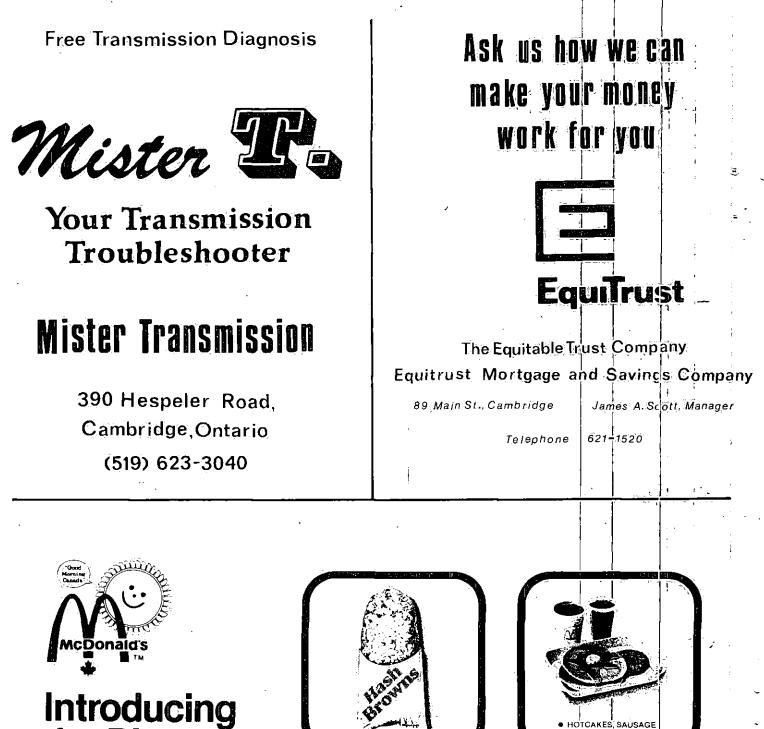






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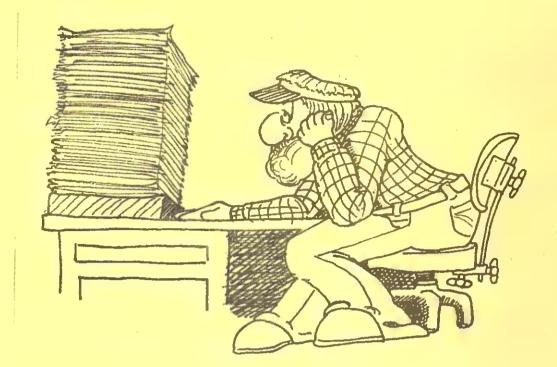
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ETTERS to the EOITOR

Dear Editors,

Keep up the fantastic job in keeping canada informed.

Jim Robbins Mississauga

Dear Editor,

I was wondering if you would please print this letter in the next issue of Rovering. Thank you.

On behalf of 3rd Newtonbrook Rovers I would like to take this opportunity to thank The First Baden Powell Rover Crew of Glasgow Kentucky for running the 1979 Wee Moot.

This is my third wee Moot and once again Jim Simmons and his people showed us what down-South Hospitality is all about.

When you try and explain to friends that your driving down South (70) miles) to camp for three days with other Rovers, some of them look at you like you're a little strange. But when you get there and meet people who live just around the corner, or B.C. or Alberta or New Zealand and they are a "little strange" like you it makes you feel lucky, and proud to be in the Rovering end of Scouting.

Once again, thank you Baden Powell Rovers.

Yours in Rovering,

Marty Lalonde 3rd Newtonbrook Rovers. Dear Editor,

As you can see from the enclosed, you are driving the post office crazy. Please change my address to the following:

Doug W. Jentsch 328 Victoria Avenue West Winnipeg, Manitoba R2C 1S8

Fortunately, I know the mailman. Anyone else would have give up. I'd hate to miss an issue, I'ts lonely being a Rover in Winnipeg (I'll try to change that), and Rovering Magazine keeps me in touch with what's going on elsewhere.

Also, I got a subscription renewal slip in the last mailing. You should have my cheque by now.

You can expect some more subscriptions from New Zealand. I gave a few issues to some Rovers who attended the Manitoba Jamboree. I also placed a few issues in the P.R. trailer.

You can also expect a more comprehansive report on the state of Rovers in Winnipeg as soon as I get the time. I'm going to have a busy year ahead of me, but maybe I'll be able to shake things up a bit. Keep up the good work, BUT GET THE ADDRESS RIGHT!

Yours in Rovering.

Doug W. Jentsch.

Dear Doug: We did!!!

Dear Editor & Greg,

Since arriving in New Plymouth I have formed another Rover crew. The city is split into 2 Districts you see, so it was easy enough to get support in the other district for a crew, we have 7 invested members and 4 more on their way now. The crew name is Merekawe Rover Crew (meaning to lead or guide and carry in Maori) and we are at present working on the Sea Scout troops boats to get them in going order for summer. I have sent over by surface mail a book with photos of Mt. Egmont and its wildlife and vegetation (a few crews in N.Z: are selling these at present at a very reduced price). I hope you and the other Rovering staff enjoy it.

You should also have received Roverinz the other week (Rovering and Roverinz must have crossed in the mail). We are getting to grips with the system now and with 120 subscribers are starting to get a little feed back.

For your upcoming events list if you want them:

N.Z. NATIONAL ROVER MOOT 1980 APRIL 4-7 WELLINGTON N.Z. NATIONAL ROVER MOOT 1981 APRIL 17-20 ?

Our annual Moots are in some ways more like conferences, but they may be one reason for our large increase over the past few years.

Also our N.H.Q. want International Staff for the 1981 (3-10 Jan.) Jamboree, Venture and Regatta N.Z. but I'll get the brochures on this and send them to you.

Our District Scout Leader, George Bartlett has just returned from your Jamboree and is still suffering from Jet Lag after 1 week back, and and also your hot weather! That's all for now anyway.

Regards to all the Rovering staff.

Yours in Rovering,

Barry Bailey New Plymouth New Zealand

ROVERS: WE NEED YOU.....

We need action right now! Why? What for? Well basically it is the old problem of numbers in Rovering. And you may ask why? Well personally I believe that the word Rovers is not heard enough. How many times do you hear the question "What is a Rover". And who do we hear it from? The public? Our friends? I've even heard it from large numbers of Leaders, Beavers, Cubs and even Scouts? Some think they have an idea but do they really know? Well our numbers are dwindling! Its a fact. They're are ideas on the floor to change or add to the theme of Rovering, but the problem there is that they take time. In the meantime we should al! be pushing Rovering. Not as a social Club, but with the intent of gaining interest through revealing the brotherhood in Rovering to all! Be it through Service to the community, inviting outsiders to join in or just making ourselves a little more obvious.

One way our crew has decided to make Rovers known is to create a slide presentation that can be shown throughout and outside the Scouting movement. And that's what I am asking you, as Rovers to help us with. If you have any pictures, slides etc. that you believe reveals the brotherhood of Rovering in any way, please forward them on. We need to see the Service in Rovering, the social light, the adventure, the challenge and even the love that can be passed on. If you've caught any of it on film, we would like to see it. If you cannot send them to us, we will try and come to you. But we need to know!

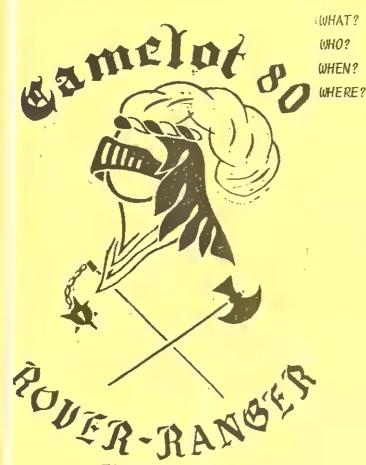
If possible please send them to the address below and we will duplicate them and return them. All slides and pictures welcome. If you send pictures, please send the negatives for better duplicating purposes, but it is not necessary!

Remember! We Need You! I don't wish to become a memory! Thank you.

5th Forester Rover Crew

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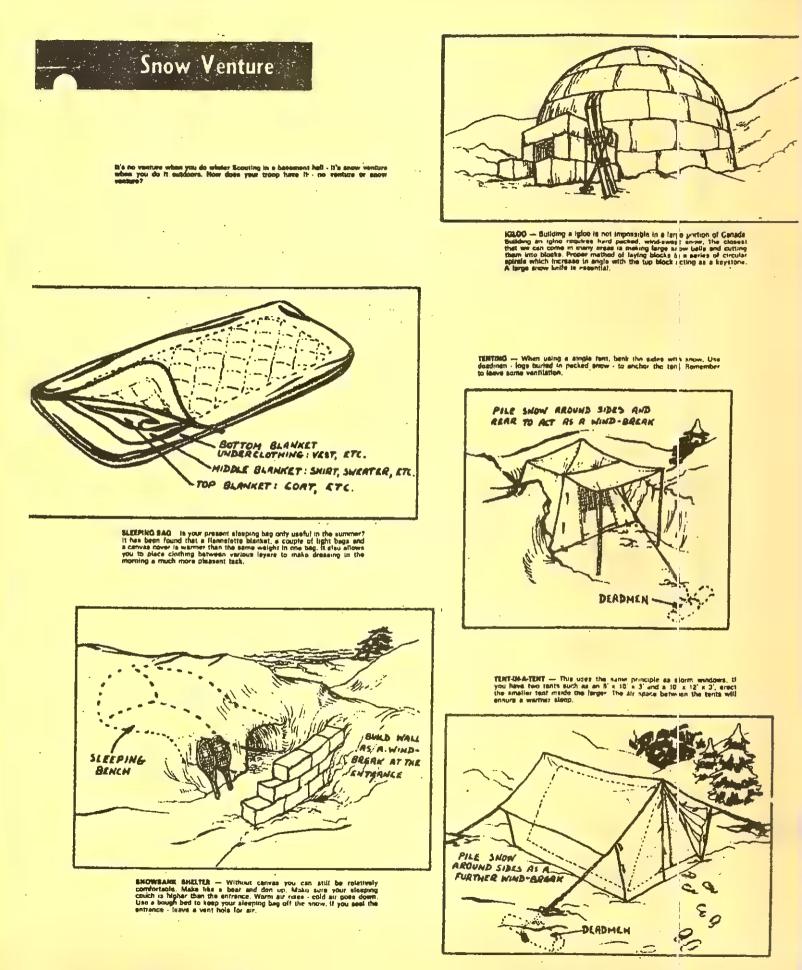


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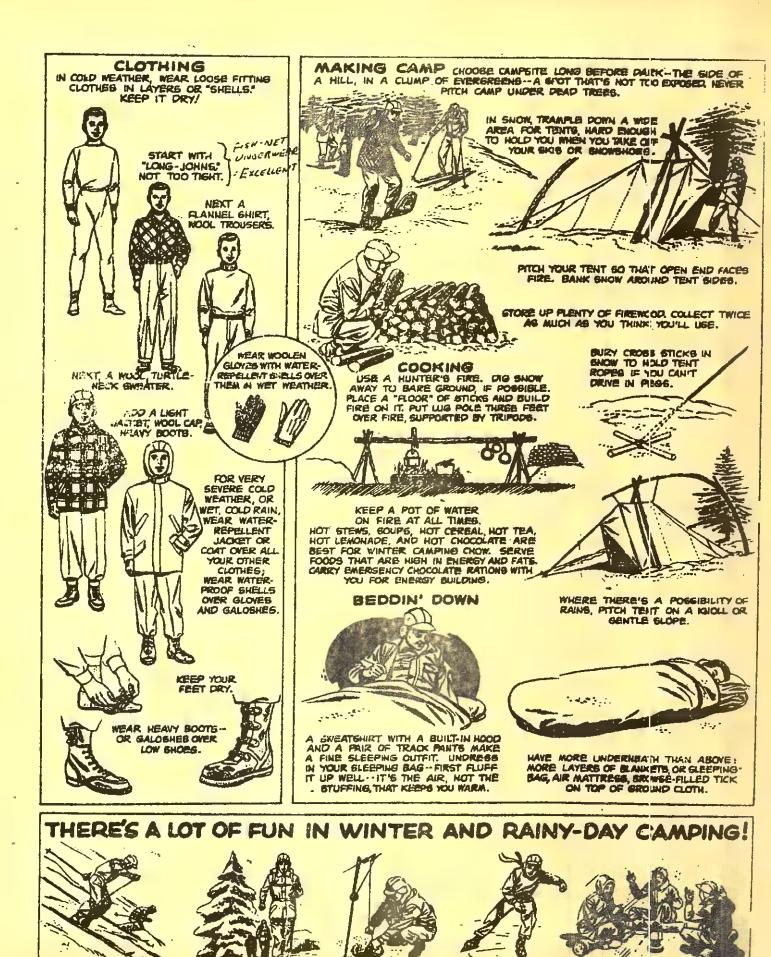
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Jacquie is a five foot eight, blueeyed honey blonde from North York. She is fifteen years old and a member of the famous First Baldwin (Bombers) Ranger company.

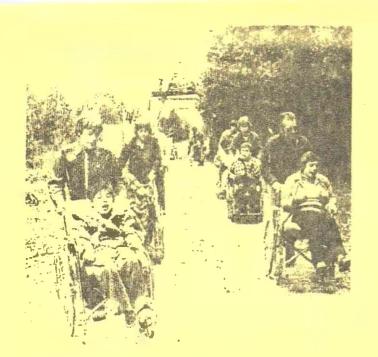
This Aquarius lists science, art and drama as her favourite school subjects. When not in school she likes to go horseback riding, biking, write, listen to music and dance disco.

Needless to say she is a very busy person.





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The Rovers' Weekend

Whitten by Keith Petriaren

On May 1, the Rovers of Participation House, Markham, visited their counterparts at Participation House-Hamilton, and around an outdoor camp--fire, enjoyed the singing of familiar songs, together with the meeting of new and old friends.

We would hope that we would be able to get together with the Rovers: from Markham, Hamilton, Brantford and The Villa Hospital, sometime during the summer.

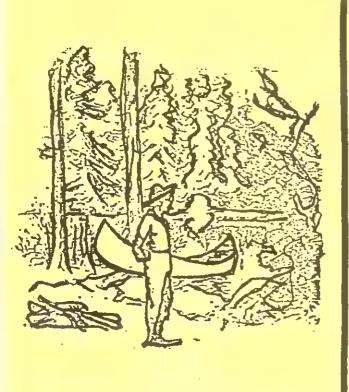
On the weekend of May 5th and 6th, the Rovers of P.H.-Markham and the Villa Hospital, Thornhill -- 22 wheelchairs in all, together with a corresponding number of parents, leaders and volunteers, visited Blue Springs near Acton, Ont. This was an outstanding weekend and it is felt that much was accomplished that will enrich our 79/80 program. Our membership spent the afternoon of May 5th in an open discussion during which there was a lively exchange of ideas. This session was scheduled for two hours but the interest and part:cipation obviously demonstrated that much more time should have been allotted.

Following this event there was a craft session for some; for others a short tour of the area. Supper was served at 6:30 p.m. and a most enjoyable meal was served from a well-equipped kitchen. As always at a successful dinner, laughter and good fellowship were evident in every sector of the dining room.

We were most fortunate in having an indoor fireplace and the balance of the evening was spent around the campfire where we enjoyed skits, story telling and, of course, the usual songs that are sung when good friends get together.

At 7 a.m. on Sunday, we were up and ready to enjoy a pancake breakfast which could not be equalled for its excellence of quality or quantity. At 8:30, we donned uniforms and attended a Scouts Own led by our APC (Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Handicapped Scouting) Colonel Craig of The Salvation Army, together with the outstanding band of the Guelph Corps.

This event was a first and we thank the Ontario Provincial Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of Canada for permitting us to use these permanent buildings which are ideal for wheelchair: Blue Springs is mainly a training centre for leaders and is not used as a regular camp, therefore we are most appreciative and once again thank the Boy Scouts of Canada who have again demonstrated their concern and active assistance to those with handicaps.



IN MY DREAMS I'M GOING BACK TO GILWELL

When in the glow of a fire burning low, There are moments I recall, Back to my mind come the days far behind And the time that holds me over all. Then the years fade away and again I can stray To paths of a brighter hue, Where boys' voices ring, where Youth is King, And the skies again are blue. In my dreams I'm going back to Gilwell To the joys and the happiness I found On those grand week-ends With my dear old friends, And see the Training Ground, Oh, the grass is greener back in Gilwel., And I breathe again the Scouting air, And in memory, I see B .- P., Who never will be far from there.

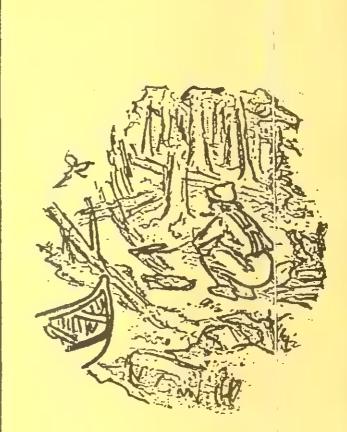
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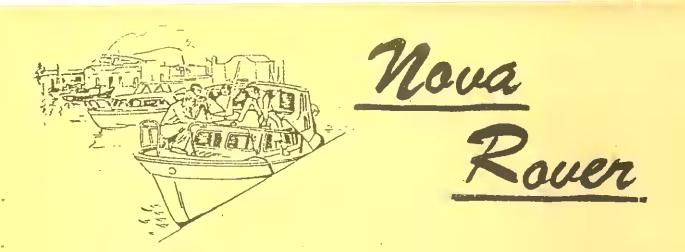
Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

TAKE HEED, ALL YE HARDY MEN OF THE ROUND-TABLE. LET IT BE KNOWNE THROUGHOUT THE BROTHERHOOD, THAT COMMENCING UPON THE 11TH DAY OF JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, NINE-TEEN-HUNDRED AND EIGHTY, THERE WILL BE A MOOT SPONSORED BY THE SHERIFF OF NOTTING-HAM. ALL ABLE-BODIED MEN SHALL LEAVE THEIR WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT HOME AND DO BATTLE ON THE FIELD OF HONOUR.

> SIGNED, THE SHERIFF

Persons interested in obtaining an invitation please write to P.O. Box 3245, Cambridge, Ont.





 The sun was setting in the west, The birds were singing on ev'ry tree, All nature seemed inclined for rest, But still there was no rest for me.

CHORUS:

Farewell to Nova Scotia, the sea-bound coast, Let your mountains dark and dreary be, For when I am far away on the briny ocean tossed, Will you ever heave a sigh and a wish for me?

- I grieve to leave my native land,
 I grieve to leave my comrades all,
 And my aged parents whom I always held so dear,
 And the bonny, bonny lass that I do adore.
- The drums they do beat and the wars do alarm, The captain calls, we must obey, So farewell, farewell to Nova Scotia's charms, For it's early in the morning I am far, far away.
- 4. I have three brothers and they are at rest, Their arms are folded on their breast, But a poor simple sailor just like me. Must be tossed and driven on the dark blue sea.

19. FAREWELL TO NOVA, SCOTIA

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PAGE B.C.

Welcome back to another season of Rovering. Out here in the west it is shaping up to be a very busy one. Various committees of the Vancouver-Coast Region Rover Round Table and our A.R.C. for Rovers, Jim Lanphier, have been working hard all summer, and a number of interesting and imaginative proposals were placed before the Round table at our first meeting on 18 Sept.

The first of these that comes to mind is the Ontario Provincial Rover Conference in October. As you may recall, in the April issue I menitoned that were were hoping to send two delegates from here. I am pleased to be able to report that it now appears that this is to become a reality. Vancouver-Coast Region has bery generously agreed to pay the cost of sending one member, and Provincial Council has also mase a large offer, with the various crews of the Roundtable to contribute the rest. We are also currently conducting a survey similiar to the Ontario one, and hopefully the results of this will be available to our delegates.

The other big upcoming event is the Moot planned for the Blackwater Lake area this Thanksgiving weekend. By the time you read this, the Moot may well be over, and it looks like it's going to be a big success. The 21st Haida and 89th Crews have been working very hard on this Moot, and they deserve all the support we can give them.

There is a work party planned for the November 11 weekend at Camp Byng, our Regional Campsite on the Sunshine Coast. All costs such as food and transportation will be payed for, so this will be an excellent opportunity to perform a much needed service project, and we look forward to a large participation.

I mentioned earlier that there have been a number of interesting proposals brought before the round table. One, which has already been approved, is the idea of having guest speakers to speak at or before the meetings. Speakers have already been lined up for the first two meetings. Another proposal, which originated in Prince George, is the idea of a Provincial Car Rally to promote Rovering in the Province. There seems to be a lot of interest in this. Other possibilities include an annual Provincial Rover Conference, a decathalon or other sporting competition, a year-end banquet, and many others. It looks like Rovering is alive and kicking out here in the West. The next Round-table meeting will be November 13, at 8:00, at Vancouver Scout House.

As I have said before please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any comments, complaints, or contributions to PAGE B.C.

Yours in Rovering,

Bruce Dagg, West Coast Rep.

-PROFILE-

Dianne

Dawson



Dianne Dawson is a leader with the 16th Mississauga Ranger Company. She is married and the mother of three children, her husband is a chemical engineer who works for Esso. A teacher by profession she has taught grades two three and four. In trying to extract information from her we learned she enjoys the peace and quiet around home, and spends the month of August at their cottage in Algonquin for real peace and quiet.

Interior decorating interested her, so she took a course on the subject and managed to score two Als. Dianne is also a Captain on a Cancer committee, and once a year a Cookie Convener. Dianne Dawson con't

She has spent 13 years in the guiding movement the last 5 yrs. as a Ranger leader. It is obvious that she enjoys Rangers and has a good relationship with her company. This is one Captain who dislikes roughing it, and has a strong dislike for camping. She says "I don't do any of the work, just stand around and supervize." Having never camped till getting into Rangers probably has some bearing on this dislike. But a paradox appears when she says "I really enjoy moots" Dianne then went on to clarify the preceding statements with an almost classic line, "There are certain things in life that you put up with."

If this write up seems a little short that is because every time we try to get her to talk about herself she would steer us onto another subject. So if you want to know more about this dedicated leader, just walk up to her at the next moot, introduce yourself tell her Rovering has sent you. You will be meeting a very charming lady.



"FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MISSED ROVERTOWN TOUGH LUCK, YOU MISSED A GREAT MOOT. THE MAIL BOXES ON THE STREETS LOOKED GREAT, WHO EVER DREAMED UP THAT COMPETITION DESERVES A "TIP OF THE BERET".

SMALL WORLD DEPARTMENT: WHILE AT A YOUTH HOSTEL IN HAMBURG, GERMANY OUR TRAVELLING PHOTOGRAPHER WAS STARTLED TO HEAR "THERE'S MOOT MISS MARK", HE TURNED TO MEET TWO ROVERS FROM 4th SCARBOROUGH WEST, ALSO TRAVELLING IN GERMANY.

HATCHED, PATCHED, MATCHED AND DISPATCHED BULLETIN: ON THE 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 1979. RICK KOOREN OF THE 2nd BURLINGTON WAS HAPPILY MARRIED TO JAN AITKEN FORMILY OF THE SKEENA RANGERS. ON THE HONEY-MOON THE BRIDE & GROOOM FLEW ONE DIRECTION AND THE BRIDES LUGGAGE ANOTHER DIRECTION, VERY SNEAKY RICK. HOW DID YOU MANAGE THAT ?

H.A.T. cont'd

REMEMBER FROM A PREVIOUS, "HOW ABOUT THAT", GREG LENGYELL AND HIS LOVE OF TELEPHONE BOOTHS, WE RECEIVED A LETTER WHICH SAYS, "ASK GREG WHERE HE CAMPED WHILE HE WAS IN HALIFAX N.S. THIS SUMMER". EITHER SOMEONE IS PUTTING US ON OR MA BELL IS GOING TO START CHARGING GREG, FOR A ROOM WITH A PHONE.

LES OUAOUARONS (pronounced wah wah rowns) ROVER CREW FROM LAVAL, QUEBEC WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT ROVERTOWN. THEIR SKIP ED. HUMPHREY AND 8 OUT OF 12 OF THEIR MEMBERS WERE PRESENT. A SENSE OF HUMOUR MUST RUN HIGH IN THIS CREW, THEIR NAME TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH MEANS "THE BULLFROGS " TRES BIEN LES OUAOUARONS.

YOU HAVE PROBABLY HEARD OF THE RANGER REGATTA THAT IS HELD EACH YEAR IN SEPTEMBER. WE COVERED IT THIS YEAR AND HOPEFULLY NEXT ISSUE WILL FEATURE A SPECIAL ARTICLE ON IT.

OUR GUEST PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THIS AND THE NEXT 2 ISSUES IS JOHN MITCHELL OF CAMBRIDGE. SORT OF A NEW LOOK IN MOOT MISSES THIS ISSUE !

FACT: IT TAKES 40 MINUTES TO HARDBOIL AN OSTERICH EGG.

HAPPY 30th ANNIVERSY TO THE PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE FOR LADIES AUXILIARIES MANY ROVERS IN THE GREATER TORONTO AREA HAVE BEEN HELPING OUT WITH THE 39th SCOUT GROUP WHICH OPERATES OUT OF THE SICK CHILDRENS HOSPITAL. THIS IS NOT A SERVICE PROJECT AS SUCH BUT A TRUE LABOUR OF LOVE. ANYONE WISHING TO HELP IN THIS AREA, CONTACT MRS. B. McCLELLAND THROUGH THE G.T.R. OFFICE.

NEW THIS YEAR: GREEN VALLEY PROVINCIAL FIELD EXEC. JACK VANLIESHOUT.

THE 1st. DIXIE ROVER CREW HAVE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB OF HELPING OUT WITH HANDICAPPED PERSONS BOWLING. ANY CREWS INTERESTED IN SERVICE IN THIS FIELD CONTACT THEIR SKIPS, MR. & MRS. PATTERSON, 1117 SATUHNIA CRES. MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, L4Y 2M2. or phone 279-3287.

FACT: QUALITY --- IS LIKE BUYING OATS. IF YOU WANT NICE CLEAN, FRESH OATS, YOU MUST PAY A FAIR PRICE. HOWEVER, IF YOU CAN BE SATISFIED WITH OATS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN THROUGH THE HORSE, that comes a little cheaper.

TO WATCH THE SUN SET IN THE WEST WITHOUT REGRETTING; TO HAIL ITS ADVENT IN THE EAST - THE NIGHT FORGETTING; TO HAVE ENOUGH TO SHARE - TO KNOW THE JOY OF GIVING; TO THRILL WITH ALL THE SWEETS OF LIFE --- IS LIVING.

H.A.T. cont'd

WORD HAS IT THAT SCARECROW MOOT WAS TOPS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A RUN-DOWN ON THE MOOT, MAYBE THE SPONSORS COULD DROP US A LINE.

NERVEY DRIVER AWARD: THIS MUST GO TO IAN GENTLES, SEEMS THAT ONE MORNING AT 5A.M. HE TOOK THE DOOR OFF A POLICE CRUISER. THAT SHOULD SUPPLY SOME NEW MATERIAL FOR RED TOP.

SPEAKING OF RED TOP, OUR APOLOGIES TO IAN, HE SENT US AN ENVELOPE FULL OF CARTOONS AND IT WAS MISPLACED, ONLY A COUPLE OF STAFF MEM-BERS SAW THEM AND THEY ARE FEELING MIGHTY LOW.

OVERHEARD AT THE DINNER TABLE AT THE CONFERENCE: STAN KOWALSKI; "HOW COME THIS SALT WON'T POUR." BILL GADSBY; " I DON'T KNOW, I PUT SOME WATER IN TO CLEAN OUT THE HOLES."

OVERHEARD: A QUESTION FROM HELEN, (we'll call her Smith to protect her identity) DO YOU THINK GARTER BELTS ARE SEXY ? WELL, IF WE ANS-WER YES, WE'LL BRANDED AS CHAUVINISTIC, ANSWER NO, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU. OUR ANSWER, DEPENDS ON WHO IS WEARING THEM. ACTUALLY WE FIND THEM UNCOMFORTABLE, AS THEY DON'T MAKE THE ELASTIC LONG ENOUGH TO REACH OUR SOCKS WITHOUT MAXIMUM STRETCH, IT'S MUCH EASIER TO KEEP PULLING UP OUR SOCKS. BESIDES, CAN YOU IMAGINE GARTER BELTS AND KILTS??? HO!!HO!!

DURING THE CONFERENCE A CONVERSATION ERUPTED, WHICH, DURING ITS COURSE STATED SOMETHING LIKE, "BOYS GROW INTO MEN." NOW WE ASK YOU, WHERE DOES THE BOY STOP AND THE MAN BEGIN? DOES BECOMING A MAN MEAN WE DIVEST OURSELVES OF ALL BOYISH TRAITS? MANY DO, AND YOU HAVE MET THEM, COLD CALCULATING BUSINESS MACHINES, WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN HOW TO LAUGH, LET ALONE SMILE. WE FEEL THE BOY MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE MAN, IN A SENSIBLE BALANCE. WHY SHOULD WE GIVE UP OUR BOYISH SENSE OF ADVENTURE, THE HUMOUR, AND THE IMAGINATION TO DREAM IMPOSSIBLE FEATS THAT STIR THE IMAGINATION TO EVEN GREATER HEIGHTS. TIME AND AGAIN DURING THE CONFERENCE THE SESSION LEADERS SHOWED FLASHES OF THE BOY BY PUTTING THEIR POINTS ACROSS BY ACTING (by adult standards) A LITTLE "NUTSY". WE'LL TAKE THE NUTSY ONES ANY DAY!

"THE ONLY DIFFERANCE BETWEEN MEN AND BOYS, IS THE SIZE AND PRICE OF THEIR TOYS."

THIS STATMENT I BELIEVE IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE, IT APPLIES DEAR BROTHER TO ME AND TO YOU. OUR QUEST FOR BROTHERHOOD AND SERVICE SHOULD NEVER REST. WE MUST PRAY TO THE LORD, THAT ROVERS BE BLEST.

AND WHEN I FINALLY PUT DOWN MY PACK, STRECHED OUT HORIZONTAL, ON MY BACK, MAY THE STONE ABOVE ME, READ LOUD AND CLEAR-A ROVER, YOUR BROTHER, AN OLD "BOY" LIES HERE!

BADEN-POWELL, GILWELL AND SCOUTING

The Late Lord Baden-Powell

It was not by chance that the Founder of Scouting ultimately became Baron Baden-Powell of Gilwell, and not by chance that when the late King George V expressed his desire to confer a title upon our Founder, both he and the International Committee whom he consulted separately decided that it could only be Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell. All this happened back in 1929 at the time of the great World Jamborse at Arrows Park in England.

Of course the difficulty is that many people have jumped to the conclusion that Gilwell was B.-P.'s home. Well, spiritual home it may well have been, but physical home never; although he was a very frequent visitor, and in his later years, complete with his entire family based on his caravan, he was a familiar and loved figure at Gilwell Reunions, but he never actually lived on the property.

It is worth recording here that he evolved Wood Badge Training. In truth, the Founder created two significant things - Scouting itself, and then the method of training the Adult Leaders which would ensure its continuing success. He did it, in his own words "to make quite certain that when I am gone the future Leaders of Scouting will really understand what it is all about and what my intentions have been."

It is not out of sentiment that we respect and honour the memory of the Founder, but out of a continuing recognition of the soundness of what he gave to us.

GILWELL AND SCOUTING

It has often been said that Scouting began with a man, an island and a book: it might be siad that Gilwell began with two men and their dreams. As the Scout Movement emerged smiling, vigorous, from the dark days of the first world war holding the future donfidently in its hands, great schemes were forming in the imaginative mind of Robert Baden-Powell, and above all: the need to add training to the enthusiasm of his Scoutmasters: good intentions were not enough. At the same time another man, Mr de Bois Maclaren, the District Commissioner for Roseneath in Dunbartonshire, was concerned that the Scouts of the back streets of East London, whose love of the new game could be surpassed by none, had only the unlikely pavements and the inhospitable parks for their Scouting: what they needed was a camping ground which belonged to Scouts where they had a right to go when they liked. It must not be too far out: he would find £10,000 if B.-P. would find the place.

Undoubtedly more than one person came across Gilwell or knew about it - a derelict estate on the edge of Epping Forest, next door (one might say) to London's teeming east end, near Chingford, a village then with village ways and memories and not more that 4,000 people living there. The war just over, B.-P. and Gilwell came face to face for the first time on the afternoon of November 22, 1918.

Now B.-P. persuaded Maclaren that their two dreams could be one: a training centre for Scouters could also be a camping ground for Scouts. And so it was. Maclaren bought Gilwell for £7,000 and later gave £3,000 to make the house habitable. On the 25th of July, 1919, Mrs. Maclaren cut the ribbon of Scout colours hung across the entrance, Mr. Maclaren proudly wore the Silver Wolf B.-P. awarded him, and the Founder and his wife had tea with the guests in the garden. A unique story had begun.

THE FIRST GILWELL PARK GROUP

These notes would be incomplete if reference were not made to the lst Gilwell Park Group and its place in the world-wide brotherhood of Scouts; those many men and women who have passed through Wood Badge Courses at Gilwell and elsewhere in the Scouting world have accepted the responsibility of setting an example to all other adult members of the Movement.

The 1st Gilwell Park Group is not, as is sometimes feared, a kind of superiority class, but there is a common bond between members who have shared and equally enjoyed an experience. It is important to realise that the scheme of Gilwell Training in its broad outline, greatly as the details have changed, remains fundamentally as B.-P. laid it down when the first Courses were run; it is this living together on a Course, this learning to be self-reliant and self-sufficient that is the real bond of sympathetic understanding that exists between all wearers of thw Wood Badge.

Of the Badge itself it is sufficient to say that intrinsically it is valueless. Two pieces of wood hung on the end of a bootlace, but treasured by the aged, coveted by the young and worn with just pride by those in the middling years. It is a symbol of the universality of Gilwell and Gilwell Training. The beads themselves are copies of those taken from a necklace which B.-P. captured from Chief Dinizulu during one of his many African campaigns.

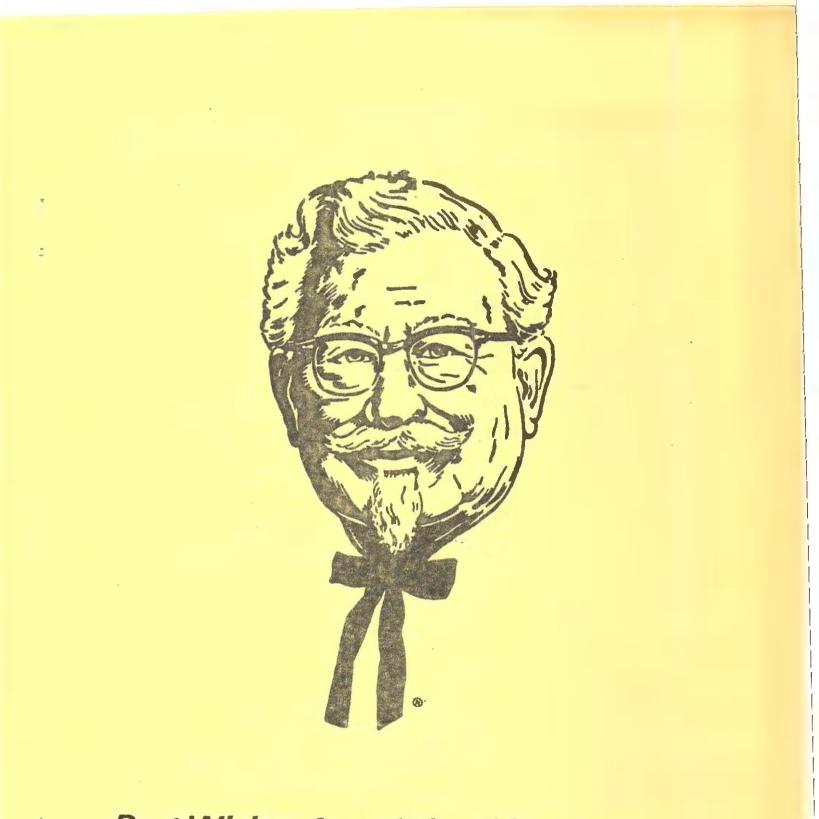
The woggle or leather turkshead is awarded for successful completion of Part I Wood Badge and the parchment, beads and scarf for completion of Part II Wood Badge.

The Gilwell Scarf is the colour of the 1st Gilwell Park Groups in chich Baden-Powell is the perpetual group Scouter. The tartan on the back is that of the Clan Maclaren to commemorate the generosity of Gilwell's donor.

The 1st Gilwell Park Group members are proud to be members and, however far away they may be from their Group Headquarters, they recognize their responsibility, not just to Gilwell, but to the whole world of Scouting.

This, then, is the Group and if you, reader, are not yet a member, the only way to become one is to take the hard way, of completing your Wood Badge Training and in that, as in all things, Good luck, but the effort must be yours.

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