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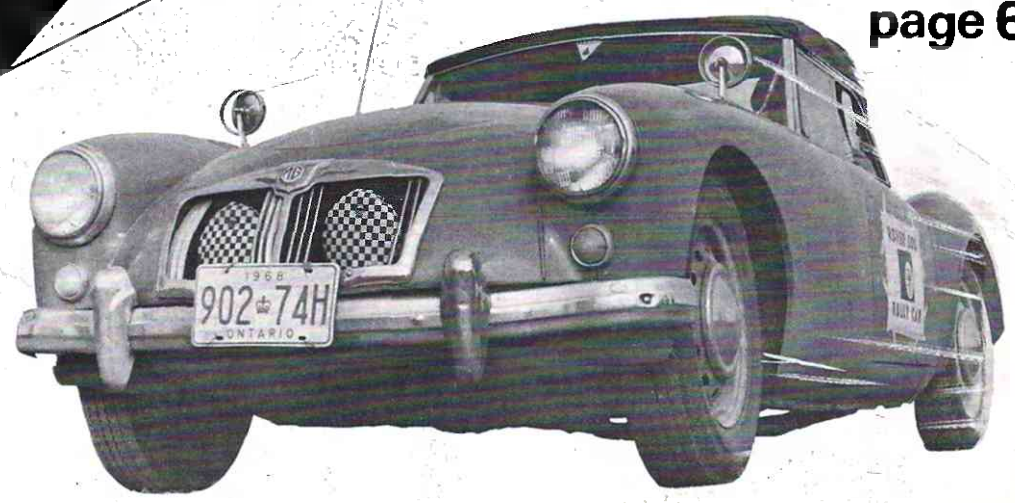
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The President's Impressions

I have completed my first year as President. My impressions may be of interest.

My first is of the high calibre of the Commissioners and Presidents of all ten provinces, and of the officers and chairmen of committees, who constitute National Council. Men of business and professions, successful in varied walks of life, active in Scouting in their home areas, give to the Movement in its National aspects the benefit of their interest and experience, just as other volunteer Scouters do in their local areas.

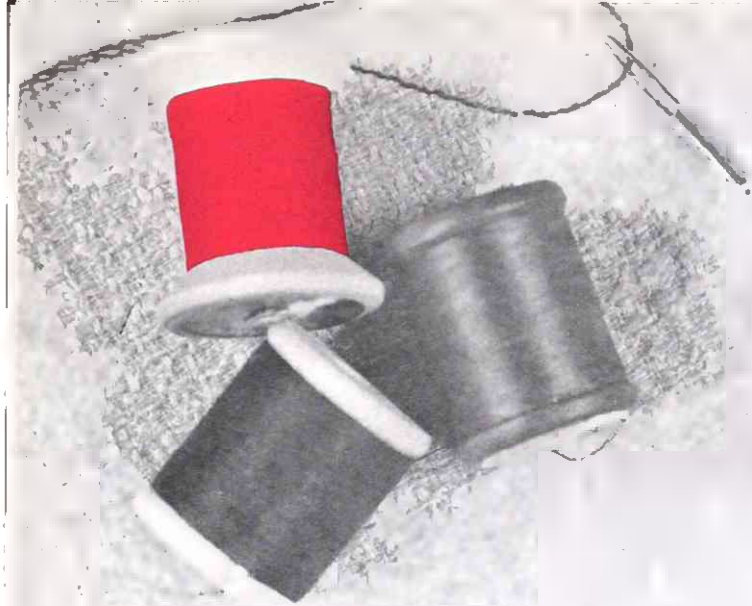
I am impressed by the high level of discussion, the viewing of matters from an all-Canada viewpoint - rather than provincial or local. What is good for Scouting across Canada or throughout the world is the criterion.

The quality and effectiveness of National Staff next impresses me. "Dedication" is sometimes regarded as a nasty word but it only can be the reason why these men devote so many days and nights of their own time to the Movement.

I perceive an awareness of Council of the need for careful haste in full implementation of the program and uniform changes approved over the past two or so years; regret that the Rover program has yet to be fully "updated", and acceptance of the need to accelerate this.

Perhaps this impliedly acknowledges that we were all a little late in recognizing the changed needs of boys of today, and in devising and adopting changes accordingly and that recent drop in membership in some sections of the Movement indicates boy resistance to the traditional programs and uni-

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It has taken many millions of stitches and a great deal of time to complete one of the 'biggest jobs connected with SCOUTS 68 - the design and production of approximately sixty new badges. To meet the needs of 68 and the expectations of the boys who will be involved with it, the badges had to be modern in design, of pleasing colour and able to tell their story at a glance.

This involved a team effort between Program and Supply Services at National Headquarters and Stanley A. Grant Limited of Toronto, who put the full facilities of their operation at the disposal of Scouting. Many hours of consultation took place in Toronto and Ottawa and over 1,000 pieces of art were produced, reviewed and discussed before the final designs were chosen.

Badges and crests have played an important part in Scouting for many years but the idea is by no means new nor can we take credit for it. From the earliest days of civilization, man has devised signs and symbols to wear proudly - to show that he belongs - to show that he has achieved something that sets him apart from others or to let others see instantly what his rank, job or function is.

An emblem or badge is more than just a piece of embroidered cloth. To the wearer and to the person who sees it, the emblem says something important.

The first step in turning a badge idea into reality, is design. The quality of the final product depends first on how a skillful designer can translate our needs into the kind of design that works best on the embroidery loom. Because of this the designer must be more than just an artist; he must be able to anticipate the many problems of thread tensions and stitch locations.

The production of a badge is a fascinating procedure; in its various stages it employs the efforts of

many skilled craftsmen and highly technical machines.

After the finished sketch of a new SCOUTS 68 badge had been approved by Program and Supply Services, it was enlarged to six times its actual size (see photo 1). The designer then drew in each stitch in a pattern as shown in the photograph. Each line represents a stitch in one colour.

The finished design then went to the "pattern puncher" (photo 2). His job was to punch holes in a roll of synthetic paper, similar to a player piano role or an IBM tape (photo 3) and thus program the badge to the machine. He did this by using a stylus to follow the lines of the designer. His machine translated the design into a series of coded perforations on the roll. Accuracy was essential at this stage in the process. An extra $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch swing of the stylus could have resulted in ragged and uneven embroidery. The underlay stitches were put on the pattern at this stage. It is these unseen stitches that give the raised and three-dimensional effect on the badge.

The badges and crests were embroidered on giant looms made in Switzerland that range from thirty to forty-five feet long (photo 4). The looms are embedded in five feet of solid concrete to minimize vibrations.

Each machine contains two rows of needles which dart in and out of the cloth from fixed positions, while the background cloth on a giant frame changes position according to commands of the pattern role. There are 1024 possible needle positions on a forty-five foot loom. The number of needles used depends on the size of the emblem to be made.

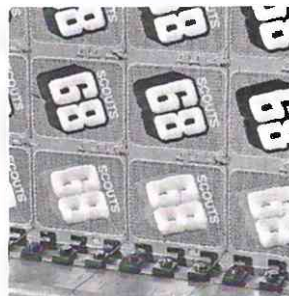
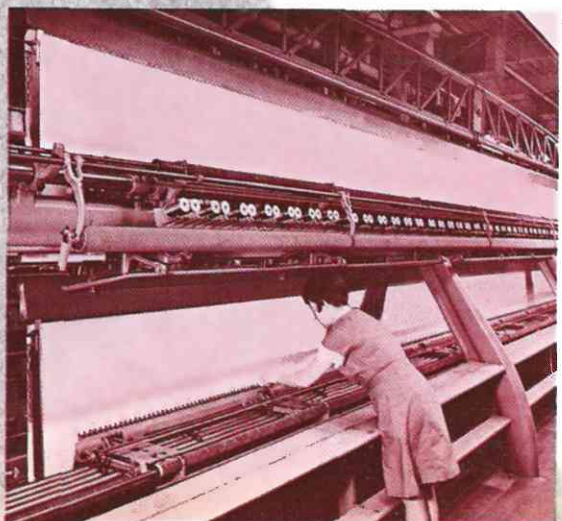
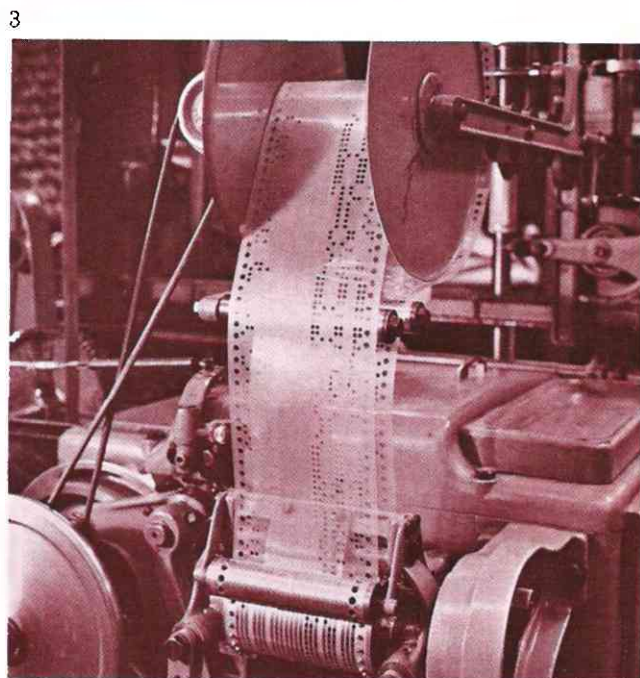
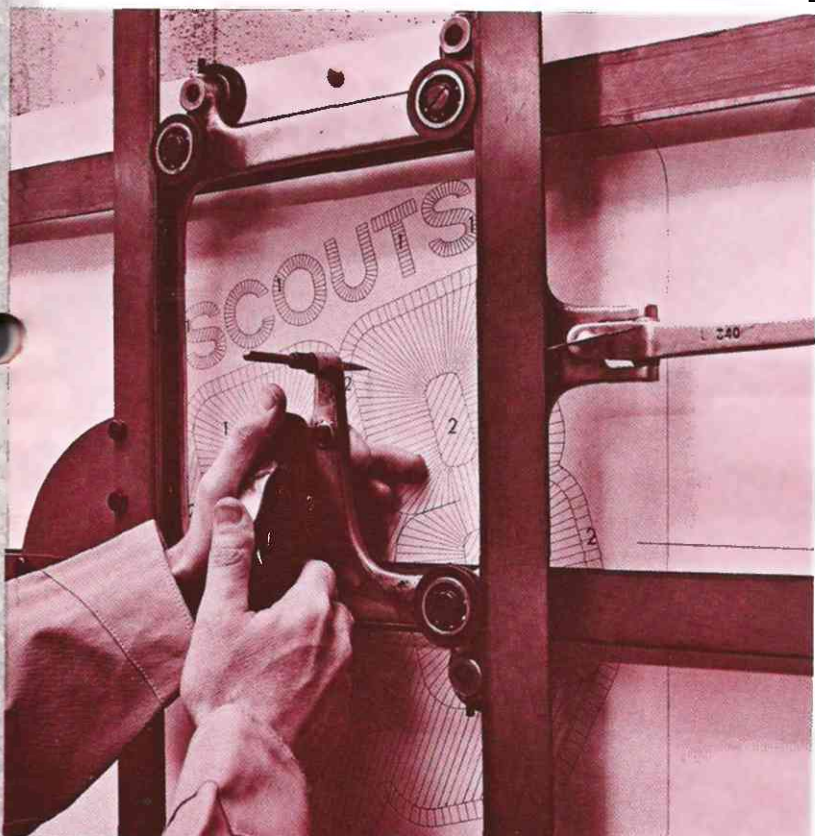
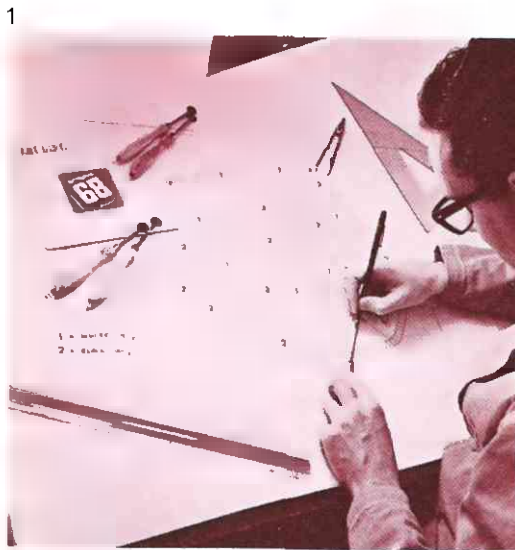
Every time a colour was changed the machine had to be stopped and every needle re-threaded by hand. Therefore the fewer colours, the lower the cost and vice versa.

When the badge came off the loom, the connecting stitches were removed and trimmed by hand. The badge was then cut out of the cloth on machines using special dies and the ravel-proof edge was applied.

The final stage before delivery to the Supply Service's warehouse in Ottawa was a quality-control check and packaging.

So we've got badges, lots and lots of badges and starting in September watch for them to appear on the uniforms of your local Scouts. They are modern, colourful and well made, just what is needed to support a modern, colourful and well-made program - SCOUTS 68.

Our thanks to Stanley A. Grant Limited of Toronto for their assistance in the preparation of the story and for the photographs they supplied.



1st place Team and winners
of the Walsh Rover 500
Trophy.

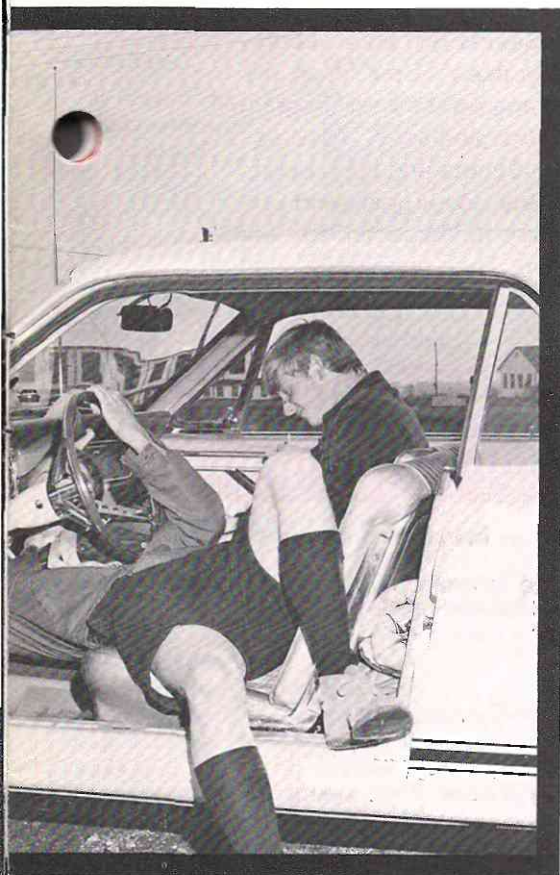


Rangers from S.R.S. Skeena, ran the
canteen, mid-way point, Everton
Scout Forest.



PHOTOS BY COLIN CLARKE

Unsolicited testimonial!



Why won't those turn signals work ??

The growing popularity of competitive car rallying in Canada is evident in the numbers of young men and women involved in this challenging sport. Driving a variety of cars, they take to the highways each weekend to match their driving and navigating skills. In 1967 officials of the Rover

section in Ontario discussed the possibility of an Ontario Rover Car Rally to take place the following year and the 3rd Waterdown Crew was asked to take on the task of planning this ambitious event. After a team effort of several months they came up with a proposed route, dates and recommendations for trophies and prizes.

The event was restricted basically to Rover Scouts of Ontario but invitations were sent to each of the other provinces to enter one team. Many provinces showed an interest in the Rally but the distance involved made participation virtually impossible. But one acceptance did come and from the far east, Newfoundland, and the team drove 1,910 miles to compete.

On Saturday, May 4, 1968, teams representing most sections of Ontario assembled at the Dunnville Airport and at 9:30 a.m. the first car was flagged off and the 500 was officially under way.

From Dunnville, the route travelled north-west towards Brantford, west towards St. Thomas and London; skirting London, the cars continued north to St. Mary's and Monkton, then east through Fergus and to the half-way point, Everton Scout Forest, the North Waterloo District Camp.

Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. the first vehicle was again waved off and the final half was under-

way. Swinging in a semi-circle towards the north-east, the route took the competitors past Barrie, around the top of Lake Simcoe and then south to the end point of the rally at the Oshawa District's Camp Samac where the judging team named the winners and trophies and prizes were awarded. The top prize, the Walsh Rover 500 Trophy, donated by Mr. K. B. Walsh of Waterdown, Ontario was won by representatives of the 74th Toronto Crew, Brian Sockett, driver and Brian Bath, navigator. The second place trophy went to driver John Haeblerlin and navigator Laurie Stephenson of the 107th Toronto Crew and third place trophy to driver Ron Vi and his navigator G. Miethig of the 5th Toronto Crew.

The 500 was a challenging and successful event, run entirely by Rovers. In fact it was so successful that plans for the '69 Rover 500 are now under way. If you're interested in this event or want some help in planning one for your Rovers, why not write— "The '69 Rover 500, Boy Scouts of Canada, 9 Jackes Avenue, Toronto 7.

Our thanks to John Clark, Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Rovers (Ontario) for his assistance with the 500 story and for his article.

Thanks also to Rover leader Colin Clarke of Guelph for the fine photo coverage.

ROVER 500

by John Clark

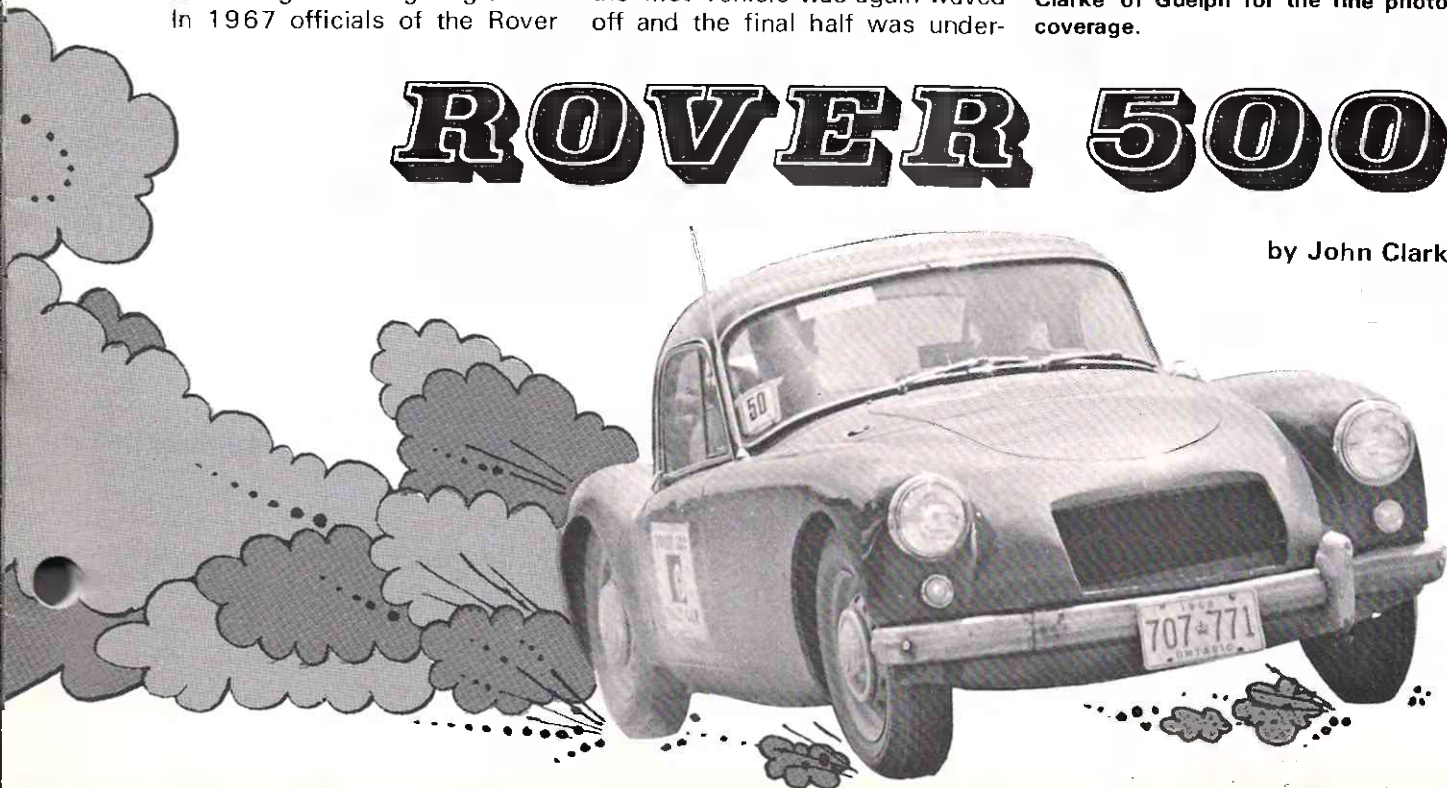


Table of Equivalents

With the introduction of Scouts 68, your Scouts are going to ask questions like - "Do I finish my Second Class before starting on the new program?" "I have just earned my Fireman badge. What replaces it?" Boys who are Scouts and have been working on the existing Boy Scout grade and proficiency badge schemes are not expected to "start over" on the new program. They receive recognition for what they have already achieved as set out in this table of equivalents.

Grade Badges

Have completed existing requirements for

Receives the following new program recognition

New recruit working on Tenderfoot

- Commences working on Investiture Requirements.

Invested Scout (Tenderfoot)

- Receives Scout badge to replace Tenderfoot badge.

Scout who has completed four of items (II) to (V) of Second Class requirements

- Receives Bronze stage First Aid.

Scout who has completed five or more of items (VI) to (XV) of Second Class requirements

- Receives Bronze stage Exploring badge.

Scout who has completed twelve or more of the Second Class requirements

- Receives the Pioneer Award. If he meets the two preceding qualifications, he receives the First Aid and Exploring badges at the Bronze stage. He does not receive any of the other qualifying badges for the Pioneer Award.

8 Second Class Scout

- Receives Pioneer Award and Bronze stage First Aid and Exploring badges. He does not receive any of the other qualifying badges for the Pioneer Award.

Second Class Scout who has completed items (III), (IV) and (V) and one other of (II), (VI) and (VII) of First Class requirements

- Receives Silver stage First Aid badge.

Second Class Scout who has completed nine of items (VIII) to (XX) of First Class requirements

- Receives Silver stage Exploring badge.

Second Class Scout who has completed seventeen or more of the First Class requirements

- Receives Voyageur Award. If he meets the two preceding qualifications he receives the First Aid and Exploring badges at the Silver stage. He does not receive any of the other qualifying badges for the Voyageur Award.

First Class Scout

- Receives Voyageur Award and Silver stage First Aid and Exploring badges. He does not receive any of the other qualifying badges for the Voyageur Award.

Queen's Scout

- Receives Pathfinder Award plus the appropriate equivalent badges for his Queen's Scout qualifying badges as set out in this table.

Bushman's Thong

- Receives the equivalent recognition for First Class Scout plus the equivalent badges for his Bushman's Thong qualifying badges as set out in this table.

All-Round Cords - Green and Yellow

- Receives Bronze Challenge Award.

- Red and White

- Receives Silver Challenge Award.

- Gold

- Receives Gold Challenge Award.

PROFICIENCY BADGES

EXISTING

Air Apprentice
Aircraft Modeller
Aircraft Mechanic
Air Navigator
Red Anchor

White Anchor

Gold Anchor

Angler
Aquarist
Archer
Artist
Athlete

Auto Mechanic
Basket Worker
Bee-keeper
Bird Warden
Blacksmith
Boat Builder
Boatman
Bookbinder
+Camp Cook
+Camper

+Scout who has earned both receives

Canoeman
Carpenter
Chemist
Citizen
Clerk
Coast Watchman
Coin Collector
Dairyman
Debater
Despatch Rider
Dog Handler
Draftsman
Electrician
Engineer
Entertainer
Explorer
Farmer
Fireman
First Aid - Green

- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold

*Forest Conservationist
Forester
Friend to Animals
Gardener
Handyman
Healthy Man
Hiker
Horseman
Interpreter
Journalist
Knotter

NEW

Silver Safety
Modeller
Engineering
Science
Pioneer, Bronze First Aid,
Exploring and Anchor
badges
Voyageur, Silver First
Aid, Exploring and
Anchor badges
Pathfinder Award plus the
appropriate equivalent
badges for his Gold Anchor
qualifying badges as set
out in this table

Sportsman
Pet Care
Sportsman
Artist
Equivalent Personal Fitness

Engineering
Builder
Agriculture
Resource Management
Builder
Builder
Bronze Anchor
Handicraft
Bronze Campcraft
Gold Campcraft

Gold Campcraft and
Gold Exploring

Canoeing
Builder
Science
Silver Citizen
Communicator
Silver Anchor
Collector
Agriculture
Communicator
Bronze Safety
Pet Care
Engineering
Science
Engineering
Entertainer
Adventuring
Agriculture
Silver Safety
Continues to wear until
replaced with a higher
stage

Bronze First Aid
Silver First Aid
Gold First Aid

Silver Conservation
Bronze Conservation
Pet Care
Horticulture
Handyman and Repairman
Bronze Personal Fitness
Silver Exploring
Sportsman
Interpreter
Communicator
Scoutcraft

EXISTING

Laundryman
Leather Worker
Life Saving - Bronze
- Silver
- Gold

Marksman
Mason
Master-at-Arms
Metal Worker
Miner
Missioner
Model Railroader
Motor Boating

Mountaineer
Musician
Naturalist
Pathfinder
Personal Fitness - Green

- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold

Photographer
Pilot
Pioneer
Piper
Plumber
Poultryman
Printer
Prospector
Public Health Man
Radio Man
Reader
Rigger
Rope Spinner
Safety Man
Signaller
Skin Diver

*Soil Conservationist
Stalker
Stamp Collector
Starman
Stationary Engineer
Stockman
Surveyor
Swimming - Green

- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold

Tailor
Tracker
Venturer
*Water Conservationist
Weatherman
*Wildlife Conservationist
Winter Scouting

Winter Sportsman
Woodworker

World Friendship

NEW

Family Care
Builder
Bronze Life Saving
Silver Life Saving
Gold Life Saving
Sportsman
Builder
Sportsman
Handicraft
Engineering
Family Care
Modeller
Pioneer, Bronze First Aid,
Exploring, Anchor
and Boating
Silver Exploring

Music
Science
Silver Citizen
Continues to wear until
replaced with a higher
stage

Bronze Personal Fitness
Silver Personal Fitness
Gold Personal Fitness

Photography
Silver Anchor
Scoutcraft
Music
Handyman
Agriculture
Communicator
Science
Public Health
Communicator
Man of Letters
Scoutcraft
Entertainer
Bronze Safety
Communicator
Sportsman and Silver
Swimming
Silver Conservation
Scoutcraft
Collector
Science
Engineer
Agriculture
Scoutcraft

Continues to wear until
replaced with a higher
stage

Bronze Swimming
Silver Swimming
Gold Swimming

Builder
Scoutcraft
Gold Exploring
Silver Conservation
Science
Silver Conservation
Gold Winter Scouting
plus Silver First Aid
Winter Sportsman
Artist or Builder, de-
pendent on alternative
used in earning
Gold Citizen



*Where two or more Conservation badges are held replacement is Gold Conservation.



Good Padding

Gordon Wyld of the 4th Weston Venturer Company was presented with the Trillium Trophy by the Canadian White Water Affiliation. This award is presented to the junior paddler who shows the best performance during the year. Gord won both national and international championships during the 1967 paddling season.

The Pied Piper

Canada's "Pied Piper" Bobby Gimby attended the Rotary Club luncheon at Montreal Aeroport Hilton Hotel in February. With the support of a number of local Wolf Cubs he presented his now famous, "Ca-na-da".

Also in attendance at the luncheon were Mayor Jean Drapeau, John Fisher and Robert Shaw, assistant commissioner-general, Expo.

National Staff Conference

From September 8 to September 15 of this year some 112 members of the professional staff in Canada will meet in conference to discuss a number of important subjects relevant to the present and future operation of Scouting.

The major areas of concern are Organization, Finance, Recruitment, Adult Training, Personnel (professional) and Program. Task groups of Scout executives located in various parts of the country have been engaged in collecting, analyzing and synthesizing large quantities of resource material in preparation for producing conference study papers and discussion guides.

There is every indication that the concerns identified and expressed by the professional staff are a reflection of the concerns confronting the membership throughout the organization. Because of this, Scout executives will be making every effort to consult with a number of persons in their councils to ensure that the conference has the benefit of the widest range of knowledge, information, ideas and opinions.

It is expected that the findings and recommendations will be of value to Scouting as a whole in the formulation of appropriate courses of action.



HAMILTON SPECTATOR

"A Buck for the Bed"

This was the Centennial Year rallying cry of Hamilton's 8,000 Boy Scouts. As a result they raised more than 2,000 "bucks", enough to buy a bed or other furnishings for a room at each of the three city hospitals. The Scouts donated \$735 to Henderson General Hospital and the Chedoke General and Children's Hospital. The bed money was raised entirely through contributions from individual Scouts.

Dr. Edward Wilson, superintendent of the Henderson General Hospital, thanked the Scouts with a dinner held in November at the hospital where twelve-year-old George Simpson represented all the Scouts of Hamilton.

George is shown in the furnished room at Henderson Hospital with Miss Maureen Little, head of the orthopaedic ward.



There has been a long delay, because of war priorities, in the delivery of LADIES' AUXILIARY GOLD PINS 68. We continue to exert pressure and are hopeful that we shall receive a supply soon. We ask those who are waiting for orders to be patient.

The Supply Services Committee has decided that companies selling Scout merchandise, hitherto known as "distributors", will be known as "Scout dealers" in future, it being felt that this description better fits their role.

Winnipeg and area Scouting now has an additional dealer - The T. Eaton Co. at Polo Park Shopping Centre. Joyner's Limited is now the new Scout dealer in



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the Moose Jaw area. The Bay is now a dealer in Regina.

Venturers - announcing the availability of the new MEMBERSHIP BADGE to be worn on the left pocket of the shirt. These are available through district, regional or provincial headquarters, catalogue 02-100, 25 cents.

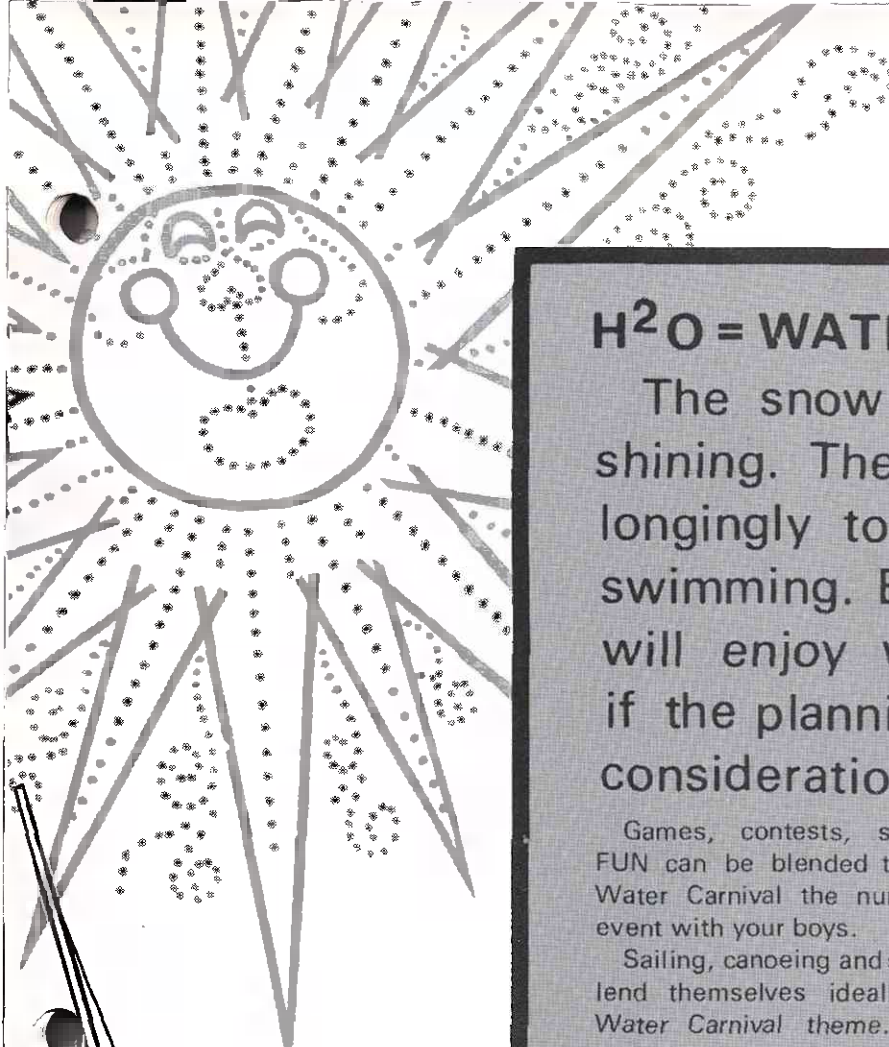
Announcing the availability of **The Way to the Stars** in Braille. The set of two books retails at \$3.25 - its catalogue number being 20-253.

Catalogue number 20-651, notified as discontinued in our April Supply Services News, is now available in a revised form. It is known as **Book of Cub Scout Games** by Barclay and its retail price is \$1.50.

We have a quantity of SCOUT RECORD CARDS, 25-505, available for those still using them.

Here's news of novelty items, for banquet table decorations or other purposes. Miniature (5" high on plastic base) Canadian, World, Rover, Venturer, Scout and Cub FLAGS. Each is sold in packages of five for 85 cents. They are very attractive.

The booklet **Smartness and Ceremonies in Scouting** has been discontinued and is no longer available.



H²O = WATER = FUN

The snow is gone. Old Sol is shining. The young man looks longingly to the outdoors and swimming. Even the non-swimmer will enjoy water activities if the planning takes him into consideration.

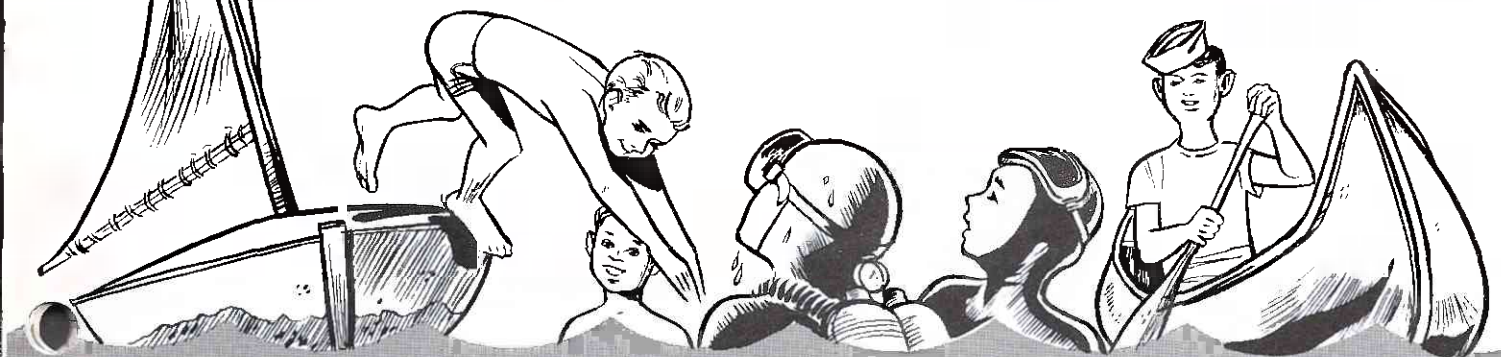
Games, contests, skills and FUN can be blended to make a Water Carnival the number one event with your boys.

Sailing, canoeing and swimming lend themselves ideally to the Water Carnival theme. Perhaps your local power squadron will put on a demonstration in the handling of power boats. Skin and scuba diving clubs can be approached to give instructions and

demonstrations. The boys can demonstrate the "reach, throw, row, go" techniques of life saving and include a demonstration of artificial respiration. A display utilizing posters, models and live presentations could cover such things as the development of the canoe, water transportation, bathing suits - past, present and future.

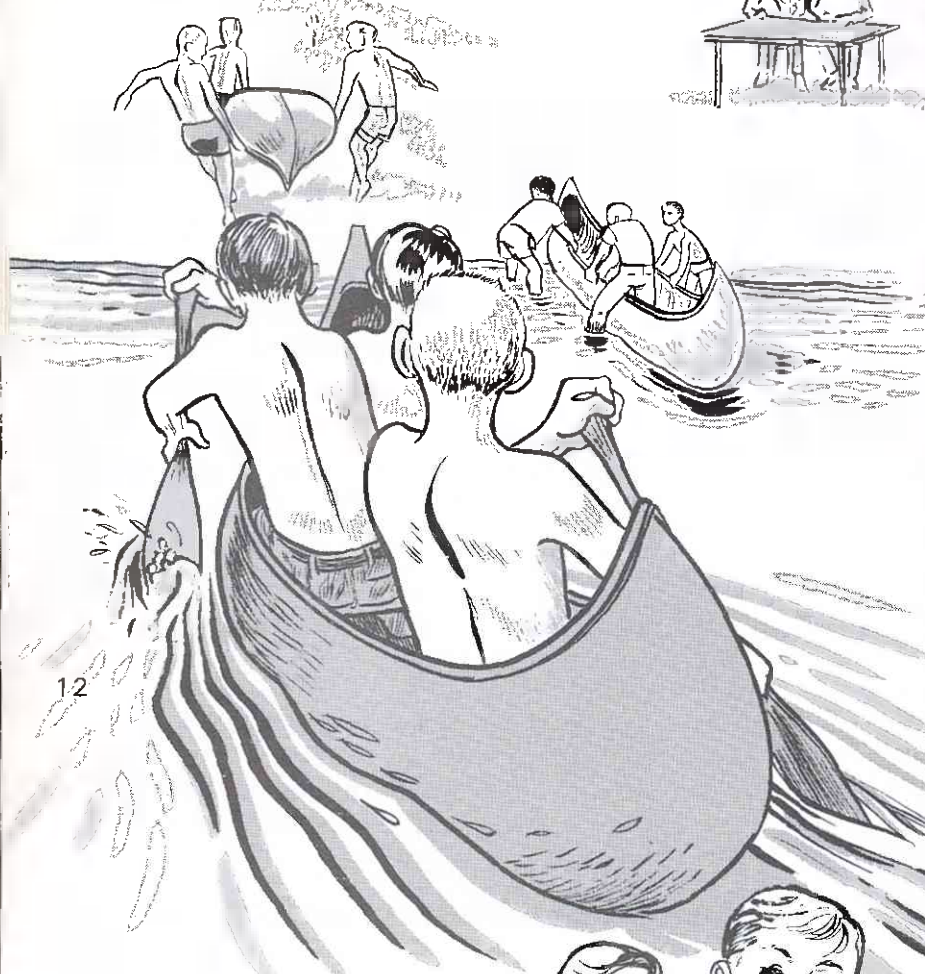
Advance preparations must include the arrangements for the

Water Carnival





VOYAGEUR RACE



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use of a swimming pool or beach area. Don't overlook the possible use of apartment-building swimming pools, hotel pools, motel pools, YMCA pools, and there may even be a private residence pool where the owner would be quite prepared to let you use his pool if approached.

Involve mothers and fathers in the activity. Use them as judges and scorekeepers. Have one of them arrange for suitable prizes for each event. Be sure to give some guidance to your "recruited" parent as to what you want from him. If you have a definite idea in mind for prizes, tell him.

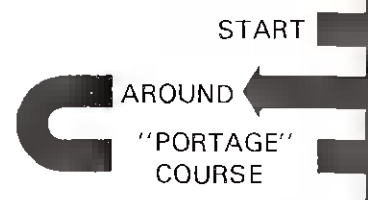
The planning for this kind of an event could include a family picnic. Have families attend and bring a lunch. Close off the program with a weiner roast and sing-song.

CAVE-MAN RACE

Boys form into teams of two.



CAVE-MAN RACE



TREASURE HUNT

Each team is provided with a log large enough to support two boys. On signal, teams mount the log and paddle with their hands to a given point and back. First team back wins. This can be handled as a relay or if insufficient logs are available, try timing each team. The team with the fastest time is the winner.

TREASURE HUNT

A number of jewels (marbles) are dumped into the water. On signal, teams send a diver (or divers) to search. Each diver is allowed three minutes and is then replaced by the next diver from his team. The team with the largest number of jewels is the winner.

In placing the "jewels", remember the swimmers and the non-swimmers. Place some in deep water, some in shallow water.

VOYAGEUR RACE

Equipment: Marker Floats
Canoes and Paddles
Life Jackets

Teams beside canoes on shore. On signal, team carries canoe to the water, launches the canoe and paddles around marker and back to the beach where they beach the canoe and portage around a predetermined course. They then get back into the water to paddle through a slalom course. The first team finished wins.

Judges watch for skillful and correct handling of canoes - how carried, launching, paddle strokes, etc. - and assign penalty points.

Floats and markers for water activities can be made from large plastic bleach bottles.

The wire passing through the cork must be a tight fit. Experiment with the amount of ballast

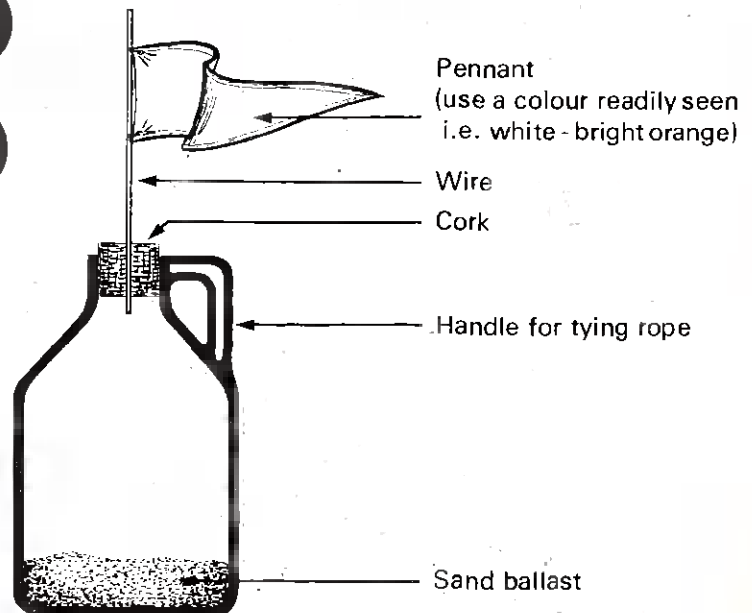
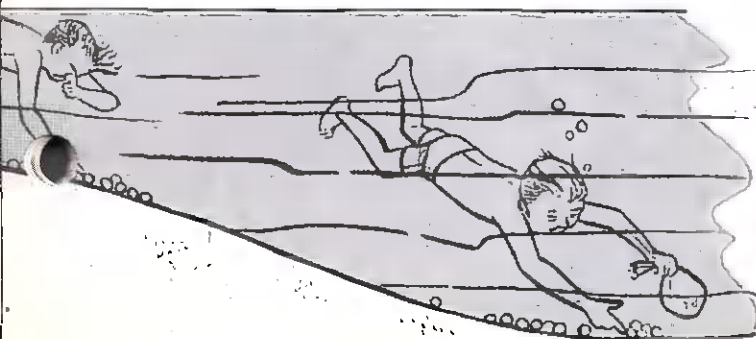
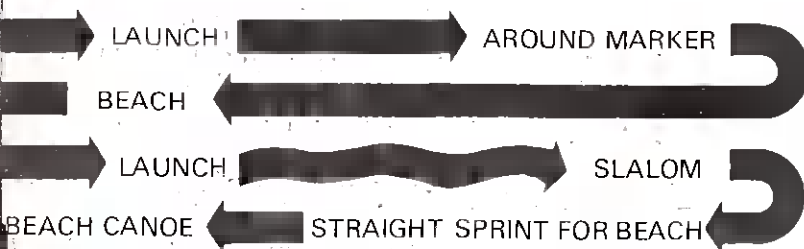
needed to keep the bottle upright with the pennant installed. Ballast can be made from sand and a small amount of Portland cement. When you have the right amount of ballast in your bottle, set it aside and allow the ballast to set.

SWEATSHIRT RELAY

Teams of dads and sons may compete. Teams line up in relay formation at the water's edge. On signal, the first member of each team puts on a sweatshirt, jumps into the water, swims or wades to a given point and returns. He then removes the sweatshirt and gives it to the next member of the team who puts the shirt on and continues the relay. First team finished wins.

SAVE MY FAMILY

On signal, dads and sons must move their family (brothers, sis-



ters and mothers) to the other side of the pool. Travel must be across the water and any method may be used. The family may swim, wade or be carried. First family across is the winner. In the event of crowding, this could be a race against the clock by each family.

BALLOON BLOWING CONTEST

Issue each team member with a small balloon. Teams line up in waist-deep water. On signal, boys duck and attempt to inflate balloons under water. The first team inflating their balloons is the winner.

FISH NET

Teams form two lines thirty to fifty feet apart (the lines may be the sides of the pool, or in a lake the beach may be one line and waist-deep water the other). All players (the fish) but one (the

fisherman) stand behind the lines. The fisherman stands in the center and calls:

"Poor fish, poor fish, poor fish, Better get wet!
I'm going to catch you in my net."

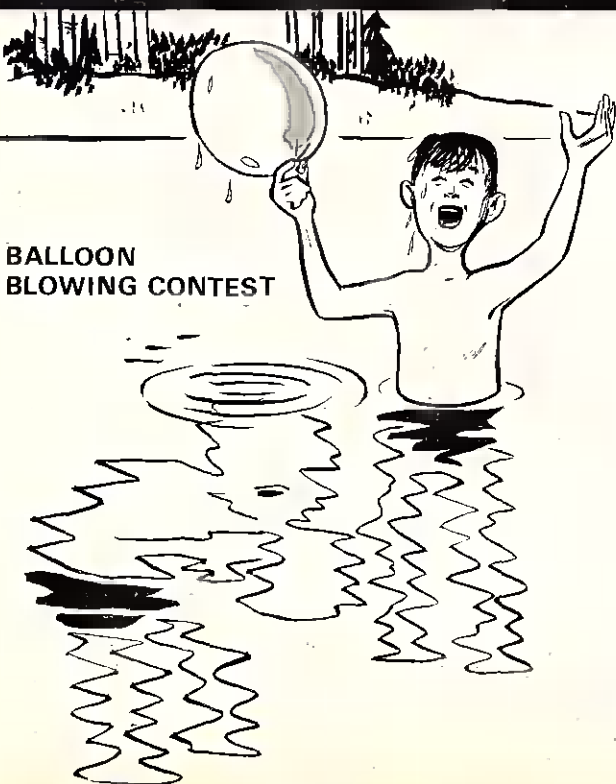
All the fish head for the opposite boundary. The fisherman attempts to catch all he can. All fish caught, join hands with the fisherman and become part of the net. The net tries to encircle as many fish as possible on the next attempted crossing. Each fish caught, joins the net. The last fish caught becomes the fisherman for the next game.

WATER SKI MARATHON

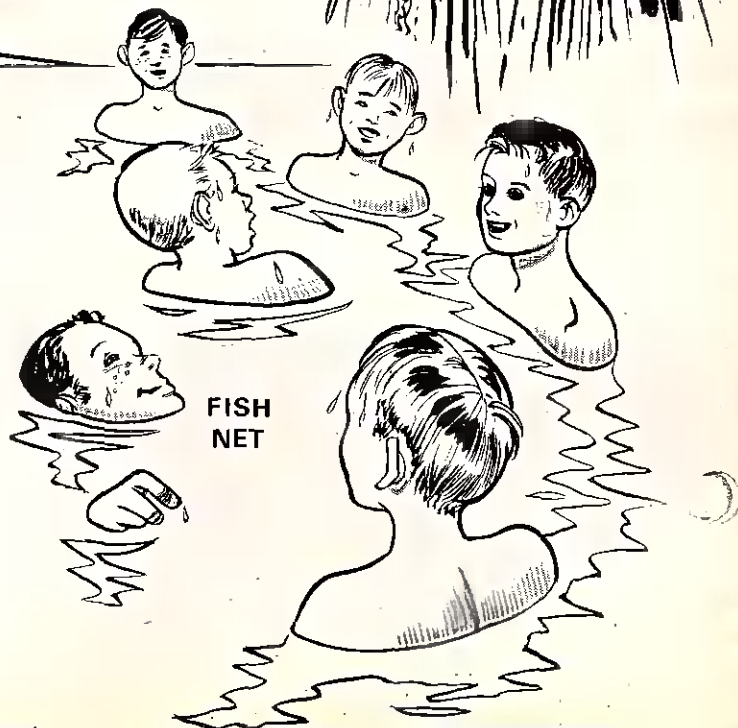
Contestants water ski between two given points. Judges select winner on ability to stay upright, skill, etc. One skier demonstrates at a time.



WATER SKI MARATHON



BALLOON BLOWING CONTEST



FISH NET

CAMP FIRE SONGS

Everyone enjoys singing, especially around a blazing camp fire. Try this selection of songs on your Cubs and Scouts. If you are not familiar with the tunes of these old favourites, check with other Scouters in your area.

Like its neighbour, the popular cut-out page of games, the page of songs may be inserted in your record book.

Important: Words or music of copyrighted songs cannot be published in this series, however, we believe that there are many others that can be shared.

I POINTS TO MINESELF

I points to mineself, vas is das here,
Das is mine topnotcher, ya mama dear,
Topnotcher, topnotcher, ya mama dear,
Dat's wot I learned in der school, boom-boom.

Point To

Top of head

Brow

Eye

Nose

Mustache

Mouth

Chin

Neck

Chest

Tummy

Sing

Topnotcher

Seat Browser

Eye Winker

Horn Blower

Soup Strainer

Lunch Eater

Chin Chowser

Rubber Necker

Chest Protector

Breadbasket

THE TREK CART SONG

(Tune: Artillery Song)

Over hill, over dale,
As we hit the river trail,
And the trek cart goes rolling along.
In and out, hear them shout,
Gee, I'm glad that I'm a Scout!
And the trek cart goes rolling along.

Chorus:

Then hi-hi-hee, it's the life for me;
Start the day and end it with a song:
Where'er you go you will always know
That our trek cart goes rolling along
(Keep it rolling!)
That our trek cart goes rolling along.

LITTLE TOMMY TINKER

Little Tommy Tinker, sat upon a clinker,
And he began to cry - "Ma-a, Ma-a"
Poor little innocent guy.

ACTION GAMES

Summer has finally come, bringing the warm weather. These games may be played at camp or will be good fun for the beach or swimming pool.

Our supply of games is running out. We are sure that your boys must have some favourite games. Please send them in so that others may share them.

If you cut along the dotted lines around the instructions below and punch a hole in the six circles down the left side, you will have a handy page to place in your leader's pocket record book.

Bobcat Hunt

Equipment: Brush and can filled with red poster or other water colour paint; a wooded area.

One Scout is the wounded "bobcat" and leaves a trail of blood (red poster paint applied with a brush) on grass, trunks of trees and on tips of shrubs. The rest of the troop are the "hunters" and try to track down the wounded bobcat. The bobcat is given a three- to five-minute head start, depending on the difficulty of the terrain. When caught, the bobcat may fight back (with paint brush). Any Scout marked with poster paint (not just spattered, but actually hit with the brush) is wounded and must drop out. It will be up to the hunters to overwhelm the bobcat and hold his claws (brush) from action. Note that poster or watercolour paint will wash off clothing and skin with a little soap and water.

Water Polo

You will need an inflated six- to eight-inch rubber ball for this game. Divide pack into teams. Players move the ball toward their goal through opposing team by walking on the pool floor in shallow water and pushing the ball in front of them with their hands. Boys are not allowed to swim while pushing the ball. Make up your own rules for scoring.

Water Dodge Ball

Use a rubber or plastic ball, six to eight inches in diameter. Play in water that is knee to waist deep, using regular dodge-ball rules or your own.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT-ROVER SCOUTS

A subcommittee of the National Program Committee has been appointed to conduct a comprehensive study of all aspects of the Rover Scout section in Canada.

Under the chairmanship of Rev. Richard Newsham, Downsview, Ontario, the five-man committee is most anxious to enable participation by anyone that may be interested in the study. Individual Rovers, Rover crews, Rover round tables, Rover leaders and others are invited to contribute opinions, comments, recommendations and observations relevant to Rovering - controversial and otherwise.

The committee is fully prepared to acknowl-

edge all views that may be submitted and will make every effort to ensure that communication is a two-way process.

In the March 1968 issue of *The Scout Leader*, a letter to the editor makes the point that Rovering is the "silent section". Here is an opportunity to break the silence with some loud, clear and purposeful dialogue.

All letters to the Rover Scout Subcommittee should be addressed to:

The Rover Scout Subcommittee
Boy Scouts of Canada
93 Main Street
Galt, Ontario.

Towel Relay Rescue Race

Divide the pack or troop into teams. Station one boy from each team on the shore. Give him a bath towel. The other team members stand in shoulder-deep water, facing the shore. At the signal "go", the boy on the shore picks up the towel, runs into the water, heaves an end of the towel to the first team-mate and pulls him to shore. The boy just "rescued" jumps back into the water and rescues player No. 2. The same procedure is followed until all are rescued. First team finished, wins.

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Turtle Float

Each boy pretends he is a turtle. Start by standing in a circle in waist-deep water. At the signal, "go", boys take deep breath, grasp their ankles, and pull their knees against their chests. If the chin is kept on the chest, a boy will float with his back out of the water.

Demonstrate for the boys and allow them to practice until they learn how to keep their bodies floating on the water.

Log Rolling Relay

Equipment: For each patrol, one log three-feet long and twelve inches in diameter, eight stakes set in ground.

Patrols line up in relay formation facing the course. Two Scouts in each patrol roll the log up the course between the sets of stakes around the turning point and back through the sets of stakes to the starting point where the next pair of Scouts takes over and repeats the process, and so on until eight Scouts have taken part.

The first patrol to roll the log four times through the course is the winner.

THE LITTLE WHITE DUCK

There's a little white duck, sitting in the water,
A little white duck, doing what he oughter,
He took a bite of a lily pad, flapped his wings,
And he said "I'm glad",
I'm a little white duck, sitting in the water,
Quack, quack, quack.

There's a little green frog, swimming in the water,
A little green frog, doing what he oughter,
He jumped right off the lily pad that the little duck bit,
And he said "I'm glad",
I'm a little green frog swimming in the water,
Glump, glump, glump.

There's a little black bug, floating on the water,
A little black bug, doing what he oughter,
He tickled the frog on the lily pad, that the little duck bit,
And he said "I'm glad",
I'm a little black bug, floating on the water,
Chirp, chirp, chirp.

There's a little red snake, laying in the water,
A little red snake, doing what he oughter,
He frightened the duck and the frog so bad,
he ate the little bug,
And he said "I'm glad",
I'm a little red snake, laying in the water,
Wriggle, sss, wriggle, sss, wriggle, sss.



...of letters and signs and kindred things. Many exhibits of Scouting are graced with signs that detract from the exhibits.

Good lettering is an art and many people find it difficult to do good lettering. This is not the problem that it was in past years. Many firms produce a variety of styles of letters in many colours. Let's review a few that are readily available.

Several firms produce sheets of letters which can be transferred to a wide range of materials. These letters are transferred to the sign by rubbing the surface of the sheet with a stylus or similar tool - a dry ball-point pen works well on some of these. There is a large variety of type faces, sizes and

The President's Impressions

(cont'd from page 3)

form. One senses eagerness that everything be done, and quickly, to ensure the widest possible understanding, acceptance and willing use by leadership of the new programs, and anxiety to see how the boys of today react to the program of today, and how the Scout population can be influenced to resume its upward trend. All are very hopeful.

The past year has been stimulating and rewarding for me. My only complaint, if I have one, is that my present Scouting contacts are not sufficiently at the boy level - the point where real Scouting is done but are confined to participation in a formal way in various Scout ceremonies and affairs of one kind or the other. I would love to attend, without formality, a really good Cub, Scout

colours available. "Letraset" "Prestype" and "Pan-a-tone" are three. Check with your stationery store.

A self-adhesive plastic is produced in a wide range of colours - up to forty, including several woodgrains. Some of these have alphabets printed on the backing paper. Simply cut out the letter, peel off the backing paper and apply to a clean surface. This material is sold in many hardware stores.

Self-adhesive gold and chrome letters, the type used for registrations on boats, are available from decal firms, marinas and some hardware stores. Check your yellow pages under decalomania.

Three-dimensional letters are available in plastic in a wide range of styles, sizes and colours. These letters have the advantage that they can be transferred from one display to another. Glue is available to renew their self-adhesive qualities. Check plastic stores for information on these lines.

With such a range of letters and styles available, it is relatively easy to produce lettering, signs and displays that are easily read and pleasing to the eye.

or Venturers (and, in due course, Rover) meeting conducted in line with the new programs, to see them in operation at first hand. Will some one invite me?

D. A. Thompson, President

Mr. Thompson was re-elected President of the National Council at its Annual Meetings held in Ottawa on May 10, 1968.

A native of Winnipeg he is the senior partner of a well-known Manitoba law firm, and a Queen's Counsel, a director of a number of companies and vice-president of the Community Welfare Planning Council of Winnipeg. Mr. Thompson has been associated with Scouting for fifty-six years as a Scout, Wolf Cub instructor, provincial commissioner, provincial president, chairman of the National Organization and Expansion Committee and a vice-president of the National Council.

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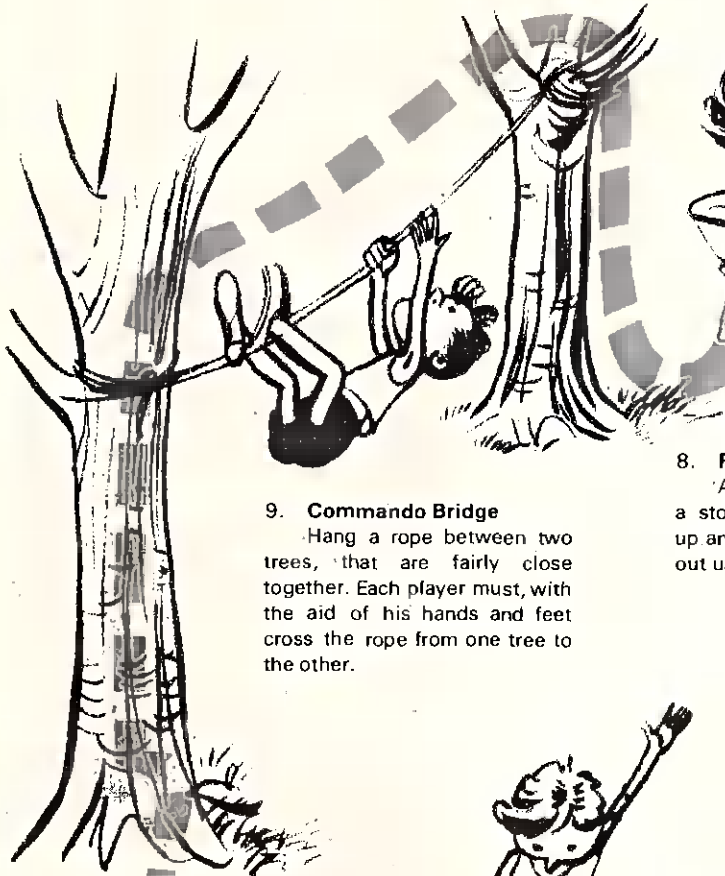
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9. Commando Bridge

Hang a rope between two trees, that are fairly close together. Each player must, with the aid of his hands and feet cross the rope from one tree to the other.



8. Fishing

A pan of water is placed on a stool. Each player must pick up an apple with his teeth, without using his hands.



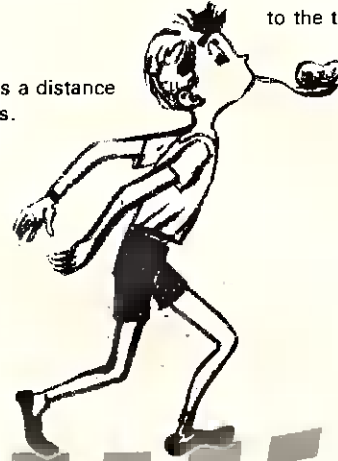
7. Balance

With a small bell in his left hand and a glass of water in his right hand, each player must run ten yards, without spilling any water or ringing the bell. If he fails, he must go back and start again.



1. Start

Each player runs a distance of one hundred yards.

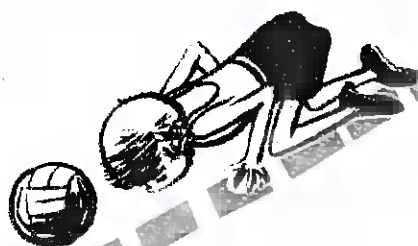


2. Balance

Each player must run a distance of fifty yards with a spoon placed between his teeth. A potato is carried on the spoon. If the potato falls off the spoon, add an additional five seconds to the time.

**FINISH
START**

beat the clock: beat th



6. Push the Ball

Each player places the ball on the ground and pushes it with his head to a marked line, five yards away. He must not touch the ball with his hands or feet.

5. Throw

A target is hung from a tree. Each player has one chance to hit the target with a ball. If he fails to hit the target, add five seconds to the time. A dart board and darts can also be used.



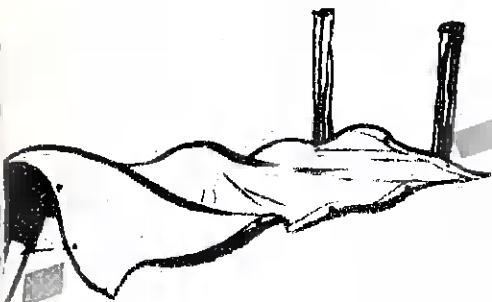
4. Obstacles

Each player must jump over a bush and run around different objects, tin cans, etc., placed on the ground without touching any of the objects. If he touches any, add an additional five seconds to the time.



3. Black Out

Each player must crawl under a canvas that has been placed on the ground and must come out at a predetermined spot.



The idea of the obstacle test, is to see who can do it in the least time. Give each player a card on which a leader will mark the amount of time taken for each obstacle. The player with the lowest score is the winner.

An Obstacle Test for Cubs and Scouts

beat the clock: beat the clock

54th ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE MEN WHO SPEAK FOR YOU

For three days in May representatives from all provinces assembled in Ottawa's Chateau Laurier in the interest of your boys. Here is a report of what they saw, did and heard.



From all over Canada they come, these men who speak for you on the National Council of the Boy Scouts of Canada. They meet regularly three times a year; in October and February in various sections of the country and in May, in Ottawa for the Annual Meeting.

The majority of the members of the Council arrived in time for special meetings on Thursday, May 9. The provincial commissioners met under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chief Scout, Air Vice-Marshal J. B. Harvey to tackle a full agenda of items of interest to all sections of the Movement. Included was the showing of new suggested uniforms for male and female leaders and Rovers and these were approved. They were later shown to the National Council, also approved and referred to the National Supply Services Committee for further development. The provincial presidents also met on Thursday with the National President, Mr. D. A. Thompson in the chair.



Mr. A. W. Denny, past chairman, National Finance Committee presents Financial Statement to National Council.

Mrs. A. E. Standing (left) National Chairman of Ladies Auxiliaries and Mrs. C. W. Witherell, Secretary, National Subcommittee on Ladies Auxiliaries examine the new uniform for female Scouters modelled by Mrs. Marilyn Kearns of National Headquarters.

Cub, Scout and Venturer Membership Trends 1956-1967*

Year	Cub Membership	Per Cent Change Over Preceding Year	Scout and Venturer Membership	Per Cent Change Over Preceding Year	Total Cub Scout and Venturer Membership	Per Cent Change Over Preceding Year
1956	120,600	12.9	60,500	6.5	181,100	10.7
1957	130,600	8.3	65,500	8.3	196,100	8.3
1958**	137,800	5.5	75,700	15.6	213,500	8.8
1959	144,500	4.9	84,800	12.0	229,300	7.4
1960	151,200	4.7	92,000	8.5	243,200	6.1
1961	159,900	5.7	95,400	3.7	255,300	5.0
1962	165,000	3.2	95,900	.5	260,900	2.2
1963	167,500	1.5	92,300	-3.8	259,800	-.4
1964	170,400	1.1	92,900	.6	263,300	1.3
1965	172,500	1.2	93,000	.1	265,500	.8
1966	170,500	-1.2	93,600	.6	264,100	-.5
1967	169,900	-.4	91,700	-2.03	261,600	-.9

*Not including Rover Scouts and members of Les Scouts du Canada.

**Change in "going-up" age



The Deputy Chief Scout presents illuminated scroll to Mr. Finlay. Boyaner plaque shown in background.

On Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. the National Council met and during their two days of meetings covered such diversified agenda items as - the Annual Report for 1967 for presentation to Annual Meeting; Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for 1967; Financial Report of Canadian Contingent to the 12th World Jamboree; motion to amend the By-laws; modifications to uniforms - Rover Scout and Scouter; International Year for Human Rights; Reports of Standing and Special Committees and Submission from Honours and Awards Committee, to name only a few. Each province was represented by the president and provincial commissioner or their representatives.

The 54th Annual Meeting and Dinner was held on the Friday evening. Mr. Thompson was re-elected president of the National Council and Mr. Lawrence Dampier, Vancouver; Mr. A. Wallace Denny, Port Credit and Mr. R. C. Stevenson; Montreal were re-elected as vice-presidents.

One of the highlights of the evening was the unveiling of a memorial plaque to the late Dr. Eli Boyaner of New Brunswick, by his widow. The plaque, which will hang in the entrance to the National Headquarter's building honours Dr. Boyaner's forty-three years of devoted and distinguished service to Scouting in the provincial, national and international fields.

STATEMENT OF CENSUS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1967

PROVINCES	Wolf Cubs	Boy Scouts	Lone Scouts	Sea Scouts	Venturers	Rover Scouts	Rover Sea Scouts	Grand Total Boy Members	Adult Leaders	1967 TOTAL	1966 TOTAL	Percentage
O/Seas Army	424	136			9	5		574	93	667	604	+ 10.43
O/Seas Air Force	514	212			30	15		771	115	886	1,081	- 18.04
Newfoundland	2,455	2,198			64	40		4,757	489	5,246	4,420	+ 18.69
P.E.I.	1,129	669			39			1,837	238	2,075	2,041	+ 1.67
New Brunswick	5,486	3,476	6	103	177	77		9,325	1,016	10,341	10,365	- .24
Nova Scotia	7,944	4,939	1		261	20		13,165	1,498	14,663	17,044	- 13.96
Quebec	13,956	7,985		415	503	356	38	23,253	2,369	25,622	25,018	+ 2.41
Ontario	75,530	36,935	25	1,301	3,324	2,331	250	119,696	13,887	133,583	133,409	+ .13
Manitoba	11,594	4,890	4		305	66		16,859	1,984	18,843	18,978	- .71
Saskatchewan	8,054	3,821	11		297	55		12,238	1,529	13,767	13,879	- .81
Alberta	19,598	7,679	4	81	688	112		28,162	3,390	31,552	33,150	- 4.82
B.C.	23,177	9,915	3	413	787	344	10	34,649	4,534	39,183	39,608	- 1.07
Total 1967	169,861	82,855	54	2,313	6,484	3,421	298	265,286	31,142	296,428		
Total 1966	170,519	85,654	129	2,662	5,163	4,232	63	268,422	31,175		299,597	
Increase					1,321		235					
Decrease	658	2,799	75	349		811		3,136	33	3,169		
Percentage	00.38%	03.27%	58.14%	13.11%	25.59%	19.16%	373.00%	01.17%	00.11%	01.06%		
Les Scouts du Canada	10,378	10,102			1,266 (Pionniers)	342		22,088	4,586	26,674	26,869	

ANALYSIS OF GROUPS

	Red Patch	Maple Leaf	Warsaw	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	1967	1966	Les Scouts du Canada
Groups	4	9	1	92	44	295	200	356	2,235	336	237	558	775	5,142	5,241	-
Packs	13	19	1	88	49	319	208	459	2,688	428	305	721	911	6,209	6,286	431
Troops	7	13	-	91	37	263	175	354	1,987	284	213	461	589	4,474	4,638	411
Companies	1	2	-	6	3	21	18	48	732	39	31	89	90	1,080	570	101
Crews	1	1	-	2	0	9	11	39	290	10	5	13	47	428	499	27

PHOTOS BY ANDREWS-HUNT

The retiring Chief Executive, Fred J. Finlay, was also honoured by the National Council. The Deputy Chief Scout presented him with an illuminated scroll which outlined some of the achievements of Boy Scouts of Canada during his term as Chief Executive. The presentation of a gift travel certificate was made on behalf of friends across Canada, by the president. Mrs. Boyaner made a presentation of flowers to Mrs. Finlay.

An audio-visual report was presented by the retiring Chief Executive and included such major events of 1967 as: Centennial Travel Exchange; Ceremonies at the graves of the Fathers of Confederation; Expo 67 Scout Service Corps; International Scout Sporting Competitions; events connected with the Drummond and Pepsi-Cola Trophies, Duke of Connaught Challenge Shield and Amory Adventure Award; Scout participation in the Pan-American Games; 12th World Jamboree; Nova Scotia, Alberta and Saskatchewan Provincial Jamborees; 10th Jamboree-on-the-Air; World Scout Conference; 4th Commonwealth Conference and the visit of the Chief Scout of the Commonwealth.

The president of the National Council expressed appreciation to the following on behalf of Canadian Scouting: Government House Staff; the Government of Canada and the provincial and civic governments; those who support through financial assistance; the volunteer workers; the press, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the Canadian Television Network and Canadian Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters; The Canadian Red Cross Society, St. John Ambulance Association and The Royal Life Saving Society Canada; Girl Guides of Canada and the executive staff.



President D. A. Thompson chairs Annual Meeting. Also shown Mrs. Eli Boyaner and Air Vice-Marshal Harvey.

If you would like to have a copy of the Annual Report write to the Editor of THE SCOUT LEADER. A limited number of copies are available to Scouters, committeemen, council members and auxiliaries.

The National Council Saluted You!

Aware of the tremendous contribution of the thousands of volunteers in the Movement in Canada, the following motion was moved by Brigadier W. W. Reid, provincial president, Prince Edward Island, seconded by Mr. Scott Neal, provincial president, Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario and passed unanimously - That we, the members of the National Council, extend our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful work of the many volunteers in Scouting all across the country, for the time and energy devoted, whether by Scouters, group committeemen, ladies auxiliary, council or committee members. They have done a wonderful job and as we start out on our new program, Scouts 68, we will have to, again, call on this group of volunteers. We know they will respond anew.



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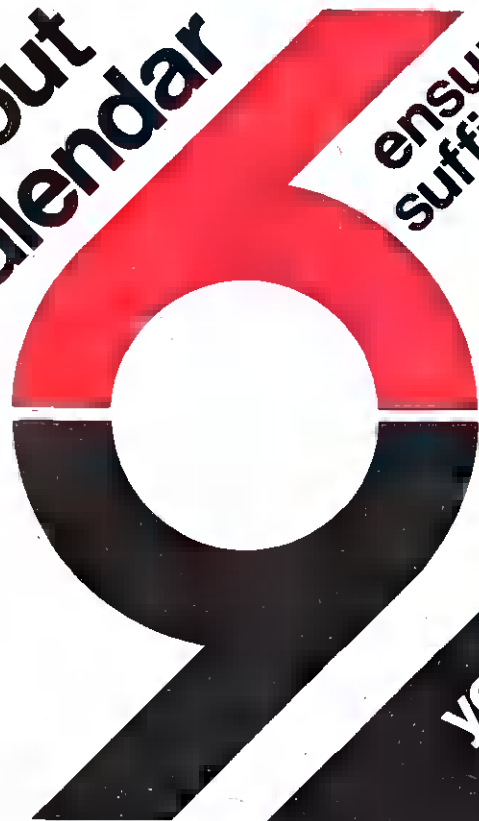


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