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As I am a Line Scout the letter that Gerald Furber wrote attracted my attention, as my brother corresponds with him. I thought I would try my luck. If it don't turn to me I will write again.

I have a garden, which I have kept clean from weeds ever since the seeds came up. Now I am done canning all my vegetables; but turnips, etc., are yet in my garden. Besides my own garden I have kept some of my mother's garden, and most of her onions which was quite a patch. I also helped her to can lie, vegetables. Now I am helping my brother haying while my father is out working because there is a lack of men.

Soon the fairs for the boys' and girls' club will bring their chickens, pigs, calves and potatoes, and many more. "Hooray!" What a hustle and bustle will be on the fair day. Our fair is on the 1st of October, 1918.

I think I will close now and give some other boy a chance as I am not selfish. I don't care whether I win the prize or not, someone else will get it, and that will be just as good, I should think. So if I win the prize you will surprise me.

Yours truly,

Oscar L. Freeman.

Dear Boys and Girls:—Your letters are very interesting. There are many that we cannot publish this month but will try to get them in the November issue. Every month the prize is offered. I want every boy and girl to read the boys' prize letter and learn of the noble work that particular club of Boy Scouts are doing. Will more boys and girls write of their club work? You cannot write too many letters to us. Wishing every boy and girl the best of success, I am, sincerely,

Cousin Doris

Address all letters to Pearl Richmond Hamilton, 983 Grosvenor Ave., Winnipeg.

Hay Lake, Alta., September 3, 1918

Dear Cousin Doris:—I saw my other letter in print to-day, and also noticed I haven't been fortunate enough to win a prize this time. However, I'm not discouraged as an old proverb says: "Try, try and try again; those who keep on trying have made the world's best men."

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To us, as to many others, this year has been one of bad luck, and misfortune.

First, our grain dried out (partly) and the rest froze out the 10th of July, which was a very cold night. Have seen in the paper both Manitoba and Saskatchewan have also been touched by that horrible Jack Frost. All of our potatoes have frozen too, so it seems as if there is going to be starvation.

We have about 60 or 70 chickens but we will have to sell them on account of the shortage of grain.

If the grain wouldn't have froze, I would have started to raise pigs, and bought Liberty Bonds, or else Thrift Stamps. Dad would have given me a sow to get me a start. We have about 30 head of cattle, and we milk eleven cows.

Last summer we had about sixty sheep, but had to sell them because we didn't have any pasture for them. We had some lambs last winter who left their mother so we took them into the house and fed them on cow's milk. They would suck out a bottle just like a baby. We fed them about the same time every day, and when that special hour came they would come up to the house and bleat until we had fed them. We used to call them by name and they came no matter how far away they were from the house. They were beautiful pets.

To be a Red Cross nurse would be my highest ambition in life. Then I could serve my king and country as my brothers are doing. How many girls would do the same?

I think the Red Cross nurses are doing some splendid work over in France, nursing the wounded boys, who have served their Motherland.

I have written a long letter this time, so I must close with heaps of love, from

Astrid Sikström.

P.S.—If Hilda Ohn will write first I will answer all her letters.

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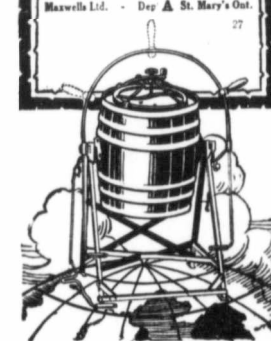
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