

WITH THE LONE SCOUTS

Good Turns—A New Idea
A new opportunity to perform that daily good turn has originated in Bedford, where it has won the praise of the community. The Scouts of the 6th Troop have developed a plan whereby they get into touch with the local physicians whereby the latter may call upon the services of the Scouts as messengers, furnace tenders, or other services in the homes of the sick. The boys call this "Sick-Home Service."

Lone Scouts could very well do similar work and we suggest you get into touch with your local doctor and offer him your services for this purpose.

A Strange Birthday Coincidence
February 22nd again brought the strange coincidence of the common birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Scout and Chief Girl Guide.

Liverpool's Lord Mayor on Scouting
That there is too much spoon-feeding to-day, and that Scouting "helps boys to fend for themselves," was given as one of his reasons for supporting the Scout Movement by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Mr. John H. Inskip. "Scouting taught boys to be independent, and to find their places in life, instead of drifting," he declared.

Awards For Gallantry
Lone Scouts will be very interested to know that ten awards were recently made to Scouts of this province for gallantry in saving life and property in many cases at very great risk. The highest award for gallantry is a bronze cross with a red ribbon. This is only given where exceptional heroism has been shown or extraordinary risks faced.

For gallant deeds where the risk is not so great, a Silver Cross with a blue ribbon is awarded, whilst those who do exceptionally well in case of emergency, though without any great risk to themselves, receive a Gilt Cross. In other cases deserving of recognition, Letters of Commendation are issued.

The following is a list of the awards which have recently been made and which all Lones will agree are deserving of special mention:

Silver Crosses—
To Scout Bert Bryan, age 12, 26th London Troop. Rescued a small boy who had fallen down a disused well.
To Scout Douglas Graham, age 15, 11th London Troop. Saw a girl struggling in the water of the Thames River where the current, due to recent storms, was very swift. Went to her assistance and in spite of her struggles rescued her.
To Rover Scout Angus K. MacLeod,

age 18, 1st Kincairdine Crew. Rescued three boys from drowning in the Harbour Channel at Kincairdine. Two of the boys had gone to the rescue of a third, but were unequal to the task. The alarm reached MacLeod while he was several hundred yards away and his timely action undoubtedly prevented a tragedy.

Gilt Crosses—3
To Scout William Labute, age 17, 19th Border Cities Troop. Rescued a boy who had gone beyond his depth in the Detroit River at Walkerville.
To Scout William Murrill, age 12, 1st Parklands Troop. Jumped off the breakwater at the mouth of the Etobicoke River and rescued a young girl who had fallen in.
To Scout John Wodde, age 15, 1st Bridgeburg Troop. Ran into house where fire had started from a pan of grease, took the burning pan, rushed through the back kitchen, and got it into the open before much damage had been done.

Certificates of Merit—2
To Scout Elmer Schlievert, age 15, 1st Galletta Troop. Heard sounds as if someone was in difficulty in the Mississippi River, ran to the shore, saw small child struggling in the water and pulled her out.
To Scout Waldemar Hill, age 16, 1st Newburgh Troop. Rescued a girl who had lost her presence of mind when she realized she was in deep water and was in danger of drowning in the Napanee River.

Letters of Commendation—4
To Scout Jack O'Donohue, age 15, 1st Parklands Troop, and to Assistant Scoutmaster Ernest F. Ward, age 18, 1st Parklands Troop. Scout O'Donohue saw a boy in difficulties in the river at Eldorado Park, swam to his assistance and kept the boy's head above water until A.S.M. Ward was able to reach the scene and take the boy ashore.

Camp
It is under consideration that the Lone Scout Department organize another camp during 1932 for registered Lone Scouts under the direction of officials of the Lone Scout Department. Are you interested in this? If so write to headquarters and register your name as a prospect for camp. You will have lots of fun, and learn a lot about Scouting, too.

Membership in the Lone Scouts of Ontario is open to all boys of this province who are between 12 and 18 years of age, who are unable to become members of a regular troop. It is designed, particularly for Rural boys. If you would like further particulars, write to Lone Scout Department, Boy Scouts Association, 330 Bay Street, Toronto 2—"Lone E."

Soviet Russia Faced By Traffic Problem

Increase of Vehicles Causes Congestion in Narrow Streets
Moscow.—City authorities are almost daily faced with the problem of regulating the capital's ever-increasing street traffic. Although the number of vehicles is small, compared with the figures for other large capitals, more and more automobiles and trucks are honking and hooting their way through the narrow streets of the Soviet capital; and the congestion and confusion at crowded corners where automobiles, trucks, buses, street cars, horse-drawn cabs and wooden peasant carts all dispute the right of way with each other and with pedestrians are sometimes very great.

Semaphores have now been installed at many of the main crossings and the Muscovite police (or militsmen, as they are called) are endeavoring to perfect themselves in the art of directing traffic. The city Soviet at one time issued a draconic order to the effect that all citizens had to walk only on the right-hand side of the street and could cross only at specified places, on pain of summary fines. While this ruling was allowed to fall into disuse because of the sheer impossibility of enforcing it, there is still a vigorous educational campaign to dissuade Soviet citizens from walking on the street pavements or from executing perilous zigzag crossings which involve the dodging of half a dozen different vehicles.

At the same time reckless chauffeurs who drive in the crowded streets of Moscow as if they were on country roads are being called to account, and some who were found guilty of causing serious mishaps have been deprived of their licenses and sentenced to terms of imprisonment.

Before Summer
Looking forward to the spring one puts up with anything. On this February day though wintry scourgings seem but play, and these later shafts of sleet—Sharper pointed than the first—And these later snows—the worst—Are as a half-transparent blind Riddled by rays from sun behind.
—Thomas Hardy, Poet.

Good gracious, Junior, I forgot to shake the bottle before a gave you that medicine. "Don't worry, mummy, I'll turn a few handsprings."—Chicago News.

Boy—"I got a real kick out of kissing Jane last night." Gog—"Any more than usual?" Gog—"Yes, the old man caught me."—Witt.

Strong Winds Damage Akron



When a gust of wind bent the stern fin of the dirigible Akron to the ground the other day, two men were painfully injured, considerable damage done to the ship and five congressmen passengers got a fright.

Famous Auto Racer To Seek Buried Treasure

Daytona Beach, Fla.—Sir Malcolm Campbell, British sportsman, who has travelled faster on land than any other person in history, hopes to climax a thrill-packed career with a search for buried treasure in the Southern Pacific ocean.

The desire is one of his obsessions. The other is to drive an automobile at a speed of 300 miles per hour. He is confident both goals will be reached during his lifetime.

But just as important to Sir Malcolm as his racing aspirations, is the treasure hunt on picturesque Cocos Island. He will seek the treasure of Lima, hidden by pirates 110 years ago. The temperament that drives Sir Malcolm seeking new records and new thrills already has endangered his life a dozen times.

9-yr.-old English Child Proves Shorthand Prodigy

We have become quite accustomed to the various child musician marvels and mathematical wizards of tender years, but now we have something new.

At the age of nine, May Goodwin, a little English girl living in Puteaux, a suburb of Paris, has written a neat and accurate letter in shorthand to a short-hand enthusiast. He says it took his little daughter eight months to learn to write in this way and during this time she did not interrupt her school work in any way.

The love of Heaven makes one heavenly.

Fore-runner of Spring



'Tis sure sign of spring when baseball uniforms come out of the balls. Members of the New York Glits are shown selecting outfits for 1932 at their Los Angeles training quarters.

Passing Through the Panama Canal

For those who have experienced a passage through the gigantic locks of the Panama Canal the following excerpt from Elinor Mordant's "The Venture Book" will recall vividly their own sensation. She writes:

We pass into the lock through an immense gateway, from which steel gates have rolled silently back into the side of the canal; the gates close, and an amazing process begins.

In reality, of course, the water rushing in from culverts rises, taking us with it. But that is not in the least what seems like. Rather, the walls of the lock, the top of which has been on a level with the crown's nest, appear to sink very slowly down and down, drawn under the water by some force which leaves us high on a level with the top of it.

It seems as though a lifetime had passed in this amazing process, while the barometer in the captain's cabin sinks beneath its eyes, with a heavier weight of air. And yet, from the moment the great steel gates close behind us, to the moment the second pair above opens to admit us, is no more than thirty minutes in all. Not a least surprising part of the whole affair is the fact that no one appears to be doing anything whatever, apart from the pilot, who walks up and down the topmost bridge, barking out an occasional order.

Night has closed in before we pass the second of the Miraflores locks, and the drop to sea level: a perfectly clear greenish-indigo night with a full moon overhead. As I look back over the length of the lock, the sight is extraordinarily fairlike, fantastic, and unreal.

Backed with high-peaked mountains, the causeways to the locks, shortened and broadened by perspective, show like the top of an immense Christmas cake, the tall white concrete pillars with their lights, clusters of five hundred wax bulbs under concrete shades, like candles set above them. The little engines with their bright crimson lamps add a still more fantastic note of decoration to the scene. It is an appropriate finish to the transit through an isthmus in itself fantastic beyond all words, worked to their ends by men who, as it seems, could scarcely have realized the magnitude of their own powers.

Take it all in all, the whole effect of the Canal Zone is theatrical. The islands are not islands at all, but the tops of mountains pushing up through the water; the mountains themselves are cut to pattern, placed just so; the green of the vegetation is more than a trifle overdone, as are the exaggerated madder and vermilion of the cliffs. The machinery of the gigantic transformation scene left lying about, with the pathetic remains of the heroic failure of Lesseps, suggests the idea that it has all been thought there by trolleys, small enough because of the primal fatness; that the valleys which open between the mountains are mere wings leading to the green-room, with nothing whatever at the back of them. We have the feeling that it all must come to an end when the last of the lights go out, and the electrician, forsaking his engines, goes home to supper and bed, leaving the night watchman seated on a little camp-stool in the center of this vast stage.—Elinor Mordant, in "The Venture Book."

Immigration in the Future

La Patrie Montreal, (Ind.): Hon. W. A. Gordon, temporary Minister of Colonization and Immigration, has demolished the impression held by some that Canada, which, in consequence of the economic crisis, has hermetically sealed her doors to immigration, will adhere indefinitely to this policy and will only count in future for her numbers on the slow natural growth of her population. The exclusion of immigrants is imperative at the present time, as they could not in existing conditions find a subsistence in agriculture or industry. But when times get better again, as they must do, Canada will have to take steps to increase her population. When we are prosperous once more, the introduction of immigrants in sufficient numbers and of a suitable kind will be essential to the preservation of our country.

\$8,500,000 Bridge Proposed Linking Denmark-Centint

Copenhagen.—A bill empowering the building of a railway and vehicular traffic bridge across the Storstrom, between Sealand and Falster, has been brought forward by the Minister for Traffic, M. Frus Skotte.

This bridge will disperse with the railway ferry service across this waterway on Denmark's main route to the continent. It will be 3,270 meters long and will, it is claimed, be the longest in Europe. The cost is calculated at 33,600,000 kroner or \$8,500,000.

During the last two years 45,000 motorcars have been transported across by the railway ferries. Motorcars will be taxed moderately for crossing the bridge.

Chinese Boycott Excludes Books from Japan

Tokyo.—Despite the boycott on Japanese goods in China, Japanese translations of standard occidental works still find a great sale in the Chinese market. The written language of Japan is so similar to that of China that most educated Chinese can read it with no difficulty, and these Chinese look to Tokyo for nearly all the translations they get of foreign books.

The Japanese are indefatigable translators and American and European books are translated by the thousands yearly.

Forty-seven U.S. Periodicals Now Published in Canada

Ottawa.—Forty-seven fiction publications formerly printed in the United States are now being printed, for their Canadian distribution, in Canada, according to a statement made by C. H. Caham, Secretary of State, in the House of Commons, last week.

The estimated gain in revenue from January, 1931, to December, 1931, inclusive, is \$17,500 on these fiction publications. The import duties on United States publications entering Canada from Sept. 1, 1931, to Jan. 31, 1932, was \$206,806.72.

India's Vast Population Shows a Big Increase

The population of India has increased about 10 per cent since 1921 and is now 352,986,876, nearly three times that of the United States, according to preliminary returns of a recent census. Of this number, 181,921,144 are males and 171,065,732 females. The Hindus number 238,370,912, or 73 per cent of the total, the Moslems 77,13,928, the Sikhs 4,206,412, and the Christians 5,961,794.

Turkish Air Lines To Link Main Cities

Beyroun, Turk.—The Turkish Government has signed a contract with the Curtiss-Wright interests for establishment of commercial air lines connecting principal Anatolian cities.

A national society will be established for the purpose. American experts have arrived in Turkey to draw up plans.

Playful Victorians

Somehow one cannot imagine Herbert Spencer taking part in a picnic past even a superior Victorian picnic, with a white tablecloth, knives and forks, and cup-custard sprinkled with nutmeg! But it seems that he did. Miss Flora Masson, daughter of David Masson, the famous Victorian journalist and biographer, recalls one special occasion when "Mr. Spencer the Philosopher" was brought along to join a family picnic under the pines of Hampstead Heath. She remembers on his knees, among the sand and the pine-needles, eating cold lamb with salad, and arguing incessantly all the time as to whether the aesthetic pleasures of a meal eaten out-of-doors in summer were of real assistance to the digestion. We children, listening—and eating gooseberry puffs—thought there was no doubt about it!

HERBERT SPENCER'S CROQUET.
But this is not all; sometimes, too, the Philosopher could be seen playing croquet in the garden of the Massons' house:

"On hot days he would come provided with a large white umbrella, which he held over his head. When the moment came for him to play his stroke, he would hard the umbrella to the person who happened to be standing nearest to him. 'Hold the umbrella! Hold the umbrella!' he would say; and after the stroke was made he would take back his umbrella—often from the hands of one of our very young and pretty aunts."

He loved the Masson children, and if he found them playing with their "air-balls" (good Victorian word!) with battledores and shuttlecocks, he would join "quite pleasantly" in the game. But we betide anyone who asked in his presence for "half-a-cup more tea." It would be a sure signal for a brilliant Spencerian dissertation on accuracy of expression; on the folly of speaking of "half-a-cup" when one meant a whole cup half full!

In Edinburgh Miss Masson often used to see Robert Louis Stevenson, who had not yet left for the South Seas. She remembers him as a slight boyish figure, with a very pale face and luminous eyes—a brilliant talker and ready to enter into any fun that was going on. On one occasion "he fell to disputing with a bigger and altogether more muscular member of the company as to which of the two could claim to have the larger girth of calf. Louis Stevenson was under the impression his own was the larger; and so in earnest was he, and so anxious to prove his case, that he actually fetched an inch-tape, and inveigled his muscular friend into kneeling on the drawing room carpet, while each, with much solemnity, measured the other's calf!"

STEVENSON'S LITTLE JOKE.
R. L. S. was always to be seen when amateur theatricals were being arranged, sometimes as actor, sometimes as stage manager. During one of their plays—a Greek tragedy—the curtain had fallen on a powerful and moving scene and the stage was left in the possession of two of the young actors, one being Miss Masson's brother:

"In a momentary reaction after so much unrelieved tragedy, these two, oblivious of their classic draperies, threw themselves in one to another's arms, performed a rapid waltz-dance, and then flung themselves on to opposite ends of a couch at the back of the stage, with their feet meeting in a kind of triumphal arch in the centre. Louis Stevenson, who had been officiating at the curtain, took one look at them. He touched a spring, and up went the curtain again.

"The audience, scarcely recovered from the tragic scene on which the curtain had fallen, gave one gasp of amazement, and then broke into a roar of applause."

The two luckless actors leaped to their feet, only to see the curtain fall again. R. L. S. was immediately called into the study of Professor Fleeming Jenkin, who was their host and producer of the play. Afterwards he admitted that the Professor had given him "the very worst ten minutes I ever experienced in the whole course of my life!"

BROWNING AND THE GOWN.
Miss Masson was in Edinburgh in 1884 for the University Tercentenary. Among the Massons' own guests were Robert Browning and Count Saffi, the friend of the patriot Mazzini. The evening before the ceremony Countess Saffi brought her husband down in the beautiful academic robes of Bologna University in which he was to appear next day:

"He was made to stand in the middle of the room, under the lights, as she displayed him to us—looking stately, indeed; gravely amused; a little deprecatory. Browning watched for a minute or two, then slipped out of the room and came back putting on his own scarlet gown of the Oxford D.C.L. 'I have a gown too!' he said lightly, showing himself off."

Twenty years earlier Miss Masson, then a small child, had seen Mazzini and had listened to the glowing words of the former Triumvir of Rome from under the drawing room table! Another memory of childhood days is the "lion-headed" Sir James Y. Simpson, an old man, sitting in his arm-chair by the fireside in his house in Queen Street. I can hear his words to me: 'Ye'll always remember, my dear, that ye've sat on the knee of the inventor of chloroform.'

The Legislature In Brief

The outstanding event of the Legislature last week was the denunciation of M. P. Hepburn, Provincial Liberal Leader, by Premier George S. Henry. "This was caused," the Premier said, "through Mr. Hepburn's attacks on the Ontario Hydro Power Commission and its administration, and the Premier held that Mr. Hepburn founded his argument upon an anti-public ownership slip sheet published in Chicago."

Reading that the Hepburn language coincided directly with the material contained in the Chicago publication, which is termed "For the Use of Disinterested Citizens, Taxpayers and Other Organizations believing in the proficiency of private ownership and opposed to public ownership."

Premier Henry pointed out, as a glaring instance of misleading statements, that the cost of the Chippewa development was one hundred and fifty million. "Government figures show," said Mr. Henry, "that the cost was only seventy-five million."

Premier Henry moved an amendment to that introduced by W. E. N. Sinclair, Opposition Leader, which placed the Liberals in a position of voting "for" or "against" Hydro. It pledges the Legislature anew to Hydro and to the principle of the efficient service rendered by the commission.

Ten speakers took part in the debate on the Speech from the Throne, adding to the discussion on Hydro. They were: Wilfrid Heighington, Toronto-St. David's; Austin Smith, Essex; W. W. Staples, South Victoria; Fred J. MacArthur, Northumberland; J. P. Sangster, Glengarry; T. A. Murray, Renfrew North; and R. A. Baxter, South Oxford.

The Mortgage Relief Measure was advanced to the Committee stage and it is hoped that the act will be enforced within the next two weeks and will probably date back to February 2nd.

Arthur Ellis, South Ottawa, introduced an amendment to the Railway Municipal Act which would vest in the Ontario Municipal Board all powers to control and direct motor transportation systems in the province. The measure does not interfere with municipal authority within their boundaries.

Document on Stainless Steel is Locked up for Thirty Years

London.—A document of unusual interest has come into the possession of the Cutlers Company of Sheffield, with the stipulation that it is not to be read for nearly thirty years.

It is an account of the discovery of stainless steel, and has been given by Harry Brearley, the discoverer of that material. It is in a sealed envelope, which is not to be opened until the Cutler's Feast of 1960.

Mr. Barclay has also presented to the company the first table knife blade made of stainless steel.

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