

By the Camp Fire

BOY SCOUT NOTES

Commissioner Rev. George W. Tebbs

The Scoutmaster.

THE officer of the organization in immediate charge of the boys, is the Scoutmaster. He is usually chosen because he is a "boy's man." He should have a natural ability to lead, and be capable of commanding the boys' respect and obedience. He need not be an expert on Scoutcraft, but he should find time by

personal study and effort to keep himself in advance of the boys in the different topics of study of the Scout programme. He should be able to discover experts to aid him in the various troop activities.

He is responsible to the Local Council for the meetings, outings and general programme. He supervises the work of patrol leaders, and makes arrangements for the various examinations. He is responsible for the right and proper use of badges, equipment and uniforms; but his independence and initiative in his manner of carrying on his work is not to be questioned. The religion of the troop depends entirely upon the Scoutmaster himself. The religion of the

troop will be that of the Scoutmaster, no higher.

How to Use an Axe.

1. Never chop in such a position that the axe will cut you if it slips.
2. Never hold a piece of wood to be split with your foot.
3. Never chop through wood on a hard surface.
4. Never chop pine or hemlock knots with a sharp axe.
5. In felling a tree, always cut it low and deep on the side toward which you want it to fall. Make a cut almost through on this side, and then a couple of blows on the other side at a higher level, will throw the tree where you want it.

6. If you carry an axe on your shoulder always have the edge outward from your neck. Otherwise, if you stumble you may be seriously hurt.

7. Always have a guard on the edge of the axe when travelling.

8. An expert axeman can use the axe with either the right hand or the left hand. When he is chopping left-handed, the right hand is at the left, and the left hand slides and vice versa.

Types of Boys Scouting Will Help.

The masterful, the weak, the mischievous, the backward, the shy, the bully, the joker, the "smartie," the quiet or reticent, the girl-struck, the unconscious and the forgetful. The unfortunate boys including the deficient, the delinquent, the criminal, the dependent, the neglected, the foreign-born, the wage-earner, the poverty-stricken, boys of very wealthy parents, over-ambitious boys who, unfortunately, have over-ambitious parents, and street-boys. In fact, any boy in the world will be a better boy by donning the Scout uniform.

Boy Scout News.

The Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association has purchased the "Canadian Boy" Magazine, and will conduct it as the official organ for the Boy Scouts in Canada. It will, undoubtedly, meet with the general approval of the Scouts of the Dominion and we wish it every success.

The new Scout Handbook is now available, and should be in the possession of every Scout.

It was a real delight to meet so many Anglican troops at the recent rally at the Toronto Exhibition. May their numbers grow.

In view of the forthcoming Referendum Vote, it may be well if we bear in mind the words of our Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, in "Scouting for Boys": "Remember that drink never yet cured a single trouble; it only makes trouble grow worse and worse the more you go on with it. It makes a man forget for a few hours exactly what his trouble is, but it also makes him forget everything else. If he has a wife and children it makes him forget that his duty is to work and help them out of their difficulties, instead of making himself all the more unfit for work."

Wolf Cub Notes.

The Wolf Cubs is the recently formed organization for boys between the ages of 8 and 12, and prepares them for promotion when the age of 12 is reached to the Senior Boy Scout organization. Their uniform differs from the Scouts and they meet usually in the afternoon after school hours instead of in the evening. Their programme consists chiefly of games under the supervision of their Cubmaster. There are already a large number of Packs in the Dominion, and the enthusiasm displayed by these wee fellows speaks well for the years to come when they will take their place amongst the older boys.

The Burlington branch of the Great War Veterans' Association held the first church parade September 28th, in St. Luke's Church. The service was in the nature of a memorial service for comrades sleeping in France and Flanders, and was adopted from one held recently in Westminster Abbey. Rev. G. W. Tebbs preached.

A proposal has been made to call German South-West Africa Bothaland to perpetuate Louis Botha's memory just as the memory of Cecil Rhodes is perpetuated in the name Rhodesia.

Lieut.-Col. Alfred Dreyfus, the victim of the Devil's Island tragedy of twenty years ago, has been decorated with the badge of an officer of the Legion of Honour, in recognition of his services during the war.

Has Done Good Work

**Ontario Temperance Act
A Great Benefit to Province**

THE Ontario Temperance Act has reduced crime by over one-third and drunkenness in public has practically disappeared.

Alcoholic insanity has disappeared.

Gold cures and alcoholic institutes for treating alcoholism have been closed for lack of patients.

Ontario has been saved an annual drink bill of \$36,000,000, enough to pay our share of interest on the War Debt.

Many victims of alcohol three years ago, thank God to-day for the Ontario Temperance Act.

To repeal the Ontario Temperance Act would be a calamity. The amendments would make it practically worthless. To every question on the Referendum vote NO.



Abraham Lincoln

"The Liquor traffic is a cancer in society, eating out the vitals and threatening destruction, and all attempts to regulate it will not only prove abortive but will aggravate the evil. It must be eradicated—not a root must be left behind."

Drink is a Cancer

Doctors, Alienists, Criminologists, Insurance Actuaries, Statesmen, Generals, Big Business Men, and Social Workers agree that alcohol as a beverage is a racial poison and a national curse.

British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Québec (excepting beer and wine), New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince

Edward Island and Newfoundland have enacted prohibition.

The United States is permanently "dry."

France has abolished absinthe, Scotland has now a local option law. England is initiating a great campaign for temperance reform. The movement is world wide.

Ontario must go forward, or be left behind, but be careful

**Mark Four X's
(One X under each NO)**

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