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## Local Boy Scouts Good at Knot-Tying

Timmins Boy Scout Had Particularly Interesting Session Last Week, with Varied Programme of Items.

At last week's meeting of the Boy Scouts, there was considerable work done in preparing the boys for their second and first class badges. Immediately after roll call the patrol leaders took charge for twenty minutes' instruction in ambulance work, signalling and map reading. Following this was a short period of physical and military drill. Then came some games, such as "skin-the-snake" and several games in which the medicine balls were used.

The Scouts had a knot-tying contest, which proved that some of the boys are really quite good at tying knots, some of them being able to tie the more difficult ones in less than ten seconds. Of course there were also some that didn't manage to tie them quite so fast, but the result of the contest was rather satisfying as it showed that the boys were keeping up on their work quite nicely.

Thursday evening a number of the Scouts along with the Scoutmaster, hiked out to the cabin. While there they had a treasure hunt for candies but the boys seemed to have a very keen nose for that kind of treasure with the result that the candy was soon disposed of. Another game, that proved very interesting, was one in which the letters of the alphabet are written on sheets of paper, one letter on each sheet, and the boy first naming a bird or animal whose name starts with that particular letter, which is held up for all to see, obtains possession of that particular letter. The boy getting most of these letters wins and receives a reward. At various times the Scouts used the names of towns, cities, provinces, states, rivers and lakes. This is a game where quick thinking is necessary in order to win.

In a recent issue of The Daily Mirror was a picture of Bruno Mussolino, son of the Italian premier, handing registration cards to newly-enlisted Boy Scouts at a great rally in Rome. His younger brother, Vittorio, was also present. Scouting seems to be doing quite nicely in France too. There are about 41,859 Scouts, Leaders, Wolf Cubs, Rover Scouts and Sea Scouts in this very interesting old country.

Another knot a Scout must be able to tie is the clove hitch. This is one of the most used and most useful of all the hitches, as it takes a strain in either direction without slackening. It is used for mooring ships, heads of derricks, for guy lines, and all kind of rigging work, and it is always used for commencing and finishing a lashing. It is easily undone.

The fisherman's knot is another very useful knot. It is used for tying the ends of ropes of different sizes. And particularly ropes which are wet or greasy. The knot derives its name from the fact that it is commonly used for joining silk or gut on fishing tackle.

This week we will explain the fifth of the ten Scout laws, namely:— (5) A Scout is courteous. That is, he is polite to all—but especially to women and children, and old people and invalids, cripples, etc. And he must not take any reward for being helpful and courteous.

The knights of old were particularly courteous to women and always ready to help anyone in distress.

Most of you can probably tell direction with the aid of a compass, but can you tell direction with the aid of your watch? Try this method:—Place the watch flat on your hand and stand a lead pencil or small stick over the end of the hour hand. Turn the watch until the shadow of the pencil falls along the hour hand. Now a line drawn half way between the end of the hour hand and 12 o'clock runs north and south, and between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. the north will lie on the side of the watch on which the hour hand is farthest from 12 o'clock.

Now you will want to know what to do in case the sun is not shining. On almost any cloudy day you will be able to use the watch method if you will take a piece of white paper and place it over the face of the watch, and hold the pencil at the end of the hour hand, close but not touching the paper. Under the point of the pencil you will notice a very small shadow. One side of the shadow will have a sharp or well-defined edge, and the opposite side will be rough and indistinct. The sharp edge is the side from which the light of the sun is trying to come, therefore, turn the hour hand in that direction, or until you think the little shadow, if produced backward, would pass through the centre of the watch. Sometimes it will be so dark that it will be difficult even to see the shadow under the point of the pencil. In that case use a stick about an inch square and not sharpened. Practice will show you that no matter how dark the day you can always get a shadow and that the shadow will have a sharp edge and a rough edge. The sharp edge is the side toward the sun.

Proper care of the nose is a very important factor in maintaining good health. A Scout must be able to smell well, especially if trying to locate an enemy by night. If he always breathes through the nose, and not through the mouth, this helps him considerably. But there are other reasons more important than that for always breathing through the nose. A number of years ago a book called "Shut Your Mouth and Save Your Life" was written. The writer showed how the Red Indians for a long time had adopted that method with their children to the extent of tying up their jaws at night, to ensure

## Other Side Given of the Tourist Camp Question

Last week The Advance told of a delegation from the Ontario Tourist Trade Association approaching the Government to protest against the plan proposed of establishing further tourist camps along the Ferguson highway. The delegation took the attitude that the present tourist camps established by private enterprise could not make money now and that conditions would be worse if further camps were opened. The other side of the question is given in The New Liskeard Speaker last week. In referring to the matter The Speaker has the following couple of paragraphs:—

Reading the protest from North Bay regarding the Ontario Government's proposal to establish a tourist camp at Martin River, on the Ferguson highway, as appeared in the Ottawa Journal of Monday last, one is forced to ask "what is it all about?" As we see it the Government can hardly do too much to popularize the Ferguson highway between North Bay and the Claybelt. The stretch of country between Latchford and Tilden Lake (about twenty miles above North Bay), is a veritable tourist paradise. Any efforts made to get the tourist from either the States or other parts of Canada to spend a portion of his holiday trip in that section of Northern Ontario is a guarantee that the following year will see still other visitors brought to the North through the unconscious advertising the first visitor gives. It is needless to point out that many of these visitors leave a considerable sum of money in some one or other of the towns through which they pass, and North Bay is in a position to get them "both coming and going." The Government can carry on the particular line of work much better than the individual and should be encouraged to continue rather than otherwise.

We are sure the Government has no desire to enter into the business of catering to the ordinary tourist in opposition to legitimate resort keepers. But, members of the "Ontario Tourist Trade Association" must not be too selfish in their motives. Through Government efforts the Ferguson highway should soon see sufficient tourist travel to tax the conveniences of all those who desire to cater to that business.

## Items of Interest From Hoyle and Neighbourhood

A correspondent at Hoyle last week sent in the following items of interest: On Thursday, Feb. 26th, the Northern Development Department completed the cutting of timber, stumping and burning, incidental to clearing some one and a half miles of road allowance near Hoyle. This leaves the road ready for grading. Mr. Thos. Davis, the foreman in charge of the work, has, by his courtesy, consideration of employees and his ability, made many friends for himself and for the Northern Development Department in this locality. While it may be said that some, more particularly the younger element, have not appreciated the opportunity to labour at a modest wage, those who have a real interest, present and future, in mind for the locality, are gratified that a splendid start has been made in providing roads for settlers. The expressed hope is that every year will see a continuation of this work, providing not only roads but a source of income for the settlers who find, under past and present conditions existing, their income seriously curtailed.

C. Dawson has the work in connection with building improvements being made at Hoyle and as usual may be expected to do the work in satisfactory way.

## DEATH OF MRS. E. LEGRIS AT HAILEYBURY, FEB. 28TH

The Haileyburian last week says:—"At the advanced age of eighty-five years, Mrs. Edward Legris died late Saturday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Woodworth, Silver street, Cobalt. The funeral took place from St. Patrick's R.C. Church on Tuesday morning, with burial being made in the cemetery at Mileage 104, Rev. Father Martindale officiated at the services. The late Mrs. Legris was born in the Calabogie district in 1846. Prior to her marriage to the late Mr. Legris, she was Miss Amelia Enright, and she came of Irish descent. With her husband, she came to Cobalt in the earlier days of the camp. Mr. Legris died 22 years ago. Lately Mrs. Legris had been living in Arnprior with relatives there. She returned to Cobalt on Wednesday last and, although she insisted on getting up on Saturday, she died the same night from old age. One son and three daughters survive. The son is James Legris, living in Timmins, and the daughters are Mrs. Woodworth, and Mrs. J. E. Proulx, living in Cobalt, and Mrs. W. J. O'Connor, of Fort William."

their only breathing through the nose. Breathing through the nose prevents germs of disease getting from the air into the throat and stomach. By keeping the mouth shut you prevent yourself from getting thirsty when doing hard work. And also at night, if you are in the habit of breathing through the nose, it prevents snoring, which is not the best of evening music.

North Bay Nugget:—It has been said that there is nothing new under the sun, and the editor of the Detroit Free Press found it out the other day when he discovered a paragraph he had written the day before in an issue of fifty years ago!

## Change Needed in Fire Regulations

Recent Fire Losses in North Land Show Need for Change in Fire Prevention Methods in This Country.

Some weeks ago The Advance referred to an editorial note in The Toronto Globe in which it was suggested that the Ontario Government might provide or assist in providing fire-fighting equipment for North Land towns. The Advance mentioned in this connection the fact that part of the difficulty was due to causes usually carefully avoided in discussing the question. One of these causes was the fact that the insurance companies did not make it worth the while of the towns to provide the necessary fire-fighting equipment. It was also pointed out that the conditions in Northern Ontario towns like Gowganda, Foleyet, Gogama and Hornepayne were little different from lots of towns of similar size in old Ontario. The case of Timmins was specially referred to. This town spent money freely for fire protection, and yet rates here are by no means in proportion to the protection assured. The town of Timmins is better guarded against the danger of fire than most towns this size in Old Ontario, yet the rates in this town for fire insurance are double and more what the same service costs in the older part of the province under similar conditions. It does not seem reasonable or practical to expect the Ontario Government to provide in part or in whole the needed fire-fighting equipment necessary for all the small towns and villages of the province. If the rates were reduced in proportion to the equipment secured and the preparations made to avoid fire risks, such action as the proposed would scarcely be necessary. It is along the line of helping towns to help themselves that progress in the matter would appear to be probable, and for this reason it seems to The Advance that pressure on the insurance companies to secure reductions of rates where the same are earned would be of material advantage. As it is at present the smaller towns and villages pay so much in insurance rates that they can afford little for fire protection. A vicious circle is thus established to the loss of all.

In the last few weeks the question has been rather widely discussed. The Advance has seen many different views on the matter, but still has the opinion that the situation so far as the North Land is concerned will be advantaged in two chief ways. One of these ways is by the insurance companies following the line that rates will be reduced as equipment is increased. The other way is by the appointment of a special representative of the Ontario fire marshal for the North Land. It is impossible to care for this huge territory from the Toronto office of the fire marshal with its present inadequate staff for so extended a territory. Following along these two main lines of change, The Advance believes that great progress would be made in the righting of present untoward conditions.

There may be some interest in the following article from The Sudbury Star last week in regard to the question. The Star says:—

"During the past three months heavy property damage has been caused by fires in four Northern Ontario towns. In Foleyet a section of the main business street was swept by the flames; Hornepayne also lost part of a business block; in Gogama a hotel and several stores were burned, and there was a serious loss in Hearst.

"In all four towns loss of life was averted more by good fortune than anything else and it was only through the heroic work of firemen and citizens, all of whom laboured under the greatest difficulties and with inadequate equipment, that the total damage did not run into much larger figures.

"In addition to the losses already suffered of the buildings destroyed, there is danger of further losses from similar outbreaks, because of the fact that many insurance companies will no longer take the risk of placing insurance on properties in these centres. The rates charged for fire protection in these towns is now from six to eight per cent, an extremely high figure.

**Must Lessen Risk**

"In commenting on the situation, one insurance company representative in Sudbury stated that every year it was becoming harder to put through policies on property in these northern towns, and said that in many cases, companies had cancelled policies. He also predicted that unless something was done to lessen the risk, residents of those centres would soon find it practically impossible to obtain fire protection for their property.

"Part of the blame for the present situation, according to this insurance man, can be placed on those who sold land to settlers when these towns were being built. At that time land which had been bought at about \$2 an acre was divided up and sold in lots of 25 feet frontage at anywhere from \$150 to \$300 a lot. Wooden buildings were constructed on these lots and in the business section there were practically no restrictions enforced or provisions made for protection against fire. The result is today that on each side of a business block is a row of wooden structures, between which there is practically no space. When a fire breaks out in one building it is almost impossible to check it until the whole block is razed.

**Inspection is Lacking**

There is not proper fire inspection of those buildings. The provincial fire marshal's headquarters is in Toronto and consequently Northern Ontario centres are not under as close super-

vision as they should be. In addition to the Toronto office, insurance men maintain there should be an office established in Northern Ontario and a more efficient inspection service.

"These towns are preparing to reconstruct the sections destroyed and in some cases have already partly done so. If there are no building restrictions laid down now," said The Star informant, "the new buildings will be sandwiched together just as the former ones were and it will be the same story all over again.

"The new buildings, if not constructed of brick, should at least be provided with fire-proof roofing and metal sheeting and fire officials should see to it that each town provides adequate fire-fighting equipment and that up-to-date safety appliances are installed by the proprietors of mercantile houses at least."

in great herds in the northern districts, there can be no end of coats of the same kind made. Mr. Dean, who went as far north as Moose Factory and James Bay, was surprised to find no more snow there than in Renfrew country and the weather on colder. He saw much of the northern country from the air, having travelled about in an aeroplane used by the McLean Construction Co., which has big contracts in the North, chiefly relating to electrical power. Seeing that part of the world for the first time, Mr. Dean was much interested in it. He had the pleasure of meeting a number of old friends, among them Mr. S. J. Dempsey at Cochrane. Bob Gorman is there, holding a position with the McLean company. There are those who would fain have Mr. Dean speak before the Rotary Club upon the topic, "A Week in the North Country."

## Renfrew Man Saw Only Part of the North Land

In its issue last week The Renfrew Mercury refers to the recent visit of Wm. Dean to the North Land. Unfortunately Mr. Dean saw only a small part of the North—he missed the most important part—he did not come to Timmins. In the article in The Mercury reference is made to Mr. Dean meeting some old friends in Cochrane. He would have met more in Renfrew town and Renfrew County. However, here is the paragraph in the matter from The Mercury:—

"A coat made from the skin of a caribou, a northern species of deer, may be seen in the window of the Dean store. It was brought to Renfrew by Mr. Wm. Dean from the sub-arctic regions of New Ontario, where he spent a week as a guest of Colonel Lawrence T. Martin. The coat, which is light and warm and serviceable, was made by the Indians, as the leather trimmings would indicate. As caribou are found

Kitchener Record:—There was a serious explosion in Kamiskotia in the columns of the daily papers last week.

Brandon Sun:—In studying the psychology of the criminal, it is found pride is outstanding. Crumble the vain-glory and the crook is a cringing coward. That's why he likes to be called a "bandit" and to get in on the front page. Being locked up for a while doesn't bother thieves and burglars, that's part of the hoodlum game. An old-fashioned spanking hurts a lot more and it touches the pride of the croven. Physical humiliation, before one's fellows, is something that takes the braggadocio out of the most hardened crook. And a beginner, who is just starting his apprenticeship, would probably decide that the game was off. No small boy gets any pleasure out of going to the woodshed, under the compelling influence of a father's hand, while all the neighbourhood urchins grin mischievously from the alley. If he had merely been sent to bed without his supper he could have posed as a hero.

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The name and address of the District Forester to whom application for such permit should be made, may be obtained from the Recorder of the Mining Division in which the claim is situated. A miner's license in the name of the applicant, or due renewal of the same must accompany the application and the number or numbers of the mining claim or claims must be clearly stated.

T. F. SUTHERLAND,  
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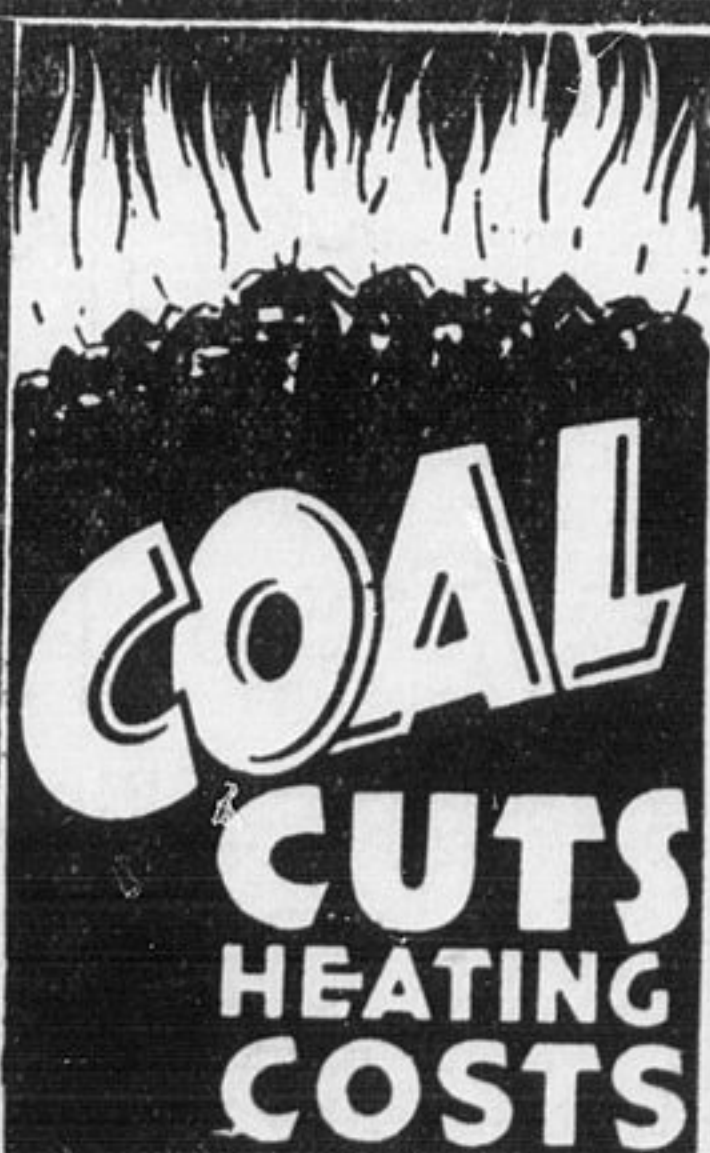
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