as soon as summer holidays permit.

During the winter of 1957-58, I initiated a programme of Outdoor Winter Camping with our Junior Leaders. We had one week-end under canvas in February of that winter and started planning immediately to equip ourselves further for more winter camping during the following season.

This past winter, with more Yukon sleds and more Junior Leaders, we had our first week-end in January with temperatures well under ten below. We followed this up in February with what might well have been the toughest winter camping experienced by Scouts. We started out for our campsite at 8.00 p.m., with two Yukon sleds manharnessed for hauling and five toboggans also manharnessed. After a two-hour hike on snowshoes and skis with the thermometer registering 14° below zero, we arrived at the campsite, where we had to set up three tents under bitter cold conditions and get our three small Dawson stoves going before we could get any warmth. We settled down to bed just after 11.30 p.m.

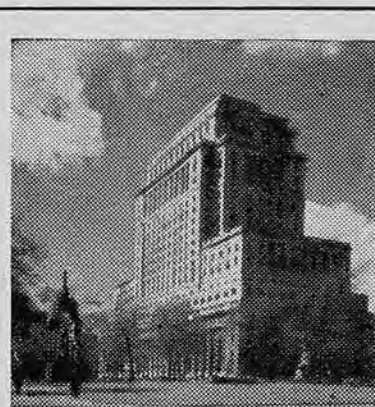
In the morning, temperatures were about 19° below zero with no let-up in sight. Our programme featured some survival

training under Arctic conditions, tree-felling and shelter building, as well as building fires for cooking, heat-reflecting, etc. As this was to be a two-nighter, we soon made ourselves really comfortable for the second night and our Junior Leaders really enjoyed their winter camping. Unfortunately, I do not have photos of these hikes as they were filmed on 8mm. movie film, and time is at a premium when camping under these winter survival conditions. On our second trip—the two-nighter—our group included three adults (Mr. Breese, ASM Robert Plummer, myself) and seventeen Scouts (two Troop Leaders, eight PLs, seven Patrol Seconds).

Plans are now well completed for our Pioneer Summer camp which we hold in a fairly remote spot near Lake Wapasingonke. Though somewhat inaccessible, communications by telephone and boat are excellent. The boys seem to love the "Roughing It" type of camp we set up for them. Each Patrol selects its own campsite, and does all its own work, including cooking. Hiking is done on a Troop basis to avoid trouble in the dense bush which surrounds the area.

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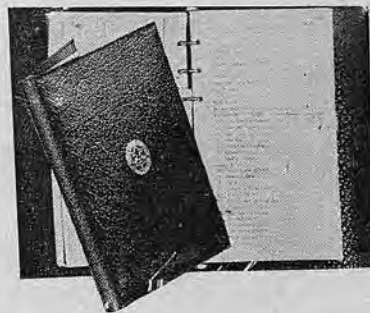


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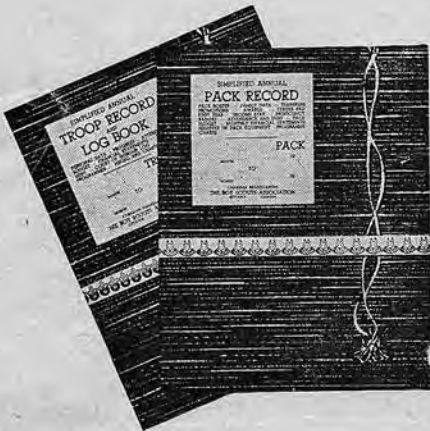
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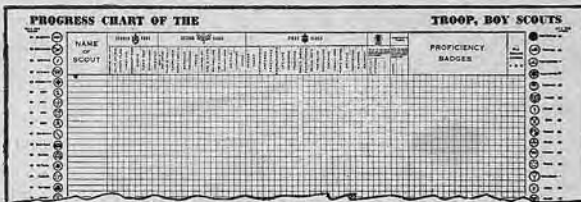
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