

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH, 1942

THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO



WITH THE BOY SCOUTS

The meeting of the Scouting Club held on Wednesday evening of last week dealt at some length with plans for the coming annual Cub and Scout Display. As previously mentioned, several departures from past practices will be made, the main one being that the Display will be held on one evening only, Friday, April 10. The usual displays of hobbies will be made, and all Packs and Troops will take part in displays of Scouting, taking the place of the entertainment that has been presented in past years. The purpose behind his move is to give interested persons a better idea of the activities and accomplishments of Packs and Troops, and also to give boys an opportunity of witnessing the work of other groups.

The Committees appointed to organize and promote the Display are as follows:

Display Committee - Commissioner Caldwell, Scouting Father Callaghan and A. Wright.

Advertising Committee - Mr. A. J. Brown, Scouting Basclano and Hulme.

Sales Committee - Mr. L. Cousins, Scouts H. Atkinson and J. Herbert.

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It has been decided to again conduct an advertising poster contest between all Packs and all Troops. In past years this contest has resulted in some very creditable efforts on the part of the boys and the same encouraging results are looked for this year. This contest will be under the supervision of the Advertising Committee, and the following specifications have been laid down: The posters must be in black and white, on card 10" by 14", and giving the place, time, admission price and date of the Display. Prizes of a Scout shirt and a Cub sweater or their equivalent are offered for the best poster submitted. Further information on this next week.

The Drew Trophy will be offered again this year for competition for the best model campsite entered in the Display. At the present time the trophy is held by the First Troop. Although all Troops had real campsites last summer, the conditions existing in the joint camp made judging impossible. However, the trophy in future will be awarded the Troop having the best actual campsite during their summer activities, and the model campsite will probably have their own class in future Displays.

Model campsites must be made by the boys themselves with a mind to the following rules. Size must not exceed four by five feet. It must be built along non-permanent lines, have accommodations for 32 boys for a period of ten days, and be so constructed that it may be dismantled and moved without difficulty. The model campsites will be judged on Gilwell standards.

As a means of giving Groups an opportunity to continue their work in preparation for the Display, the following list of classes is given: wood-carving, wood-work (not school work), birdhouses, baskets, baking and confectionery, knot boards, man-making (1st Class and Pathfinders), collections, art, scrap books, stamp books, crystal sets, fret work, aeroplanes (scale and flying), totem poles (four feet and over), linoleum block work, leather work, modelling, photography, knicknacks and model campsites. All entries must be new, not entered in previous shows.

Activity in passing tests was again evident at the Sixth Pack during their last meeting. The boys are now able to send and receive words in Semaphore, and all have now passed their hopping test. Cubs passing their time-reading test were Darrell McLaughlin, Jimmy Wilson, Lawrence Vidal and Raymond Pigeon. First Aid has also been playing its part and a number of boys are now ready to pass their tests. Plans are being made for the visit of the First Timmins Pack on April 11.

The Fifth Troop was among those that had small attendances due to school hockey, but no time was lost by those boys who were out. Nick Mores completed his Second Class tests, Bill McKnight his Kim's Game and Henry Croco his Second Class signalling and Scouts pace. ASM J. Lucciano has passed all these tests. Scouter Basclano has been instructing the boys distinctly non-military, it would be

in lashing and it wouldn't be surprising to see evidence of this at the annual Display.

The bad storm was responsible for small attendance at most meetings during the early part of the week. The Fourth Pack meeting was among these, but several tests were passed. Arthur Boisvert, Gabriel Blain, Omer Carbonneau, Rodolphe Tremblay and Charles Theriault passed their physical exercise tests and Yvon Butler and Edouard Fournier their flags. Hubert Desjardins was successful in passing his knots.

The Beaver Patrol of the Second Troop were successful in taking the honours in signalling baseball, but they didn't fare so well in the knot-tying relay and pin-ball. We're glad to see the other patrols didn't let them away with their flying start. Bob Allworth passed his rope-whipping and Martin McDowell the compass.

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If anyone was near St. Anthony's Hall last Friday evening and wondered if the bees were coming out for the summer, we would like to say that it was only the Eighth Troop practicing on their Morse buzzers. Attendance was small, due again to school hockey, and the evening was spent in reviewing tests. The usual meeting was conducted in Proficiency Badges were discussed. It was pointed out that these badges were not offered just to enable Scouts to load their arm with them, but to help us find the type of activity we are suited for, and to enable us to fit ourselves for our place in the world. We must all be sure that if we wear a badge we are qualified to do so, and that our interest will not end with the winning of the badge.

The Sixth Troop held their weekly meeting in the Lion's Club Hall on Thursday evening. Scouting Orms顿 and Doolan were present and considerable work was done. The feature of the evening was the investiture of Don Ritz who became a full-fledged Scout by taking the Scout Promise. Henry McLean made application to join the Troop and was accepted by the Court of Honour for a probationary period of four weeks. This practice is followed with all boys wishing to join, and the Court of Honour is pleased with the results of this rule.

The Patrol Leaders' Training Course is now nearing the home stretch and from indications there should soon be quite a number of Patrol Leaders wearing the bronze arrowhead on their shoulder knot. Talks on the responsibilities of the Court of Honour and hints on signalling were given by the leader. In a game of Poison Circle two of the P.L.'s battled it out with Scout Lucciantonio. It was called a draw but we suspect that if it had gone on a few minutes longer the P.L.'s would have been the winners. The Wolf Patrol scored quite a number of points in a signalling game, and have Clifford Elies to thank for them. The other P.L.'s need some practice if they want to stay in the same class with Clifford.

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The Fifth Troop seem to have the edge on the hiking activities these days. Hardly a week goes by without the Troop being out in the bush, and we are wondering where this cabin is they speak of. That's the kind of news we like to hear, fellows. Scouting was never intended to be conducted as an indoor programme, and to learn real Scouting we have to get out in the open spaces.

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