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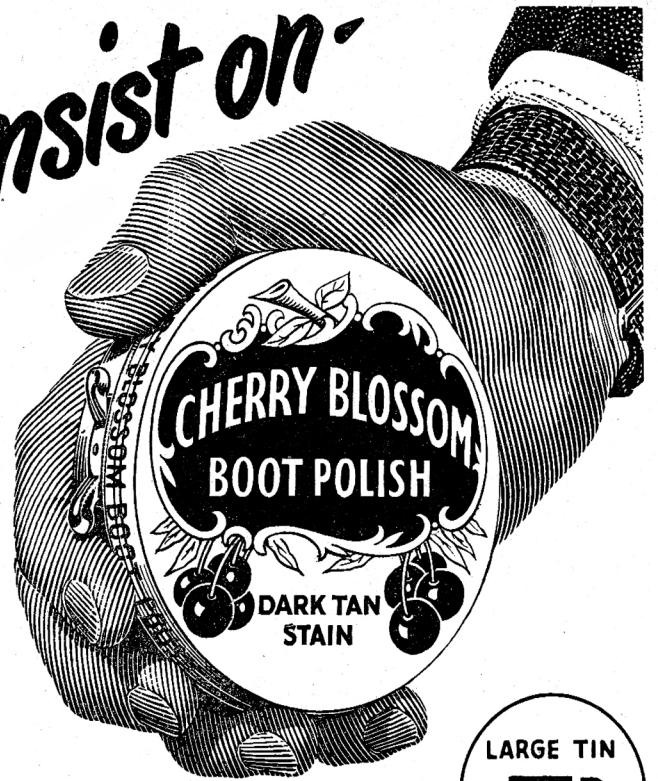
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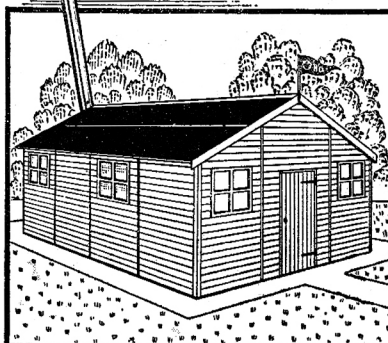
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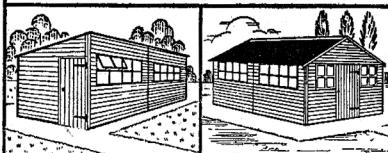
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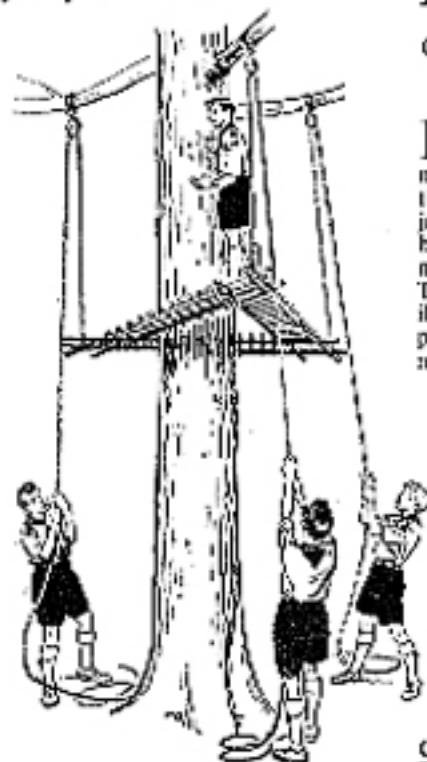
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THE OUTLOOK

By THE CHIEF SCOUT

First of all, once again I should like to thank all those who have sent me greetings cards, both for my birthday and for Christmas.

I have done my best in exigencies of the occasion to acknowledge them all, but with a house full for Christmas it is more than possible that a few may have been overlooked or neglected. These cards have come in literally in their hundreds from all over the world, and I am always amazed anew as each year comes round. I hope you enjoyed yourselves at Christmas and were able to put aside for a time the normal worries of modern life. Everyone seems so cheerful and I often think how nice it would be - apart altogether from the presents - if Christmas, or at any rate the Christmas attitude, could last a little longer than it does, but I am afraid we very soon drift back again, good resolutions go by the board, and that's that.

I have had a good deal to say to and about you all, haven't I, in the last few months, and I am afraid some of it at any rate hasn't been very complimentary. I am going to take a rest from that and not a word of criticism will pass my pen in this month's edition of "The Outlook." When you read it I shall be in Port Moresby in New Guinea, a completely new experience for me and one which I am looking forward to very much. I hope I shall be able to get some good films. I am hoping to be able to fulfil a promise I made when I was in Australia seven years ago, to carry out a visit I was unable to do then. The Dakota is a very wonderful old 'plane, but it had strict limitations of speed in comparison with more modern machines, and unfortunately the wind was blowing faster than the Dakota could fly, so it was not much use taking off. The programme at present doesn't look quite so crowded as some I have undertaken, and so I hope that when I return, as I am due to do on February 29th, I shall still be intact and ready for the usual summer round. Meantime, I shall be keeping you informed of my doings and of the interesting things I shall see.

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Not more than 400 words for any one memory, please.

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MY SCOUTING STORY

By P. B. NEVILL - II.

ENFIELD had always been a stronghold of the Boys' Brigade, and I felt that to be successful in Scouting it was important to be on good terms with the officers of the Brigade. I therefore took considerable trouble to get to know these men, whom I looked on as old experienced hands in boys' work, and I did in fact learn much from them in those early days. There is a record of a meeting in 1910 of the Enfield Scoutmasters and the officers of the Boys' Brigade and the Church Lads' Brigade, when a number of problems were discussed. It was decided that a boy should not be a member of two organisations at the same time, and that boys would not be allowed to leave one organisation for another, without those in charge of both the organisations coming to an agreement. This conference helped to establish a good understanding amongst us all.

The following story shows how this worked out in practice. One day some friends told me that they were sorry to hear that one of my Scouts had died. This caused me some surprise as so far as I knew, no death had occurred. It appeared that two boys, one with a Scout hat, had been going round calling at various houses, collecting for a wreath for their deceased comrade. Having heard from several people, I dashed off a letter to the local Press asking if anyone was visited by these boys to inform me or the police at once, as they had no authority to make any collection.

The evening of the day on which the local paper was published I received a 'phone call from one of my B.B. friends to say that early that evening two boys had called and asked for a contribution towards the now famous wreath, they had completely taken him in and he had given them a shilling. Later he had picked up the local paper and read my letter. He was very sorry that he had let me down.

That might have been the end of the matter, but being boys they fell into a trap of their own making. The next week these two went along to a recruit meeting of my B.B. friend's Company! He was an experienced boys' man and quickly spotted them, and he arranged that they should be the last two to be interviewed at the end of the parade. He took their names and addresses, and then asked the usual questions; one admitted to having been in a Scout Troop for a short time. They were somewhat surprised when he told them that he had seen them before, and that he had discovered that they were collecting money under false pretences, and after a time they admitted that this was so. He told them that they must come and see him the following evening, when he would tell them what he proposed to do about it.

My friend 'phoned me later to tell me. It was not easy to know what to do, but in the end we decided to ask a friendly J.P. to interview the boys. This he agreed to do, and in no uncertain terms told them what would have happened to them if they had fallen into the hands of the police. In the end they were put "on probation" provided that they joined the B.B. and remained members.

It is quite amazing when you consider the ease with which the boy of today gets about by bicycle, bus and car, to look back at the distances we did on foot in those early days. A five-mile the

walk over to Epping Forest for a Scouting game and a five-mile march back was not uncommon, and many of our first camps were hikes - not in the modern sense of carrying all lightweight equipment in a well-balanced rucksack - but by piling the bell tents and kit bags on to the trek cart (an old builder's cart purchased for £2) and hauling it by hand, an average of ten miles a day, pitching the tents each night and packing them up again in the morning.

Our first summer camp was near Danbury, in Essex, a distance of some forty miles from home, which was covered by one Patrol on foot with the trek cart. The rest of the Troop went by train to Chelmsford and was met there by the advance party. All the kit was piled on the uncomplaining trek cart and conveyed the seven miles to the camp site.

The drill for handling a heavily loaded trek cart had to be carefully carried out or accidents might happen, as in fact one did on our way home from this camp. On descending Danbury Hill the order was given for "Ropes Behind," when the Scouts on the ropes had to go to the rear to act as a brake on the downhill run. On this occasion I was on the shaft with one of my A.S.M.s and the team on the right-hand rope failed to keep it taught, with the result that it became detached from the wheel. The left-hand rope held, but the result of the pull on this rope only swung the trek cart towards the hedge. The perspiring Scouters steered it successfully for some hundred yards or so, until they lost the balance of the cart, and it tipped backwards and came to a standstill, the Scouters hanging on the shaft in the air!

There was far too much kit on the cart to adjust the balance, so it all had to be unpacked in the road and repacked again. We lost our train as you may well imagine. Haydn Dimmock, who was one of the party, remembered the incident some years later when he recounted the story in *The Scout*, and had a drawing made of me in an ungainly position hanging on to the trek cart shaft. Those were the days!

I shall never forget my first lesson in omelet making. It happened that an old friend of my mother's lived near our camp site and I went over to see her. She invited me and my Patrol Leaders over one day and suggested that we might like to be shown how to make omelets. We were shown into an old-fashioned stone-flagged kitchen, and the whole entourage of the house, including a Girl Guide, turned out to coach us. We went right through the process from A to Z.

I don't know what happened in the case of the others who received instruction on that occasion, but I have been famous for my omelets ever since, and I should not like to say how many cooks - in the old days when you could get them - I have taught to make this dish.

We did not make many omelets in that first camp, as I doubt if we could have afforded to buy the ingredients. From the accounts of that first adventure our expenses worked out at 11s. 11 1/2d. per head for the week, and the cost of the food was 3s. 10d. each! This would hardly buy one meal today.

In case anyone thinks that we starved the Scouts, I have the account of that camp written by one of the boys, and he refers several times to the meals. "We had a fine dinner, which was ham and potatoes"; and again, "We had rice and syrup for tea, which was a great luxury for campers."

However, the Scouters felt in 1911, when our summer camp was at Worthing, on a spot now completely covered with houses, that we could be more generous with the food and it worked out at 4s. 6d. per head for the week; and the cost of the next year's camp was exactly the same.

In the accounts of these early camps there are plenty of references to camp raiding, and it was our usual custom to have guards on duty all through the night. Another recollection of these early days of camping, is of the week-end camps we used to exchange with Troops fifteen and twenty miles away, from time to time. Some of the older Scouts owned bicycles as time went on and many of these week-ends were carried out with their aid; but the kit we carried - nothing lightweight about it then!

On February 22, 1911, B.-P.'s birthday, a County Rally was held at Syon House, Isleworth, I took some of my Scouts from the 5th Enfield. While talking to the Scouts B.-P., stressing the importance of the Good Turn, told the story so often repeated, since of the Scout who woke up in the middle of the night with the dreadful thought that he had forgotten to do his Good Turn.

While laying awake and wondering what he should do, he heard a mouse squeaking, and getting out of bed found it caught in a trap: here was a Good Turn, he would let the mouse go free. Just as he was going to act on this, his favourite cat came up and rubbed against his legs, whereupon he changed his mind, and the Good Turn to the mouse became a Good Turn to his cat.

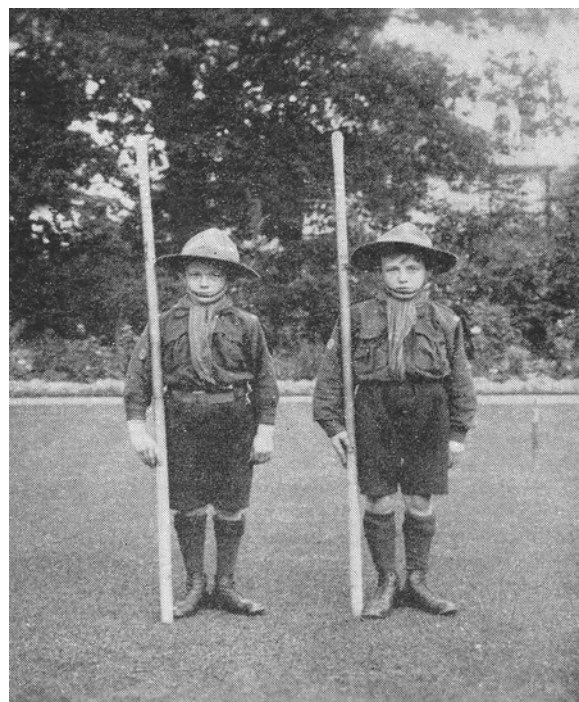
My second big Rally was the Royal Review at Windsor on 4th July, 1911, when I took some twenty-four Scouts from the Enfield District. What a day! The sight of the great columns of Scouts, twenty-four abreast, wheeling on to the rally ground from all directions was most impressive. There were 26,000 Scouts there altogether. But the thing that remains clearest in my memory is the picture of B.-P. on Windsor station platform, seeing the trains off full of tired but happy Scouts. He had come down from the Castle where he had been invited by the King, just to see that everything was working well, and didn't the boys cheer him!

Some of the instructions from the programme are interesting: "Dress was to be as per Boy Scout Regulations with the following modifications: Scouts. Chin strap of hat to be worn on the point of chin. Scarves to be worn outside shirt collars knotted at the throat and at the ends. Shirts to be worn with sleeves rolled to the elbow. Shorts and stockings. Scouts must not wear breeches or any stripes, chevrons, or medals other than those allowed in regulations. SCOUTMASTERS will wear a 'Scout' shirt with collar of the same material, green tie, haversack worn from the right shoulder to left hip. No cross belts or gauntlets or any decorations other than those laid down in the regulations. Hat straps at back of head." The "Regulations" of those days were, of course, what we know today as "Policy, Organisation, and Rules."

I have on my file a number of letters written by my Scouts at different times. One of these, written in May 1911, is from a Patrol Leader, evidently in reply to an inquiry as to why he had not been turning up to Troop meetings. He said that he had started work in a china and hardware shop, and his hours were 8 a.m. to 8.30 p.m., on Fridays 8 a.m. to 9p.m., and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. "Of course," he says, "I could not turn and all this for 8s. a week!

The hours of work seem appalling today, for the wages paid, but is there really a very great deal of difference in the hours of work? It is differently distributed, but when you consider the amount of homework, and attendance at evening schools, and travelling which have to be undertaken by the young fellow who is determined to get on, he often has the same excuse, "Of course I cannot turn up."

Nineteen hundred and twelve will be remembered for the granting of the Royal Charter of Incorporation to the Boy Scouts in January and for the marriage of B.-P. to Miss Olave Soames - on October 30th. They had met each other on board ship during a cruise in the West Indies.



SCOUTS OF THE 5TH ENFIELD IN UNIFORM BY THEMSELVES

In the same year one of the trips which my parents arranged every other year took place. This time we were to visit the northern capitals of Europe. There was no Scouting intended., but I felt that it might give me the opportunity of meeting some brother Scouts, so I determined to keep my eyes open.

In Antwerp, our first port of call, I could see nothing. In Amsterdam I discovered some Scout postcards in a shop window and bought a set, but that was all.

Our third call was at Oslo, or Christiania as it was then called, and here my luck was in. As the tender from our ship approached the quayside, I saw a large number of Scouts moving about; there must be many Scouts here, I thought, so I should be able to find a Scoutmaster who could speak English. I decided to cancel the sight-seeing arranged for the morning, and see what I could do about it.

By the time that we were tied up alongside the Scouts were thinning out, and no Scoutmasters were in sight. So I decided to follow some of the Scouts to see if they led me to a H.Q. but they all disappeared into houses or dark alleys which seemed most unlikely places. I therefore decided that I must change my tactics. (When at last I did make the contacts I was aiming at, I learnt that B.-P. had arrived that very morning, direct from England, for one of his fishing holidays in Norway. The Scouts had been there to welcome him and were therefore returning home when I arrived.)

It was not easy to decide on the next move but it occurred to me that as there were obviously many Scouts in the city, it was just possible that they bought their uniform somewhere, and if I could find this shop I might get some useful information. I therefore got out my map (I always carry a map of any place I visit) and tried to decide which was the most likely street for shops. This settled I set off into the city, scanning the shops as soon as I reached them, with keen anticipation. I had not gone very far when I saw just what I was looking for - a shop window full of Scout uniform - and what was more encouraging still, the familiar legend on the window "English spoken here."

Entering the shop I went up to the assistant behind the counter and enquired if he could give me the name and address of any Scoutmaster, but he did not appear to understand me, and pointed to another assistant at the end of the shop, and I repeated my question to him. He looked just as blank as the other, and as there was no one else in the shop I could only conclude that the person who spoke English was out. There were two words, however, which they had caught, and that was "Boy Scout" and they no doubt saw my badge also, and they came to the conclusion that I must be requiring some Scout uniform. They therefore produced a catalogue of Scout equipment, and placing this on the counter pointed first to one article and then another, trying to find what I wanted. This did not seem to be getting us anywhere, but on the back of the last page I noticed some names and addresses; one was that of a clergyman. Why a clergyman's name on a shop catalogue? He must be some official of the Scout Association.

So I pointed to this address and opening my map I made signs to show that I wanted to know where that street was.

After a bit they found the street and pointed it out to me, I thanked them and went on my way. The name I had noticed was Pastor H. Moller Gasmann, Harbitzgarde 19bIII, and I set out across the city to find Pastor Gasmann.

This was not quite as easy as you might think, especially when I discovered that Harbitzgarde was in the shape of a letter T; anyhow the good lady who came to the door of No. 19a, soon put me on the right track when I produced the shop catalogue which I had taken with me. No. 19b was a block of flats round the corner and I went up to the third floor where I saw the name of Pastor Gasmann on the door. I knocked but there was no reply, he was evidently not at home. My next move was to explore the neighbourhood, to find the nearest church, but here I went off on the wrong track as Pastor Gasmann although a clergyman turned out to be a headmaster of a school. At any rate I could see no one, and it was time to return to the ship, if I wanted any lunch, so I slipped a visiting card into the letter-box saying that I was a Scoutmaster from England on board the S.S. Mantua in the harbour, and that I was sorry that I had missed him.

That I thought would be the end of it. The next morning however, on board, a letter was delivered to me. It turned out to be from Herr Dons, who was the Chief Scout of Norway. He told me that Pastor Gasmann had told him of finding my card, and had asked him to write to me, as his English was not very good.

He wrote to say that they would both call on me on board the ship at 5 o'clock that day. As it happened we were due to sail at that very hour, and unless I did something about it, the ship would leave and I should not see them after all. I therefore decided to have one more attempt to contact them, and went on shore after lunch with this in view. But what should I do? Try to find Herr Dons, who could speak English, but whose address was unknown to me, or to go to Pastor Gasmann whose address I knew, but who I now learnt could not speak my language?

Well, I decided on Harbitzgarde again, I could find it easily, and a clergyman was more likely to be at home - but he wasn't, I could get no reply to my knocking. I walked up and down the street wondering what I could do, it all looked quite hopeless. I was just about to give up, when a tall gentleman with a beard passed me and went into No. 19b. It did not look very promising 2 but I would have one more try, and I climbed to the third floor again and knocked on the door. Imagine my relief when this time I heard footsteps coming along the passage, the door opened and I saw my bearded friend. I explained who I was and he excitedly pulled me into, his room, talking away in broken English, which was difficult to follow. At any rate it was obvious that he was very pleased to see me.

Before long he said he would 'phone Herr Dons, and I was able to explain why I had come to see them. It was arranged that we should go down to the shore where Herr Dons would meet us, and they would take me for a row on the Fjord before landing me on my ship before we were due to sail.

Herr Dons I did not meet again but Pastor Gasmann, who later succeeded the former as Chief Scout, you will meet again, if you read on far enough.



SCOUTS` RALLY AT WINDSOR JULY 4, 1911

THE NEW PIONEERING

By JOHN SWEET

SOME remarkable developments have occurred in Scout pioneering within the last ten years or so. At one time our repertoire was limited to a few standard projects of the monkey bridge, aerial runway variety, and very good they were too; but when you'd gone through the lot there was nothing for it but to start at the beginning again. With the appearance of the Camp Chief's book *Pioneering Projects*, some years ago, all that was changed. Nowadays you can take your choice from a score of interesting and amusing projects, some of them adventurous in the extreme.

The technique of presentation, too, has suffered a significant change. The original idea was to provide complete instructions for the building of a project with a wealth of technical detail and much cautionary advice. Now we are offered an artist's drawing with the technicalities light-heartedly sketched in and invited to get on with it. The effect of this has been to take pioneering out of the hands of the specialist and to make it rather better fun for the ordinary run-of-the-mill Scout. True, our swing bridges rarely swing with much facility, our paddle-driven rafts are no more water-worthy than the catamarans of former days, and our monstrous catapults and ballistae rarely succeed in throwing anything anywhere; but it is probably true to say that on the whole more people are getting more fun out of it, and more knots and lashings are being applied in a practical, if strictly non-utilitarian, way.

Perhaps the most notable feature of the new pioneering, however, is the development of what might be called "backwoods mechanics." Our bridges are no longer merely static.

They draw and swing, revolve on pivots, are balanced by counterweight, or rise and fall with the tide. The tendency has been to encourage movement and action, and the moving part is now an important feature of all the best pioneering projects. We have, for instance, the moving jib of the swinging derrick, which can be raised or lowered at will, or luffed from side to side, and the "firing bar" of the Scout ballista, turning freely between two pint-mug bearings. The principle which keeps the movable jib of the derrick *in situ* under great stress and strain is perhaps the best possible example of the crude but effective methods of the backwoods mechanic (Fig. 1). The jib consists of two spars sheer-lashed at their tip and held apart a few feet from their butts by a short crossbar. The twin butts of the jib-unit fit snugly round the derrick post with the crossbar bearing upon it. A stout lashing is made fast to the derrick post above the butt of the jib, and the lashing is then turned once or twice quite loosely round the butt and tied off below it. Nothing could be simpler, or more effective. Several attempts have been made to improve on this primitive device - for instance, by the introduction of a "bearing rail" to support the butt of the jib-unit - but none so far has been 100 per cent successful (Fig. 2).

However, one of the joys of the new pioneering is that there is always room for improvement, and the "moving part" is still in its infancy. Scope here for a good deal of experiment and research. Draw-bridges require hinges (Fig. 3). Swing bridges must have pivots (Fig. 4). In late years our aerial runways have tended to become higher and steeper, and if this goes on some-one, soon, will have to invent an efficient braking-system in which the variable and uncertain "human element" does not play too great a part. (The Bedfordshire brake is excellent, but no one has better reason than the present writer for knowing just how much that brake depends for its efficiency on the judgment of the brakeman!)

Has anyone ever tried using block-and-tackle as a shock-absorber? Or empty oil drums as "bearings" for a hinge-spar? Saplings, we know, have been used at Gilwell and elsewhere to supply the motive power for camp lathes, but there must surely be other ways in which springs of this sort could be used in backwoods mechanics? And what about some sort of dredging apparatus to clear the silt from the bathing pool? (Fig. 5).

An old dustbin, perhaps, secured to the tip of a long spar and slung in such a fashion that it can be operated with a scooping action from the shore? Any enterprising Senior Patrol could have an entertaining afternoon finding out about this.

In the new pioneering we have not been content to rely entirely on blocks-and-tackle to give us purchase, and the various shifts and expedients described in Gilcraft's *Pioneering* have been used more and more, notably the parbuckle (Fig. 6), the Spanish Windlass (Fig. 7) and that excellent device known to Gilcraft as "the rope tackle" and to country boys everywhere as "the harvester's hitch" (Fig. 8). Anchorages and holdfasts have persisted, on strictly orthodox lines, with the 3-2-1 by far the most popular. It may be that there is little room for experiment in this department, but I wonder if it has been definitely established that pickets driven in at right-angles to the line of the strain give the best grip? Anyone who has tried to draw a picket by direct pull knows how next-to-impossible it is to budge the thing. Someone ought to carry out a few breaking tests to prove the comparative strength of pickets at right-angles to and in line with the strain. The result may be surprising.



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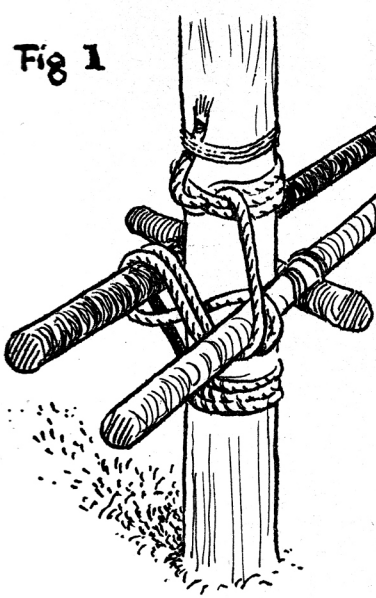


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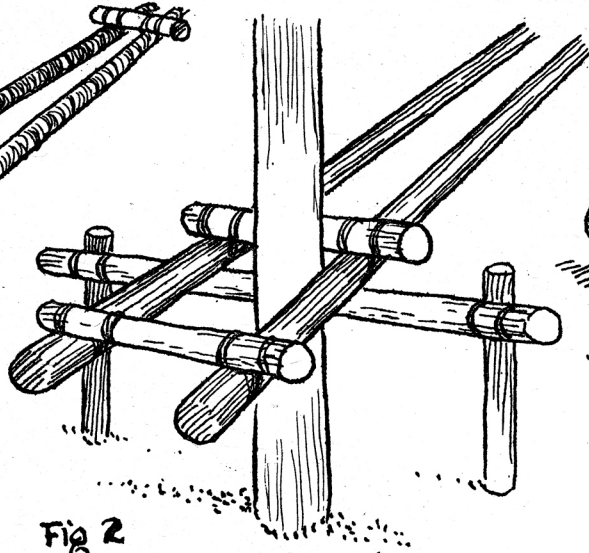


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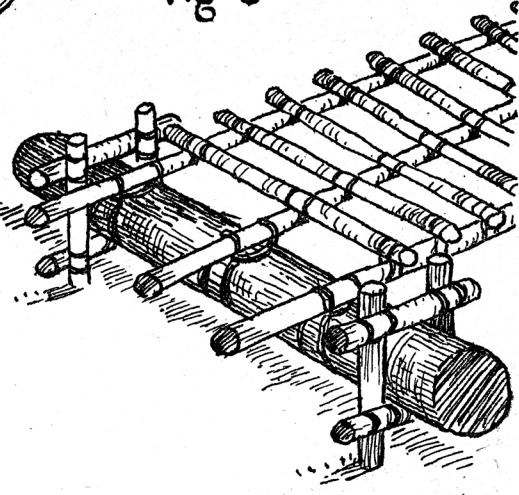


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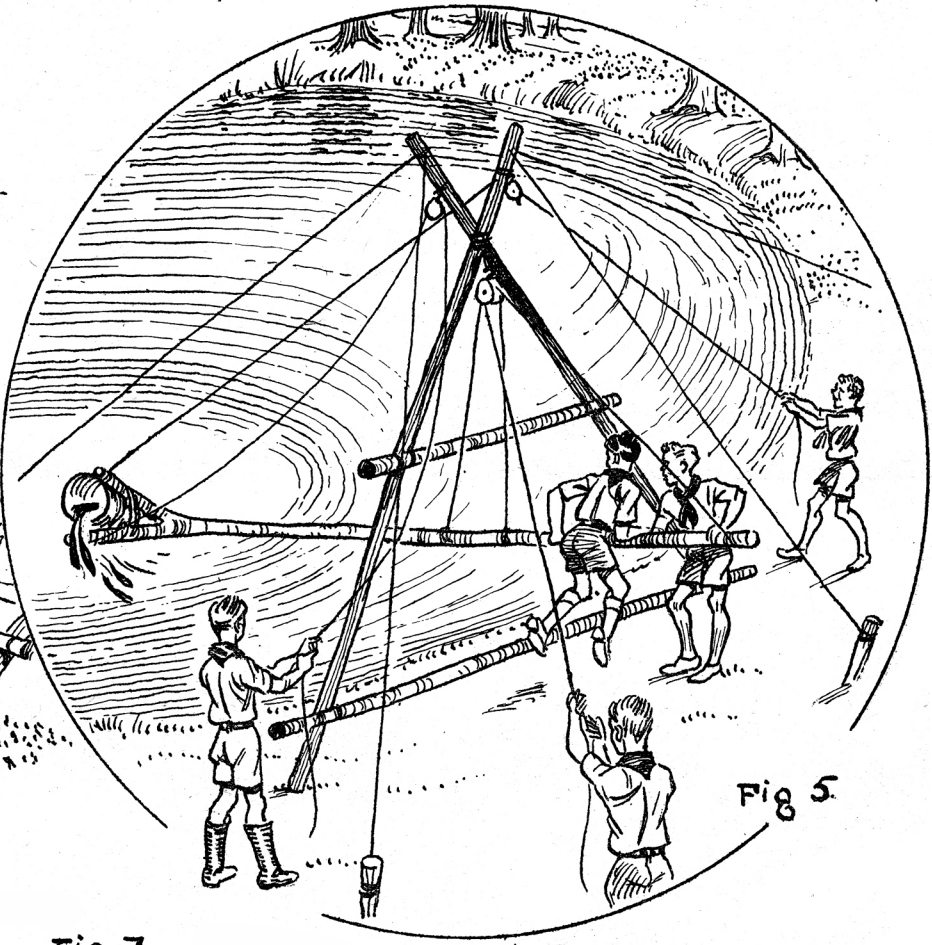
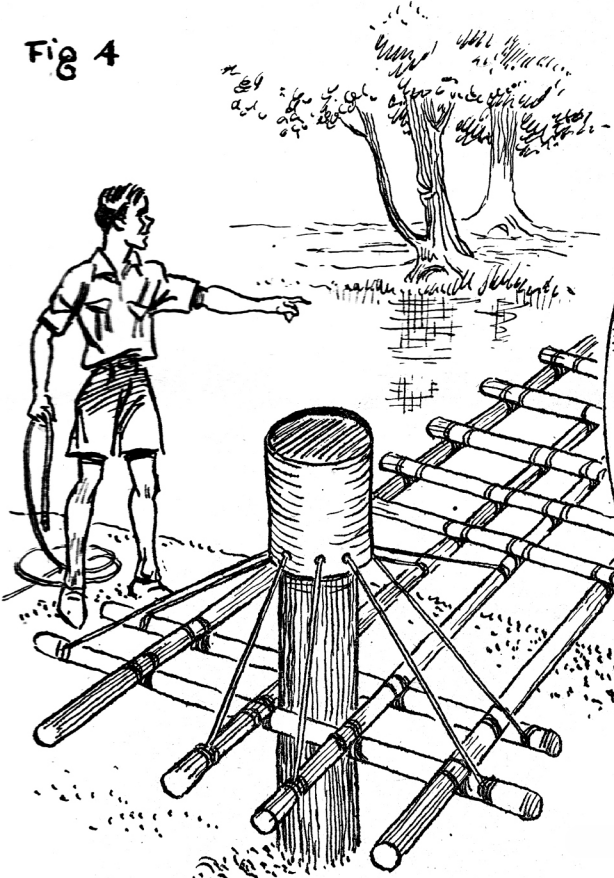


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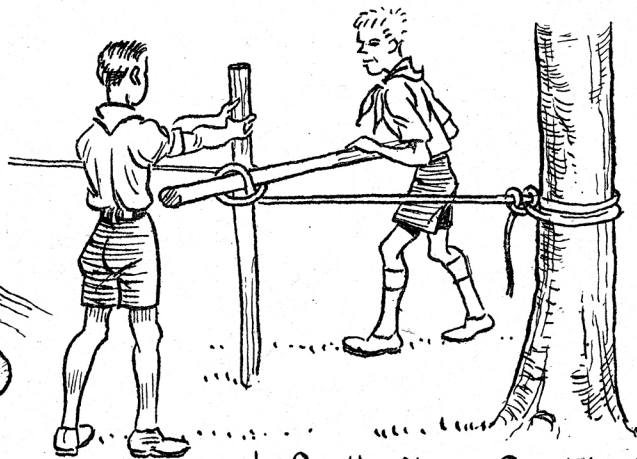


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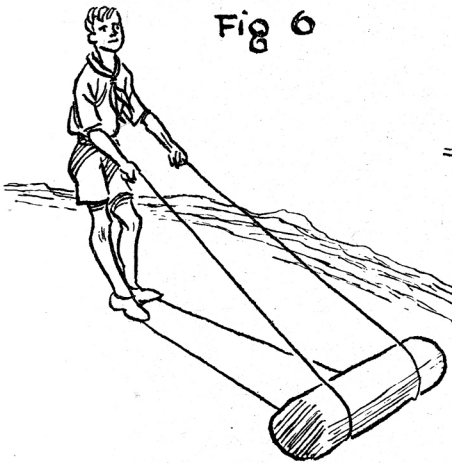
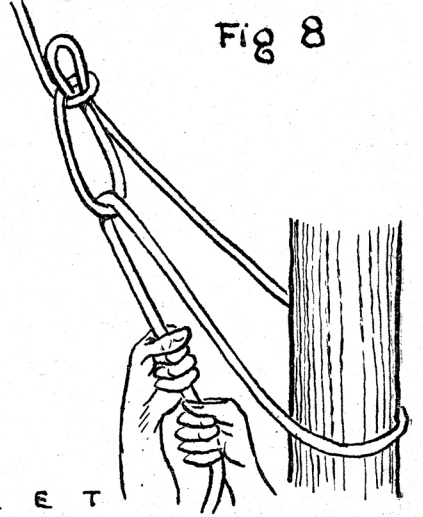


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AN ENGLISH COUNTY'S INVESTIGATION INTO PROGRESS - TRAINING - LEAKAGE

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Intention

To visit six Troops per week in the County - from March to November 1955. The Troops to be unexpectedly called upon, and to try to find out:-

- (a) The stage of training of the Scouts and Scouters.
- (b) The programmes being followed.
- (c) The state of the records in the Troop.
- (d) The progress of the Scouts (County was concerned with the small percentage of Second Class Scouts).
- (e) The turnout of the Scouts and Scouters.
- (j) The "morale" of the Troop.
- (g) If the Scouter had any problems that "County" could help with.

Method

All D.C.s were informed that these visits would be made. They were asked to co-operate and not to inform Scouters that it was to be done.

After the first few visits some method of quickly getting at the "state of the Scouter and the "stage" reached by the Scouts, both in the principles of "Scouting" and the actual training, had to be devised.

The following questionnaire was prepared and has been found to be very effective in accomplishing this aim.

The questions put to the Scouter. (Depending on the circumstances for variation) are:-

- Can I see your programme please?
Are you satisfied with your C. of H.?
Do you give a Skipper's Chat?
Could I see your records please?
How many Second Class Scouts have you?
What is the average length of service of your Scouts?
How often do you see your G.S.M. (if applicable)?
How often do you see your D.C. or A.D.C. ?
Where did you have your annual Camp this year?
Have the Patrols had any Patrol Camps - or hikes - planned without your help?
What about a Prelim. or Wood Badge Course?
90 per cent Second Class for 1957?
Do you take THE SCOUTER - if not, why not?
Have you a copy of Scouting for Boys handy?
The questions put to the Scouts. (In a little get together and the right atmosphere these questions put to the boys are very revealing indeed!)
Can you name the Chief Scout?
Can you name the C.C., A.C.C., D.C., A.D.C.?
What is the address and telephone number of your Skipper?
How long have you been in? Why did you join - what stage are you at?
What do you think is the OBJECT of Scouting?
What things impress you most in Scouting - What do you like most (or dislike)?
What did you like (or dislike) most at Camp?
If the Scout has been a Cub - what about the transitional stage? Was he impressed?
Does the Scout appreciate that his pet subject is covered by the Badge system (Scouting's greatest strength)?

When is the next World Jamboree? What does it coincide with?
First Class for 1957?

Do you take The Scout?

Have you read Scouting for Boys?

Findings

The questions and the general standing of the Troops were shown by this method and our summary of the eighty-two Troops visited gives: 60 per cent genuine articles (Troop and Patrols B.-P. would have liked).

25 per cent are doing imitation Scouting.

15 per cent counterfeit Scouting - purely social clubs - under Scouting's name.

We found the following points to be weak and the cause of a lot of bad Scouting. These were pointed out (diplomatically, I hope, at the time of the visit), to the Scouters; also that this was not an attempt to throw any "County weight" but a genuine attempt to eradicate the things that were not helping to put "Scouting" over to the boy as it should be and as the Chief wants it putting over. It says a lot for the County that not one Scouter took exception to the visit or the conducting of the investigation. In fact, they appeared pleased at the visit and we hope got a bit of enthusiasm back - and possibly some new ideas. I had some very funny welcomes - Scouters who brought their Troops to "shuddering Alerts" when they spotted the purple plume. I knocked on one H.Q. door - it being locked - and a small Scout poked his head out and told me "If you don't push off home 'Sugar' I'll punch your nose!" Poor chap, you ought to have seen his face when he realised it wasn't "Sugar." I found one Troop in an absolute uproar, and a lady was carrying on for the Skipper (who was ill apparently). She was going to give me a telling off for being an hour late, when I tried to diplomatically explain to her that I was the A.C.C.; it appeared that a Rover who had promised the Skipper to run his Troop, failed to turn up (my visit was purely coincidental). We think it was a wonderful spirit for the lady to be having a go and before I had realised what was happening I was the Skipper for the next hour! Good at getting their own way the ladies aren't they? At some places where there were two Scouters I had great fun whilst one or the other attempted to keep me talking whilst the other had a quick "buzz" around the Patrols to tip them off - they never got away with it - I used to do the same in the Army!



"Sports Report"

The weak points we found are:-

(1) 20 per cent of Scouters going to Troop meetings in civvies (I have heard all the excuses)! If a man goes home, has a meal, wash and change, why turn up in sports coat and flannels or suit when it is just as easy to put uniform on. It is surprising also the number of colds in Yorkshire at this time of the year? and "This is the only time for five years he hasn't put uniform on," is quite a favourite one too!

(2) Programmes. One of the weakest points of all - sometimes no programmes at all - sometimes a very "dog-eared" manuscript taken off the notice board.

(3) Progress Charts. Do let the boys see their progress. Let them mark their own progress for all to see. This I consider is the most important point often overlooked.

(4) Games. I am sick and tired of "British Bulldogs," - let's have some imagination here (more later on this point). Often the lads get the game they want - all this is good up to a point - but Skippers must run the game they choose now and again and let them be games with purpose.

(5) inspection. "Tighter" inspections give better Scouting. There is some slackness here and there! Often apathy to be found to actually holding inspections (especially where the Skipper was in civvies). This is understandable - if in civvies!

(6) Control. This can soon be spotted - use the word "Freeze" - really boys like it better than a whistle, it can be fun to "Freeze" (it's like the kiddies' game of "Statues" and they do listen to the next order).

(7) Atmosphere. I could write a book on this. Imagination must be used. Difficult to get Scout atmosphere in between two forms in a schoolroom - but can be done. Only the Scouter can help in this all important point.

(8) Skipper's Chat. A lot of them have "petered" out during the years - due to (or so I am told) lack of subjects - this is a feeble one indeed. There are books, subjects, by the score - the Bible alone can keep you going your whole Scout life. Ever thought of adopting the Bible stories into Scouting terms. There are some excellent books to get "chats" from - *The Left Handshake*, *Marvels of Modern Adventure*, many "Climbing Books." Try when reading any book to think of it for a "chat."

(9) *The Adventurous - the Unexpected - the Unusual*. Often excellent - often good - sometimes never even attempted. We invented a little Wide Game of approximately twelve minutes' duration which I put to Troops where I thought it would be good fun and where I did not think they got any. Patrols are asked to find the first verse of *Omar Khayyam* (library or ask anyone they think may know it) having found it give them 6d. and ask them to ring my home (they know my name and address - find my phone number and learn to use the telephone) having got the number give my wife the first verse who will then tell them to go back to Troop H.Q., but to take with them one growing yellow flower, one growing red flower and one ivy leaf.

On reporting back, they are given the time in which all Patrols get back, to study a mime to represent any one of the Scout Laws.

The whole game, we found, lasts about 12 - 15 minutes and we have had some great fun and good -results from it. We have found that some Scouts could not use the telephone until they took part in the game.

At one Troop I had my son with me (a Cub of nine years old) who was allowed to go with a Patrol - they were soon back with the flowers and ivy. It was only when we got home that I found the Patrol Leader had saved time and labour by a quick visit to the local churchyard. Are flowers growing if taken from a jar?

The funniest incident I have ever seen or heard in Scouting also occurred during this game. A Patrol staged a scene with a table as a bar with a "man" behind it. A "man" (not in uniform) arrived with a dog and obviously ordered a drink, all the time being very rough on the dog. A very smart Scout arrived on the scene and admonished him (in mime of course).

He becomes well disposed towards the dog and left - scene finished. When asked, all the Patrols "plumped" for "A Scout is a friend to animals" and I must confess the C.C. (who was present) and I thought it was too; but oh, no, the Patrol Leader said, "A Scout is thrifty, and we were telling him not to spend his 'brass' on ale and 'baccy'." Very good, but one Patrol Leader from the back of the room said, "Well, what was the dog for then." "Ah," said the other Patrol Leader, "That was a red herring." Like a shot came back the answer "It was not, it was a corgi." We howled with laughing - but the lads had used their imagination and wit. These are the little incidents that give you your reward in Scouting!

(10) *Senior Place in the Troop*. This is a very complex and often difficult problem. Where the Scouter is alone in his work and has only two or three Senior Scouts, they can be a great asset or a great problem to fit in. They want Scouting but possibly the Scouter cannot give up the time for separate Senior Scout work. Where they have been "left" in the Troop and are possibly Patrol Leaders they are only hindering the promotion of a younger boy to Patrol Leader, and yet very often they are the strength of the Troop. It was quite a revelation to find the high percentage where this state of affairs was to be found - that is, only one Scouter for the Group (not for the Cub section of course), and yet he had a few Seniors to provide for. The A.C.C. for Senior Scouts is devoting a lot of time and thought to this point and suggesting to the Scouters a solution to their problems.

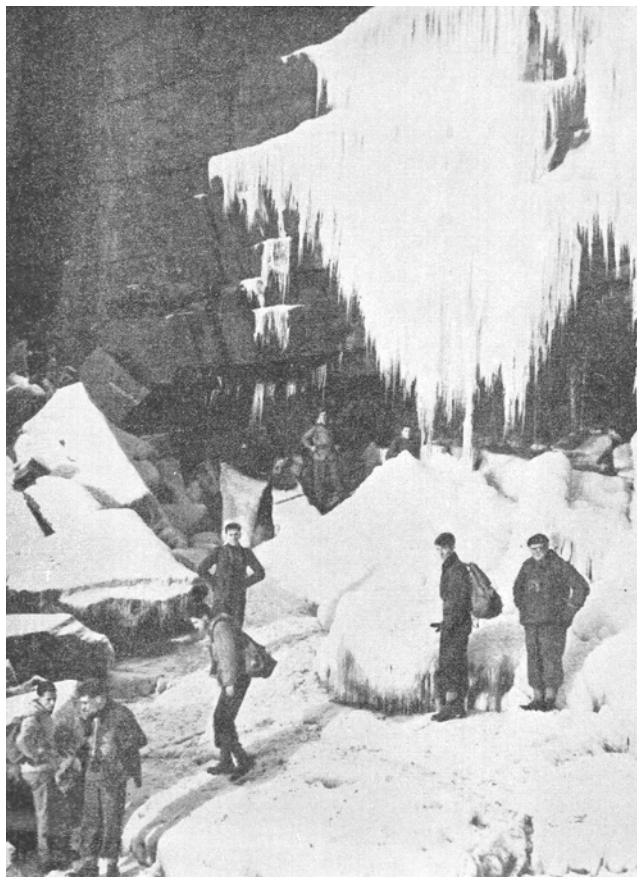
Suggestions

We have given the following suggestions, some on the visits, and we are hoping to issue these to the whole County as possible aids to the Scouters and we hope it will result in a better standard in certain Troops.

Why Scoutmasters' wives grow weary



"I know it's a special day today, my dear: it's the Executive meeting"



WINTER OUTING: KINDER SCOUT, DERBYSHIRE

Let there be no mistake, however, we have found some excellent Troops where no help is required - a lot of Troops where even one man is doing an excellent job, and altogether are reasonably satisfied with the County as a whole, but you cannot go "sideways" in Scouting. It is a *Movement* and either improves or deteriorates.

(1) Scouting only starts after Second Class standard has been reached (B.-P. said First Class I think), therefore we must improve the percentage of Second Class Scouts. We think *four months from Tenderfoot* is sufficient to get passed Second Class and can be done if:

(a) - Scouters appreciate that "anyone" (lay or Scouter) can pass a Scout in a Test for Second Class provided that the Scouters are satisfied that the person is *competent to take the test* (I find some Scouters holding the whole Troop up and reducing it to the speed of the slowest Scout because they insist on passing every Test themselves). Rover, Senior Scout and lay help *must* be thoroughly "tapped" on this point.

(b) Scouters *must* put aside fifteen minutes *every* Troop night to pass any boy who thinks he is ready. This is one of the reasons for lack of progress and therefore leads to leakage.

(c) The Scouts must be made to realise that their favourite "hobby" or interest can only be given full scope by the Badge System *after Second Class*.

We hereby "stick our necks out" and suggest that Second Class Tests can be taught and even *passed* by the full use of games. It will be found that Scouts learn quicker and have more interest and fun out of Tests if tackled via the games system. (We have tried this on a few chaps. "No, I am not ready for such and such a Test," but put them in a game dealing with that subject and they can walk through the Tests.)

Let us analyse the Second Class Tests:

Repass Tenderfoot - Make this a Patrol Test to see him through.

First Aid - Give incidents and let it be a game. (Not a highly technical Test.)

Rules of Health - Let us have some variety here along the lines given for first aid.

Kim's Game - Variety - variety - variety.

Name Tree - Games, walks, organised walks to parks, etc. (Head gardeners in parks are very co-operative and instructive if approached in the correct manner.)

Knots and Lashings Games and variety, spars and ropes are the boys' greatest love!

Axemanship - Camp or Troop night games.

Morse and Semaphore - Games without limit - dare we abolish semaphore?

Compass - Games without limit.

Firelighting and Cooking - Why only a summer activity? [I visited a Troop and found them having a Patrol competition (on primus stoves) to cook supper. I enjoyed my sausage and mash, they were lovely.]

Highway Code - Games, imagination, the police will be only too willing to co-operate here.

Care of Bicycle - So Tommy has not got a bike, eh? Let the Patrol or indeed the Troop have a "bike night" anyway, someone will get his bike overhauled and serviced!

(2) More Scouters to try to take a prelim. course or have a go at the Wood Badge. Part I is not an exam., but merely to try to find out if the Scouter has read the books that will help with his job, and to get his ideas on some aspects of the work. We do find that Scouters are more "chary" of the Part I than the Part II. Besides the Part II is not a killer course. In fact, it is great fun and you have some wonderful experiences of fellowship and to chat with your Patrol and have their problems, experiences, trials and tribulations, is a wonderful help to your own Troop's problems. A problem shared is a problem solved very often!

(3) Can some of the A.D.C.s and D.C.s get around a little more, please, and could we have a four-monthly check to try to help the Scouter to get his boys on to Second Class and beyond?

(4) The "happy relations" spirit so often found at Scouters' meetings to be spread to the boys in the Troop. They are the chaps we are trying to help to find "Scouting for Boys."

(5) The transitional stage from the Cub to the Scout must be fully explained to the boy and in some cases handled a bit more delicately - under no circumstances must he be just "thrown" into the Troop.

Well there it is. We appreciate we are now ready to be "Shot down in flames," but we have tried and the chap who does nothing never did anything, right or wrong, and gets nowhere.

It Can and Shall Be Done.

"THE SCOUT"

There are sure to be some keen stamp collectors in your Group. Do they know that The Scout has started a Stamp Club which they may join? For details see The Scout, which publishes a feature on Stamps on the fourth week of each month.

There is plenty to interest Seniors in The Scout. For example, Underwater Exploration is the subject of an article by Major P. Wall, M.P., appearing on February 24th. And once a month Showell Styles, mountaineer, explorer and Scouter, writes for them in a feature entitled Wide and Open.

On the lighter side (as well as Jack Blunt!) there is Skipper Sympson's Diary by A.D.C. of The Scouter. Cubs are in the middle of a series designed to help them pass the Observer Badge. That will be followed by How to Gain Your Second Star, a training series in pictures by Bob Herbert.

Will you encourage your boys to read The Scout?

TROOP NIGHT - XXI

As winter progresses an ever increasing number of indoor activities are needed to build the Troop Night Programme and the never ending search for new games and stunts becomes ever more desperate than usual. The following few ideas are passed on in the hope that they may be new to some Scouters. Firstly some activities based on compass and map.

X Marks the Spot. - The Scouter marks on a blackboard a small chalk cross representing a particular building or location known to the Scouts (within the district, or near the last summer camp site for instance). He then gradually fills in a sketch map around the cross, including all mapping symbols appropriate to the area he is sketching. The first Scout to identify X correctly pins a point for his Patrol.

Fault Maps. - Draw out on a board an enlarged section of an imaginary lin. O.S. map, incorporating various errors such as a river running uphill, incorrectly marked contours and spot heights, incorrect road numbering, railway cuttings and embankments interchanged, etc. Individuals or Patrols compile a list of faults in a given time.

Aerial Photos. - Some of the weekly magazines often publish aerial photos of various parts of town and country. A collection of these provide interesting mapping exercises if you have, or can get hold of, the corresponding O.S. map. The photo itself will suggest the form of the problem given, but this might be to locate and give the reference of some landmark or object, or to find the direction in which the photo was taken (and hence also the time of the day if there are sufficient shadows). Photos should be graded, as some are suitable for Scouts, whereas some can only be usefully tackled by P.L.s or Seniors. (The most difficult we have found so far eventually proved to be printed back to front!)

A Compass Relay. - Produce 16 small cards for each Patrol - on which are marked the points of the compass. A 16 pointed chalk cross is drawn on the floor opposite each Patrol, with the card marked with (or another) placed in position. The rest of the cards are placed face downwards close to the cross. The relay continues until all the cards are placed in position, the winning Patrol being that with the least number of mistakes. In the event of Patrols making the same number of mistakes the first to finish wins.

Highway Code Relay. - A variation of the relay described above. Use signs cut from the *Highway Code* which must be correctly placed on a card divided into 20 or 30 squares. Each square is marked with the caption corresponding to one highway sign, with a few imaginary captions thrown in just to keep them on their toes.

Cooking. - Ever since the summer camp when one of our Scouts used half a tin of powder to make a pint of custard we decided that it would be an idea to carry on cooking practice during the winter. An old electric ring serves our purpose, and we confine ourselves to simple things which will also do for canteen after the meeting. Each Patrol takes a turn at one dish during the succeeding weeks, and then we move on to something else.

Signalling. - It has often been pointed out that a great deal of the lack of enthusiasm for signalling is due to the unimaginative way in which it is presented. Morse transmissions of a wide range of speeds can be received on the short waveband which can be used to add interest and a touch of adventure to morse practice. Persuade the Troop radio enthusiast to make a set (one valve will do) to be used for First Class and Signaller's badge practice.

Pioneering. - Patrols construct 3-2-1 holdfasts on a convenient piece of ground - this can be done in the dark if necessary. The rest of the Troop then attempt to haul each holdfast out of the ground with a hawser. About half the Patrols stand the test on average!

Winter pioneering practice often has to be carried out indoors and here hold-fasts present a problem. If you are fortunate enough to have your own H.Q. it is well worth fitting a few strong eyebolts

into the floor near the wall. These can be used for various inter-Patrol pioneering activities in preparation for outdoor projects. As a simple one to get started, pairs of Patrols cooperate on opposite sides of an imaginary river, chasm or swamp, to fix up a rope between shear legs. (You will have to have some fairly solid spars for this.) One Patrol then crosses the rope to join the other before the hostile Indians emerge from the Scouters' den. If the rope is erected well enough they can do the "dead man's crawl" which is by far the most comfortable and reliable method of crossing. Work up to multi-rope structures such as a commando or Monkey bridge.

A variation of the knotting relay: instead of the name of a knot, each Scout is given the use of a knot as he runs up, and must tie the correct one. (Hand out pieces of plastic cord to tie - this will test a realisation of the value of the fisherman's knot.)

Badgework. - Proficiency badges are normally (and rightly) reserved for the individual Scout. There are, however, some badges which are suitable for the whole Troop to tackle together, and this often provides the stimulus for a Scout to work for others on his own. The winter is an excellent time to organise a course on the First Aider, Guide, Firefighter or other public service badge, and local amateur and professional experts are usually very willing to lend a hand.

How the Other Troop Works. - One week we fixed up for the Patrols to spend one Troop Night with other Troops in the district. Each Patrol went to a different Troop (arranged in advance with the S.M.s) and described their experiences at our next Troop meeting. Apart from the obvious social value, the Patrols were afterwards better able to appreciate the advantages and failings of their own Troop, and as a result produced several useful suggestions.

"Buccaneers", - The process of "widening up" a table game is often worthy of consideration as it can sometimes produce useful results. (Games adapted from draughts and chess have been described in the past.) The game of "Buccaneer" which is normally played on a large squared board can be conveniently "widened up" to a field or other large open space, and makes a good active game for day or night. Use rules similar to those of the table game, except that there are no squares and everyone plays at once instead of taking turns.

"Card Finding." - Hide the cards of a pack in various places, keeping all four cards of the same number together (assuming four Patrols are taking part). Each Patrol is given a list of clues to the location of the cards and must collect a particular suit. The clues should be of increasing difficulty for the higher numbers, and can be of the cryptic variety or involving compass directions, different trees, etc. The Patrol with the highest aggregate after a certain time wins.

Finally, an inter-Patrol ingenuity test for a spare five minutes. A billy (with its handle upwards) stands on a log in the centre of the Troop room, while the Patrols are confined to a small area in their comers with their staves and rope. They attempt to be the first to capture the billy and deposit it in their own corner without letting it fall into the intervening swamp.

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IDEAS AND THINGS – II

THERE are several ways of organising Senior Scout Venturer Incident Journeys, and in my last spasm I gave details of the first one I arranged. To save anyone who has either not read the aforementioned article, or has read it and forgotten about it, the trouble of turning the house upside down looking for the January SCOUTER, I will give you the outline again at no extra charge. The idea used was to take a topical book with a suitable theme, preferably one of the several “resistance” or “escape” type published after the last war. A story is based on the theme, and into this is worked an incident journey composed of such hazards as are possible on the ground available.

The first one is really quite simple. You just fit in rafts, commando bridges, monkey bridges and what have you to your heart’s content. The second one is not quite so simple, as you will have used up most of the usual hazards on the first one, and you will not be able to use them again for another year or two. This will make you think up some very novel and original ones, which will be a very good thing.

For our second go we decided to have a committee of two, instead of just me, which was all we had to arrange the first one. This was a splendid idea. There was only one snag, the other fellow was too busy to do anything, so guess what? Me again.

The procedure I adopted this time was to pile on the floor round my feet back numbers of The Scout and SCOUTER going back years and years, books by all sorts of people who know all about these things, Scouter Digests and the like, and then I sat back and started my search for ideas. Now this system is most definitely not - repeat not - to be recommended. It’s a complete washout. Do you know what? By bed time you will have reread The Opinions of Delta (in book form), read about a couple of dozen “Our Districts,” laughed at umpteen “Why Scoutmasters Grow Old Quickly” cartoons you had forgotten all about, and marvelled at the way tents have altered in price. Taking it all round you will have had a very pleasant evening, but unless you are one of those abnormal beings who can keep to the point and refuse to be side-tracked you will have as many ideas at the end as you had at the beginning. I gave it up, laid back, and thought. I thought for a long time. In the end the following evolved.

A beautiful spy by the most original name of Olga has been sent here by a certain foreign power east of the Iron Curtain, or if that is too much of a mouthful, Russia. Right. She is really in sympathy with the West, and when she gets here decides to stay. The Government check on her, grant her request, and permit her to stay with friends she has in wherever you are doing the stunt. Unfortunately, upon arriving at wherever it is, she is captured by Russian agents who have an aeroplane waiting to take her back to wherever she came from. Obviously this scheme must be nipped in the bud pretty smartly, and who is better equipped to do it than the four assorted ‘erbs from the 27th who report to a lonely Scouter at 9 a.m. on a Sunday morning in October, muttering darkly about inhuman Scouters who make them get up at unheard of hours on Sunday mornings. Other Patrols will follow at regular intervals, doubtless getting brighter as the morning goes on.

Let us now put ourselves in the place of one of these collections of heroes, and assume that the lonely Scouter already mentioned has told us all about Olga, and added the information that someone (unknown) has gone off on a bicycle saying something about “that new school up the hill.”

This being all we have to work on, off we go up the hill, returning immediately to ask whether the beautiful maiden described by the Scouter really exists. We are informed that she does. Off we go again, this time at a much brisker pace.

In the school yard we are greeted by the sight of a civilian with a bicycle wrapped round him, lashings of blood, and all the trimmings of a first class accident. Also present is another chap who seems to be pretty useless. He is in a panic, and obviously only in the way. (We don’t know it, but both have been supplied by the local St. John Ambulance Brigade.) The injured man is clutching a piece of paper on which is written a map reference.

Good. The patient is dealt with more or less as called for in the St. John Handbook, and off to the map reference we go.

And what have we here? A cliff face, a Scouter who knows all about rock climbing, a good rope, and a message in a crevice half way up. The story goes that some suspicious person was seen leaving the message there, and we brave souls have to risk life and limb to get hold of it. As the message has been torn into the necessary number of pieces, each member of the party has to do the climb.

The “message” turns out to be a few pieces torn from a page of the Radio Times. These fit together just like a jig-saw puzzle, but when we’ve done that it does not mean a thing. Eventually the bright member of the Patrol discovers that some of the letters have pinholes beneath them. A brighter member finds out that all the holes have been made from the same side of the paper, and so we now know which side of the paper to work on. One piece of the “puzzle” causes some doubt. No pin-holes can be found in this. This is due to the fact that no holes have been made in it, but more than one Patrol spends time wondering about it. Eventually the letters with holes are picked out and the message written down. Naturally it does not make sense. Every letter is laboriously checked. Maybe one or two are found to have either been missed or have been put down wrongly, but it still does not mean anything. Not until one bright boy tries doing it backwards. That’s better. We now have a compass direction which we are to follow until further notice.

The direction indicated leads across the moor. Rather a bleak moor. There is a slight mist.

Provided we are on course we eventually come across a man wearing old trousers, a mac, roll-neck jumper and a flat cap. Beside him is a car. The car is jacked up. If we are off-course he will, out of kindness of heart, come and find us. It seems that we should offer assistance, but even in a slight mist it is difficult to see whether a car is jacked up when the type of jack as issued with modern cars is used. Anyway, the stranger tells us that the beautiful maiden is held captive at the farm half a mile up the road (really a very rough track), and he was on his way to rescue her when he ran into trouble with his car. Will we carry on, rescue her, and bring her back to the car.

At the farm the girl is seen waving from an upstairs window. A rope is available, and this is thrown up to the girl who makes one end fast. Up go two likely lads, and our Olga (now recognised as the Akela of the 6th) is lowered by means of a fireman’s chair knot. All this, of course, is done with much stealth so as not to attract the attention of the guards.

So much for the idea. Now for the snags. In the first place the St. John’s men were called away to an emergency without warning, and just did not turn up. This incident was also to have formed our Senior Scout Ambulance Competition, so both the realistic incident and the competition went west. A substitute incident was put in at the last minute, but this was not too successful. Secondly, as already mentioned, it was found that the man with the car could not be seen to be obviously in need of assistance in the mist, so the Patrols could not offer to do a “good turn” but had to be approached. Again, our “stranger” could not be there, and so the D.C., who was of course known to all taking part, stood in. However, in the mist he was not recognised until the last minute. Finally the only suitably located farm had no suitable upstairs window, so the girl was held in the dairy with a Senior Scout behind the door to “cosh” the rescuers as they went in. A watch was kept for the approach of parties of rescuers, and the girl screamed quite realistically at appropriate moments.

The affair had its lighter side. As the D.C. had to continually leave his car to keep a look-out for Patrols approaching, he left a note in the window which read - “Popofski to Dropofski - Girl held at farm” to be read by any Seniors who were spot on course and turned up in his absence. No Seniors read it, but an elderly lady and gentleman taking a Sunday morning walk over the moor were seen to read it, and as they appeared somewhat taken aback a car-load of police was anticipated. This did not materialise. Again, one Patrol was seen to approach the farm and then disappear. Somehow they had climbed on to the roof, and as the girl and her guardian opened the door to peer out and see what

was happening a Senior Scout suddenly appeared in front of them, to be joined by another almost at once. The farmer who had been a very interested spectator, remarked afterwards that we appeared to be very good at training burglars.

D. L. N.

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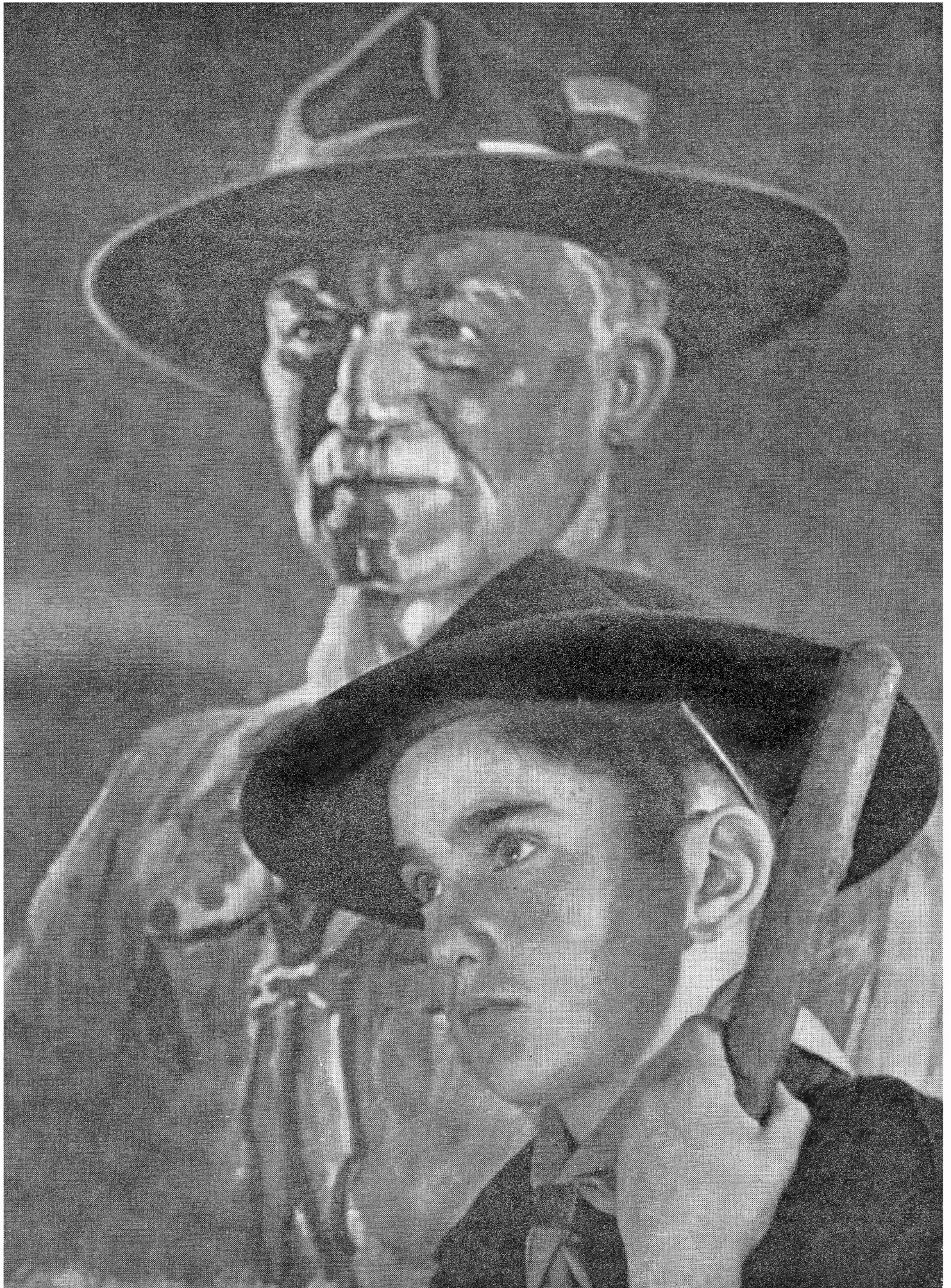
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NEWS FROM 25 B.P. ROAD

THE Movement got off to a splendid start on New Year's Day when it was found that Her Majesty's Honours List contained the names of two Scouters whose distinguished service to Scouting had earned Royal recognition.

Roy Nichols, Chief Commissioner for Victoria, Australia, first joined the Movement as a Scout in 1923 and has been active as a Scouter ever since he received his first warrant as S.M. of his old Troop in 1929. He has filled many offices in Victorian Scouting; first, as I have said, with his Group, then in the District, the County and at State Headquarters. In 1952 he was appointed Chief Commissioner. He has also given considerable help with the arrangements for the Pan-Pacific Jamborees of 1935 and 1949 and it was a happy coincidence that the announcement of Royal recognition was made during this year's Pan-Pacific Jamboree which, as you may know, is being attended by a party of four Senior Scouts and one Scouter from the United Kingdom. In 1954, Mr. Nichols was awarded the Silver Wolf.

A. M. (Tiny) Chamberlain is, I should imagine, one of our best known Scouters. He became an A.S.M. in Hampstead in 1911, having been a Scout and Patrol Leader previously, and received his warrant as Scoutmaster three years later. During the next seventeen years he held warrants as D.S.M., A.D.C. and D.C. In 1931 he decided to dispose of the family business and became a member-of the full-time staff of I.H.Q. His first job was that of Travelling Commissioner, but in 1934 he became Assistant Camp Chief at Gilwell Park, in Appointment he held until 1946 when he joined the staff at 25 B.P. Road as Training Secretary. After seven years' valuable service in that capacity he was appointed to his present job as Field Commissioner for Kent, Surrey and Sussex. In all of the appointments he has held during these forty-five years, Tiny has given outstanding service to Scouting and I know everyone will rejoice that his work has been recognised by Her Majesty the Queen.

We extend to Roy Nichols on becoming an Officer and to Tiny Chamberlain on becoming a Member of the Order of the British Empire our warm congratulations.

DURING the early days of January we had the sad news that Mrs. Tyler, who has been manageress of the Scout Restaurant at 25 B.P. Road for the past twelve years, had decided to retire. As those of you who have used the restaurant know, Mrs. Tyler has given splendid service and we cannot be too grateful to her, not only for the excellent lunches and teas she has provided from Monday to Friday each week, but for the special arrangements she has made for parties coming to London for Boy Scout, The Gang Show and other events. I am sure everyone will join me in expressing our grateful thanks to her and our best wishes for the future. We welcome as her successor Mrs. Everard and offer her our good wishes.

ALTHOUGH a large part of the country is fog bound as write these notes, it will not be long before we are making -plans for week-end and summer camps. In fact, I expect some of you have already booked your site for the annual camp; if we want the best sites, we have to book early nowadays!

Last summer, we had several enquiries about reduced railway rates and I thought it might be of help to mention the present arrangements. Reduced fares are obtained by completing a voucher which you can obtain from your L.A. Secretary (L.A. Secretaries obtain supplies from the Administrative Secretary at I.H.Q.). The voucher is presented at the time of booking, when, of course, fares are payable. If the voucher is not presented at this time ordinary fares will be charged and no refund can be made.

The rates at present in force are: RETURN Journeys - under sixteen years of age, three-quarters ordinary single fare; under eighteen, ordinary single fare and one-half; Scouters or other adults (one to every eight juveniles) ordinary single fare and one-half. The minimum number of Scouts that may be included on a voucher is one. Prior arrangements should be made with the Region concerned.

A. W. HURLL,
Chief Executive Commissioner.

THE GILWELL LETTER

A PLEASANT little story to start with this month:- A Patrol of six boys from Hackney asked permission to go round Gilwell and afterwards came back to say "Thank you." (It is always rather nice when this happens.) The P.L., who couldn't be a day over thirteen, was obviously happy, and announced, "It worked!" Further enquiry elicited the information that three of the boys were not Scouts but now that they have been to Gilwell they want to join. Questioned further as to what gave him the idea of using Gilwell as a recruiting base, he replied, "It's what got me in!" It makes you think, doesn't it?

TWO years ago two Commissioners came over from Burma in order to learn and understand modern training techniques and in due time they returned to their own country. A report of their first year's work shows that fifteen Preliminary Courses have been run and as many planned for this present year, which only goes to show what two properly trained enthusiastic Commissioners can achieve.

For some months past applications have been trickling in for courses and for summer camps and it is in regard to the latter that I would like to say a word.

Year by year many Troops from the provincial cities of Great Britain have found two particular benefits in holding an occasional summer camp at Gilwell. The first is that inevitably they will meet and mix with Scouts from many other parts of the country and, indeed, have a sporting chance of meeting Scouts from overseas as well. Secondly, to spend a couple of days touring London is the kind of experience that I think every boy who is a Scout should be offered at some stage in his Scout life.

I have been very impressed by the standard of camping shown by these Troops not, I hasten to add, that they are perfect or that they camp any better than the Scouts from the Home Counties.

It may be that there are Troops who want to do something a little different to what they did last year, and Gilwell could be the answer.

February, I think, is the time of the year when every District Commissioner should be handing out P.C. Forms and possibly with them Camping Standard Certificates to all Troop Scouters. It is far better to do it this way than to wait for the Scouters to apply for the forms, because it shows so clearly that the D.C. is on top of his job and quite genuinely expects every Troop to hold a summer camp and to have the arrangements well advanced by Easter at the latest.

Then, to all Troops coming to Gilwell this summer, whether for a week or a week-end: what about bringing with you a genuinely new and original Camp Fire item which you have worked out yourselves? I don't in the least mind seeing all the old ones again; after all, I have been seeing them, enjoying them, and suffering them for a good many years now, but I must confess that it would add a little spice to life if I could look forward in 1956 to a crop of original presentations.

BY the time you read this I shall be somewhere in Canada, and I am threatened with all sorts of climatic hazards. The Executive Commissioner for Training in Canada, John MacGregor, in sending my fearsome-looking itinerary, said, "You don't need to worry about our weather: you'll be all right once you go numb!" I have had four English winters in the Southern Hemisphere sunshine and I cannot expect to be so lucky all the time. I shall look forward to thawing out at Gilwell during the South-Eastern Counties Rover Moot at Easter.

Note to all campers: The Rover Moot will be entirely self-contained and will not interfere with ordinary Scout camping at Easter.

JOHN THURMAN,
Camp Chief

LUCK OF THE MONTH

By THE EDITOR

December 31st. - It is nearly twelve o'clock and I lie and watch the old year narrowing: as the midnight ceases to strike, ahead of us all lies the immeasurable immensity - sea and earth and air, the song of the heart and the fret of the mind, and the fidgetting spirit - which we shall know as 1956.

January 1st. - My personal memory of Dr. Garbett, who died yesterday, is of that Sunday morning of the first post-war National Conference which I organised in 1948. By a misunderstanding we had already arrived at the hymn before the address when he came beneficent on to the platform, taking his place in the hymn and going quietly on to talk so inspiringly of leadership who had himself led so nobly all his fruitful years. He little knew how anxiously my heart had beaten waiting for him to come, while our Chief left my side and answered my whispered plea (with all that high readiness to duty which is his) to talk - perhaps on the parable of the Sower or the Talents - should the Archbishop's entrance be too hopelessly delayed.

Now he has gone, in the phrase of my childhood, to his glory.

January 2nd. - In the New Year's Honours Tiny Chamberlain gets an M.B.E. - a recognition of one of the wisest and best loved of the professional staff. Tiny is a man of the widest interests, a brilliant if unorthodox conversationalist and the best of companions. He has a delightful sense of humour, is a wit and always a man of great humility. The Movement owes him much.

January 4th. - Letter from Chris Heath, an old friend and for many years associated with St. Paul's School Scouts: I always think it was his enthusiasm which really got Air Scouting going. This will be his last term and he says farewell to mathematics to become Rector of Barnes - his induction takes place on April 11th at 8 p.m. He is being succeeded as chaplain at the school by John Hampton, who was one of my P.L.s at the first Air Scout Camp! To Chris and John our best wishes.

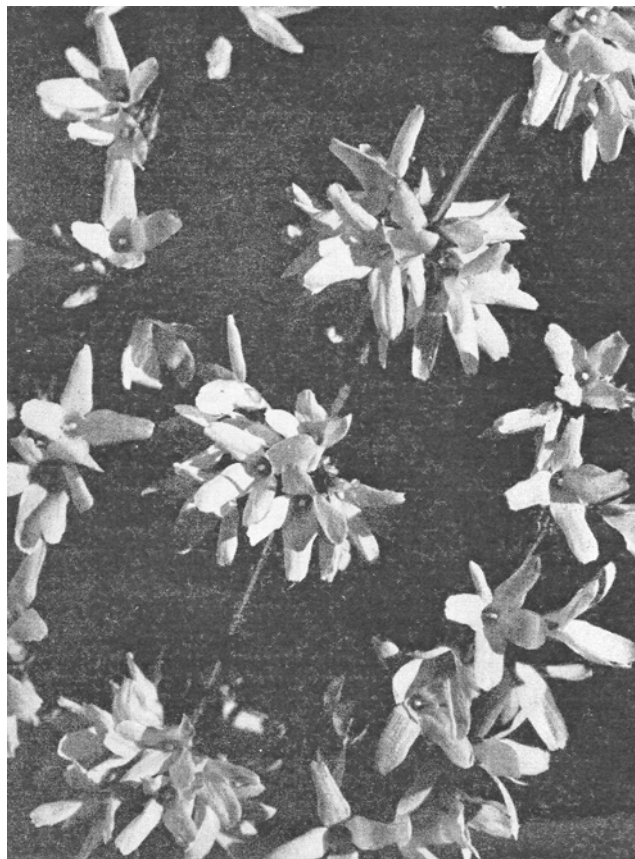
And talking of the Air Scout Camps: I had a delightful letter from Jack Parker, who was at three of them - on the last two as one of what we called "Junior Staff" who were the equivalent of rather superior Troop Leaders! All of you will know him better as England's best hurdler - he ranks eighth in the whole world I believe - as one unbeaten in five international matches last year and as holder of the British National Record for the 120 yards hurdles. I remember him most clearly strumming a guitar and singing in a nice baritone around the leaping flames of the camp fire, a Senior Scout of great charm and irrepressible cheerfulness.

January 8th. - I quote from that nice sardonic critic of detective stories and television, Mr. Maurice Richardson, in today's *Observer*: "You felt that the dressing-room, immediately after Miss Eartha Kitt's turn, on I.T.V. Wednesday, might have yielded some fascinating live documentary. Miss Kitt, pitched into the 'Chance of a Lifetime' programme with Ralph Reader (obviously more at home with very British Boy Scouts than Afro-American croonerettes accustomed to smashing the sulkometer), disdained her usual backless, topless, strapless battledress and appeared, looking in a demure, semi-evening smog-proof number like the single-minded scholarship-winner she assuredly is."

Well, here's one Scout anyway to whom you can always give an Eartha Kitt record!

January 11th. - I wonder what is the greatest difficulty of the average S.M. ? - uncertain attendance, immature P.L.s, untrained P.L.s, lack of reasonable amounts of proper equipment, homework, parents, poor H.Q....?

Sent a most interesting memorandum from Murray Napier (C.C. London) about the Combined Youth Operation "Guy Fawkes 1955." Three local Troops of Balham and Tooting joined with Guides, Red Cross Cadets and other Clubs and Movements on November 5th in their area, patrolling streets "to aid any animals which were lost, injured or terrified as a result of the celebrations." This seems to me an extraordinarily fine idea which many Districts might like to copy. It wasn't only animals who suffered either: there were, for example, the children caught in a telephone box by some louts who threw "bangers" into the box and held the door closed.



LUCK OF THE MONTH: FORSYTHIA

It is nice to read at the end of the report of the Organiser, Mr. Cyril Little-wood, the following commendation: "While every boy and girl taking part in the scheme did a grand job of work, the Scouts of the 4th Bahamand Tooting Troop are to be especially commended for carrying out patrols which entailed the 'rescue' on two occasions of young children who were being terrorized by hooligans in Tooting. These Scouts patrolling several difficult areas were of invaluable assistance to the operation and proved themselves to be a credit to the traditions of the Movement."

January 12th.- Talking of Winter Expeditions at Kingsdown, P .B. .Nevil said boys like to feel that they are getting some where in their Scouting, not just having a good time. Now that seems to me absolutely true and something that every Scouter of Pack or Troops would never forget.

January 16th.- Interesting article "The Siege of Mafeking" by Nicholas King in this month's issue of our intelligent half-crown Contemporary History Today. Of B.-P. Mr. King writes: "He was a strange amalgam of the professional soldier and the soldier of fortune. Baden-Powell had all the training and respect for organization of the first combined with the genius for improvisation

And unorthodoxy of the second." (That's not a bad description, incidentally, of what a Scout ought to be like- trained, with a respect for organization but with an eye for improvisation and unorthodoxy!)

Mr. King surveys the siege to its relief on May 17th at about seven in the evening. And on the 18th London went wild and a new word came into our language:

"Mother, may I go and maffick
Tear around and hinder traffic?"

as (Mr. King reminds us) dear Saki wrote.

Mr. King's whole account of the siege makes excellent reading and I commend it to your attention. (The magazine can normally be obtained from good bookstalls or direct from 72 Coleman Street, London, E .C.2.)

REX HAZLEWOOD.

DEAR EDITOR

Senior Scouts

DEAR EDITOR,

Peter Newman's letter in the December SCOUTER brings to light the shortage of printed matter dealing with the ordinary weekly meeting programme for Senior Scouts.

With the exception of the excellent 1/- booklet recently published, most books deal either with theory or with activities ranging from mountaineering to running dances.

About four out of every five Senior Troops seem to consist of about six boys, and I would value comments on the suggestion that, except for special circumstances, most meetings should be divided into three sections.

1. Badge training and serious work on Scout matters such as lightweight equipment, followed by a game based on the same subject.

2. P.L. (or Troop Leader) in charge, dealing with items decided upon at the last monthly C. of H. (Patrol in Council with small Troop): i.e. more Badge work, planning Wide Game for Troop, and giving it a trial, making a Morse buzzer relay from hall to Den, etc. etc., followed by a NEW rough game.

3. Tea, discussion, what have you. Standing invitation to Rovers, Cub helpers, junior T.L., etc., to exchange ideas and plans.

Each section to last about forty-five minutes.

Every month with five weeks during the year, the fifth meeting is spent with the Ranger/Cadets for a record evening, discussion, round the schools quiz on first aid, and so on.

Taking it in turns, two Seniors each week report to the S.M. to undertake Asst. T.L. duties with the Troop.

With reference to Peter Newman's comments on Senior Scout leakage, is it not true that young men over 15 years of age are attracted to the activities which provide most appeal? If the Troop life does not provide all his requirements, why not get an energetic young parent to form a youth club consisting basically of Seniors, Rovers, Rangers and Cadets to take care of the non-Scout activities. It works well in this District provided the Scout and Guide Leaders steer clear of the club, but work in close conjunction with the club leaders. Certain activities, such as dances and theatricals, are left entirely to the youth club, with the G.S.M. and vicar being the overall leaders of youth club and B.-P. organisations.

D. C. K. Dix,
D.S.M./S. (Purley).

Wearing of Shorts

DEAR EDITOR,

I was rather dismayed to read G.S.M. Kelly's letter in the December SCOUTER about the wearing of shorts by the older boy. He says shorts look and feel ridiculous for older lads on a wintry night. Do they? Why? If a boy of eight or thirteen can wear them, why can't a boy of sixteen? Are they more tender at that age? Footballers wear very thin shorts on wintry afternoons, and they seem to survive. It is true they are dashing about, but Scouts cycling or walking to their Troop headquarters can move quite briskly. Unfortunately shorts are not fashionable wear in Britain at the moment, so boys wearing them feel a bit conspicuous, and that, I suggest, is why senior boys may be averse to them. However, shorts are the recognised uniform for Scouts, and boys, knowing this when they join the Movement, should be prepared to accept them. It is true we changed from Scout hats, but these were clumsy and could very easily become unsightly, so that to change to the beret was doing the Movement a good turn. This does not apply to shorts, however, which are comfortable, practical and smart - especially if worn really short. I agree with Hankin, therefore, and would say that a boy who is averse to appearing in uniform is afraid (not so much ashamed) lest he be chaffed. It is a difficulty with boys at this age as they are very self-conscious, but Scouting is a character-training Movement, and by this time (i.e. Senior Scout age) some of the results of this training should be beginning to show. I look upon it as a form of loyalty to the Movement.

Any fool can be loyal when it is easy and convenient, but the real Scout is the one who is prepared to do things properly when conditions are not quite so good. Which Troop is going to have the better morale - one that does things properly and wears correct kit in all weathers or one that takes the easy way out? And I fancy the morale of a Troop will have a big effect on the spirit and character of its members. We may lose a few of our weaker brethren, but should we lower our standards just to retain them? I repeat, therefore, our uniform is smart and distinctive, so let us keep to it and not introduce innovations merely to appease our weaker brethren. (I might add that I wear shorts on all necessary occasions and in all weathers and have felt no ill effects, and I have been considered an older boy now for well over thirty years.)

C. O. L. FINLOW,
G.S.M., 11th Stafford.

Rover Scouts

DEAR EDITOR,

As Editor of the Catholic Scout magazine *Pathfinder* I have recently had the pleasure of acting as guide to a party of nine Catholic Rover Scouts from Liege in Belgium. I was with them for two days, even sleeping with them at Roland House, and their general cheerfulness, and Scout-like attitude to life was most impressive. Arriving in England on Christmas Day they spent four days cycling and sightseeing through Kent and Sussex in cold wet weather before meeting me in London on the 30th. They were, of course, in full uniform. When I joined them there was a Scout salute and a handshake all round; then before anything else they wanted to know whether I had had lunch - they had finished theirs.

That night we had dinner at the Challoner Club (London's Catholic Social Club) where they first stood at their table to sing a grace before the meal, in French. Afterwards, not only did they sing their grace but they also sang an extra thank you to the Club for having them.

We arrived at Roland House at about ten to eleven where everything had been prepared for us. Later on another party of Belgium Rovers arrived, whom my crowd had not previously met. When all were in bed they sang an evening hymn together. In the morning they once more sang their morning prayers and grace before and after breakfast.

We spent a grand day together until at last they had to leave by train from Victoria. Even here they could not keep away from song: just as the train was whistled away they piled out again to sing a special action song round me. Needless to say the train was held up till they finished.

Just nine of them, from a Crew of twenty-five, unselfconscious, proud of their Scout uniform and all that it stands for, and truly full to the brim with good spirits and song. What an example to some of our own Crews.

W. D. WATERHOUSE.
R. and L Training

DEAR EDITOR,

I was interested to read in the December SCOUTER about the Reliability and Initiative training in the Royal Air Force. I have recently undergone this training at one of the five Schools of Recruit Training in this country. The R. and I. training, as it is known, is spread over eight weeks of recruit training and averages about one half day each week. All the activities are carried out by teams of nine or ten recruits, and each team works as an independent unit.

The training commences with elementary map and compass work of approximately second class standard, and the teams are sent out of camp on surveys, each team making a log of the expedition. This work is followed by instruction in the Tenderfoot knots and basic lashing, which enables a certain amount of pioneering to be accomplished.

The training culminates in a forty-eight hour camp, some distance from the recruits' station.

During this period each team camps as a "Patrol" and has to cook and live on its own. From this camp a one-day hike is arranged.

From my own observations I noticed that this training proved very popular with-all the recruits, many of whom had no previous experience of this type of activity.

K. J. GREEN,
A.S.M., 6th Leigh-on-Sea (St. Margarets).

DEAR EDITOR,

No one could agree more with G.S.M. H. A. Kelly's letter in December's SCOUTER. If berets can be substituted for hats because they are more practical, even more so should long trousers be substituted for shorts because they are more *reasonable*.

My Group is based in a very thinly populated area of Norfolk and several boys of my Troop have to cycle six miles each way to Troop meeting. No other form of transport is available. How miserable and cold those cycle rides can be in shorts especially as it is the custom for all boys to wear long trousers from the average age of 10 in this area. Children have long walks to school and their journeys are normally along bleak country roads. Naturally I have boys who leave the Troop, also good boys who hang around waiting for their chums in the Movement to finish Troop night. Last month I had a heart to heart talk with these lads (both those who had left the Movement and those who would not join), and I am sure I am not surprising any Scouter when I tell you that simply *out of season shorts is 95 per cent the cause of Leakage*.

We shall have more and more 15-year-olds leave the Movement each year unless some drastic modification is made to the Scout uniform to make it in keeping with the modern trend of life.

E. WRIGHT,
G.S.M. "Garvestone District," Norfolk.

OUR DISTRICT

By A.D.C.

A FEW of our local Scouters had come round to my house to discuss Bob-a-job, and after finishing the business and most of the contents of my tobacco-jar they started flattering about individual Scouts they had known. Gibing's voice boomed through the fog to tell us about a boy named Aif.

"When I wonder whether it is all worth while," he said, "I remember Alf, and know that it is. A probation officer brought him to me just before the war, a tough-looking lad of sixteen who had been convicted of that most dastardly of all petty crimes; stealing from the pockets of the jackets of his mates. I wasn't keen on taking him into the Troop, because he didn't seem to have the makings of a Scout, and a thief at camp can absolutely ruin morale. He joined us in June, and when I took him to camp in August I still didn't know him well enough to be sure of him, and the very first day I missed my silver watch from my tent."

He knocked out his pipe and refilled it deliberately.

"I didn't want to spoil the camp for all the honest fellows by starting things off with an investigation, so I said nothing about my loss, although I guessed Alf had got it. Instead of accusing the boy, I went out of my way to be particularly pleasant to him, and on the last night of the camp, after the final sing-song, he came to me and burst into tears and gave me back the watch. He's got a £1,500-a-year job now and a nice wife and two kids, and a house at Ealing..."

"If we're all going to beef about our successes," said Donnington, "I'll tell you about George. His father brought him to me, one day back in 1946, a revolting kid with golden curls and big eyelashes, a spoiled mother's darling if ever there was one. His elder brother had died at four years old, and his mother had been so frightened of losing George that she had practically wrapped him in cotton wool, and at twelve, when a healthy boy ought to be at his toughest and wickedest, George was a coward

and a cry-baby. I had him for six years, and he became my best P.L., and was decorated for bravery in Malaya."

"The most difficult boy I ever had myself" I told them, "was Leslie. His father had died and his mother had married again and Leslie didn't get on with his stepfather, and he had developed a fierce inferiority complex. I had to spend more time getting him straight than I spent on all the rest of the Troop put together, but he turned out well in the end, and has a good job in the Inland Revenue Department."

Baker told us about a boy with an uncontrollable temper who used to go berserk and try to murder the rest of his Patrol, but whom he, Baker, had so thoroughly reformed that he had grown up to become a well-known psychiatrist.

Belwether's pride and joy was a boy who told lies so readily that Baron Munchausen seemed almost priggishly truthful by comparison, and Eckstein told us how he had cured a fellow who had caused great consternation at camp by constantly going on night-hikes in a state of somnambulism.

Old Hankin waited until his pipe had got to the sucking stage before he made his own contribution to the discussion, and then said that the Scout he was proudest of was John, his present Troop leader.

"A nice chap," I agreed, "but surely rather ordinary? Straight, and decent, and good-tempered, and reliable rather than brilliant."

"Exactly!" said Hankin, making sure that the tobacco jar was quite empty and then rising to go. "You see, I run a Scout Group and not a reformatory or a mental clinic or a day nursery. I specialise in straight, decent, good-tempered, reliable, ordinary boys. I get occasional freaks and oddities and they have their chance with the rest, but though I know I'm peculiar and old-fashioned, I still think something ought to be done for the ordinary plain sort of boy."

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

FROM time to time it is hoped to publish news of items of interest from the Youth Department of the British Council of Churches. Here are two: Work Camps

"It has been proved time and again that the best way for Christians of different traditions to get to know each other and to have some of their false ideas and prejudices removed, is for them to come together to do some practical and worthwhile job of Christian service. It is as we serve together that we come into closer fellowship."

This quotation from a letter from one who had taken part in one of the work camps organised by the Youth Department shows the value of these camps. Plans for the 1956 programme, which will include camps in Europe and the Middle East, can be obtained from the British Council of Churches Youth Department, 10 Eaton Gate, London, S.W.1.

An Ecumenical Study Project

Scouters may remember a little pamphlet issued jointly by Scout and Guide Headquarters entitled "Integration of Scout and Guide units into the life of the Church," and may be interested in a study being undertaken by the World Council of Churches into "The Integration of Young People into the life of the Church."

The Youth Department will be considering at their spring meeting how this country can contribute most effectively to the discussion on this point, and will be glad if any interested parties of Senior Scouts or Rovers would send the Department their findings on the following points

The training of Ministers for their work among young people.

Preparation for Confirmation or Church membership.

The giving of responsibility to young people within the local Church.

The relationship between the Sunday School and the Worshipping Community.

The evangelistic approach to young people.

J. F. C.

ROVER ROUNDABOUT

I CATCH up with the Sunday papers by about bedtime Thursday night normally, and as Christmas came on the Sunday this time and no newspapers for the next two days I was almost on time with my reading.

I have felt for a long time, as many others have, that the commercialism which taints the whole of the long period from September onwards and makes one tired of the whole Christmas jollifications long before they arrive is just not the real thing, and there in one of my papers was an article by a canon of St. Paul's. Of course he urged the return to the fundamentals of Christmas. How refreshing it all was, the sort of article I would like all Rover Scouters to read so that put out piece by piece at opportune moments the young men might conjure up the living religion which we so much want and which B.-P. stressed was the essence of living a good life to the full, not a dull and miserable official outlook but the will and energy to get on with the job of making a better world where brotherhood is a reality and the helping hand preaches the sermon in a practical way.

What a grand example has been left to us by the late Archbishop of York. Dr. Garbett was well known in London, and his Ministry among us is a treasured memory. To so many he was a man who went about among his folk "doing good," just like the Mrs. Harris whose life was unfolded in the blazing lights of television on New Year's Day - a Red Cross worker whose command of six languages had been used on behalf of sick folk with whom she had travelled all over Europe, seeing them to their homes once they were fit enough to travel. Have a few of the Crew round to tea when they have that type of programme again (called "This is Your Life"). I have enjoyed the others I have seen; they are inspiring to young and old alike.

ONE of the difficulties these days is that of the Senior Scout who has gone into either the sea branch of the Merchant Navy or the boy service of the Royal Navy, and London have tackled this problem in a way which I feel sure will pay dividends. A series of six personal letters dealing with the Brotherhood, Law and Promise and the headings of Rovering to Success are sent to the lad whilst he is serving on his ship, and by the time he is back again in his own port he has had time to work out whether this Rovering life is the one he desires for himself. He gets into touch with his correspondent and arrangements with a local Crew are quickly made and he is invested before he sails off again. The letters written by a very experienced Rover Leader are couched in just the right terms and would appeal to a modern young man because they "speak his language," - a most important thing these days, when young men regard anyone over thirty as "sere and yellow." May I suggest to any dock areas that this scheme really has something to commend it. Many fellows don't team up as Deep-Sea Rovers because they feel a little diffident about going along to something they feel that only Rovers initiated and invested are entitled to. We owe this to these young men: see that they get this "service" from you.

Programmes for Crews are still very much in demand and only this morning the B.B.C. put out an announcement to the effect that at the local libraries there could be obtained a list of educational programmes for a course of listening. These would be of great use to any Crew. On any Sunday morning you can hear a programme called "The Critics." How about the Crew emulating them. Spread the attendance at the film, play or whatever you may choose over the period of say a month. That should give you all time to read one book and then have an evening together under a chairman. It will give both the younger and the older Crew members the same opportunity of expression, will train them in constructive thought and will get them to take an interest outside the Den.

I HAVE this evening been sitting in at a Group Council, listening to the problems of first one section and then the other.

After the general business has been settled and after a cup of tea, then comes the real meat, and by what is said you find how very sectional one can become, unless you are careful.



80 YEARS OF SCOUTING
CHARLES BELLAM, HIS FATHER AND HIS SONS.

Thank heaven that there are the Scouters whose sole aim is to train and encourage their boys, of whatever age, for the next section. I have an idea that Rovering could be strengthened in numbers quite considerably if only the right sort of encouragement was given. How easy it is to say "The Rovers. Oh! yes. Of course they don't do much, but sit around and smoke. A load of old men." - Or "Yes, they're all right; make a lot of noise; all out for a good time. They ought to help out a bit more in the Group." This sort of talk in front of the boys does no good to continuity of training. May I appeal to all section Scouters to. use, not decry, their Crews. You have too much to do. Well, let the Crew loose on the Troop or Pack once or twice a year for an evening; give them enough notice to organise themselves and then you and the Rover Leader can go off on a stag outing together - unless, of course, Akela is a lady, then the outing idea may not be a good one.

February already, the winter nearly over. Has the Crew Committee or Council planned your camping and outdoor programme yet? Why not fix those week-end camp dates now, sort out a Moot or County Camp well away from your area so that you can meet other fellows with possibly better ideas for programmes than even your own brilliantly conceived schemes, make a few new friends from other counties, renew the happy Rover camp spirit. Don't forget that Easter is very near and the South-Eastern Counties Moot is booked at Gilwell this time.

NOW, if all your good resolutions made last month are still intact, don't read any further. To all those others, the human ones that is, make sure that the rest of the year is put to real good use. The Brotherhood of open air and service can give you just as much as you put into it. Investment into life needs no money but its dividends are in most cases far in advance of any £s. d. Teach your young men this truth and we shall in time care nought for cold wars, hydrogen bombs, armament races or any bogey men - we shall be too busy living.

JACK SKILLEN.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT

HOW often it is that the most highly valued gift comes in the smallest parcel. Not until the wrappings are undone does the recipient know the true worth of the present. How often it is that some outstanding act of courage or deed of gallantry is found recorded in our newspapers only in a tiny paragraph at the bottom of the page, assuming that it has found its way into print. I am not suggesting that such incidents call for banner headlines, but what a story is wrapped in a few prosaic lines announcing, for example, that "X had succeeded in rescuing Y who was being gored by an angry bull."

Do you read through the announcements of Awards which appear from time to time in the SCOUTER? Printed in very small type (for obvious reasons of economy of space) and with but a brief citation, there will you find recorded the spirit of Scouting in action. "In recognition of his high standard of character and devotion to duty" . . . "of his prompt action and complete disregard of personal safety in rescuing a baby from a savage attack by an Alsatian dog" . . . "of his prompt action and presence of mind in jumping into the canal and rescuing his baby brother who was trapped in his pram which had overturned and submerged" . . . All these citations quoted, refer to Cubs - maybe one of yours - who at the moment of danger have shown themselves to be worthy members of our great Movement and who have the real Cub spirit. The training which we have given them has helped prepare them for the moment of trial or danger.

Take the boys in your Pack. Pete, Colin Tim. They are proud of being Cubs - and proud of you. They may go through life without any emergency confronting them in which they have to rely upon those resources which your training has helped to strengthen and develop. But this is very unlikely. Your training, courage, example, in fact your whole leadership, will so infuse them that within their natural limits they will rise to any emergency.

You will have already read in The Scout in the issue of November 4, 1955, the graphic story of the great gallantry of cub Robert McClintock in plunging into a raging sea and rescuing an older boy. Such selfless conduct thrills the heart and stirs the blood. Yes, we all have every reason to be proud of the Movement to which we belong and it is very fitting that this year we should celebrate our fortieth Anniversary.

As I have said on a previous occasion, Let this year be a year of "Cub spirit in action." I am not calling for great deeds of gallantry, for devotion to duty, it is the little things that count so much and are so important: courtesy at all times; thinking of and helping others; the willing hand in doing unasked those domestic chores which small boys can find dreadfully dreary!

Then there is the collective good turn by the Pack or Six. In this I hope you will make a special effort this year.

Our programme stresses the need for progress in the Pack so a to make the boy feel he is getting somewhere and doing the things he likes to do. By the passing of his Star Tests and Proficiency Badges, it is also hoped he will be helping himself to become more self-reliant. This progress is essential if the boy's interest is to be maintained. But it is of course the development of the Cub Spirit which matters most. An Akela who is helping his or her boys to fulfil this Promise with all its implications is doing something really worth while. Moreover, I expect his success is due to the fact that he is always seeking to live up to the Scout Promise he has taken. The other day an Akela told me with evident pride how one of her ex-Cubs, who had gone through the Troop and became her A.C.M., was recently home on forty-eight hours' leave only. Yet he donned his Scout uniform and came down and helped at the Pack Meeting. How great must have been his esteem for his Akela to have given up part of the precious hours of his leave to help her.

May I conclude with a reference to the Cub Scouters' Week-end on June 16th - 17th? Applications from Counties are already coming in and we expect to have more than 2,000 Old Wolves present. We are of course exceedingly grateful to the Committee of the Council in allowing us to camp for this week-end at Gilwell Park amid its beautiful surroundings. As, however, our numbers will be so large, I am sure you will understand that attendance must be limited to the delegates from each County. Unfortunately limits of space prevent our inviting as day visitors other Old Wolves either on the Saturday or the Sunday - much as we would have liked to have seen them. Nevertheless we hope you will be with us in spirit if not in body on that occasion and have a grand time with your own Cubs.

Good Hunting for 1956.

F. DENNIS SMITH,
H.Q. Commissioner for Wolf Cubs.



PACK NIGHT - XI

The Red Hand Game

THEME: long ago, when the old King of Ulster died, his two sons quarrelled over the succession. Eventually they agreed to settle the dispute by racing in from the open sea in boats rowed by their retainers. The first of the princes to lay hand on the beach would then become king. They were rowed out to sea as planned, but on the way back the younger brother's boat drew slightly ahead. Seeing this, the elder brother stood up in the bows, cut off one hand, and flung it ashore to gain the crown. Since that time the Red Hand has been the emblem of Ulster.

Game: two teams sitting down in files, with backs to the starting-line, form the boats. Man in stern holds a glove, preferably a red rubber one, which he puts on at "Go!" He then runs to a mark at the far end and back to the bows of the boat where he sits down, takes off the glove, and passes it down to the new stem man, who does the same. In this way the boat is rowed up to the mark, whereupon the crew turn round in their places and row back halfway to a chair which becomes the bow of the boat. Next man coming from the stem climbs up, takes off glove, and throws it ashore across the starting-line to win the game. The crowning ceremony might then be mimed by the winning team.

Comment: the mechanics of this game, as of all games founded on legends or history, follow the original course of events quite closely. The teams could row in the usual manner, but this would lessen the excitement and make it necessary to choose the prince beforehand. Stories, games and acting linked together in this way are an invaluable means of making the past come alive for the Cubs.

The Jungle

Probably none of the fundamentals of Cubbing gives the Pack Scouter more trouble than the Jungle background, a wise and successful application of which can come only with a growing appreciation of the Mowgli stories. We, indeed, were once so afraid of losing ourselves in the jungle that we rarely ventured there until we found that B.-P. had cleared the way for us long ago. "The Jungle Books," he wrote at the beginning of the Handbook, "are the basis of the Wolf story which is our theme in the first few bites." In other words, we must sell the jungle and everything in it to the eight-year-olds as they come to us; they will never buy it otherwise. The more at home a Cub feels in the jungle during his first year in the Pack, the deeper his understanding of the Law and Promise is likely to be.

As the Cub grows older, the jungle should be allowed to fade away into the distance to be replaced by a vision of the backwoods of Scouting, which are, after all, merely the same place under a different name.

There remains the problem of how to make the jungle come to life for new Cubs. One method we have used is representing Mowgli's life in the form of story games. In the following game Bagheera gives a running commentary and imitates the sounds as required.

Bagheera, the mighty hunter, is showing Mowgli and the cubs how to look after themselves in the jungle, and in particular what action to take when they hear certain sounds. When he is satisfied that they have learned their lesson, they are allowed to accompany him through the jungle.



Suddenly they hear the roar of Shere Khan; so they race off to the safety of their cave - a gap between two chairs. After Shere Khan has been chased away by Bagheera, they come out only to hear the "Goorrukk, how, how, goorrukk" of the Bandarlog; so they have to chase the little pests back to the Cold Lairs. Then they hear the sound of approaching footsteps and they freeze, knowing that man with his gun is close by. A splashing noise now heralds a new danger - the Waingunga has overflowed its banks; so all the animals must flee to higher ground. When the floods subside, the hungry cubs come down to hunt deer. A sound like that of light handclaps gives warning of the deer's approach; so they crouch down, ready to pounce on their prey when Bagheera gives the signal. Having satisfied their hunger, the weary cubs are hastened on their way home by the angry snarling of a starving Shere Khan. Safe in their cave they quickly fall asleep, and there they remain until, awakened by Akela's cry of "Pack, Pack, Pack," they rush off to form the Parade Circle.

Buried Treasure

An indoor or outdoor activity which may be used during a Special Pack Meeting, as a follow-up to some compass work, or as a prelude to a suitable yarn. Each Six is given a compass, a five or six foot staff for measuring, and a list of directions for finding the treasure. Someone will have to plan the routes beforehand, working back from the cache to a different starting-point for each Six.

Equipment

In view of all the money coming into the Movement at Group level, it is surprising how ill-equipped many Packs appear to be. Apart from making the running of a Pack unnecessarily difficult, a lack of essential equipment is unfair to the boys. We have never seen a list of suggested equipment in print; so perhaps you would like to compare your ideas about one with ours.

For the Pack: Union Flag, Totem, First Aid Kit, Football, Chalk, Practice bandages, Odds-and-Ends Box.

For each Six: Compass, Semaphore flags, Skipping Rope, Broomstick, Bean bag, Baton, Weight for balancing, Matchboxes, Drawing and scrap paper, Paste.

For each Cub: Knotting rope, Short length of sisal, Tennis or play ball, Pencil.

No doubt other possible items will occur to you. We have purposely omitted books, together with articles used only occasionally. It is desirable that neither Pack nor Troop should have to depend on the other for equipment.

Relays with a Difference

As they are easily put over, too many relay races tend to appear on the same programme. By not running more than one a meeting and by varying the basic formation, Scouters can make relays more exciting and unusual.

Tank Relay. - A team lines up in each corner. At "Go!" the leader steps inside a large loop of rope and dashes round circuit which may include an obstacle or two, such as a bench to be run along or a staff to be jumped over. Each time round another Cub joins the tank until the whole team is inside the loop. Obstacles should be held firmly in place.

Dundrod. - "Circular" barrier of den furniture in centre of floor with hairpin bends and straights. Teams, named after racing cars, line up beside each other inside barrier with leaders at gap left for pits.

Each leader holds staff or broomstick, bottom of which rests on a tin lid. At "Go!" he drives lid round circuit two laps before handing over to co-driver No. 2. Overtaking allowed; colliding drivers sort themselves out. Fast and furious.

Proverbial Cubbing

Many Cubs make light work - but not for Akela.

Too many Scouters spoil the Cub (some say, "Far too many ...")

You can't teach an Old Wolf new tricks (fallacy current among A.D.C.s).

New Ideas for Old

By combining bits and pieces of well-known and well-worn activities, one can sometimes produce one of those original ideas which later turn out to have occurred to everyone else long ago. In the hope, nevertheless, that one or two of these refurbished ideas will be new to some, we give them as we used them in our Packs.

The Mysterious Stranger and the Deliberate Mistakes. - A sunburnt stranger who limped badly on the right foot came to tell the Cubs of his adventures in South Africa. As he spoke of his struggles with man-eating tigers that mauled his left leg and of lonely journeys at night guided only by the Plough and the Pole Star, the spell-bound Cubs gradually became aware of the dubiousness of the tale. When he had finished he disappeared as mysteriously as he had come, leaving the Pack to pick holes in the story. One little Cub could hardly wait to say that the stranger "had worn his limp on the wrong leg!"

Papier Mache and the Tidiness Test. - Although much has recently appeared in Scout literature on the subject of papier mache work, few Packs seem to do any. Now that we have tried it once, we are very anxious that other Cubmasters should share our experiences. We gave each Six a bucket containing some papier mache, showed them how to use it, and then told them to make miniature wolf's heads with the totem as their model. When finished the heads were left to dry out, and at the next meeting they were painted and then varnished. Where does the Tidiness Test come in? Those who have seen a room in which thirty-six Cubs have just been working with papier mache will know the answer to that.

Kim's Game and the Chalk Trail. - The Pack was on an expedition to the Temple of the Red Dragon, but they did not know the password that would gain them admission to the land of Mah Jong in which the temple was situated. On their way, however they kept their eyes open, and they noticed letters chalked at intervals along the path. When they arrived at the border they were asked by the guard for the password; so they recalled the letters they had seen, placed them in order, and got this: "TED ROBS YOU". This did not satisfy the guard; so they rearranged the letters to get "DO YOUR BEST," and with these words they passed through on their way to new adventures.

Going Home

Ideally, Pack night should end with a happy band of Cubs going quietly home together, inspired and thoughtful after prayers and flagdown. The effect of the closing ceremonies is easily destroyed, however, if the business part of the meeting is crammed in between them. The end of a Pack meeting should be rather like the end of a good camp fire, and no camp fire leader would ever give out camp notices during closing items or before he said "Good Night."

Necessary distractions like the Pack library, the discussion of tactics for the next football match, the arranging of badge examinations, and announcements of future events are best dealt with before the meeting begins or before the quiet game or song that precedes the yarn. It should be a Pack tradition that the Cubs, after they and Akela have wished each other "Good Hunting," should disperse quickly and without any fuss.

BRIAN WILSON,
DEREK SHANKS,
Belfast.

Duty to God Yarns with the Pack

1. THE UMBRELLA

IT is said that the climate in England is so good that a man can work out-of-doors on more days in the year in our country than in any other. I will not venture therefore to say this of England, but I will say it of Scotland, that it sometimes rains, and grown-ups, on such occasions, find an umbrella useful.

Hearing a rapping at her cottage door one day, when the rain was pouring down, an old lady in the Highlands opened her front door. Standing there were two ladies who asked for shelter. As the storm began to clear, however, they asked if they might borrow an umbrella as they wished to get back as quickly as possible. This was a request that could not very well be refused, although the ladies were complete strangers and obviously Sassenachs!

The old lady possessed two umbrellas, which was fortunate. One was her best and was practically new. It was always kept covered and seldom did it see the light of day except on the Sabbath when she went to the kirk. She had been very annoyed indeed on the one or two occasions it had rained so heavily that she had been obliged to unroll it. It was kept for special occasions. It never occurred to the old lady to lend that one! Sometimes people borrow things and forget to return them, and it would have spelt tragedy to the old soul to have lost her best umbrella.

She fetched therefore her old umbrella, which though it had seen its best days and was somewhat shabby, was still quite serviceable. It kept the rain off and that is what chiefly matters. The two ladies at the door were most grateful and promised faithfully that it should be returned safely on the morrow.

Sure enough, the following morning there was a very loud knock upon the door. What a surprise for the old lady! There stood a gentleman in livery, very smart, very stout and very imposing. As if delivering an oration, he announced importantly, "Her Majesty The Queen herewith returns the umbrella you so kindly lent her yesterday, and Her Majesty tenders her thanks to you for the same."

So it was the Queen and one of her ladies who had called! And she had lent the Queen her old umbrella! "If only I had known," she said, "I would have lent her my best one."

There was no one to whisper in her ear, when the Queen so unexpectedly knocked at her door, "It is the Queen," or how quickly she would have fetched out the best she had, and thought even that not good enough. But I am here to say, "Only the best is good enough for God."

E. J. WEBB



CONFESSION OF A D.C.

The Group was formed in 1908 and is the oldest in the district with a long unbroken tradition and a strong B.-P. Guild of Old Scouts. It was therefore with mixed feelings and a heavy heart that I found my way to the Troop one evening with the express intention of closing it down. Numbers had dropped to eight and now with three more asking for transfer its total was down to five. There is an excellent Troop nearby which could absorb the remaining five and they would not be lost to Scouting. Trouble had been lack of Scouters and the two who had carried on were very much limited as to distance and time they could give.

I sat down at the head of the table with the five boys around me and announced my intention of closing the Troop down. I put forward a logical and conclusive argument and explained the advantages they would gain by transfer to the nearby Group.

Five pairs of eyes gazed out in hostility right from the start and led by a little dark skinned boy the opposition was vigorous. I had prided myself on being able to get things over to boys on occasions but somehow this, I felt, was one of those times when I was not going to get it over. None of them were Grammar School boys, but they argued tenaciously step by step that as Scouts they should not retreat from obstacles. Their regard and loyalty for their Troop was truly amazing considering that during a long while the Troop could not have offered them any incentive, and they were openly scornful of my suggestion they should link up with another Group. I knew their existing Scouters would not be able to carry on and I had no Scouter for them. So confident were they, however, that they could build up again that a reprieve was granted while I continued to seek for a Scouter. I agreed to come down again the following week.

They found out where I lived and on the following Saturday afternoon arrived at my house for no apparent reason other than a social call. We gave them tea and after they had departed I told my wife of my problem. They wanted a Scouter.

My wife, to my surprise, said the problem of a Scouter had been solved by the boys already. "You are the Scouter," she said from the "That was the reason they called Scouting although they did not say so."

Now I am not considered old as Commissioners go, but I had thought to have finished with the running of a Troop. Besides there are twelve other- Groups in the district. There are L.A. Meetings, County Scout Councils, and so on and I am far too busy. My wife considered, however, that these boys were a top priority. She has her own ideas (that's why she was once a successful Akela).

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A short time later I found myself in camp with the five boys in the heart of the country. The uniforms of these boys were tidy but not immaculate, and they might not have qualified for the Windsor Parade or the Canadian Jamboree, but they knew how to pitch a tent, light a fire and cook a meal even if their methods were unorthodox.

Sounds travel in tents at night and when dusk fell I could hear they were playing cards. Further sounds indicated they were playing for halfpennies, but after some thought I left them alone and went to sleep. Next night I accepted an invitation to join them in a game of cards, but when I joined the circle I told them my principles did not allow me to play for money. They accepted this without question and happily accepted matches as counters. This may have been as well for I was cleaned out of all my matches.

They taught me Brag, Pontoon, Newmarket and other games of which I am woefully ignorant, but I was soon able to "Stick" and "Twist" with the rest. You see they only played for halfpennies because their parents did likewise.

As I turned in that night I could hardly suppress my mirth at the thought of a Lay Preacher who could "Stick" and "Twist," and I could but wonder what some of my brethren would think. -

At the beginning of the camp their language was hardly of the kind I had been used to in my old Troop, but I did pray for grace to do the right thing and preaching would, I knew, be out of place, but I did manage to convey by devious ways my displeasure, and, while I would be the last to think I had cured them, the language grew less and less frequent until it ceased.

They were tough, they climbed every tree in sight, they were full of every trick under the sun, but their loyalty and obedience was something I shall remember for a long time. -

They were really delightful companions and when on one occasion I took them, with some trepidation, into a rather high-class teashop their behaviour was such that I am sure the good name of Scouting was more than maintained. In fact so impressed, if amused, was one gentleman that he ordered a repeat of cakes at his own expense. I came home exhausted physically but refreshed spiritually.

With great earnestness Troop meetings were resumed with five boys, and it was their own idea that no new recruits should be admitted until the five were in some measure efficient and had learnt enough Scouting to make a sure foundation for a larger Troop.

The little dark boy was accepted as leader and is now P.L., and has almost completed First Class. Two more have gained Second Class and are tackling the First Class. The two youngest have passed Tenderfoot and are tackling Second Class, and the P.L. has four proficiency badges. Each week has added something more, and as they now consider themselves ready the first two new recruits were admitted last week. The number is now seven.

Their Troop night is now an unalterable date in my diary each week. Soon I shall find them a Scouter, younger than myself, but until then this is one of my tasks.

Does it make sense for a D.C. to concentrate on five boys? Technically the answer is "No." Neither is it as spectacular as addressing the Public Annual General Meeting from the platform beside the Mayor or attending His Worship's reception, but until I find a Scouter worthy of these boys this is my task.

D.C.

Scouting from the earliest times—3



Scouting from the earliest times—4





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SHOCK TACTICS

DURING the past month we have had comments from Scouters in several European countries on the questions I asked in the November issue. The comparison of their observations with those of the United Kingdom Scouters shows that, generally speaking, ideas in Jamborees and other international gatherings are virtually identical the world over. More satisfying still have been the letters of enquiry from overseas Scouters with regard to helping on the staff of J.I.M. It is one thing to think of going to the Jamboree to be a participant and to enjoy the attractions of a country other than one's own, but it is quite another to offer to work throughout the event and to pay one's way into the bargain. I know it enables the Scouter to see the show, whereas he may not otherwise have been able, but it also indicates a spirit of international goodwill existing between nations which B.-P. would have been the first to commend.

This month, I want to suggest an activity for Groups to undertake. I hope it will prove not only interesting, but beneficial to the Jamboree itself in eighteen months' time. Following is a list of countries which have already indicated that they will be taking part in J.I.M. with the, estimated size of their contingent.

Aden	27	Liechtenstein	50
Australia	1,020	Netherlands	2,000
Austria	1,140	New Zealand	500
Belgium	2,000	Norway	650
Brazil	115	Nigeria	30
Canada	1,000	Pakistan	150
Ceylon	50	Peru	19
Chile	28	Portugal	45
Denmark	1,650	Rhodesia, N.	32
Finland	120	Rhodesia, S.	91
France	450	South Africa	527
Republic of Ireland	500	Tanganyika	20
Japan	15	Turkey	16
Kuwait	16	United Kingdom	8,750
Lebanon	150	U.S.A.	1,500

You will, of course, realise that this list is by no means complete. What I want you to do is to obtain a fairly large-scale map of the world and fasten to it indicators showing the size of contingents which are coming from various places. If you can also attach coloured strings from these indicators to the United Kingdom you will have a very fine visual picture of parts of the world which will be represented during the camp. If this map is put on display in the Group Headquarters it will be possible to base a number of activities on it, which will not only make a change from the usual run of games and practices, but it will ensure that your Group is not lacking information about countries they may meet at Sutton Park. Suggestions for activities which come to mind immediately are Kim's games and memory mapping games, as well as Patrols learning the principal towns and features of the countries represented. I think that we all ought to be able to use greetings in the languages that will be in use as well as being able to assist non-English-speaking Scouts to find such places as the post office, the lost property office, the arena site, the shopping centre and so on.

When you have completed your map and perhaps carried out a few games with it, I suggest you elaborate it by attaching to the various countries a drawing of their Scout Tenderfoot badge. It will then be possible to introduce a fresh series of games with the additional information available. I will be glad to hear about any original idea for activities based on this map.

I WONDER if any of you have had a shock like the one that I had the other day? I hope so because it was a very pleasant shock! Whilst visiting a Hospital Group where all the Scouts and Cubs are in bed, I was having a chat with one of the Scouters. With the well-known feeling of grasping the nettle I asked how the boys fared with transfers after returning home or moving to another hospital. "Splendidly," I was told, "All our boys get put into local Scouting and all are most happily placed." When the ward had stopped spinning round me and I'd pinched myself to see that I wasn't dreaming, I thought of all the other sad replies I'd had to this question during the past seventeen years, and of how, given a little care, all these sad negative replies could have been like this one. When will Scouters realise what a terrible setback, both physical and mental, it is to handicapped boys to be left out of the thing that they have come to value so much, the great Brotherhood of Scouts? Please, Brother Scouters, do make another New Year's Resolution - to chase up T.I. Forms at once, and to try to get these handicapped youngsters put back into Scouting just as soon as is humanly possible. I know its not easy to place a badly handicapped boy - but it CAN be done as my pleasant shock proved!

During Christmas time many kind Cubs and Scouts have remembered their less fortunate brothers, and money has been coming in for the Treloar Trust from carol services all over the country and from places as far a field as Aden. I particularly liked the idea of the Canterbury and District Cubs - they held a carol service in the cathedral to which every Cub was told to bring his offering in an envelope decorated by himself. The A.D.C. Cubs kindly sent some of these envelopes to me and they really are delightful. One absolute winner is a picture of a large shepherd lying flat on his back peering, through what look like binoculars, at the Archangel Gabriel who floats above, sporting an enormous pair of feet sticking out at right-angles - my husband rudely says they are just like mine! But seriously, what a really wonderful idea: don't you think those Cubs will remember their Christmas Good Turn throughout their lives?

And now I am going to turn to another side of Handicapped Scouting - one that is, I know, very controversial, specially amongst keen, smartly turned out Scouts. I mean Scouting for mentally defective and educationally sub-normal boys. We don't very often talk about them do we?



KEN STEVENS,
Organising Commissioner.

WORTH THINKING ABOUT

II

RAW MATERIAL FOR TROOP AND PACK YARNS

We rather soft pedal on the subject, and I think rightly so, quite as much from the lads' own interests as from those of Scouting as a whole. But we cannot alter the fact that many thousands of children, through no fault of their own, are born with a mental defect. The medical experts assure us that Scouting is one of the very finest things for these unfortunate youngsters, and really does help to get them discharged from their colonies in order to lead normal lives. Only the other day I was talking to the Scouters who run a big M.D. Troop and they complained that all their P.L.s and Seconds are constantly leaving the Troop - but they are leaving it to go into the world as normal citizens. Doesn't that tell a story of Scouting values?

A few weeks ago I was present at the rehearsal for an enrolment ceremony at a large M.D. Troop, and I can assure you - that it could not have been done more smartly or with more spiritual awareness even in a Troop full of Queen's Scouts. What always amazes me is the selfless devotion of the staffs at these big M.D. colonies. From the medical superintendent and the matron down they are absolutely devoted, and their one thought is what is best for the boys and girls in their care. Consider the Scouters, nearly always men who are full-time workers on the staff, probably male nurses. During their off-duty periods, when one would expect them to dash out of the gate as quickly as possible, they give their time to running Troop and Pack meetings and other Scout activities. I must say that I take off my hat to them. I should like to see them brought much more into the District affairs - some of them are first-class men and could do a job of work outside their own Group.

There's something a trifle romantic in running a Group in a hospital ward (do I hear cries of "nonsense" from sorely tried hospital Scouters?), something that makes people "starry-eyed" about Scouters who run hikes for the blind and camps for the deaf - but there's not much romance in running an M.D. Troop is there? And yet these boys are Scouts in the fullest sense of the word. They are very much aware of their Promise, so proud of their uniform, which they generally wear as well as do normal Scouts, and pathetically grateful for the visit of a Scouter from "outside." Mind you I am not asking that these Scouts should take part in normal Scout events. If they look peculiar or have odd mannerisms it is not kind to them that they should be seen in public, and it is very much against the public appreciation of the Scout Movement. But I do ask for a little kindly consideration of this subject from those of you who think that such lads should not be allowed in our Movement at all, and I know alas, that such people still exist. Whilst considering the subject you might wonder what B.-P. would have said about it, for these are BOYS even though they may look like middle-aged men. Above all take into your considerations the question as to what Christ would have said about it. I have no doubt what His answer would have been, have you?

Finally, I should like to appeal to all Scouters who have anything to do with filling in Census Returns to state the particulars of Handicapped Groups and individual boys correctly.

We have in Great Britain over 230 Handicapped Groups but last year some Census forms were incorrectly filled in with the result that a much lower figure was shown. I noticed that in some returns the Group was stated to be a Handicapped one but showed no handicapped Scouts!

Quite a number of Schools listed by the Ministry of Education as "Special Schools for Handicapped Pupils" did not show in their Returns that they were Handicapped Groups, and at least ten chose to register initially as normal Groups - why I do not know unless the School Authorities felt that the boys would like it. I may point out that the boys would never know what was put on the Registration Forms.

Another reason for accuracy is that incorrect classification of Special School Groups makes it very difficult when requests for grants from the Treloar Trust are received - this Fund is only for Handicapped Scouts.

URSULA RICHARDSON,
*Headquarters Commissioner for
Handicapped Scouts*

"The love that pays the price." - In the summer of 1746, two men crept along a ledge in a mountain pass in an island of the Hebrides. Suddenly without a word one, who appeared to be servant to the other, seized his dog by the neck and strangled it. His companion thought him mad till he discovered the reason. The servant pointed below to the redcoats who were in search of the fugitives. The dog would have barked and betrayed Prince Charlie. Yet the servant was fond of his dog.

The Genuine Article. - *Perpetua* was before a judge on trial as a Christian, although she was only 22 years old. Her father implored her to give in. At last, *Perpetua* turned to him and said: "Father, do you see that jug on the ground?" "I see it," he answered. "Can I call it by any other name than what it is?" "No, of course you can't." "Well, in the same way I cannot call myself anything else but a Christian."

Over-confidence. - A fox asked his father if he could teach him some trick to defeat the dogs if he should fall in with them. The father had grown grey and had many scars, but replied: "After all my experience I am forced to confess that the best trick is to keep out of their way."

St. George and the Dragon. - In a certain old church there is said to be a picture of St. George killing the Dragon, and the face of the Dragon is his own face.

Danger! - *Aesop* tells us about a father who had an only son who was fond of hunting. One night the father dreamt his son was killed by a lion. After that, he had a castle prepared with pictures of hunting - lions and other wild beasts - in it, for the amusement of his son, but would not allow him to go out. The son got cross at his confinement and one day struck the picture of the lion, with the result that he tore his hand on a nail under it. Gangrene developed, and he died.

True generosity. - *General* Hugo, father of *Victor Hugo*, the novelist, was riding about after a battle. One of the wounded enemy called out: "Drink! Give me drink for mercy's sake!" The General had a flask of rum, and leant from his horse to offer it to the man. He, however, seeing a chance of killing one of the other side, seized a pistol and fired, knocking off *General Hugo's* hat. The General's soldiers would have killed the man. "No, no," said *General Hugo*, "give him some drink all the same."

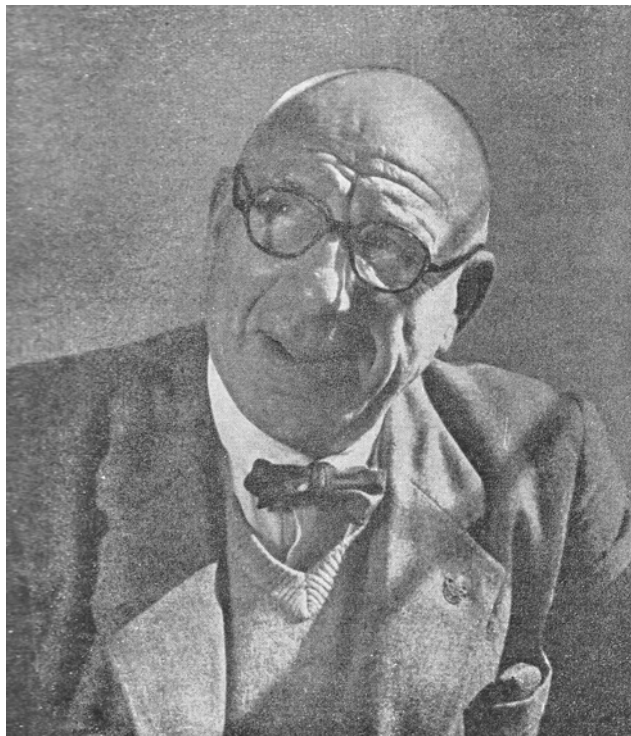
Sacrifice! - *During* the troubles in Ireland in 1798, French ships were seen off the coast. The English fleet came up and bombarded them, capturing one. The noise was heard on the coast, and particularly in one town where an old lady sat at dinner. Soup, fish, mutton, pudding and cheese, made up the menu. After she had ate the first four courses, the butler asked her if he should bring in the cheese. The old lady cried: "Cheese, John! Do you think I can be eating cheese while the French are bombarding our shores?"

Thought for others. - A man was going home through the Canadian backwoods. The snow was deep and he was tired. As he passed the end of a track leading to a cabin, he heard a child crying. Evidently it was the child of the drunken man who lived there. "He ought to be at home instead of boozing," he reflected. He thought of his own boy of eight who had made friends with the drunkard's boy of six, and told himself he must hurry home to him. No, he must go and see what was the matter. At the cabin he found his own boy, and a bear just passing the threshold. After shooting the bear, the man found that the other people had moved. His son had come to find his playmate, not knowing this. "I knew you would come, Daddy," he said.

Objective. - It is worth while to recall sometimes the anecdote of the three men working on the same building who were asked: "What are you doing?" The first replied: "I am cutting stone," the second, "I am earning three forms a day," the third, "I am building a great cathedral."

J. B. GEARING.

LEONARD ATTRILL



IT was with a deep sense of personal loss that his many friends received the news of the death of that fine Scout, and our colleague at 25 B.P. Road for nearly sixteen years, Leonard Attrill. After a long and painful illness, he was Called to Higher Service on January 21st in his sixty-ninth year.

Leonard Attrill began his long association with the Movement in 1908 as a layman. Five years later he became the first Scoutmaster of the 2nd Streatham Hill Troop, and so began twenty-five years' devoted Scouter service to the boyhood of the Parish of Christ Church, Streatham Hill. His exceptional ability as a leader of boys was soon evident and it was not long before he had that great honour of a nickname conferred on him; to this day he is known with affection to the many Scouts who came under his wise guidance as "Boss."

Although his first and last love was Scouting with boys, he was at all times ready to accept additional responsibility if he felt he could further the aims of the Movement so that, in addition to his Group work, he became an A.D.C. and later D.C. of Streatham, and Deputy Warden of the Downe Camping Ground.

In 1937 his employment with one of the London daily newspapers came to an end- through amalgamation and - he left - London to become full-time Warden of a Boys' Hostel in Brighton. It was only a matter of weeks before he started a Group in his new surroundings and within a few months again found himself a D.C. However, after little more than a year the War had started and Leonard Attrill quickly realised the days of the Boys' Hostel were numbered. I.H.Q. learned of this and he was invited to join the staff at 25 B.P. Road as soon as he was free of his duties in Brighton. From the Movement's point of view, the news could not have come at a better time as the staff situation at I.H.Q. was becoming precarious; it may not be realised that during the first twelve months of the War fifty-seven members of its not very large staff joined the Services.

Leonard Attrill came to I.H.Q. on July 1st, 1940, with the appointment of Warden of B.-P.'s Room and Librarian. Rut what a multitude of activities he was to find that rather comfortable sounding title covered! Within a couple of months the blitz started and it was agreed that 25 B.-P. Road must be manned twenty-four hours each day. Someone had to live in the building and be responsible for the smooth running of this voluntary air-raid precaution service. That someone was Leonard Attrill and a better choice could not have been made. From the beginning of September of that year until the end of the War he was in charge

of the firewatching and other Civil Defence Services at I.H.Q. and nearby buildings; that he undertook the task wholeheartedly is almost an understatement. Not only did he organise the duty rotas, training and exercise general leadership but he appointed himself to be in charge of all of the domestic arrangements including the job of cook! Naturally, he ran the Service on the Patrol System but while the Patrol on duty was permitted to assist in the preparation of the meals - and most certainly the clearing up afterwards - it was more than anyone dared to go near the gas stove. Leonard Attrill was undoubtedly the Head Cook. He was a firm believer in culinary experiments and some of the meals he provided were adventurous to a degree. Many experiments were not repeated and the cook was usually the leader in these wise decisions.

Another of his jobs was to look after the insurance side of I.H.Q.'s activities, and many Groups will remember with appreciation his good sense and kindness in dealing with claims. In addition, there were plenty of ad hoc tasks all of which he undertook so willingly: the detailed arrangements of Conferences, the seating for the Memorial service to our Founder in Westminster Abbey in 1941, and so on. Every request made to him was accepted graciously and without a second thought. Despite these many calls he was able to find time to function as Warden of B.-P.'s Room. He loved to welcome visitors to I.H.Q. and never was he happier than when the Room was a seething mass of Scouts and Cubs during the school holidays and Saturday mornings.

When the War was over it was no longer necessary for him to live at 25 B.-P. Road so he sought new activities for his spare time. One task he undertook was that of Warden and inspirer-in-chief of Somers House, and it was a grievous blow to him when circumstances made him give up the work which was so near him as was the memory of the second Chief Scout.

With a record such as his, it was not surprising that last year, after forty-seven years' magnificent service to the Movement, the Chief Scout awarded Leonard Attrill the Silver Wolf. He accepted it with reluctance as he felt Scouting had given him so much happiness he did not deserve more. He was always talking about the happiness of Scouting. A few weeks before his death when he was very ill, could eat little or nothing and had put away his beloved books he said that, whatever lay ahead, he could feel nothing but gratitude for the happiness the brotherhood of Scouts had given him. And how much he deserved that happiness, this most humble and devoted of Scouting's servants. The trumpets will surely sound for him.

A. W. H.

CITIZENS OF TOMORROW

A REPORT, bearing this title, has been published from the investigations of a committee of the Council of King George's Jubilee Trust, and is well subtitled "A study of the influences affecting the upbringing of young people." The subject is tremendous, both in scope and importance, and the Trust decided "that no original research should be undertaken" as "There was already available... a mass of relevant information. . . which had never been collated."

All Working Parties found themselves considering the influence of National Service, and this question occupies a good deal of the discussion in the book. The premise seems to be "that the prospect of National Service has an unsettling effect on the boy starting work, and tends to make him mark time from 15 to 18," and various ways are suggested of overcoming this effect, prominent among them being "pre-service orientation courses."

The section studying the effect of the school period were especially concerned about "the harm done to children by their mother's absence from home when they come back from school," and urge industry to adapt their demands on such mothers to avoid this neglect. The question of "bridging the 15 to 18 gap" is also discussed, and the provision of post-school training for all youths regarded as a matter of urgency.

Working Party C's deliberations were, I thought, disappointing. I know it is a huge subject, but so much seemed to be left unsaid. Their recommendations are concerned mainly with the need for more money for the Youth Service and an increase in "properly trained full-time youth leaders."

The section on employment is very full statistically and has covered most ground. It contributes a very useful chart showing the number of boys and girls attaining the age of 15 during the period 1945 - 1968. 1961, 1962 and 1963 have significant bulges. It is to be hoped our Senior Troops will follow suit.

The Services section is short but extremely informative and I don't think a similar survey of National Service has appeared in Print before. A paragraph headed "The Services" opinion of the National Service Recruit" is illuminating to say the least! An interesting recommendation made is that "Army and R.A.F. Chaplains should be placed on the same footing as those in the Royal Navy."

This report merits a place on every Scouter's bookshelf. Nowhere else will he find such an up-to-date and authoritative review of the problems of, and influences on, those people he is trying to train. And it all adds up to a very great challenge.

J. B. S.

NOTES AND NEWS

FEBRUARY PHOTOGRAPHS

This month's cover by Dermot James shows P.L. Colin Bain of the 33rd Dublin Group on Featherbed Mountain, Co. Dublin.

The Cub head on page 39 is by Jack Trodd.

The photograph on page 47 is by Win. Armstrong.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

Courses of instruction for Senior Scouts and Scouts over fifteen will be held at Downe Camp as follows:

March 9th - 11th, 1956 Pioneer Badge

The cost of each course, inclusive of food and indoor accommodation, will be 10/- per Scout. Applications to be made to the Bailiff, Downe Camp, Bird House, Downe, nr. Famborough, Kent.

WELSH JAMBOREE 1956

Another Welsh Patrol Jamboree is being held from August 2nd - 13th, at Gredington Park and Mere, nr. Whitchurch. The Jamboree Fee will be 7/6 per Scout. Patrols and Troops must provide their own equipment but food supplies will be available through the camp Providore. There will be opportunities for boating and canoeing if you care to take your own small craft. Further information can be obtained from Mr. F. Sumner, Byways, Marford Hill, Gresford, Wrexham.

VISITS TO H.M. SHIPS AND ESTABLISHMENTS

Many Scouters may be unaware that it is possible to arrange for parties of Scouts to make day visits to H.M. Ships and Establishments. Scouters who wish to arrange such visits should apply to the Training Department at I.H.Q. at least one month in advance. They should state the Establishment they wish to visit, the number of Scout and Scouters in the party, and suggested times of arrival and departure.

Accommodation for short periods and sea trips can occasionally be arranged for *First Class Sea Scouts* in which case a fee (for food) of about 4/- per day is payable.

ADVENTURE SCHEME 1956

In Coronation year and 1954 an Adventure Scheme was held. The competition will again be held in 1956, and the prizes will go to the Troop funds of the winners, the competition being entered for the honour of the Troop.

Conditions of Entry

Team: Any one or two First Class Scouts between the ages of 15 and 18 years.

Date: Any time between April 1st, 1956 and March 1st, 1957. There is no limit to the length of the adventure itself, provided it is completed by March 1st, 1957,

Nature: The adventure, which must be planned by the Scouts themselves, can take any form and can be undertaken in the British Isles or abroad.

Cost: There is no limit to the cost, but brief accounts must be included in the Report. Scout Law No. 9 must not be ignored. There will be no objection to entrants having received Grant Aid for their project.

Entries: In order to enter for the competition the following information will be required.

Full name and address.

Signature of approval of parent or guardian, G.S.M. and D.C. This may be written on a postcard and should be sent to the Training Secretary at I.H.Q.

A full report or log should be submitted by March 3 1st, 1957. This should include details of all expenses, all necessary diagrams and/or photographs, and copies of maps used if not usually available. The adventure is the important thing and help may be given in the compiling of the log, the purpose of which is to give clear and concise information of the adventure.

Money prizes for Troop funds will be allotted as follows:

First Prize £20

Two Second Prizes £15

The best report from Scouts between 15 and 16 years of age who have not won one of the above prizes £5

The best report from Scouts between 16 and 17 years of age who have not won one of the above prizes £5

"JAMBOREE"

Signor Giacinto Bricarelli of Via Lorenzo Costa 2 - 9n, Genova 206, Italy, is anxious to complete his collection of this magazine but requires copies for January, February, March and July 1947. He is willing to pay for them. Will anyone who can help please get into touch with Signor Bricarelli direct.

THE FUTURE OF ROVERING

Rover Scouts requiring extra copies of the March Scouter, which will of course be of particular interest to their section of the Movement, should order their copies *in advance* either from their local newsagents or direct from I.H.Q.

DELTA QUIZ

Readers are reminded that the closing date for this Quiz is March 31st.

THE BRITISH FLAG

Messrs. Brown, Son and Ferguson have published a little booklet of 20 pages on *The British Flag - How, When and Why*. It costs 3s. 6d., which seems rather a lot but colour printing is very expensive these days and all the flags illustrated are in full colour. There should be at least one copy of this in every Group library.

"THIS CONCERNS YOUR SON"

Single sheet order forms for *The Scout* directed to the *parent* of the boy are obtainable from The Editor, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, on request. As paper and printing are both costly nowadays Scouters are asked to send only for such numbers as they are sure will reach the parents concerned. A parents' meeting of whatever kind is the obvious occasion for their use.

I.H.Q. SPEAKERS' VISITS IN MARCH

4th Sussex County Wolf Cub Palaver

6th Cambridge University Rover Crew

New Headquarters, Opening Ceremony

7th Sheffield University Rover Crew Open Night

17th/18th Nottinghamshire County Conference

Sussex Scouters' Conference

24th Liverpool Conference

24th /25th Devon Scouters' Conference

N.W. Lancs. County Cub Scouters' Conference

31st South-East Counties Rover Moot

CAMP EQUIPMENT AND CYCLE TOURING

Two Conferences which will be of interest to Scouters, Rover Scouts and Senior Scouts have been arranged by the Central Council of Physical Recreation.

10th March, "Make your own Camp Equipment."

17th March, "Cycle Touring in Europe."

They will be held at the L.C.C. College of Physical Education, near Baker Street Station. Admission is 2s. 6d. Full details from C.C.P.R., 6 Bedford Square, London W.C.1.

GILWELL PARK

SPECIALIST COURSES

G.S.M.s', March 3rd - 4th. Public Schoolboys', April 16th - 22nd.

TECHNICAL COURSE (open to Scouters of the Troop and G.S.M.s.)

SCOUT AND SENIOR SCOUT TRAINING COURSED

Rider and Horseman (Scout and Camp Warden (Senior), May 25th

Senior), March 9th - 11th. 27th.

Camper (Scout), April 27th - 29th.

Camper (Scout), June 22nd - 24th.

Pioneer (Senior), July 13th - 15th.

(Courses start at 7.30 p.m. on Friday.)

OPEN DAY OF WORK

Sunday, March 25th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Offers of help from Rovers and Scouters, male and female, are welcome. Sandwich lunch will be provided for those who notify their willingness to come. Old clothes should be brought.

COMMISSIONERS' COURSE

The following course has been arranged and is open to all Commissioners, including Cub Commissioners, District Scouters, and County and Local Association officials:

No. 100 17th/18th March, 1956 Imperial Headquarters

Course commences at 3.30 p.m. on the Saturday and ends at 4.15 p.m. on the Sunday.

Applications for all above courses to: The Camp Chief, Giliwell Park, Chingford, London, E.4.

WOOD BADGE, PART I

Papers relative to Part I of the Wood Badge are obtainable from Gitwell Park. or The fee for the Course is 4s. Applicants should state whether they wish to enter for the Cub, Scout or Rover Course. SM. (5) and A.S.M. (5) should normally take the Scout Course.

FARMING CAMPS

Concordia (Youth Service Volunteers) have just published their summer programme of Farming Camps for 1956. Volunteers wishing to attend these camps should be between the ages of 16—25. Camps are being held in various agricultural areas of Great Britain and Europe. Any members of the Movement requiring further information about these camps can do so by writing to The Recruitment Officer, "Concordia," 38a King's Road, Sloane Square, London, S.W.3.

AWARDS FROM 10th NOVEMBER TO 7th DECEMBER, 1955

"CORNWALL SCOUT" BADGE

I. B. Gotts, Scout, 2nd Gainsborough (1st Shotter).

"In recognition of his high standard of character and devotion to duty under great suffering."

"CORNWALL SCOUT" CERTIFICATE

V. Bowmer, Wolf Cub, 14th Morden; R. Freer, Wolf Cub, 7th Leicester (St. Michael's and All Angels, Belgrave).

"In recognition of their high standard of character and devotion to duty."

CERTIFICATE FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

J. Gracey, Patrol Leader, 1st Comber (St. Mary's Parish).

"In recognition of his prompt action and presence of mind in applying artificial respiration to a boy who had just been saved from drowning, the Hot Dam, Comber, Co. Down, 14th October, 1955."

LETTER OF COMMENDATION (MERITORIOUS CONDUCT)

R. Portman, Wolf Cub, 6th Middleton (St. Mary's, Birch).

"In recognition of his prompt action and presence of mind in dealing with a fire which broke out in his home, Middleton, 9th September, 1955."

GILT CROSS

J. R. Grace, Patrol Leader, 14th Hove.

"In recognition of his gallantry in rescuing a boy from drowning in Aldrington Basin, Hove, 29th August, 1955."

A. Wightman, Patrol Leader, 111th Edinburgh (St. Stephen's).

"In recognition of his gallantry in saving a boy from drowning in Granton Harbour, Edinburgh, 14th July, 1955."

LETTER OF COMMENDATION (GALLANTRY)

J. E. Barnes, Scout, 105th Manchester (St. Peter's).

"In recognition of his gallantry in saving a boy from drowning in a reservoir, Riwdes, Middleton, 27th July, 1955."

SILVER ACORN

T. R. Bond, Headquarters Commissioner, South Australian Branch;

S. A. Gerner, D.C., Eastern Suburbs, South Australian Branch;

R. G. Guy Headquarters Commissioner, South Australian Branch;

F. F. Lucas, Asst. Headquarters Commissioner, South Australian Branch;

J. K. Richards, D.C., Whyalla and Iron Knob, South Australian Branch.

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Wythenshawe).

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Scotland

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HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Council of the Boy Scouts Association will be held on Wednesday, 25th July, 1956, at 11a.m.

NATIONAL ST. GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE

The National St. George's Day Service will be held in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, on Sunday, 22nd April, 1956.

FOUNDER'S BIRTHDAY

A short Scout and Guide Remembrance Service will be held in Westminster Abbey at 11 am, on Wednesday, 22nd February, 1956, when wreaths will be laid by a Scout, a Guide and a member of the B-P. Guild of Old Scouts.

CANCELLED WARRANTS

Robert John Milne, formerly C.M. St. Mary Magdalene Group, Wandsworth, has failed to return his warrant, despite application having been made by Imperial Headquarters.

THE GOODSON TROPHY

The competition for the Goodson Trophy, originally restricted to Sea Scouts, has been open to all Scouts and Senior Scouts since 1953.

In 1955 the Trophy was awarded to the 3rd Tyne Sea Scouts for their Easter Good Turn Log which entailed a cruise from Newcastle to Whitby and return.

The Log of the Summer Cruise of the 8th Basingstoke Senior Scouts was awarded second place. This Troop chartered the yacht "Terminist," sailed from Weymouth, and visited the Channel Islands and France.

The 4th Redruth Senior Air Scouts gained third place with an account of their expedition to Restronguet Creek which included a marine survey by canoe.

The Goodson Trophy is awarded annually for the best Scout Log of a journey by water or by land and water performed during the year ending 30th September.

The Log submitted should give full details of the journey, the craft equipment and expenses involved, and should include charts, maps, and sketches or photographs.

Entries are judged on the nature of the enterprise and the information contained in the logs, rather than on the logs themselves.

Entry forms are not provided. Logs for the competition should be submitted to the Training Secretary at I.H.Q. by 30th November (in Scotland to S.H.Q. by 23rd November).

RATES ON SCOUT HEADQUARTERS


Forms for claiming exemption from increases in Rates on Scout properties under the new Rating Act (see article in THE SCOUTER for September 1955) are now obtainable from local Rating Authorities. Scout units that may be affected should obtain and complete one of these forms before 1st April 1956.

Any subsequent discussion, or any approach to the Rating Authority for a further reduction or remission of Rates (under Sec. 8(4) of the Act), should preferably be conducted on a District basis rather than by individual units.

The subject may be involved, and the Legal Department at I.H.Q. is willing to give what advice it can.

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Rover Scouters, Twenty-One years and over.

In each section, probationary Scouters of the appropriate age may be accepted.

Gilwell Park

Cub Courses (open to all appropriate warrant holders of eighteen years of age and over):

No. 141. Monday, March 19th—Saturday, March 24th. (Indoors.)

No. 142. Sunday, May 13th—Friday, May 18th.

No. 143. Monday, June 11th—Saturday, June 16th.

No. 144. Monday, July 16th—Saturday, July 21st.

No. 145. Monday, August 6th—Saturday, August 11th.

No. 146. Monday, September 10th—Saturday, September 15th.

Scout Courses (open to all appropriate warrant holders or Scouters on probation of twenty years of age and over):

No. 244. Saturday, April 7th—Sunday, April 15th.

No. 245. Saturday, April 28th—Sunday, May 6th.

No. 246. Saturday, May 26th—Sunday, June 3rd.

No. 247. Saturday, June 23rd—Sunday, July 1st.

No. 248. Saturday, July 21st—Sunday, July 29th.

No. 249. Saturday, August 11th—Sunday, August 19th.

No. 250. Saturday, September 15th—Sunday, September 23rd.

Rover Courses (open to all appropriate warrant holders of twenty-one years of age and over):

No. 14. Monday, March 5th—Saturday, March 10th. (Indoors.)

No. 15. Saturday, July 7th—Saturday, July 14th.

Scotland (Fordell)

Cub, Cont. July 23rd—28th Cub, Cont. August 25th—30th

Cub, 4 W.E. May 5th

Scout, Cont. June 30th—July 8th Scout, Cont. August 11th 19th

Apply: The Secretary, Scottish Headquarters, 44 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, 2.

Bedfordshire (Milton Ernest)

Cub, Cont. Aug. 27th—Sept. 1st Scout, Cont.

Aug 25th—Sept. 1st

Apply: Capt. S. Starey, Milton Ernest, Bedford.

Berkshire and Oxfordshire (Youlbury)

Cub, 3 W.E. May 26th

Apply: Mrs. M. Preston, Linden, Bath Road, Maidenhead, Berks.

Scout, S W.E. April 7th (omitting April 28th)

Apply: A. C. Murdock, B.Sc., 8 Kenilworth Avenue, Oxford.

Birmingham (Yorks Wood)

Cub, 3 W.E. June 9th

Apply: J. Hawtin, 31 Gillott Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Scout, 5 W.E. April 14th, 28th, May 12th, 26th, June 9th

Rover, 4 W.E. September 8th, 15th, 29th, October 6th

Apply: C. Raeburn, 36 Innage Road, Birmingham, 31.

Buckinghamshire (Wolverton)

Cub, 2 W.E. (Indoor), November 10th—12th

Apply: R. Saunders, 18 Marina Drive, Wolverton, Bucks.

(Chesham Bois)

Scout, 3 W.E. April 27th

Apply: F. W. E. King, Rexview, Bois Lane, Chesham Bois.

Cambridgeshire (Abington, for East Anglia)

Cub, Cont. May 18th—21st, commencing Friday evening

Apply: R. B. Herbert, Old Lakenham Hall, Norwich, Norfolk.

Cambridge, Norfolk and Suffolk combined (Shrubland Park, Nr. Ipswich)

Scout, 3 W.E. June 2nd—3rd, 16th—17th, 29th—July 1st

Apply: Cyril Whitehead, 19 Westerfield Road, Ipswich.

Cheshire West (Overchurch)

Scout, 4 W.E. May 5th

Apply: J. P. Hindley, 10 Warwick Drive, West Kirby, Wirral.

Cornwall

Cub, 3 W.E. April 7th Scout, 4 W.E.

April 7th

Apply: H. A. Stoye, Westgate, Station Hill, Redruth.

Derbyshire (Chesterfield)

Cub, 2 W.E. (Indoors), May 4th (Assemble Friday evening)

Apply: J. E. Hale, 8 Chesterton Avenue, Sunny Hill, Derby.

Dorset (Weymouth)

Scout, Cont. October 13th—20th

Apply: Lt.-Cdr. H. Taylor, G.C., Hartgrove Retreat, Musbury,

Axminster, Devon.

(Ogston Hall, Higham).

Scout, Cont. May 19th—26th

Apply: H. W. Wright, 93 Simmondley Village, Glossop,

Derbyshire. Durham (Brancepeth)

Cub, 3 W.E. May 19th (Whitsun)

Apply: A. Knox, 242 Park Road, West Hartlepool.

Scout, 5 W.E. June 9th Scout, Cont. August 11th—18th

Apply: C. Rogers, Woodcroft, Sea View Park, Whitburn.

Hampshire (Tatchbury Mount Hospital, Totton, Southampton)

Cub, 3 W.E. May 5th

Apply: Mrs. L. H. Robinson, 76a Waverley Road, Southsea.

Scout, 4 W.E. March 31st

Apply: Capt. E. M. Hodding, Whinwhistle Farm, Wellow, Nr. Romsey.

Hertfordshire (Well End)

Cub, 2 W.E. May 18th

Scout, 3 W.E. March 24th—25th, 30th—April 2nd, 14th—15th

Apply: H. Warren, 27 High Street, Ware, Herts.

Kent (Buckmore Park, Rochester)

Cub, 3 W.E. May 26th

Apply: Miss Wigger, 126 London Road, Sevenoaks.

Scout, 4 W.E. April 21st—22nd, 28th—29th, May 12th—13th, 19th—21st

Apply: F. J. Peters, 54 Priestfields, Rochester.

Scout, Cont. August 4th—12th

Apply: E. R. Bindloss, 43 Yardley Park Road, Tonbridge.

Lancashire N.E. and N.W. (Waddecar)

Cub, 3 W.E. April 28th

Apply: Miss M. M. Lloyd, 8 Sunny Bank Avenue, Bispham., Blackpool. (Huntroyde Park, Padiham)

Scout, 3 W.E. May 12th—13th, 18th—21st, June 2nd—3rd

Apply: H. Burrows, F.C.A., Penarth, 16 West Park Road, Blackburn.

Leicestershire (Ullesthorpe)

Cub, Cont. May 18th—22nd

Apply: Mrs. E. Pye, Altery, Cowper Road, Burbage, Nr.

Hinckley. Scout, 3 W.E. March 31st—April 3rd, 14th—15th,

21st—22nd Apply: T. M. L. Walters, Granby Chambers, Granby Street, Loughborough.

Liverpool and S.W. Lancashire (Bispham Hall)

Cub, 3 W.E. April 27th

Apply: P. Walmsley, 52 Halsall Road, Birkdale, Southport.

Scout, 5 W.E. May 27th (Omit June 17th)

Apply: F. Molyneaux, 326 Queen's Drive, Walton, Liverpool, 4.

London (Gilwell Park)

Cub, 3 W.E. May 5th Cub, 3 W.E. May 26th

Cub, Cont. August 5th

Scout, 3 W.E. March 31st Scout, 3 W.E. June 16th

Scout, 5 W.E. September 8th (omit Sept. 29th)

Scout, Cont. September 22nd

Apply: The Secretary, London Office, 3 Cromwell Place, London, S.W.7.

Manchester

Cub, 3 W.E. August 11th

Scout, Cont. May 19th—27th

Scout, 4 W.E. July 7th—8th, 14th—15th, 28th—29th, August 5th—6th

Apply: W. H. Banning, Gaddum House, Queen Street, Manchester, 2.

Middlesex (Elstree)

Cub, 2 W.E. May 19th (Whitsun), June 2nd

Scout, 4 W.E. April 28th (omit May 19th)

Scout, 3 W.E. Sept. 14th—16th, 21st—23rd, Oct. 5th—7th

Apply: J. A. Walter, Selwood, Cornwall Road, Hatch End, Middx.

Surrey (Bentley Copse)

Cub, 2 W.E. May 12th (Assemble 4 p.m., 18th)

Apply: E. R. Alcorn, 27 Albion Road, Sutton, Surrey.

Cub, Cont. July 7th—11th

Apply: Miss R. Guggisberg, 71 Tupwood Lane, Caterham.

Scout, 4 W.E. June 1st (Assemble 8.30 p.m., Friday first weekend)

Apply: J. L. Moore, 28 Campden Hill Court, London, W.8. only)

Scout, Cont. July 14th—21st

Apply: N. J. Wilkins, 22a Chatsworth Road, Croydon.

Sussex (Brighton)

Scout, 4 W.E. March 30th—April 2nd, 7th, 21st, 28th

Apply: C. H. Goddard, 48 Milton Drive, Southwick, Sussex.

Warwickshire (Stratford-on-Avon)

Cub, 3 W.E. (Indoors), January 12, 1957.

(Rough Close, Coventry)

Scout, 3 W.E. May 12th (including Whitsun)

Apply: P. W. Blandford, Quinton House, Newbold-on-Stour, Stratford-on-Avon.

Yorkshire, Central and West (Bradley Wood, Huddersfield)

Cub, 2 W.E. May 12th

Apply: Miss G. Barker, 17 Victoria Mount, Horsforth, Nr. Leeds.

Scout, 4 W.E. April 14th

Apply: J. E. Wilson. "Grinkle Dene," College Lane, Linton-on-Wharfe. Nr. Wetherby.

Yorkshire, East (Gorsehill, North Ferriby)

Scout, 4 W.E. (including Whit-Monday). May 5th *Apply:* Major C. J. Ingleby, D.S.O., D.L., J.P., Drewton Cottage, Muston, Filey, E. Yorks.

Yorkshire, North (Kirkdale)

Scout, 3 W.E. May 5th/6th, 19/21st, June 2nd/3rd.

Scout, 4 evenings, May 10th, 16th, 24th and 30th.

Apply: C. F. Hale, The Grammar School, Scorton, Richmond, Yorks.

Yorkshire, South (Hesley Wood)

Cub, 3 W.E. May 26th (commencing at 10 a.m. on Saturday)

Apply: Miss M. Stephens, 3 Victoria Crescent, Barusley.

Scout, 4 W.E. Sept. 1st (commencing at 10 a.m. on Saturday)

Apply: J. Dorgan, 1 White Lane, Chapeltown, Nr. Sheffield.

South Wales (Silver Cross)

Scout, 4 W.E. April 28th—29th, May 5th—6th, 19th—21st.

26th—27th *Apply:* F. Thomas, The Old Manse, Horton, Gower, S. Wales.

Northern Ireland (Hillsborough)

Cub, 3 W.E. August 11th

Scout, 4 W.E. May 19th—20th, 26th—27th, June 1st—3rd, 8th—10th

Apply: Ernest Moore, Headquarters Office, 50 Dublin Road, Belfast.

British Scouts in Western Europe

Cub, Cont. (Muelheim) January 4th—8th

(Ostenwalde) June 27th—July 1st

Scout, Cont. (Iserlohn) May 26th—June 3rd

Apply: C. P. Carter, British Centre, Die Brucke, Hanover, B.A.O.R. 5.

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COMING EVENTS

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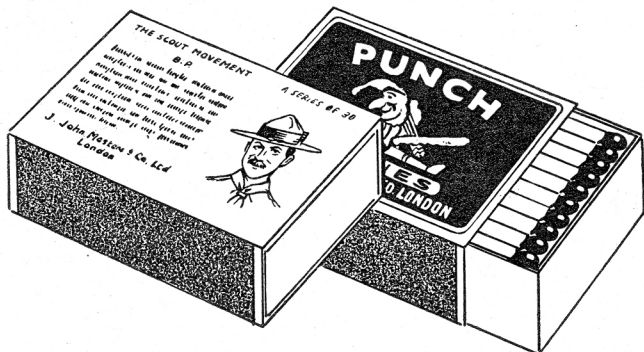
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32nd Bradford South (Lidget Green Methodist) Troop
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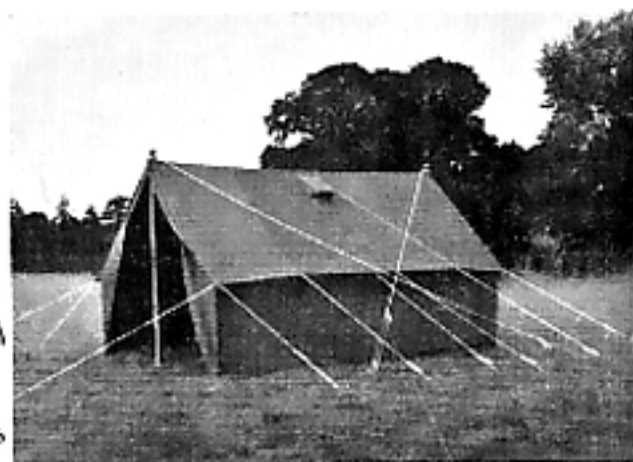
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