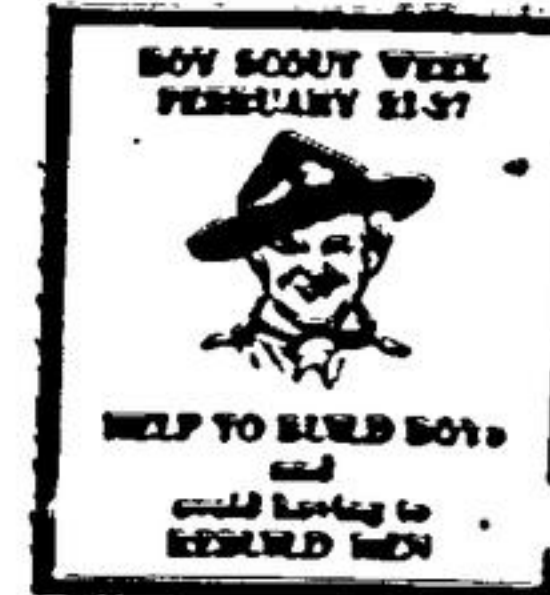




This is Boy Scout Week in Canada

February 21 to 27

Lions Club Organizing Georgetown Troop



The Boy Scouts in Georgetown

(By Col. James Ballantine)

The first Boy Scout Troop we have any record of, was founded in Mafeking, South Africa in 1900, when Lord Edward Cecil organized the boys of that beleaguered village into a corps and used them as dispatch riders and messengers.

From this group Colonel Baden-Powell derived many of the ideas which were built into the Boy Scout movement which he instituted in England in 1908. Baden-Powell saw the crowds of young underprivileged boys in all the cities who thronged the streets in the evenings—boys with no apparent objective, no sense of direction or guidance.

He remembered the Boy Scouts of his chief of staff in Mafeking, and recalled their enthusiastic service. He then inaugurated the first Boy Scout Troop which was to multiply a thousand fold in a few years and capture the hearts and imagination of the boys all over the world.

He drew his blue prints and incorporated all that should appeal to healthy boys with a longing for the outdoors and how to find their way around when they left the corporations. There was to be no class distinctions and the only tie that connected them was the scouts' obligation which took no note of race, color or creed.

The programme included, wood craft, direction by stars and compass, observation, deduction, courtesy, sense of duty, kindness and loyalty and many other kindred qualities. To this was added some useful arts such as knots and splices and camp craft.

Probably the spirit of the Boy Scouts was embodied best in the injunction that each scout had to do at least one good turn every day, more if possible, and that courtesy and chivalry were to dominate his life throughout the year.

The movement spread like a prairie fire and every village in Britain had its troop or more; and in the United States its membership soon approached six figures. It took hold of all the countries of Europe and on arrival in Canada was speedily taken up by Georgetown in 1908.

The first Scout Master was Capt. R. R. Barber, afterwards Colonel Barber, and he was pre-eminently qualified for the position. He was a Captain of the Corps of Guides, a newly formed organization of trained guides, who devoted their time to cartography—the making of maps and the thorough investigation of all physical features throughout the province of interest to

the military topographer and strategist.

The Boy Scouts in Georgetown have had years of prosperity and years of depression and many years of discouragement for the Scout Masters.

Among these Scout Masters one finds the names and service of Chas. Davis, Bill Long, Cliff Stacey, and Lieut. Russell (Gus) Firestone. All of these masters and others, built something fine into the lives and characters of the boys under their control and made a worthwhile contribution to the social welfare of our town.

We cannot recall any boy scout since Col. Barber's time, who has not done well and who has not been a credit to his town and his Scout Master.

The Boy Scout movement is a school of instruction not a parade of pretty uniforms and ribbons.

The lessons taught in its curriculum are of the highest value in peace or war, and the emphasis placed on the development of the qualities of character, places the Boy Scout organization among the highest educational movements of the century.

These lines are written in a spirit of enlightenment and with the hope that the Boy Scouts can be recognized and recognized as the great institution that really should be in the community.

Any organization based on common honor, honesty, courtesy, loyalty, and sportsmanship is worthy of the support of every well disposed citizen in Canada.

There are all fine ideals to which the Boy Scout is taught them through application. The Lion's Club is sponsoring this re-organization and we look for your co-operation.

EX-SCOUT MASTER



Boy Scouts of Ottawa have been most active in a salvage campaign for medicine bottles. To completely maintain the supply for medical centres in the Dominion capital since they started this drive nearly a year ago military medical centres have not had to purchase a single bottle, thus saving several hundred dollars. Here are shown Ottawa Cubs and Scouts at a theatre matinee the admission to which was medicine bottles and magazines. The slogan "Help Bottle the Axis" aided in securing hundreds of bottles in this single effort.

Quiz Will Tell You If You Measure up to Standards of Scout

A lot of people look upon the Scout movement as an organization for providing boys the opportunity to pursue a lot of harmless activities. Even among parents of Scouts there is sometimes a wholly inadequate appreciation of what a Boy Scout learns as he attends his Troop meetings from week to week.

This little "Quiz" might provide an opportunity to test your own ability to judge that of a First Class Scout. Answer these questions honestly and just see how you would measure up beside a Scout who had gained his First Class badge.

Do you know the composition and history of, and how to fly the Union Jack?

Can you tie these six knots: Reef sheet bend, close hitch, bowline, round turn and two half stitches, and sheep shank and understand their respective uses?

Can you whip the end of a rope? Can you swim 50 yards? Can you send a message in Semaphore or Morse code?

Can you explain the functions of the principal organs of the body? Do you know how to apply first aid to fractures?

Do you know how to deal with effects resulting from fire, drowning, run-away horse, fainting, gas suffocation, frost bite, electric shock?

Could you cook over a camp fire in the open, porridge, stew, rice, pancakes, bread?

Could you use an axe properly to fell a tree and trim it?

Could you, using a compass, do a cross-country journey on foot to a point at least seven miles away and return build a shelter for the night, cook your own meals, purify your own water, and incidentally map the country through which you pass?

Could you name the sixteen principal points of the compass?

These things, and many more any First Class Scout in Canada can do.

Halton County, Hornby Orange Lodges Hold Annual Elections

Meeting in Milton, Halton County, O. L. officers for 1943 were installed by the Rt. Wor. Grand Master J. W. Cayson, London, Ont. as follows:

Halton County Master—J. E. Wilson

Hornby County Master—C. K. Browne, Acton

Deputy Master—Robert Brownridge

Chaplain—W. Frankum, Acton

Recording Secretary—George Peacock, Milton

Financial Secretary—Wm. Evans, Acton

Treasurer—V. Bradley, Milton

Marshal—D. Downs, Hornby

Lecturers—J. E. Wilson, Hornby; C. Robinson, Hornby; J. Stokes, Campbellville

Hornby District L. O. L. Officers installed by County Master Bro. C. K. Browne, were as follows:—

P. D. Master—D. Downs, Hornby

District Master—Wm. Evans, Acton

Deputy Master—Jas. Stokes, Campbellville

Chaplain—Lou Sampson, Hornby

Rec. Secretary—Geo. Peacock, Milton

Treasurer—Robert Brownridge, Hornby

Fin. Secretary—Jas. Stokes, Campbellville

Lecturers—C. K. Browne, Acton; Chas. Brooks

Marshal—P. D. Salter, Hornby



Lord BADEN-POWELL

One of the Empire's most distinguished soldiers, a great educationalist, and a friend of boyhood throughout the world, Lord Baden-Powell inaugurated the Boy Scout Movement in 1908 and was recognized as Chief Scout of the World until his death in 1941.

MILL AND 135-ACRE FARM SOLD AT MELANCTON

"Little Bit of Old England" Purchased by Gordon Quinton of Peel

Gordon Quinton, Peel county farmer, has purchased the old Huxtable mill and 135-acre farm, it is reported by Tom Hewson, Georgetown representative of the Willoughby Farm Agency. The property known as lot 14, concession 1, Township of Melancton, Dufferin county, was owned by William Schmitendorf. The asking price was reputed to have been \$16,000.

For many years the former owner carried on custom work for farmers in the district, with an approximate estimate of about 60,000 bags a year. The mill is of frame construction, measuring 50 x 25 feet, with three stories. It stands on a stone foundation and is equipped with a 22-foot monarch chopper and a 14 by nine foot cut chopper. There are two Barber turbines, 15 inches, and an all-steel flume.

The original large brick house on the farm was destroyed by fire a year ago. Since that time, however, another house has been moved to the property and modernized. The latter stands on an embankment overlooking the dam and streams approaching the mill. Because of the resemblance the setting bears to the Old Country, the premises have been dubbed a "Little Bit of England."

There is also a frame house and barn on the farm and the usual farm buildings. The large bush consists of about 10 acres.

The mill has been well patronized by the farmers of the surrounding districts, according to Mr. Willoughby. The former owner is said to have had a truck which went out into the country and brought in the wheat, taking chop out to the farmers also.

Because of ill-health, Mr. Schmitendorf has decided to retire, Mr. Willoughby said. He has two daughters in Toronto, and it is the intention of he and his wife to join them.

BOY SCOUTS TO BE FORMED IN GEORGETOWN

Plans are being made for the organization of a Boy Scout Troop in Georgetown. The Lions Club will sponsor the Troop, and a committee of Lions have been chosen to complete arrangements, comprised of Lions D. Licata, J. D. Kelly, W. H. Long, and Ed. M. Whittier.

A great many boys have expressed enthusiasm for the project, and a large membership is expected. A leader has not yet been appointed.

CHURCHES SPONSORS OF MOST BOY SCOUT TROOPS IN CANADA

Perhaps the best proof that the Boy Scout programme is religious in principle is the fact that of 2,175 sponsored groups of Cubs and Scouts in Canada, 1,249 are sponsored by churches. A sponsored group may contain a Wolf Cub Pack, a Scout Troop and a Rover Crew, or it might be any one or two of them. Scouting is perhaps the only boys' organization in the world which has the approval of nearly all religious faiths, thus providing a common ground for the common good irrespective of one's religious persuasion.

In Canada Scout Groups are sponsored by the following churches: Anglican 413, Baptist 60, Hebrew 22, Latter Day Saints 29, Lutheran 4, Presbyterian 104, Roman Catholic 283, Salvation Army 45, United Church 289. The other 926 groups are sponsored by the Canadian Legion 36, Community 708, Service Clubs 84, and other bodies 90.

High officials in all the churches mentioned are among those holding membership in the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts association.

STONEBOAT PROVEN USEFUL

The Harrison Review relates the following incident paging Andy Clarke: The snow storm over the week-end resulted in a unique means of transportation in Minto Township. A young swain, who lives 3 miles west of Harrison resorted to a stoneboat to bring his lady friend into town on Monday afternoon in order for her to catch the C. P. R. train to Mount Forest. This is the first time we ever heard of this means of travel, but no doubt it was a wise one in that the stoneboat skimmed over the snow whereas a sleigh would have got stuck in the huge snow drifts. In war time it was also a means of saving gasoline and tires, (if they could have been used). Necessity is the mother of invention.

Herald Want Ads. bring results. Try one next week.



THE EARL OF ATHLONE

His Excellency the Governor-General, the Earl of Athlone, is the Chief Scout for Canada. His Excellency is peculiarly suited to the highest Scout office in the Dominion. As a young lieutenant in South Africa at the turn of the century his commanding officer was the then Col. Robert Baden-Powell, later founder of the Scout movement. The Chief Scout often discussed with him his ideas about Scouts, many years before the organization was launched. The Governor-General was also Chief Scout of South Africa when he filled the vice-regal office in that Dominion. Since coming to Canada he has continued his keen interest in Scouting, attending meetings of the Dominion Executive Committee, and frequently appearing at Scout rallies. He is an enthusiast for the Scout uniform and has appeared to Boy Scouts across Canada to wear full standard uniform on all suitable occasions, and to wear it creditably.

Without forage, no cattle; without manure, no manure; without manure, no crops.—Old Flemish proverb.



In these days when "Commando" training is so much to the fore, the Boy Scout outdoor programme, winter and summer, is recognized by military officials as an ideal training for those who later join the armed forces. This young Scout has built himself a fire in the snow, and is cooking his dinner over the red coals.

BALLINAFAD

We are pleased to report Mr. Arnold McEnery and Mr. D. J. Sinclair are able to be back home again and wish them speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Shortill attended the sixty second wedding anniversary of Mrs. Shortill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Robson, 67C Woolwick street, Guelph, Tuesday, Feb. 9. Owing to the

condition of the roads the whole family was not able to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Robson are enjoying good health for their age.

The W. A. of the Ballinfad United Church have postponed the social evening which was to be held Friday evening, Feb. 12th, until better weather conditions.



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