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WITH THE LONE SCOUTS

Have you ever stopped to think how numerous are the privileges enjoyed by the Lone Scouts of Canada?

In the first place a Lone Scout enjoys membership in the greatest Boy Scout organization in the world, and is a Brother Scout to over 2,000,000 Scouts and Scouters in the world.

He has the service of the Dominion Council and the Provincial Council of the Boy Scouts Association to call upon.

He has the right to participate in Scout Camps and Jamborees.

As soon as a Lone Scout has passed his Tenderfoot Test he receives an attractive membership certificate, and may then wear the Lone Scout Uniform and Insignia.

He also receives, monthly, free of charge, the Lone Scout paper "On Lone Scout Trails," giving news of his brother Lones in different parts of the Province, and Scouting news in general.

He has the privilege of earning and achieving all ranks, titles, badges and honors as offered to any other Scout on the same basis as a Scout's interesting programme of fun, adventure and achievement.

He has the opportunity to participate in all local, Provincial or Dominion events, activities, and programmes on the same basis as any other Scout.

He has the chance, under Scout authority, to select the best man in his community to be his counsellor and friend. This adult friend is responsible for the advancement tests for the Lone Scout.

And all these privileges he receives for an annual subscription of only 50c.

No boy in Ontario can afford to be without the Scout programme of pleasure, training and opportunity. Parents will want to do their part to make possible their son's participation in this great boys' game of Scouting and

training, which should lead to a life of happiness and achievement.

The Handbook for Canada, issued by the Boy Scouts Association, which is in the possession of Lone Scouts, together with the help from Leaders, Provincial or Dominion Councils and Counsellors and Friends, some of the more important methods by which a Lone Scout can achieve the highest possible standards in Scouting and in citizenship.

It is a game any boy will love to play, and is a "team" game, emphasizing the "we" in preference to the "I," and fostering the spirit of service and helpfulness to others.

If, therefore, you are a boy between the ages of 12 and 18, and live near a Troop Headquarters, go and see the Scoutmaster, and link up with the Scouts. But if you live in the country where there is no Scout Troop, become a Lone Scout, and write for information to "The Lone Scout Department," Boy Scouts' Association, 330 Bay Street, Toronto 2.

"Lone E" hopes that his brother Lones is not forgetting to write to him on the subject of the proposed Ontario Lone Scout Winter Camp, and also hopes that all Ontario Lones are giving their very serious attention to the great Xmas "Good Turn," the Lone Scout Toy Shop.

Lone Scout Question Box

What are the wooden beads on a boot-lace that I see around the necks of some Scoutmasters?—(R. T. Lindsay)

These are the insignia of the "Gillwell Training Course and signify that the wearer has taken the course of training for Scoutmastership, both practical and theoretical, and has graduated successfully. The practical part of this course is held annually in Ontario at a Leaders Camp at Ebor Park, near Brantford, and is limited to a class of 32 leaders, each year.

"LONE E."

To Give Pupils Breakfast

Havana.—Beginning Nov. 2, breakfast will be given to 10,000 Havana school children from poverty-stricken homes. It was announced recently by the committee in charge of the pupils' breakfast fund, which now amounts to \$300,000 and has been raised by public subscription. Havana bus companies donated one day's receipts to the fund. Plans are now being made to continue raising money for the fund.

City school teachers started the campaign after they learned that many children were being sent to school without breakfast.

The school hours have been reduced to a single morning session of four and one-half hours for upper grades and three and one-half hours for lower grades. This was done to reduce expenses.

"Idle Wealth"

Clifford Sharp in Everyman (London): British resources, as measured by the actual productive capacity of the country, are enormous. We are potentially as wealthy as we need to be. It is absurd to say that we have been living "beyond our means." We have not been living even up to our means. What we have been living beyond is our capacity to pay for imported goods in gold bullion. We possess, in fact, an enormous surplus of unused productive power (i.e., wealth) represented by idle factories and idle men. It is merely the machinery of exchange that has gone wrong and that is very largely the fault of the bankers. Except in terms of gold, we are as solvent and as rich as we have ever been and if gold could be abolished to-morrow we should be very well-to-do indeed. We might be able even to increase the dole!—if that were good policy, which I certainly do not suggest.

U. S. Navy to Build Sister Ship of Akron

Washington—The U.S. Navy has just recently approved a contract for building the ZRS-5, sister ship of the giant airship Akron, ordered 13 new planes and let a contract for beginning work on an airship hangar in California.

The new airship is to be built by the Goodyear-Zeppelin Corporation within 15 months of the time the Akron leaves the dock.

The navy will accept the ship officially as soon as Lt. Commander Charles E. Rosendahl starts her for Lakehurst. There she will be armed, equipped with planes and put in commission.

The ZRS-5 is to cost \$2,450,000, about half as much as her elder sister. This difference was provided to safeguard the Zeppelin company's tremendous plant investment in case the second craft was not built.

A contract was awarded to the Berliner-Joyce Aircraft Corporation of Baltimore Md., for 13 convertible observation planes, costing \$463,700.

Whatever thou lovest, man, that too become thou must; God if thou lovest God; dust if thou lovest dust.—The Cherubic Pilgrim.

Los Angeles Shares Hangar With Akron



The once mighty Los Angeles is crowded into the corner as the new air giant Akron sticks her snout into the Lakehurst, N.J., hangar where both dirigibles are now quartered.

Census Shows U.S. Indian Population Rapidly Growing

Washington—The "dying race" of American Indians has proved to be otherwise, during the last decade.

The 1930 census showed the Indian increasing by \$7,960, a 36 per cent. gain. With a 16 per cent. gain in the population at large, that jump in a race pronounced dying was pronounced impossible.

The experts attributed it to an inadequate 1920 census and to a closer check on mixed bloods. But Dr. L. F. Schmeckler, expert borrowed from a research institute to supervise the Indian census, got to digging around in county schedules and discovered a bumper crop of little Indians which he pronounced "real gain."

Dr. Schmeckler said he had been unable to learn whether the increase in Indian children was due to better health conditions lowering infant mortality, or to better economic conditions during the years of prosperity.

But eventual extinction, he prophesied, will not lie in a slow racial death on the reservations, but in the influx of educated young Indians into the cities, with intermarriage and loss of Indian identity within a few generations.

London Commemorates "Hero of Trafalgar"

London.—London's newest museum opened recently and flags were flown in the annual commemoration of the great naval victory at Trafalgar.

"Nelson Room," in Lloyd's marine insurance building in Leadenhall St., contains one of the rarest and richest collections of Nelson relics ever assembled. The room is paneled in oak like a frigate of Nelson's time, and its walls are bright with painted flags flown on Nelson's ships. At one end the flags are arranged in the historic signal: "England expects every man to do his duty."

Perhaps the most valuable item is the yellowed logbook of the Euryalus, Nelson's signal frigate at Trafalgar, telling the story of the encounter. There also is a large collection of curios, such as tobyjugs with Nelson's head on them, showing how England went hero-mad during the period of naval victories over Napoleon.

The gifts showered upon Nelson collected in Lloyd's room rival the collection Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh brought from Paris four years ago. Lloyd's itself gave a magnificent set of plates to commemorate the battles of the Nile and Copenhagen, and these have the place of honor in the collection. The showcase that drew the biggest crowds contains the decorations Nelson was wearing on the quarter-deck when he was fatally wounded in battle.

U. S. License Plates Sombre in Color

Philadelphia.—A new mode has reached the field of automobile plates, according to the Automobile Club of Philadelphia. A survey shows that tags will be more sombre and standardized in 1932 than ever before.

Six states will have white on black for their license plates; six have selected white on blue; four will use tags of black with yellow numerals; four have white on green; three chose black on orange; three black on yellow; and three white on maroon.

The most individual of all the colors selected are those of Wyoming, cream on brown. The survey covers all states except Arkansas, New Mexico and Missouri.

Manufacturer Advises "To Advertise Freely"

East St. Louis, Ill.—Advertise extensively and convincingly. That was the gist of the recommendation presented by Mr. Thomas S. Hammond, president of the Whiting Corporation, Chicago, before a recent meeting here of the Illinois Manufacturers Association.

"I am in favor of color work in newspapers and magazine advertising," he said. "Now is no time to pare expenses."

Heated Sidewalks

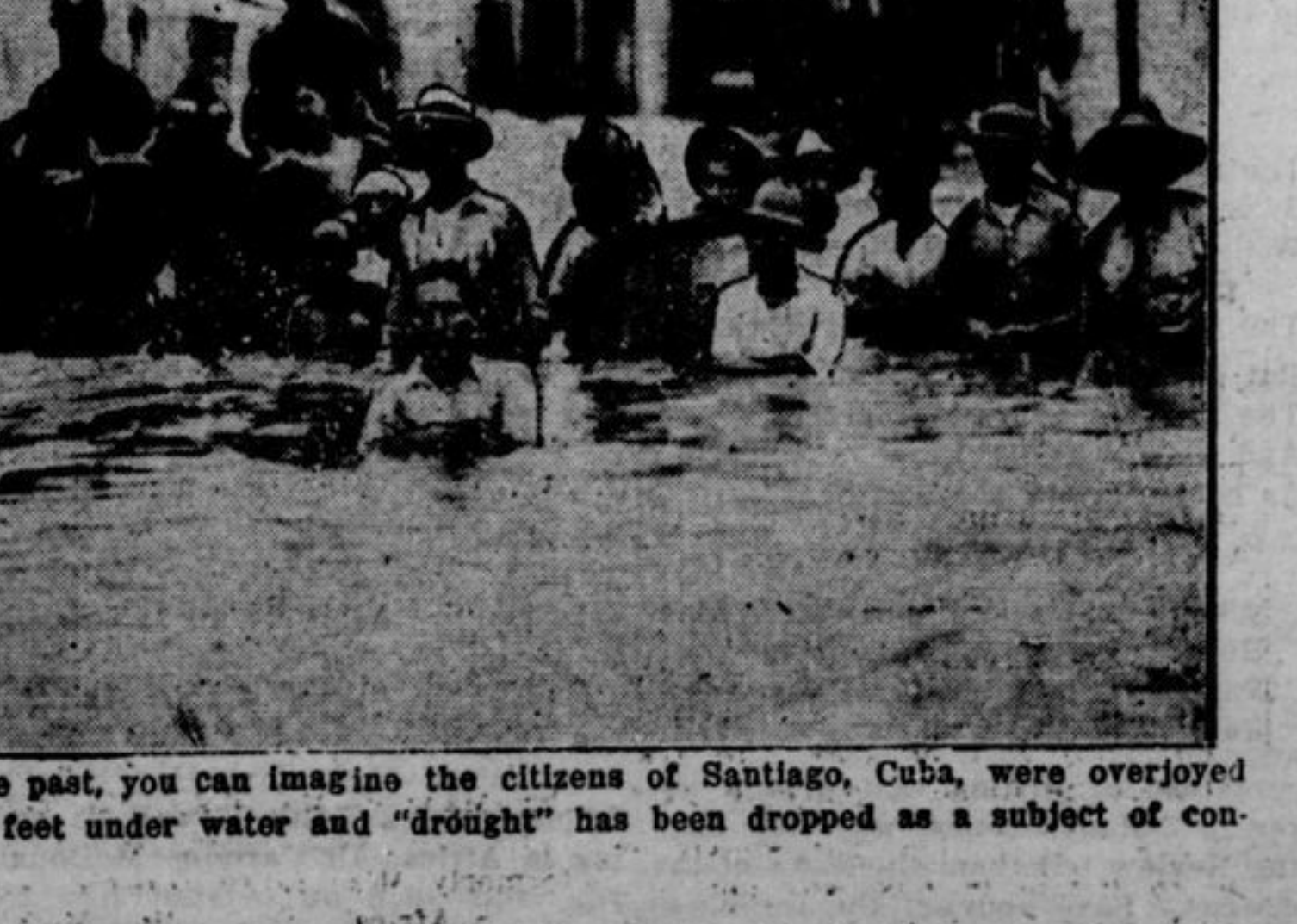
Madrid.—The Madrid City Council is studying a proposal, favored by Mayor Pedro Rico, to heat the city's sidewalks with electricity this winter for the benefit of the homeless.

The proposal calls for the laying of heat mains beneath the streets, with the cost to be defrayed by the sale of heat to householders.

King Had Good Shooting

Since the King's return from Balmoral it is learned that his Majesty enjoyed a splendid season of shooting on the Deeside. He is not only an excellent, but a versatile shot, for he is as good at grouse as he is at deer.

Drought Ends in Cuba



Always short of water in the past, you can imagine the citizens of Santiago, Cuba, were overjoyed at this. Town is about three feet under water and "drought" has been dropped as a subject of conversation.

British Newspapers Review the Results

The Times (Conservative)

The overwhelming victory of the National Government is already within sight. The result is the more remarkable since among the 230 members returned in the first results in the last Parliament more than 130 were Socialists and 75 of them had majorities above 5,000. In such constituencies it might have been said that the prospects of National candidates were least hopeful as they included typical urban areas all over the country and seats which were held by all the more prominent leaders of the Socialist party.

With the solitary exception of Sir Stafford Cripps, who is returned by a small majority, all these leaders are defeated:—Henderson, Clynes, Greenwood, Alexander, Morrison, Shaw, Miss Bondfield.

The country has delivered judgment in no uncertain voice upon the men who ran away and the some fate has befallen their followers, dupes or instigators. Moreover, they are left without the smallest crumb of comfort. Their defeat was not due to abstentions for considering the fog the poll was very heavy. At Burnley, where Mr. Henderson was defeated by 8,000, no less than 91 per cent. of the electorate voted. National candidates made a clean sweep in Manchester, Sheffield, Birmingham, Leicester, Salford and won astonishing victories in Liverpool, Newcastle and Bristol.

Liberal supporters of the Government in proportion to their numbers did as well as the Conservatives. There cannot be the slightest doubt that the vote which favored both was National and not party. The return of Sir Herbert Samuel at Darwin is a case in point. The problems facing the new Parliament are many and frequent temptations to form groups and cabals must be sternly resisted. They are pledged to the maintenance of our currency and credit and upon their success depends the very continuance of Parliamentary government in these islands.

Long Distance 'Phone Calls Fashionable in Paris

Paris.—Long-distance telephone calls have become very fashionable in Paris, where, one might almost say, they have become a favorite pastime, according to a recent report issued by the Telephone Administration. There are daily calls to every country in Europe with the exception of Bulgaria, Greece and Russia, where the telephone system is defective. Calls to Germany are frequent; there were, last year, almost 1,000,000 calls to that country. Belgium holds the record with 1,609,23 calls. The number of communications with the United States is growing; there were 8432 last year. For \$25 one may talk to New York for three minutes, and one can be practically certain that the line will not be busy. All that is necessary to talk to friends in Morocco or even Indo-China is to ask for their number. But there is no great demand for these two countries, only 209 calls for Morocco and 166 for Indo-China being recorded in a year.

British Rail Traffic Shows Big Decrease

Railroad traffic receipts of the four group companies during the first 33 weeks of 1931 shows decreases when compared with the same period of 1930 and 1929.

Passenger receipts have dropped \$20,000,000 as compared with 1930 and \$30,900,000 in 1929. The largest decrease is recorded in merchandise with a loss of \$27,610,000 for the corresponding period of 1930 and \$43,165,000 for 1929.

The total decrease reveals a figure of \$56,030,000 as compared with 1930 and \$90,095,000 with 1929.

A number of railroad anniversaries are now being celebrated in Great Britain.

In Oct., 1849, the Windsor line was opened. During the same month of 1783 the first sleeping cars were used on the West Coast route to Scotland. Seventeen years later third class was provided on all Great Western passenger trains.

Daily Telegraph (Conservative)

It was a wonderful day's work in the interest of sane, honest Government. The result is a record and as sweeping a people voting with the fullest democratic freedom on an issue such as was never presented to an electorate before. The attempt to obscure the issue was carried out with tireless and feverish energy but the appeal to the fundamental good sense, respect for courage and straight dealing was splendidly justified.

Nemesia of political folly came swift and deadly to leaders who betrayed their trust and they have been taught a lesson that will be long remembered. The National Government had a majority far beyond expectations. The road is open for the enterprise of setting the country on its feet leading to a new path of progress and prosperity.

Daily Herald (Labor)

The great fight is over and whatever is the result the Labor movement of the whole country owes a deep debt of gratitude to countless men and women who worked strenuously for the cause. It was never so manifest that the Labor party and the Labor movement are deeprooted in the hearts of the people. Tory hope that the party would be riven in twain has been falsified. The whole forces of reaction have been flung into the attempt to break it and the attempt has failed. There have been casualties but the solid mass of the movement has stood firm.

To those recalling the terrible odds they have been up against let us recall earlier days when our forbears fought hopeless odds in constituencies which are now unassailable strongholds of Labor. However the fight may go in a particular time or place the final issue and final victory are beyond question.

Diets and the Wheat Question

Professor T. Gregory in the Fortnightly Review (London): A whole series of complex causes is operating at present on the demand side to make the position of the cereal producer more difficult—the falling off in the growth of population, the fact that a population composed more largely of older people requires less food per capita, the "slimming" craze, the growth of per capita income which leads people to prefer a more varied diet, the urbanization of population, which reduces crude food requirements. These changes are coinciding with technological changes which make it easier to grow a larger volume on the same acreage as before; an accentuation of changes which have been going on since the dawn of history. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that the wheat farmer should be depressed.

Typus Depletes Canine Population of Prague

Prague.—There has been an outbreak of dog-typus here which has reduced the canine population by 90 per cent.

The bacillus is present in the ordinary drinking water in Prague, but has no effect on the human organism. Dog lovers are in great distress, and have adopted the recommendation of the Prague Veterinary College that the animals be allowed only tea or boiled water to drink.

Dogs afflicted become terribly thin and die in eight or ten days. A somewhat similar outbreak was reported from Berlin earlier in the year.

Manchester Guardian (Liberal)

The shortest, straightest and most fraudulent election campaign of our times is over. The first results show plainly that the new Parliament will have an overwhelming majority of Conservatives far outnumbering other parts of the National Government. Labor is likely to suffer the worst setback it has yet had. The seats it lost in the panic election of 1924 and re-

Winter Gardening

The interest and enthusiasm of the average gardener tend to wane after a long and sometimes strenuous season among the flowers, fruits and shrubs, with the result that preparations for winter which should be made are very often neglected with subsequent injurious results.

The annual border, after the first killing frost, generally becomes unsightly and should be cleared of all the debris to allow of covering with well rotted manure which should be dug in and incorporated with the soil.

The perennial border may require some refilling of weak or dead plants, which can be done at this time. The dead tops may be left on to serve as a snow trap, mulching with prairie hay, if possible, or straw after freeze-up is distinctly beneficial in delaying growth in the spring and preventing freezing and thawing.

The vegetable garden should receive treatment similar to that given to the annual flower border, the ground being left rough to prevent the too rapid run-off of snow water, and soil drifting.

The fruit plantation should be given ample drainage, in the form of furrows ploughed at intervals with laterals connecting all the low areas. The strawberries should receive a mulch of several inches of straw or prairie hay. The raspberry canes, if not pruned should be, and the remainder bent over and held in place with clods of earth or poles, or even bent over and entirely covered with soil. The fruit trees, particularly apples and crab, require protection on the trunk and lower branches, to overcome sunscald injury and damage from rabbits and mice. The younger and smaller trees should be wrapped with strips of burlap or old sacking or building paper to effectively combat against the sunscald and rabbits; mice, however, are partial to burlap for nest making purposes, hence this is not so useful if mice are prevalent. Pieces of boards, one foot wide and of suitable length, set against the southwest exposure of the trunks of standard apple trees and held in place with a nail or twine at the top very effectively shade the trunk from the late afternoon sun in early spring. Grapes may be pruned after leaf fall and covered with earth before freeze-up takes place. Currants can be pruned after freeze-up and the prunings left around the bushes to serve as a snow-trap.

The rabbit-proof fence around the fruit plantation should be thoroughly gone over and any gaps in the wire repaired and thoroughly pegged to the ground. The gates should fit tightly and where feasible all grass and debris should be burnt from along the fence to prevent the snow from piling up.

If these precautions are taken the success which should result the following year should amply repay, in plant material saved and personal encouragement fostered, the extra effort and expense which may be entailed.—H. M. Wilson, Dominion Experimental Farm, Indian Head, Sask.

Empire Coffee

London Times: For the coffee industry, which has been hit like other trades by the prevailing depression, there is some consolation in the fact that but for the high quality of coffee grown in the Empire it would have suffered still more seriously than it has. Thanks to the reputation which Empire producers have gained for the general excellence of their output, London has come to be regarded as the chief market in Europe for the best grades of coffee. Of the gross imports that reach the London market nearly 50 per cent. is re-exported to other countries, most of which goes to Germany. The coffee-drinkers of the United Kingdom are mainly those who care only for the finest quality and are comparatively few.

Youth and the Future

London Morning Post: The Vice-Chancellor pays an exceedingly high tribute to the type of undergraduate now residence at Oxford. Recruited from a far wider field than formerly, the best talent of every class is now being drafted into the University, and "the general level of capacity, of energy and of achievement is probably higher today than at any time within living memory." This is in itself an immeasurable asset, and an earnest of a rich harvest, however fierce may be the "economic blizzards" in store. Modern youth may well have been awaiting just such a time of testing in order to prove its real worth. We shall be greatly surprised if the present world ordeal does not call forth from the Universities a generation which will build up a wiser and more enduring order than any that has ever yet been seen.

Sticking to Father's Motto

Farmer Giles came out into the yard and saw his son lounging by the cowshed.

"Hi, boy," he said, "take the old broom and sweep down those steps, will you?"

"But why use the old broom for that?" asked the boy. "We've got a better one I can use haven't we?"

"Course we've got a better one!" replied the old farmer. "Wear out the old things first is my motto."

"Well, dad," said the boy, "suppose you do the sweeping?"