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## CLOSE RACE FOR THORNE TROPHY FOR BOY SCOUTS

Indicates Hard Struggle for Next Year

Uniformed Lads Help in Clean-Up Campaign — St. Jude's Patrol Leader Has Fine Record — The Scout and Thrift.

The results of the Thorne trophy competition will be announced in this column on next Saturday. The examiners have already seen enough to convince them that the race will be close, and that the winner this year will have a very hard struggle to come out ahead next year.

Friday and today every troop has been busy engaged distributing pamphlets in connection with the clean-up campaign which is to take place next week. This service will count on the new community service badges and all Scouts are racing to be the first to secure this badge when it is issued.

Patrol Leader Eddy Jenner of the St. Jude's troop now holds the largest number of badges in the province. He has passed for and secured twenty-three proficiency badges in addition to his first-class. Several other Scouts are close on his heels but they will have to hurry some if they wish to catch up to him as he is studying for others at present.

Many troops and individual Scouts took advantage of Loyalist Day to go off for a hike in the surrounding country and several cooking tests were passed. It is expected that many will also go off to the woods on May 24.

Headquarters has received a copy of the Boy Scout Herald, published in connection with St. Luke's troop. The paper is very promising and contains many items of interest. The value of the Herald to the troop should be very great as it gives an opportunity to every member to render suggestions for future activities and for the officers to get in closer touch with the Scouts. Good luck to the Herald. Any other troops who have troop papers are requested to send a copy to headquarters.

9th Scout Law. A Scout Is Thrifty. Some of the most interesting literature that exists with regard to scouting is contained in the four small books written by the late Captain the Honorable Phillips. In an article on the 9th Scout Law he says, speaking of a visit to a troop headquarters: "A Scout is standing waiting for me in the street. He gives me a salute and shakes my left hand so vigorously that he nearly dislocates my shoulder. He almost carries me off to his headquarters to see what we are doing. I come to see. It is true that on opening the door some green paint nearly finds its way into my left eye. It is also true that I nearly knock over a pail of water and that I do quite knock over a Scout who is kneeling beside it and scrubbing the floor. Then at last I arrive safely in the middle of the floor. At the far end of the room there is a patrol leader putting in a window-pane, while his second is cutting out a groove for the ash-tray to enable the window to open and shut after it has been put in. Three or four Scouts are occupied in painting the walls, while further along a Scout is carving a design for a picture frame. Another Scout is engaged in splicing. He is making a rope ladder which is going to be suspended from the left above because they hadn't room for stairs and a ladder would be in the way. I express a desire to be hoisted to the loft. The loft was certainly dusty but I would not have missed seeing it for anything, for there I find a patrol of Scouts sitting round with needle repairing the holes in some of their tents. One boy has taken a turn on the heel of his stocking by way of variety."

"When I get down again I have another look around. The wall which is now being painted has five little notice boards. A little farther along there are some carefully pressed flowers fastened up on a large sheet. Beyond that is a shelf which holds the troop cup as well as two model bridges. Every one of these things has been made by Scouts themselves."

"As I walk home I think of the 9th Scout Law. These boys had set to work on a place which it would have cost perhaps \$50 to convert into troop headquarters; yet they had not only done it without spending money, but they were actually making themselves considerably richer than when they had started."

"There were also at least twenty badges which they would earn while engaged in this excellent work, and they would have got something which no money can buy, namely, the real Scout spirit of thrift."

"This is only a sample of Sir Roland's style of writing. His books are all written in the form of letters to a patrol leader and present every subject in a



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new light entirely. This selection was taken as a result of a visit the editor paid to St. Luke's troop where he was shown the new officers' room which the Scouts had converted from an old store-room to a bright officers' headquarters.

11th St. Luke's Troop.

With every Scout looking spick and span St. Luke's Troop turned out in full strength last Monday evening to be inspected for the Thorne Trophy competition. After the review which was witnessed by parents and friends, the examining officer, Capt. Ingelton, and A. C. Skelton complimented the troop on its

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of using "commonplace tea", but the cheapest and best way is to "Junk It", then you will readily realize what it has cost you and determine to never again use any but

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excellent showing. Later Mr. Narraway led the troop in some games before dismissal. The examining officers were entertained in the new officers' room which

the Scouts had refitted and decorated. King's Scout E. Jenner of St. Jude's troop was also in attendance. Next Monday being a holiday there will be no meeting of St. Luke's troop.

13th Coburg Street Troop.

At the regular meeting of Coburg Street Troop last Tuesday, E. Perry was sworn in as a Tenderfoot and C. Sowerby received his second class badge. A Missioner badge was also presented to W. Waldron.

3rd Wolf Cub Pack.

The Cubs met as usual on Thursday night under Cubmaster W. Dunlop. Games were played and then instruction was taken on the Second Star tests. Headquarters officers are at present inspecting several camp sites for the provincial camp which is to be held after July 9. An announcement in this regard will appear soon.

## TO BREAK STRIKE

Vancouver, May 21.—An attempt to break the coastwise sailors' strike now in its third week, will be made Friday evening when the Union S. S. Company's steamer Venture will sail for Skeena. The company has refused to make any concessions to strikers.



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By "BUD" FISHER

