

WITH THE BOY SCOUTS

Another week of Scouting activity has been completed and in writing of it we want first to thank those Scouts who did such a swell job of distributing pamphlets Saturday for the Red Cross. The town was thoroughly covered in something like two hours and about five thousand pamphlets were handed out to acquaint the public with the fine work being done by the Canadian Red Cross. Further hours of National War Service were added to the records of the Scouts taking part, who are working for the 100 Hour Service Badge.

The Sixth Troop last week had the second of the outdoor meetings that are to feature the activities of that Troop during the summer months. This time they hiked out to Cowboy Lake where signalling and fire-lighting were practiced. Neil Ellis, Dave Fowler and Don Rowland passed the Second Class fire-lighting test and are looking forward to the time when they can tackle the cooking test. The meeting this week will be held at the Lion's Club Hall on Thursday evening.

The regular meeting of the Eighth Pack had scheduled a softball game but due to the more hockey-like weather this was cut short and indoor games rounded out the meeting. The Sixers and assistants have assumed the responsibility of assisting Akela Bouchard with the training of the younger boys and all should profit considerably from this arrangement. Knottling received the special attention of the Pack at their last meeting.

The First Timmins Troop have opened their discussions on the question of camping and as yet they do not say just what they will be doing along this line. It is safe to say that the First Troop, as in the past, will have their full share of outdoor activities. The new Patrol Leaders and Seconds in this Troop seem to be taking hold of their new duties without losing any time. A Court of Honour meeting was held in the Troop Headquarters Saturday evening and plans for further activities were drawn up.

Attention, Cubs! Akela Jack Webb of the Second Pack extends an invitation to all Cubs to join the First Aid Proficiency Badge class to be conducted. All who are anxious to receive this instruction and to earn their badge are asked to get in touch with their Akela who will pass along the applications to Akela Webb who is conducting the class. The class will open on Monday, May 18th at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of St. Matthew's Church. Subsequent meetings will be at the same place and time until the course is completed.

Compass and Kim's game featured the meeting of the Eighth Troop last week, and the results were very encouraging. All Patrols made out very well on the compass game but the hours went to the Beaver Patrol which had a slight edge over the others. In the Kim's game the low score was 14, and the majority passed the required 18 with ease. In future this game will be given special attention with the aim of having as many as possible roll up a perfect count at each attempt. Preparations are under way for more First Class test work as most of the Troop have passed their Second Class Badge. The Wolf Patrol was the Honour Patrol of the evening.

The meeting of the Second Pack last week was under the capable direction of Bagheera. A new Chum, Neil Church was welcomed by the Pack. It was decided to open the meetings with a new jungle opening and this plan will be tried out this week. The Pack were asked to meet last Saturday at the school grounds to practice for the passing of the ball throwing test.

A big event in the programme of the Fourth and Eighth Packs was the hike conducted last Saturday. There was a good turnout of Cubs and the hike proceeded out the old road to the Rangers Tower. Cub and Scout songs were sung all the way back, and everyone was tired on reaching home but none the less enthusiastic about this type of activity. The regular meeting of the Fourth Pack was devoted to knot and flag work, the Sixers and older Cubs assisting the Akela.

The meeting of the Fifth Pack last week was spent in reviewing First star work and with the exception of a few boys who have only recently joined the Pack all are now ready to receive their First Stars. The meeting was concluded by a going-up ceremony in which Cubs Raymond Carriaco and Giocondo Pontello, having passed their twelfth birthday, went up to join the Scout Troop. All the Cubs and Scouts were present for this ceremony and it was conducted very impressively by the leaders of both the Pack and the Troop. The Cubs planned a hike under the direction of Scouter Luccantonio for the purpose of passing the fire-lighting tests.

An event of importance to the future of the Fourth Troop was the introduction of the Troop of the prospective new Scout Master. The meeting was under the leadership of Troop Leader Simon Magnan and the new leader, Mr. Joseph Mathys, was introduced by the Chaplain, Father Brouillard. Mr. Mathys has had experience in Scouting in the past and in a short talk to the boys said he would do all he could to help them to become one of the town's best Troops. Our best wishes go out to Mr. Mathys and congratulations to the Troop on securing his services.

A joint meeting of the Sixth and Eighth Packs was held last week in which both tried to take the other into

camp through the medium of softball games. The Packs were divided into teams, the Sixth under Billy Boychuck and R. Jeffries and the Eighth teams captained by G. Labelle and G. Guillemette. The final result was a split, with Billy Boychuck's team winning over G. Labelle's team, and G. Guillemette winning over R. Jeffries. The meeting opened at the Lion's Club Hall and closed at the Holy Family School grounds after the ball games with the Grand Howl. The meeting was under the direction of Akela Gallagher and Bouchard and Wanda Atkinson. The Sixth Pack are planning a Parents' Night for the near future and a going-up ceremony will be held within the next few weeks.

The regular meeting of the Eighth B Pack was held at St. Anthony's Hall last Thursday evening under the leadership of Scouters Bouchard and Fillion. Gilbert Menard, Michael Kelly, Jules Fillion were presented with their First Proficiency stars, having passed the tests some time ago. The Stars had been withheld until the Cubs had their uniforms. Games were conducted during the evening and the winning Six was the Red under the leadership of Sixer Gilles St. Jacques. The Cubs were still talking about the hike they had with the Fourth Pack the previous Saturday.

Patrol Leaders who participated in the Training Course recently conducted are asked to have the note books, sketch maps and patrol flags turned in to the District Scoutmaster by May 23. This must be done by all P.L.'s who desire to earn the bronze arrow-head badge signifying the passing of the course. Any further information you may require on this may be received from your Scoutmaster or the D.S.M.

The days are quickly slipping by and almost before we know it we will be packing for the summer camp. Some Troops have plans well along the way while others have not yet begun. If yours is one of the latter, don't lose any more valuable time. Let's get at it and plan our camp. The committee of the Executive dealing with camping has sent out information to all Groups and notice of a meeting for this week. All Troops are expected to have something definite to present at this meeting and the committee are desirous of assisting all Group Committees in taking care of any difficulties that may be confronting them. Everything possible will be done to assure each Scout an opportunity of some real Scouting in the bush.

Speaking of camping, our thoughts turn to Gilwell. As you know these courses are being held again this year at Blue Springs, and Headquarters are anxious to know just how many leaders may be expected to attend from this district. All Scouters are asked to consider the possibilities of attending these courses, and will be contacted by the district leaders in the near future on this point. The value of these courses to Scouting in general and especially to this district cannot be too greatly stressed, and a goodly representation at Blue Springs is the hope of the Executive Committee.

Scouts assisting in the distribution of Red Cross pamphlets last Saturday appreciated the thoughtfulness of that organization in supplying refreshments in the way of soft drinks. The boys were really thirsty at the completion of the job, and the cooling drinks sure hit the spot.

With the recent heavy poundings that Malta has been enduring for some time, a new list of heroes is being compiled. Among these is a Boy Scout of Malta. He was 17 years of age, and held a lamp throughout an entire night while men were extricating people from the debris of a bombed building. He was killed a short time after when a bomb burst near a house in which he was decorating a room for a children's party.

Some of us might be inclined to think that the need of assistance for Scouts in other countries has been lessened through the respite the people of Britain have been enjoying. The need for assistance is no less now than before, and again we urge all groups to continue with the fine work they have been doing in connection with the B.P. Chins-Up Fund. Further donations are expected to be forthcoming in the very near future, and we hope that yours will be among them.

Be seeing you again next week. Good Scouting! —D.S.M.

Ontario Gold Output Shows Decrease for First Quarter

TORONTO, May 13 — Ontario gold production for the first quarter of 1942 \$26,153,967 from the milling of 2,709,929 tons of ore—a decrease from the first 1941 quarter of 12 percent in value and 11 percent in tonnage milled, the Provincial Mines Department gold bulletin reported this week.

Recovery was 673,058 ounces of gold, 13 percent below the first 1941 quarter and 105,652 ounces of silver, a decrease of 15 percent from the corresponding quarter last year.

Difficulty in obtaining supplies was cited as the main reason for the drop which, the department said, did not necessarily indicate a state of deterioration in the province's gold fields: Hon. Robert Laurier, Mines Minister, explained that many gold mines could have been added to the production list but gold mining has no priority rating and those new mines must necessarily wait until the end of the war before



DIG DEEP!

Guides of First Timmins Company Entertain at Afternoon Tea and Sale

Display of War Work is Interesting Feature of Saturday Afternoon Event. Booths Sell Many Articles During Successful Tea and Sale.

The 1st Timmins Company of Girl Guides were hostesses on Saturday afternoon at a delightful tea and sale of home baking held in the Church of Nativity Parish hall from 2 to 5 p.m.

On display were various garments by the Guides which they are doing as their war work. These consisted of a dress, skirt, sweater, socks, bloomers, knee socks and a dressing gown.

The home-bake table, which was in charge of Margaret McDermott and Elaine Fleming, was decorated in blue and white which made a charming background for the display of home-made delicacies.

The 1st Timmins Brownie Pack had a booth decorated in brown and gold at which they sold home-made candies.

The tea room was screened from the remainder of the hall by red, white and blue streamers. Two small Union Jacks were used as centre-pieces for the tea tables. Mrs. F. C. Jennings poured tea during the afternoon.

Throughout the afternoon a musical programme was presented which was in charge of Viola Hunt. Solos were rendered by Gerald O'Toole, who sang, "Rose O' Day," "When I grow too Old To Dream," and other selections Viola Hunt sang "Apple Blossoms and Chapel Bells," and little three-year-old Diane Dupuis sang "The White Cliffs of Dover".

Shirley Thompson danced "The Sailor's Hornpipe" and Kella Jennings rendered two guitar solos. Margaret McDermott, Audrey McAllindin, Liola Hunt, Noreen Kerwin and Elaine Fleming sang "MacNamara's Band." Aileen Brennan and Shirley Ann Bowie, sang "Amapola." Elaine Fleming, Audrey MacAllindin and Margaret McDermott sang "It's A Long Way to Britain's Army," and a duet by Colleen Brown and Noreen Kerwin of "Till the Lights of London Shine Again." Noreen Kerwin gave a delightful recitation entitled "London". The Hungarian Dance No. 5 was rendered as a piano duet by Estelle Boutin and Irene Charbonneau.

The Guides wish to extend sincere thanks to all who helped make this tea a success and especially to Estelle Boutin and Irene Charbonneau, pupils of Sister Claire, of the Sisters of the Assumption, who provided the piano accompaniment for all the singers and the dance, also to the members of the Jr. C. W. L.

Abitibi Co. Reports Ten Million Dollars Profit for 1941

Before Deducting Depreciation, Bond Interest and Taxes.

TORONTO, May 13—Abitibi Power and Paper Company last week reported net 1941 profit of 10,100,000 without deducting depreciation, bond interest and income and excess profit taxes. This compared with 8,200 in 1940.

The company reported sales of newsprint, pulp, pulpwood and power were \$27,000,000, an increase of \$3,500,000 over 1940.

From profit depreciation write-off of \$4,500,000 was taken in each year but the standard profits for this company to determine what are excess profit taxes have not yet been fixed by the board of referees. G. T. Clarkson, receiver and manager, however, believes income and excess profit taxes are not likely to amount to less than \$750,000 to \$1,000,000.

At the \$1,000,000 figure, the amount being brought into production.

Against this downward trend, the March returns showed total output of 9,607,621, highest since October 1941 while the tonnage milled in that month 969,714, was also the best since last October. Grade of the ore treated in March rose to \$9.90 a ton from \$9.50 in February.

The Kirkland Lake area, where there was a strike early this year, had the biggest drop, 44 percent. Porcupine production was 2.51 percent down while Larder Lake was up.

Letter from London Gives Vivid Story of Red Cross Value

What the Red Cross has Done for the People of England.

There are some people who actually ask these days:—"What does the Red Cross need money for?" Perhaps, as graphic a description as possible of the need for funds and also of the uses to which the money is put, may be gathered from the following letter from B. E. Astbury, general secretary of the Great Charity Organization of London, England, of which Her Majesty the Queen is the patron. This letter, the Canadian Red Cross officials point out, is so simple, so direct, that it tells in vivid way of the Red Cross work in Great Britain. The letter was written from Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, S. W. 1. It was dated March 24th, 1942, and reads as follows:

"It is now two years since we first began to distribute clothing and gifts from the Canadian Red Cross to the people of the badly raided districts of London. During the whole of this time gifts of every kind have reached us from the people of Canada and have brought comfort and happiness to thousands of our homeless people. As a gesture of goodwill these gifts have done more for the preservation of morale and the deepening of friendship between the people of Canada and this country than can ever be known or told.

"In the early days of those appalling heavy raids on London more than 100,000 blankets were distributed. They were to be found in Tube Stations, in the Churches, in the public shelters and in the little Anderson shelters amidst the ruins of our homes. An old lady who was dug out after being buried for 24 hours was asked if she was cold. "No," she said, "I was wrapped in my Red Cross blanket."

"As the raids developed our needs became more varied and urgent. Thousands of garments had to be provided. Night after night hundreds of families were rendered homeless, their night clothing often the only possessions left to them. Stocks of Canadian clothing were rushed to emergency centres and family after family was fitted out. The next problem was food and once more Canada came to our aid. Soup, cheese, milk, stew - all were sent to us from the Canadian Red Cross. Of all these gifts the soup was perhaps the most appreciated. Hundreds of cases were distributed in those early days. As the long trail of homeless men, women and children, shivering with cold and covered with the dirt and debris from their ruined homes, reached the emergency centres, they were greeted with a bowl of lovely steaming hot Canadian soup. It put new heart into them and enabled

them to face with courage what for many seemed a hopeless dawn.

"Once this emergency work was carried out, there remained the arduous task of making permanent arrangements for our homeless. Children had to be evacuated, hostels had to be set up, invalids had to be sent away to relations or friends, all of them had to be equipped and thousands of Canadian Red Cross parcels were to be seen at our railway stations. Harassed social workers telephoned their wants; we in turn rang up the Canadian Red Cross and Colonel Scott, Overseas Commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross, with his valiant band of helpers never once failed. In those days of heavy trial our greatest consolation was that behind us stood Colonel Scott, ready to send or obtain each and every article we needed. One of our helpers said that Colonel Scott was exactly like A. A. Milne's "Jonathan Jo", and adapted this little verse:

"If you are wanting a shawl
"It is no trouble at all,
"Why, the more you ask for the merrier."
"Like a coat and a sheet
"And a frock with a pleat
"And some toys and an abberdeen terrier."

"We must also mention Mrs. Stickeney who throughout the blitz remained at the Headquarters of the Canadian Red Cross to see that our requisitions were packed and dispatched. Ten, twenty, thirty or forty times a day we telephored to Mrs. Stickeney and her answer never varied: "It's no trouble at all!"

"We wish it were possible to convey to the people of Canada some adequate measure of our thanks and those of the many thousands of people to whom Canadian Red Cross gifts have brought new hope and determination. Some day it may be possible to visit Canada and to say thank you in person. When that day does arrive I feel sure that the answer will be in the words of Mrs. Stickeney: "It's no trouble at all!"

Sudbury Star—Civilians aren't noted for marching, but just now they wish they could do some retreating.

Joseph Morris, One of the Gold Rush Veterans, Passes

Ottawa, May 13 — The death of Joseph Morris, of Wilson's Corners, occurred Thursday night at the residence of his sister, Mrs. William Field, 620 Cumberland street, following a long illness.

He was born at Wilson's Corners and was a son of the late Matthew Morris and his wife, Helen Tracy. As a young man he followed the "Trail of '98" to the Yukon gold fields, remaining there for 15 years.

He then returned to the family homestead at Wilson's Corners, where he remained since. He had been living with his sister and brother, Miss Mary Morris and Matthew Morris.

Mr. Morris served on East Wakefield council for a time and for a number of years was mayor of the district.

A devout Roman Catholic, Mr. Morris was a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, the Sacred Heart League and the Holy Name Society. He attended St. Elizabeth's Church, Cantley.

He is survived by five sisters, Miss Mary Morris and Mrs. A. E. Lough, of Wilson's Corners; Miss Margaret Morris, night superintendent of the Strathcona Hospital, Ottawa; Mrs. William Field, of Ottawa, and Mrs. A. W. Dowd, of Seattle, Wash., and three brothers, Christopher, of Timmins, Matthew, of Wilson's Corners, and Thomas, of Seattle.

The body rested at the Whelan Funeral Home, Ottawa, until 9 a.m. on Monday when the funeral service took place. Requiem high mass was chanted at St. Elizabeth's Church, Cantley, at 10 o'clock on Monday. Interment was made in the parish church at Cantley.

Leamington Post and News—The unhappiest man is always the man with imagination who can see what tomorrow will bring. No one believes him and when it comes true they think it was all his fault.

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