Recently a very interesting article appeared in the Oshawa Times, written by a Scout Leader in that city who stated that one evening recently, whilst he was standing in his own garden, he was startled to hear the whine of a .22 bullet as it passed over his head, followed almost simultaneously by the crack of the rifle.

Apparently some boys, and we are glad to record that they were not Scouts, had just shot a robin, and they were seen to pick it up shortly afterwards and throw it into a nearby field, little realizing that their bullet had passed right through their victim and gone speeding on for nearly another block, past numerous people who might haev been seriously injured.

Now apart from the well known fact that "A Scout is a friend to animals" and therefore should not us animals or birds as targets for their rifle practice, there arises the question of who should be permitted to use firearms and who should not.

In my estimation no one should be allowed to carry firearms until he is absolutely conversant with the ordinary rules of safety covering their use.

As far as the Scouts are concerned, although this organization is non-military, the use of firearms is not absolutely forbidden, and boys are encouraged to learn to shoot accurately and a badge is awarded for marksmanship. It is, however, very definitely laid down that all instruction for this badge must be carried out under the supervision of a competent instructor, and the target practice rules are very stringent.

No doubht quite a number of Lone Scouts are in possession of .22 rifles, and we urge very strongly that they take particular care as to the manner in which they handle same, so that it can never be recorded that a Lone Scout was responsible for the injury to another person through the careless handling of fire-arms.

A few simple rules strictly adhered to will help a great deal along these lines and we suggest the following:

When carrying the rifle keep the muzzle pointedto the ground, or up in the air if on rocky ground.

Never point the weapon at any other person, even if you know it is unloaded. Take care that if your bullet misses its mark that it will not be likely to injure anything else. Always unload your rifle or gun before entering a houss.

Do not leave a loaded gun leaning up against a fence, wall, etc., where it is liable to be knocked over and discharged.

Always clean your gun immediately after using.

If Lonies follow these rules, accidents will not happen.

We are glad to hear of an interesting Church Parade attended by the Elk Patrol of Mapde recently, at which Scoutmaster Don Hutchinson was present, and at which the Lonies joined with the Trail Rangers, Girl Guides, etc. We hear that there is likely to be a Troop at Maple before long, and the Lonies in this district are planning another Church Parade at Richmond Hill and have invited the Patrols at Unionville, Markham, Stouffville, etc., to join with them.

Some of the members of the Lion and Bear Patrols of the 3rd Troop, who are located at Lakefield, are planning to hold a summer camp somewhere near Toronto, which can be visited daily by Scoutmaster Vic Sheppard. We hope they have lots of fun. —"Lone E."

Good News For the Farmer

Confidence in the restoration of the Canadian-British live cattle trade appears to be returning rapidly and within a comparatively short time we may again see a revival—though perhaps in another form—of the very profitable business which existed twenty years or so ago, says The Montreal Daily Star in this editorial. Hundreds of fine Western cattle have already gone this year. From Brandon comes the news of a gathering of more than one hundred stockmen who are unanimously in favor of the organization of a Canada-wide plan for export marketing of livestock and livestock products. They look to the establishment of an export business of between 400 and 500 cattle a week.

The objective of the Western stockmen is a connection with the great Co-operative Wholesale Society of England, one of the biggest buyers of foodstuffs in the world. Already such an agreement exists in a small way, affecting 75 head a week, and the Co-operative is reported to be very favorably disposed toward the idea of supplying its 5,000 retail butcher shops with Canadian beef if both the quality and the quantity are kept up. To go into the business on this scale means, of course, the erection of plants both in the East and the West, the financing of which will, it appears, be undertaken through the English society, if the big-scale plan now contemplated is carried out. Fresh-killed Canadian beef should have a decidedly better market in Britain than the chilled meat from the Argentine or Australia.

While the livestock export business in its widest scope is and will probably always remain largely a Western interest, there seems no good reason why the Eastern farmer can not add materially to his income by handling a few head of export cattle each year. It was a ready and safe source of income in the East a comparatively few years ago, when steers were stall-fed and shipped from this port from all over Ontario and Qpuebec ready for the abattoir. With the market security and stability which would be assured through connection with the Co-operative Wholesale Society a revival of the cattle trade seems about to be assured. Certainty it will be most heartily welcome, not only on the wide ranges of the West, but on the small dairy farms of the East as well.

Tourist Trade Ranks Third In Canadian Industries

Ottawa. — The tourist trade maintains its position as Canada's third most important industry. Although tourists were more economical in their expenditures during 1930, their number increased 3,000,000 over the previous year.

An estimate made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics places at $279,238,000 the amount left in Canada by tourists last year. This is below the estimate of $309,379,000 for 1929, but $4,000,000 above 1928 figures. The 1930 total is divided as follows: From the United States by automobile $202,409,000; from the same country by railroad and steamer $63,238,000; from all countries via ocean ports $12,995,000.

All good conversation, manners and action, come from a spontaneity which forgets usages and makes the moment great.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

British Women Value Uses of Electricity

London — The members of the Electrical Association for Women believe that electric development on the domestic side would progress with greater rapidity over the whole country if a large number of trained women were employed in connection with home service departments and they passed a resolution to this effect at their recent meeting in London.

Lady Moir, the new chairman, said that the slow development in the use of electricity in the home was largely attributable to ignorance of its possibilities and potentialities.

Mrs. Wintringham, who spoke at the luncheon on the same occasion, said that the provision of electrical appliances and power would relieve or even abolish much of the drudgery connected with the daily round of the country woman.—The Christian Science Monitor.

Bull Likes Good Music But Jazz Offends Him

Geneva, Ind.—Tosca, a Black Angus bull with a penchant for good music and a bovine way of applauding its rendition, has been discovered on the farm of O. O. Ryan, near here.

Tosca's love for operatic scores and his aversion for ragtime has been indulged by Mrs. Ryan, an accomplished pianist, who has the bull for an audience every afternoon. Snatches from "Rigoletto," "Thais," and other operas never fail to lure Tosca from the barnyard to Mrs. Ryans window, where he stands in rapt atention with his head cocked to one side during her playing, and upon the conclusion of each piece bellows and paws the ground to show his appreciation. A jazz or a "blue" number, Mrs. Ryan says, invariably causes the animal to butt the side of the house in annoyance.

Half-Finished War Canoes Tell of Ancient Ambush

Auckland, N.Z. — Three ancient Maori war canoes, all well preserved, have been found in a forest of Totara timber near New Plymouth, North Island of New Zealand.

Woodmen, searching for timber, came on a wide glade in which all the trees were younger than those surrounding. Hidden by undergrowth were found the three huge canoes, one completed and the other two nearly completed.

It was an ancient native shipbuilding yard and scattered tools and a few skulls suggested that the shipwrights had been ambushed at their tasks.

Ambassador Stimulates World Fair Plans

Chicago. — Brig.-Gen. Charles G. Dawes, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, banker and a promoter of the Century of Progress Exposition, returned from Washington, D.C., and immediately began to stimulate preparations for the World's Fair here in 1932.

He will be very busy, he said, as he is returning to England in two weeks. He said England is going to send over its finest train for showing at the exposition. He said the Transportation Building, now almost completed, and its exhibits will be a modern wonder.

Health Inspection

Here is a giant hippo who seems reluctant to open his mouth for physical inspection, but with aid of some feed and the strong arms of a keeper it seems as easy as feeding a baby. The hippo probably has his keeper worried because he is only consuming two bales of hay per day.

Business is Improving

Winnipeg.—Travelling salesmen attending the Grand Council Convention of the United Commercial Travellers, which opened recently in Winnipeg, are proud to agree with the Prince of Wales that the world still needs good salesmen.

Depression may come and go but these ambassadors of trade and shock troops of business revealed the fact that members of their fraternity are working harder than ever to make sales. Those who are on the job are getting results.

It was announced as the sentiment of representatives from all parts of Canada and the United States that business is improving and that hard work is reviving prospects generally.

King's Yacht Wins Royal Thames Race

Ryde, England—King George's 38-year-old yacht Britannia won the Royal Thames Yacht Club race over a 40-mile triangular course in a recent race. It was the Britannia's first victory since being equipped with a Bermudian rig.

Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock V. was second, Astra third, and Candida fourth.

Canada's Largest Airplane

The largest airplane ever manufactured in Canada was recently completed by the Canadian Vickers, Ltd., of Montreal. The new plane will be used by the government for forest-fire protection work and is equipped with collapsible canoe and special wheel beaching gear. It has 300 horsepower, twin motors and accommodation for six passengers.

France and Germany

Glasgow Herald (Cons.): France has yet to realize the absurdity of her plan of keeping ex-enemy states, Germany above all, in permanent subjection. A concrete proof of its futility was given recently, when the new German warship was launched at Kiel. Limitations imposed on German naval construction have only resulted in that country producing a warship so efficient for her size that French standards of security have been overturned. The lesson of the Deutschland and the lesson of the Customs Union plan are ultimately the same. It is a vain hope to keep a great country suppressed by means of rules and regulations. Sooner or later it will throw them off, and be all the more dangerous through resentment at their imposition. The only sound policy for European States is to cultivate good will and mutual understanding.

17-Year Locust Invasion Harmless, Farmers Told

Columbus, Ohio. — No alarm need be felt over the advent of the seventeen-year "locust" breed of 1931, which is now making its appearance in Ohio and a portion of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, according to experts at Ohio State University.

The experts explained that the seventeen-year locust was really a cicada, and an almost harmless relative to the harvest fly, although appering formidable because of the noise made by it and the large numbers in which the breed appear. Records available in Ohio show that the seventeen-year locust invaded the state in 1829, 1846, 1863, 1897 and 1914.

Interested in Canada

On his return to Ottawa from the British Empire Trade Fair at Buenos Aires, E. Nash, Poultry Inspector of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, states that while Canadians are essentially a new quantity in that part of South America the Canadian Exhibit proved the big attraction of the show. Interest in Canada has been stirred as never before and the contacts made may be expected to bring much of benefit to Canada. He sees an interesting future in the development of exports of poultry breeding stock, and at times of low prices in Canada of egg exports for the poultry industry in Canada. Egg grading in Canada gives Dominion exporters a real advantage in respect to dependable quality in a market where quality as yet is, to put it mildly, largely a matter of indifference.

New Airport Work To Cost $2,209,674

New York — The Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America, Inc., announced recently that it had received reports from nearly 100 cities showing that $2,209,674 is being spent for airport construction work this spring.

The chamber's statement said that the airport operators were taking advantage of the decline in building material prices to improve their properties.

Munipical governments, the report said, were doing the most in this respect.

New World Record

Flying continuously for more than three days and nights, a Packard-Diesel-powered Bellanca recently set a new non-refuelling world's endurance record of 84 hours and 33 minutes. At 6.47 a.m. May 25 the 225-horsepower plane took off from the beach at Jacksonville, Fla., with a gross load of 6,715 pounds, including 481 gallons of fuel oil. When the wheels again touched the sands at 7.20 p.m. May 28 the record established by the Frenchmen Bossoutrot and Rossi, in a specially constructed plane powered by a 600-horsepower motor, had been exceeded by 9 hours and 10 minutes.

Boy Scouts Prove To Be Good Hands at Foresting

Washington, D.C. — Boy Scout troops have been active co-operators with the Forest Service of the United States Dept. of Agriculture in planting young trees on vacant lands.

In 1929, the former ranger of Umpqua National Forest, Ore., took twenty-eight Cottage Grove Boy Scouts to an old cut-over area where natural reproduction was sparse. There they planted 3,000 Douglas fir

Increasing Yields

The application of a definite scheme of crop rotation is being found an important factor in reducing feed costs. The chief advantages of such a practice are: (1) Maintaining and improving soil fertility, thus increasing yields; (2) Assisting in weed control; (3) Assisting in the control of insect and crop diseases by having various crops on fresh soil each year; and it makes a more even distribution of labor throughout the year possible. Increasing the yield per acre is one of the best ways of reducing cost of production, and in this respect crop rotation plays a real part. —Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa.

A Spectator

Earl of Airlie watching Tommy Armour win British open golf championship at Carnoustie.

Spoil-Sports

You will find them wherever you go. There is no escaping them. They rejoice in their unpleasantness. They cannot enjoy what is going on, and they won't let anyone else have any enjoyment if they can help it.

What is one to do with such impossible people?

Sending them to Coventry is a very good way, but these unpleasant individuals have a knack of being impervious to snubs and cold shoulders. Turn your back upon them, and round they come on the other side.

I am inclined to think that the best method is to ignore them. If you keep it up long enough, and prevent these spoil-sports getting their way, they give in eventualy. In the long run, they cannot stand it. And they turn elsewhere to work off their little nuisances.

It is a pity these people cannot see how objectionable they are.—G.H.G.

Number of Airplanes Trebles in Five Years

Washington.—The number of active licensed airplanes in the United States has more than trebled since 1926, when the aeronautics branch of the Department of Commerce assumed the duty of regulating aircraft. At the end of 1930, there were 7,354 licensed airplanes, a department bulletin states, compared with 1,908 in 1927. Unlicensed aircraft increased from 832 to 2,464 in the same period.

Statistics on the development of the Federal airways show that at the end of 1930 there were 1,782 airports, 15,258 miles of lighted airways and extensive government communications systems.

What Liverpool Likes

The Dominion Fruit Branch has just received a copy of the Empire Marketing Board report of its survey of the apple market in Liverpool, England. It finds that the Liverpool market prefers the variety Virginia York Imperial best, then in sequence the more familiar Jonathan, Newton-Pippin and Winesap. In boxed apples preference is for Spitzbergen, Delicious and McIntosh Red. Barrelled apples in general demand are: Baldwins, Kings, Greenings, Blenheims, Cranberry Pippins; while in addition Stark and Fallawater are generally stocked by the retailers. Over 200 retailers were interviewed during the survey, and the Liverpool market comprises a population of about 1,300,000. —Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Archaeologists Enter Land of Afghanistan

Washington — The National Geographic Society learned recently that the Trans-Asia expedition led by Georges Marie-Haardt, and operating with the society's co-operation, has entered Asia and is encamped outside the old walls of Herat.

Through radio messages received from the expedition's mobile station by amateur operator Eppa Darne here, the society was informed that the party had crossed the borders of Afghanistan. In seven large tractor, cars, the expedition is making its way across Asia over a route made famous by Marco Polo.

Herat is about 2,200 years old. Alexander the Great is credited with building the walls there during his conquest of the East. Genghis Khan razed it with a horde of Mongols and left only half a hundred of its citizens alive.

Oxford to Curb Student Motors

Oxford, Eng. — Regulations concerning the use of automobiles by undergraduates will be put into effect this fall at Oxford University. Beginning with the Michaelmas term in October, students will be permitted to drive machines only between 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Four-of-a-Kind

Four of a kind has always proved a hard hand to beat and four pictured above are equally as hard to better. They are quadruplets and as alike as the proverbial peas in the pod. They are the Doyle sisters of Los Angeles, Patsy, Adelaide, Catherine and Mimi. They were born on August 10, 1912.