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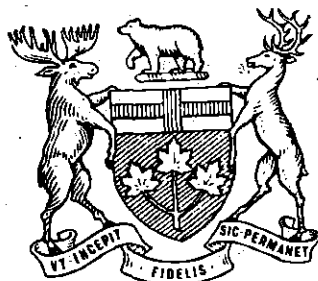
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MAY

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Cool Chameleon Rover Crew

MANITOBA



DECEMBER

- 15 CBC Manitoba's Christmas at the Forks

JANUARY

- 4 MR. RT MEETING - Service Centre,
Winnipeg

- 12-14 RIVERBORNE WINTER CARNIVAL

BRITISH COLUMBIA



DECEMBER

- 13 FRASER VALLEY ROVER ROUNDTABLE
8 p.m. Erickson House, Camp McLean
- 16 FRASER VALLEY MEDIEVAL FEAST
Camp McLean, Langley
Contact: Fraser Valley Roundtable
Mate: Toney Lobmeier (604) 462-7272

1990

FEBRUARY

- 9 VANCOUVER COAST ROVER ROUNDTABLE
8 p.m. Vancouver Scout House
- 16-18 ROVENT '90
Cambie Creek Nordic Area Manning Park
Contact: Ian Smith (604) 732-8002

MARCH

- 13 VANCOUVER COAST ROVER ROUNDTABLE
8 p.m. Vancouver Scout House
- 20 BURNABY REGION ROVER ROUNDTABLE
7:30 p.m. Provincial Scout House

APRIL

- ? BC/YUKON COUNCIL ROVER ROUNDTABLE
Date and location t.b.a.

MAY

- 18-21 CAMP SKEETER '90
Nanaimo
Contact: Islands Region Scout House
(604) 754-6422

JUNE

- ? B.C.-YUKON PROV. ROVER CONFERENCE
Date and Location TBA
- ? ROUNDOUT '90
Camp Hughes, Prince George

JULY

- ? FRASER VALLEY ROVER MOOT & RAFT RACE
Date and Location T.B.A.

AUGUST

31- BC/ALTA MOOT
SEP 3 Location T.B.A.
Contact: Leah Lobmeyer (604) 985-8596

? NATIONAL ROVER CONFERENCE
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OCTOBER

5-8 RENDEZVOUS '90
Camp Hughes, Prince George

DECEMBER

28 WORLD ROVER MOOT, AUSTRALIA
Jan 8 Contact: Dunc Morgan
World Moot Contingent Leader
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



DECEMBER

26 CHRISTMAS DINNER

1990

APRIL

? ST. GEORGE DINNER

INTERNATIONAL



1990

FEBRUARY

18-25 SCOUT-GUIDE/GUIDE-SCOUT WEEK

22 LORD & LADY BADEN POWELL'S BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

28- 8th WORLD ROVER MOOT
Jan 9 Victoria, Australia

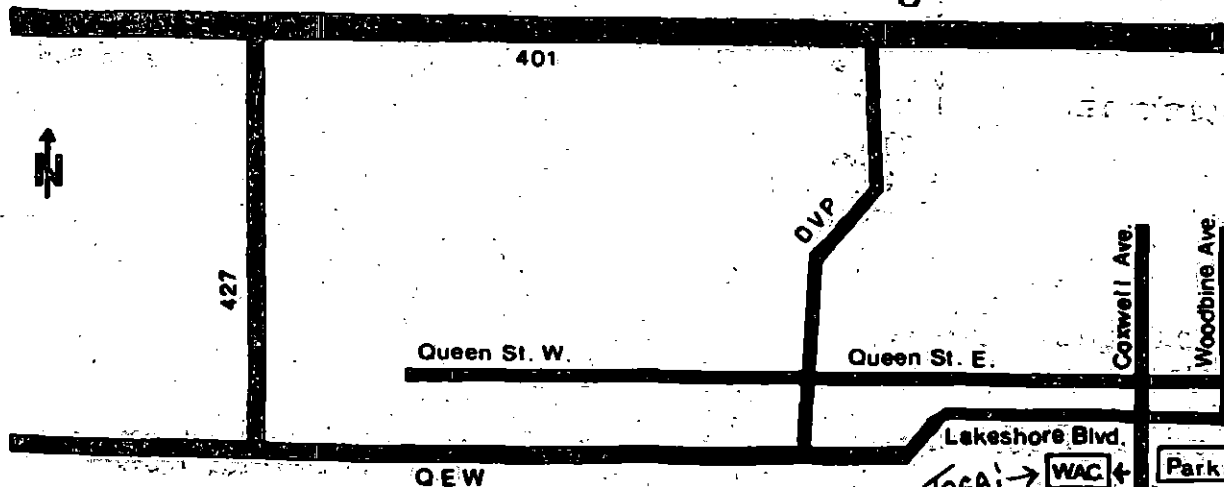
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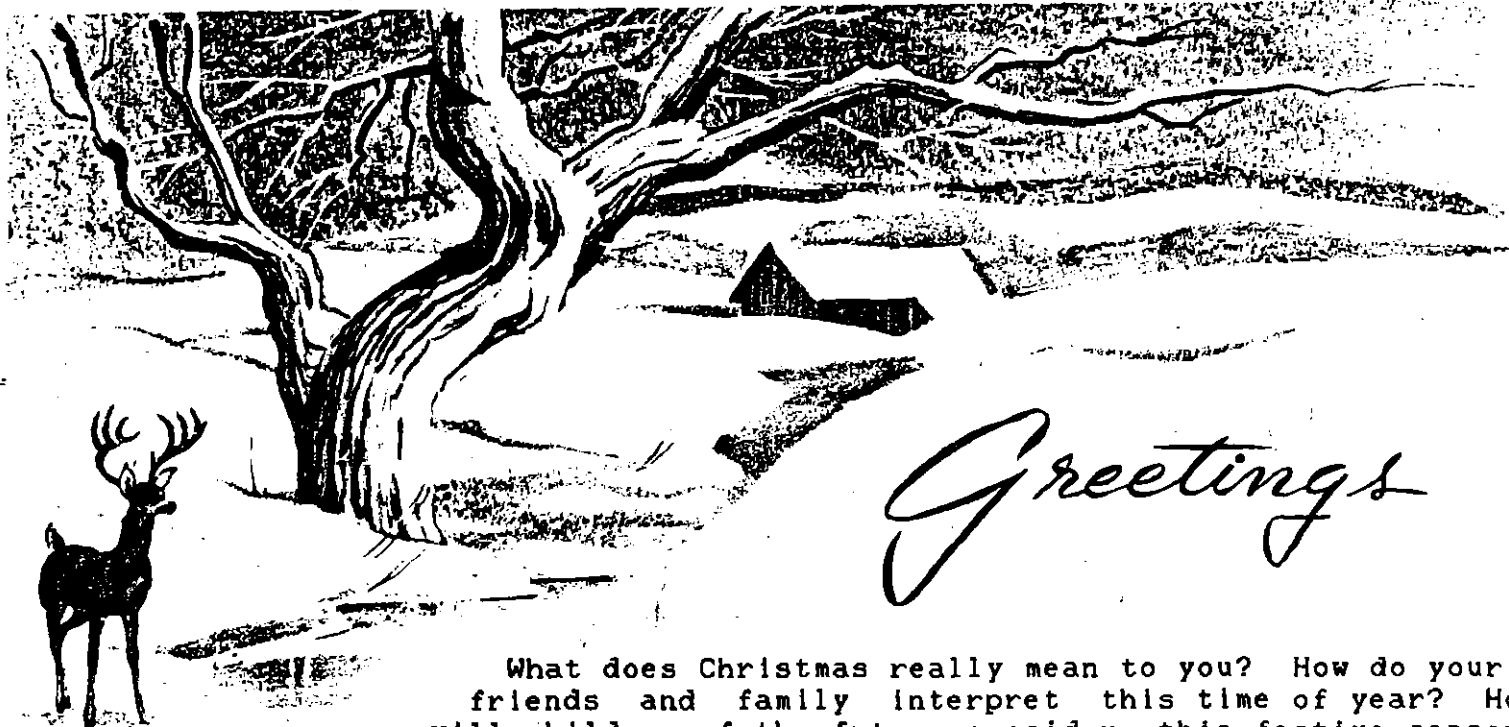
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What does Christmas really mean to you? How do your friends and family interpret this time of year? How will children of the future consider this festive season? Sometimes I truly get concerned about the things to come.

Several years ago I was chatting with the minister of our church, he shared with me a discomfoting thought of reality. He related to me of how some parents in today society are trapped on an endless tread mill, particularly when it comes to giving at Christmas time. It seems that in many families both the mother and father have full and/or part time jobs; mostly due to necessity. However, since the parents are out of the house for so many hours of the day, they tend to neglect giving attention to their children. To make up for their absence, parents spend more money on gifts then they can really afford. This extra spending helps to ease their conscience in hopes of gaining or regaining their family's love. Once Christmas is all over the parents are forced to work even more hours to help pay for those expensive gifts; and so the story revolves.

I'm sure we've all heard the story of Saint Nick and how he filled the stockings of good children with treasures and goodies and coal for the trouble makers. If someone was to ask me if I believe in Santa Claus, I would have to say "Yes"! Not so much the man himself but more so of the Spirit of giving which he has shared with us. After all...can you image if Santa Claus was to reappear in today's society (as the legend would have it). First of all, he would be immediately charged with trespassing then followed with break and entering. Secondly, he would be charged with driving an unsafe vehicle, no licence, no insurance, littering, speeding and not wearing a seat belt. He would most likely be charged with public mischief and creating a nuisance. Then they would lock him in some loonie bin never to be heard of again. However, such is not the case. It's true that this jolly old fat monk named Saint Nicholas is no longer living but his lessons of sharing and giving will always be with us.

Do you believe in Santa Claus? We sure do!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Wilf & Linda
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LETTERS TO THE -EDITOR-

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Pen Pal Friend (Boy Scout/Rovers Only)

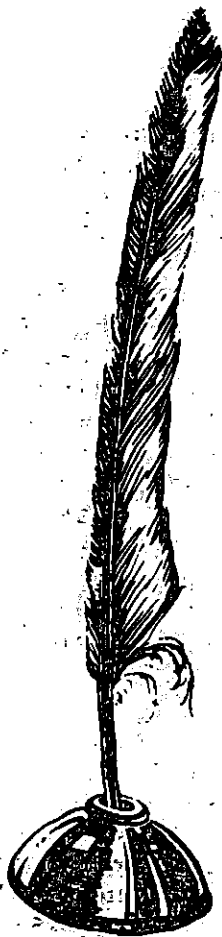
I am a Rover Scout Master; I have been a Rover Scout Master since 1965, till date.

I am now requesting for an International appeal on pen-pal friends that will help me get scout books, badges, scout whistles and shoulder sleeve badges from Canada or any where to enable me continue with the Scouting which I have chosen as a carrier.

My Hobbies: Scouting activities, travelling, letter writing, photographs and exchange of gifts. May God Bless you as you respond accordingly.

Thanks,

Isaac Ike Inyima (Rover Scout Master)
3rd Ishielu Troop
Nigercem Nkalagu



Dear fellow Canadian Rovers,

I was very surprised to read in the October issue that none of the responses from Rovers about the proposed uniform changes took the reasons for the change seriously. From discussing it with our Region Staff (all two of them), I understand the reasons to be:

- one uniform colour, to make recognition of all Scouts easier, and
- A supply services crunch, due to the cost and availability of the fabric we use.

It is precisely because people don't go through many uniforms that it is hard to justify having small supplies of the various colours we have. By giving us too many options, it has caused trouble with manufacturers. It is also a problem in ordering uniforms to be made, due to the dynamics within the Movement. It causes a forecasting nightmare.

I would like to address some of the concerns Rovers raised in the letters in October, one at a time.

1. If a member doesn't put a noticeable amount of wear on a uniform in the four years before full changeover is planned, he/she isn't wearing it much. Anyone disagree?

2. I accept the complaint that green shows dirt less and looks neat longer than the colour tan. But have you ever spent a few hours in the summer sun in one, on parade or promoting Scouting? And it's not possible to make it any lighter weight, or it would be gauze.

And, if green is so great, why are some groups so attached to their grays? I've worn it, and it's no neater than tan will be.

3. Don't give me the regional-politics-Ontario-shoving-it-down-our-throats bull. Please. There are certainly as many who don't like the idea in this province as any other.

4. Dirt argument accepted, hasn't anyone else ever heard of activity dress? T-shirts, sweatshirts either Scouting or Rover-type are easy to find or make.

Something I didn't read about in the magazine but anticipate from other discussion is that some sections (Sea Scouts) would still want to have a distinctive colour, whatever the rest of Scouting wears. They would rather emphasize their difference than their oneness with the rest of Scouting.

For those in favour of being a distinct society in this manner, I have one question:

- If you are not a Scout first and a Rover second, what are you?

Not much of an asset to the Movement, in my eyes.

As much as I like the neatness of green, I'll give it up for one Scouting colour in Canada. Whatever Colour that is.

Margaret Carruthers
7th Wesley "PETROC" Rover Crew
Thunder Bay, Ontario

P.S. I'd love to see some response to this commentary.



B.C. ROVERING

Well we would like to take this opportunity to thank Wilf et al. for issuing the inaugural issue of the "B.C. Rovering Magazine". We really appreciate it. To be totally honest we were rather confused. Where was everyone? What is happening in the other Provinces? As much as we like telling the rest of the Country what we are doing, we also like to see what is happening in the rest of the Country.

Anyway to go on with our news.

A FRESH START FOR B.C.

Sound familiar, well, once again the Provincial Roundtable has been shaken up during our recent elections. It seems our Roundtable executive changes faster than Vanderzalm's Cabinet. Although the changes are not as significant as what we reported in June of 1988, they are significant.

Jack Prost prior to the elections resigned his position as Mate choosing not to stand for re-election. Jack stated that he did not feel that he would have the amount of time required to carry out his duties effectively. We would like to thank Jack for the incredible amount of time he has given to the Roundtable. From running around the Province supporting Rovers to writing this article every other month. Jack has done a lot to promote the growth of the Provincial Roundtable and other Roundtable throughout the Province.

Lesley McGee (see Lesley, I didn't use your maiden name, I guess I'm learning) was elected as Mate. She brings with her a wealth of experience from her previous position as Mate of the prestigious Fraser Valley Rover Roundtable. Jack, also from the Fraser Valley, did accept the position of Vice-mate. Secretary is Heather MacKay from the very wealthy (in their own minds) and prestigious?!?! outspoken, glamorous, powerful Region of Burnaby (what a joke). And all the way from Islands Region (or is it Victoria?) Debbie "no, I really didn't want to get elected" Lowry was elected to the position of Treasurer. She thought that this was going to be a very low key job until some "accountant type" started talking about budgets, accountability and fiscal responsibility. The Provincial Roundtable has a busy year ahead to say the least but we are sure the present team will be able to handle the job.

The Provincial Roundtable meeting was well attended with five Regions represented including Northern Region. The meeting went well although nobody could seem to decide what to do about lunch. We began to wonder if we would be able to accomplish anything. However, a lot of business was discussed.

We have heard vague rumors that a ghost of APC's past has returned from whence he came. Watch out Bernie, we are coming after you and you may not like the results. That's right, we found out that there are two Rover Crews in Victoria Region and you are the Advisor for one of them. With this in mind, and to encourage the start of a Regional Roundtable in Victoria Region, the next Provincial Roundtable meeting is tentatively being scheduled in Victoria next April.

It is now time for Vancouver Coast Roundtable slamming. Yes folks, once again we bring you sentence after sentence of no holds barred toasting. This is what you get for not showing up again Ian. Yes, you Ian, it's all your fault. Your Region has no one to blame but YOU!!!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

YOU CALL THAT A ROVER MOOT! (Remember Skookums you only have Ian to blame). (only kidding Skookums we really only want Ian to look and feel bad).

On the weekend of October 20th, Vancouver Coast held the Woodstock Reunion Moot. As should have been expected, too many flower children have grown up and gone away. Fourteen Rovers were able to make their way back to the farm. According to those in attendance, it was one of the best programs at a VCR Moot yet. The only thing the three of us writing this have heard is that there was some controversy over the "Love - in". Mind you it was a cold rainy weekend and people had to stay warm somehow.

In other Vancouver Coast events, the Urban Orienteering Course sponsored by the 18th Skookums was one of the Best ever. (no Ian you cannot take any credit for this one!!!) This event pits Rovers against the ever treacherous challenges of Downtown Vancouver. Rovers were expected to follow a mapped compass course and complete various tasks as they went. First place went to 4th Richmond Spirits (115 points), second went to 8th Richmond Beachcombers (114 points) who missed first place when one of their members (Okay it was Steve Illott, not Ian Smith) was caught drinking a coke at the Penthouse. In all, close to 40 people were in attendance, an all time record for this event.

Okay, we didn't slam Ian all that bad. What can we say, were nice guys. Even if he can't meet his obligations, I guess that is no reason to degrade someone, particularly a fellow Rover. But then again, Ian deserves it. Remember, Ian, if you show up, we don't embarrass you this way. By the way, who was it we saw you with last weekend? (Or should we say what?)

Sorry, but due to the over exposure last issue (and the fact that Ian isn't here) there will be no discussion of Rovent this issue. See August/October issue for more information.

Okay, maybe we are getting out of line. We'll stop now. Time to get down to more serious news. However, it seems like there is nothing left to tell about Vancouver Coast. Imagine that.

Fraser Valley Region is hosting the event of the year on December 16 at Camp McLean. The Medieval Feast is almost here again. By the time you receive this article you can forget about getting tickets, we are already sold out. However, for those who have tickets, you can expect a lot of fun. Our Minstrel Evan will be on hand again to entertain us all with his melodious voice and bag pipes. However, this year to ensure the safety of our patrons, there will be a key drop at the door. All attendees are expected to bring their sleeping bags and spend the night in Erikson house. A breakfast will be served the next morning for no extra cost.

As Paul is talking to Leanne on the phone, he is unavailable to make any comments concerning Burnaby Rovering at this time. We hope that he will be able to assist us in the future if he can tear his ear away from the phone.

As for other Valley News, the October Roundtable was another big success. Over 40 people were in attendance. We are still working on raising funds for the cub hut we agreed to pay for at Camp McLean and we plan on having a dance and a garage sale in the spring. More information on this will follow in future issues.

Northern Region is quite active. Rendezvous '89 was held October 6-9 at Camp Hughes near the city of the north, Prince George. The camp was attended by approximately 120 venturers and Rovers, all had a great time! Activities included a Polar Bear Swim, baseball, relay races, and the Regional Rover Roundtable. The new executive was elected at that meeting. The new Mate is Sandra Galloway of 1st Prince George, Vice-mate is Trevor Lockyer of 1st Prince George, and Secretary/Treasurer is Chris Wagner of the 6th North Peace Rover Crew. They are planning a Regional Rover Conference in the Spring and a couple camps for later in the year.

Paul is threatening to put Leanne's name into the article due to the problems she is causing him. We do not approve of the use of this article to make idle threats against people, even if they do not know how to keep their foot off the gas but are able to use their powers to sway the judgement of fine upstanding members of our police force. Leanne, 120 km/h in a 60 km/h zone is a little extreme, even if it was an attempt to arrive on time to the Fraser Valley Rover Roundtable. Those Burnaby drivers!!! What did you really do to get away without being charged?

So, Paul what of importance is happening in Burnaby? And not any of your usual boring dribble either.

Tony, my report is not dribble, it is exciting. (Paul)

Rovers in Burnaby Region are having a population explosion. Yes, it's true, Rovers are exploding all over the Region. the 2nd Burnaby South West Crew has doubled its numbers in just over a year. It is hoped that a third Crew can be started in the near future. Paul Mozsar has been named acting ARC until a "real" one has been found.

Burnaby Region is planning a Regional Conference for next spring. They are also actively recruiting new Rovers by going to Venturer Companies within the Region. The Roundtable was also involved in cooking for a Regional Woodbadge training course.

Paul Mozsar apologizes on behalf of Burnaby Region for being completely unable to find any fault with Fraser Valley Region to print in this article. Of Course the fact Jack edits the article before being sent back east gives him ample opportunity to delete any derogatory comments he does not feel are appropriate.

VERY UNBIASED!!!!

Hey what about those Canucks. This year the Stanley Cup is ours for sure. Look at Calgary, what a joke, the Flames could only get one point out of us in a Home and Home weekend series. Okay, so we can't beat the lowly Winnipeg Jets or Toronto Maple Laffs, we can beat the good teams and that's all that counts.

We do apologize if we have offended anyone in this article (except for you Ian!!). We do not intend to cause offense (except to Ian), but are simply trying to liven up our lives and the Rovering Article. If you have any comments or want to know how you to can join this zany bunch of lunatics every two months, just call Ian, that's right, Ian at (604)-732-8002, that's (604)-732-8002.

Good-bye for now from Tony, Jack and Paul.

Oh yeah, Leanne says "Hi!" as well.

B.C. Rovers

P.S. "Revenge is sweet Ian" (Paul)

ROGER AWARDS

The "Roger Awards" are not in any way, shape, or form, a product of any Headquarters at any level. It is an award that is made by you, the Rovers, Rangers and Advisors, by your nomination-votes sent into Rovering Magazine. It gives Rovers and Rangers a chance to honour their own, and show appreciation for the efforts of an individual or a crew(s).

All Rovers, Rangers and Advisors are allowed to nominate-vote once in each category. All we ask is that you vote only for the moots which you personally attended, and not on hearsay. You may leave a category blank if you so desire.

It is important that you list #3 in order of preference with 3A being the highest rating (3A is worth 4 pts., 3B is worth 3 pts, 3C is worth 2 pts., and 3D is worth 1 pt.).

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY

1. Name a person who you feel has had sincere dedication to Rovers.

2. Name a person who you feel has had sincere dedication to Rangers.

3. Name what you feel were the four best moots in 1989 in order of your preference.

A. -----

B. -----

C. -----

D. -----

4. Name the best continuing feature to appear in Rovering Magazine during the year 1988.

5. Name the best feature to appear in Rovering Magazine during 1988.

Send your nomination-vote to: "ROGER AWARDS"

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Awards will be presented at the St. George's Day Dinner & Dance
April 1990.

MANITOBA ROVER

November's MR.RT meeting was both fruitful and enjoyable. What follows is a brief account of the happenings. The names have not been changed to protect the guilty.

7:10 pm - Meeting called to order. Attendance: 144th Peguis, 33rd Winnipeg, 1st St. Boniface, 1st St. Charles. Welcome extended to 1st St. Charles, as this is their first time at a Roundtable Meeting.

7:15 pm - CBC Manitoba's annual Christmas program "Christmas at the Forks" is discussed. Same location as last year: the Forks at the junction of the Red and the Assiniboine. This December there will be inside and outside displays and activities. We expect to perform our usual jobs: crowd control, fire tending, and standing beside large inflatable coffee cups. We have also been offered display space and the opportunity to camp outside for the weekend. Final arrangements will be made later. The Roundtable will spring for pizza after the Friday evening program. Allan suggests we sit in the smoking section, due to the fact that everyone smokes after standing next to those fires. Russ comments on the fact that it always snows big white fluffy flakes just as the television program ends. Who says Rovers have no influence with the weather.

7:32 pm - Next topic, Riverborne's Winter Carnival. Allan says we need at least 30 people to operate two food concessions and help setup and takedown. It was suggested that the Rovers take the evening shifts and the Venturers work during the day. Two Rover banners are to be made. The beer garden is back again, and the sky jumpers will try not to hit the bridge this year. Big discussion on how to get huge amounts of coffee and hot chocolate down from the restaurant to the river. Visions of Martin boiling water in the garbage can with a Tiger Torch dance in my head. Expect more information at January's meeting.

8:04 pm - Someone asks if the St. Boniface Rovers are holding a Suicide Toboggan Run in February. Allan suggests Feb. 4; Sean thinks his crew should set the date, not the Roundtable. Russ likes the 4th, so, the date is accepted. Various members review past glories: hitting the van and Russ coming out with an axe, broken bones and trips to the hospital. Russ asks if Kris will be sighted so that the winning trophy can be presented to me before next year.

8:25 pm - Brief discussion follows about the Peguis Rovers Road Rally last month. Allan mentions that the Shilo Rovers took last place and were presented with the mangled toboggan from last year's Suicide Toboggan Run.

8:39 pm - Rover Camp, November 16 and 17. I am volunteered to get the key to the cabin. Decide to leave Winnipeg Saturday, as nobody knows where the cabin is. Roundtable will buy the food. Program to be spontaneous and amusing with a little bit of work thrown in.

8:51 pm - Allan and Chris recount their recent canoe trip with the D of E Gold Society. Chris remembers adjusting his glasses to the bottom of the lake. They both forgot to ask Yogi the bear the important question, "Yogi, can I have your pogo stick?"

9:00 pm - Next meeting set for January 4, 1990 (why push it?). People disburse, meeting adjourned.

That's it for this time.

Yours in Rovering

Phil Tanner

GLOBAL REPORT

INDIA. SCOUTS WORK FOR UNITY: Scouts and Guides from all 24 states of India came together in September at Srinagar in Kashmir for a 10-day camp to get acquainted and learn about each other's customs, culture and ideas. Some of the participants travelled as far as 3,000 kilometres, taking up to three days to get to the camp. Thirteen different languages were spoken and five different religions represented.

Patrols gave performances of their regional songs and dances and held discussions about local customs and festivals.

They also explained the main elements, beliefs and practices of their various religions. An equal period of time, 15 minutes, was allotted for an explanation of each religion represented, e.g. Hindu, Moslem, Christian, Sikh, and Buddhist, and an ecumenical ceremony was held for everyone.

Problem solving games revealed varying points of view on social problems. One task was to decide what sort of political, economic and social structure to create when given an imaginary empty territory that could be peopled and organized as desired. Questions such as what sort of transport, what sort of relationships between citizens, what political structure would be best, had to be answered. The plans were put to paper and compared.

The goal of the 1,100 Bharat Scouts and Guides attending the camp was to acquire new and deeper understanding of their country where 16 main languages and 100 dialects are spoken and 6 main religions are practiced, and to feel themselves citizens of India as well as members of their individual communities and states.

LITERACY YEAR IN 1990: The United Nations has declared 1990 to be Literacy Year and all international organizations are called on to help eliminate illiteracy by the year 2000. More information on the subject will be appearing in future editions of World Scouting News and resource material will be made available by the World Scout Bureau.

One member of this literacy and numeracy class in India, where Bharat Scouts and Guides are teaching literacy and numeracy skills, said "It used to be I couldn't read the number nor the name on the bus. Now I can, and I have no trouble getting on the right one. Tradespeople can't easily cheat me any more either."

A NEW ACTIVITY AT KANDERSTEG INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CENTRE: Kandersteg International Scout Centre has added a new activity to its programme of summer and winter mountain sports - paragliding. You can climb the mountain and float down with a parachute. Full courses in paragliding are arranged at the Centre.

On the slopes of the Allmenalp, 600 metres above Kandersteg, Scouts enjoy the Swiss mountains not only on the ground but also in the air. If you are interested in the programme be sure to book well in advance. The centre is popular.

ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN TAIPEI: The 16th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference held in September in Taipei, Taiwan, was attended by representatives of 18 Member Organizations as well as observers from other regions. The theme of the conference was "Brotherhood through Scouting." Frankie S. Roman, former National President of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, was elected Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Region and Mr. Shoen-Yun Wu, International Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of China, was elected Vice-Chairman.

WORLD SCOUT FOUNDATION: A World Scout Foundation Reception and Presentation Ceremony in Williamsburg, Pennsylvania, USA, for members of the Baden-Powell World Fellowship brought together 75 Fellows from 15 countries. Twenty of the Fellows received their Fellowship Insignia from H.M. The King of Sweden, Honorary President of the Foundation.

The following week, 12 new Baden-Powell Fellows were recruited at the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in Taipei. This is an all-time record for recruitment at a regional conference. Now there are Fellows from 59 countries.

UGANDA JAMBOREE: Some 6,400 Scouts and Girl Guides from 12 countries including Uganda attended the Second All Africa Scout Jamboree with the theme "Peace and Friendship" at Kaazi, Uganda, recently. The opening and closing ceremonies were attended by dignitaries from government and church and Scouting organizations.

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SNOWBALL "90" IS COMING FEB. 16, 17, 18 1990

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A VISION OF THE FUTURE

With less than a year to go before our National Rover Conference, many Provincial Delegates are well into their preconference tasks. Some advisors and Rovers alike as of yet may not have had an opportunity to participate in this major review of the Rover Program.

If you happen to be one of those Advisors or Rovers please get involved by contacting your Provincial office and ask for the name of your "Provincial Rover Contact." This contact will be able to put you and your crew in touch with your Provincial Delegates. Your contact and delegates are responsible for gathering the views of your Province. Your delegates will then represent your views at our National Rover Conference next August.

In January of 1989 all Provincial Rover Contacts were provided with a comprehensive survey that focused on four key areas concerning Rovers. They include: 1) Identifying progress to date and any further action required to fully implement the 1984 Rover Program, Review recommendations. 2) How are the needs of 18 - 26 year old adults being met (contemporary issues) in relation to Scouting's Program Objectives and the Rover Program Emphasis. 3) Exploring the statement, "Service oriented for adults." 4) Exploring the role and need for the position of Crew Advisor.

Each Province was requested to respond with a collective viewpoint that reflected consultation with numerous sources. The National Rover Review Task Group capsulized the results and shared them with Provincial Councils through the National Program Forum held in May of 1989. Our task group would like to keep you updated by sharing those results with you in abbreviated form.

* The survey conducted early in 1989 found that all seven key recommendations were in need of further action. Those that related to communications and the handbook consistently were identified as major priorities.

* Education, employment, family and relationship stood out as important needs/issues of 18 - 26 year old adults across Canada.

* the survey determined that the statement "Service oriented for adults" seems too vague and its meaning unclear. However, it would appear that Rovers across the country believe that their role is to serve/help their communities in meaningful ways. This seems to be reflected in programs and many valuable service activities/projects now taking place.

* The majority of survey respondents indicated that there was a need for a Crew Advisor in some capacity. While 86% answered yes to the need for an Advisor, 14% did not. However, the Rover Task Group noted that the response may have been varied had the question been phrased in a different manner.

Each of these four areas as mentioned are now being looked at in detail by all Rovers and Advisors through your Provincial Delegates. By no means is this task an easy one. We have been "charged" with a task that will not only shape the future of Rovering, but will have the potential to impact on 18 - 26 year olds nation wide. We now have an opportunity to work towards greater modernization of the Rover program and its positive benefit to Canadian society. However, you and your crew must speak up! Get involved and let your view be known, it's all up to you and the Rover population of your Province to make it happen!

Submitted by:
Tim Halford

HOW ABOUT THAT ---

One month to go! Last June I presented a plan to put together a National Rover Video. You remember either slides or videos showing a positive image of Rovers. I felt that if we could get input from across the country, a fairly accurate and interesting video could be made. So dig back to the June issue and re-read it. This will only work if enough slides or videos are sent in. The team at this end is presently sitting on their hands - the response has been zilch!

Enough of the sour grapes! This item was given to me by Harvey Haun. Three leaders in Norther Waterloo involved in Rovers received service pins, "Old" Art Franklin - 30 years; Rudy Villeneuve - 15 years; and Dale Witt - 10 years.

Our congratulations to Stu Murchie of Brant District, who received the Medal of Merit.

The last six months have been very hectic, so much so that I have missed moots and other activities outside my own crew. Even the members of my crew are talking about not enough time for this or that. My wife and I used to think once the children left home we would have time on our hands, that turns out to be one of life's big jokes. But when I hear the younger generation making the same comment about not enough time - I start to wonder. Did someone speed up all the clocks?? Are some aliens sitting in their UFO's out in space, with their time speeder ray trained on us, to wear us out so they can take over the planet?? Or are we more concerned with the quantity instead of the quality of life.

Also I wonder, are moots and events with other crews, outside the realm of your own crew's activities, the adrenalin of the life blood of Rovers?

Another question, are we ever going to have one uniform for Rovers? And don't try to argue that Green is traditional. If you want tradition, then the color is Khaki, with plus fours and puttees up to your knees. That was the original Scout uniform.

And don't talk about cost! I wore a itchy green cub jersey, then a itchy khaki scout shirt followed by 3 green shirt while in Scouts, three more Green shirt as a Scout and Rover Leader (one for camp - one for meetings - one for district staff) and these were followed by three grey shirts. Then there were three sons who were cubs, scouts and Rovers and didn't begrudge buying any of them. I guess this goes back to my days in the troop. The guys in our troop wore their uniforms to high school during Scout week. We all had one extra shirt that was used for special occasions, we wanted to look good. We held fund raising to purchase to extra uniforms. The jackets came later.

A few years ago Rovers were crying, we need a uniform to set us apart from Boy Scouts. Well National gave us one, and instead of uniting and making it work, some screamed tradition. I know of one who screamed loud and added "it's extra cost" and promptly bought a jeep.

Question: How many crews do you see arriving and leaving Moots in uniform?

I guess what I am trying to say is, maybe the time has come to forget "old tradition" and start a "new tradition" with one uniform across Canada. A uniform to wear proudly! A uniform to show proudly! A uniform to make us more visible to the Scouting community! A uniform to make us more visible in the community. It's either that or slowly become invisible and a memory.

I promise - this is my last kick at the uniform can!

It's Christmas time again. I look forward to this season a little different than a few years back. Now I see the wonder in the eyes of our grandchildren. I see the love in the eyes of our family. I see the joy in their eyes, because they are together again. Memories of Christmas past surface and bring a smile to my heart.

My wife and I have been blessed, all the dreams that two starry eyed teenagers in love talked about, have come true, and I am happy.

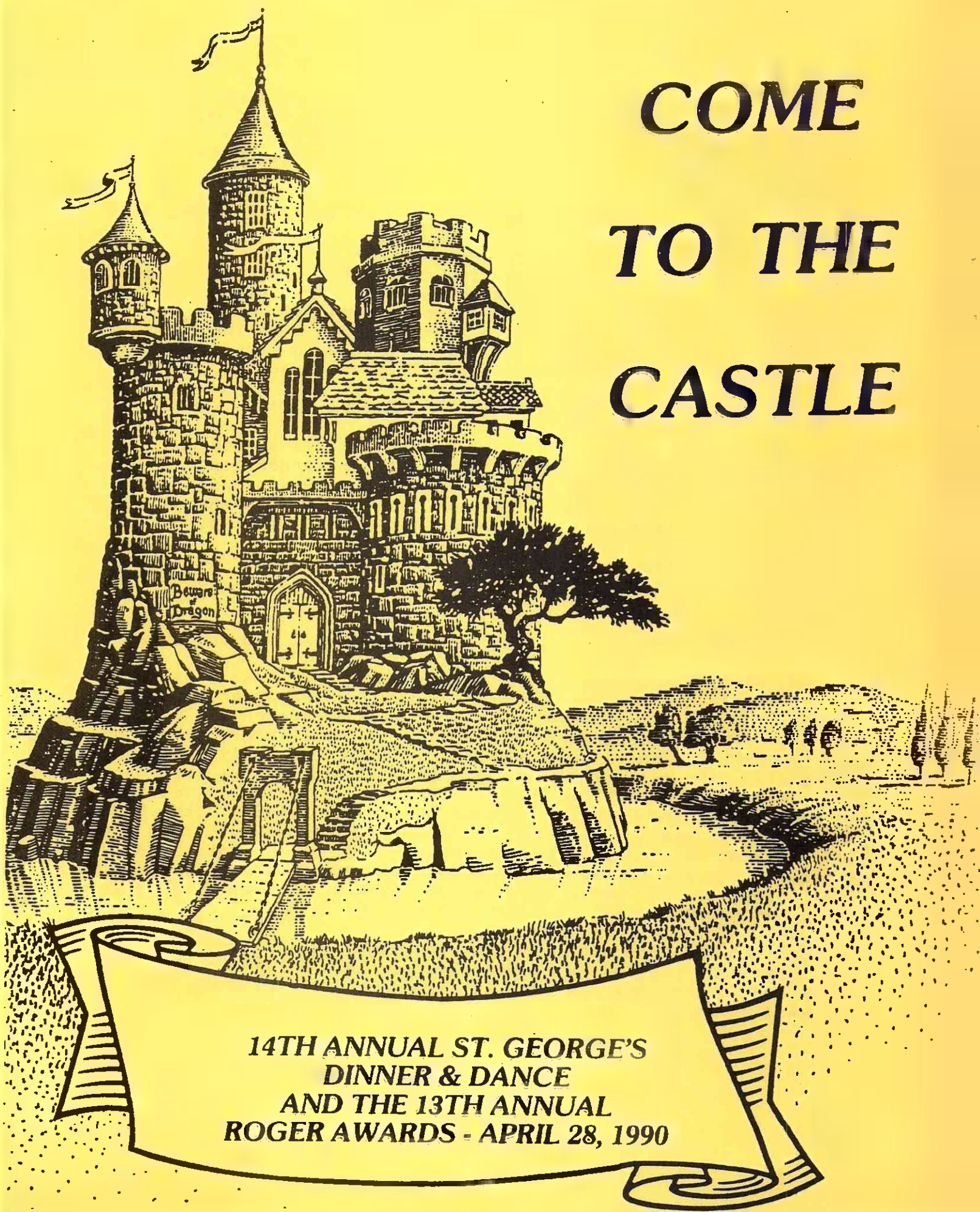
Then I flip the coin to the other side, and I feel sad and angry!

How are today's dreaming teens ever going to own a home of their own? I feel sad about the 90% of a generation that statitons are writing off, as being only capable of packing groceries, because they have fried their brains with drugs. I feel angry about the young people living on the streets, because they can't get along with their parents! I feel angry when I read about the young girls working (if you can call it that) the streets. I feel sad and angry about the wars in places like San Salvador that have torn families apart. I feel sad and angry about pollution and rape of lands in the name of progress. I feel angry over a government who are removing mass transit, instead of improving it. I feel angry over a government which solves (?) problems with higher and higher taxes. I guess you get the message.

If you look too hard and too long you might have trouble saying-Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let us be our brothers keeper and look to the future! All the best for Christmas and the New Year!

Don Sitler

COME TO THE CASTLE



14TH ANNUAL ST. GEORGE'S
DINNER & DANCE
AND THE 13TH ANNUAL
ROGER AWARDS - APRIL 28, 1990

ATTENTION HISTORIANS!

Below is printed a brief history of Rovering in Canada. To my knowledge there is no one source of information on this subject, but many of you will have parts of the puzzle! This is all the information I can find so far. I am offering to co-ordinate collection of information to put together a "History of Canadian Rovering". It will then be made available to all crews and interested parties. Please pass this request on to anyone you know with information which may help.

Thank you

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HISTORY OF ROVERING

By 1908, Scouting had taken root in Canada, and in August 1910, Baden Powell toured the Dominion. In June 1914, the Boy Scouts of Canada was incorporated by an Act of Parliament.

In June 1917, BP introduced a Senior Scout section for the purpose of retaining and training the senior Scout. In 1918, the section was named "Rover Scouts". Rovering to Success was published in 1922, and while a good resource, was not intended to provide a specific program for the section.

The First World Rover Moot was held in July 1931 in Kanderstag, Switzerland, with BP attending. A world census of Rovers in 1933 counted 38,927!! The Second World Rover Moot was held in 1935 at Ingaro Sweden, followed by the Third in 1939 in Monzie, Perthshire.

The Fourth World Rover Moot was not held until 1949 due to the war, and was celebrated in Skajk, Norway by 2500 Rovers from 37 countries including Canada.

July 1953, saw the Fifth World Rover Moot again at Kanderstag for 4200 Rovers from 33 Countries. The 6th World Rover Moot was in 1957 at Sutton Coldfield in England, and the 7th in 1961, in Melbourne, Australia. That was the last World Rover Moot to date.

Meanwhile, in Canada, the Scout program was revised in 1968 and the Venturer program was added for boys 14 to 17 years. A National Rover Subcommittee was set up to study the need for the Rover section, and in 1969 announced there was indeed a need for Scouting for those 17 to 23 years of age. In 1970, the Rover Subcommittee proposed a three year trial of co-ed membership as an option for Rover crews, and the issue was discussed at NAROCO '71. The co-ed option was accepted officially for Rovers in 1973. (The

Venturer section followed in the '80's). An interim paper "Rovers '71" served as a resource for Rovers until a more permanent Rover handbook could be prepared. In 1975, the Canadian Rover Handbook was released, and a new edition again in 1986.

In 1984, as a result of a National Rover Survey, a recommendation was made to raise the age eligibility for Rover registration to include any male or female Rovers between 18 and 26 years of age. This made Rovers an adult section, and the program and resources are being reviewed and revised (1987).

Canadian Rovers have enjoyed their own National Rover Moots:

1951 Blue Springs, Ontario - 1st Canadian Rover Moot

1956 Sussex, New Brunswick - 2nd Canadian Rover Moot

1959 Banff, Alberta - 3rd Canadian Rover Moot

1962 Mekinac, Quebec - 4th Canadian Rover Moot

1966 Parksville, B.C. - 5th Canadian Rover Moot

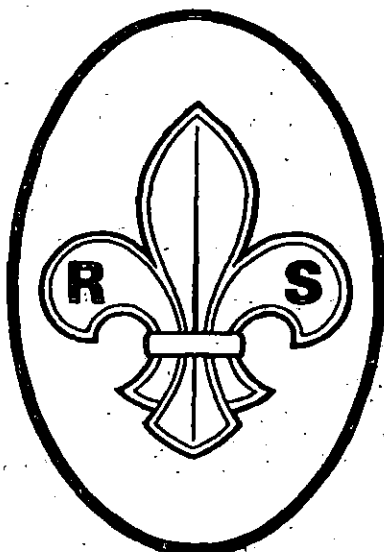
1970 Winnipeg, Manitoba - 6th Canadian Rover Moot

1974 Camp Samac, Oshawa, Ontario - 7th Canadian Rover Moot

1978 Camp Impeesa, Pincher Creek Alt - 8th Canadian Rover Moot

1982 Camp Wetaskiwin, St. Catharines, Ont. - 9th Canadian, World
Invitational Rover Moot

1986 McLean Park, Langley, B.C. - 10th Canadian Rover Moot



CHRISTMAS?

Christmas: a time for holidays, friends, family, goodwill or Christ? The answer to these is yes, but principle the reason for Christmas is Christ. Without Christ there would be no Christmas; which, in its very name is Christ's mass. This is not to say that family, friends and good will are not important for they are. This is the time of year when families come together to renew ties with each other.

Let's face it Christmas has become more secular and less a Christian festival in recent years. When I moved to St. Jacob's last August and went into the shops they were beginning to put some of their Christmas stock on the shelves. Granted this is a tourist town, but August is a little early to start Christmas shopping. (Even if I do wait until the 24th to complete mine).

Stores will soon be putting their Christmas merchandizing into full force. Santa will appear in all stores and malls. Is this delivering the wrong message to children; perhaps, all they see is Santa who will give them all that they ask for. Now there is nothing wrong with Santa who embodies all that is good about Christmas, but what about Christ who brings infinitely more to the world. If children are to be taught about Santa also teach them the true meaning of Christmas.

A lot of goodwill occurs at Christmas. Okay, we are swept up in the spirit of giving and caring, but why only at this time of year. God calls us to a ministry of caring at all times during the year. He shares His Son with us. As Romans we promise "To help other people at all times." So why only help at this very special time of year? How we can help depends only on the time we have available.

Historically the Christmas season begins with the first Sunday of Advent, the third of December this year. For the Christian church, Advent marks a season of preparation when we prepare for the coming of Christ. The secular Advent begins right after Thanksgiving when stores decorate and play Christmas music. All this is to get people to buy more. As a seminarian this does anything, but put me in the mood for buying and in fact puts me off shopping.

During the Christmas season as you shop, feast and gather with family remember the meaning of Christmas. Remember that Christmas is a time of joy, a time of giving, but foremost it is the time of the birth of Jesus Christ. God set us Jesus to save the world not as a full grown man, but as a little baby, who lived as we do and grew as we do.

"And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, 'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign; you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.'" (Luke 2:8-14)

Merry Christmas

Michael Diegel

CHRISTMAS JOYS

Christmas joys are in giving. As we join the hustle and bustle of Christmas shoppers to purchase gifts for our family and friends, let us put thought into our endeavours. Let our gifts embrace each recipient with an abundance of love and joy. Many gifts cost nothing more than just a little bit of ourselves. Let us give a kindly word to a weary soul, a smile from the heart and understanding to the troubled.

Christmas joys are in remembering the magical moments of the season: The fragrance of green pine, family reunions, smell of homemade baking, children's laughter, crisp cold nights, Santa's expectant visit, gathering round the tree, and Christmas carols.

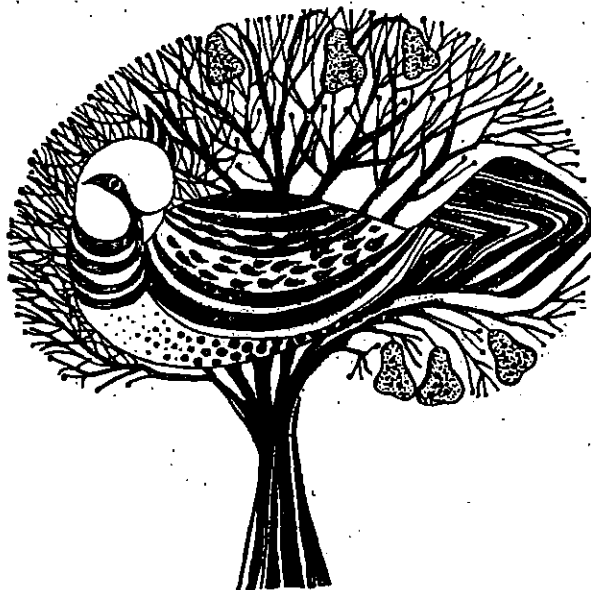
Christmas joys are in the blessings that have lived for hundreds of years when the angels first brought the glad tidings of peace and goodwill, and news of Jesus' birth. Each Christmas we say a prayer of hope that the memory of that Christmas long ago still lives in our hearts to make us bearers of peace in these troubled times.

As we are beginning another Christmas season let us renew our faith in mankind. Let us resolve ourselves to making this world a better place in which to live...a world reflecting the spirit of Christmas.

May love and friendship flourish this coming Christmas and on into the New Year. Above all let us not forget to pay respect to mankind's greatest gift - Jesus, who symbolizes the true spirit of the season.

Merry Christmas

Al, Marilyn, Jess & Ryan Major



★ MAJOR ★ CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Fellow Strummers,

Here it is!!! The infamous Christmas issue of Rovering Magazine! (Seems like we did this about a year ago?!)

I thought you'd like a Christmas song to play at your parties. So, I came up with a "non-traditional" gem from Steve Earle's "Copperhead Road" album. The song is called "Nothing But A Child"! It's not often that an artist will throw a Christmas song on an album that has absolutely nothing else on it, to do with Christmas. Usually, it's a collaboration of old familiar tunes re-done in the style of the artist. It's a slow song done with mandolins, guitars, violins and it sounds pretty good on the album. Enjoy playing it!

I hope this issue finds you in good health and spirits and may you and your loved ones experience the true meaning of Christmas with all of its joys- and not too many toys!

Have a Merry-Pickin' Christmas

Al Major

P.S. Cranberry sauce is not good for your strings!

"Nothing But A Child" - Steve Earle (from the "Copperhead Road" Album)

G/D C/G D (Dsus) D
Once upon a time in a far off land

C/G D C D G C/G
Wise men saw a sign and set out 'cross the sand

G D C D
Songs of praise to sing, they travelled day and night

C D C D7 G C/G
Precious gifts to bring, guided by the light

G/D C D (Dsus) D
They chased a brand new star, ever towards the west

C D C D G C/G
Across the mountains far, but when it came to rest

G C D
They scarce believed their eyes, they'd come so many miles

C D C D7 G (B-C-D-B) Notes
And this miracle they prized was nothing but a child

C CB C G GF# Em (D) Bass Note
CHORUS: Nothing but a child could wash those tears away

C D Dsus C D G (B-C-D-B) Notes
Or guide a weary world into the light of day

C CB C G GF# Em (D) Bass Note
And nothing but a child could help erase those miles

C D C D7 G
So once again we all can be children for awhile

Instrumental:

Notes:

D-G-G-A-B-D/G-A-B-G/A-B-C-F#/G-A-B-C-F#//G-A-G-F#-G-F#-G-G-F#-G-G

Chords:

G-----C-----D-C-----D-----C-----D-----G-C/G-G

G C D (Dsus) D
Now all around the world, in every little town

C D C D G C/G
Everyday is heard a precious little sound

G C D (Dsus) D
And every mother kind and every father proud

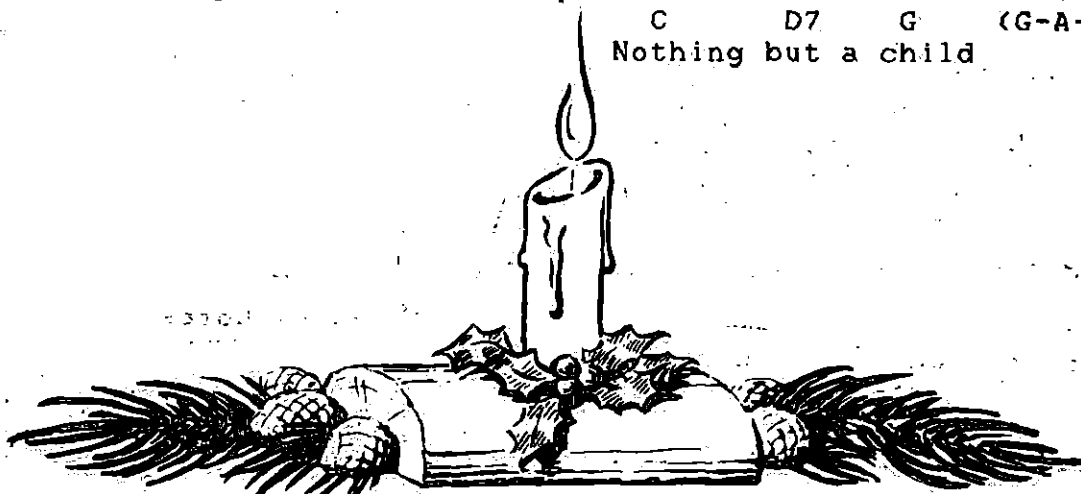
C D C D7 G
Looks down in awe to find another chance allowed

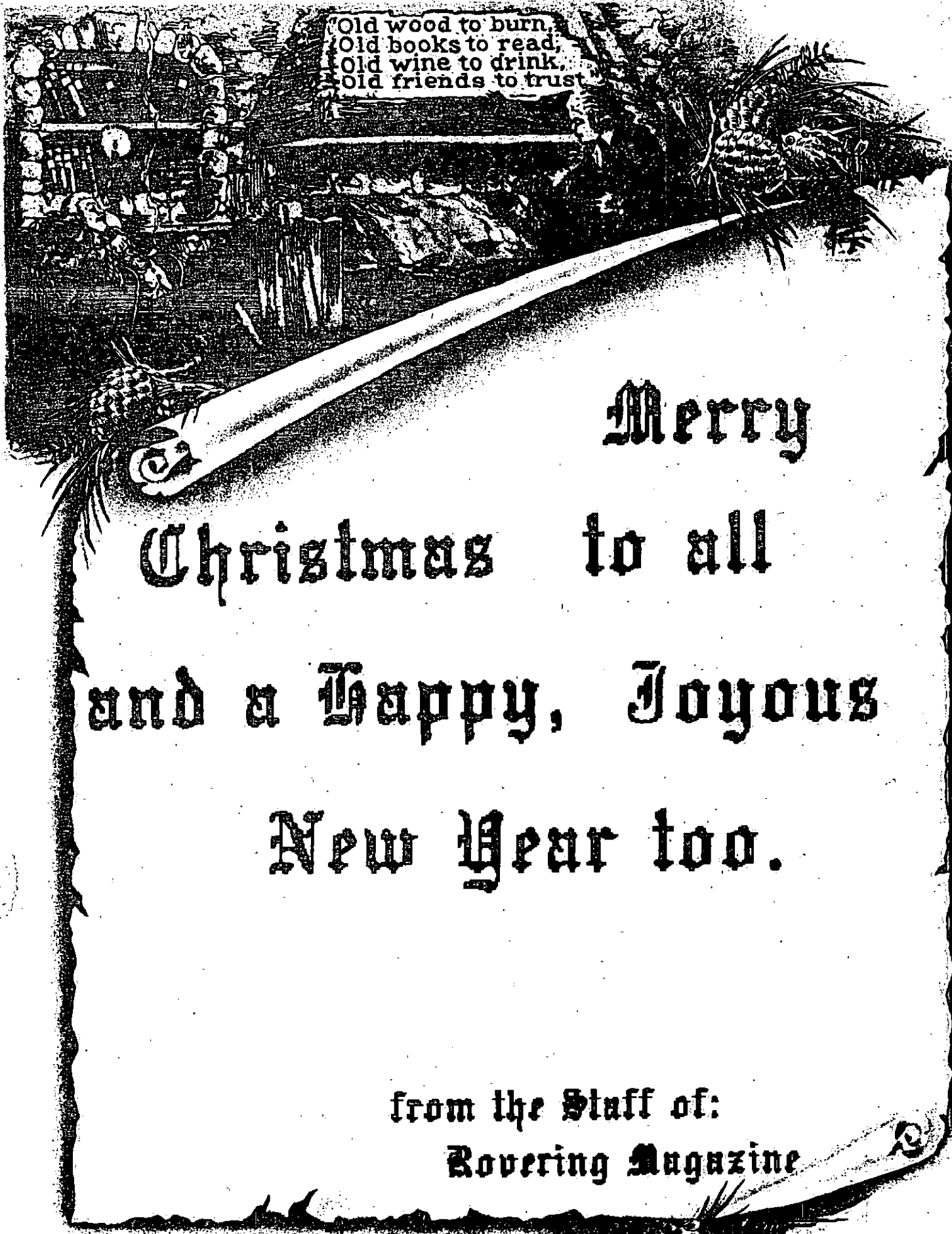
CHORUS

G/D - C//G - D - (Dsus) D

C D
Nothing but a little baby

C D7 G Notes (G-A-B) G
Nothing but a child





Old wood to burn,
Old books to read,
Old wine to drink,
Old friends to trust

Merry
Christmas to all
and a Happy, Joyous
New Year too.

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