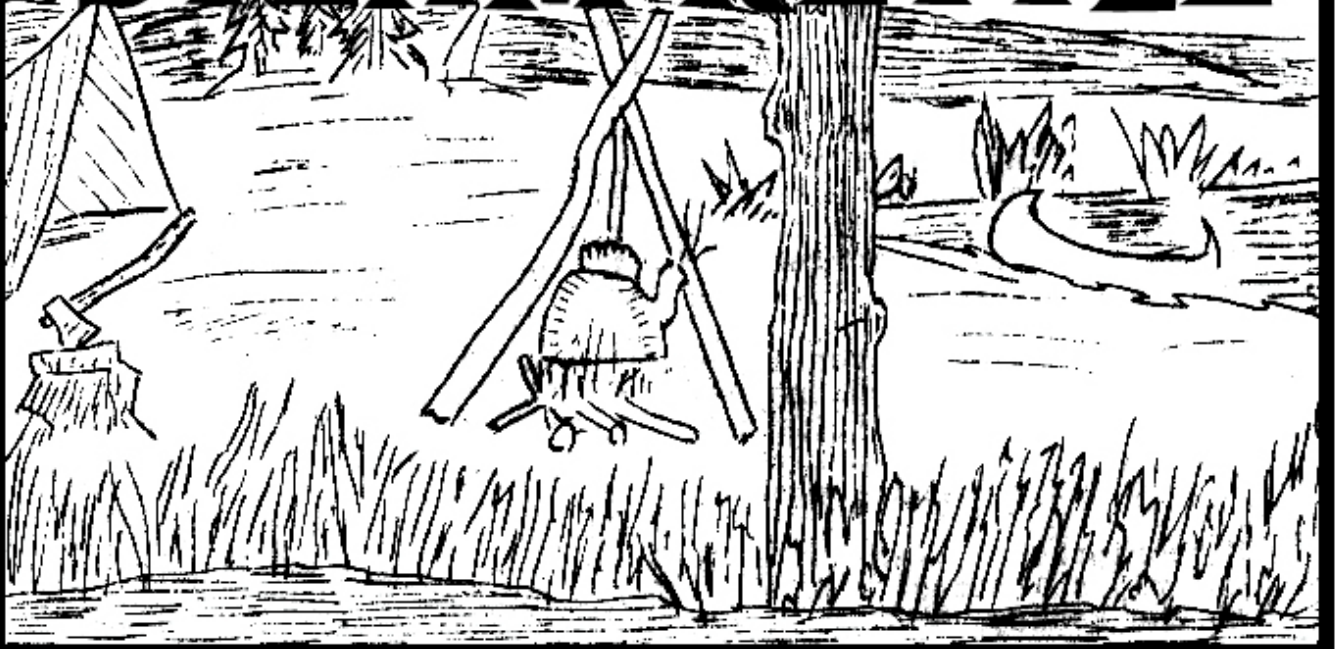


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The STEAM KETTLE aims to have hot water up to its neck while it sings merrily all the time. The fuel for its fire is provided by Robert S. Hale as chief offender, aided by Rover Scouts of TOC H and Scoutland and others who aim to enjoy themselves by trying to do their duty and help others and live the Scout Law.

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THE NEW ENGLAND STEAM KETTLE, like the NEW ENGLAND ROVER SCOUT (Scoutland) NEWS LETTERS, is glad to sell its numbers and its equally (or almost so) glad to send them free to those interested. Our reward for what we do, comes chiefly from the appreciation of our readers.

Hence we shall appreciate greatly hearing from those who receive the letters, whether it be only a postal card confirming the address or something more and especially if it is something that will help make the STEAM KETTLE more useful or more interesting.

THE EDITORS.

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YOU ARE INVITED

To the

THIRD NEW ENGLAND ROVER SCOUT MOOT

May 26 and 27, 1934

CAMP SQUANTO, PLYMOUTH, MASS.

(Under the auspices of the Brockton and Anawa Councils, the Pioneer Crew of Brockton, the Knipt Crew of North Easton, the Coeur de Lion Crew of Middleboro, and the Crews of Mansfield, Bridgewater, and Plymouth.)

To reach Camp Squanto follow the signs nine miles out of Plymouth. Maps will be available later. There will be someone at camp after 4 P.M. Friday, May 25th to greet you and show you where to pitch your tent. There are some lean-tos, and a board floor in the pavilion for men over sixty. Scout uniform is desired but not required, and shorts are not obligatory. Bring your own kit. Bread, milk, etc., will be sold at the commissary. Registration fee 25 cents.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM SATURDAY, MAY 26TH

- 3.00 P.M. Formal Opening of the Moot by Blowing of the Kudu Horn.
Invocation
Addresses of Welcome
Address (Speaker to be announced)
- 4.00 P.M. Free time. (Announcement of Moot Crews composed of men from different Home Crews. Tent Pitching. Swimming.
Supper
Polishing off your Songs and Stunts for Campfire. Making Friends and Renewing old Acquaintances.)
- 8.00 P.M. Campfire.
- 11.00 P.M. Taps. (If necessary Taps will be Sounded every Half Hour until sunrise. Reveille will not be sounded but if you don't get up you will go without breakfast.)

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Tentative Program (Continued)

Sunday, May 27th

- 9.00 A.M. Scouts own. (Arrangements will be made for Catholic Delegates.)
 9.45 A.M. Group Discussions (Leaders to be Announced.)
 9.45--"The Training of Squired"
 10.25--"Methods of Retaining the Older Boys and Men"
 11.10--"Group System in Scouting"
 12.00 Free Time. (Dinner, Group Photographs, Swimming)
 3.00 P.M. Address... By F. D. Rogers, of Boston & Regional Executive Committees, and Dean of Boston University.
 3.30 P.M. Report of Committee on Next Moot, Announcement of Committee for Next Moot,
 3.35 P.M. Address... "The Future of Rovering"
 Rev. H. K. Mousley, R.S.L. of Brockton Crew
 4.00 P.M. Ceremonial Closing of Moot.

HOW ROVERS HELP

More and more is the saying of Jean Driot--"The Rover Scout is the product of Scouting" -- being proved.

The Brookline, Mass. Rover Scout Crew have taken as one of their Quests the general tightening up of the more important Scout requirements in Second Class and First Class Tests. The following scheme for putting more excitement and vim into the Fourteen Mile Hike has been worked out and is being used in Troop 6 Brookline, one of the Troops with which the Rover Crew is connected.

First of all, it has been made an over-night affair. And it is the last test to be taken in the First Class requirements. It is required that two Scouts take the test together.

The Scouts report at the Troop Headquarters at Camp Scoutland in Dover, Mass., and are there given a map of the surrounding territory on which the course of their hike has been plotted out beforehand by the Rover Scouts. The Scouts are, of course equipped with packs and are prepared to stay over-night.

On the back of the map it is explained that two hours after they have started off, two "Wild Indians" are going to be loosed on their trail. These "Wild Indians" are experienced Scouts who have themselves taken the test. The job of these Indians is to attempt to trail the Scouts (who of course should be taking precautions not to leave a noticeable trail) to where they make camp for the night, and to spy upon them generally. Should the "Indians" be able to stalk the Scouts sufficiently close so as to be able to "steal" parts of their equipment, points are taken off the Scouts for each piece of equipment so lost.

As will be seen, this makes quite an exciting adventure out of what is generally a tiresome requirement. The Scouts must learn to travel thru woods without leaving a too-evident trail behind them; they must learn what fuels to use in their cooking-fires so as not to make thick smoke, and they must have all their senses on the alert continuously.

Before this test is given to the Scouts, the Rover Crew take the test themselves over the ground the Scouts will travel.

MOOTS A Definition

In as much as this is a season of Moots, a short explanation of the word "Moot" seems to be called for.

In Anglo-Saxon England this name was given to all assemblies of the National Council. The best known of these assemblies is the one known as the Witenagemot, which was attended by the great men of the whole nation or tribe, and was also known as the Moot of the Wise men.

In these Moots was transacted a great part of the public business whether executive, legislative or judicial.

The place of the meeting of such an assembly was also frequently termed as "Moot".

The most common present-day use of the word is perhaps in the phrase "a moot question", meaning one requiring some discussion.

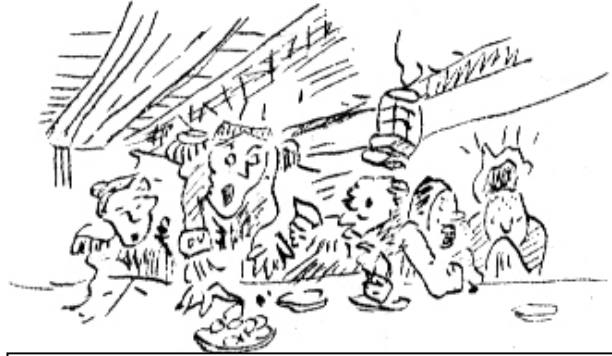
ROVER-SEA SCOUTS

By an American Sea Scout Commodore

The two outstanding older boy programs of the Scout Movement today are the Rover Scout and Sea Scout. Both of them serving in taking care of different types of scouts.

We have the older scouts who has passed through the ranks of Boy Scouting and is looking to further his knowledge in scouting as well as to continue on giving service. He becomes interested in Rover Scouting because it is a man's game which gets him out into the open even more than he did as a boy scout, he has a greater opportunity to work on some particular hobby of his and continues him

on in the scouting movement. He is able to carry out as a young man many of the ideas and desires he had as a young scout. The Rover Scout confines his activities more particularly to the land, it's woods, streams, camps and his den.



ROVER SEA SCOUTS IN THE OLD DAYS

On the other hand we have the older scout who has worked up through the various boy scout requirements but has always had a longing for an adventure on the sea.

He has been interested in ships, his spare moments have been spent along the water fronts and wharfs looking over old hulls and picking up odd bits of the stories of the seas from old skippers. This young man is going to choose the sea scout program as it is right in line with his hobby. He can do something that he is interested in and at the same time still continues to be a scout and render the usual scout service. Sea Scouts all over the world are rendering just as much valuable service on the sea as do their younger brother boy scouts on land.

Now what are we going to do for the older scout who is interested in both sea and the work performed by the Rovers. Let's make him a Rover Sea Scout and offer him a program that will embody all of the good points of both of the other programs thereby giving him a wider scope for his scout activities and service. If his hobby is the sea, the sea scout end of the program will take care of this, if he

prefers to carry out the ideals of scouting through the Rover program, that is also taken care of.

Someone may ask, will it work? Of course, it will work as has been proven by the Scouts of Great Britain. I feel that I can point this out in no more clearly a manner than to tell of a little experience I had only two weeks ago.

On one evening during our recent bad storm there was a ring at my door bell at ten o'clock. Upon going to the door I saw a young man standing on the porch all covered with snow and apparently soaking wet. Before I had a chance to ask him what he wanted he rolled back the left sleeve of his coat and displayed the identification bracelet of the British Deep Sea Scouts. I asked him in and got his wet clothes off. We spent a most enjoyable evening together during which he told me that he had just come from Liverpool on a British Freighter. He also told me what in addition to being a Deep Sea Scout he was a Rover with a Crew Den in Liverpool. He showed me many interesting photos of his Rover Crew taken in their den at home.

Here is a perfect example of a Rover Sea Scout. His interests are in the Sea, therefore he is a Sea Scout, he is Roving all over the world visiting Scout units in many countries and in being a friend to every other scout he is carrying out the ideals of Rover Scouting.

One of the most interesting parts of the story is still to come. I asked him how old he was and he answered that he was thirty-two years old. I next asked him how long he had been a Rover Sea Scout and he said, "A little less than twelve months".

This goes to prove that the program is for the man and in this case is having no difficulty in holding his interest.

I could not resist asking him if he had been a Boy Scout in his boyhood days and his reply was that he had been one for a while twenty years ago.

Here we have the man who started in as a scout at the age of twelve and for some reason or other did not stick, but now twenty years later when he is a full grown man he finds that the movement has a program for just his type and he joins up again and is getting even greater pleasure scouting around as a man than he did as a boy.

The moral of this may be that a man is never too old to become a scout. My feeling is that a Rover Sea Scout program will bring many of our once registered scouts back into the fold and will offer a new field of scouting to the older scouts who are now registered but are looking for new ways of carrying out the scout program.

ROVERS MAKE YOUR PLANS AHEAD

At the request of President Roosevelt America is to have its first National Jamboree at Washington probably in August, 1935 and tho a few of us will be at the International Rover Moot in Sweden we suggest that every Rover and Prospective Rover begin now to plan one or the other of these gatherings.

The plans for Washington are not yet ready but there are two points for Rovers. Our job there will be Service. We shall probably have our own camp site as at Arrowe in 1929 and Godollo in 1933 and we will be there to Serve and not to be served; and will plan to get there on our own feet or our own cars and to report with our packs on our backs asking:

1. Where do we pitch our tents.
2. Where do we buy our rations
3. Where do we report for Service.

Of course further details will be of help, they will be glad to hear beforehand when we shall arrive and how long we can stay and what we are especially good at, but the point is, let US begin to make our plans in readiness to adopt or change our plans as soon as we get more details.

Since Washington will be the First American National gathering of Scouts other than officials let us take the opportunity to advertise by example that while Rovering does not give up the boy scout motto BE Prepared, Rovering has its own further motto Service

We hear the Mid West Rovers plan a Moot 7th July, 1934 probably near Cleveland. Write to ED. Miller, Diamond O Crew, 3381 Kidare Road, Cleveland Heights.

The Ontario Moot is set for 4, 5, and 6 August 1934 at Ebor Park, Ontario. Write to Toronto Scout Office, Toronto, Canada for further information. We hear several New England Rovers planning to drive up there.

A speaker At The Third New England Moot

Frederick Rand Rodgers is Chairman of the New England Regional Committee on Education and a member of the National Committee on Education. He is also surveying the Boston Council and once prepared a 250-page survey for Scoutland, the Buffalo Boy Scout Camp. He earns his living serving Boston University as its Dean of Student Health and Physical Education.

A MESSAGE TO ROVER SCOUTS

by
Frederick Rand Rodgers

Scouting is becoming very much more than even Sir Robert Baden-Powell imagined. It is becoming an American Youth Movement, which begins with Cubbing and never ends, for Scouts become Rovers or Sea Scouts, and many old Scouts become Scouters: Scoutmasters, Troop Committeemen, Commissioners and Executives.

The question is, what are we Scouts and Scouters going to do with this new engine which we have called a "Youth Movement"? what is the engine itself -- simply a means of increasing boys' experience and enjoyment? Or should it produce more in terms of good citizenship than before? How does it work? Should it emphasize cooperation everywhere and always, or should it have a reverse gear or competition to be thrown in occasionally? Why do so many boy scouts drop out of Scouting after a year or two -- is the engine inefficient? Does it fail to produce the enjoyment and satisfactions which boys expected? What should be done to modernize the engine -- make it produce more joy and better citizens? These are important questions, which national leaders in Scouting are asking themselves. Perhaps the best answers will come from Rovers.

PLYMOUTH
MAY 26 and 27
PLYMOUTH

ROVER AND CREW STANDARDS

We don't believe in obligatory standards unless they can be handled as it is said the Southerners handle the question of allowing Negro's to vote. At first there was great objection to allowing Negro's to vote until some Southern gentleman suggested that the problem could be solved by allowing the Negro's to vote all they wanted but not counting their votes. Personally I don't believe in this solution of the Negro question, but I do believe that standards do no harm so long as no one is obliged to live up to them.

Like one of the codes in the old Testament in which Moses told his people that when they had and money to spare they should expend it for oxen or sheep, or wine, or strong drink, or whatever their souls lust after.

Hence, I suggest the following for a prospective Rover.

1. Has he talked the matter over with his SM or other Scout Authority and with his father or other non-scout authority.
2. Has he a physical examination of himself within twelve months and is he following a plan for keeping himself physically fit.
3. Has he, within twelve months, considered his mental attainments and is he following a plan for keeping himself mentally awake and improving his mind.
4. Has he, within twelve months, considered himself spiritually and is he following a plan for keeping himself morally straight.

5. Has he made friends with some scout or rover near by with whom he consults or pals.
6. Is he corresponding with some scout or rover at least 500 miles away to learn to know the outside world.
7. Does he consider the Scout Promise or Oath and Law as something practical that he means to live up to or merely as something he recites on command.
8. Has he read Scouting for Boys and Rovering to Success and digested them so that he feels they have given him the Spirit of Scouting and of Rovering.
9. has he taken, within twelve months, enough first class journeys or 14 mile hikes or other camping and hiking or out-door experiences to satisfy himself that he will fit in with the Brethren of the Open Air.
10. Has he taken up at least one and not more than three hobbies he thinks that will be worth while.
11. To these I think might be added at least one of the items suggested on 13 or 14 of February, 1934 News Letter.

I think the essential point is that the prospective Rover should be thinking and not merely taking something that some one else has made up without having had to think which of several standards he really thinks is a criterion, or whether he does think of himself instead of being the silly ass that accepts authority without thinking.

MAY 26 and 27 PLYMOUTH

SCOUT LAND NEWS

Scoutland Inc. has acquired the piece of land (practically no land on it, all rock) known as Nimrods Rock on the South Side of Powissett Street and West of the Riding field. This is about 11 acres and it is hoped scouts will now use it more. We should welcome the building of a cabin of rocks on the peak in a form that will be permanent, and having some surveying merit badge workers or sea scouts work out the bearings from surrounding points such as Blue Hill, Powissett Peak, Needham water Tower, the aeroplane beacon for night flying over near the Scoutland land called Snake Meadow, etc.

A well has been drilled 111 feet down of which about 100 feet thru rock in the South Side of Carby Street fairly near the Scotch pine forest and a pump and pressure tank put and piping to faucets near Carby Street. It is hoped Scouts and Scouters would like shower baths will arrange for installation of such.

The water has been tested by the State Department of Health and tho no report has been received at time of writing this it is expected to show that it was potable at time of test. However, attention is called to the fact that any water, no matter how good it tests, may go bad after the test and that neither the State nor any one else guarantees this or any other water, nor anything else at Scoutland. Scouts and others at Scoutland who are not under control of their parents or Scout Leaders or other Leaders are expected to take care of themselves in accordance with the instructions of their parents or Leaders.

THE ROVER WORLD

The Rover World is the new Rover magazine that is a consolidation of London Rover and the quest of the Norfolk Rovers. A 38-page magazine with only about 1/3 advertisements, the rest most interesting reading and so are the ads. We strongly recommend it to every crew and every council that has or is planning to encourage its boys to remain in Scouting after they become men. Its price is four shillings a year by mail; address 115 Fleet Street, London E.C.4 or most book shops will order it for you.

It has Rover News form all over the world and articles for Rovers, and so forth.

The Rover Crew or Scout Council that does not want to remain a country village affair should take some foreign Scouting paper and while such papers as the Scouter, The Scout Leader, The Scottish Scout, The Birmingham Scouting, and so forth, have Rover columns this is the foreign paper for Rover Crews that undertake the more strenuous side of Scouting.



Exchanging Stamps With Our Friends Abroad

In the December, 1933 and January, 1934 we announced a stamp exchange at the Scoutland Trading Post where Scouts could get ordinary American stamps to send to their friends abroad stamps which would not be so ordinary abroad, and could leave the foreign stamps sent them by their friends.

We have accumulated several hundred stamps, but Scoutland, where scouts go to hike and camp is not the best place for a stamp exchange and we are glad to announce the Henry Stamp Club opened at 52 Province Street, corner Bromfield Street, Boston.

Although the club room is donated by W. C. Henry, a stamp dealer, the club is entirely separate from his store, separate entrance, none of his clerks in attendance. Open from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. and meeting Tuesdays and Fridays form 7 P.M. to 10 P.M.

A file of philatelic magazines is available and a library is being formed for reading in the club room and for rental. A responsible man is in attendance. No dues or any expense. Collectors may buy, sell, or exchange stamps to build up the club Treasury and buy books, and so forth.

The club is recommended by Mr. H. Sanguinette, editor of the stamp column in the Boston Transcript.

This will be a much better place than the Trading Post at Scoutland which has turned over the several hundred stamps it has to the Henry Club as a donation, and we recommend all scout stamp collectors and scouts who correspond with friends abroad, to get in touch with the Club. Even if you do not collect yourself, your friend abroad likewise, has his friends who collect.



THE FIRST CLASS JOURNEY
Or 14 Mile Hike

It is reported, tho no one need believe it, that some Courts of Honor are satisfied that for a boy to walk seven miles out and seven back on the road and to report where he went to, satisfies requirement #5 of the first class badge.

The STEAM KETTLE has no more right to say what a Court of Honor shall do about this than the Court of Honor has any right to say what the STEAM KETTLE and the Scouts shall think about such a Court of Honor. If we are going to have good Scouting, Courts of Honor should be allowed to use their discretion, and I think Scouts and Scout Leaders should also be encouraged to use their discretion even if the rules do not allow them to.

I think each Troop and each Scout should for themselves what standard is to be used for passing each separate test, and should from time to time compare its standards with those of other Troops and Scouts.

For that purpose we offer a table of points which may probably be more useful if no one feels bound to abide with it.

Here they are:

	Points
Walking 7 miles on road or	
Side walk	10
Returning by the same route	0
Returning by different route.....	10
(Rowing is of course an alternative)	

Report (10 words minimum)5
 Additional reporting as below;
 Proceeding to a point not selected
 by Scout, but which will involve his
 using maps and compass20
 Returning by exactly the
 same route0
 Returning by a different route20
 For each mile cross country and
 not on the road or path 1 point....upto.14
 for each item of the other tests
 for Tenderfoot, Second or First
 Class work demonstrated during
 journey (see at end5
 For Good Turns reported, up to.....20
 For list of foods taken with
 costs, up to10
 For each meal cooked en-route
 5 points - - Maximum15
 For each fire built, 5 points
 Maximum.....10
 For list of equipment taken,
 up to10
 For making camp, up to.....10
 For cleaning up camp, up to.....10
 For rout map and reports, etc.
 so that another Scout can cover
 the same route without asking
 questions, up to.....20
 For sketches or snapshots, up to10
 For wearing uniform.....5
 For condition of uniform on
 return, up to.....10
 For interesting and Scouty features
 Not mentioned above, up to50

The items about the other tests are for instance that during the hike the SM who is supervising the test may provide (or the Scout himself may bring in) some use of knots, or ability to recognise Scout insignia (Tenderfoot) some First Aid work, Signalling, Swimming, Judge distance, heights, etc. Nature work of various kinds, cooking, Axemanship,

Fire-building, etc. sp that the First Class Journey brings all or as much as practical of the training of the First Class Scout.

While probably no two people will agree that these figures or numbers of points show the exact relative importance of the different items, it is suggested that after a Scout has completed his 14 mile hike or First Class Journey he and his SM can compute the number of points and by comparing it with a similar computation for some other hike or journey get a rough or interesting comparison, and that by the use of this table or any other table of points made on similar lines, get a rough idea of how their standards compare with the standards of other Troops.

Presumably it should not be considered Scouty to pile up a number of points for a large number of unsatisfactory achievements.

It should be the amount of intelligent effort put into preparing for the test that should count rather than the number of points that can be wangled out of having gone thru the form of passing the test.



The STEAM KETTLE would be glad to hear from Troops or Crews, or individuals what they consider the minimum for themselves or for their Troop or Crew, what they consider should be the standard for say a 14 year old, a 15 year old, a 16 year old, or Rover apprentice or member

of the senior patrol or sea scout-ship. What they consider should be the standard for a Rover Squire during his period of proving himself to himself, and what they consider an active Rover should be doing two or three or more times a year while he keeps up active Rovering.

The STEAM KETTLE is also anxious to get some copies of reports of which only one or two should be very good, but we would like a number of copied of moderately good reports to SMs and Scouts and others engaged in training themselves.

We don't believe in prizes but besides our thanks, we will offer a prize of a big red apple for each of the ten reports which will be suitable for this purpose.

The Rover Scouts of the Diamond O Crew cordially invite all Rover Scouts of the Middle West and their friends to a Moot, on July 7, 1934, near Cleveland Ohio.

PRELIMINARY PLANS

DEFINITION -- A Moot is a gathering of Rover Scouts for the discussion of topics of common interest. Naturally, in addition, it is a fit occasion for the enjoyment of good fellowship.

PURPOSE OF THIS MOOT -- From informal discussion it seems to be agreed the object of this Moot should be to develop by discussion, our philosophy of Rover Scouting, that is, to seek an answer to the following questions:

What is the aim of Rover Scouting?
What are the methods of achieving that aim?

As these questions are rather general we want each crew to send in specific questions along this line which they would like to have discussed.

In addition to the value of the discussions, the Diamond O Crew hopes that the movement will be strengthened generally by increased acquaintenship with other Rovers which will result from thee Moot.

OPERATION OF THE MOOT -- Each ROVER or group of Rovers attending will be expected to be entirely self-sufficient in camping at the Moot. They will bring their own equipment, provide their own supplies, and in general, put on a demonstration of what they consider good Rover camping. The type of camping expected is that usually found in short temporary tent camps, but naturally any Crew that prefer to camp otherwise should feel perfectly free to do so.

It is hoped that each visiting Crew will be able to leave so as to arrive not later than 1 P.M. Saturday and will not have to leave the Moot until the same time Sunday. However all are welcome, whenever they arrive and whenever they have to leave.

PLACE -- Near Cleveland, exact Moot to be announced later.

DATE -- July 7, 1934.

PERLIMINARY ORGANIZATIONS -- preliminary plans will be in charge of a committee of three from the Diamond O Rover Scout Crew, ad the host Crew. This committee will be expanded ad the time for the Moot approaches and preparations become more intensive.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION -- The Chairman of the Moot will be in general charge of the moot and responsible for its operation.

MOOT SCRIBE -- Will be responsible for seeing that a complete record of all discussions is secured and that each Crew participating is supplied with a copy for reference after the Moot.

CAMP CHIEF -- Will be in charge of the camping facilities and for seeing that an adequate supply of fire wood and tested pure water is available, that facilities for camp sanitation are provided and that each visiting Crew secures a satisfactory camp-site.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE -- The Chairman of this committee will assign one member of each committee to meet each visiting Crew at a designated spot in Cleveland and conduct them to the Moot camp-site. Thereafter the Rover will act as contact man and be responsible that the visitors get acquainted and have everything necessary for their comfort.

CAMP-FIRE COMMITTEE -- Will be in charge of a big camp-fire Saturday evening. It is hoped that visiting Crews will come prepared to assist in the entertainment.

PROGRAM -- A detailed program will be sent out later.

UNIFORM -- It is hoped that all will wear the regular uniform or their Crew during the Moot, but all are emphatically welcome, with or without uniform.

GUESTS -- Each Crew should feel entirely free to invite as its Guest any in its locality who are interested in Rovering even though they may not be formally affiliated with it. However, each Crew should be prepared to provide for the comfort of its own guests.

P.S. The STEAM KETTLE understands New England Rovers are invited. Anyway, some of us are going.

