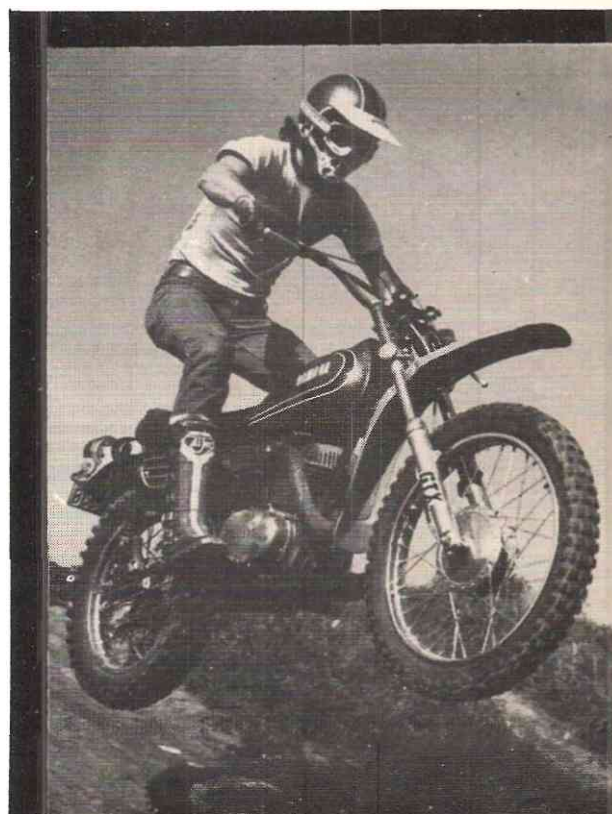


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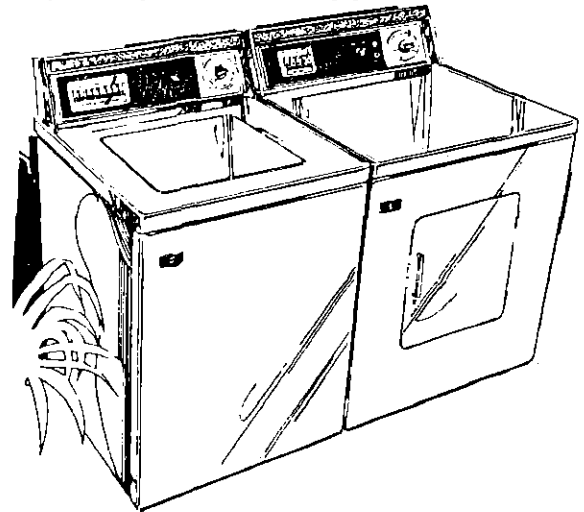
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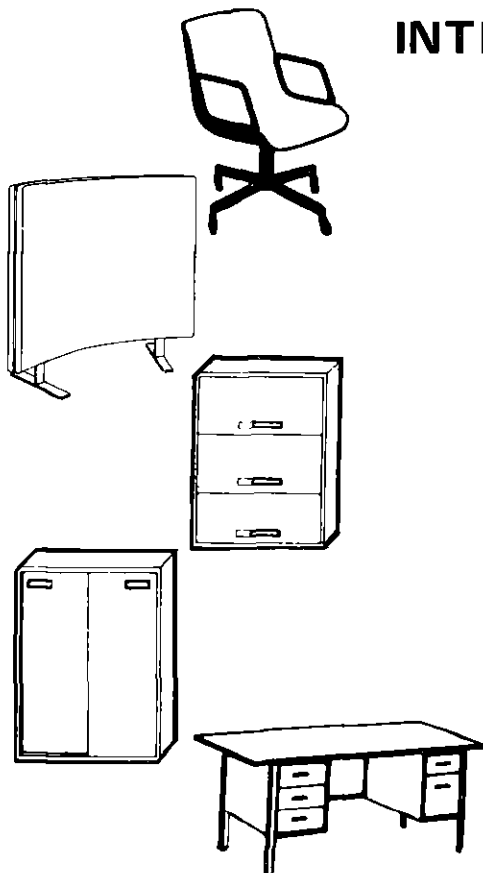
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Dear Rovers:

As you receive our August edition of the Newsletter, you will probably be getting set for another year of Rovering. To start things off we've highlighted this edition with articles on Co-ed Rovering.

If there is anything said which you don't agree with or which you whole heartedly support, please write in and we'll print your opinions in the October issue.

Of course, with September comes Registration. Please don't put it off! It takes Rover Roundtable Executive and District Service Teams hundreds of wasted hours every year trying to squeeze a few pennies worth of registration fees. For all the fun and facilities of our Worldwide Movement, a thousand dollars couldn't buy it anywhere else.

Enjoy this issue and I'm looking forward to your letters and comments.

Yours in Rovering,

A.J.

A.J. (Tony) Wallbank
Editor



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LETTERS



Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to pass along a few of my views on car camping at Rover Moots. I am a Rover from B.C. and have been travelling in Eastern Canada for the summer. While I was there I attended the Ontario Provincial Rover-Ranger Moot in Brockville and the Wee Moot in Glasgow Kentucky. At both moots vehicles were allowed in to the camping areas and I found that most people who brought their vehicles into the camping areas lived in them for the duration of the Moots. I go to a Moot to go camping- in a tent- the way Rovers should go camping. If you want to go car camping go to a Provincial Park or somewhere else and if you can't stand camping in a tent then why are you Rovers. To me that's a big part of Rovering.

When I was at the Ontario Moot I didn't appreciate eating my dinner in a cloud of dust as cars roared up and down the dirt roads beside my campsite. I also like to go to sleep when I go to bed after a day of activities, not be there listening to 8 car stereos cranked up high and all playing different songs. I don't go to a Moot to listen to stereos, I can do that at home. I go to Moots to get away from that for a weekend. If you want to listen to your stereo stay home. Come to a Moot and make your own music instead.

Carl Johansen
18th Skookum Rover Crew (Vancouver)

The following open letter has been written by a Group of Rovers in the Ontario Rover Round Table.

They would appreciate it appearing in your local Council Bulletin in the hope that it will initiate some concern and enthusiasm for our olde section.

Any feedback on it that you receive, can be forwarded to:

Robert Engel
300 Richmond Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 1X2

Thank you for your co-operation.

Dear Fellow Scouters:

I take the liberty of writing in the plural form because I would like to speak on behalf of a group. The group, which might come to some of you as a surprise, is still part of our Movement and is called Rovers.

We are the people who wear a red beret, red epaulets and who have been dwindling over the years. As a matter of fact, in some parts of the world, we have been discontinued. Some people voice the opinion that the same should happen in Canada. If it has to happen, then let's do it quickly, however, it is immoral to neglect us until we die a slow death. We deserve your support because the young men and women and their Advisors are committed to the same Promise and Law as you are and we believe, as you, in service to our community and society at large. Just because we can look after most of our own needs, doesn't mean we never need help!

Where this lack of attention or communication really occurs is at the District or Area level. This open letter is directed to the District or Area Commissioner and his staff as well as Group Committee people.

A group of concerned people involved in Rovering for many years have taken a sampling and have made the astonishing discovery that over 40% of all Rovers are active Section Leaders in their community and practically every active Rover has acted as a resource person at one time or another in their District, Areas or Groups.

Fellow Scouters Con't

It was also found that where a Rover Crew was accepted in an area as a responsible adult group, they became a major support to the District organization and provided incomparable service at Camporees, Cuborees and what not.

We also found out, which was probably the most amazing, that there was a high ratio of successful leaders and Group Committee people who have been Rovers in their youth.

To sum this up, we came to the conclusion that Rovers should be a viable section and should be promoted extensively, because it is the major link we have from the boys' section to the adult leadership core.

So, Mister Area Commissioner, Group Chairman or District President, if you don't believe us, you take a survey among your Leaders and Group Committee people and your Rover Crews. If you have any, if our findings are not correct, we'll eat our thumbsticks!

If your Rover Crew is not involved in the larger Scouting community, shame on you!

If you have Venturers, then invite a Rover or someone familiar with today's Rovering visit the Company and explain Rovering. By informing the Venturers of Rovering when they are younger, they'll have something to look forward to as they get near the 17th year. Don't be afraid of Rovering stealing boys, we are in this Movement together.

Rovering can meet important needs of young men and women, but only if the program is supported by confident and enthusiastic adults. Now is the time to show your colours.

Yours in Scouting, J.C. Boy
Ontario Rover Roundtable

ROVER C.B. OPERATORS

<u>Area</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Handle</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Monitor</u>
Elmira	1st Elmira	Amigo	XM455859	10
Kitchener	9th Kitchener	Knobby	XM456816	9
Kitchener	9th Kitchener	King Arthur	XM459581	10
Mississauga	4th Malton	Mad Parrot	XM4218613	10
Mississauga	4th Malton	Rover Skip	XM4241647	10
London	-----	Big Bert	XM4413914	10
Oakville	-----	Blue Jackael	XM438384	10
Oakville	-----	Trapper John	XM4312717	10
-----	-----	Pathfinder	XM438804	10
Scarborough	3rd Scarborough	Natural Gas	XM4232610	10
-----	7th Downsview	Master Frisbee	XM4227149	10
Whitby	-----	Disc Jockey	XM4215890	10
Brockville	16th Brockville	Scoutman	XM48-106	10
Kingston	10th Kingston	Beaver Retriever	XM48-7380	10
Drumbo	Peacehaven	Rover	XM	10
	Camp Ranger			

For all you C.B. Buffs here is an updated list of Rover C.B. operators. How about the rest of you bucketmouths out there, send your handle - area - group - No's - and channel you monitor into "Rovering" so we can keep this list growing.

Remember to put out a call to the rolling round table when passing through the above areas, and ratchet jow with all your Rover C.B. buddies an that's a big 10-4.

73's and 88's
King Arthur

Dear Editor:

I have just finished the April edition of the news and thought I would write you and let you know how I feel about Rovering at the present.

I am an old Rover having 10 years of Service and have seen booming times and down times. Recently, within the past 3 years, Rovering has seen a decline in interest and activity. However, I now see a rise in enthusiasm in the general overall programme. It was once said that a crew goes through a 7 year cycle which reaches a peak in the 6th year and then seems to slip off. This is due to the old members leaving the crew for age or other commitments such as family or job reasons. The newer members are left holding the "bag" as it were and the crew seems to fall into a state of limbo. However, this need not be the case. You see, this trend seems to hold true if the crew does not recruit new blood on a yearly basis. Things go so well and a cliché forms of members with the same background and interests. Since everything is so comfortable, nobody really foresees any problems in the future and things are left the way they are. When the old members leave, there are only a few stalwarts left to carry on. It is then up to these few to recruit new members and pick the momentum which is hard to do because a new recruits look at a "dead" crew and say "Why should I join a crew that doesn't do anything". To give you a rough example of what the effect of this pattern is, I took a quick count of the numbers of crews that have folded in the Hamilton District over the past 7 years and found that there were 9 crews that have dissipated. By contrast, there have been 3 new crews started up that are not the same charters as those which folded. This again is an example of the rise of enthusiasm I mentioned at the start of this letter.

Speaking as an old Rover who has been around for a while, the only advice I can offer to the other crews who find themselves in the same situation is to take a close look at their programme, constitution, and re-evaluate your recruiting policies. Don't let the old members go without a contribution and don't let the new recruits be excluded from cliché-type activities.

Personally speaking, our crew, the 37th Hamilton Sea Rovers, has been through this experience and luckily we saw the problem before it brought an end to a crew with a tradition and certain amount of pride.

Good Luck Rovers!!

Duncan Young
37th Hamilton Sea Rovers.



Rovering...

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

2-5
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Rovertown Moot - Orangeville
G.A.R.R.T. Dinner & Dance

October

Sept. 30/Oct. 1-2
28-30

Scarecrow Moot - Burlington
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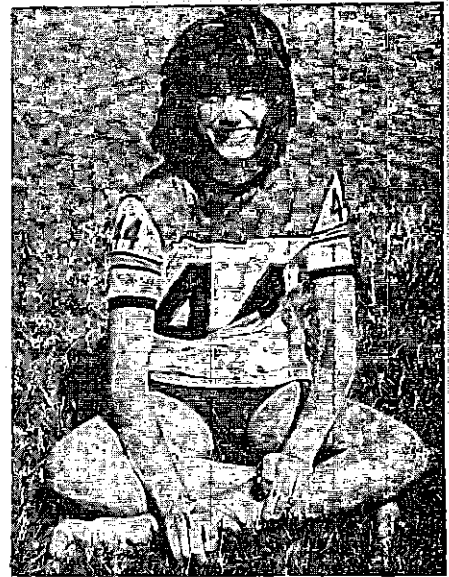


by mark

Joanne Wilson



MOOT MISSES



Brown hair, brown eyes, 15 yrs. old is the basic description of Joanne Wilson. If you are a good friend you can call her Jo. She is in her 1st year with the 10th Mississauga Rangers. She plays guitar and likes rock music with ex-Beatle Paul McCartney and Wings 1st on her list of favourites. Jo probably enjoys swimming in blue water, because that is her favourite colour(would you want to swim in anything else).

Mother nature's spiders and bugs are a definite no - no, but a dandelion is a yes. She enjoys cooking and her favorite dish is spaghetti. Jo wants to be a gym teacher, a subject she enjoys in school, she excels in English, but dislikes it.

She expects to have fun in Rangers and to learn about people. The lucky dream man is none other than Paul Michael Glaser(Starsky).





Rovering

The Co-ed Rover concept has been in existence for eight years now since the National Rover Conference in 1969 and with it has been one of the most contraversial eras of this Rovering generation. At 21 years old I was surrounded by flower power children, LSD, school riots and of cours "Burn the Bra". Luckily for my friends and I we were fortunate enough to always be in the wrong place at the wrong time and missed most of this action. (with the exception of course being Equal Rights for Women).

Freedom of rights for women hit Rovering in Canada with a bang. Anyone who opposed Co-Ed Rovering was "prejudice" against equal rights for all. Prejudice was the pet word at many ORRT meetings and although male Rovers were constantly assured that they could have their own male crews, they were also told that they could not refuse Co-ed crews at any activities outside their crews. Rovers were constantly "bugged" by their "Co-ed Brothers" about "their rights" to have separate campsites at Rover Ranger Moots, special rules in the Boy Scouts of Canada Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, and many tear jerkers about various inequalities which they faced and which subcommittees had to be formed to correct.

I think I will always smile when I remember what a Co-ed Rover from Saskatoon said to me - "You, Tony belong to an old type of Rovering which will soon be swept away by the modern Co-ed Rovering concepts".

Well, here I am today surrounded by the fastest growing concept in Rovering today - TRADITIONAL ROVERING.

Well, so much for my male chavinistic and prejudice views in 1977.

Following is an article which I wrote in 1971 in the "Now" magazine, July/August issue, and was thoroughly put in my place in letters of reply in the November/December 71 issue. Unfortunately it was the last issue of Now magazine and I never received the opportunity for literary revenge.

GIRLS NOT IN WITH THEM

In Now, March-April 1971 issue, Girls Now Officially In, I'd like to say that in the 6th Galt Sea Rovers, my crew, they are officially out. There are no co-ed crews in our district, South Waterloo, and having talked to many Rovers I find that co-ed Rovers is not accepted.

If there are girls in your crew, then you cannot possibly be truly Rovering. In Rovers one can learn to express oneself, gain confidence, and find the road to happiness. In an all male crew the younger fellas can express themselves better and with more ease, especially on the subject of girls.

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GIRLS NOT IN WITH THEM CON'T

Girls grow up in a different way from guys and, in order to have girls, Rovering must change to cope with young growing girls problems.

To sum it up, co-ed Rovering in my opinion is a fad which has been picked up by the National Subcommittee on Rovering to stir new life into Rovers. The real problem, however, is not co-ed Rovers. It's the Rovers themselves who are causing lower Rover population.

If Rovers in general don't get out and practise the ideals they stand for, with or without female nudging, then please let the few of us left paddle our own canoe, the way Rovering was intended, instead of bending it to suit the crowds.

Tony Wallbank
Galt Ontario.

ROVERS ANSWER WALLBANK

In reply to the letter sent to you and published, from Tony Wallbank of Galt, Ont., my Rover crew takes exception. While we all agree with the basic right of the 6th Galt Sea Rovers to choose not to go co-ed, we feel that the insinuation that because our crew is co-ed, we are not Rovering.

Tony, please mind your own business. You have the right to express your opinions but not the right to tellus how to run our crew.

The Hercules Rover crew in Edmonton has been going since September 1970 and at the present time we have three young ladies in our crew. They are treated as equals in the crew and as such they come in for their fair share of the work and the good times of the crew. In this short on year of Rovering our crew has had 196 camping days, been to two conferences, attended the 5th Alberta jamboree as staff, held and organized a provincial Rover Moot, published a Rovers newspaper which went out to all registered Rovers in the city at crew expense, and we have built a Scout camp area out of wilderness for our group, and other things which are too numerous to mention. All during this time we have steadily increased our membership to a point where we hope to be able to split the crew and start another one in the near future.

Now if you guys from Galt would quit complaining and start to get out and do some constructive Rovering, the Rovers of Canada would be a lot better off.

Chris McEune
Edmonton, Alberta.

MORE AGAINST GALT

I've just finished reading a letter in the July/August issue of 'Now' and I feel obligated to stick up for the rest of the Rovers! Here we go again, but apparently Mr. Wallbank has the mistaken impression that co-ed Rovering is being forced down his throat.

If he had read Rovers 71, the new Rover document, page 29, he would notice that it clearly states, and I quote, "Rover crews may, as a crew option, elect to extend formal membership to young women of typical Rover age". As the dictionary and I understand it, the word "option" means that one may or may not do so. That is, you can if you wish have girls in your crew, or you may not do so. There is no must or have to! If Tony doesn't want girls in his crew, then that's find, but let's not get nasty about crews who choose to opt in.

His statement, "If there are girls in your crew, then you cannot possibly be truly Rovering," is a little out of line. I doubt whether anyone in this organization is capable of making such an assessment. I agree that Rovering tends to help a fellow develop his expressive powers but the fact that girls inhibit this is somewhat strange to my ears. There is of course the fact that the odd bull session might go out the window, but then if that's what Rovering is all about, let me out! I cannot see the link between girl membership and loss of obtaining personal objectives, whatever they may be.

I think and am continually becoming more and more convinced that girls tend to motivate male members and, to put it bluntly, get them off their asses. As president of the MANITOBA Roundtable I am in close contact with Manitoba's co-ed crew and can say they are doing very well. For a crew that just started about a year ago these people have come a long way, perhaps more than some crews that have been in existence a long time. Girls are great workers too!

We have a girl on our Provincial Roundtable executive and she works well up to capacity and more. At least she does something to help Rovers along. I'm pretty fed up with guys who sit around talking and making big plans which seldom get past the Rover den door.

Rovers isn't just for talking. It's for getting out and doing something to (a) help yourself and develop your abilities and (b) help out other people.

I also dispute the statement that Rovering can't cope with "Young growing girls problems" I think Rovering is broad enough to include young girls problem's as well as young men's. Perhaps before one criticizes co-ed Rovering one should try it. We have, and it works.

Peter Henson
Brandon, Manitoba.

Well I've been asked to give in my opinion, the positive aspects of the co-ed Rovering issue. It is going to be mainly based on observation and on things such as the Co-ed Rover course in Toronto, as I've never been a member of a co-ed crew. Firstly, it will increase our numbers. Rovering in Canada has dropped down to around 2,500 Rovers in number. There are so many things which attract our age group away, that if we don't have female membership, we could very well be but a memory in a few years. So just on a pure game of population figures, co-ed Rovering is a definite benefit. Along with the females, also come new male members who are attracted to the crew due to the fact that it isn't an all-male group, again more numbers. To prove my point, the two largest crews in Hamilton district, 37th R.S.S. Defiant, and the 1st Lynden are both co-ed crews. Another major reason for co-ed Rovering is that other sector of the movement called the Girl Guides. Sure there is Rangers, but that ends at 17 years of age. Cadets or leaders in training is also an option, but it is more work than fun and the brotherhood-friendship aspect seems to be missing. I'm sure any Guider reading this will say - "but there is Trefoils". To that I will say simply - WHERE? Trefoils is probably a better equivalent to Rovers than are the Rangers. However the Girl Guide movement seems to only tolerate the existence of this group, does nothing to encourage it what so ever and would probably be quite happy if it suddenly disappeared. I would be extremely surprised if there are more than a half dozen Trefoil groups in the entire country. So for the girl or young woman who wants to stay with this great movement, after 17 years of age, doesn't want to be hassled to death with a lot of archaic rules, and wants to be a part of something which has fun as well as high standards - Rovering offers a decent alternative. Personally, I would like to see one day, Rovers, being the senior section of both the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements, to me it makes a lot of sense. Another major point for having co-ed Rovering is a psychological one. Probably the hardest thing ever to achieve in this world between the two sexes is a lasting friendship, of high standards and values with becoming emotionally or physically involved. I believe strongly that Rovering offers this unique opportunity. In the crews I have

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become familiar with and the ones which have lasted - one thing is true. There is a mutual trust, respect, and close friendship between all members of that crew. If a co-ed crew never achieved a single other thing, that alone would make it worthwhile. Well, there you have it, not many reasons to support the co-ed issue, but ones which I feel are very valid and in the long run outweigh all the petty objections which arise against it.

Ian Gentles
North Renfrew Rover

Baden Powell would roll in his grave if he had any idea what was happening to his Rover Programme. Females in Rovering, he might say, "tis absurd". And I'd tend to agree.

There is no real place for females in Rovering. Rovering as it was originally intended was for us "guys", to help us in a number of ways; in growing into adulthood. What gives you girls the right to bother me with your problems, I have enough of my own.

The Girl Guides of Canada, to which many of you girls previously belonged is suddenly no good anymore. So, you leave. Not fighters are you! Instead of doing what is necessary to try and change the program, update it or whatever, you come crying to the Boy Scouts of Canada to fulfill your own personal inadequacies. You'll never be much of a Rover either! We're fighters and obviously you're not.

About ten years ago talk of this co-ed business began. Then in 1971 National Headquarters gave the Rover section an option - co-ed or not? Well you've had your fling. Now get off my back. Letting you into our movement was a mistake in the first place. The few of you females that did join Rovering - you didn't help the movement any. Membership didn't increase any, in fact it dropped.

Each time I go to another Rover function - moot or whatever, where females are present I think well here we go again. There are certain times that the guys just want to be with the guys and do the things that most Rovers (males primarily) like to do. But, because you females are there, we can't do a number of things. Your infringing on my rights, and I don't like it. I don't want females in Rovering and most other Rovers don't either. We've got enough problems with our girlfriends, that is why we attend these Rover functions-- to get away for a bit



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from all that nonsense. And now National Headquarters is talking further co-ed programming. What is Scouting coming to?

Greg Lenqyell
24th Rover Crew Cambridge

MIXED FEELINGS

(Some thoughts out loud from one who lusts Rovering)

"The program has been watered down with the advent of females to Rovering. I say we get rid of them and return to our prime function of building men from boys and get back to our MACHO Moots...."
"....but you must consider giving young ladies the opportunities and advantages male Rovers have -- after all, it is the age of equality." Returns the hostile opponent. "If there is but one sole tradition that has survived Rovering's rocky road of existence these 60 years, it is the individual's ability to argue black and blue about nearly any topic under the sun--frequently without any facts whatsoever--and to do so with such moral conviction! My goodness, maybe that's why the 'traditionalists' of the movement fear female membership--after all, who can argue with a gal and win?"

You may have guessed by now this article is about Co-Ed rovering. I prefer the "down under" expression (no pun intended) of "Mixed" Rovering for several reasons: when people get together at a function they mix they don't co-ed; mixed implies fat and thin, bald and hairy, short and ugly etc. not just a stereotyped "typical age"; how to handle a co-educational program has us all mixed-up (or down); and finally as denoted by the title I have mixed feelings which could mean two entirely different things if you're tuned in and have your frequencies mixed proportionately.)

First a comment or two about why mixing is even here. Things happen through evolution or revolution and sometimes, when one doesn't happen fast enough the other takes over. This is probably the case with females in Rovers--someone hurried it along. Of course, any of

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you who are familiar with Future Shock and the acceleration of change principle will realize it was easier to introduce and have approved the concept of female Rovers in 1970 than it would have been in say 1945 or 1950. For those who don't think it would have happened by now if certain "precautions" had been taken a few years ago, I say see an eye doctor--you're becoming short sighted. After all, consider the traumas created when the 'older boys' (those over 23) were hoofed out in the '40's, the stetson & green epaulettes were replaced by "bright red ornaments" in the 50's and for the most part, woollen shorts & stockings disappeared in the 60's. In some respects, female participation is an older tradition than Rovering itself, as people have been getting married for hundred of years and Rovering should be providing methods to help the young man develop his place in society, marriage being one institution of higher learning he is encouraged to study.

Co-ed or mixed Rovering happened because the time was ripe; social pressures (school, peer groups) demanded it, and to some degree the movement's existence needed it (boy I'll bet that statement will cause some argument). Ancient and modern history books are crammed full of the demise of youth organisations that did not adjust to current requirements.

No matter how or why we arrived at co-ed membership what our concern should be is what do do now.

Several times I've heard a common complaint from Rover crews: "We can't seem to get the venturers into the crew--our members more and more come from the street." Or, "the sophistication of the big cities is killing Rovering". And if these problems aren't enough, we now have to tailor our program to suit both male and females.

Conveniently, we've all been guilty of using the gals as a scapegoat for our sagging enrollment instead of admitting that just maybe our crew program stinks. Rover advisors and older crew members should be cautious in assessing a new member's needs and that the program aims high enough to sustain the member's interest.

Nearly everyone will agree that a well-rounded crew program includes male-female activities such as sociale, fund-raising, camping and service, but the crunch comes when the idea of full membership for females is considered. Proponents of all male crews stress the valid point that you can have a healthy active crew that participates in many mixed activities but still enjoy its all male meetings etc. To further substantiate this point, the most successful, long-lasting crews seem to be all male.

Whether or not crew longevity is important is not being argued, but credentials are. Gross underestimation of the young ladies' talents and advisor inexperience are two very good reasons why mixed crews suffer. How can we expect an all male crew steeped in tradition to switch just like that without there being some waves. For one thing the advisor won't have the experience in handling obvious new situations that will arise. Secondly, many of you young fellows subconsciously change your habits and crew activities to something you think the girls will like instead of leaving it the same, which is why the girls wanted to join in the first place. As for the first

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argument, I believe full time mixed company provides for healthier ideas and discussions than part-time.

But still I have this nagging idea in the back of my mind which never seems to come up anymore in Rover discussion, whether it be on program, mixed crews, age limits or whatever, and yet it is so meaningful in all these area.

If we sincerely believe (as I do) that Rovering is here to help young people develop themselves into useful, responsible citizens then we also have to consider Rovering's personal program -- the quest. Surely one of the most important steps a young person must take or consider taking is matrimony. What finer opportunity than in a mixed Rover crew is there to discuss joys and heartaches of marriage, children and being parents and undertaking quests on related topics with other young people who have similar interest.

Oh! Getting too heavy eh! Well, maybe so, but until we all realize that if we don't constantly review programs, both crew and individual, and make them mature and challenging, we'll have trouble attracting and holding anyone-male or female. We can't afford to sell ourselves short in today's market. Look at your own program. Have you set goals? Met them? Evaluated them? As most of you are old enough to elect a government that runs our country surely you can place some perspective on the program you undertake and make it a responsible program, bounded only by your own imagination and satisfactory to you in the end.

If you can honestly fulfill these self-imposed obligations, I find it difficult to comprehend success without some exposure to mixing, and in defense of the young ladies, Rovering is the only medium I know of that affords them the opportunity plus the Scouting Brotherhood.

I won't be trite and say 'try it you'll like it', but I will give it my humble mixed blessings.

By Prempeh

On My Honour

HAS ROVERING OUT LIVED ITS USEFULNESS?

That is the question we must ask ourselves. Why? Well it seems that in recent years, we have thrown caution to the wind and allowed the academics to move with a free rein. The results of these "modernizing years" has been the loss of membership, the watering down of the program that had much to offer and the institution of the idea that tradition is of no use in a "movement on the move"....



To look back over recent years, we can see that instead of two uniforms for the Rover section, we now have three uniforms, and according to the latest survey less than 20% of all crews answering wear the "greys". We can see that by the new ROVER HANDBOOK there is no longer a single Rover promise, but rather the freedom to select a promise that is "meaningful to the individual crew". We have seen the start of co-ed Rovering, a major change in policy based on less than 15% of the Rover population saying they were "not opposed" to it. Not that they were in favour, but simply not opposed. We have observed the beginnings of crews operating without the traditional knighthood theme, but by a chairman system. Besides the above, there are many other "little" things that have been taken away. "Taken away" because they are not any longer around for the new crew to savour and use.

What do we do about it? First of all we stop this seemingly endless "new wave" of ideas, at least until we have been able to put what we now have into order and operation. Secondly, we should sift through the rubble and salvage what we can before we no longer exist. Most importantly, we should look at why we are in the boat we are, and attempt to pick up the responsibility for it. Part of that lies in something I learned very early in my Rover experiences, being free to make your own decisions brings with it the responsibility for what is in the future for the next person along the line.

Dave Lee

MOOT MISSES



by mark

Janet Maseley



MOOT MISSES



The "Mouse" since grade 3, Janet is from the 10th Mississauga Rangers. She is sweet sixteen with brown hair and blue eyes. She must be one of the younger members of her group, because at this photo session she had been a member for all of two months.

Mouse enjoys music, in the form of playing the organ, records, and attending concerts. Her favorite artist(s) are Led Zeppelin, Barbara Streisand and Peter Frampton. Janet enjoys and participates in numerous sporting activities. If you want to impress her, bring her a rose, but make it blue, her favourite colour.

Her pet peeves are wild dancers and short jokes. When asked if she enjoyed cooking she replied, "no comment". She enjoys both English and French in school. Mouses's attitude towards going steady is like some peoples attitude towards cheese, she can, "take it or leave it".

When asked what her ambitions were for the future she at first responded, "I have not decided", then with a gleam in her eye said, "Maybe my own T.V. show".

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When? August 28 to September 1st, 1978. The campsite will be open four days prior and four days after the Moot to set up and break camp.

Who? The Moot will be open to all registered Rovers, and Venturers. NOTE: Venturers must register with and be responsible to their sponsoring Rover Crew.

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For more information:

78 National Rover Moot

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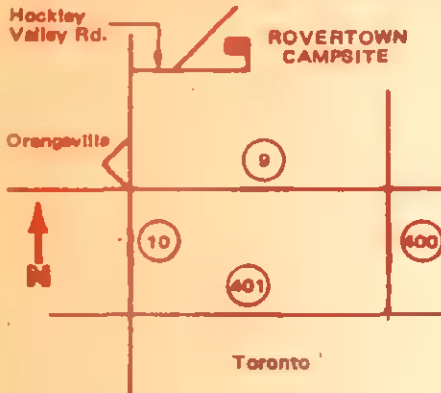
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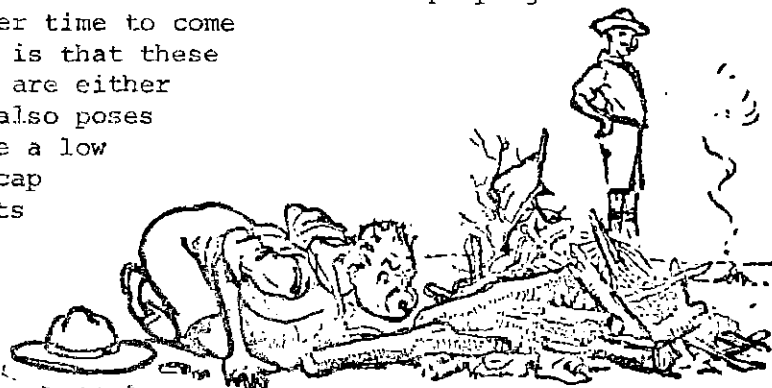
BY

IAN GENTLES

THE BACKPACKER STOVE

Before I proceed with the subject of the column for this issue which is Backpacker Stoves, I have a question to answer which is constantly being asked. Where do you buy quality camping equipment? Well the simplest answer is that there is no one place in particular. You have to shop around. However I will give you a few suggestions. Department Stores such as Eatons, Simpsons and the Hudson's Bay Company have a large selection of family orientated equipment. Catalogue stores such as Shoprite and Consumers sometimes can provide common items at a discount. Canadian Tire Stores are also full of popular camping needs. But what about special equipment such as sophisticated tents sub-zero gear and numerous backpacking items? For these you have to go to a specialty store. Outdoor stores, one of the larger chains is located in Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, London and Montreal. An Outdoor Stores Catalogue can be obtained for 25¢ by writing to 615 Bowes Road, Concord, Ontario, L4K 1B6. A similar store is Le Baron with locations in Montreal and Toronto. Their catalogue can also be obtained for 25¢ by writing to P.O. Box 648 Station Youville Montreal Quebec H2P 2W3. A company who manufactures high quality equipment as well as selling it is Blacks Camping International with outlets in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal. A free Blacks catalogue can be obtained by writing to Thomas Black and Sons Ltd. P.O. Box 4501 Station E, Ottawa Ontario K1S 5H1. Other Toronto distributors of top quality gear include Margessons and Eddie Bauer Sports. The United States probably have a number of good stores and suppliers. One very good one is located in Tenawanda N.Y. called EMS or Eastern Mountain Stores. Stan, I'd appreciate an address on that store as well as their catalogue address. Another excellent supplier is The North Face and their catalogue can be obtained by writing to P.O. Box 2399 Station A, Berkley California U.S.A. 94702. Well, I hope these addresses are of some value and if any one is aware of other outlets drop us a line.

Back packer stoves are of great value for the avid hiker because of their compact size and light weight. The three major stoves available are the Optimus models 8R, 99, 111B, the Svea 123R and the new Coleman 505. All stoves burn white or naptha gas. The Optimus and Svea burn by self pressure. This means that the flame from the burner is reflected onto the tank to vapourize the fuel. Although this eliminates the need for pumping the tank, it causes the stove a longer time to come up to pressure. Another problem is that these stoves cannot be regulated--they are either fully on or completely off. It also poses a problem for foods which require a low or controlled heat. The filler cap in both makes of these stoves acts as a safety valve to release excess pressure. If too large a pot is used, the flames would engulf the tank, creating excess pressure and the escaping gases could also be ignited creating a dangerous situation. These stoves have a burning time of approximately 3/4 to 1 1/4 hours



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depending on the model. Although the Optimus stoves are more compact, the Svea is of a simpler design and seems to be a bit more rugged. The best one perhaps is the new Coleman 505. Although this stove is slightly heavier and larger than the other makes, its disadvantages are overcome by its many advantages. It uses the same principles of preparation as the larger Coleman camp stoves. The tank must be pumped but a cleaner flame is produced and it is fully regulateable. The burner features Wind baffle plates and the stove can be operated in extreme altitudes and low temperatures. The Coleman stove is the most rugged and perhaps reliable of them all. Well the choice is yours, look at all the models and check their individual features and happy cooking on your backpacker stove.

How to Keep Rovering Growing

Rovering is in trouble. Our numbers diminish every year and every year it will become harder to regenerate our section if something is not done right now.

Every Rover crew should make it a policy to organize a new Rover crew in their area. This is not that difficult. Visit a local Venturer company and instead of enlisting the older members into your crew suggest to them that they start their own crew. Be sponsors to them and give them all the help you can. Two smaller Crews is better than one large Crew.

When on Service projects do not be afraid to wear your uniform. There is no better way to advertise yourself than that red beret.

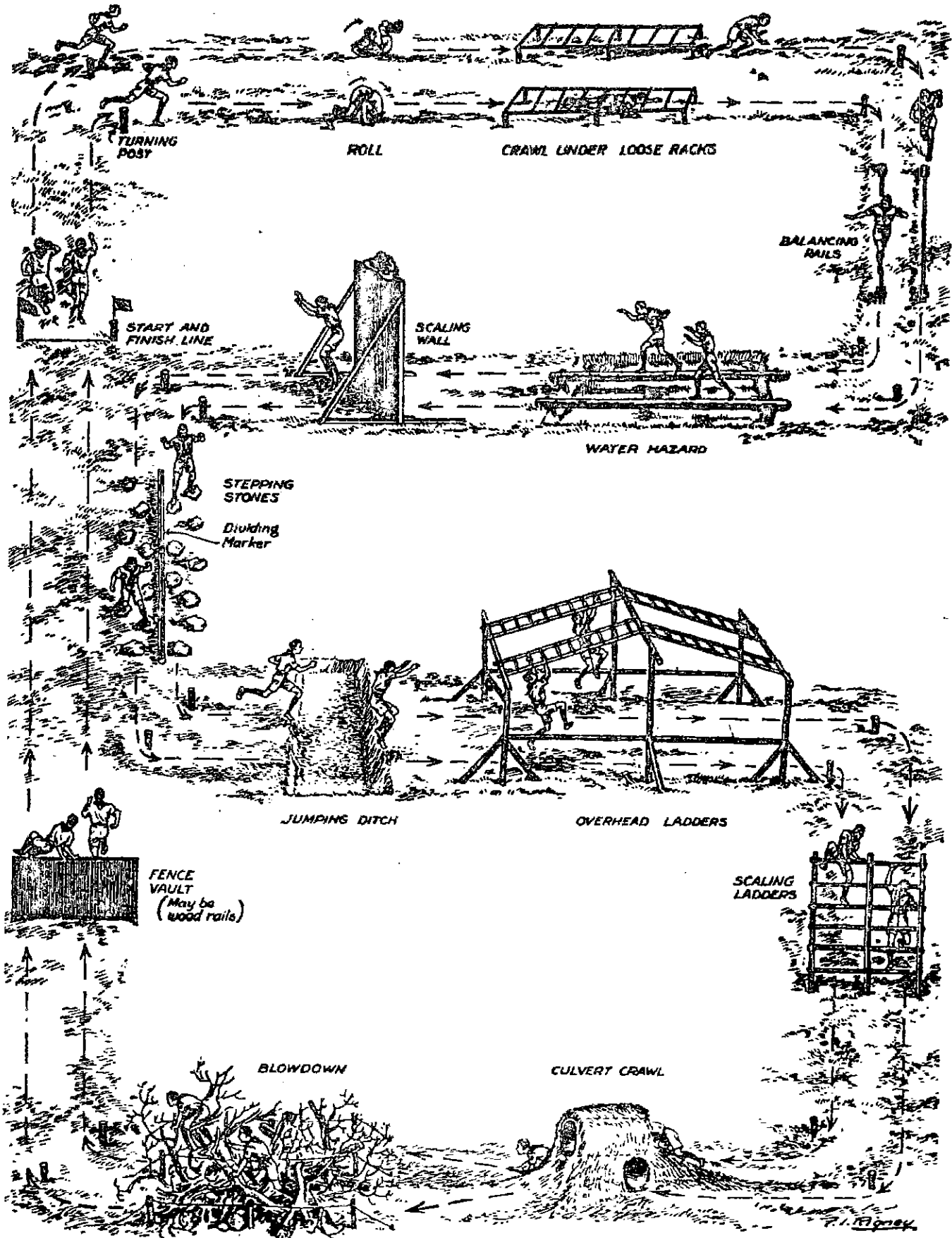
When at camp make yourself conspicuous. Scouts and Cubs are easily influenced and an occasional insane stunt will stick in their minds. Run an activity day for one of the younger sections. A day of canoeing, orienteering, cross country skiing, or anything outdoors if run properly will impress our younger brothers and give them a good image of what Rovers do.

The boys in the younger sections are not impressed by static displays and talks. That is why it is almost impossible to promote Rovering at a Provincial or Regional level. It must be done on a Crew level. If we put as much energy that we put into planning Moots and sitting at Round Tables into promoting Rovering inside and outside, our movement we would have no problems.

It's up to you - KEEP IT GROWING.

Bob Stokes
1st Huttonville Rovers

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For the past few months now I've taken the opportunity to do something I've been trying to get done for five long years now. Go west! My curiosity is somewhat satisfied as I write this down. I've been to British Columbia - Vancouver and the rest of it, the western states as well. The West is just beautiful, a land of its own....

While enroute across the country, I took a few minutes out here and there to look up a fellow Rover or two just a name before, part of the Rover population; they would now be my link in the never-ending chain of Rover communications. I know now, that Rovers do exist across this country.

In the few minutes spent with some of these Rovers, I took the time to interview them, and got some of their thoughts on various questions of importance to the Rover section. In each issue of "Rovering", two Rovers will be featured. From Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver, and the north of Ontario. We'll hear from them all. And if my pen doesn't run dry we'll hear from the east as well; Frederickton, Quebec, St. John New Brunswick, and St. John's Newfoundland.

Rovers are speaking out, and we enjoy hearing from you. Let me shake your hand Brother Rover.

Yours in Rovering,

Lego
Greg Lengyell

Interview #1

Skipper Wayne Godfrey
P.O. Box 966
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Westroc Rover Crew
P.O. Box 966
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Finding Mr. Godfrey seated complacently behind his desk at his place of business I proceeded to find out just what a busy man he is in Rovering circles. Holding down three positions can keep him hopping at the best of times.

Wayne, involved in Rovering for fourteen years, now holds the positions of Distric Rover Advisor, Regional Rover Advisor and Skipper of the Westroc Rover Crew.

Rovering is a very worthwhile movement according to Skipper Wayne giving young men a chance to find a few things they might otherwise never experience; fellowship, outdoor activities, community involvement and service. It isn't for everyone, he adds, but takes a young man willing to give of his time, to get involved in service, the outdoors and fellowship of a Rover Scout Crew.

As Skip of the Westroc Rover Crew, Wayne explains that his crew is a very traditional crew, saturated with touches of the olde knighthood theme. They are an outdoor moving crew, he goes on to say- having their own hunting camp (where they spend a lot of time) and are actively involved in community service work, acting as security people, first aid attendants and helping their younger brothers (Scouts and Cubs) at camporees and other such events.

Westroc Rover Crew has been in operation for about seventeen years, and now boasts a similar seventeen man body of Rovers. They are a very mobile crew, never staying too long in one place. They enjoy hunting and fishing and many other outdoor activities.

As an experienced Rover, Wayne tells me that he feels the true purpose of Rovering is like a sity-four dollar question. It has many purposes, he says. Making it brief and to the point - to build character, give a young man a chance to experience fun, fellowship and service. It helps to build leadership qualities in each young Rover.

Finally Mr. Godfrey explains, Rovering does have a purpose in Canada. There we have young men of strong character, who will be the future leaders of our Scout troops, our Rover crews and our country. We must speak up though and let the community and the rest of Scouting know, that Rovers are here and will take second place to no one. We must let ourselves be known; spread the word.

Rovers have several problems however; lack of knowledge on Scouters Part to acknowledge that Rovers do exist, and the never-ending battle against communications. Things are being done to correct these problems, but many rocks have still been left unturned. More intercrew activities, more information on moots etc., and ever information on crew operations, and the structuring of a crew. Rovering in the North of Ontario will go though, and grow - across the North.

Yours in Rovering,

Mr. Wayne Godfrey
Skipper - Westroc Rover Crew
Sault Ste. Marie

Interview #2

Lyle (Chooch) Higgins
410 South Norah Street
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7E 1N9

New Crew
c/o Mr. Glenn Warner
R.R. #2 Rosslyn Road
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7C 4V1

Having obtained the particulars of the soon to be Skipper of a New Crew in Thunder Bay, from Mr. Godfrey (previous interview), I dropped in on Mr. Glenn Warner to see what else I might find out about Rovering, now to be in Thunder Bay Ontario.

I found Glenn sitting in the sun just enjoying life, as I pulled into his driveway. A friendly handshake and we went on to talk Scouting and Rovering. He informed me that one of his boys was on his way over - so I had timed my visit perfect.

Lyle (Chooch) Higgins (age 16) is a Venturer at present in Thunder Bay, but due to a visit from the Westroc Rovers from Sault Ste. Marie, is now prepared to make the next step up the ladder into Rovering. Quite impressed with the visit from the Westroc Rovers, Lyle sees a future for Rovers in Thunder Bay. With a crew of 12 or 13 members to start in the fall, Lyle says that the crew will never die. He'll be sure of that.

Rovering is another step in the Scouting chain Lyle adds, and teamwork is of the essence. It gives a group of young men a chance to experience fun, fellowship and service. We're an active bunch he points out; doing Service work at our local Scout camp, acting as first aid attendants at various functions, and moots recently, acting in a Service capacity at Thunder Scouting - an exhibit of Scoutcraft in the North.

In Scouting for eight years, Lyle figures that Rovers are very worth while; promoting friendship, brotherhood and service to the community. More importantly - it gives young adults a chance to develop themselves as useful and productive citizens of society.

Problems in Rovering, yes, there are a few. We don't hold our heads high enough. We should be proud to be the senior section in the Scouting family. Stand up and be proud of the uniform we wear, despite any group pressures from other young adults. We need to get out into the community more. Let people know about Rovers. Show them that we don't just run around in cut-offs. Rovering does have a future in Thunder Bay, Lyle speaks up in closing. It's like a ball pushed from the top of a hill. It gathers momentum and keeps going. It will blossom into a well-organized group of young people that no other movement can boast. Rovering is on it's way - in Thunder Bay.

Yours in Rovering

Lyle (Chooch) Higgins
Thunder Bay Rover Crew

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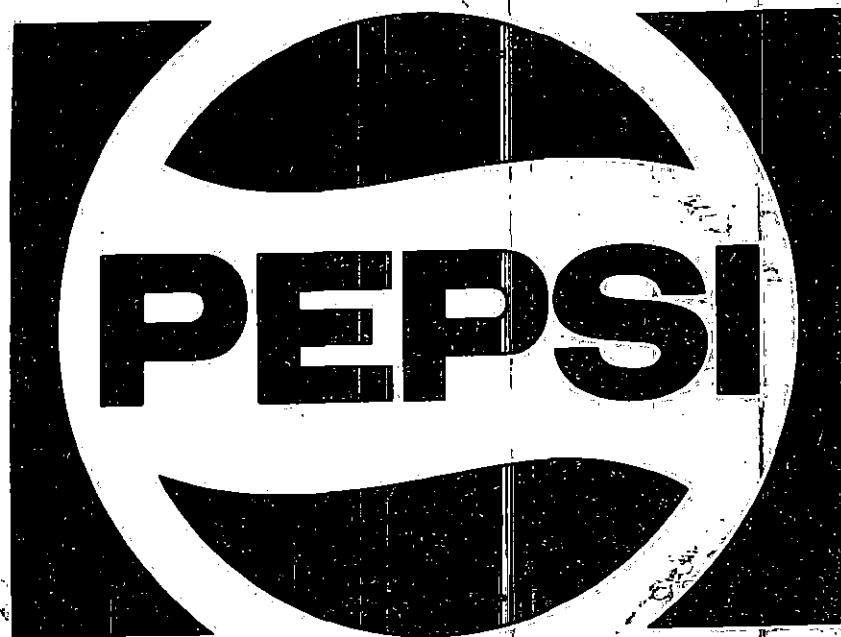


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