



"Lone E" hopes that all the Lone Scouts of Ontario will have a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

What will be YOUR New Year Resolution for 1932? If you are already a Scout, he hopes that you will resolve to make your Scout Programme full of activity and advancement, and if you are NOT a member of the Boy Scouts Association, he hopes that you will resolve to join the great World-Wide Brotherhood of Scouts without delay.

In any case, Good Scouting to you all!

PATROL NEWS.

We are glad to hear from Lone Scout Dalton Woodward of Cannington to the effect that the Lones in that place have organized themselves into the "Owl" Patrol. If they use the wisdom popularly attributed to that well-known bird, we know that the "Owl" Patrol will be a success. We wish them lots of fun and good luck.

The "Hounds" at Milford still continue to do good work, and they keep "On the trail" through thick and thin. We notice that they turned out in full force to a Remembrance Day Parade recently.

The Patrol at Lucan will soon be a full-fledged Troop, we think. They have already recruited themselves an Assistant Scoutmaster, who has started in to acquaint himself with the Tenderfoot and Second Class Tests. Good work, Lucan Lones!

SCOUTS BECOME DOCTORS.

Records at Dominion Headquarters, Ottawa, show that 50,589 Canadian Boy Scouts have taken First Aid Training, and 15,621 have qualified for the Advanced First Aid "Ambulance Man" badge.

For quite a number of Scouts this training has proven the first step to a University Degree in Medicine.

The diversified training which the Boy Scout Programme gives to a boy frequently enables him to decide on the career for which he is most fitted.

BOY SCOUT COWBOY.

When unable to capture a horse that had been on range all summer, an Ontario farmer applied to the Ottawa District Boy Scout Headquarters for a Scout roping expert. The boy was taken out to the farm and promptly succeeded in lassoing the horse. This farmer had seen an ex-

Chicago's Leading Girl and Boy



Mary Rice of Keewatin, Minn., and Charles Brown of Battle Ground, Ind., with Sir Thomas Lipton trophy cups awarded at 4-H club congress in Chicago as "outstanding girl and boy."

won't you please replace your Gainsborough? I prefer the hat." There have been a good many times in a long theatrical experience when a disclaiming critic would much "prefer the hat."

—May, 1882.

At a recent dinner party in Paris the host provided a novelty which may, possibly, become a feature of dinner parties in the electric age. Beside each plate was a telephone, which was connected with a distant salon, where a superb orchestra was playing. The guests were thus able, between the courses, to pass the time pleasantly in listening to good music instead of making obvious remarks about the weather.

—Aug., 1883.

Although the electric bell is now in vogue in many hotels, its use is not yet allowed to disturb the leisurely habits of the waiters, if we may judge by the following directions, posted over one of the bells in a house of entertainment at a seaside resort: "Push the knob. If you do not get an answer in fifteen of twenty minutes, push it again."

—Sept., 1883.



Bessie—"What do you think of higher education?"

Bert—"It's all right, except in the colleges where they let it take up too much time from football practice."

TOUGH JOB

Los Angeles.—Police were faced with one of the toughest jobs they've had for a long time—but it wasn't any tougher than that of the thieves they were sent out to capture. The crooks had stolen seven pot skunks belonging to R. N. Bowman, and the cops were sent out to locate and bring back the animals. Gas masks were part of the equipment taken along.

'Gator Mascot



One Florida football team has a young alligator as mascot. Here we see "stilly" in the company of a co-ed and cheer leader.

Millions Signing For Disarmament

Mammoth Petition Circulating Throughout World Gains Headway

London.—A gigantic disarmament declaration, launched in all five continents by the Women's International League, is gathering momentum as the day for the world conference on this great question approaches.

London is supplying 4,000 signatures daily to the document, which is designed to provide sufficient head of steam to drive the statesmen of the world forward on the path of peace.

Every adult in a village in Montgomeryshire, Wales, has signed. So has the entire population of several frontier villages in France.

The league section in Tunis has rendered the document into Arabic and is hard at work collecting signatures among the natives. India, Japan, Indo-China, among the eastern countries, are participating.

In Canada the goal of 500,000 signatures appears in sight. A transcontinental caravan tour which traversed the United States has visited 125 cities in 25 states and collected 125,000 signatures.

Holland, where the press has circulated a slightly different petition, has quickly amassed 2,500,000 signatures. The whole population only numbers 8,000,000.

With less than two months before the Disarmament Conference is due to begin, the league is redoubling its energies throughout the 45 countries in which the petition has been circulated. The declaration on disarmament which the friends of peace are asked to sign came into being at a meeting of the Women's International League at Prague in August, 1929. It runs as follows:

"The undersigned men and women, irrespective of party, stand for world disarmament.

"They are convinced that competition in armaments is leading all countries to ruin, without bringing them security; that this policy renders further wars inevitable; that wars in the future will be wars of indiscriminate destruction of human life; and that the governments' assurances of peaceful policy will be valueless so long as those measures of disarmament are delayed that should be the first result of the Pact for the Renunciation of War."

1,200 Species of Bird Life

Habitants of N. America

There are more than 1,200 known birds on the North American continent. Scientists have now found and recorded the eggs of all of these species. The last to be found were those of the Harris sparrow. That bird is so clever at concealing its nest and eggs that ornithologists were unable to find either despite more than 100 years of searching. Dr. George Sutton, Pittsburg ornithologist, however, wouldn't give up the search. He led an expedition into the icy wastes on the western shore of Hudson Bay. There some 40 miles north Churchill, Manitoba, he discovered several nests and eggs of the elusive Harris sparrow. Each nest, he reported, contained five tiny eggs smaller than those of the robin. They are pale green in color, with mottled brown marbling. Most of them were found in small bushes near the ice—"Animal Life."

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The Canadian end of the route has been investigated thoroughly, said Mr. Watkins, but the central portion is particularly inaccessible. The east coast of Greenland is mapped only roughly and knowledge of flying weather and conditions in that region is practically negligible.

Historic Expeditions

Two scientific expeditions are now searching for the fossil bones of strange animals that once lived in Montana and Idaho. The Montana expedition is hunting for the bones of distant ancestors of the camel and rhinoceros that lived there millions of years ago. Under the direction of Dr. Charles W. Gilmore, of the National Museum, this party also has an eye open for the bones of animals that no longer exist. The other expedition, under the direction of N. H. Boss, also of the National Museum, is centering its operations in the Snake River Valley of Idaho. There it is seeking the fossil remains of an extinct species of horse believed to be the "missing link" between modern horses and the three-toed steed of ancient times.

The Dole in Australia

Sydney Bulletin: "The dole will not last long. In effect it means that those who are in work have to maintain those who are out of work, and the time will inevitably come when those who are carrying the burden will tell those who are unemployed to get work and support themselves.

Nothing Doing

Smiffins was one of those men who like to get something for nothing, and when he called upon a friend and found that a nice fat chicken had just been placed on the table, he smiled. Then he sniffed appreciatively.

"I say, old man," he said, "that smells good. Are you going to eat it alone?"

"The other know Smiffins."

"Oh, no," he said, quietly. With spinach and potatoes and things like that."

"Now, boys," said the master, "I want to test your knowledge of geology. Jones, tell me what you know about alabaster." "Please, sir, he was the chap who caught the Forty Thieves!"

New Invention May Eliminate Explosion

Device Perfected by O. A. C. Professor May End Threshing Blaze

Hamilton.—After many years of experimental work, the professor of physics at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, has perfected a contrivance for testing threshing machines which will practically eliminate the danger of fire, providing certain precautionary measures are carried out. Fire Marshal Heaton announced during the special Wentworth fire inquiry at Rockton.

The mechanical device has been in the possession of officials of the University of Toronto for some considerable time, and has been found to be satisfactory after thorough inspection. Mr. Heaton said that efforts were made to have the product available for the present threshing season. He promised that the apparatus would be available early next year. The attachment records operations of the separator, and detects defects which might result seriously.

Static electricity within the blower was the cause of many Ontario farm fires last year, Fire Marshal Heaton added. Just what caused this peculiar condition he could not say, but the feeling has been expressed that machines should be grounded. The official thought the speed of the mechanism within the separator might produce the current, and said that in many places officials had demanded that ground connections be made, regardless of whether threshing was done inside the barn or in the fields.

The fire marshal suggested that it might be advisable for farmers to thresh in the field rather than run the risk of losing their barns, and said that while operations were carried on indoors as a convenience, he doubted if the time and labor saved compensated the farmer for the risk involved.

He thought it a mistake to drive tractors into the barns, and expressed the opinion that some other means should be found to haul separates.

Arctic Route Declared Most Practical Air Link

London.—The Arctic route is the most practical air link between Great Britain and North America, according to H. G. Watkins, leader of the British Arctic air-route expedition. Winnipeg would be the Canadian terminus of the route, although he declared it would be some time before it could be used commercially because of the lack of geographical and meteorological knowledge.

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Big Shrinkage in States

New York.—A decrease of 23,496 in the millionaire list is shown according to a report issued by the U.S. Treasury Department. In 1928 statistics showed 43,184, while after the stock market collapse the number had shrivelled to 33,650.

And last year, so heavy were the inroads made by the depression, only a mere 19,683 were left.

The Treasury Department defines a millionaire as a person with an income of \$50,000 a year, representing at 5 per cent a capitalization of \$1,000,000.

Throwing further light on the tremendous losses suffered by the rich, the statistics show that while 611 persons had incomes of \$1,000,000 or more in 1928, there were only 149 in this category in 1930.

Dogged!

The housewife answered the doorbell's ring. At her heels were two poodles. A policeman stood on the step.

"I see you have a couple of dogs," he remarked. "Have you licenses for them?"

"Oh, no," she replied, "they're too young."

The poodles frisked round the policeman, and he patted them.

"Nice, friendly little things, aren't they?" he said.

"Yes. You'd never think they were mother and daughter."

The summons arrived in due time.

Two Wrongs

How do you like it now that mummy has gone away for a little while and left you behind?" asked governess of her charge.

"We got daddy," said the child. "He hugged and kissed daddy last night."

"Willie! You know that's wrong."

You should say: 'I hugged and kissed daddy last night!'"

"That'd be wrong, too," said Willie.

"That was Friday night."

Owl Laffs

Christmas

Again we approach what ought to be the happiest season of the year. Christmas—how it has always thrilled us since childhood! But how about those who have not been so fortunate this year?

Let us spend our Christmas this year in the most unselfish way that we have ever done. If you do not, personally, know some family with whom to share a happy Christmas, make inquiry among your friends and they will give you the name of some worthy one. There are many really needy families in and about your town. This has been a hard year with the poor. In spreading joy amongst the unfortunate, you are also spreading joy in your own heart.

To All the Readers of This Column: When you have summed up all good wishes expressed by your friends in their greetings to you at this Christmas season, just remember that our wish is that every one of their wishes will come true.

Not just the holly, not just the pine. Nor flaming of candles, makes Christmas so fine.

But the spirit of Friendship, that reaches afar, To wish Merry Christmas, wherever you are.

Exception to the Rule

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, with the exception of—

FATHER, who wants to know what happened to the Christmas tree stand when he put it away last year—

MOTHER, who is trying to answer the telephone and father at the same time—

NORMAN, aged 3, who is calling from the crib and wishing to be informed if that noise he hears is Santa Claus—

AN EXPRESSMAN, aged 150 by the way he feels, who is delivering a rocking horse at the side door—

AUNT AGNES, who has just dropped the library table drawer seeking a pencil to sign the receipt—

GRANDMA, who can't remember what she did with the Bedtime Stories she bought for Norman's stockings and who wanders about like Lady Macbeth—

ANNABELLE, aged 16, who skips endlessly and wants to know if they can't unpack the new phonograph to-night instead of to-morrow so she can ask some of the boys in to dance while father trims the tree—

A DELIVERY MAN, who sounds like a troop of cavalry in the front vestibule and who is with difficulty convinced that he has the wrong house—

NORA, the maid, who has just dropped a plate in the kitchen—

JACK, aged 14, who blows out a fuse while monkeying with the lights for the Christmas tree and throws the whole house in darkness—

RADIO LOUD SPEAKER, which announces, "Christmas Carol, God Rest You Merry Gentlemen, Let Nothing You Dismay," broadcast from Station DYN.

The Season's Wishes

Just around the corner From Christmas week, Comes the New Year.

Trying to pry New Year into Christmas packages, Wanting to find

A new sort of wish In a Christmas rhyme, Yet what better greeting Than we are wishing you.

Than Ye Olds Timm Merris Christmas And Happy New Year, too!

An owl may not be so wise, but at least he knows enough not to go lumbering about, when he can't see where he's going. He's canny enough to sit back and keep still. After eating fresh onions, beware of saying marvelous. The man who can really learn can also forget. As long as woman exists on this sweet earth there will be two vital problems in her life—men and permanent waves. Beware of a woman who will tell her honest age—she'll tell anything. The cheapest commodity in this world is advice. That's why so many people give it away.

Automatic Gear Shift Operated by Car's Speed

Los Angeles.—Development of an automatic gear shift, regulated by the speed of the automobile and eliminating manual operation of the gear shift lever, is under way here.

Operation of the shift, says Ray Keller, inventor, is easy. The gear lever, moved into position of automatic shift, does away with the use of the clutch, he says.

The gear runs in low until the automobile has reached a certain speed, then shifts automatically to second and at thirty miles an hour moves into high.

As the machine slows down the gears are automatically changed.

There is but one thing without honor, smitten with eternal barrenness, and inability to do or be; insincerity, unbelief. He who believes nothing, who believes only the show of things, is not in relation to noble nature and fact at all.—Thomas Carlyle.