



WITH THE BOY SCOUTS

Scouts To Undertake Collection of Fats

One of the most ambitious schemes ever to be undertaken by local Scouts and Cubs will get underway within the next two weeks. At the request of local officials of the Town Council, the Scout Association is taking over the collection of all salvage fats from residences of the town, and the boys are keen to get at the job and thereby do a little more in the way of wartime services to their country. The importance of the fats salvage has long been pointed out by responsible persons throughout the Dominion, and in many other parts the Scouts have shown that they know just how to handle a job of this kind.

At a meeting of Scout leaders last Friday evening the town was divided into eight sections, and each Group was allotted a section and will be responsible for the complete collection of all fats saved by housewives in that district. Of course the Cubs will be working with the Scouts, and their assistance will mean much to the success of the venture. Collections will commence on Saturday, April 17, when between the hours of 10 and 12 a.m. the boys will be calling on every house in town. Arrangements are being made for a number of collection depots in each district, and when the canvass has been completed trucks will call at each of these depots and pick up the fats that have been collected. The public will be asked to keep all fats in tins, and the boys will pick these up and take them to the depots. Many public-spirited citizens have been awaiting the chance, and are now asked to salvage as much fat as possible, and the Scouts will see that every bit is picked up and turned over to the proper channels for use in the war industries. Persons who have not been saving these fats are now asked to begin at once, and radio and newspaper publicity is expected to show ways and means of conserving even more of this valuable material. The boys are counting on the full co-operation of the public, and are out to show them that they will do a real job of collecting.

Assistance To Be Given Victory Loan

As a result of the fine work done by Scouts in connection with the advertising activities of the Third Victory Loan, officials of the Fourth Victory Loan have already asked for the co-operation of organization in the forthcoming drive for funds for war purposes. While as yet no definite plans have been made, the Scouts are willing and anxious to assist in any way possible, and as many boys as it is practical to handle will be given opportunity to do their bit. All Scouts will be standing by for further instructions.

First Aider Course For Sixers, Seconds

Akela Gallagher, District Cubmaster, announces that arrangements have been completed for a course to qualify Cubs for the First Aider Badge. The instruction will be under the direction of Messrs. Bailey and Keast of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, and this fact alone assures everyone of a real first-class course. The training, which is scheduled to be begun on Tuesday evening, April 13, at 6.30 p.m. in the Lions Club Hall, will be for Sixers and Seconds of all local Packs. Upon completion of this course it is hoped that more will be arranged to accommodate all the other Cubs wishing to take ad-

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vantage of the instruction. Don't forget, all Cubs Sixers and Seconds at the Lions Club Hall, Mountjoy Street, Tuesday, April 13, from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

Fifth Timmins Pack Pass Many Tests

Under the leadership of Akela Lucianantonio and several of the Scouts of the Fifth Troop, Cubs of the Fifth Timmins Pack have passed a large number of tests during the past few weeks. The boys are all busy on the Tenderpad, First and Second Stars, and are really showing some fine progress. Those passing tests include:— Book Balancing — Paul Gagne, Jack Miller, Junior Prest, Roland Kwekkeboom, Fred Dunstan, Harry Davidson, Doug MacCullough, Telesforo Mascarini, Avenio Mascarini, Lorne Thompson; National Anthem — Buddy McCurdy, James Spadafore, Don Russell, Morris Gonniero, Gino Perficatti; Somersault — Doug MacCullough, Victor Aryachuse, Ronny Thompson, Fred Dunstan, Joe Greco, Nick Mascarini, Harry Davidson, Ronald Kwekkeboom, Junior Prest; Compass — Doug MacCullough; First Aid — John Drew; Message — Gino Purificatti, James Spadafore, Morris Gonniero, D. Holson, G. Tomerajetter, R. Reppetto, R. McCurdy, D. Russetto, G. Richens; Ball Throwing — Luigi Scullino, Joe Greco; Time — Doug MacCullough. All these tests were passed at one meeting, and the following week Reg. McCurdy and Don Holson were presented with their First Stars, Second Star stripes were awarded to Don Holson and Don Russell. George Tancred and Lorne Thompson have now received their uniforms and look very smart in them. The Pack is also following the story of the "Jungle Book", and the boys look forward to the story with much anticipation.

Sixth Troop Meeting Led by Patrol Leaders

The meeting of the Sixth Timmins Troop last week was largely in the hands of Patrol Leaders Henry McLean and Neil Ellis, and the boys had some tastes of how they thought the meeting should be conducted. The P.L.'s took over the games and instructions periods, and besides lots of action the boys showed considerable progress with tests. Billy Boychuk, and Darrell McLaughlin are about ready to pass their Second Class signalling, and several others should be able to do so within the next couple of weeks. Several recruits are about ready to be invested, and the membership of the Troop has been showing a steady increase. At the Court of Honour meeting it was decided to purchase some equipment for the Troop, and plans for events and meetings are building up to the coming camping season. Martin Kosobuski was appointed Troop Scribe and took over the duties at last week's meeting.

First Troop To Take Ambulance Badge Course

Plans have recently been completed for members of the First Timmins Troop to take a course in First Aid that will result in most of them winning the Boy Scout Ambulance Badge. The course will be under the direction of Mr. George Gibson, of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, who has already conducted a number of these courses with complete success. First Troop Scouts have also been doing well with other tests. Ted Phillips completed the Tenderfoot tests and John Mitchell, another recent recruit, passed the Second Class signalling test. The Troop was happy to welcome back Scout Roy James, who has recently been on the sick list, and Roy celebrated the event by completing his Second Class. That's certainly showing that even illness can't keep a good Scout down. One of the games demonstrated by Scouter Paddon was tried out and went over with the boys in a big way. A joint meeting with the Third Timmins Troop was announced for Friday, and the boys were looking forward to a real get-together with their Brother Scouts.

Third Troop Welcomes New Assistant S.M.

The Third Timmins Troop at their meeting last week in the Church of Nativity extended a warm welcome to their new Assistant Scoutmaster, Mr. Fred Milton. Mr. Milton is not new to Scouting, having served as a leader in other centres, and the boys look forward to much real Scouting under his leadership. The Third Troop has been at full strength for some time, and we know that Mr. Milton will enjoy working with the fine fellows that they are. Scouter McKenna, who was connected with the Troop for some time, has joined the R.C.A.F., and the good wishes of all go with him. An Ambulance Badge Course is being planned by the Troop, and last week quite a number of the

boys received badges for the recently-completed fireman's course. Harvey Tierney, a recent recruit, was invested at the meeting last week, and already is well on the way to Second Class. Other recruits to the Troop include Regis Magari, Earl Meehan, David Lynch, Raymond McDermott, Lawrence Holden, Earl Dazena and Terry O'Toole. Quite a number of the Scouts are working on their First Class, and hope to complete it before camp time. The boat-building campaign is still showing good progress, and hopes are that each patrol will have their own boat when the boating season rolls around.

Appointments, Investiture Feature 7th Troop Meetings

Due to the increased numbers wishing to join the Seventh Timmins Troop, a new patrol has been formed, and a Troop Leader has been appointed. Clifford Elles was the unanimous choice of the Troop as Troop Leader, and in congratulating him we know that he will do a good job. A new patrol, the Beavers, was formed, with Leonard Parker taking on the responsibilities of Patrol Leader. Ted Taylor has been chosen as the Second of the Beavers and will be Leonard's right-hand man. Jack Humphries has been appointed Second of the Fox Patrol. Bob Spitz becomes Patrol Leader of the Eagles and his Second will be Jim Olson. To all these boys we wish the best of luck in their new positions.

Four recent recruits of the Troop Doug Towers, Lyndon Syler, Howard West and Keith Hawkins, last week were invested as Scouts in an impressive ceremony, and already are well on their way toward Second Class. Several other boys will be ready shortly for investiture, and quite a number of Second Class tests have also been passed within the past couple of weeks. James Olson, Cliff Elles and Lloyd Kramp have qualified for the Basketball Badge, and Cliff Elles has also passed the Entertainer and Laundryman Badges. The Wolf Patrol won the competition for the month of March and will carry the honour flag this month.

Two Scouts Invested At 5th Troop Meeting

Highlighting the meeting of the Fifth Timmins Troop last week was the investiture of two new Scouts, John Manrich and Leslie May. These boys have worked well on their Tenderfoot tests, and on being welcomed into the Troop the boys were asked to continue their good work. The Patrol Leaders are playing a big part in the meetings of this Troop, and each week different ones are selected to conduct the programme. The plan is working out very well and the boys are becoming better acquainted with proper methods of conducting meetings. Regular donations are being received from the boys for the B. P. Chins Up Fund, and 16 of the Scouts were out recently to assist the St. John's Ambulance Brigade in their important work.

Eighth Troop Scouts Pass Ambulance Badge

Six members of the Eighth Timmins Troop have passed the Ambulance Badge in an examination conducted by Mr. G. Gibson. The Troop has been studying and practicing First Aid for some time, and Antonio Ducaume, Donald Tambeau, Ray Carboneau, Hubert Lafleur, J. P. Rivet and Paul Cole will be the proud wearers of the badge. Henri De La Barre has been appointed Second of the Antelope Patrol. Rhea Lariviere, Ovlia Carriere and Roger Ethier were accepted as recruits by the Antelopes, and Ivon Poulin and Roger Bissiere were welcomed into the Fox Patrol. The Beaver Patrol has again succeeded in winning the honour flag, taking it from the Antelopes who held it last month.

All Packs and Troops are asked to have all final details of organization in connection with the fats salvage campaign worked out well in advance of the collection date. Each Group will have their own section and is responsible for having it properly organized, and we are counting on everyone coming through with another real first-class job. It is essential that Scouts and Cubs work closely together on this, and leaders should see that everyone is given a chance to do his bit. Till next week. Good Scouting. — D.S.M.

Free-Wheeling Timmins Crew, Juvenile Kings

Under the above heading The Toronto Star on Saturday had the following report on the hockey match in which the Timmins Holman Pluggers won the Juvenile "A" championship:—"A rangy, free-skating squad of speedsters took all-Ontario juvenile honors back to the north country for the second straight year as Timmins Pluggers handed St. Catharines Lions a 6-3 defeat in the Ontario Minor Hockey association final at Maple Leaf Gardens Saturday afternoon.

"The squads saved most of the action for the final period after Timmins had built up a 2-0 lead in the middle session. Seven goals were counted as the youngsters turned on the heat and threw it wide-open after checking each other to a standstill in the other stanza. "St. Catharines held their own in the opening session, but Timmins' weight and size told in the final periods. Eric Prentice was the big sniper with three goals. George DeFolice, Walt Rewegan and Bill Curik counting singletons. "Tom Smelle, Don Frick and Stan Welsh were the St. Kitt goal-getters with Bill Boles and John Gatecliff also standing out. The Lions showed some neat passing plays, a good turn of speed but couldn't bust through Timmins' big defence of Allen Stanley and Pete Babando. "Neal Jackson and Dave Robertson, the respective goalies, both stood out for their squads, helped keep the scores down."

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Editors Write on Women's Work in Wartime England

(Another in a series of articles written by W. R. Legge and C. V. Charters who represented the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association in a recent tour overseas.)

(By Walter R. Legge) The way the women of England are all working cannot but arouse the admiration of everyone. They are not only working in factories, or in the women's division of the armed forces, but they are acting as clerks in offices, banks, hotels and stores, as bellboys, porters, guards on the railways, fire watchers, ticket collectors or conductors on trams and buses, farm labourers, and even policemen.

In America there is only one man in charge of a bus, and he collects tickets or fares, and acts both as chauffeur and conductor. In England all the buses are built so that the chauffeur sits in a little compartment by himself, almost over the engine. If he were to collect the fares, the buses would all have to be rebuilt. The ticket collectors are all women, and so are many of the drivers.

In the cities, omnibuses have replaced trams years ago in most cases. Nearly all the conductors are women, and it is very hard work. Such a thing as paying the fare when entering a bus or tram is apparently unknown over there. They do not have a flat rate of two pence or three pence, but a graduated rate which may be anything from one penny up through all the halfpence to six or seven pence.

This means that the women have to find out where you are going, calculate the fare, select the proper ticket from a large double bank of tickets which they carry on a holder, make change, and go through both decks of the bus, which means running continuously up and down the stairs. Usually the bus is crowded, which makes it that much more difficult for them. With so many strangers in England, they have to keep answering such questions as how to reach different points. They also have to watch where they are, call out the steps, signal to start and stop the bus, and make sure that some stranger does not go past his or her destination. The women on buses really work hard.

A large number of women are doing fire watching duties. This usually means staying up all night and patrolling roofs and alleys. When a Canadian looks over the sky line of English towns and cities, the first thing that strikes him is the appearance of the English roofs which are usually cut up with all kinds of turrets and chimney pots. Every building has anywhere up to a dozen or more of these chimney pots. They add considerably to the difficulties of properly patrolling the roofs. Ladders are often kept on the roofs so that any part can be quickly reached.

This work is most important during raids. Prompt handling of incendiaries on these roofs makes the difference between little damage and staggering losses.

About the time that the Bomber Press arrived in England, the Hon. Herbert Morrison made an appeal for many thousands of extra women fire watchers. There was a great deal of criticism at the time, as it was felt that this work was too hard and dangerous for women. But the answer was that more than double the number asked for volunteered. It showed the determination of the women of England to do everything they could to help in war work.

The following appeal appeared in the September issue of the parish magazine of St. Mary Redcliffe Church, Bristol. "Without question the greatest material treasure in Bristol is St. Mary Redcliffe Church. I now ask the women of Bristol if they will help in guarding it against fire. We want two, at least, and three better still, to be on duty every night. There is perfectly possible work for women to do, and they will not be asked to attempt what only men can do. Women between 17 and 50 will be welcomed, and if you arrange with a friend or friends to take on one night a week, you will be doing great service. Now is the time to strengthen our band of watchers before the winter begins."

It must be remembered that in all probability, the women who take on this work will do it in addition to working at their regular occupation all day. At all the Air Force stations that we visited there were WAAF's doing the cooking, washing the dishes, waiting on tables, operating the telephones and radio controls, and doing clerical and other work.

Women appear to be doing nearly everything on the railways except driving the engines. Most of the guards at the stations are women, and they may also be seen handling trucks with express and baggage. Incidentally, the traveller in England today is expected to look after his own baggage, not only while on the trains, but also in the hotels.

The mobile canteens, so many of which have been provided by various organizations and municipalities in Canada, South Africa, Australia and other parts of the British Commonwealth, are operated by women, and their heroism during each blitz will make a glorious story in history.

The nursing profession has always been an honoured one, and the nurses in this war are upholding all their traditions.

It would be impossible to tell of all the varied jobs that women in England are doing today in addition to those mentioned already, such as looking after babies, while their mothers are working in munition factories and other places, collecting salvage, helping in canteens and soldiers' hostels, and, if unable to do anything else, entertaining troops in their own homes.

The outstanding characteristics of the women of England today are their cheerful acceptance of added burdens, and their sincere desire to do something

About Wilson Thomson Poet of the Porcupine

Under the heading "Poet of the Porcupine," that clever column, "Grab Samples," in The Northern Miner gives a full column last week to the little booklet recently issued by Wilson Thomson, under the title, "The Shift-boss and Other Poems." Most of the column is taken up with verses from the booklet itself — this being the most complimentary form of review. Two of the poems, "Farewell to the Mines," and "To the Students," are published in full. Unpublished "Grab Samples" has already been published "The Shift-boss," it is likely that this poem will also find a place sooner or later in the column, as may also "Mary's Little Mine" as "Grab Samples" enjoys these forms of wit and humor.

The poems quoted by The Northern Miner are preceded by the following concise comment:—"Wilson Thomson, whose verses on mining themes have appeared from time to time in Northern publications, has assembled a number of the more popular pieces in a small volume which can be secured for a quarter from the author at Timmins, Ontario. Titles of the poems are indicative of the content: The Shift Boss, The Porcupine Pioneer, Farewell to the Mines, The Mucker's Lament, Whose Cousin Is He?, The Captain, The Machine-man, The Spare Shifter, Mary's Little Mine, To the Students, etc. Thomson's poetic efforts have the true mining flavour and the volume should be a welcome addition to the libraries of those interested in the industry and in particular in the personal side of it. The following selections are typical of the whole."

Output Lower But Grade Higher in Ontario Gold Mines

February Gold Bulletin Shows Over \$1,000,000 Drop from Last Year.

Ontario's gold production for February, 1943, was half a million dollars less than for January of this year, and nearly a million dollars less than the output in February, 1942. Details of the production are given in the February gold bulletin of the Ontario Dept. of Mines, as follows:—

Ontario producing gold mines by fields for the month of February follow:— PORCUPINE (48) — Aunor, Bonetal, Broulan Porcupine, Buffalo Ankerite, Conaunrum, Delnite, Dome, Hallnor, Hollinger, Hoyle, McIntyre, Moneta, Paymaster, Paimour, Preston East Dome, Ross.

KIRKLAND LAKE (9) — Bidgood, Kirkland Lake Gold, Lake Shore, Macassa, Sylvanite, Teck-Hughes, Toburn, Upper Canada, Wright-Hargreaves.

LARDER LAKE (4) — Chesterville, Kerr-Addison, Omega, Yama.

MATACHEWAN (1) — Matatchewan Consolidated.

SUDBURY (1) — Jerome THUNDER BAY DISTRICT (5) — Hard Rock, Leitch, Little Long Lac, MacLeod-Cockshut, Magnet.

PATRICIA PORTION (9) — Berens River, Central Patricia, Cochenour, Williams, Hasaga, McKenzie Red Lake, McMarmac Red Lake, Madsen Red Lake, Pickle Crw, Uchi.

KENORA AND RAINY RIVER DISTRICTS (1) — Wendigo.

Ontario's gold mining industry increased the average grade of ore milled to \$10.28 per ton during the 28 days of February. This is against an average grade of \$9.80 in the preceding month. During the period under review, the gold mills treated 686,142 tons of ore and recovered 182,907 ounces of gold and 30,940 ounces of silver for a total value of \$7,053,733. The comparative figures for January were 778,093 tons of ore milled, 196,614 ounces of gold and 28,416 ounces of silver recovered, valued at \$7,580,070.

In February, 1942, the figures were, tons milled, 840,431, ounces of gold 209,216, ounces of silver 36,368 and value \$8,067,233. Daily average value, computed from monthly returns were, 251,919 for February, 1943, \$244,518 for January, 1943, and \$288,115 for February, 1942.

Based on the daily average production for the past four months the production of bullion by Ontario gold mines for the year 1943 should reach the low figure of 92 millions of dollars as against 103.4 millions of dollars in 1942 and the high of 120 millions of dollars in 1941. This downward tendency, as regards gold production in Ontario, is expected to continue for the duration of the war.

Monthly Output of Ontario Gold Mines,

	1942	1943
	Value \$	Value \$
PORCUPINE		
January	4,567,994	3,687,663
February	4,231,724	3,434,542
KIRKLAND LAKE — LARDER LAKE BELT		
January	1,823,404	2,383,638
February	1,856,482	2,219,372
MATACHEWAN — SUDBURY		
January	291,275	199,277
February	271,825	132,802
NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO (includes Algoma, Thunder Bay, Patricia and Kenora and Rainy River Districts)		
January	1,803,008	1,309,492
February	1,713,243	1,267,017
MISCELLANEOUS		
January	3,322	
February	3,850	
TOTAL FOR ONTARIO		
January	8,479,013	7,580,070
February	8,067,233	7,053,733

Readers' Digest:— He met misfortune like a man — he blamed it on his wife.

to help. Above all they are a wonderful inspiration to their men.

Without the efforts of the women, the story of the progress of the war might very probably have been entirely different today.

Noted Nature Lover to Celebrate His 78th Birthday

Jack Miner Will Have All Good Wishes from Timmins and the North on Saturday.

To large numbers of people in Canada and the United States, Saturday of this week, April 10th, is a very important date. It is the 78th birthday of Jack Miner, who has done more for the conservation of Canada's wild life and more to rouse interest in Canada's tourist trade than any other man now living. Jack Miner has visited



Jack Miner

Timmins on more than one occasion and made wide circles of friends here. The same is true of nearly every centre in Canada, and many centres in the United States. For thirty-five years he toured Canada and the United States at his own expense preaching the doctrine of conservation and the gospel of love for all created things, including all the birds of the air and all the beasts of the forest, and not forgetting men, women and children.

Those present were Mrs. J. Shaw, Mrs. W. Johnson, Mrs. R. Hardy, Mrs. B. Richards, Mrs. R. Wilkinson, Mrs. L. Nicholson, Mrs. F. Curtis, Mrs. W. Devine, Mrs. D. Ellis, Mrs. C. McLaren, Mrs. A. Bellamy, Mrs. L. Renaud, Mrs. C. Wheeler, Mrs. J. McGarry, Miss Margaret McGarry, Mrs. E. Tilley, Mrs. E. Charlton, Mrs. H. Pope, Mrs. R. Smith, Mrs. A. Kettle, Mrs. E. Hinds, Mrs. C. Boyd, Mrs. J. Grant, Mrs. McChesney, Mrs. Olsen.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Ladies' Auxiliary met at the Legion Hall for their comfort fund tea. A very pleasant afternoon was spent knitting. Those present were Mrs. J. Shaw, Mrs. W. Johnson, Mrs. R. Hardy, Mrs. B. Richards, Mrs. R. Wilkinson, Mrs. L. Nicholson, Mrs. F. Curtis, Mrs. W. Devine, Mrs. D. Ellis, Mrs. C. McLaren, Mrs. A. Bellamy, Mrs. L. Renaud, Mrs. C. Wheeler, Mrs. J. McGarry, Miss Margaret McGarry, Mrs. E. Tilley, Mrs. E. Charlton, Mrs. H. Pope, Mrs. R. Smith, Mrs. A. Kettle, Mrs. E. Hinds, Mrs. C. Boyd, Mrs. J. Grant, Mrs. McChesney, Mrs. Olsen.

These bands have been returned to him from many distant places. His work has been valuable to science as well as to society, as it resulted in much information being gathered about the wild fowl of the air, their habits and habitats. In his lecture tours in the United States where he was given great acclaim for many years, Jack Miner never failed to stress the attractions of Canada for the United States tourist. In Canada he emphasized the value in dollars and cents and in understanding and good will of having tourists flock here from the United States. Eventually, he interested the Canadian government in his plans

and proposals, and Canada profited much thereby. He has also been an ardent advocate of reforestation. Indeed, in a score of ways he has been ahead of his times, and his work and influence will live long years after he is gone.

Recently Jack Miner was seriously ill, but it is understood he has made good recovery. As from other parts of Canada and the United States and lands beyond the sea, so from Timmins and the North go sincere greetings and good wishes to Jack Miner on his 78th birthday, and the earnest hope that he may live to enjoy many more birthdays.

Mrs. Edmire Blais Dies at Chelmsford Last Week

Chelmsford, April 2. — The death occurred Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Pierre Caron, in Chelmsford, of Mrs. Edmire Blais, 85, following an illness of several weeks. Born Edmire Plouffe, in Angers, Que., she came to this district about 36 years ago with her husband, Joseph Blais, who died some years ago. She is survived by one son, Damien, of Chelmsford, and three daughters, Mrs. Pierre Caron, of Chelmsford, and Mrs. Ovilva Lalonde and Mrs. Conrad Cayen, of Sudbury. Five brothers, Joseph Plouffe and Claphas, of Buckingham, Que.; Felix and Cyrien, of Sudbury, and Amede, of Cornwall, and two sisters, Mrs. Gilbert Durocher, of Buckingham, and Mrs. Elzear Charbonneau, of Timmins, also survive. Mrs. Blais was one of the first members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic parish in Chelmsford, and funeral services were held in that church on Monday, April 5, at 10 a.m., with Rev. Mgr. S. Cote officiating. Interment was in Chelmsford Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Ladies' Auxiliary Conduct Weekly Tea Wednesday

The weekly whist drive of the Ladies' Auxiliary was held on Tuesday evening at the Legion Hall. The following were prize winners:—

Ladies:— 1st, Mrs. Lock; 2nd, Mrs. J. Cowan; 3rd, Mrs. Lemieux. Gentlemen:— 1st, Mrs. Gauthier; 2nd, Mr. S. Hornell; 3rd, Mrs. Engman.

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