Good Turns—A New Idea

A new opportunity to perform that daily good turn has originated in Bedford, where it has won the praise of the community. The Scouts of the 66th Troop have developed a plan whereby they get into touch with the local physicians whereby the latter may call upon the services of the Scouts as messengers, furnace tenders, or other service in the homes of the sick The boys call this "Sick-Home Service."

Lone Scouts could very well do similar work and we suggest you get into touch with your local doctor and offer him your services for this purpose.

A Strange Birthday Coincidence

February 22nd again brought the strange coincidence of the common birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Scout and Chief Girl Guide.

Liverpool's Lord Mayor on Scouting

That there is too much spoon-feeding to-day, and that Scouting "helps boys to fend for themselves," was given as one of his reasons for supporting the Scout Movement by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Mr. John H. Inskip. "Scouting taught boys to be independent, and to find their places in life, instead of drifting," he declared.

Awards For Gallantry

Lone Scouts will be very interested to know that ten awards were recently made to Scouts of this province for gallantry in saving life and property in many cases at very great risk. The highest award for gallantry is a brouze cross with a red ribbon. This is only given where exceptional heroism has been shown or extraordinary risks faced.

For gallant deeds where the risk is not so great, a Silver Cross with a blue ribbon is awarded, whilst those who do exceptionally well in case of emergency, though without any great risk to themselves, receive a Gilt Cross. In other cases deserving of recognition, Letters of Commendation are issued.

The following is a list of the awards which have recently been made and which all Lonies will agree are deserving of special mention:

Silver Crosses

To Scout Bert Bryan, age 12, 26th London Troop. Rescued a small boy who had fallen down a disused well.

To Scout Douglas Grantham, age 15, 13th London Troop. Saw a girl struggling in the water of the Thames River where the current, due to recent storms, was very swift. Went to her assistance and in spite of her struggles rescued her.

To Rover Scout Angus K. MacLeod, age 18, 1st Kincardine Crew.. Rescued three boys from drowning in the Harbour Channel at Kincardine. Two of the boys had gone to the rescue of a third, but were unequal to the task. The alarm reached MacLeod while he was several hundred yards away and his timely action undoubtedly prevented a tragedy.

Gilt Crosses—3

To Scout William Labute, age 17, 19th Border Cities Troop. Rescued a boy who had gone beyond his depth in the Detroit River at Walkerville.

To Scout William Murrall, age 12, 1st Parklands Troop. Jumped off the breakwater at the mouth of the Etobicoke River and rescued a young girl who had fallen in.

To Scout John Wodle, age 15, 1st Bridgeburg Troop. Ran into house where fire had started from a pan of grease, took the burning pan, rushed through the back kitchen, and got it into the open before much damage had been done.

Certificates of Merit—2

To Scout Elmer Schlievert, age 15, 1st Galetta Troop. Heard sounds as if someone was in difficulty in the Mississippi River, ran to the shore, saw small child struggling in the water and pulled her out.

To Scout Waldemar Hill, age 16, 1st Newburgh Troop. Rescued a girl who had lost her presence of mind when she realized she was in deep water and was in danger of drowning in the Napanee River.

Letters of Commendation—4

To Scout Jack O'Donohue, age 15, 1st Parklands Troop, and to Assistant Scoutmaster Ernest F. Ward, age 18, 1st Parklands Troop. Scout O'Donohue saw a boy in difficulties in the river at Eldorado Park, swam to his assistance and kept the boy's head above water until A.S.M. Ward was able to reach the scene and take the boy ashore.

Camp

It is under consideration that the Lone Scout Department organize another camp during 1932 for registered Lone Scouts under the direction of officials of the Lone Scout Department. Are you interested in this? If so, write to headquarters and register your name as a prospect for camp. You will have lots of fun, and learn a lot about Scouting, too.

Membership in the Lone Scouts of Ontario is open to all boys of this province who are between 12 and 18 years inclusive who are unable to become members of a regular troop. It is designed, particularly for Rural boys. If you would like further particulars, write to Lone Scout Department, Boy Scouts Association, 330 Bay Street, Toronto 2.—"Lone E."

Soviet Russia Faced By Traffic Problem

Increase of Vehicles Causes Congestion in Narrow Streets

Moscow.—City authorities are almost daily faced with the problem of regulating the capital's ever-increasing street traffic. Although the number of vehicles is small, compared with the figures for other large capitals, more and more automobiles and trucks are honking and hooting their way through the narrow streets of the Soviet capital; and the congestion and confusion at crowded corners where automobiles, trucks, buses, street cars, horsedrawn cabs and wooden peasant carts all dispute the right of way with each other and with pedestrians are sometimes very great.

Semaphores have now been installed at many of the main crossings and the Muscovite police (or militiamen, as they are called) are endeavoring to perfect themselves in the art of directing traffic. The city Soviet at one time issued a draconic order to the effect that all citizens had to walk only on the right-hand side of the street and could cross only at specified places, on pain of summary fines. While this ruling was allowed to fall into disuse because of the sheer impossibility of enforcing it, there is still a vigorous educational campaign to dissuade Soviet citizens from walking on the street pavements or from executing perilous zigzag crossings which involve the dodging of half a dozen different vehicles.

At the same time reckless chauffeurs who drive in the crowded streets of Moscow as if they were on country roads are being called to account, and some who were found guilty of causing serious mishaps have been deprived of their licenses and sentenced to terms of imprisonment.

Before Summer

Looking forward to the spring
One puts up with anything.
On this February day
Though winds leap down the street
Wintry scourgings seem but play,
And these later shafts of sleet
—Sharper pointed than the first—
And these later snows—the worst—
Are as a half transparent blind
Riddled by rays from sun behind.
—Thomas Hardy. Poems.

Canadian Trade is Benefitted By Embargo Removal

Ottawa.—Several Australian import prohibitions and surtaxes imposed in 1930 will be removed. Details of the action by the Australian Government were cabled by D. H. Ross, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Australia, to the Department of Trade and Commerce This action will improve conditions for export of certain lines of Canadian manufacture benefiting by tariff preferences under the trade agreement concluded last year between Canada and Australia.

The Australian prohibitions went into force on April 4, 1930, with a view to specially restricting non-essential imports. This import prohibition is now repealed on agricultural implements, electrical cooking and heating appliances, electric smoothing irons, confectionery, dry batteries and cells, barbed wire, and 28 other items of minor importance.

Canada's exports of agricultural implements to Australia during the fiscal year ended March 31, 1930, totalled $969,304; while during the year following, when the prohibitions were in force, these exports dropped to $310,-290. The farm implements under prohibition were cultivators, harrows, scarifiers, stump-jump plows, drills, reaper threshers and harvesters, and horse-drawn hay rakes.

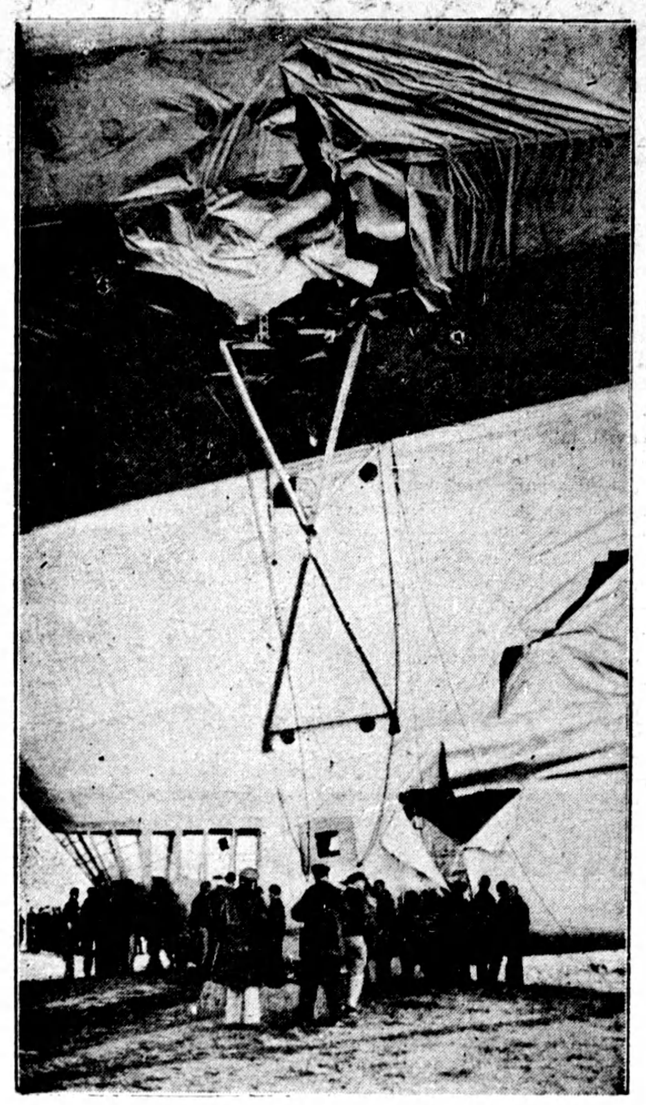
Canadian exports of electrical cooking and heating appliances to Australia were $172,251 in the year just previous to the imposition of prohibition, and trade fell to $60,693 during the first 12 months that the prohibition was in force. Exports of Canadian confectionery to Australia for these periods dropped from $16,558 to $1,472.

Surtaxes of 50 per cent. of the duty otherwise leviable were imposed as from June 20, 1930. This surtax, the Trade Commissioner reports, has been removed from various items of interest to Canada, including wrapping paper, paper bags, strawboard, furniture, unspecified wood manufactures, pianos, cordage, twines, and nine items of less importance.

"Good gracious, Junior, I forgot to shake the bottle before a gave you that medicine." "Don't worry, mummy, I'll turn a few handsprings."—Chicago News.

Bog—"I got a real kick out of kissing Jane last night." Gog—"Any more than usual?" Bog—"Yea, the old man caught me."—Witt.

Strong Winds Damage Akron



When a guest of wind beat the stern fin of the dirigible Akron to the ground the other day, two men were painfully injured, considerable damage done to the ship and five congressmen passengers got a fright.

Famous Auto Racer To Seek Buried Treasure

Daytona Beach, Fla.—Sir Malcolm Campbell, British sportsman, who has travelled faster on land than any other person in history, hopes to climax a thrill packed career with a search for buried treasure in the Southern Pacific ocean.

The desire is one of his obsessions. The other is to drive an automobile at a speed of 300 miles per hour. He is confident both goals will be reached during his lifetime.

But just as important to Sir Malcolm as his racing aspirations, is the treasure hunt on picturesque Cocos Island. He will seek the treasure of Lima, hidden by pirates 110 years ago.

The temperament that drives Sir Malcolm seeking new records and new thrills already has endangered his life a dozen times.

9-yr.-old English Child Proves Shorthand Prodigy

We have become quite accustomed to the various child musician marvels and mathematical wizards of tender years, but now we have something new.

At the age of nine, May Goodwin, a little English girl living in Puteaux, a suburb of Paris, has written a neat and accurate letter in shorthand to a shorthand enthusiast. He says it took his little daughter eight months to learn to write in this way and during this time she did not interrupt her school work in any way.

The love of Heaven makes one heavenly.

Viewing Skaters

On a waterlogged margin of the habitable globe, in the early afternoon of time, our poor legs and feet, so long the tools of a mistaken convention, discovered their use. It is but a convention still, an abstraction of free movement in the flat, but in the perfect flat. . . .

And if as action, skating is thus supreme, so is it also a spectacle. Here are poses—no, not that, not the frozen fixity of the studio, but the free poses that are possible to a body at once inflight and at rest. They are so fixed that the eye can follow and comprehend, yet with a slow play and change. And to enrich this change and play there is the counterpoint of draperies. It echoes the movements of the limbs, with the repetitions of a canon, or with other freaks of fugal variation. It is not now the perking and twitching of the stuff, as in walking or dancing; it is a lingering wave of the last impulsion, resolving itself gently into the next. If artists were not the prisoners of custom, the edge of the rink would be encircled by sculptors modelling those forms in snow.—From "Confessions of a Keeper," by D. S. MacColl.

Australia's Population

Canberra, Australia.—The population of Australia on June 30, 1931, was 6,500,536, excluding full-blooded aboriginals, according to Prof. L. F. Giblin, commonwealth statistician. The increase of population for the year was 61,538. For the decade 1921-1931 there had been an increase of 1,064,802, an average annual gain of slightly under 2 per cent.

Forerunner of Spring

It's sure sign of spring when baseball uniforms come out of the mothballs. Members of the New York Giants are shown selecting outfits for 1932 at their Los Angeles training quarters.

Passing Through the Panama Canal

For those who have experienced a passage through the gigantic locks of the Panama Canal the following excerpt from Elinor Mordaunt's "The Venture Book" will recall vividly their own sensation. She writes:

We pass into the lock through an immense gateway, from which steel gates have rolled silently back into the side of the canal; the gates close, and an amazing process begins.

In reality, of course, the water rushing in from culverts rises, taking us with it. But that is not in the least what it seems like. Rather, the walls of the lock, the top of which has been on a level with the crow's nest, appear to sink very slowly down and down, drawn under the water by some force which leaves us high on a level with the top of it.

It seems as though a lifetime had passed in this amazing process, while the barometer in the captain's cabin sinks benath one's eyes, with a heavier weight of air. And yet, from the moment the great steel gates close behind us, to th moment the second pair above opens to admit us, is no more than thirty minutes in all. Not the least surprising part of the whole affair is the fact that no one appears to be doing anything whatever, apart from the pilot, who walks up and down the topmost bridge, barking out an occasional order.

Night has closed in before we pass the second of the Miraflores locks, and drop to sea level: a perfectly clear greenish-indigo night with a full moon overhead. As I look back over the length of the ship, the sight is extraordinarily fairylike, fantastic, and unreal.

Backed with high-peaked mountains, the causeways to the locks, shortened and broadened by perspective, show like the top of an immense Christmas cake, the tall white concrete pillars with their lights, clusters of five hundred wax bulbs under concrete shades, like candles set above them. The little engines with their bright crimson lamps add a still more fantastic note of decoration to the scene. It is an appropriate finish to the transit through an isthmus in itself fantastic beyond all words, worked to their own ends by men who, as it seems, could scarcely have realized the magnitude of their own powers.

Take it all in all, the whole effect of the Canal Zone is theatrical. The islands are not islands at all, but the tops of mountains pushing up through the water; the mountains themselves are cut to pattern, placed just so; the green of the vegetation is more than a trifle overdone, as are the exaggerated madder and vermilion of the cliffs. The machinery of the gigantic transformation scene left lying about, with the pathetic remains of the heroic failure of Lesseps, suggests the idea that it has all been brought there by trolleys, small enough because of the primal flatness; that the valleys which open between the mountains are mere wings leading to the green-room, with nothing whatever at the back of them. We have the feeling that it all must come to an end when the last of the lights go out, and the electrician, forsaking his engines, goes home to supper and bed, leaving the night watchman seated on a little camp-stool in the center of this vast stage."—Elinor Mordaunt, in "The Venture Book."

Immigration in the Future

La Patrie Montreal, (Ind.): Hon. W. A. Gordon, temporary Minister of Colonization and Immigration, has demolished the impression held by some that Canada, which, in consequence of the economic crisis, has hermetically sealed her doors to immigration, will adhere indefinitely to this policy and will only count in future for her numbers on the slow natural growth of her population. The exclusion of immigrants is imperative at the present time, as they could not in existing conditions find a subsistence in agriculture or industry. But when times get better again, as they must do, Canada will have to take steps to increase her population. When we are prosperous once more, the introduction of immigrants in sufficient numbers and of a suitable kind will be essential to the preservation of our country.

$8,500,00 Bridge Proposed Linking Denmark-Continent

Copenhagen.—A bill empowering the building of a railway and vehicular traffic bridge across the Storstrom, between Sealand and Falstar, has been brought forward by the Minister for Traffic, M. Frus Skotte.

This bridge will dispense with the railway ferry service across this waterway on Denmark's main route to the continent. It will be 3,270 meters long and will be, it is claimed, the longest in Europe. The cost is calculated at 33,600,000 kroner or $8,-500,000.

During the last two years 45,000 motorcars have been transported across by the railway ferries. Motorcars will be taxed moderately for crossing the bridge.

Chinese Boycott Excludes Books from Japan

Tokyo.—Despite the boycott on Japanese goods in China, Japanese translations of standard occidental works still find a great sale in the Chinese market. The written language of Japan is so similar to that of China that most educated Chinese can read it with no difficulty, and these Chinese look to Tokyo for nearly all the translations they get of foreign books.

The Japanese are indefatigable translators and American and European books are translated by the thousands yearly.

Forty-seven U.S. Periodicals Now Published in Canada

Ottawa.—Forty-seven fiction publications formerly printed in the United States are now being printed, for their Canadian distribution, in Canada, according to a statement made by C. H. Cahan, Secretary of State, in the House of Commons, last week.

The estimated gain in revenue from September, 1931, to December, 1931, inclusive, is $17,500 on these fiction publications. The import duties on United States publications entering Canada from Sept 1, 1931, to Jan. 31, 1932, was $206,806.72.

India's Vast Population Shows a Big Increase

The population of India has increased about 10 per cent. since 1921 and is now 352,986,876, nearly three times that of the United States, according to preliminary returns of a recent census. Of this number, 181,921,-914 are males and 171,064,962 females. The Hindus number 238,330,912, or 73 per cent. of the total, the Moslems 77,-743,928, the Silkhs 4,306,442, and the Christians 5,961,794.

Teach self-denial, and make its practice pleasurable, and you will create for the world a destiny more sublime than ever issued from the grain of the wildest dreamer Sir Walter Scott.

The Legislature In Brief

The outstanding event of the Legislature last week was the denunciation of M. F. Hepburn, Provincial Liberal Leader, by Premier George S. Henry. "This was caused," the Premier said, "through Mr. Hepburn's attacks on the Ontario Hydro Power Commission and its administration, and the Premier held that Mr. Hepburn founded his argument upon an anti-public ownership sheet published in Chicago." Reading from this sheet Mr. Henry showed that the Hepburn language coincided directly with the material contained in the Chicago publication, which is termed "For the Use of Disinterested Citizens, Taxpayers and Other Organizations believing in the proficiency of private ownership and opposed to public ownership."

Premier Henry pointed out, as a glaring instance of misleading statements, that the pamphlet referred to had said that the cost of the Chippewa development was one hundred and fifty million. "Government figures show," said Mr. Henry, 'that the cost was only seventy-six million."

Premier Henry moved an amendment to that introduced by W. E. N. Sinclair, Opposition Leader, which placed the Liberals in a position of voting "for" or "against" Hydro. It pledges the Legislature anew to Hydro and to the principle of service at cost, also pledges support to the efficient service rendered by the Commission.

Ten speakers took part in the debate on the Speech from the Throne, adding to the discussion on Hydro. They were: Wilfrid Heighington, Toronto-St. David's; Austin Smith, Essex; W. W. Staples, South Victoria; Fred J. MacArthur, Northumberland; J. F. Sangster, Glengarry; T. A. Murray, Renfrew North; and R. A. Baxter, South Oxford.

The Mortgage Relief Measure was advanced to the Committee stage and it is hoped that the act will be enforced within the next two weeks and will probably date back to February 2nd.

Arthur Ellis, South Ottawa, introduced an amendment to the Railway Municipal Act which would vest in the Ontario Municipal Board all powers to control and direct motor transportation systems in the province. The measure does not interfere with municipal authority within their boundaries.

Document on Stainless Steel is Locked up for Thirty Years

London.—A document of unusual interest has come into the possession of the Cutlers Compay of Sheffield, with the stipulation that it is not to be read for nearly thirty years.

It is an account of the discovery of stainless steel, and has been given by Harry Brearley, the discoverer of that material. It is in a sealed envelope, which is not to be opened until the Cutler's Feast of 1960.

Mr. Barclay has also presented to the company the first table knife blade made of stainless steel.

Turkish Air Lines To Link Main Cities

Beyoglu, Turk.—The Turkish Government has signed a contract with the Curtiss-Wright interests for establishment of commercial air lines connecting principal Anatolian cities.

A national society will be established for the purpose. American experts have arrived in Turkey to draw plans.