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PAID-UP CAPITAL

Beside the Camp Fire NOTES ON SCOUTCRAFT By Rev. GEORGE W. TEBBS

BOY Scout, fourteen years of age, named John Webb, of 1684 Lockwood Ave., Cleveland, has just made the trip from his home city to Toronto and back. On his way he stopped at Burlington Bay and caught two big pike. He stated that his journey was principally carried out by "bumming rides," as well as hiking it. He travelled in the wake of 40 Y.M.C.A. members from Cleveland.

One of the best Scouts in the Anglican Church is Rev. W. G. Walton, who has just come from his big mission field in the far northland. For twenty-eight years he has been laboring amongst the Indians and Eskimos of the James' and Hudson's Bay region, and two weeks ago he came out by seaplane, the first missionary to travel from his field of labour in this way. He says that when the Indians first saw the plane, some of them fainted, and others fired their guns at it. It took Mr. Walton just two and a half hours to accomplish a journey which at other times would occupy him at least two weeks. The seaplane uses some 240 gals. of gasoline per hour, having a big 600 h.p. Liberty engine, and when they landed at Cochrane there was just a pint of gasoline left. He preached at Burlington last Sunday, and, strange to say, the seaplane by which he travelled has its home in Burlington Bay, and was lying there during his visit to this lakeside par-ish. Mr. Walton is a most interesting and pleasing speaker, and any Troop of Scouts would do well to have him visit them and hear his wonderful story of the north.

The Use of Rat Skins.

In Paris rats are made to serve a most useful purpose. When the animals are caught they are put into deep walled pits, and fed regularly. Once a month there is a general execution, accomplished in a scientific manner by means of gas. By that time the rats are sleek and plump, and their hides are in excellent condition. The hides are removed and treated, and are eventually made into "kid" gloves. It has also been found that the skins can be used for bookbinding and in the manufacture of

Scoutmaster.-"Scouts, silence! Don't forget that I am present."

Scout Tommy Jones is the most absent-minded boy in the Troop. He thought he had left his watch at home at Troop meeting last night, and then took it out of his pocket to see if he had time to go home and get it before the "fall in."

Boy Scout Training-Saves His Life.

Fred, second son of Dr. A. S. Wade, chairman of the School Board, Ren. frew, Ont., met with a serious accident while duck hunting in Reid's Lake on September 18th. The youth, who is 18 years old, was alone in a canoe when he saw some ducks. He reached for his gun, drawing the weapon to-ward him by the barrel. The trigger caught and the gun was discharged, completely shattering the young man's right forearm. He paddled the canoe to land with his left arm and saved his own life by applying a tourniquet to his wounded arm and stopping the flow of blood. He was a prominent member of the Boy Scouts, and the training received in that organization as to methods to be adopted in case of injury stood him in good stead when the occasion arose in his own case. He was removed to the hospital at Ottawa, where his arm was amputated, but he is doing well. He visited the Toronto Exhibition with the Boy Scouts last year, and had just returned from a two-hundredmile can be trip to Algonquin Park.

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A UNIQUE CHURCH.

A unique church has recently been completed in Santa Rosa, California. It is stated that every piece of timber in it, except the floor, was cut from one tree—a giant redwood, 18 feet in diameter. The tree produced 78,000 feet of timber, besides many thousand shingles, but the floor is made of hardwood, to last the longer. The tree grew on a high mountain range near Greenville, fifteen miles from the Pacific Ocean, and when cut was found to be about 800 years old.

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