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# WITH THE LONE SCOUTS

Lone Scouts will be glad to hear that a new book has been published by the Dominion Headquarters of the Boy Scouts Association with the title of "Proficiency Badge Reference Book." It is a handy little volume of 40 pages, bound in a stout green cover and contains the picture and requirements of each badge. The book is made to carry in your pocket, so that it may be studied during your leisure moments.

The price is 10c, and copies may be obtained from Lone Scout Headquarters.

**Bird Houses**  
Last week we suggested that the Ladies of this Province should get busy during the winter months and make homes for their feathered friends, and we are therefore publishing the following very useful hints on this subject, which have been written by Mr. P. C. Irwin, M.A., the Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Ontario.

"Building houses for the birds is the greatest sport, according to two Saskatchewan boys who built and gave away a hundred bird houses recently. They found that their camping site was strangely deserted by the birds which they had made the birds merry with their song and chatter so they decided that something had to be done to attract them back. They found their inspiration on page 263 of the Boy Scout Handbook for Canada. Perhaps you too would like to build homes for your feathered friends during these long winter months.

In building bird houses however, the following general principles should be kept in mind if the houses are to meet the needs of the tenants for whom they are being constructed.

First, the house must have a roof which will shed rain because birds don't like leaky cottages in their homes any more than you do.

Second, the floor of the house should have some small holes bored in it to drain the nest in case rain should be driven in at the entrance.

Third, in order to give sufficient depth to the nest and to prevent the little birds, after they are hatched, from falling out, the hole should be well above the door of the box.

Fourth, some kind of perch or verandah should be provided at the door as an alighting place for the birds when flying to the nest.

Fifth, the house must be placed so that the cats cannot reach it and also far enough away from houses so that the birds will not be afraid to use it for nesting purposes.

**Feeding the Birds**  
In addition to bird house food tables and drinking dishes can be provided. These should be placed in a convenient place in the yard, out of reach of cats and in places where the birds will not be afraid to go. If the drinking dishes are kept full of water and the food tables are well supplied with wheat, screenings, bread crumbs, suet, cracked corn and an occasional feed of fresh cherries or raspberries the birds will come often and under circumstances which will give you splendid opportunities to better your acquaintance with them.

A Scout is a friend to animals. Why not be a friend to the birds? Look up the requirements of the "Bird Warden's Badge." Then start in at once to qualify for it. You will find it to be a very interesting hobby.

For information about the Lone Scouts and particulars of how to join them, write to the Lone Scout Department, The Boy Scouts Association, 330 Bay Street, Toronto 7. Full particulars will be gladly sent to you.—LONE E.

## St. John of Jerusalem Order to Lady Beshborough

London.—The Lady Beshborough recently announced the appointment of the Countess of Beshborough to the Order of St. John of Jerusalem as a Dame of Grace.

The Order of St. John of Jerusalem is conferred for services in the cause of humanity throughout the British Empire and it is open to both men and women.

There are five classes of the order: Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross, Knights and Dames of Justice and of Grace, Commanders of both sexes, serving brothers and sisters.

The aims and objects of the order include the maintenance of the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital at Jerusalem, and the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigades in Great Britain and overseas, and the London Light and Electric Clinic for the poor.

**Flying Fur Trader  
Covers 2,000 Miles**  
Prince Albert, Sask.—The aeroplane has definitely taken an important place in the fur trade of Northern Canada. It was shown when the Labrador fur trader, L. A. Macdonald, took off in a plane with William Broach at the controls on a 2,000-mile trip to the coast of Labrador, where he collected furs at various parts of the Northland and transported them to Winnipeg.

Macdonald and Broach and other points in the fur country were touched at intervals during the trip. The fur trader's trip was a very successful one, and he returned with a large quantity of furs, including muskoxen, caribou and reindeer skins.

**Canadian Wheat for Britain**  
Sir Thomas Cunliffe, British Minister in Ottawa, has announced that the Government of Canada has agreed to supply wheat to Britain in the amount of 1,000,000 bushels during the winter months of 1932-33.

The wheat is to be supplied in the form of flour, and the Government of Canada has agreed to guarantee the price of the flour at 10s. per bushel.

**White-Meat Cracking Rule**  
Tombstone, N.Y.—Something was in the air when a white-meat cracking rule was introduced in the State of New York. The rule, which was passed by the Legislature, provides that no white-meat cracking rule shall be introduced into the State unless it has been approved by the State Board of Health.

**Unreasonable Thaw Puts Moscow Back on Wheels**  
Moscow.—Droshky drivers, who have had their sleighs on the streets of Moscow since December 1, had their sleighs taken away from them because of an unreasonable warm spell.

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**Radio Control in N.Z.**  
Auckland, N.Z.—The new plan for transferring control of the main broadcasting services in New Zealand from private hands to the State has been approved by the Government.

The Government's Broadcasting Bill, as passed, provides that the system shall be managed by a board of three members, assisted by an advisory council of eight members, five from the North and three from the South Island, to be appointed by the Postmaster-General.

**Silent "Talkies" Used to Help Deaf Learn to Hear**  
Silent "talkies" are being made for the deaf and hard of hearing to teach them to hear. The deaf are being taught to hear by using silent "talkies" which have no sound.

**Irak Postpones New Currency**  
Baghdad.—Iraq has postponed introduction of a new currency, which was to have been issued January 1. The money will be based on the pound sterling, but not on gold.

## Continents Float On Molten Rock, Scientist Latest Note

Greenland Moving Westward Six Feet a Year, According  
To Conclusions of Austrian Geologist Who Perished in Arctic—Canadian Savants Checking His Claims

Ottawa.—Stored away in vaults in Dominion observatories at Victoria and Ottawa are scientific records that may prove or disprove some day the truth of the theory that North America and the other continents are not fixed or stationary. Dr. Alfred Wegener, the Austrian geologist who lost his life in Arctic exploration, laid down the theory that continents float on a sea of molten rock like rafts on a liquid ocean. Canadian scientists hope to supply the facts and figures that will determine its accuracy.

Canada is vitally interested in settling the Wegener theory because Greenland is supposed to be the "speed king" among the continents. It is supposed to move westward at the rate of six miles a year. Meteorological conditions, especially time of sunrise and sunset, and the length of the day, would be affected by any appreciable narrow or lengthening of the distance between the two.

**The Sovereign Point**  
He sits above the clang and dust of Time, With the world's secret trembling In his hand, the scepter of the world. He asks not converse nor companionship In the cold starlight where thou canst not climb.

**A Famous Rendezvous**  
One of Berlin's historic waymarks has become a memory, according to a correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor. Cafe Bauer, the corner house of Unter den Linden and Friedrichstrasse, was for many years the place of meeting for distinguished Berliners and their friends, and no foreign visitor to the city could afford to omit the Cafe Bauer from his program of sight-seeing. It was built some sixty years ago by a Vienna coffee and confectioner named Bauer.

**Britain and the Dominions**  
Windsor Border Cities Star (Ind.): The border cities of Windsor, Ontario, and London, England, have been joined together by a new bridge, the London-Windsor Bridge, which is the longest bridge in the world.

**Women of India**  
Calcutta.—The All-India Women's Conference on Education and Social Work opened at Madras on Dec. 23. Mrs. P. K. Ray of Calcutta, president of the organization, urged the women of India to work for the betterment of their country.

**Brazil's Area Calculated Anew**  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.—The total area of Brazil is now calculated at 8,494,359 square kilometers. It is larger than the whole European continent, excluding a part of Russia, and is the fifth country in the world as far as size is concerned.

**Defence Costs**  
Ottawa Journal (Conn.): In 1911 the United States had a fleet of 943,000 tons. Great Britain a fleet of 2,222,000 tons. Today the United States has a fleet of 1,175,000 tons and spends \$250,000,000 a year on it, whereas Great Britain has a fleet of 1,378,000 tons, costing \$71,000,000 a year. In other words, the United States is spending 187 per cent more yearly on naval costs, nearly three times as much as the British Empire.

**Pressing the Point**  
Mr. T. V. Smith was very shy. When he went to his first dinner party he made frantic efforts to begin a conversation with the woman at his elbow, but it wasn't until a full ten minutes had passed that he managed to utter the opening words: "Does your brother like to play bridge?"

**Declares Engines Alone Prevent 1,000-Mi. Speed**  
London.—If man will but build an engine powerful enough to drive a car at a speed of 1,000 miles an hour, believes a scientist, the world will be a different place.

## Losses

Of the year 1931, many little boys were born either weak, feeble or with thick legs. But now, thanks to the discovery of Potassium Iodine, the little boys of today are born strong and healthy.

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**How to play Bridge Auction and Contract**  
By Wynne Ferguson  
Author of "PRACTICAL AUCTION BRIDGE"

**LEG AILMENTS**  
If you suffer from various leg ailments, swollen legs, tender feet and other similar ailments, you will find relief in the use of the new medicine, "Leg Ailments," which is a powerful remedy for all leg ailments.

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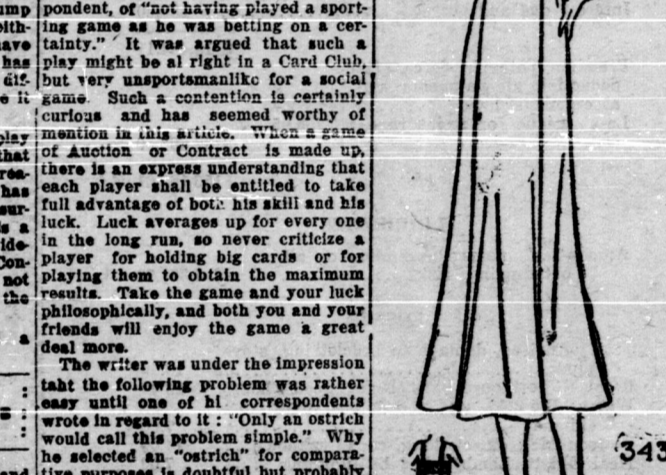
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