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ALL THE TROOPS GETTING DOWN TO REAL WORK

Boy Scout Activities in the City During the Week — Hikes Planned for Today — The Scout Law.



THE BOY SCOUT.

Commencing this week an outline will be given of the requirements for the different tests and badges, the first one of which is the tenderfoot test which a boy must pass before he becomes a scout. The tenderfoot test is as follows:

The Scout Law.

1. A scout's honor is to be trusted.
2. A scout is loyal to the king and to his officers, and to his parents, his country, his employers, or to his employees and to his comrades.
3. A scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.
4. A scout is a friend to all, and a brother to every other scout.
5. A scout is courteous.
6. A scout is a friend to animals.
7. A scout obeys orders of his parents, patrol leader or scout master without question.
8. A scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties.
9. A scout is thrifty.
10. A scout is clean in thought, word and deed.
11. Scout signs and salute.
12. Composition of the Union Jack and the right way to fly it.
13. Six knots—Reef, bowline, sheepshank, fisherman's, clove-kitch and sheet-bend.

The two new troops at St. Andrews and Knox are progressing rapidly and the other troops are getting into line for the coming season's work.

St.—St. John's.

This troop held their weekly meeting on Thursday. During the evening the patrol meetings were held and instructions given. This was followed by the horse-shoe formation where badges were given out and the scouts received short talks by officers of the troop. The meeting was closed earlier than usual on account of the session of the court of honor.

The court of honor governs the troop and consists of the scout-master, assistant scoutmasters, patrol leaders and second. Several matters were brought up,

"COVERS" BANK ROBBERY BY AIRPLANE



With telegraph and telephone communication cut off, an enterprising editor of a Winnipeg newspaper conceived the idea of "covering" a bank robbery at Winkler, seventy-four miles from Winnipeg, by aeroplane. The trip was made in forty-two minutes. Photo shows H. F. Dougal, pilot; Cecil Lamont, reporter, and F. Ellis, mechanic, in the aeroplane.

including the patrols going on hikes instead of the troop, and the troop being run more on the patrol system. A troop secretary was elected and programme was made out for the meeting nights.

7th—St. John's.

The troop held their regular meeting on Wednesday. The first few minutes

were taken up with drill. After that the scouts adjourned to their patrols for scout work. Leslie MacAuley completed his work for the tenderfoot badge and will receive his badge next Wednesday. Troop Leader H. Wetmore then led the troop in games, after which the troop dismissed for the evening. The

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court of honor met after the regular meeting and discussed a hike for Saturday and a social evening for Nov. 3rd.

13th—Coburg.

The troop held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening with the regular officers on hand. The meeting opened with roll call and recitation of oaths, then some physical exercises and drill, during the evening first aid instructions were given to the boys by Miss Annie Hughes.

Coburg—Wolf Cub Pack.

The regular meeting of the pack was held on Thursday evening with a large attendance of cubs.

17—Trinity.

The troop and wolf-cub pack met on Thursday day at 10 a. m. and went to Saint's Rest for a hike and an enjoyable day was spent in scouting. On Wednesday night the Trinity troop, cub pack and girl guide company met at the Trinity Sunday school room to attend a farewell supper for scoutmaster D. H. Loweth; afterwards games were held and an enjoyable evening was spent. The scoutmaster was given a purse of gold by Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Walsh and a "Thanks Badge" was presented by A. C. Skis on behalf of the Boy Scout Association in recognition of his good work as scoutmaster.

Knox Troop.

The wolf-cub troop enjoyed its first hike on Monday and many of the boys passed their cooking for their second class badge. The troop has been fortunate in getting Harold Wetmore as scoutmaster—one who knows the ins and outs of scouting. The boys are working hard for their Tenderfoot and second class badges.

St. Andrew's Troop.

The fifth meeting of the troop since its organization was held on Thursday with a good attendance. Practically all the boys have now passed their tenderfoot tests and were sworn in at the last meeting. There are two patrol leaders, E. Robinson and G. Work in charge. Part of the troop went camping over the weekend, going out on Saturday and returning on Monday evening. The event was greatly enjoyed and several boys passed their cooking test. Plans were made for a regular Saturday hike and all looked forward to the usual good time.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCE BOARD HAVE RESIGNED

Vacancies Will Not Be Filled at Present, Says Premier — Action Follows Government's Reversal of Board Order re Sugar.

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—The Board of Commerce is no more. Announcement was made from the prime minister's office tonight that the members of the board had tendered their resignations to the government and that no appointment to the vacant positions would now be made. The announcement from the prime minister's office followed a series of meetings of cabinet council which were held today, the last of them convening at 5:30 this afternoon and lasting for two hours.

The statement issued tonight says that when a decision is given by the judicial committee of the Privy Council, as to the extent of the federal authority in relation to the Board of Commerce Act, "it will be for the government to consider what should then be done."

Premier Meighen's statement does not occasion much surprise in the capital, as it was felt here that the resignations of the members of the board were certain to be handed in following the cabinet's reversal of the board's order with regard to the maximum price of twenty-one cents per pound for sugar.

The three commissioners who have now resigned are Captain William White, who was formerly secretary of the board, and who was appointed a commissioner on the resignations of the original commissioners, E. A. Acland, deputy minister of Labor, and Major G. A. Dillon, purchasing agent for the department of justice. The formal announcement of Captain White's appointment as chief commissioner of the board of commerce is gazetted in this week's Canada Gazette, published tomorrow.

The appointment of the three gentlemen who have now tendered their resignations was stated to be a temporary measure, following the resignations of Judge H. A. Robson, of Winnipeg, the first chairman; W. F. O'Connor, K.C., and James Murdoch, labor representative on the board.

STILL HOPE FOR LIFE OF KING OF GREECE

Paris, Oct. 22.—An Athens message received last night reported little change in the condition of King Alexander. It said hope was still entertained.

AVERAGE SALARY OF PROFESSOR LESS THAN COOK GETS

Menace to Future Is Involved in Poverty and Ill-Health of Teachers, Declares Head of University.

According to Regent Charles Sommers, of the University of Minnesota, the average salary of a professor in a university is less than that of a cook. Regent Sommers was one of two speakers at a meeting of state regents, held at the University of Michigan, in connection with the inaugural ceremony when Dr. Marion L. Burton was made president of the University of Michigan.

Pay is Only \$29.79 per Week.

"Teachers' salaries are inadequate. The whole profession, as compared with other generally, is greatly underpaid. The average salary of American college teachers is \$29.79 a week. For instructors in our state supported universities, the average decreases to \$21.84 per week," said Mr. Sommers.

He admitted that it takes about 11 years of preparation after the grammar school grades, and between \$5,000 and \$15,000 to properly equip a man to teach in college. "All this costly equipment will enable a man to earn about as much as the average drygoods salesman, considerably less than plumbers, carpenters, bricklayers or painters less than coal miners and other laborers who need very little training."

Regent Sommers also showed that teachers' salaries today though higher, are relatively lower than they have been at any time in the past decade, because the buying power of the dollar is now about five-eighths of what it was in the pre-war period. "His salary increase has in reality been a delusion and a snare," said Regent Sommers.

"Stories of great distress are current on every campus," said Mr. Sommers. "They are tales of ill health, caused by lack of proper food, of families of teachers at whose table butter is unknown, where no new clothing has been purchased in years, where entertainment, unless free, are tabooed, where the teacher's wife must help to support by becoming a wage earner—serving for doing clerical work. Briefly stated, the situation is this: either salaries must go up or prices must come down."

Sees No Cut in H. C. L.

Mr. Sommers declared that he looked for no sweeping reductions in the cost of ordinary living, and he said that if material relief is to come to teachers it must come in only one way, and that is, in a substantial salary increase.

"The question goes much further than that of mere help to the college teacher," the speaker said. "The future of the educational system of the whole country is threatened." He quoted President Burton when he said: "Men of first class ability cannot enter upon a teaching career with assurance. Their self-respect compels them to seek other lines of service, as long as the economic status of the teacher is as low as it is at present, as long as the Ph. D. is graded commercially in the class of cheap labor, no one can conscientiously advise the young man of promise to take up teaching."

"No profession is more important to the welfare of a state or nation than that of teaching," Mr. Sommers continued. "The present system of giving a lower wage to teachers than to other workers of equal ability, means a lowering of standard in the future. Only men of mediocre intellectual endowment will enter the profession, and only those will remain who have not the ambition for self-confidence to make a change of occupation."

"There is a sort of poverty which harasses the body and breaks down the spirit and which sooner or later leads

to inefficiency and mediocrity. The non-academic world is prone to complain narrowness, pessimism and lack of inspiration on a great deal of this and much of the inferior quality of some teaching is directly traceable to the strain and worry on the part of the teachers over their own personal finances."

SUGAR MADE ONE WOMAN GO TO POLLS

(Toronto Globe)

A well known Toronto barrister—a life-long Tory in politics—is responsible for the story.

"That sugar order," he said, "not only woke up the wrong customer, but occasioned at least one sudden conversion. My wife has always looked askance at woman suffrage. She has argued that it would tend to put rough edges on femininity, and that, in any event, women would vote in accord with the political views of their husbands and fathers."

"On the morning that the newspaper arrived announcing the edict for 21-cent sugar I came to the breakfast table to find my wife sourly pursuing the order. There was an occasional sniff of indignation as she read. Finally she turned to me and exclaimed warmly: 'I am going to vote now. And I'm not going to vote for the people at Ottawa you support, either.'"

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