Supporting boy scouts means a boost to good citizenship

A TYPICAL Prince Rupert Boy Scout is Larry Bowman, one of two local scouts who recently earned one of the highest awards in scouting — the Queen's Scout badge. Larry, along with Allan Ferguson, who recently arrived here from Prince George, worked hard to gain this badge, and will be going to Victoria at Easter to receive their Queen Scout certificates from Lt.-Governor Pearkes.

The annual scout show for the Prince Rupert Scouts Association will be held February 24 at the Booth Memorial junior high school.

All sections of all groups will be participating in this annual event which was attended last year by 780 persons.

This is the forerunner of a period of scouting filled with many meets throughout the country.

The following Sunday, February 26, the birthday of the founder of the scouting movement, Lord Baden-Powell, will be marked by a memorial service at the Prince Rupert Senior High School auditorium.

All scouts, guides, cubs and brownies will be attending this mass service.

In June a Cuboree will be held in McClymont Park which will be a field day for all packs.

Also in June a tri-city Camporee will be held between Prince Rupert, Terrace and Kitimat which will feature competitions between the various troops in camping and outdoor activities. This meet is one of the highlights amongst the scouts of the entire year. The location of the Camporee has not yet been set.

The following month will see local scouts participating in a Scoutaree mainly in outdoor activities.

This will then be followed by summer camp. The date and place has not yet been selected but will be announced as soon as the Association come to a decision.

LEADER TRAINING

During the summer scout leaders will take part in courses specially arranged locally and in other centres.

The first of these will be held within the next two months and another will be arranged during the summer months.

The Gilwell training camp is planned to be held at Prince George and two local leaders are expected to attend.

The Basic B training course for leaders will be held at Terrace and a number of registrations are expected from this area.

In between these various functions normal troop and pack training will be carried out.

OTTAWA JAMBOREE

Highlight for every scout in Canada each year is the Canadian Jamboree held in Ottawa, Ont. Vice-president of the Prince Rupert Scouts Association, Arthur Beliveau, says he expects about six scouts and two leaders will attend from Prince Rupert.

The two recently awarded Queen's Scout badges to Larry Bowman and Allen Ferguson will take them to the official presentation ceremony by the Lieutenant-Governor in Victoria during the Easter holidays.

Northern leaders will get together this year in Prince Rupert. During this meet they will be brought up to date on the latest training methods in both scout and cub leadership. There will be a general swapping of ideas and policies for the promotion of scouting within areas will be formulated.

Scouting in the Prince Rupert area has shown a steady growth during the past few years, reports Assistant District Commissioner W. A. Bisset, who was appointed to his position last month.

The total number of scouts in the Prince Rupert district is now 329, with a further 26 awaiting enrolment, 46 scout leaders and two members of the commissioners staff.

During the past two years the Fifth (Annunciation) group has been revitalized and now has an active scout troop and cub pack.

Two new groups have also been formed. They are the Seventh (Lutheran) Group and Eighth (St. Peter's) Group.

Seven other groups have been in existence for some time. They are First (St. Andrew's Cathedral) Group, Second (Conrad School), Third (Presbyterian), Fourth (United Church), Sixth (Baptist), First (Port Edward) and a special Miller Bay Hospital group.

Boy Scout week, Feb. 20-26 is scouting's "Open House Week" when some 300,000 Canadian Boy Scouts and Leaders in more than 11,000 Wolf Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Rover Scout crews invite the people to their home communities to see what scouting is and does. Canadian Scouts in Europe, sons of armed forces personnel, will also be celebrating boy scout week.

Sunday, Feb. 26th, is 'B-P' Sunday, when special church services, many of them joint Boy Scout and Girl Guide events, will be held across the country to honor the memory of the founder of the Scout and Guide movements, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell.

Highlighting Boy Scout Week will be such events as father and son banquets, 'B-P' birthday parties, window displays, community events including good turns, service club talks, hobby shows, overnight hikes, winter camping projects, television and radio events, civic proclamations and many other activities.

All members of the scouting family including the boys themselves, Group committees, Ladies auxiliaries, Leaders' groups, and scout councils from sea to sea have been preparing for Boy Scout Week and it is expected that the 1961 observance will surpass all previous celebrations of this nature.

Many scout groups will use Boy Scout Week as the occasion to begin earning funds for their contribution to the costs of the new Canadian Scout Headquarters building in Ottawa. The Scouts of Canada are being asked to raise two hundred thousand quarters by their own efforts, not by appeals to the public, toward the $268,000 still needed towards the total cost of $850,000 for their new headquarters.

Essentially, Scouting is a citizenship through fun and adventure program which provides progression in a scheme which covers boys from eight to 22. In Canada, there are now 275,000 members with 36,000 in B.C.

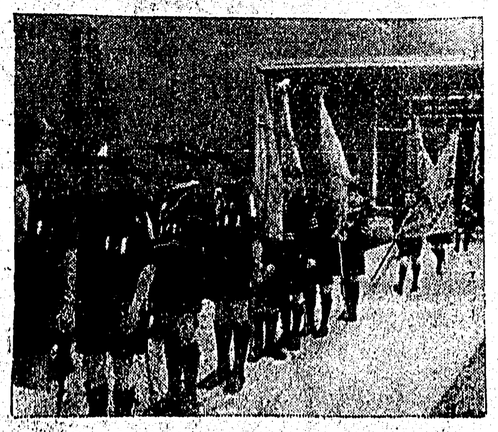
A group shot of a cub pack learning the fundamentals of building and maintaining a campfire.

The Prince Rupert United Church wolf cub pack.

This picture shows a group of youngsters who are members of the First Baptist pack in Prince Rupert.

The Miller Bay cub pack from the Miller Bay Indian Hospital.

One of the many group activities of the Prince Rupert boy scouts is depicted here showing a group at district camp.



The Guard of Honor during Lt.-Gov. Ross' visit to Prince Rupert in 1960. This picture was taken during his tour of the Prince Rupert Senior High school.

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