



WITH THE BOY SCOUTS

Committee Makes Further Plans For Boy Scout Week

At a meeting last Friday, more plans were decided upon by the Committee in charge of the promotion of Baden Powell Boy Scout Week. This Week is observed all across Canada, and all districts are making their own plans as to how the event should be observed. In Timmins a full programme is assured. The Week will open with a monster parade and memorial services, all Cubs and Scouts taking part, and at which all will be given an opportunity to reaffirm their Promise. Throughout the week special meetings will be held by all Packs and Troops, and in some cases joint meetings. In most cases these meetings will be open to the public, and parents, friends and Group Committee men are to be invited to attend and take part. The presentation of badge and certificates, merit awards for competition, special council fire programmes, demonstrations of Cub and Scout activities and lively games will highlight the programmes, and all attending will be assured of a good time. A full schedule of these meetings will be published and it is hoped that all interested in the welfare of boys, of the community and the country, will attend at least one of these meetings.

Newspapers and radio publicity is being arranged, and the local press has generously assured the committee of their full co-operation. Efforts are being made to have a number of the leading citizens of Timmins give short addresses over the air.

Plans are also well underway for the organization of a big social event, the popularity of which was well demonstrated at the like event of a year ago. It is hoped that on this occasion all friends of Scouting will have an opportunity of gathering in genial surroundings, becoming better acquainted and making plans for the furtherance of the fine work being done by the Scout movement. Everything points to a really top-notch week, and anyone needing information or assistance in the organization of their own group's activities are asked to contact any of the committee members, Mr. W. F. Lawry, Mr. S. A. Caldbick, Mr. J. A. Cousineau, Dr. P. D. Brunet or Mr. N. Greene.

Third Troop To Take Fireman's Course

The Third Timmins Troop, under the leadership of Father Callaghan has announced the opening of a course to enable the Scouts to qualify for the Fireman's Badge. The course is to be under the direction of Captain Morton of the local fire department. Meetings will be held each Tuesday evening, commencing February 2. The regular Troop meeting, which has been held on Tuesday evenings, will be moved up to Monday evenings during the time of the Fireman's course. At last week's meeting Virgil Simpson was elected Second of the Owl Patrol, taking over from Gerald Hunt who came Patrol Leader when Tom Brown was appointed Troop Leader. Gerald Hunt and Peter Burke were successful in passing their Scout's Pace during the week. Ralph Gauthier has taken over the duties of Troop Scribe, and is submitting some very nice reports of activities. Membership in the Third Troop has increased considerably during the past few weeks, and quite a number of boys are hard at work on their Tenderfoot tests.

Three Sixth Pack Cubs Receive Their 1st Stars

The highlight of the meeting of the Sixth Timmins Pack held last Wednesday in the Lions' Club Hall, was the presentation of three First Stars. The Cubs winning this honour were Lou Jeffries, Roy Hobbs and Jack McLaughlin, and they were presented with their stars by Akela Gallagher, who complimented them upon achieving this goal. One Year Service Stars were presented to Donald Horrop, Raymond Pigeon, Jack Nicholas, Fred Eggen and Walter Reilly, indicating the completion of a year of Cub service in the Pack. Two Year Service Stars were presented to Roy Hobbs, Lou Jeffries, Jack McLaughlin, Richard Nankervais, Weldon Gridley and Don Cox. These boys have been with the Pack for two years. It was announced that the skating party would be postponed until January 30, and the boys decided that they would each invite a friend to join in the fun. Test work is proceeding very well in this Pack, and under the direction of Gordon Gallagher several of the boys are almost ready to pass their compass test. Miss Hilda Ross, who is known to the Cubs as Baloo, has been working with them on other tests, and already several have passed their skipping, leap-frog and book-balancing.

Cub Pack 4A Welcomes Two More New Recruits

Two new recruits, in the persons of G. Gauthier and J. P. Robert, last week were welcomed by the Fourth "A" Pack. This was the first meeting for these boys, and they were made welcome and made to feel right at home by the other members of the Pack. This Pack has been concentrating on signalling for the past few weeks, and Akela thinks that several of the members will be able to pass the test immediately. Others will continue their instruction until they are able to pass. Several lively games were played under the direction of the leaders, and all the boys are taking a keen interest in the progress of their Pack.

Two Scouts Invested By Seventh Troop

In an impressive ceremony, conducted by Scouter Atkinson, Ted Taylor

and Robert Fournier became members of the Seventh Troop and full-fledged Scouts. During the ceremony the boys shown what every one expects of a Scout, and how the whole organization is pledged to assist each other in every way. The boys were heartily welcomed by the other members of the Troop. The boys also welcomed a recruit, Lloyd Kramp, and he has already learned and passed the Tenderfoot knots. The drive for magazines and books is continuing, and as each one in good condition means a point to the Patrol bringing it in, every Scout is out working for his Patrol. Robert Spitz has been appointed Scribe of this Troop, and we wish him success in his new duties.

New Cub Pack Organized By Fourth Group

The Fourth Timmins Scout Group, under the sponsorship of the St. Jean Baptiste Society of St. Anthony's Church, has recently organized a new Cub Pack. The number of boys seeking membership in this branch of the movement made this move necessary as membership in any one Pack is limited. The new Pack is under the leadership of P. Bissonette and R. Watler. At the present time there are fifteen Cubs in this Pack, and more are anxious to join. Sixes have been formed and leaders elected. J. Bissonette is the Sixer of the Yellow Six, the Red Six will have R. Lauzon in charge, while the Blue Six will be under the leadership of M. Chevrihills. The boys are all working on their Tenderfoot tests at the present time, and some are ready to receive their badges on securing the necessary uniform. We would like to wish this new Pack, its leaders and the boys much success, and may they enjoy the lessons and laws learned as they travel the trails of the jungle.

All-Star Cub Team Wins Over Schumacher P. S.

An all-star team of Cubs, chosen from the 4, 8A and 8B Packs, last Saturday defeated the intermediate team of the Schumacher Public School in a fast game of hockey. The game was played in the McInyre Arena, the final score being 3 to 0. The All-Stars were: goal, C. Kelly; defence, P. Bertrand, G. Bisson; centre, J. Bergeron; wings, H. Lamarche, G. Labelle; subs, G. Charbonneau, A. Carle, G. St. Jacques, M. Kelly, W. Reid and C. Romain. The scorers were G. Bisson, P. Bertrand and G. Labelle. All the boys played a fine game and deserve much credit for the fine showing they made.

Several Badges Presented At Meeting of Pack 8A

The regular meeting of the 8A Pack last week featured the presentation of a number of badges which had been won by the boys during the past few weeks. H. Lamarche was the winner of the Athlete Badge. House Orderly Badges were presented to C. Berni, C. Kelly, M. Kelly, J. Bergeron, A. Carle, G. St. Jacques and R. C. Charlette. R. Robitaille was welcomed as a recruit and a lively meeting of games and tests was conducted. Keen interest is being shown in the competition, with the White Six leading with 184 points. Following closely with 180 points is the Yellow Six, and the Reds and Blues follow with 173 and 168. There isn't much difference in the standings of the different Sixes, and the next meeting may well see a real upset in the scores.

8B Pack Leading In Cub Hockey League

The hockey league, formed by the different Cub Packs of the Fourth and Eighth Groups, has been flourishing, and the boys have played a number of games, in the second series. At the present time Pack 8B is in the lead, having won two games in the new series for a total of four points. Pack 4A is following closely with both a win and a loss, having two points. While Pack 8A have yet to win a game, the boys are quite confident that they will do so the next time they play, and will soon be chasing the leaders for the honours.

Have You Sent In The Names Of Scouts In Forces?

One of two groups has not as yet sent in the list of Scouts and Scouters on their Honour Roll, leaders and boys who are now serving in the armed forces. Provincial Headquarters is anxious to have these names, and the district list will be sent in at the end of the month. Please make sure that all the boys from your group that have joined up are on the list. Complete records are desired, and can only be had with your co-operation. We'll be looking for your list before the end of the month.

Canadian Scouts Donate \$30,000 To Chins Up Fund

Boy Scouts of Canada have donated over \$30,000.00 to the B. P. Chins Up Fund to aid British Boy Scouts who have lost their homes, uniforms and Scout equipment in the "blitz." Part of this money is being put aside and will be used to rehabilitate Scouting in the occupied countries of Europe after the war.

More news next week. Scribes are asked to have their reports in in plenty of time to have them included in the news. —D.S.M.

SOUNDS REASONABLE

One North Bay man's wife was a fiend to charge things—especially clothing. One day, a friend asked him why he didn't put a stop to this expensive practice. "Because", replied the man wisely, "it is much easier to settle with my creditors than my wife."—North Bay Nugget.

Kirkland Lake Dealer Fined on Tire Charge

Allen Brown, co-operator with Samuel Brown of Brown's Auto Supply, Kirkland Lake, was fined \$200.00 some days ago when convicted on a charge of selling used tires at a price in excess of the ceiling established by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Samuel Brown, charged on the same count, was acquitted. In all, there were nine charges alleging infractions of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Seven of the charges against Allen Brown were dismissed while all the charges against Samuel Brown met the same result. Allen Brown's defence was that if the price were over the ceiling price it was due to the fact that at the time of sale he had not become fully acquainted with all the provisions of the regulations. He had charged \$8.75 for one tire, but this included the extra for fixing the tube and installing it. The Wartime Prices and Trade Board held that the ceiling price for the tire was \$6.75 and that anything over that price was illegal.

At the same court Thomas Funnell, a Kirkland Lake miner, was charged with the unlawful sale of a used tire at more than the ceiling price, while he was not an authorized dealer. Funnell's evidence was to the effect that he had bought the tire from Allen Brown. He said that he had bought the tire on behalf of D. R. Jones, a friend. Jones testified that he gave Funnell in the neighborhood of \$12.40 for the tire, installation of the tire, and a few gallons of gas. Allen Brown said that no such tire was sold to Funnell, and the latter could not produce a sales slip for any such transaction. Eventually, the case against Funnell was withdrawn for lack of decisive evidence.

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Oh Canada, guided by that Star, An era, grand and new unfold; A glorious era to replace The battered bulwarks of the old, Even through the darkening clouds will gleam Fulfillment of a nation's dream.

Globe and Mail.—It appears that the higher the price of cigarettes the greater the consumption. The June impost of increased taxes apparently has been "absorbed" by the smokers with something like enthusiasm, and new records of consumption set up. The "tag" habit appears to be firmly established.

Six Births Registered at Timmins This Week

Born—On Jan. 4th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lauzon, 296 Elm south, a daughter (Lucille Jacqueline Alice Marie).
Born—On Jan. 11th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Augustin LaFond, 109 Avenue Rd., a son (Doris Raymond).
Born—On Dec. 9th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph Trainor, 34 South-eastern avenue, at St. Mary's Hospital,—a son (John James).
Born—On Jan. 13th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. John Sydney Owen, 122 Laidlaw St.,—a daughter (Florence Catherine).
Born—On Jan. 20th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Narcisse St. Gelais, 31 Young St., a daughter (Georgette).
Born—On Jan. 2nd, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Edward O'Brien, 411 Cedar St. S., at St. Mary's Hospital,—a daughter (Veronica Helena).

Powassan Editor Again Mayor of Municipality

The town of Powassan this year has had difficulty in securing a mayor. J. B. Lake, editor and publisher of The Powassan News, was mayor last year and wished to retire from the office this year, so would not qualify after the regular nominations. Other candidates also failed to qualify, so a second nomination was necessary. Again, the same condition prevailed. Mr. Lake's name was the only one advanced at this second nomination, and eventually at the solicitation of numerous citizens he was induced to reconsider his decision. Mr. J. B. Lake is a brother of Mr. Geo. Lake, publisher of The Advance, and is known to many here where he has visited on several occasions. His own explanation of one reason for re-considering his decision to retire from municipal service is given

in last week's Powassan News, as follows:—
"One of the reasons the Editor had for retiring from the office of Mayor was that he felt the "wear and tear" of his various activities was effecting his health. However, he was not prepared for burial just yet and the job he received last week when members of the family wired concerning his "death" will not soon be forgotten. A confusion of names at the Trenton Air Port was evidently responsible for the shocking occurrence. We haven't a full explanation yet, but it appears that the adjutant or other officer at the airport that his father was dead and he was at liberty to come home and attend the funeral. Joe was naturally greatly upset and telephoned to his sister, Mrs. Sprague, at Belleville, who in turn got an awful shock (from which she had not yet completely recovered). Fearing the worst, Mrs. Sprague telephoned Powassan and was advised that her father was not only living but terribly busy getting out The News. It appears that the father of another Air Force

man at Trenton named Lake had died in Toronto, and by some unaccountable error "we" were tagged for "underground. This has influenced the Mayor in getting back into harness. In the hope here will be no more nightmares or attempts to bury him prematurely.

FOOLED BY SAINT PETER
A barber in Clare had a sign on his window, Ici on parole francais.
One day a Frenchman who had a knowledge of English, called in to get shaved. The Frenchman addressed a few remarks to the barber in French and the following conversation took place.
Barber: "I can't understand what you are saying."
Customer: "But you have the sign, Ici on parole francais on your window?"
Barber: "Well, what does that mean?"
Customer: "It means that French is spoken here."
Barber: "Oh, is that it? The fellow who painted it on my window told me it was Latin for 'God bless our happy home.'—Evening Mail, England.

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Today there is a shortage of beer for consumers amounting to considerably more than 10%.

We believe the public and the trade are entitled to a full explanation of the facts.

WHY 10% IS MORE THAN 10%

Because the Government announcement of the cut came in the second month after the order became effective, sales for November and December had already been provided for in accordance with demand. (The per capita consumption of beer has not appreciably increased, but the high level of employment has naturally increased the number of consumers.)

Now, in order that the cut for the year ending Oct. 31, 1943 should total 10%, a reduction of much more than that is necessary for the first few months of

1943. This "levelling off" process is in progress because it is the only way in which the Government regulations can be carried out.

A DISTRIBUTION, FAIR TO ALL

We are doing everything possible to assure a fair distribution of the quantities permitted. In the meantime, we would ask you to remember that the new regulations came to everyone without adequate warning, in the second month after the effective date, so that no planning in advance was possible.

There is no actual shortage of beer supplies in Canada, since beer is brewed from Canadian-grown ingredients, not required for the war effort; but announcement of the curtailment, coming so late, has resulted in a more acute shortage than the Government regulations were designed to bring about.

We regret that this situation has arisen. We are doing everything possible to reduce any inconvenience that is being experienced by the general public and our friends in the trade.

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