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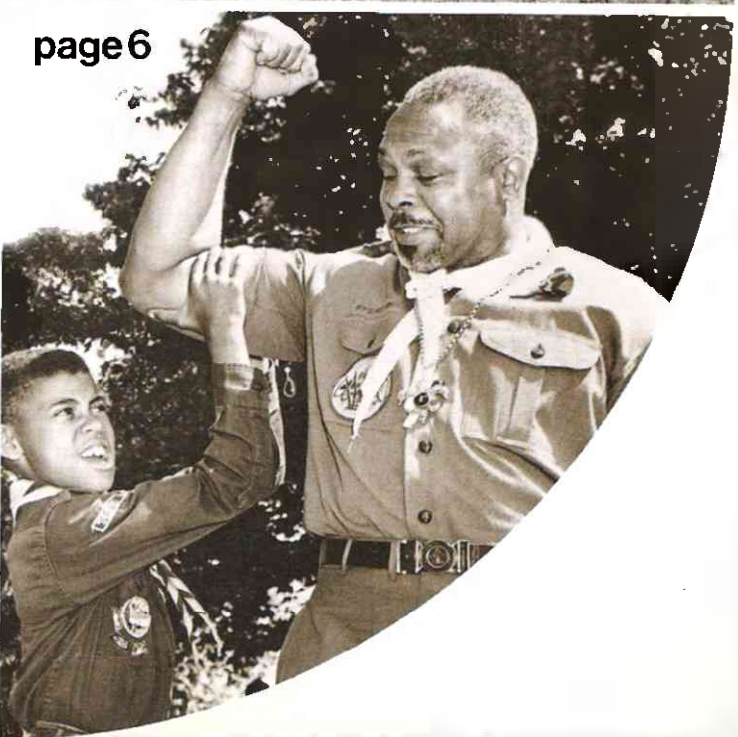
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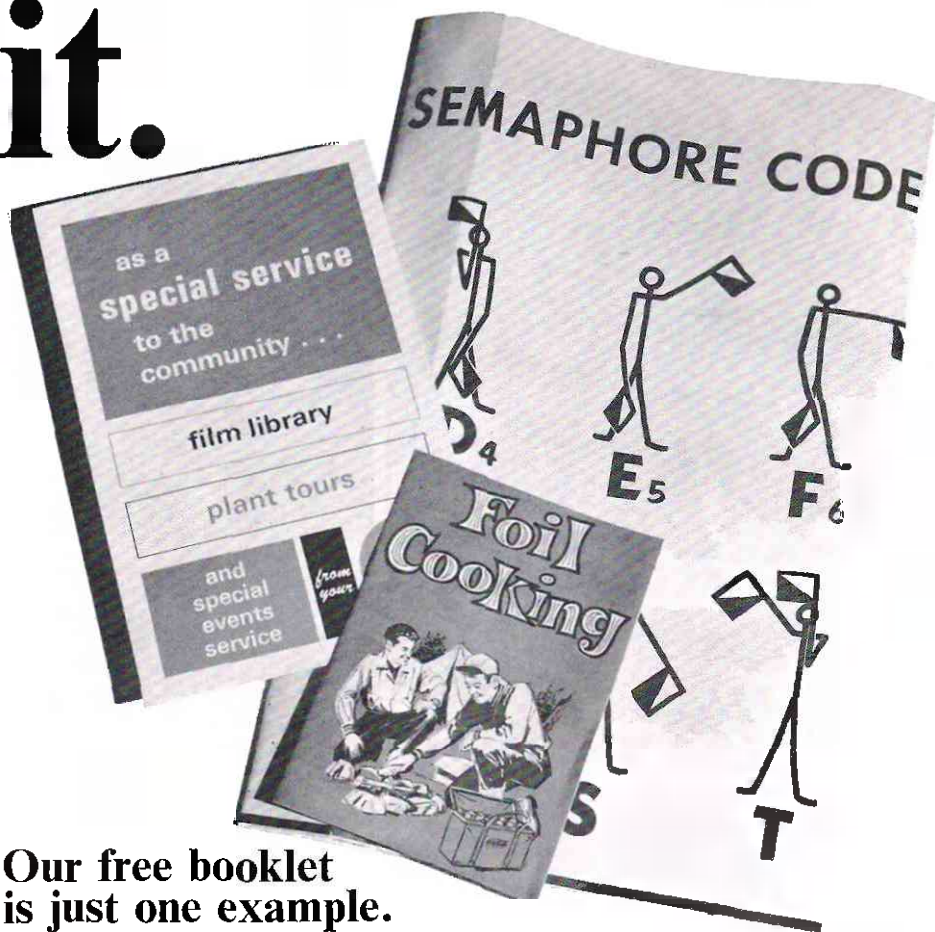


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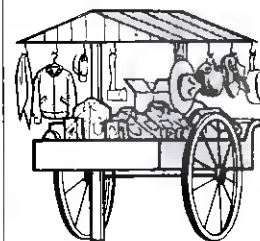
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- 25-303 Pack Annual Record
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## BEATING THE BUSH WITH

By TOM PRIESTLY

"And now, the 45th Vancouver Venturer Company, ON PARADE!" The doors at the end of the auditorium opened and a line of boys mounted on miniature motor bikes, with full trail pack strapped on the rear of every bike, roared into the auditorium, raced three times around the audience of 1200 assembled there, then wheeled off to one side of the room, ready to answer questions on their new method of transport.

The occasion was the Vancouver-Coast Annual Meeting and Dinner on February 3rd this year. The 45th Venturer Company is the one I am advisor to, and the demonstration of the bikes was the culmination of over a year's work on the part of my boys, who had built their own bikes out of a lot of scrap metal and hard work. Earlier that evening, for the benefit of the audience, they had put together a disassembled bike on stage. They answered a lot of questions about their "bush bikes" that night, and one of them was, "How did it all get started?"

The first "bush bike" was one I designed and built myself, without ever thinking it could be used by boys in Scouting. Being a hunter and a fisherman, I had always had an idea for a motor bike that could be carried in the trunk of a car, be light enough for one man to handle, yet rugged enough to carry a good pack, besides the rider, over bush trails.

The 45th Venturer Company and I started off together early in 1967. Venturing was brand new to us, quite a change from the old program, and the boys were running their own show. Their first project was a firearms safety course, much like the one that is now being introduced in British Columbia. After they finished with that, they became interested in the bike I had built and decided to build one each as their next project.

Financing was carried out in the usual Scout manner. Sometimes the boys had to buy necessary parts such as wheels and motors, but usually they found they could make most parts out of donated scrap materials. They overhauled old motors and made frames and other parts from pieces of scrap metal—bicycle frames, lawn mower parts, aluminum trim from kitchens, bed springs and sheet aluminum. No offer was turned down. Our project seemed to catch the interest of people outside as well as of the boys themselves. Many people helped by donating material and one person even offered us the use of a machine shop.

The boys themselves had a tremendous enthusiasm for the project—they always arrived on time, worked like beavers and asked multitudinous questions at meetings, and very often had to be reminded that it was time to go home. Topics like the cubic inch

# BIKES





displacement of motors, and the torque on the hind wheel through reduction of revolutions, became matters for round table discussion — and all this from 14-year-old boys.

As soon as the bikes became mobile, the boys took them on trial runs, which usually ended up through the flower bed or a pet shrub — at this point it was decided that brakes might be a good gadget. We've made a lot of improvements over the original bike. For example, we added spring suspension to the front forks to ease the bumps and vibration, then had to redesign the brakes to float with the wheels.

Everyone calls these machines "mini bikes," but we insist that the correct term for them is really "bush bikes." If you're thinking of starting your own boys off on the project, remember that the bikes aren't a toy to run around on black top, but a bike capable of facing the toughest of trails.

A few more details — The seat, a plywood base with four inches of foam carried on two coil springs, eliminates most of the shock from the hind wheel, which is mounted directly to the frame. This allows a load of 150 pounds on the large carrier easily without pressing the frame lower to the ground, which would reduce the road clearance. This is very important on rough trails. With a 4 h.p. motor and revolutions reduced through a power train of two large and two small bicycle sprockets, the torque at the hind wheel is more than ample (— to do a wheely? Yes, I've got strips torn up in the lawn to prove it).

Fenders are a must. These can be made of the discards from motor bikes or sheet aluminum, which is very easy to work with. The tool box, large enough to carry tools and spare parts, is also made of aluminum. The clutch is made from sheet iron, band iron, part of a pulley, two electrical junction box covers and brake lining scraps obtained from an auto brake company. The brakes are made the same way, omitting the pulley and junction box covers. Bicycle handle bars with motorcycle hand grips are inexpensive, but work very well. The headlight is a battery-operated bicycle light, which also makes

a good flashlight in camp. The rear carrier with hooks welded under the outside rim allows the pack to be lashed securely with the life line. A small carrier mounted on the front forks just above the fender accommodates a one-gallon tin of extra gas.

If you wanted to make a bush bike as a group project, it could be used at camp to transport patrol boxes and equipment from a drop-off point to the campsite, to ride out for help in case of an emergency, even to bring out an injured or ill boy. But if the bike is built as a group project, make sure it's kept at headquarters so every member of the group gets an equal chance at the fun of using it. Or if your group wants to build a bike for each member, they can have no end of fun with them — week-end camps, one-day trail rides, even take the bike along on a family holiday.

But remember, this is a complicated project and the boys will need a little help and instruction. Left to themselves they can become confused, then disgusted, then simply give up. But with some help and encouragement, a challenging project like this one can build the kind of interest and involvement that keeps boys in Scouting after the usual drop-out age.

#### Project Details

Frames - light angle iron  
Wheels - rubber tire wheel barrow  
front forks -  $\frac{3}{4}$ " H.D. pipe  
front suspension - bed springs  
motor - 3 or 4 h.p., 4 cycle  
power train - bicycle sprockets and chains  
fenders - discarded motorcycle or sheet aluminum  
handle bars - bicycle  
hand grips - motorcycle  
seat -  $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood, 4" foam with moisture resistant cover  
clutch - sheet iron, strap iron, electric junction box covers, old pulley  
brakes - same as above omitting box covers and pulley  
- the lining from an auto brake company  
headlight - bicycle  
gas consumption - depends on load carried, terrain and condition of trail.  
spare gas - 1 gallon  
pack - can contain supplies and clothing for a seven-day trip  
weight of bike - 125 pounds  
top speed - 12 m.p.h.  
pack weight - 150 pounds with rider of 175 pounds ■

You can obtain blueprints of the bush bike for \$2.00 each by writing to the author:

Mr. Tom Priestly,  
1280 East 31st Avenue,  
Vancouver 10, B.C.



Shortly after joining the national staff of the Boy Scouts of America early in 1968, Archie Moore shook up the men in the Supply Division. They couldn't fit him with a uniform because of his 16-inch biceps. Finally a shirt was specially tailored so Archie could "suit up."

In a way, this is typical of Archie's life. He has been a big man in everything he has tried — champion boxer, movie actor, civic leader, husband, and dad. Now, as a community relations specialist, he shares a larger role in the Boy Scouts' expanding effort to reach boys in inner-city and other disadvantaged areas of our nation.

From coast to coast, Archie is visiting councils to tell boys and men of the ABC of Scouting... "Any boy can be a Scout." The spirited response to his appearances has proved that Archie Moore is still a good man to back in a scrap.

A recent trip to the Columbia Pacific Council in Portland, Oreg., is a prime example. His 2-day itinerary sounds like two Archie Moores: meeting with a ministerial association; luncheon with Portland Mayor Terry Schrunk and key civic leaders; press conference; Scout district committee meeting; conference with professional Scouting staff; Rotary club speech; referee at a community-center boxing tournament; dinner meeting for Scout leaders of an inner-city area; and a tour of the area with flatbed truck, musical combo, and bullhorn.

Of this trip, Mayor Schrunk enthused, "Only the Boy Scouts of America would have the courage to assemble members of the inner-city community dur-

ing the summer months with no thought of the possibility of riots... and, of course, there was absolutely no problem. It was great, and so was Archie!"

Archie has talked to hundreds of boys and leaders and has been seen by thousands via his tours, radio, and television. Wherever he goes, he emphasizes the worth of the Scout Oath and Law. He expounds the principles of truth, honesty, respect, and dignity. His fervent plea to adults is "Let's put young feet on the right road!"

Why does a man work so hard when he already has it made? Why does he do something that takes him away from his family for long periods of time? Why doesn't he retire as a sports celebrity or star in some more movies? With Archie Moore, as with most longtime Scout leaders, it's a feeling that grew over many years.

His boxing career spanned an almost unbelievable 26 years, from 1936 to 1962. He won 187 of 229 fights, and ran up a total of 137 knockouts — a world record that will probably never be broken. Archie reigned as light-heavyweight champion for nine years, starting in 1952, and fought some thrilling heavyweight title battles, too. According to Menke's Encyclopedia of Sports, he was born on December 13, 1916, making him the oldest person ever to hold the light-heavyweight crown.

During his ring career, Archie kept planning for the day he would retire from boxing. He remembered his days as a juvenile delinquent in the ghettos of St. Louis and conceived an idea to help boys in similar areas today. This became, shortly after his retirement in 1962, his ABC (Any Boy Can) Club. ABC, like Scouting, lays strong emphasis on religion, patriotism, sports, and scholarship achievement.

"I would like to share some of my experiences and dreams with young people in disadvantaged areas and to help them avoid some of the pitfalls I ran into," Archie explains. "There are great opportunities in America, but too often boys don't understand this. If we can teach boys to cope with situations they will face in the future, they will grow up as the good Americans we want them to be."

The Any Boy Can project was first tested at Jamaica in the British West Indies in 1964. Some boxing officials and friends of Archie set the project up shortly after he had visited Jamaica to referee a world championship boxing match. The idea worked, and since then Archie has started ABC Clubs in Vallejo and San Diego, Calif.

Some of Archie's proudest possessions are letters from boys in past ABC work. One, from Carlisle Moxie, an original member of the Fort Royal, Jamaica, group, addressed Archie as "Pop" and is signed "Young Mongoose," a reference to Archie's nickname given for his quickness in the ring.

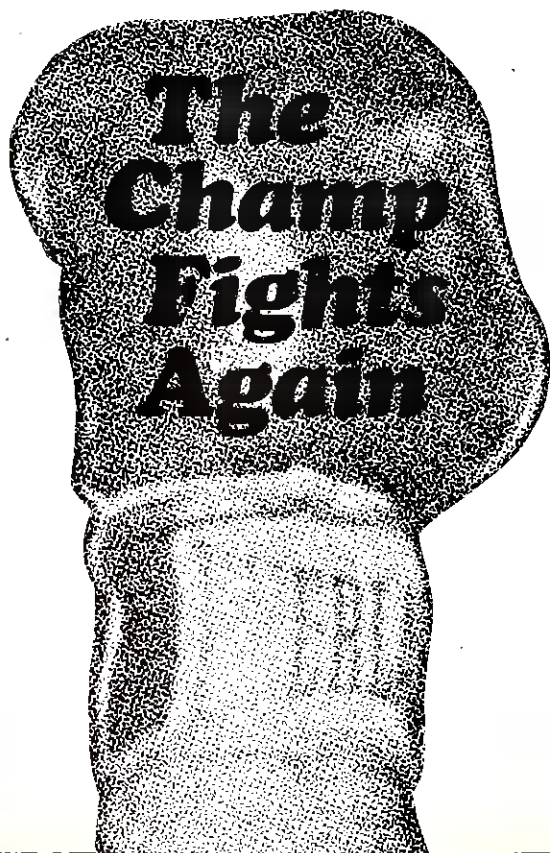
Early in 1968, Archie joined forces with the Boy Scouts of America. "Boy Scouting is a well-organized, smooth-running program," he comments, "and I'm proud to be part of it. I'm certainly enjoying my new experiences. I feel that whenever a person engages in something he doesn't really enjoy, he's fooling himself and is really fighting a lost cause."

"I'm impressed by the quality of people in Scouting, both volunteers and professionals," he adds. "They are tremendous in their enthusiasm for boys. They are motivation personified. They can lift boys up."

## by Mac Gardner

Associate Editor, Scouting Magazine

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There's an evangelistic urgency in what Archie says and does, and this seems only natural. Raised as a boy by his "fine aunt and uncle," he regularly attended Sunday school. At the age of 21 he was baptized a Presbyterian and since 1966 has been an active Seventh Day Adventist.

Archie has never smoked and doesn't drink either. "I haven't missed anything," he points out. "A clean body is important every day, not just in the ring."

Faith and dignity are two words Archie uses often. One of his favorite biblical quotations is from Hebrews 11: 1 — "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Archie's sincerity of purpose constantly comes through in his public speeches and in personal conversation. "We have to help these boys gain faith in themselves. To many of them, life seems like a shell game, but Scouting can help change that. Any boy can be a Scout — if he wants to. Our job is to build up his motivation to make him want to be somebody."

Paraphrasing a television commercial, Archie declares that "It's what's inside that counts. I mean what actually gets there in a boy, not just what people talk about. You can't hope an idea like ABC or BSA will spread. You have to make it spread. It's an optional thing. Any boy can — but he needs the help of a man."

"We need to set good examples. The words of our pledge to the flag are beautiful, but these words are a mockery unless we make them come true, and mean what we say, 'One nation' should mean that

— united. 'Liberty and justice for all' should mean that — equality all the way. Scouting can help eliminate prejudice. If we work hard enough, and pound hard enough, the doors of segregation will collapse."

Archie's efforts for youth and patriotism have gained him much acclaim and recognition. Two special citations have come from his adopted city of San Diego. He was named as Mr. San Diego of 1967, and then was honored with the Patriot of the Year Award in 1968.

Archie and his wife Joan make sure that Scouting carries over into their home life, too. Son Hardy will soon be a Cub Scout. D-Angelo will join the Cub Scouts next year. Other children are Rena, 11; Joan, 10; and Anthony, 4.

The most important key to character development, says Archie is "involvement, concerned involvement, by parents. If they don't get direction and enjoyment at home, boys will go elsewhere. If there are no parents in the home or no parental concern, boys will find other figures to look up to. Here's another way that leaders in Scouting are important.

"We hear a lot today about power of all kinds," Archie reflects. "The power we **really** need today is love-power, love for fellowman and equality for all. That's what the Scouting spirit really means, but we've got to hurry. We're fighting against time."

Archie likes to remind people that this fight is not just his. "It's a fight involving all of us. Let's win it together. If not now, when? If not here, where? If not you, who?"

Watching Archie in action, you get the feeling that he's working on another KO right now ■

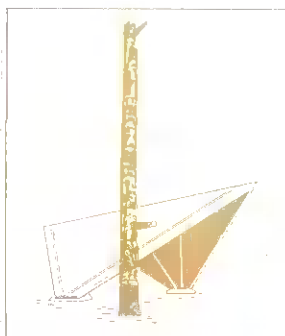






Bob Milks and members of the Public Relations Committee viewing material developed by the Service.

## The second in a series on National Headquarters' Services



BY CARLO PRINSKY

Relationships and Information Services occupies four offices and a couple of storerooms strung out along one side of a long corridor on the upper floor of the National Headquarters building. The storerooms are piled with plastic alphabet letters, display boards, boxes of slides and cans of film, outdated books on Scouting waiting to be shipped overseas.

The desks are stacked with letters from church groups, from the Boy Scouts of America, from Scouts in Africa, Europe and Australia, from the World Bureau in Geneva, from places like Inuvik and Aklavik in Canada's North. All of these things are part of the job of Relationships and Information Services — the job of telling Canada and the world what Canadian Scouting is all about.

There are really two parts to the job of looking after relationships between Scouting and the public. One part is to explain Scouting and what it stands for to the general public through posters, films, TV and radio promotions. This is the Information half of the service — the Relationships section has to do with maintaining liaison at the national level between Scouting and groups that have some connection with the Movement. Most of this part of the job is liaison work with groups that act as sponsors for Scout groups — churches, service clubs, school organizations, groups of citizens, with churches making up the largest segment of sponsors.

Bert Mortlock, the Director of the service (a 25-year

veteran at NHQ and a former editor of **The Scout Leader**), meets frequently with representatives from the churches, who all get together for a National Church Relationships Conference once a year in early spring. A magazine, "Scouting in the Churches," is produced by Relationships semi-annually and distributed to over 10,000 clergymen and others across the country. The service also distributes about 1300 copies of a booklet "Scout Sermons" each year (much in demand from clergymen during Scout Week), which they produce in co-operation with the churches.

Relationships also has the responsibility for administering a yearly grant of \$5,000 from the Northwest Territories government to promote and encourage Scouting in the North. Almost 2,000 Scouts in remote sections of Canada's North are involved in the Arctic and Northern Scouting program — this includes the most northerly troop in Canada, the troop at Grise Fiord, some 700 miles above the Arctic Circle.

Last year the service organized the 1st Arctic and Northern Jamboree for Scouts from the northern regions and their counterparts from southern Canada. Camp chief for the jamboree was Major-General W.K. Carr, Commander of Training Command for Canadian Forces in Winnipeg, and the very active chairman of the Arctic and Northern Committee. It was such a success that plans are now afoot for the 2nd Arctic and Northern Jamboree.

Most of the Northern Scouts are Indian and Eskimo boys, and the program the service has set up for them is designed to encourage the boys to retain their ancient arts and handicrafts. A chart on the wall of one of the offices shows all the unique proficiency badges available to Arctic Scouts and Cubs — badges for such fascinating skills as igloo building, dog driving, lamp making, and fur trapping.

But the scope of activities of Relationships and Information Services is not limited to Canada only. In his job, the Director also maintains liaison with the more than 100 Scout associations in different countries around the world, as well as the World



Bureau in Geneva. And a large part of his correspondence deals with issuing tour permits to members of the Boy Scouts of America who want to visit Canada, and to Canadian Scouts who want to travel to the U.S. or Europe. Last year 6,426 members of the Boy Scouts of America, boys and leaders, visited every province in Canada with the exception of Newfoundland. The service also provides letters of introduction to Canadian Scouts and leaders visiting in other countries.

Another international aspect of Canadian Scouting is the hundreds of letters that come into the service every year from Canadian Scouts who want to correspond with their counterparts in other countries. Mr. W.R. Gold, a businessman recently retired from the Bell Telephone Company, acts as volunteer National Pen Pal Secretary, spending many hours every week at National Headquarters sifting through this correspondence.

Bob Milks, the Assistant Director of Relationships and Information Services, gets his share of letters from abroad too. About 20 letters a week come across his desk, mostly from Scouts in developing countries like Ghana, hungry for magazines and books on Scouting that just aren't produced in their own countries. Bob and his secretary keep a supply of out-of-date Scouting handbooks and extra Scout magazines on hand to ship out in answer to such requests.

But the big part of Bob Milks' job is producing the material that shows the face of Canadian Scouting to the general public. A major project is to produce promotional material for you and your local organization to use during Boy Scout Week. Next year it will be called Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week, and the service is now involved in meetings with Girl Guide personnel to make plans for that big event.

The service turns out a steady stream of material on Scouting for use during the rest of the year as well — posters, bus cards, promotional slides that

**Letters, he gets letters! National Pen Pal Secretary W. R. Gold and Director Bert Mortlock**



can be used on television, scripts for radio spots, press releases on national events such as the annual investiture at Government House.

"Part of the problem in producing this material," says Bob, "is to decide whether it's supposed to be appealing to boys or adults or both. We've got to define our audience first, then tailor the approach to appeal to them." The Scouting Is Challenge poster that appeared this spring is an example — "We've designed this for a dual audience," he says. "It tells boys, through the pictures and the caption, about the four different programs in Scouting, that there are lots of exciting activities for them in Scouting, and it tells adults that the Scouting program has changed, that we can use them in the new program too."

The service produces movies on Scouting too. It has produced movies on jamborees and other special events, and for the past few months, the staff has been working on a 10-minute movie on sponsorship. When it's finished, it will be distributed to councils across Canada for showing to groups who are considering sponsoring a Scout group. Bob Milks wrote the script for the film on sponsorship, but generally the service acts as co-ordinators for outside agencies who are hired to do the work — photographers, film studios, commercial artists, even professional actors sometimes, although the service prefers to use real Scouts and group committees and sponsors when possible. Scouts who appear in films or TV promotions have to be paid for their work — the radio and television artists' union insists on it.

All in all, the activities of Relationships and Information Services cover a lot of territory — from film studios in Ottawa and Toronto to Grise Fiord in the Arctic, from Boy Scouts of America headquarters in New Jersey to the World Bureau in Geneva, to the Ghana Scout writing a letter in Accra. But it all adds up to just one important task — keeping Canadian Scouting in touch with its counterparts around the world, and with other Canadians here at home.

**Mrs. Dorothy Romhild of Relationships preparing a display of badges for a Scouter's Conference.**





# the notice board

## 1969 TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE

120 boys will swap letters, arrange tours, buy tickets, meet and live with a new found friend as a result of the Travel and Exchange Program this summer. This program is conducted by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of Canada through a grant from the Citizenship Branch of the federal government. The program is based on travel and exchange of individuals between provinces with the intent that participants will learn, through involvement, about Canada and Canadians. The program is for boys fourteen to eighteen years. Pick up full details and applications for your Scouts, Venturers or Rovers from your local council.

## NICHOLSON TROPHY WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 1968

*The National Special Events Committee has announced that the 1968 competition for the Nicholson Wild Life Photography Trophy has been declared "no contest." Of the five entries received, four did not comply with the conditions of the competition and the fifth was of very poor quality. A sub-committee has been formed by the parent body to review the requirements of the competition and to look into the matter of the promotion of the contest in 1969.*

## 3RD CARIBBEAN JAMBOREE

AUGUST 13-22, 1969

Guyana, an Amerindian word meaning "Land of Waters," will be the scene of scoutcraft activities, swimming, visits to places of interest, skill-o-ramas, and campfires, August 13-22. The Boy Scout Association of Guyana is celebrating its 60th anniversary by hosting the 3rd Caribbean Jamboree, which will be held in Queen Elizabeth Park, located in the north of Georgetown, the capital of Guyana. Forty-eight Scouts and Venturers and six Scouters will comprise the Canadian contingent. Travel will be by commercial air carrier and the contingent will be hosted after the Jamboree. This could be the chance of a lifetime—check with your local council for details and applications.

*If you think  
leadership is easy,  
try standing on a fence with  
one ear to the ground.*

## LITTERCHASE

This activity provides real community service in the guise of fun-filled activity for those who participate. Simply defined, a litterchase is an event where teams compete to gather the most litter in a specified period of time.

This project was brought to our attention by the "Keep Canada Beautiful Council," which is underwriting the costs of producing kits that explain how to plan, organize and operate a successful litterchase. The National Public Relations Committee strongly endorses this project—they feel that it can be of great benefit to Scouting in terms of its public image.

Check with your council about holding a litterchase this spring. Girl Guides of Canada have also undertaken to promote the litterchase to their membership. Councils are urged to co-operate with local Guide officials when organizing a litterchase.

## JAMBOREE, JULY 16-22, 1969

Farragut State Park, Idaho, the site of the 12th World Jamboree in 1968, will again echo to the sound of Scouting July 16-22, 1969 when 40,000 Scouts and Explorers participate in the 7th National Boy Scouts of America Jamboree to be held in that spectacular 5,000 acre campsite.

The Canadian contingent will consist of eleven troops of Scouts and Venturers. Get full details for your boys from your local council and plan to be there!



Challenge 'Em To...

# the campfire

The campfire circle is the place for memories and dreams. It is the place to recall past camps, old friends and good times. Probably the most memorable part of a boy's camping experience is the roaring fire at the end of the day with the songs, games and stories.

Good campfires don't just happen. On a rare occasion, when all the elements are right, an impromptu campfire will be successful, but in general, it must be well planned. The many component parts, from the actual laying of the fire, through the balanced program, to the dousing of the embers, must all be considered.

Good fires come only with experience, knowledge and planning.

*Did you ever watch the campfire  
When the wood has fallen low,  
And the ashes start to whiten  
Round the embers' crimson glow?*

*Tell me, were you ever nearer  
To the land of heart's desire,  
Than when you sat there thinking  
With your face turned towards the fire?*



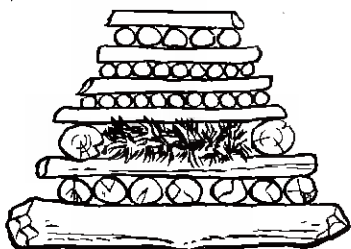
## THE FIRE

Although there is something rather spectacular about a member of the camp staff running in at the last moment to douse a sputtering fire with stove oil, the combination of black smoke and singed eyebrows somehow does not compensate for the end result. And what campfire chief can then intone, with a straight face, "Who hath smelt woodsmoke at twilight?" — with the smell of oil in every nostril.

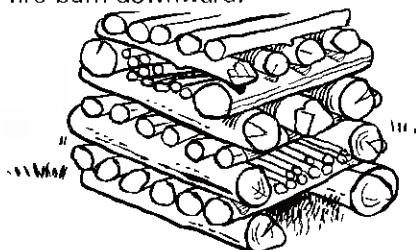
The focal point of the campfire is the fire itself and many well-planned programs have been spoiled because the fire was a failure.

The fire should light quickly, burn brightly and last long. It should be laid early in the day with good tinder, kindlings and fuel and then covered with plastic or other waterproof material to protect it from the evening dew.

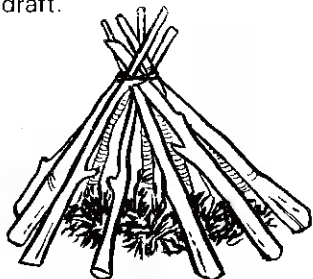
There are three types of fires very popular in camps in this country: the Pyramid, the Log Cabin and the Teepee.



The Pyramid starts with a bottom layer of six-inch logs, three feet long. As the layers are added, the logs become smaller and shorter. The centre is filled with tinder and kindlings and the fire can be lit on a small platform of sticks near the top. As this fire burns, the coals fall into the middle, helping the fire burn downward.



The Log Cabin is built in conventional log cabin style and laid on two large logs that serve as the foundation. The space between the build-up of logs is filled with kindling. Without this fill the fire would burn too quickly. The opening at the bottom allows a good draft.



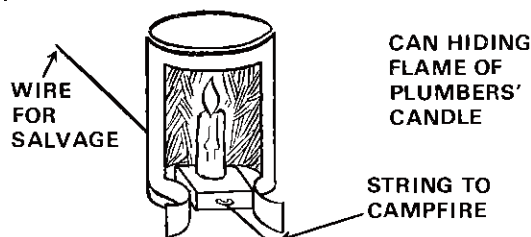
The Teepee fire has the wood stacked on end, with the tops meeting like an Indian teepee. The other ends can be stuck in the ground or held in place by rocks. A piece of wire tied around the top helps keep the sticks together. The centre is filled with kindlings and tinder. This fire is lit from the bottom.

An experienced campfire builder can provide a fire that will last as long as the campfire chief requires and will always have a good supply of dry wood, well covered, just in case.

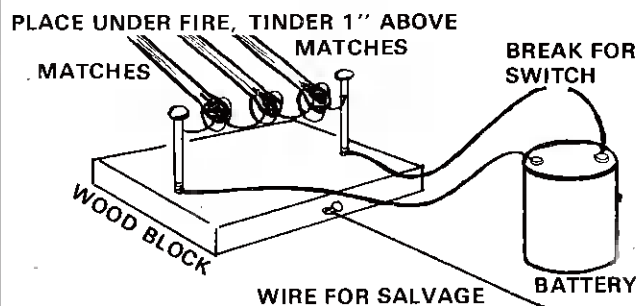
The fire builder should be aware of all safety and fire regulations and be responsible for seeing that the fire is fully extinguished at the end of the program. The water should not hit the fire until all the campers have left the campfire area.

## Fire Lighting

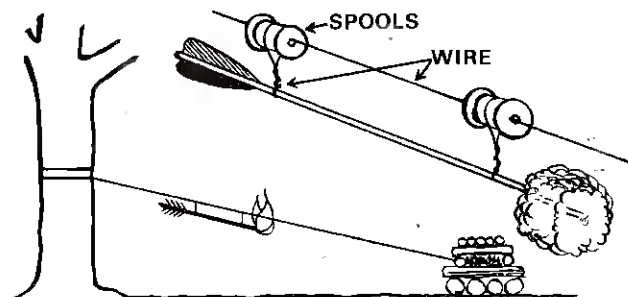
The lighting of the fire can be handled in many ways. Either by the use of a plain, ordinary match or a lighted torch or in a more novel and exciting way. Why not try the following at a future campfire?



**The Candle Method** - Light candle (inside campfire) just before starting. String pulls it into tinder. A plumber's candle is recommended. Attach a wire to the bottom of the tin can shield and you can remove it from the fire for future use.



**The Hot Shot Method** - The drawing shows how to rig up this electrical layout. Use resistance or element wire for the spiral that ignites your matches, or you may prefer very thin copper or picture wire instead. Experiment a bit before using. Attach a wire to the wooden block and pull it away from the fire.



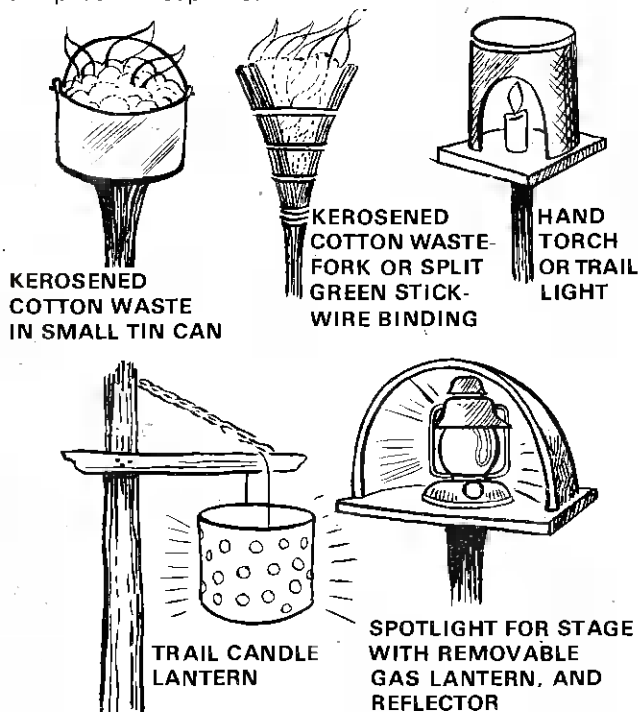
**The Flaming Arrow Method** - Attention is called to an Indian archer some distance from the council fire. Assisted by a fire lighter, the tip of his arrow is ignited, and he shoots this flaming arrow straight into the heart of the campfire, which immediately starts to burn. The illustration shows the details of this method. Drive your stake a little beyond the



heart of the fire, as it is being laid. From this stake run a thin black wire tightly to a nearby tree. The angle is practically level and the wire is chest high to the archer. When the archer's helper lights the mass of cloth tinder on the head of an arrow, the archer gives it just enough impulse to drive it well into the fire. Make sure that the arrow cannot drive right through the fire and thus put the tinder out or hit a camper. Cut the wire as soon as the fire is started.

### Illumination

You will frequently need light for a stage area for skits or torches to light the campers to and from the campfire area. Flashlights can be used, but many camps prefer a variety of rustic torches to provide light. If all safety factors are taken into account, the torches shown below can add much to the campfire atmosphere:



### Seating and Comfort

Comfort at the campfire cannot be overlooked. Campfires normally last a fair length of time and a participant poorly seated or cold cannot fully enjoy the experience.

A 2" x 6" board raised off the ground on logs will provide good seating accommodation as will large logs or benches. Keep the seats as close to the fire as safely possible, not only for warmth but because a close group is easier to handle and get involved in songs, games and yells.

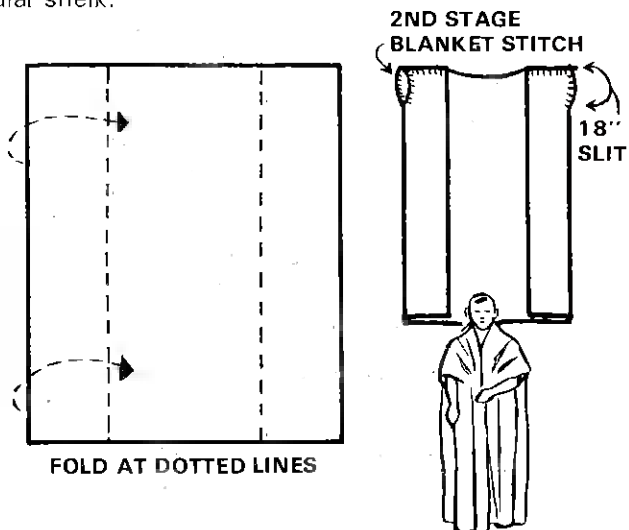
The fire generally keeps the front warm, but the back should be protected against the cold and dampness. The campfire robe has become more familiar each year and does the job well. It can also serve to display the crests of the avid collector and makes a colourful addition to the campfire scene. With a minor adjustment, an ordinary blanket can serve as a campfire robe, but because of evening dampness should not be used later on the camper's bed.

There are different forms and designs that can be created for campfire robes. Here are four easily made and popular types:

### Abaiah (Arabian)

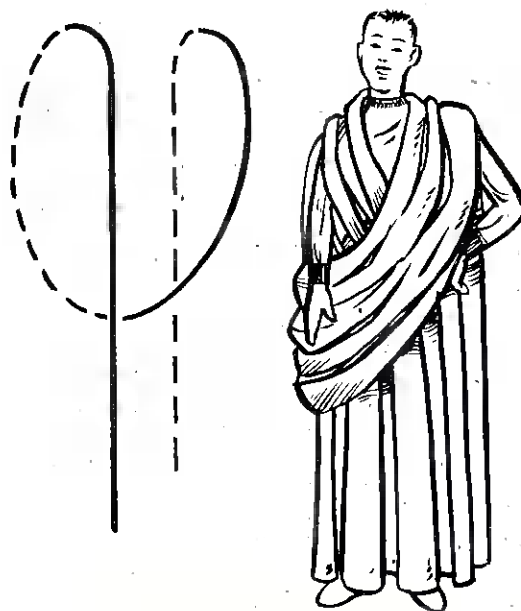
Lay out your blanket lengthwise, and fold each end over about two feet, leaving a space of single blanket in the centre for the neck. Oversew or blanket-stitch the edges together along the top (ask for female advice here), then cut down the fold about eighteen inches from the top on each side to make the armholes. Sew over the edges to prevent fraying.

Slip your arms through these holes, and there you have an Arabian garment. Measurements may be adjusted to suit the size of the boy. Put a scarf on your head with a headband and you'll be a regular sheik.



### Toga (Roman)

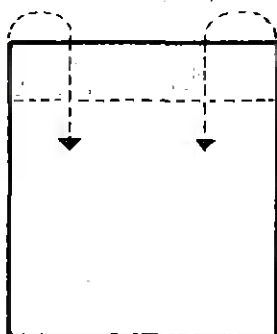
Holding your blanket across your back, arms outstretched, ends of the blanket held in either hand, bring the right hand and blanket over your shoulder. The left hand takes the blanket under the left arm and flings it across the chest and over the right shoulder, just like the villain in a play. Drop your right arm, make yourself a chaplet and you'll be a Roman emperor.



### Capote (Indian)

Fold your blanket over two feet from the top, and hold it over your back, cloakwise, the flap forming a kind of collar. Put the single fold of the blanket on each side to and around you and tie a girdle of some kind around the waist. The double fold of the blanket naturally falls across the shoulders and completes this picturesque Indian garment.

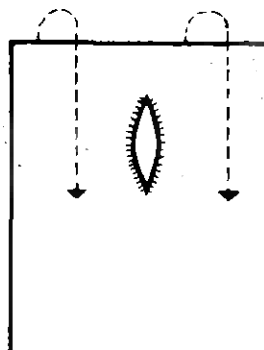
The depth of the fold is adjusted to the height of the boy so that the length, about six inches from the centre cut of the blanket, is, when folded, equivalent to the boy's height.



### Poncho (Mexican)

Lay out your blanket and make a slit about a foot long, oversewing the raw edges. Slip your head through, short length in front. It may be worn loose or it may be brought from the back and the edges of the long length held together in front to keep warm. This is an adaptation of a Mexican garment.

Try these soon. It's good fun, romantic and useful and you'll be warmer around the fire. The Abaiah makes a dandy dressing gown for home use, too.



### A Typical Campfire Program

The campfire program will vary with the camp, pack or troop and its traditions. However, the following is a typical program and could be followed by those planning their first fire.

#### Program

Opening Ceremony  
Lively song  
Yell  
Welcome to guests  
  
Song  
Skit  
Yell  
Song - Action  
Skit  
Song - Round  
Campfire Chief's Message  
Closing song  
Closing Ceremony

#### Description

Flaming Arrow  
Chester Have You Heard  
Firecracker  
A log on fire for each  
new guest or camper  
Grand Old Duke  
Vindo-Viper  
Raspberry  
Peter Rabbit  
Shadow Show  
All Things Shall Perish  
Inspirational  
Softly Falls the Light of Day  
Taps

#### In Charge

Campfire Chief  
W.A.S.  
L.A.P.  
Firelighter  
  
E.M.  
Patrol  
L.A.P.  
W.A.S.  
Patrol  
B.W.G.  
C.C.  
C.C.  
C.C.

This is naturally an abbreviated program — a normal one would have more songs, skits and yells. However, it is enough to show that the program starts out on a lively note with action songs, yells and stunts, and as the evening progresses the tempo slows down until at closing time the campers are prepared for the Campfire Chief's short message and taps.

Singing is probably the main element in a successful campfire and the one way to be properly prepared for this part of the program is to develop your own songbook. There are many song books available, but a personal collection is most valuable. The songs can be arranged alphabetically, by subject or type in a loose leaf binder and used when planning your programs. Those Scouters who have kept the songs printed in **The Scout Leader** since January, 1967 should have a collection of over one

hundred. Your book can also be used to note new and favourite games, openings and closings, skits, stunts and stories.

You'll find songs and openings and closings for the campfire on our *Songs and Games* page this month — next month we'll devote the same page to stunts and skits for the campfire.

When planning your campfires don't be afraid to try new things — through experimentation you will become an experienced and confident leader. Make the most of every opportunity to give your boys *memory-making campfires*.

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| Boneless Pork Chops - 4 per can  | 3½              | 2                |              | 20.65      |             |
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| Green Peas                   | 4               | 6                |              | 21.15      |             |
| Corn Kernels                 | 4½              | 6                |              | 21.15      |             |
| Sliced Mushrooms             | 1¼              | 6                |              | 34.60      |             |

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| Green Beans              | 1¼              | 4                |              | 7.20       |             |
| Green Peas               | 3               | 4                |              | 7.20       |             |
| Corn Kernels             | 2¾              | 4                |              | 7.20       |             |

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| Chicken Salad, w/freeze-dried Chicken | 1¼              | 4                |              | 19.20      |             |

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| Scrambled Egg                    | 3               | 2                |              | 19.20      |             |
| Omelet, w/freeze-dried mushrooms | 2¾              | 2                |              | 19.20      |             |
| Omelet, w/freeze-dried ham       | 2¾              | 2                |              | 23.00      |             |

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|---|-----------------|------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Dehydrated Onion Slices                 | 3               | 4                |              | 5.30       |             |
| Instant Mashed Potatoes, w/cream & salt | 6¼              | 4                |              | 5.30       |             |
| Hashed Brown Potatoes, w/Onions         | 5               | 4                |              | 6.70       |             |
| Instant Apple Sauce, w/sugar            | 5               | 4                |              | 8.15       |             |

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| Beef Stew                    | 12              | 4                |              | 58.55      |             |
| Chili Con Carne, w/Beans     | 12½             | 4                |              | 56.65      |             |
| Noodles and Meat Sauce       | 12              | 4                |              | 56.65      |             |
| Chicken Stew                 | 11              | 4                |              | 56.65      |             |
| Chicken and Rice             | 12              | 4                |              | 56.65      |             |
| Potato and Beef Patties      | 10              | 4                |              | 56.65      |             |
| Ground Beef and Gravy        | 11              | 4                |              | 65.30      |             |

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| Beef Stew                  | 6               | 2                |              | 15.40      |             |
| Chili Con Carne, w/Beans   | 6¼              | 2                |              | 14.90      |             |
| Noodles and Meat Sauce     | 6               | 2                |              | 14.90      |             |
| Chicken Stew               | 5½              | 2                |              | 14.90      |             |
| Chicken and Rice           | 6               | 2                |              | 14.90      |             |
| Potato and Beef Patties    | 5               | 2                |              | 14.90      |             |
| Ground Beef and Gravy      | 5½              | 2                |              | 17.30      |             |

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| Chili Con Carne, w/Beans | 6¼              | 2                |              | 14.90      |             |
| Noodles and Meat Sauce   | 6               | 2                |              | 14.90      |             |
| Chicken Stew             | 5½              | 2                |              | 14.90      |             |
| Chicken and Rice         | 6               | 2                |              | 14.90      |             |
| Potato and Beef Patties  | 5               | 2                |              | 14.90      |             |
| Ground Beef and Gravy    | 5½              | 2                |              | 17.30      |             |

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| Cooked Diced Chicken         | 42              | 25               |              | 17.25      |             |
| Green Beans                  | 16              | 50               |              | 5.50       |             |
| Green Peas                   | 36              | 50               |              | 5.90       |             |
| Corn Kernels                 | 32              | 50               |              | 4.60       |             |
| Sliced Mushrooms             | 10              | 50               |              | 8.65       |             |
| Strawberries                 | 11              | 25               |              | 5.85       |             |

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Mark Twain's mother used to tell him: "People born to be hanged are safe in water." Today, we consider such proverbial sayings so trite that we feel embarrassed to utter them. "Nonetheless," as Norman Douglas warned in his memorable *South Wind*, "they embody the concentrated experience of the race, and the man who orders his life according to their teachings cannot go far wrong..."

If you and your loved ones want to have fun around the water this summer, consider first these two proverbs:

A fool is a man who is wise too late.

Good advice is beyond all price.

### Drownproofing can save your life

Drownproofing can keep you afloat for hours... even if you cannot swim a stroke today. Thousands have learned easily and it is great fun to float effortlessly and with confidence.

By using the natural buoyancy of your body and controlled breathing, you can learn to float this way after a little practice.

Drownproofing is not new. The late Fred Lanoue, head swimming coach at Georgia Tech, first taught this technique during World War II.

Today, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, and many colleges, have adopted this drownproofing technique.

### The things that drown people!

Many swimming instructors consider that drownproofing should be the first thing taught to anyone learning to swim. Learn to survive first! The things that drown people are hampering clothes, cramps, choppy waves, foam, and the distance from shore!

Cramps and most injuries are seldom dangerous to those taught drownproofing. By means of this technique, it is almost as easy to stay up with one arm as with both arms and both legs.

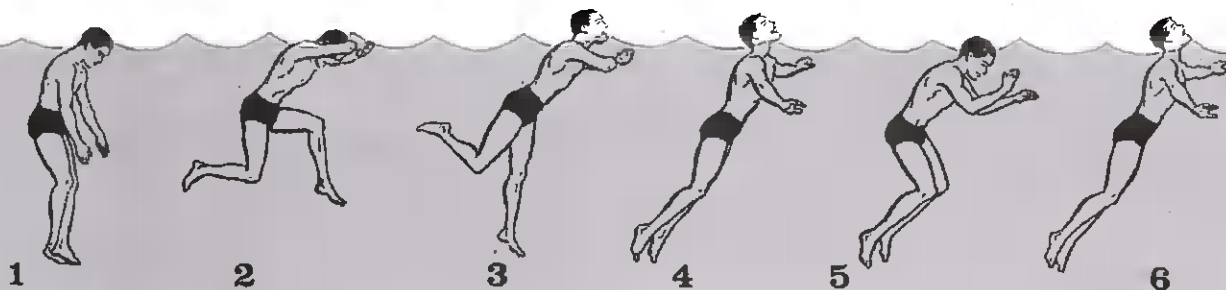
Fantastic proof of this was demonstrated in Atlanta several years ago by handicapped children. Nearly a thousand of these, only four to five years old, were taught to stay up an hour and swim a mile. They did this first with their ankles tied to their waists... then, second, with their wrists tied behind their backs! Both times with their clothes on!

### The story of drownproofing

In 1963, in his book, *Drownproofing — A New Technique in Water Safety*, Mr. Lanoue told how he hit upon this technique: "I first became interested in drownproofing as a boy near Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Although I was a thin and boney youngster, I was able to beat most other fellows out in sports. All sports, that is, except practical swimming. Why? Because I was a sinker. The strain of keeping my head above water was just too much.

"Then I discovered something. Namely, that it was a lot easier

# DROWNPROOFING can save



## DROWNPROOFING

1. Before you take a breath, be sure your mouth is empty. **SPURT OUT** any water between your compressed lips with your tongue... **DON'T BLOW IT OUT!** Now take a breath, drop down in the water and relax: with your arms and legs dangling, and your head tilted slightly forward. (Note: your wife will find she can relax better with her body nearly vertical. Your children will find your more stooped position easier).

2. When you want to breathe, put

your arms straight out in front. Spread your legs for a scissors kick... one forward and one back.

3. **PUSH!** Raise your head until it is nearly vertical, push down with your hands in a **KEYHOLE PATTERN**, and bring your feet together. Exhale, through your nose while you are surfacing.

4. When your chin is even with the surface, open your eyes, open your mouth, and inhale through your mouth.

5. Relax, settle down in the water again and rest. If you feel you are

settling a little too deeply, give a slight downward push with your hands. Rest until you want another breath. (Important: Rest until you feel like getting a breath... never until you must have a breath. This rest interval should never be less than 2 seconds... should become 6 after a few minutes, and should average 10 after an hour. Many people average 20 seconds after they are experienced at this technique.) After 5 or 6 tries, you will find, even if you are a non-swimmer, that you can stay up an hour with your clothes on and not be tired.



to simply swim underwater, coming up only to breathe. This method of propelling myself through the water was not fast, nor was it a thing of beauty to watch. But it accomplished one important thing — it got me there! Moreover, it got me where I wanted to go in the water without tiring me out....

Later during World War II, I could not help but think that if our fighting men had known drownproofing techniques, more of them would be alive. For, at the end of the first year of hostilities, the United States had lost more men by drowning than by bullets or any other single cause. Moreover, the strange thing was that many of those who had perished by drowning had been known to be good swimmers! This got me to thinking. Couldn't many hundreds of lives be saved in the future if young men had the benefit of a course in what, by then, I had come to call drownproofing? When I joined the physical education

staff of Georgia Tech, I got my chance. I began teaching my drownproofing technique..."

### Your body is naturally buoyant

The basis of drownproofing is the natural buoyancy of your body in water. If you keep your nose and mouth above water all the time it takes only sufficient effort to hold up a weight of 5 pounds (more, of course, if you are fully clothed). Yet, over a period of time, this constant effort to keep your head above water exhausts even strong men and they drown!

Lanoue's drownproofing solution to this problem was simple. Take a breath and let yourself drop down in the water to rest between breaths. Come up only to breathe. For, when you drop down in the water between breaths to rest, you have a naturally buoyant force pushing you up, not dragging you down. So the skill you need to learn is how to breathe properly close to the water... and its timing. After a few tries, even

children of 4 or 5 catch on.

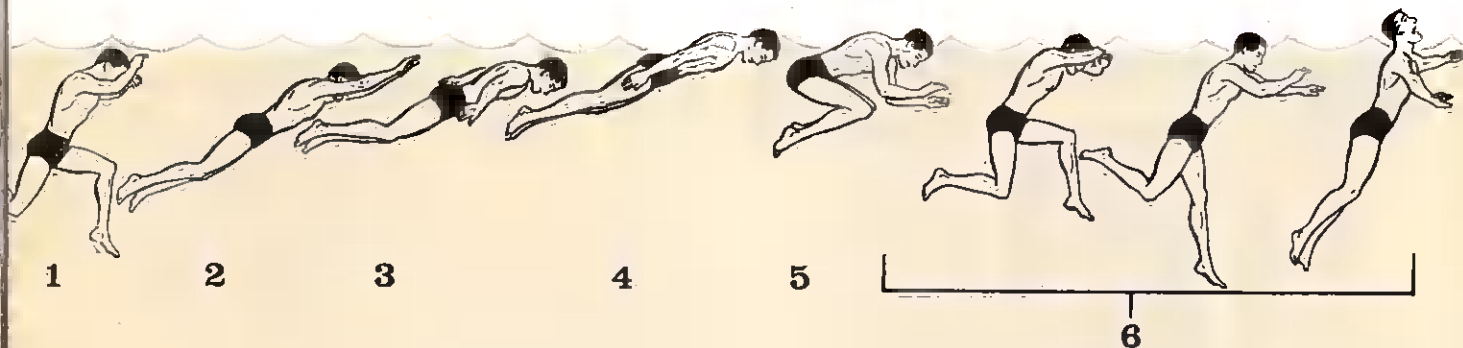
Once you teach yourself drownproofing, you can survive any water accident, even if you are in a weakened physical condition, unless you are pinned under water; dazed or knocked unconscious, injured so badly that both of your hands and both of your feet are useless; foam at the surface of the water is so dense that it suffocates you; or the water into which you are thrown is so paralyzingly cold that it wrecks your body's resistance!

TO SUM UP: Now that you know how to drownproof yourself, heed another ancient maxim... Practice makes perfect!

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# your life...or that of someone you love!

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### Combined DROWNPROOFING and TRAVEL STROKE

An emergency can leave you some distance from shore. By adding the travel stroke to the breathing/resting cycle you can move several miles without getting tired.

1. Proceed through the drownproofing "breathe" position.
2. As you settle into the "rest" position, lay your head for-

ward. Put hands out in front and make a large scissors kick.

3. Then start a long shallow sweep of your arms around and back until your palms touch your thighs.
4. Glide up to and along under the surface with your head horizontal. Keep your face down in the water.
5. When you want a breath, bring both knees up near your chest

and then move into the drownproofing "ready" position.

6. Proceed with the "push" and "breathe" steps before you go into the travel stroke again. Note: People who are "sinkers" — who cannot stay afloat with a full breath of air — will find this travel stroke method the easiest way to stay afloat.

# A Matter of Principle:

## Constitution and Bylaws for Venturers



Venturers are given the responsibility of drafting a constitution that will include those statements that will form a code of behaviour by which all Venturers in a company can live, operate and feel comfortable not only with each other, but with everyone they may meet in any walk of life.

Venturers are also given the responsibility of drafting a set of bylaws that will define for the members of a company how they organize their affairs and how they can get things done.

A responsibility is also given to the company advisor — to guide the members of the company through an exercise that can be extremely significant to all those participating and one that can give meaning and depth to the company life.

In any discussion of the Venturer constitution and bylaws, it is essential to review why a constitution and bylaws have such an important place in the formation and operation of a Venturer company. It is equally important to realize that undue emphasis can cause some problems, but more of that as we proceed.

The principles of Boy Scouts of Canada are: "That man must, to the best of his ability, Love and serve God;

Respect and act in accordance with the human dignity and rights of individuals.

Recognize the obligation on himself to develop his potential."

These principles are considered fundamental to all sections of Scouting in Canada and it is from them that the Venturer Promise is formed.

"I promise to develop myself so that I may better

: love and serve my God

: respect and help my fellow man

: honour and render service to my country."

One condition of membership in a Venturer company is the acceptance of this promise, but with acceptance must go understanding and a wise advisor will make an effort to provide the opportunity for this understanding to take place.

For a well established company or for one that is just being formed, the building of a constitution is a most significant way of providing an understanding of the Principles and Promise. It is a working tool that every advisor should use, as it provides a wonderful occasion for frank and honest dialogue between Venturers and advisors.

But placing undue emphasis on the constitution and bylaws can cause problems. Forcing a company into such an exercise is one error that can easily be made.

Experience has shown that most companies enjoy writing a constitution. Indeed, in the early days of Venturing before the value of a constitution was officially recognized, many companies felt the need for a constitution or charter of some kind, as a way of stating to the world that this is the way they felt they should act.

Some companies have the maturity to get to

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work on a constitution right away, but others may require more time, perhaps up to a year before they are able to put some words on paper. A wise advisor will keep the subject open, feeding information to the members from time to time until they are confident enough to make the move.

Another problem is how long the constitution should be. One company I know of spent months working on one. They consulted with a lawyer, visited service clubs, sat in court and visited a judge's chamber. They examined constitutions of as many businesses and organizations as they could find.

The result of almost a year's work for this seven man company was a number of fascinating experiences, visits and meetings with many different people and a twenty page constitution that said just what they wanted in excellent legal terminology.

For this group, the experience was meaningful and tremendously enriching, but it isn't everyone's thing. Another company may find that a half-page of guidelines hammered out in three hours is all that they want or need, and this exercise can be just as meaningful and enriching for this group.

The advisor must try to gauge the feelings and needs of the company, recognizing when to urge a little more effort and when to agree that for this group what they **have** accomplished is sufficient.

It would be a simple matter to print a sample constitution on these pages and suggest that all companies following its direction would have exactly what they need, but in doing so the main purpose would be lost, that of encouraging companies to think about what they should have in a constitution to serve **their** needs.

Having said that, however, it would seem as though some general suggestions are in order, as there a number of basic statements that should appear in any constitution:

- The name of the company would probably be the first item. Its Aim, Principles and Objectives as set out in the handbook would follow, together with a recognition of the authority of the Boy Scouts of Canada through the provincial, regional and district councils and the company sponsor.

- A statement of the requirements for membership that would include the Venturer Promise.

- The number of officers for the company and a brief comment on the duties the officers should perform.

- Some statement can be included on the procedures for raising funds, collecting dues, etc.

- A statement allowing the members to amend the constitution and to create bylaws.

- And perhaps a final word that all members will be given a copy of the constitution when they join the company and that it is to be accepted, respected and upheld.

The constitution is, then, as simple a document as the members wish it to be. It can be elaborated on, of course, if the Venturers choose, so

long as it remains meaningful to all concerned.

The bylaws need be no more complicated than the constitution, again unless the members wish to make them so:

- To start with, a brief acknowledgement of the authority of the constitution would be in order.

- A statement on meetings, which can be held regularly or at the call of the officers of the company.

- Some further detail on the duties of the officers can be included, together with the formation of any other committees the company may feel are necessary.

- And more details on money raising procedure can be included, if warranted.

- A statement on the method of conducting business at meetings might be considered together with a mention of order and decorum at those meetings.

- How and when officers of the company are elected should be considered.

- And the method of amending the company's bylaws is necessary.

There are probably many other points that can be included in both the constitution and the bylaws, and hopefully both will vary from one company to another as the needs of one company will be different from those of another.

Care should be taken that neither the constitution nor the bylaws are so rigidly structured that they prevent any member from developing his potential in as satisfying a manner as possible. For instance, standards of qualification for the Venturer Award or the Queen's Venturer Award, written into the constitution or bylaws, may be hard to change once established, and may disqualify a member who, because of some circumstances, doesn't quite measure up, so use caution in setting standards.

A half-dozen standing committees in a company of twenty Venturers may be fine, but can prove burdensome in a company of eight, and a constitution that requires the member who misses three meetings in a row to be dropped makes no allowance for a boy who is ill or has a heavy school or work load.

The Venturer Handbook and the Venturer Advisor's Supplement will help any company in its day-to-day operations, but it must be remembered that each is a guide book and should be adapted to suit local conditions and individual needs.

In writing a constitution and in setting up bylaws, it is vital that the end results are meaningful to all the members and are a product of their thoughts and actions and the guidance of an interested and informed advisor.

Update the bylaws and the constitution when necessary, review both once a year, explain the reasons for these documents to all new members, and because the members have been guided to design their own code of behaviour, their acceptance of it will be a matter of principle, acknowledgement a matter of loyalty, and upholding it a matter of honour.



# National Sailing Regatta

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When sailing teams take to the water for the National Boy Scout Sailing Regatta in Valois Bay, Quebec, August 24-29, they will all be using aluminum dinghies, the first time that a regatta has been held in which all the boats competing will be aluminum craft. Hosted by the Provincial Scout Council of Quebec, the regatta will take place off the Scout sailing base "Venture" at Pointe Claire (a suburb of Montreal). Invitations have been issued to each provincial Scout council to send two crews of two Scouts each to compete. Teams from the United Kingdom, the United States and other countries have been invited as well.

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# Songs For The Campfire Hour



Our program center this month is on campfire programs, so we are devoting our songs and games section to songs and openings and closings for the campfire hour at the end of the day. Songs are in their usual column on the inner edge of the page, campfire openings and closings on the outer column. Next month we devote these two pages to games, stunts and skits for campfire programs■

## O, CHESTER!

(Tune: Yankee Doodle)

O' Chester, did you 'ear about Harry?  
He chest got back from the army.  
I 'ear he knows how to wear a rose,  
Hip! Hip! Hooray for the army!

First line — Strike chest, touch ears, pat head.

Second line — Repeat above actions; strike chest and back, then arms.

Third line — Touch ears, nose, lapel.

Fourth line — Strike hip twice, throw arms up in air, then fold arms

Sing through once without action. Repeat four times, acting out an additional line each time.

## I WISH I WAS

(Tune: I was born about ten thousand years ago)

I wish I was a little cake of soap,  
I wish I was a little cake of soap,  
Oh I'd slippy and I'd slidey,  
Over everybody's hidey,  
Oh I wish I was a little cake of soap.

I wish I was a little hunk of mud,  
Oh I'd ooey and I'd gooey,  
Under everybody's shoey.

I wish I was a little mosquito,  
Oh I'd nippy and I'd bitey,  
Under everybody's nightey.

I wish I was a little onion,  
Oh I'd burpy and I'd yelly,  
Inside everybody's belly.

I wish I was a little morning dove,  
Oh I'd fly upon the steeple,  
And I'd laugh at all the people.

## OPENINGS

Who hath smelt wood smoke at twilight?  
Who hath heard the birch log burning?  
Who is quick to read the noises  
of the night?  
Let him follow with the others,  
For the young men's feet are turning  
To the camps of proven desire  
and known delight.

- Rudyard Kipling

Cold night weighs down the forest bough,  
Strange shapes go flitting through the gloom;  
But see — a spark, a flame, and now  
The wilderness is home!

-Edwin L. Sabin

## The Fire Maker's Desire:

As fuel is brought to the fire,  
So I purpose to bring  
My strength  
My ambition  
My heart's desire  
My joy  
And my sorrow  
To the fire  
Of humankind.  
For I will tend  
As my father's fathers  
Since time began  
The fire that is called  
The love of man for man  
The love of man for God.

- John Collier

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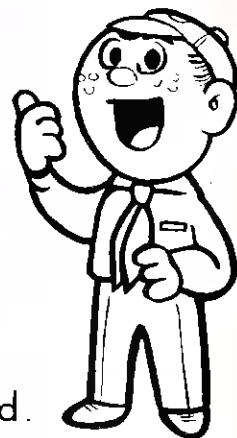
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Land of the silver birch,  
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Where still the mighty moose  
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### REFRAIN:

Blue lake and rocky shore,  
I will return once more,  
Boom diddi-eye-di  
Boom diddi-eye-di  
Boom diddi-eye-di, Boom!

My heart is sick for you  
Here in the lowlands,  
I will return to you  
Hills of the north.

There where the blue lake lies,  
I'll set my wigwam,  
Close to the water's edge,  
Silent and still.

## With the Scent of Woodsmoke

(Tune: Lilli Marlene)

With the scent of woodsmoke  
drifting on the air,  
And the glow of firelight  
we always love to share,  
Visions of campfires all return,  
And as the logs flame up and burn,  
We dream of bygone campfires  
and long for those to come.

Gently dying embers cast a rosy glow,  
Voices slowly sinking to tones  
so soft and low,  
Slowly upon the still night air,  
Fall faithful voices hushed in prayer,  
That dream of bygone campfires  
and long for those to come.

## CLOSINGS

For an impressive campfire closing, campers  
can sing Taps while the Campfire Chief does  
symbolic gestures:

Day is done (stands motionless)  
Gone the sun (point skyward)  
From the lake  
(extends both arms toward earth)  
From the hills  
(moves both arms, fully extended,  
toward the hills)  
From the sky  
(moves both arms toward the sky)  
All is well, Safely rest (lowers arms slowly)  
God is nigh. (bows head)

Around the fire's glow the silent night  
Pressed close and closer to the dying flame,  
And in the narrowing circle of its light  
Closer and closer to its heart we came.

Wood and water, wind and tree,  
Wisdom, strength and courtesy,  
Scouting favour go with thee.

## SOFTLY FALLS THE LIGHT OF DAY

(Tune: O Tannenbaum)

Softly falls the light of day  
As our campfire fades away.  
Silently each Scout should ask  
Have I done my daily task?  
Have I kept my honour bright?  
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?  
Have I done and have I dared  
Everything, to be prepared?



# NAROCO '69

## FIRST NATIONAL ROVER CONFERENCE



NAROCO '69, the First National Rover Conference, will be held at York University campus, a new school complex in the northern part of metropolitan Toronto, from August 26th to 29th, 1969. Registration fees for four days and three nights is \$35.00. Accommodations will include use of the university's recreation facilities, swimming pool, gym, games and music rooms.

Some information on the conference has already been mailed to local councils across the country — registration and application forms for Rover Scouts and Leaders, and more details on the conference will be available soon.

Immediately following the conference, the Ontario Provincial Rover Moot is being held in Milton, Ontario just outside Toronto.

For more information, write to:  
First National Rover Conference,  
1162 Bay Street,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.



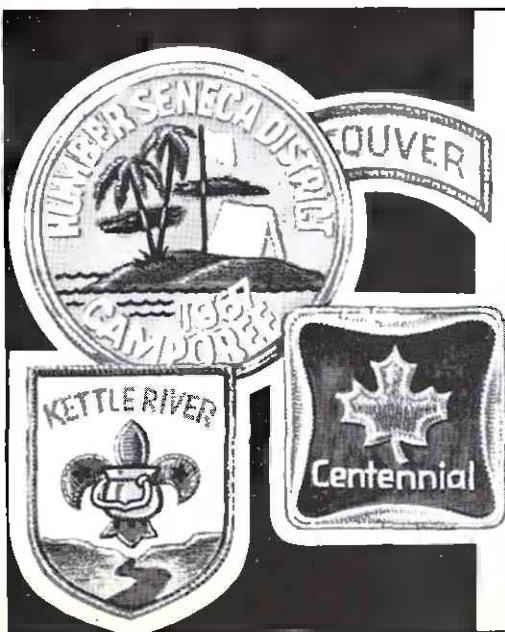
### Other Rover events this summer:

-2nd annual Ontario Rover 500 Car Rally, May 10-11. For full details, write Wilf Hilton, Boy Scouts of Canada, 9 Jackes Avenue, Toronto 7, Ontario.

-3rd Ontario Rover Conference, York University Campus, Toronto, May 17-19, Registration - \$20.00.

-B.C. Provincial Rover Aquamoot, Sept. 5 to 7, Wah Leach (Jones) Lake near Hope, B.C. Registration fee - \$2.98. For more information write to: Moot Committee, P.O. Box 3963, Station "D", Vancouver, B.C.

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