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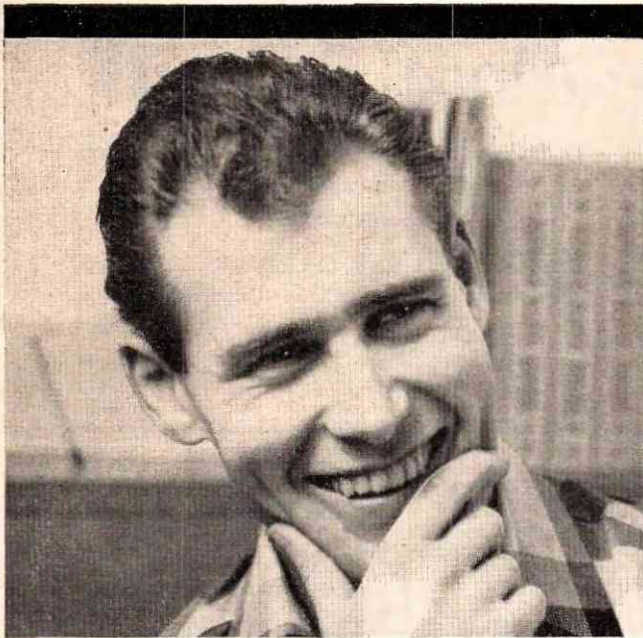
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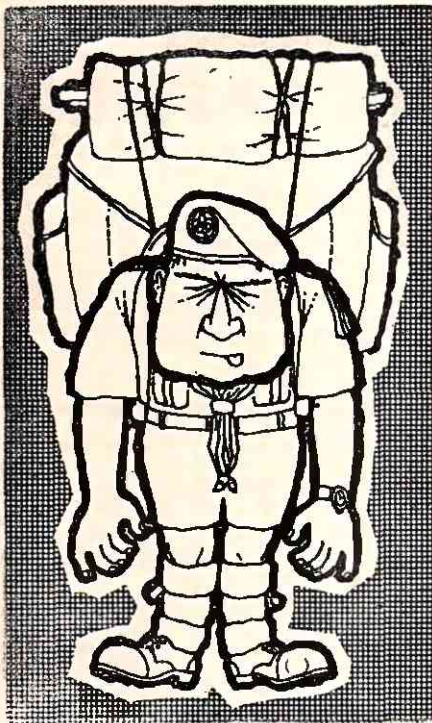
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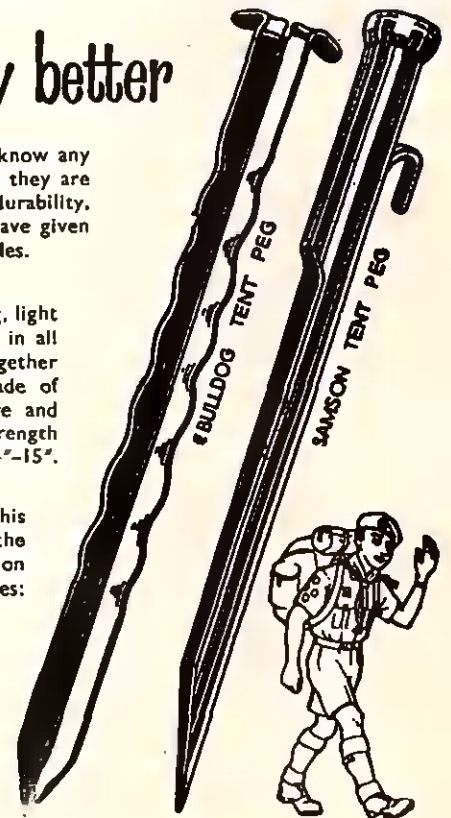
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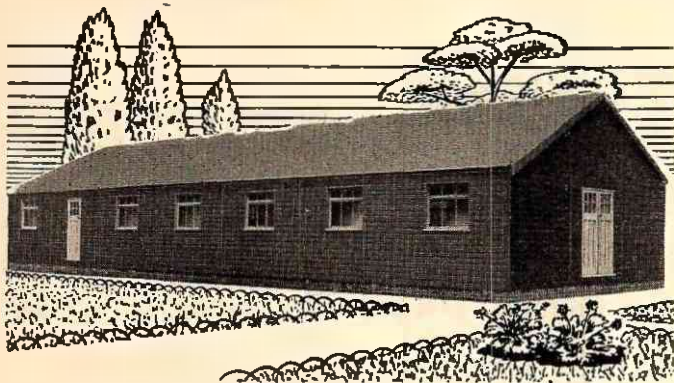
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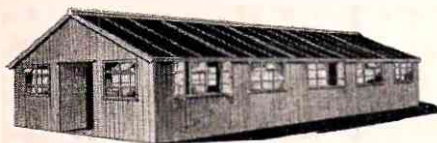
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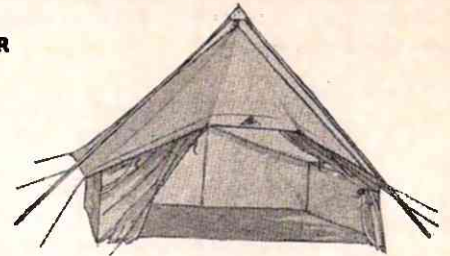
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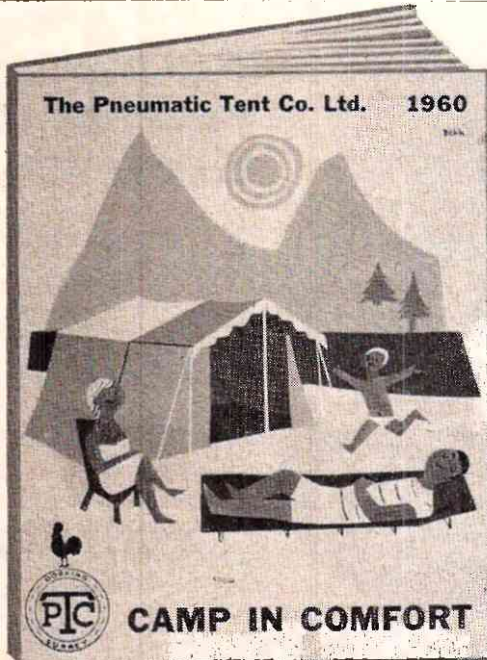
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## THE OUTLOOK

By THE CHIEF SCOUT

**I** BELIEVE there are two words which have been left far behind in our Scouting, yet they are more important today than ever before—**BE PREPARED**.

Scouting throughout the Commonwealth, indeed throughout the world continues to progress—numbers increase and leader training improves. There has recently been a complete and thorough review of our training system for leaders and for the Scout a complete “modernisation” where necessary of the badge system. But none of this is of any use if we are not prepared to take advantage of the high ideals which are set before us. What did B.-P. hope these two words would mean to the boy and the man in the Movement. He said “Be Prepared means that a Scout must always be prepared at *all times* to do his duty . . .” (the italicising of “all times” is my own). We are at the start of a New Year and this is a good time to renew our determination to be prepared to shoulder the great responsibilities which we have toward the Scout and between ourselves.

I do not believe that the boy, whether Wolf Cub or Scout, or the young man, whether Senior Scout or Rover Scout, today realises that to “Be Prepared” is perhaps the most important outcome of his training.

In 1960, I want it brought right home to every member of our Movement that we have failed in our duty not only within the Movement but towards the public if we cannot hold our head high and say, “I am prepared to do my Duty” and so saying know where that duty lies.

I would like to see this: splashed about (neatly!) much more boldly and more frequently in Scout Huts and Headquarters, in magazines and in our literature, and in our letter headings.

Now, let us step forth into this New Year ready to continue our own preparation (which must go on all the time) to enable us to prepare our Scouts to “**BE PREPARED**”.

To every one of you I wish happiness and splendid Scouting in the year that is ahead of you.

CHARLES MACLEAN



## GWERSYLL Y BRYNIAU, 1959

**G**WERSYLL Y BRYNIAU was, by its very nature, an experiment: nothing quite the same has been attempted before. Its purpose was to provide, for Senior Scouts, between the ages of 15 and 18, something more adventurous, more challenging than can be offered by the general run of Summer Camps.

We had anticipated that our advertisement might find some 120 or so boys anxious to partake of the activities which we offered. We were surprised, and a little dismayed, when the response was over twice as great, for such numbers presented a considerable problem in staffing; this was, however, successfully overcome, and I must, at the outset, pay a sincere tribute to those who undertook the arduous duties of Sub-Camp Chiefs, Instructors, Troop Scouters and so forth. Whilst the majority of these came from Wales, others came from farther afield, to give generously of their time and experience to assist on the Staff. Participants came from Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, and almost every Scout County in England and Wales. It was, also, a particular pleasure to us all to have with us parties of Scouts from Holland and Germany, as well as Scouters from Switzerland and Fiji, and other parts.

The Camp was centred on Machynlleth (O.S. Sheet 127. SH 7400) and was dispersed amongst three sites, each providing, respectively, for Pioneering, Forestry, and Climbing activities, in natural surroundings and in comparative isolation, with certain ancillary amusements. Its name—“Camp in the Hills”—literally was in the hills, and I think it can, with truth, be said that for the majority of the boys, it provided a completely new experience. It is equally true to say that so far as the Staff was concerned, as much was learned by them, as by any of the “customers”.

For administrative purposes, the expedition, if I may call it that, was divided into three Sub-Camps; one for each of the activities to be undertaken, and the participants were subdivided into six Troops, each with its own Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and Troop Leader, and made up of six Patrols. Two Troops occupied each Sub-Camp at any one time, and moved in unison.

Let us now examine the activities at each Sub-Camp. At Forge, some three miles east of Machynlleth, the main activity was Pioneering. This Camp was set in a most charming, secluded situation, on the banks of the small River Dulas, most suitable to the activities involved, which contributed to the success and happiness of the Camp. The Pioneering projects offered here consisted of a Draw-Bridge, a Commando Bridge, an Aerial Runway and Tower, and a Chariot. For each of these, suitable provision was made of spars, ropes and lashings, with a drawing

of the project—the “customer” was required to provide the brains! By and large, it seems true to say that, for the majority these projects were something which had not been encountered before. It was also evident that, on future occasions, not only is there a need for additional activities, since any one of these cannot usefully employ more than a maximum of two, or an optimum of one Patrol, but also because they need a varying length of time for their individual completion. Probably the best addition would be some large composite co-operative project, receiving contributions from everyone at differing times during the period of the Camp, which could be finally dismantled on the last day, by everyone who had taken part. I feel sure that Pioneering, in some aspect or other, is essential to an expedition of the nature of “Gwersyll y Bryniau”, perhaps best of all as the natural means of overcoming obstacles encountered during an Incident Journey or Hike.

From Forge, the boys hiked some six miles, through Machynlleth, to Esgair, the centre set aside for Forestry—three or four miles to the west. Here the practical activities included the measuring of timber, the recognition of trees, and making of tent pegs with special apparatus, and the felling and clearing of scrub woodland. Two days were spent by each Troop at this Camp, and the outstanding feature was the large number of boys for whom it was undoubtedly a new experience to set an axe into live timber, except on a very limited scale. The success of this particular aspect of the Camp was very evident, and although it would seem that the limiting factor in future will be the supply of suitable woodland into which to loose the “customers” equipped with axes, I feel certain that this is a particularly valuable feature of further such Camps. A further novelty was the manufacture and use of shelters made from natural forest material provided for the purpose. Some of these shelters showed great originality, especially one which was constructed over the top of a swiftly running mountain stream! Not all these shelters successfully withstood testing with a bucket of water: but all were, nevertheless, duly occupied for the night.

From Esgair, the Troops moved to Cader Sub-Camp, which, as its name implies, was at the foot of the mountain—Cader Idris. On their way to this Camp, they took part in an Adventure Journey devised as of “Venturer” Standard. This included the crossing of a river by a commando-type bridge, and, again, by an oil-drum bridge; getting out of a forest by following a compass bearing, and up exceedingly steep slopes; and, finally, traversing a tunnel through disused slate workings in a mountain. Unavoidably, this Journey was found to be rather longer than was desirable, but owing to the terrain which had to be covered, there was no alternative. On future occasions, the greater time taken by those unused to country of this sort, will have to be taken into account when timing the programme: nevertheless 219 boys qualified for a Certificate that they had completed an Incident Journey to Venturer Standard.

At Cader, the “customers” were prepared for the remaining activities, Rock-climbing and Rafting, one full day being devoted to each. On the evening of arrival, they were shown the Royal Marine Commando film on Rock-climbing, which made a profound impression on all who saw it, and cannot, I am sure, be improved upon as preparation for beginners. The following day, one Troop, with skilled instructors, were let loose on Cader Idris, whilst the remaining Troop carried timber, ten-gallon oil drums and lashings, up to Llyn Cau, some 45 minutes’ climb up the mountain, where each Patrol, in turn, built a raft, launched it, crossed the lake, and then, taking their raft to pieces, carried it back round the shore to the starting place. The majority of the boys in this rafting adventure obviously learned a great deal, and there were few rafts which crossed the lake without incident. At the same time, those Patrols not thus engaged, were occupied with a variety of mapping and observation activities, which served to bring to light quite a number of personal shortcomings. The comparatively elementary introduction to Rock-climbing was the highlight for many, and there seems little doubt that it may well inspire a number to greater activity in that direction.

Lastly, from Cader, those who were able and willing, undertook a forty-mile journey, and although experience showed that inadequate time was allowed for traversing the type of ground

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which they had to cover, this may be considered a remarkable success, when it is realised that some 130 boys out of 300 succeeded, if not in completing forty, at least in completing twenty miles, of the journey, and therefore, achieved a hike equivalent to that of “Venturer” Standard. It does seem that a forty-mile journey is preferable to anything shorter, but, on future occasions, more time will have to be allowed for this item in the programme.

When all these activities had been completed by all, we foregathered for a last Camp Fire and a final day together. For many, the Camp Fire will long be remembered for the variety of the fare: it is not often in this Country that German, Dutch and Fijian turns can be added to those customary throughout the United Kingdom.

All too soon, the last day of Camp arrived and passed, made memorable by the Scouts’ Own held in the ruins of Dolwyddelan Castle, where the address was given by the Headquarters Commissioner for Boy Scouts, Robert Walters. It was as perfect weather as any which graced the Camp: the Castle set on a prominent spur to the south of Moel Siabod, commands a panoramic view of the Lledr Valley, and the 300 and more Scouts and Scouters filled the Castle to its limits. The recollection of this combination will long remain with us.

It is, I think, evident from the foregoing, that this Camp was one requiring a considerable degree of fitness, and in that respect, despite preliminary warnings, it must be said that some boys were allowed to join, who should not, under any circumstances, have been permitted to do so. Many, also, of those who were physically fit, were inadequately provided with suitable footgear.

There seems no doubt, however, from the reports which have reached us since its conclusion, that both the idea which inspired “Gwersyll y Bryniau” and the labour which was expended in achieving it, have been by no means in vain. Those who took part as “customers” appear, almost without exception, to have enjoyed themselves; to have learned something, and, which was, perhaps, even more the purpose of the expedition, to have received some inspiration thereby. Whilst those who organised it will freely admit, they not only learned by their mistakes (with-out, it is hoped, anyone being any the worse) but also received such encouragement from the way in which it went off, as to lead them to hope to repeat the effort, if not every year, at least frequently, in the future.

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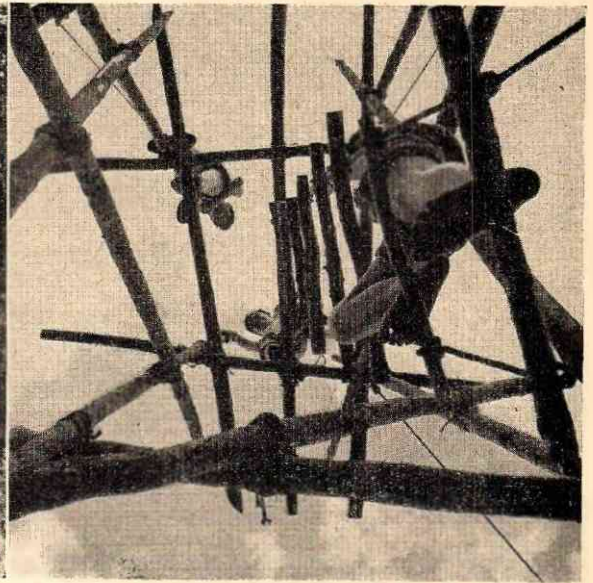
*Note: Since this was written, it has been decided to hold a “Gwersyll y Bryniau” in 1960—from July 30th to August 8th, in the vicinity of Machynlleth. Anyone interested, particularly Scouters willing to instruct in Forestry, Canoeing, Sailing and Mountaineering, are invited to communicate with—Christopher Cory, The Grange, St. Brides Super Ely, Glamorgan, or Lord Kenyon, Gredington, Whitchurch, Salop. See advertisement on page 31.*



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Wood Badge Days

# 1. THE BEGINNING OF GILWELL

By D. FRANCIS MORGAN

*Commonwealth Commissioner*

**M**ANY years ago—over forty to be exact—B.-P. said he wanted two places, one where Scouts from London could go and camp without any long and expensive journey, and the other where a Training Centre for Scouters could be established. And suddenly both his dreams came true, in one and the same place, Gilwell Park.

One day I found a pleasant, and prosperous looking man, wandering about the corridors at I.H.Q. I asked him, fortunately quite politely, what he was doing and whether I could help him in any way. He said he wanted to do something for the Scout Movement; so I took him to my room and we sat down to talk about it.

I discovered that his "something" might be in the nature of several thousand pounds; and he wanted to know if good use could be made of it and for what purpose. So I told him what I knew was in B.-P's mind. He liked the idea; he came and saw B.-P., and the whole thing was settled.

That was William du Bois Maclaren—what an appropriate middle name!—and the search for a suitable place began.

P. B. Nevill has always claimed to be the one who found Gilwell. His claim to this distinction was, I know, disputed in friendly rivalry by another Commissioner; but I gather he has now firmly established it. He was certainly very active there in those first early days; he even slept, or at any rate spent many nights, up a tree in the Lime Walk on a kind of monkey platform he had built.

So we got Gilwell, and the memory of him to whose generosity and belief in Scouting we owe it, is perpetuated by the patch of Maclaren tartan on the point of our Gilwell Scarves.

The next thing was to find the man to run it. We had all realized that, though there must always be a place there for Scout camping, at the same time its outstanding function must be that of a Training Centre for Scouters; and it was essential that the man who was to be known as Camp Chief should be one who could there establish and conduct a scheme of training in accordance with B.-P's vision.

Here again I was fortunate enough to be involved in these early beginnings. Sir Percy Everett asked me if I knew anyone who could do it, and I told him I knew one who I was sure would be the very man if he would take it on—Francis Gidney.

I had known him for many years—a very good Scout who did brilliantly anything to which he set his hand, a man of great charm and immense enthusiasm, always bubbling over with ideas, a man of deep and sincere convictions and with an intense belief in Scouting. We had been up at Cambridge together where he had been successful in every way, in spite of various mad adventures we had together, and he had afterwards gone into the army. Keen as I knew he was on Scouting, I doubted if he would feel he could give up a career which was already one of great promise. But I wrote and told him about the job; and, by an extraordinary coincidence my letter crossed one from him to me: as a result of his war experiences he was being invalided out of the Army; did I know a job that he could do?

So he came and saw B.-P. and Everett and others at I.H.Q.; and, finding favour in their eyes, was offered the job of Camp Chief. A few days later he told me that his Army doctors had said he could not stand such a job; but he refused to accept their verdict and went to see a specialist who told him it was just the sort of life he ought to lead. So Gidney came to Gilwell; and there under the direction and guidance of the Founder of



*Captain Gidney (second from left) at Gilwell in 1922 with H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught on his left, and B.-P. looking on. On the right is Major Dane, then Commissioner for Training.*

Scouting he established Wood Badge Training and gave it the scope and form which it still basically retains.

Gilwell—for some time we argued whether there should be one "L" or two in the first syllable; but the one "L"ers won—was very different forty years ago from what it has now become. It had been uninhabited and lain derelict for over fifteen years; the whole place was complete jungle, and the house itself was in a ruinous state. We should have saved a lot of money in the end if we had pulled the old house down and built a new one; but we should have lost all the graciousness and atmosphere of that beautiful and historic house; and we have been abundantly justified in restoring and preserving it.

Gidney and his wife moved in early in the summer, but could not for some time use the main house and had to live in the gardener's cottage which then stood where the new Troop Room has now been built; some years later the cottage had to be pulled down to save it from falling down.

During that summer I spent a good deal of time at Gilwell, and I well remember the first time I went to stay there. Gidney met me at Chingford Station with a pony in a tub-like conveyance known in those days as a "governess cart". When we came to Gilwell Lane it was quite difficult to see where it began; it was almost completely grown over, and the pony had to push its way between the bushes on each side of the track.

All through those months Gidney and I had many long talks about the first course that was to be run, and he eventually asked me to go down a few days beforehand and stay at Gilwell to help him with the course. There was not a great deal of room in the gardener's cottage, so I said I would sleep in the house. But my first night was not much of a success. I found a place where the roof was not open to the sky, but there were bangs and crashes all night as the wind blew doors without fastenings to

and fro, and glass fell out of loose and broken windows. So I moved into quite a sound hut near where the Gidney Cabin now stands, and having cleaned it out, I made myself a comfortable home with a camp bed, table, and chairs. It was not until a long time afterwards that I was told it had originally been a pig-sty. I don't believe that; if it had been a pig-sty, it was surely the largest and most luxurious mortal pigs ever had.

The night before the course assembled Gidney came to my pig-sty, and we sat and talked until quite late. It was very dark when he left me to make his way through the jungle back to the gardener's cottage. I offered him a large acetylene lantern I had, but he scorned it. "My dear chap," he said, "do you think I don't yet know my way about Gilwell"? So off he went, and I started turning in for the night. Some time afterwards I heard a great crashing in the bushes and went to the door to see what sort of a beast it was. There was Gidney looking rather the worse for wear and admitting he had completely lost himself in the jungle; and he begged the loan of my lantern after all.

The first course was a most interesting time, and proved even more successful than we had hoped. But the strain told on him, and on the last night he had to go to bed early and asked me to take the last Camp Fire. This, although I did not realize it at the time, was undoubtedly a first indication that his Army doctors had been right. He suffered a good deal in his health all the time he was at Gilwell, and died not so very long after he left there.

At this last Camp Fire the members of the course were feeling on top of the world and their enthusiasm knew no bounds. They felt they had had an experience no man had had before; they were pioneers, a band of brothers who must keep together and never lose the bonds of a very special brotherhood that must always exist between them. As I stood in the light of that Camp Fire to give a final talk, I, too, was deeply moved by the emotion of a moment that could never be forgotten, that could never quite occur again, but I felt I must remind them that there was one brotherhood of Scouting, and that we must never contemplate any kind of inner brotherhood of Gilwellians.

This point came up again next morning. The Course assembled in what is now B.-P.'s Room at I.H.Q. to hear final words from the Chief Scout himself. B.-P., Gidney, and I stood for a few minutes outside the door whilst I urged there should be no special Gilwell scarf, and indeed, the pendulum having perhaps swung too far in my mind, there should be no actual Wood Badge worn. But the others were against me, and I the least of the three; and so the Course got their Wood Badges and scarves. But there may have been some slight substance in my argument at that time, on several occasions in the next few years, some Wood Badgers did lose their heads a little. One heard from time to time the expression "Gilwell fool" applied to some of them; and B.-P. occasionally reminded holders of the Wood Badge that it was not the sign of a distinction once attained that raised them for all time to a higher level than their fellow Scouters, but that it was evidence of a desire to learn and go on learning for the rest of their lives; of, in fact, a humble and enquiring mind.

A day or two later I received a short note from Gidney: "I want to say that I hope you take the little affair of the 'bag o' bones' in the light of a purely business and impersonal matter, as I do. I should be awfully upset to think you felt otherwise, but there—I know you well enough to be quite sure on that score. P.S. I bet old Dinizulu turned in his grave with excitement at about 2 p.m. on the 19th!!!"

Gidney was a great man: a happy man, though dark clouds gathered round him in his latter days; and he gave happiness to many. He started Gilwell with all that that implies, and I can think of few who could have done it so well at the beginning. How things would have gone had he stayed longer than he did is not so certain; he was an inspirer rather than an administrator. He was not always a good judge of character; he was too kind and tolerant a man to be always fully conscious of defects in others; and his loyalty was of a depth not always fully comprehended by some with whom he had to deal.

But Scouting will always owe a deep debt of gratitude to Francis Gidney, its first Camp Chief.

## TEEN-AGERS—WHAT MAKES THEM TICK?

### 1. WHO IS THE TEEN-AGER?

By OSWALD BELL

HQ Commissioner for Universities and Training Colleges

WHAT makes them tick—and what makes them tick, sometimes, so oddly? Is it our fault—or the fault of their parents—or of their schools—or of their age—or of the times in which we live? Or is it their own fault? Or is it a combination of all these?

Who are the Teen-agers, anyway—or to give them their more solemn name—the adolescents? We know Mary and Tom, still at the Grammar School and still keen on Guides and Scouts—but who sometimes make us angry because they are not as regular as they used to be: we never know when they will turn up, having missed the two previous meetings, with a happy smile but without an apology. And we know Doreen and Les, at the Modern, anxiously waiting for the day when they can leave school—Les because he wants to help Mum, and Doreen because she wants to buy nylon stockings. Les is more difficult to manage than he used to be and is sometimes inclined to be rude; Doreen doesn't seem really interested in Guide badges any more. And we know also Shirley and Stanley; they have left school and started to work and seem much more interested in each other than in either Scouts or Rangers. Besides, Stanley is going to the Tech.—and that takes three nights a week—while Shirley spends every penny she can on buying and playing "pop" records. Sometimes we wonder rather dismally whether they really want us or need us. Do knots or shorts or woggles mean anything in this chromium-plated age? And then a grand camp or a youngster turning to us in trouble makes us feel that, after all, we have our use.

And, in thinking of Tom and Les and Stanley rather than of the adolescent, we are right. For above all they are persons; they are separate, individual, unique persons and not merely specimens of the genus adolescent. If we wish to help them, we must know them as individuals; to be tolerated and liked and befriended as people, who although they may resemble, are yet different from all other people.

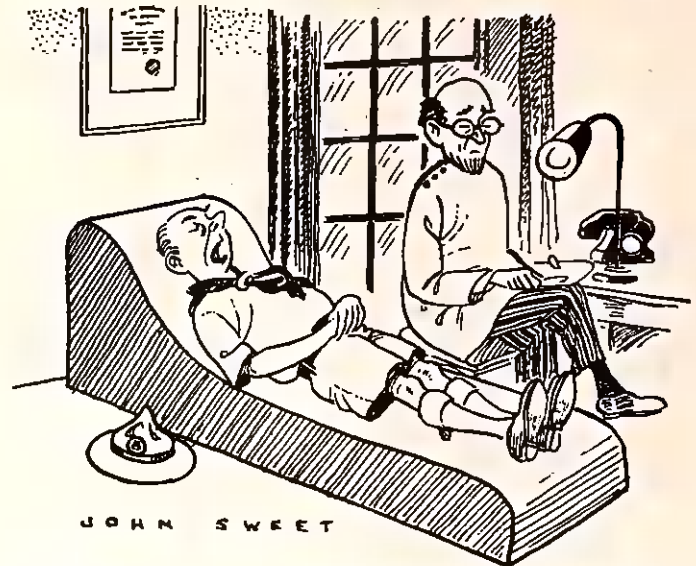
So we must think first of persons; yet they are persons passing through a specific period of life and there is some value in considering, in a common-sense sort of way, what we know about this particular period. From the point of view of the Scouter or the youth leader, this is the period where we are needed most and where we fail most; if we knew more, perhaps we could do more. In these notes I refer to both boys and girls, for a Scouter can hardly understand—let alone advise—the one without some knowledge of the other and much of what applies to one applies also to the other.

What is adolescence? Very roughly, it corresponds to the teen-age years, although for some it starts earlier and for many it continues into the twenties. The physical changes of adolescence are occurring earlier in life than used to be the case, although individual differences are great. With girls, the onset of menstruation is often between 11 and 13½; with boys puberty is less clearly marked by one physical sign, but may well begin between 12 and 15 years. During the years which follow, the child will approach the peak of his mental and physical growth (although physical growth tends to slow up with the girls after the very early teens while the boys may continue to develop after 15, becoming taller and heavier than the average female). But adolescence is a period of psychological as well as of physiological change, although these changes do not necessarily synchronise. Each individual seems to develop according to a unique pattern of growth; but it also seems to be true—as Gesell said—that "this unique pattern is a variation of a ground plan of growth which is more or less characteristic of the human species". The years of adolescence show patterns of behaviour which are broadly similar in all young people, although there is no average adolescent and few adolescents proceed on a steady course.

Rather there tend to be, beneath the general growth and development, periods of regression as well as periods of anticipation, while extreme or unbalanced behaviour may be followed by periods of poise and balance. It is a time of experiment and testing and therefore a time of failures as well as successes. It is a time when apparently sensible children will behave with a stupidity which later on will appear incredible even to them—or, perhaps, particularly to them; but also it is a time when, quite suddenly, great improvements may take place—an adult attitude may supersede a childish one and the adolescent grow up, almost overnight. For it is the period of the second weaning, when young people are growing away socially and emotionally from their parents in much the same way as they grew away from their mothers during the first five years of life. It has been well said that the two most important needs in life are those of security and independence, but that their importance tends to reverse as life goes on. Adolescence is a period when independence is becoming more important than security and therefore it brings with it feelings of rebellion; but at the same time it is almost equally a period when regression to a need for security can be as important as the periods of rebellion. The same child on the same day may rail against parental prohibitions and, later, seek the comfort of mother's arms. This alternating and violent need for reassurance and independence makes the role of the parent or club leader extremely difficult and calls for great sympathy, understanding and tolerance. Sometimes both needs can meet, or partly meet, where the adolescent feels that he is a full member of the family council and where his advice as well as his service, is regarded as valuable and important. Such a situation also satisfies his very real need to be himself needed by others; helpfulness and responsibility are both encouraged, and, as they are encouraged, satisfy his twin need for independence and security. In this way, life may become easier for both parent and child.

The adolescent's situation is further complicated by the influence of sex. Physiological changes, as we have seen, take place; but they take place at varying rates with different young people and one of the commonest causes of anxiety is the apparent difference between the physical development of one adolescent and the majority of his or her contemporaries. We no longer attach so much importance to Freud's theories of the Oedipus complex as was once the case, but throughout this period boys and girls have to adjust themselves to their need to develop as a member of their own sex and their simultaneous desire and fear of this: the girl has to adjust more to her mother, losing to some extent her youthful attachment to her father; and the boy has to escape from excessive dependence on his mother and become fully masculine. At the same time, both father and mother have still an important role to fill for the children of their own sex. Father should be daughter's first boy-friend; mother son's first girl-friend. Both father and mother have, however, to learn not only to tolerate but even to encourage infidelity. The skill with which mother and father fill these roles will influence enormously the success with which their children meet the problem of adjusting to members of the opposite sex outside the family. It is always desirable, too, that teen-agers should be encouraged to bring their friends home. If recurrent girl friends are made welcome in the home, the whole business of friendship with the other sex immediately appears more natural and therefore more healthy. The need for subterfuge disappears. Father's behaviour to the new girl friends can influence his son's whole attitude to the opposite sex, either for good or ill. But where parents welcome their children's friends, then the influence is likely to be helpful and right. There is the further advantage that an undesirable brought into a good home tends to wilt. The Espresso-bar Lothario, who seemed so glamorous in long side-whiskers and drain-pipe trousers in the dim light of the cafe, may show up badly against the kindness and decency of Pop or the loving anxiety of Mum. A potential crisis may thus never develop.

In some cases, too, adolescents have their own difficulties with masturbation. It is still true that many boys and girls are insufficiently aware that, at some time or other, by far the majority of young people masturbate and that they do this without any physical danger. It is, of course, the feelings of guilt and anxiety which so often accompany masturbation that are the prime cause of harm.



"— and every Friday night, just before 6.30 p.m., I get this feeling of nameless dread."

All these difficulties and tensions can be reduced when the adolescent is sufficiently fortunate to live in a home or environment where the fundamental needs of human beings can be satisfied; for although his needs may be more urgent, basically they are the same as ours; and unless they are satisfied, mental health will be impaired. What are these? Dr. Fleming describes them as the needs for love and security, for acceptance by contemporaries and for an experience of success. These are as urgent for adults as for adolescents. If you ask yourself what your attitude to life would be if, when you returned home from the office you could not count on affection in your home; if, when you went to your local pub, you could not count on a friendly welcome from those whom you know there; if in your daily work you felt all the time that you were moving from incompetence to disaster; if you felt all this, would you be able to face life with the hope and satisfaction that you now enjoy? It is the same with the adolescent, except that he is, or may be, without your background of remembered love, of experiences of friendship and of moments of success. Certainly he is unlikely to have the philosophy of life or the experience of religion which enable him to meet and surmount disappointment and disaster. So that all these needs are his in a very special degree, but combined with them are the other needs which I have mentioned, described by Wall as: "the need to be needed by others, the need for increasing independence, the need to achieve adequate adjustment to the opposite sex, and the need to re-think the cherished beliefs of one's elders".

I suggest, then, that this is indeed a special period of life, with special difficulties, which demands from parents and teachers unusual sympathy and tolerance. Most young people survive the tensions of adolescence successfully, but many pass through these years much less happily and much less successfully than they might have done, if they had been given adequate adult sympathy. Sympathy does not imply an absence of discipline; it does involve tolerance, understanding and encouragement. It has been said that there are few problem children, but that nearly all children have problems. This is particularly true of adolescents. In the majority of cases what is required is not the expert psychiatrist, but the sympathetic adult who is prepared to listen and encourage; his influence can be determinative.

Above all, we must remember that adolescence is a time when what has gone wrong in early childhood may still be put right; but it is a time which passes rapidly and, as it passes, the hope of readjustment or reformation becomes much less.

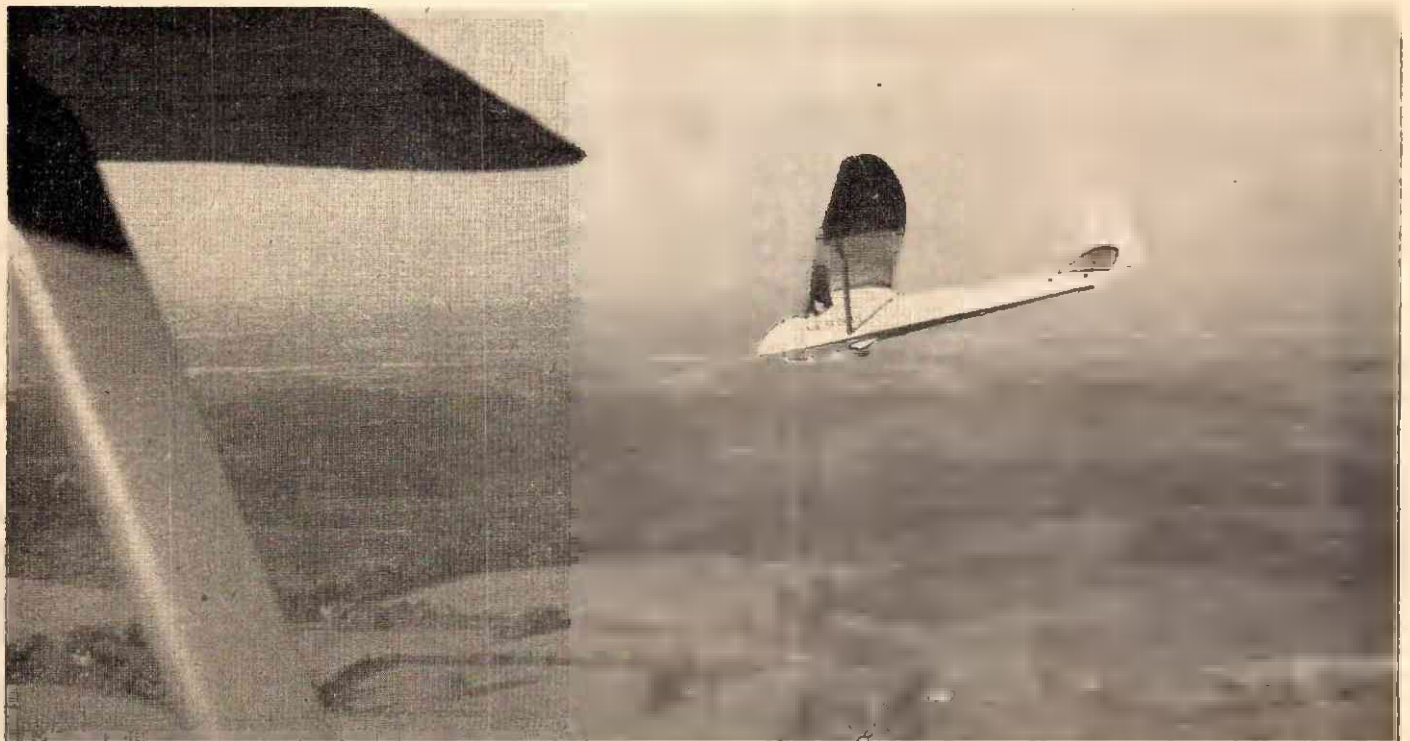
## PHOTO NEWS

THE STATUE OF B.-P. NOW UNVEILED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. (YES, THEY ARE GOING TO CORRECT THE SPELLING MISTAKE!)



THE FIRST AIRCRAFT OWNED BY THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION FLYING OVER THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE NEAR LASHAM. DETAILS OF THE 1960 SCOUT GLIDING COURSES APPEAR IN THIS ISSUE UNDER "NOTES AND NEWS."

*(Photo by Jim Laurence)*



## THE PATROL— IN ACTION!

### 1. INTRODUCTION

**W**E know that for our Troops to run efficiently our Patrols must be active and must work as units, but when we come to put these basic Scouting ideals into practice the difficulties which beset us often deter us—causing us to think of easy, unimaginative ways out.

Do you hope that when you hold a C.O.H. your P.L.s will arrive brimming over with good ideas, new schemes? Do you expect your P.L.s to be capable of teaching their Patrols everything within the compass of the tests? Do you hope that the standard of camping at your Troop camp will conform to the book—that the cooking, cleanliness and the rest will be exactly what you require? Do you expect your Patrols to hold their own meetings, search out their own dens, run their own camps—on their own initiative? If you do, you are hoping for too much.

In this series of articles, we intend to show that the secret of success lies in honestly recognising your P.L.s' limitations and working from there. We are not advocating that you do all the work—far from it. But we are suggesting that your P.L.s need more guidance and help than you might think.

Troop Meetings—the basis of Scouting—can be cheery successes or sorry flops, boring the Scouts and frustrating you. The S.M. is often frustrated because he assumes that his P.L.s are born leaders, organizers and teachers. It is no use telling the average P.L. to take his Patrol into a corner to teach them, say, first-aid.

In many cases all that happens is a halting reading from a first-aid manual to a disinterested group of Scouts. In other cases all that happens is *nothing!* This approach must be abandoned. You will be more successful, and your Troop will be much happier, if your Scouts learn by practice—by action.

Let us admit at once that this will cause the S.M. much more thought and will call for much more ingenuity. At the C.O.H. it will be you who will be suggesting ideas. There is nothing wrong in this. You can then expect your P.L.s to be selective, to develop from your suggestions those ideas which appeal to them; and, if you manage things skilfully, the onus of responsibility will rest where it should—with the P.L.s.

When you draw up the list of activities to be included in your programme, always prefer those which lead to action and reject those which are difficult to put over and are beyond the technical competence of the P.L.s.

Remember that *active* Scouting, however simple, still has tremendous appeal.

If you decide that one of the topics to be covered by the Troop is first-aid, plan the instruction round the treatment of "patients" suffering from injuries which are included in Scout badges. Give the knowledge to the P.L.s first at the special P.L.s' Training Sessions, then let the Patrols put it into action, in the form, say, of a competition. Interest will be lively and results good. How much better than the "sit-round-and-listen-to-me" method!

Later in the year, we will show the value of training camps for P.L.s where the S.M. can teach his P.L.s by practice. After a properly organised, well-run training camp, P.L.s will be very much wiser on how to camp and how to organise their Patrols in camp—in fact, they will know a great deal of how to practise the practice of camping.

Our series is designed to show that in every Scouting activity the Patrol should and can be in action. We begin next month with the most important topic of all—the one from which success stems—the training of the P.L.

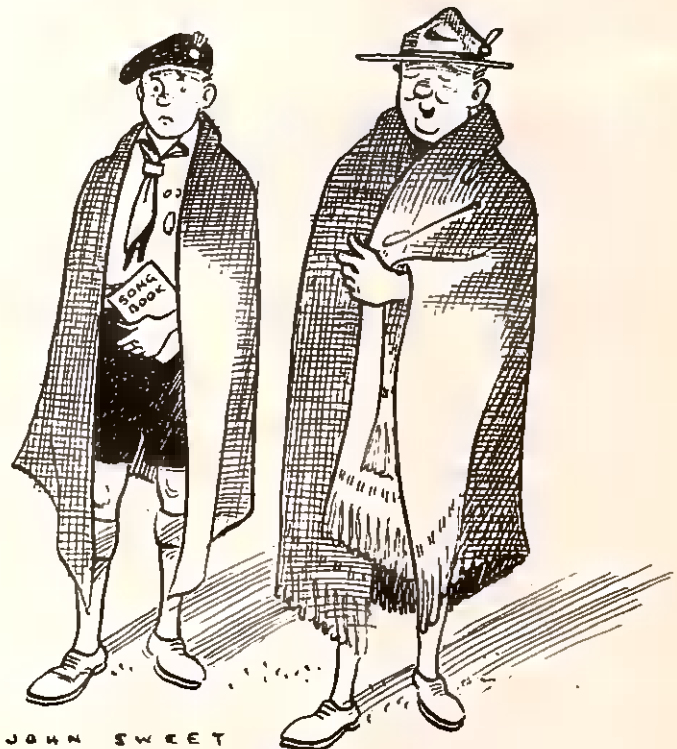
We would like to receive your opinions, your problems, your solutions—some of which we hope to be able to discuss towards the end of the series.

DON GRISBROOK AND  
JOHN S. LEIGH

## HERETICALLY SPEAKING?—I

**I**T has been pointed out many times that one of the odd features about Scouting is that the uniform which was designed in former days as a free-and-easy outfit in which boys could play the game of Scouting is now a formal dress which we are advised semi-officially to change for something more suitable when we want to go rock-climbing or to play violent Wide Games. I don't think it has been said so often that one of the difficulties about Scout uniform is that it is not complete in itself. The uniform is a shirt and shorts (with certain minor trimmings, of course) and there are few occasions when that is really enough, save in those rare years, like 1959, when the English summer has a fit of conscience.

It is tempting to come out with a lot of helpful suggestions about making the "uniform jacket" compulsory, or introducing an official pullover for wear with the Scout shirt. But we have to face the fact that these would be costly articles; if they bore distinctively Scout badges or other markings, they could not be worn on other occasions, and we should take another step towards the undesirable goal of making Scouting a rich boy's hobby. A complete uniform, such as most uniformed organisations wear, just isn't practical politics. Personally, I think we should stop worrying if, on a cold day, a Scout is seen wearing a pullover on top of his uniform shirt (don't say he can always wear it under the shirt: have you ever tried wearing a long-sleeved pullover under a short-sleeved shirt?). I think, too, that long trousers might well be permitted in the winter months. And if that peculiar sentence still appears in *P.O.R.* about older Scouts only being allowed to wear what are quaintly described



JOHN SWEET

"By Jove I am looking forward to this! It's years since I heard the E'en Gon Yama chorus".

## OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE



"I've seen that confident smile before . . . we're lost!"

as "battle-dress type blouses", or some such thing, it might well be dropped when *P.O.R.* is next revised, for I don't think many people can have noticed it, judging by what I see everywhere.

Perhaps the best rough-and-ready test to apply about uniform is to ask oneself whether the boy, however he is dressed, would be thought by any reasonable person to be both smart and comfortable. And don't take the standards of a Guards Barracks for smartness, nor those of Blackpool Sands for comfort!

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Choosing your P.L.s can be an awful business, can't it? Or perhaps you have one of those nice convenient Troops where you only have to choose a P.L. when one of them dies of old age, or emigrates to New South Wales? We have to do it every year, and we have to choose, normally, a complete new Court of Honour each time; for as a School Troop we find it practically essential to use school years rather than calendar age as our dividing line between Boy Scout and Senior Scout Troops. Scouts go up into the Seniors after they have been at the School for four years; thus we lose all our P.L.s at once, and the headache of appointing their successors is very acute.

Recently I was discussing with the Court of Honour the choice of their successors. Rightly or wrongly, I feel that the appointment of P.L.s must be the prerogative of the Scouter, and he must be free to make up his own mind about it; but it would be foolish to ignore entirely the views of the Court of Honour, and I was therefore somewhat concerned to find that they were almost unanimous in rating quite highly a boy about whom I myself had considerable doubts. About his leadership I was in no doubt at all, but I was far from sure that he would lead in the right direction. Personally I preferred another lad, a much more colourless personality, but a boy of whose loyalty and principles I had no doubt.

The Court of Honour said they saw my point; but they felt that X was a natural leader, and that even if Y were given the stripes, X would still lead the Patrol. Therefore, they felt it would be best to give X the official responsibility, and hope that he would rise to it. Well, it's a point of view I understand; but I haven't made my mind up yet. For it seems to me that if two little white tapes are going to inspire X with ideas of loyalty at present lacking in him, the same white tapes might inspire Y with ideas of leadership! After all, I've got to train my new P.L.s in their job, and I think I could give Y some tips on leadership which he might be able to put into practice; but could I teach X loyalty in a few weeks, having, it seems, failed to do so for about three years?

N. W. NEWCOMBE

"FIFTY years astern, full speed ahead"—is my call to all Sea Scouts this month, for we celebrate our Golden Jubilee this year.

No doubt Counties, Districts and Groups have arrangements in hand for rallies, camps, displays, etc. in order to commemorate this grand milestone in the history, development and progress of Sea Scouting.

At I.H.Q. arrangements are well advanced to celebrate the Jubilee by holding a National Camp in the grounds of Fairthorne Manor, the Y.M.C.A. Sea Training Centre, situated on the Hamble River between Bursledon Bridge and Botley in Hampshire. The dates—in case you do not already know—Saturday, July 30th to Sunday, August 7th, 1960.

The camp will be 500 strong and it is my wish that every County that has Sea Scouts, will be represented.

Unfortunately, it will be necessary to restrict the numbers of those attending to 500 as it is our intention that everybody at the camp shall enjoy to the full, the very comprehensive programme of activities. Of course, you will realise, this has entailed allocating places to Counties based on the Sea Scout Census. Some Counties will wish to combine with perhaps one, two or three other Counties in forming contingents, and this kind of co-operation will be welcomed.

I have asked County Commissioners to select Sea Scouts who will have reached their thirteenth, but not their eighteenth birthday.

There will be places for Scouters within County contingents and County Commissioners will be on the look out for the best Scouters in the County for this important job.

Rover Sea Scouts are invited to come as members of the Camp Staff, as I feel this is the sort of job they will much prefer and, at the same time, ensure that we have representatives from this section, within our "complement".

The fee for the camp will be £6.10.0 per head.

I am sure you will all wish to know what we have in mind for the programme. There will be five main activities, sailing, canoeing, expeditions, visits and camp activities, and to facilitate the arranging of these, the camp will be made up of five sub-camps. In this way it will be possible for all to take part in each one of these activities for one whole day. Each sub-camp will be made up of three "Troops" of 32.

I want this programme to give our Sea Scouts the opportunity to practice their skill in a sailing boat; to demonstrate their ability in a canoe, and to develop their spirit of adventure on overland expeditions. They will meet other Sea Scouts from all over the United Kingdom and what is always important at a celebration they are going to have every opportunity to enjoy themselves.

We plan to organise a cruise under sail out into the Solent each day; short canoeing expeditions and all-day overland hiking ventures into the very fine country north of Botley. We also hope to arrange for parties to visit such places as Southampton Docks, Portsmouth Dockyard, Calshot Base, etc., and we hope to make use of the fact that the camp coincides with Cowes Week.

As a climax to all these varied activities during the week we shall stage a regatta on the Saturday, which will be a light-hearted, rather than a purely competitive event. That evening the traditional Camp Fire should provide a very fitting end to a week that I hope all Sea Scouts and their Scouters will have good cause to remember.

In conclusion I would like to add that we expect to have the pleasure of the company of our Chief Scout camping with us over the first week-end, and on the Sunday it is possible our Commodore, Lord Mountbatten, will visit the camp and give one of his inspiring talks.

Good luck Sea Scouts in this Jubilee Year and I look forward to seeing five hundred of you at Fairthorne Manor in August.

HUGH BROWNING

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# SCOUTING DAYS: GANG SHOW, 1959

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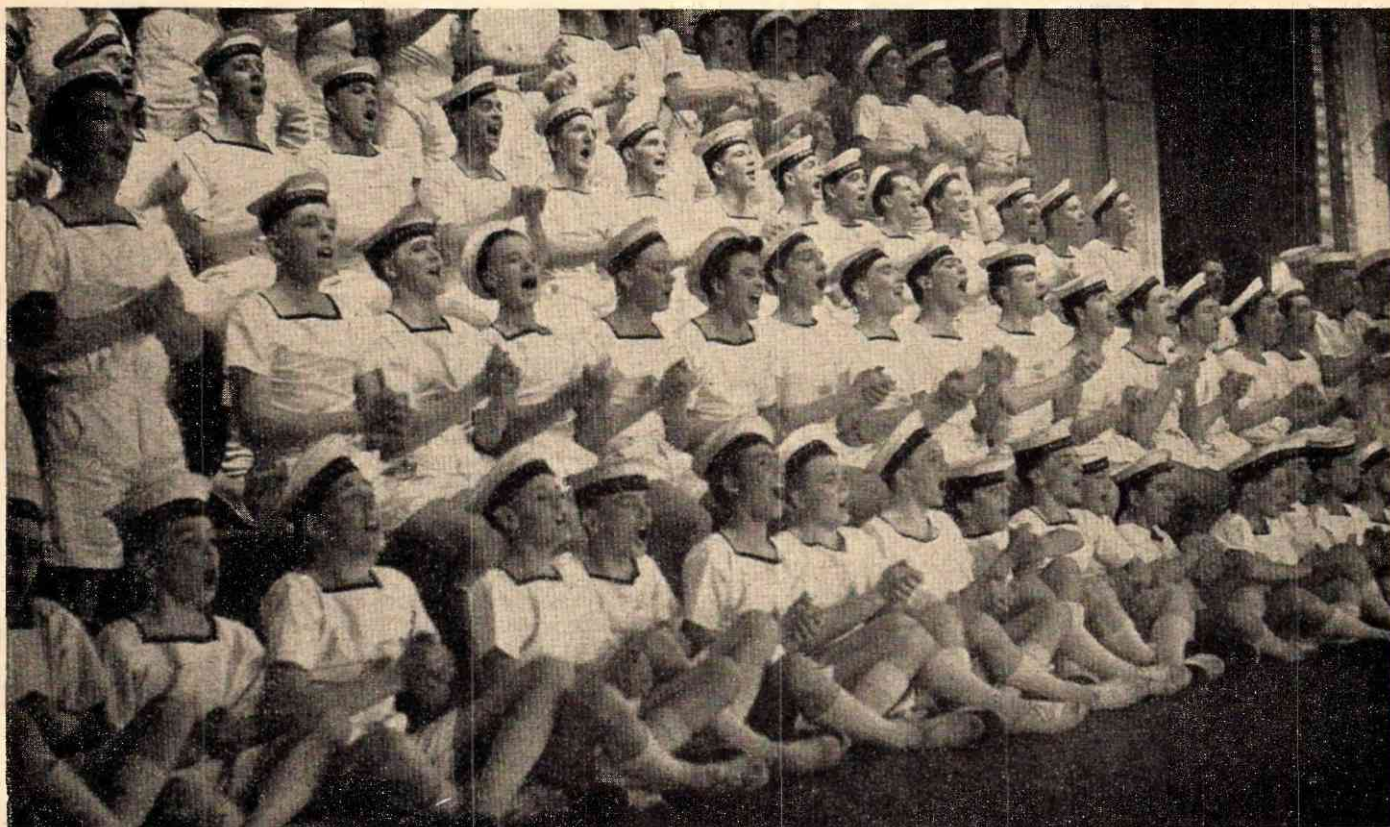


"OPERA TIME"



"OUR FIRST YEAR" (see page 25)





"MEET THE NAVY"



"FATHER CHRISTMAS"

# TROOP NIGHT—XXXIII

IT is always a problem for Scouters, with the aid of the Court of Honour, to organise the planning of Troop Night programmes: in winter months the problem is much more teasing and taxing. With this troubling us we remember that the Scouter's job is to train the P.L.s, after which the instruction given to him will be passed down the line. But when it is usual to have P.L.s who are no older than fifteen—in many Troops often younger—to expect a high degree of instructional skill is, I think, a pipe-dream.

Part of the solution to these difficulties of programme planning and getting the P.L.s to do the leading and teaching lies in long term schemes. After much trial and error, I worked out a system which I have tried with success in a School Troop of five Patrols which met ten times a term. This system, which recognises the limitations of the young P.L., involves some initial hard thinking, but it is well worth the effort. I pass the outline of it on to you.

I divided each set of ten meetings into two. For the first five meetings I mapped out five activities, one for each Patrol, ensuring (if that is possible) that the activities were of equal length—approximately thirty minutes. Here is a random set.

1. Plaster casts done in sand trays.
2. A detailed plan, showing measurements, of the Troop H.Q.
3. An indoor lock trestle bridge (without the roadways).
4. A small elementary knotting board (use picture cord, hardboard, sellotape).
5. Personal measurements of each Scout—to be written neatly on cards and pinned in the Patrol corner.

The activities covered as much ground as possible and were usually related to badge work. After I had planned the embryo scheme, I put it to the Court of Honour for discussion and moderation. The big job then was to tell the P.L.s how to teach their Patrols the various activities—this done, the rest was easy. The activities moved round the Patrols in a rota system and after five weeks most Scouts would admit they had learnt something useful. Clearly very little teaching technique is needed by the P.L. He can involve all his Scouts in the activity and you won't find your Scouts mooning around, complaining they have nothing to do, that they have learnt nothing and they haven't passed a test for weeks.

When these activities are followed by a period of badge instruction and a session of well-planned games, the meeting thus divided into three parts, the two hours will pass in a flash.

Remember—don't forget to plan your next set of activities well in advance. And don't be put off by the fact that I have described a FIVE week plan. A little re-organisation will be able to fit it to your own requirements.

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But what is obvious to me—and kept troubling me—during the evolution of the above scheme was that until we decide that our Scouts cannot be P.L.s until, say, fifteen years old, we cannot hope to be as efficient as we should be. An older boy who is experienced and has learnt all his basic Scouting commands respect, often admiration, from the young Tenderfoot or Second Class Scout. Under such a P.L. how can a Patrol fail to progress splendidly and to put into practice the basic ideals? To a Scout of fourteen, authority does not mean the same as it does to a sixteen-year-old, and he often does not see why he should rise above his Patrol when the occasion demands. A position of command cannot be easily assumed by a Scout who is the same age as a number of others in his Patrol. As a result of having to appoint young P.L.s our jobs as Scouters has become, I think, more difficult and laborious.

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I was once connected with a Troop which had wonderful traditions behind it—traditions of keenness, spirit and, in particular, high standards of training. The P.L.s, all over sixteen, camped every Easter and for five days underwent intense "outward bound" type training which in addition to taxing them gave them many ideas which they could pass on to their Patrols during the "light" nights to come. During a difficult obstacle

course, the D.C. arrived to be met by three almost naked Scouts charging through the trees with a far away look in their eyes. They didn't stop—they carried on, came to a lake and into its freezing waters they plunged, swimming out to a clue floating in the middle. They were blue when they came out, but not dispirited.

With a twinkle in his eye, the D.C. said to the S.M., "I wouldn't be in your Troop for a thousand pounds."

You know what he really meant. It is more of the Scouting which makes demands that we need.

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There is no need to spend all your dark nights indoors, you know. Provided your Scouts are well wrapped up, take every opportunity for night Scouting.

The mapping of a well-defined street area, showing the more important features, distances and names I have always found successful—particularly successful when a prismatic compass is used (these are comparatively cheap just now).

Again, the well-tried problem card can be given an airing. A list of SENSIBLE things is what is required. Give tasks which will have some use and are difficult to do at night.

Sensible problems? Try these.

- i Which chemists stay open late during the week?
- ii How would you get from X to Y without going down unlit streets?
- iii Estimate the height of A, B, C.

Always give you instructions clearly, simply, otherwise your bright idea will look a little tarnished before the Scouts are through with it.

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Do you ever vainly hope that your Scouts may, one day, speak the Queen's English? Then how about this, overheard immediately after a G.C.E. English Language exam . . .

"Eee, them grammar were easy."

"Ay, they was!"

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At all times foster the Patrol spirit; let your "gangs" work on their own. Often it's difficult to get your Patrols to go off on hikes or expeditions together—perhaps it's because the hike hasn't a purpose, other than walking which, let us admit it, can be boring. Arrange a competition one Saturday. Tell the Patrols to ascend hill X, descend to valley Y after having drawn a panorama of the country to the north, then sketch waterfall Z, estimating its height. The mere fact that one Patrol is on its mettle against another will help to develop some of the Patrol spirit which may be lacking.

If you find it is impossible to get a full turn out on one day, then set a closing date for the competition and EXPECT the results of the expedition then.

But remember, you have the golden opportunity for developing Patrol spirit at camp. If you let it slip the last time, don't let it next. . . .

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One of our aims should be to develop a sense of responsibility in Scouts. There are many ways through which we can achieve this object, but let us consider a few less obvious ones.

Give the *youngest* Scouts little jobs of responsibility which, though relatively unimportant, give the Scouts a sense of belonging, of usefulness.

They could look after the games equipment, checking it after use, and reporting to the Scouter when the meeting is over.

Or they could tidy the Scouters' den (if you dare let 'em).

Or polish the Troop trophies, brasses, etc.

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You will often have to complain that your Scouts have no idea of the value of money—especially when another item of Troop

equipment has been broken. It is very difficult to know what to do, but many of us have our pet schemes. However, when you are discussing with the C. of H. what new items you need, let them, as far as possible, buy them. They will soon understand that Troop money isn't everlasting, and eventually a feeling that THEIR property must be cared for will filter through the Troop—by way of the C. of H. and not you.

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I like to give my Patrols small indoor initiative tests as surprise items from time to time.

Give simple exercises at first. For instance, part of the Troop room can become a crocodile infested river. All Scouts must get across, without falling in, by means of the equipment provided and no more. Later the Patrols can have added difficulties, such as carrying "bodies" across.

Obviously the Scouter will have to calculate very carefully the minimum amount of equipment needed, and ensure that the problem *can* be solved!

By including exercises of this sort, carefully graded, the Scouter will be helping the P.L.s develop initiative, organisation and leadership. The essential point to remember is—don't give any help, otherwise the object of the exercise will be defeated.

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WISE WORDS—from a Midlands G.S.M.

"... a Scout will forgive you for anything except lack of food."

JOHN S. LEIGH

*Re-reading S. for B.  
to have*

## 1. A HAPPY NEW SCOUTING YEAR

**Y**ES: let us salute B.-P's memory by starting with *Scouting for Boys*, and make our first attempt at re-reading that book. Remember what we were going to bear in mind?

(1) Read to keep us on the correct lines. (2) Read to find B.-P's intended methods. (3) Read to get ideas for activities.

We might as well be systematic in this, so let's begin with Camp Fire Yarns Nos. 1 and 2. In No. 1 we have the story of Kim, and if you know your Scouting, you flip over the pages and move on. Or should you? I wouldn't, if I were you, for under the heading "Peace Scouts" I see this. "They know how to look after their health when far away from any doctor." Any of us may find ourselves in this position some day, so what about a series of programmes based on "self first-aid"? Kim has given us one game but there are other stunts to be picked up. "The way he attempted it was by throwing down a jug of water so that it smashed to pieces."—Ever done this? Have a try after the next collection for your jumble sale. Be sure all are in a position to see well, and then ask Patrols to describe just how the smash took place. Most boys would have let their mind and eyes wander, and would not have been able to keep them on the one subject. Get your friends to demonstrate four different activities to your Scouts, all at the same time. Tell them which to concentrate on, and tell this friend to be quiet and undemonstrative. A report is required from each Patrol, of course. When your gang are practised, don't tell them which activity to watch. Good organising by P.L.s is required, and good concentration by each Scout. "Lurgan — gave him lessons at noticing small details and remembering them, which is the most important point in the training of a Scout."—Here we concentrate on the "remembering" and don't do so much on the "detail" work. We got tired at 50 different points noticed on one used envelope, so there's plenty of scope for you. And so, also, with many other kinds of articles.—Do get away from Kim's game with the

contents of the Scouter's bag. Try 24 bus tickets, cigarette cards (or modern equivalent), match boxes, stamps, stones (not valuable), leaves, lengths of string, etc. "Kim got away from the neighbourhood of the would-be murderers."—Detail one Scout to slip away during the evening, or during a particular part of the programme. Ask who is missing and then get him to explain how he did it, generally quite openly. "Scouts generally have secret signs by which they can communicate with each other."—Give such a sign (after reading the story) to one Scout from each Patrol. See how long till all are contacted. Another night, try it on a different bunch. "Kim thereupon hit upon the idea of disguising him."—All Scouters retire (to do what retired Scouters do) and leave the Patrols to disguise one member each. He must not be covered up, but really disguised. When ready the "disguisees" are placed on chairs in the hall, the Troop retire and the Scouters come in and make their guesses. We were completely flummoxed by 2 out of 8. Great fun. By the way, tell the yarn first. It influences the disguise used. Our crowd found a suitable sooty chimney. "He smeared the man's wounds with flour and ashes, partly so as to heal them."—What about trying to collect ideas of first-aid like this. It used to be butter on burns and so on. When you have these you have the foundations for another series of first-aid Troop programmes, called "Ancient and Modern." Lastly I give you this. "In this way he got to know where they kept their secret papers."—I can just imagine each Patrol having a set of secret papers. Every 10 minutes during Troop night they must be handed to another Scout in the Patrol, as secretly as possible, of course. Near the end of the evening Skipper suspends operations and asks the Patrols how many secret papers they can locate, in other Patrols. Observation under difficulties I should call it.

Now for some "method" from these Yarns. I think they should be known as the "recruiting yarns". Those who have to do with the supply of Scouters know how little use a general appeal is when we want new people to come and help us. It is always the personal appeal which produces the best results. Here in this yarn we have a programme for this approach. "I suppose every boy wants to help his country"—catches the attention immediately, both of man and boys. "It cannot suddenly be taken up by any man who thinks he would like it,"—gives a hint that training is required. "Scouting also comes in very useful in any kind of life you like to take up. It is even valuable for a man who goes in for science." In other words, if you train as a Scouter you will not only help yourself in Scouting but also to make progress in your career, and how true that is.

Having made the "prospect" feel he will gain as well as give B.-P. now drops the subject and goes on to tell of the things trained Scouts can do, ending with these words. "But you need not have a war in order to be useful as a Scout. As a peace Scout there is lots for you to do any day, wherever you may be." Times have changed and nowadays the "Peace Scouts" are known and the "War Scouts" practically unknown.

Leading the "prospect" on, B.-P. now gets down to brass tacks and gives in detail the contents of the Scout's training. "The following subjects are what you have to know about to pass the test as a Scout."—It is very interesting to read through the list of subjects considered essential for a Scout, by B.-P. They are, (1) Woodcraft, (2) Living in the open, (3) Chivalry, (4) Life saving, (5) Endurance, (6) Love of country. This provides us with a simple check that we are on the correct lines and putting the right stuff into our Scouting, for whatever we do shall fit under one of these headings.

Let those interested in recruiting Scouters realise that only after this build-up does B.-P. think fit to tell the "Prospect" how to join. A bit different from the warrant-form-under-the-nose approach. Here it is in brief.

- (1) Make your "prospect" realise that, as Lord Rowallan said, "Scouting is a boy's game and a man's job."
- (2) Show him what the finished product is capable of doing.
- (3) Describe the six divisions of our programme.
- (4) Produce the Promise and the Law, and a warrant application.

Go to it, and see how many ideas you can produce yourself by next month.

HENRY C. THOMPSON

## FROM 25 B.-P. ROAD

**Y**OUTH is very much in the news these days and statements, reports of investigations and articles appear in profusion. Most of them seem to have several points in common. One is that the community as a whole has a responsibility for its boys and girls. This is all to the good. For too long the leadership and training of the Youth Movements of this country have been left to a devoted minority. May this new outlook bring more helpers to share the task.

Another point is, however, less easy to understand. It is that what is officially known as the Youth Service—service to youth outside the home, church and school, I mean—should begin at fifteen, although there are signs that this may be lowered to fourteen. One reason for choosing this particular age is that it is, apparently, thought a good thing to get boys—as you and I are concerned with the training of boys let us call them that—into organisations before they leave school. We could not possibly disagree about the value of recruitment while they are still at school; it is the choice of the age of fifteen, or perhaps fourteen, that puzzles many of us. From the experience of the past fifty years, we know the tremendous value of the training given in voluntary organisations during the formative years between eight and fourteen. If a boy is to be really prepared for the transition from school to work, he needs those years of training. Of course, it is better he should come in at fourteen or fifteen than not at all but, undoubtedly, he will gain more from his membership of an organisation when he leaves school if he has been a member for some years previously.

A few weeks ago, I had a letter about this business from a Scouter and he was of the opinion that the outlook of official encouragement being given to boys to join voluntary organisations at fifteen, or perhaps fourteen, stems in the main from educationalists. This is difficult to understand when one remembers the many members of the teaching profession who are Scouters. They are confirmed believers in the value of the training given in Cub Packs and Scout Troops.

No doubt there will be other pronouncements in the future. Whatever may be said and written, let us hold firm to our belief—which has been confirmed time and time again by experience—that the foundations of good citizenship are best laid during the formative years. By so doing, we build to last.

**A**T the end of November last year, Canon Eric Abbot was installed as the new Dean of Westminster, in succession to Dr. Don to whom we owe so much for his kindness in allowing us to use the Abbey for special Scout Services in the past. It is of interest to recall that the new Dean held warrants as S.M. and as G.S.M. in the City of Westminster before the war, and afterwards he served as a valued member of our Education Advisory Panel whilst Dean of King's College, London. Representatives of the Association attended the Installation Service and were able, on behalf of the Movement, to wish him well in his new sphere.

**I**F you are planning a visit to 25 B.-P. Road during the early part of the year, I suggest you avoid Saturday, March 19th as B.-P.'s Room will not be open to visitors that day. The reason is that a Commissioners' Course will be held there that week-end.

These Courses are open to County and L.A. Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers and to District Scouters, in addition to Commissioners. Details of the remaining three Courses of the 1959-60 series will be found under Notes and News on page 29. There are still some vacancies and application forms may be obtained from the Camp Chief at Gilwell Park.

A. W. HURLL  
Chief Executive Commissioner

## THE GILWELL LETTER

**I**AM sure many readers of this column have noticed the new Rules—one might almost say *the* rules—relating to the Training of Scouters which appear in P.O.R. for the first time, in particular those in Part XIII.

There are two aspects of this development which I want to bring to the notice of you all. (This is not to say that the other rules are unimportant, but they do not affect everybody to quite the same extent.)

First there is Rule 560 (1) "Pre-Warrant Training of Group Scouters other than G.S.M.s as a qualification for the grant of a warrant as a Group Scouter."

At long last we are going to insist (and it is clearly the will of the Movement) that all new Scouters before they receive a warrant must know their technical Scouting up to Second Star in the Cub Section and up to Second Class in all other sections.

I do want it to be clear that no courses are contemplated. The onus for seeing that this training is given is placed firmly on the shoulders of the District Commissioner. It will be his task to see that every new Scouter receives Pre-Warrant Training and that the standard is high.

Clearly, in the larger Districts the D.C. personally is unlikely to be able to do all this himself, and this opens the door wide to provide the opportunity for the experienced Scouter to help the newcomer. This I regard as the very essence of brotherhood worthy of the name. I hope to learn that experienced Scouters—especially those who have been trained to Wood Badge level—really are taking the newcomers under their wings and giving them what my American friends call "the technical know-how."

One immediate result of this will be to enable those of us who are concerned with organised Courses for Scouter Training to plan the courses on the assumption that the Scouters attending the course really have some Scouting skills instead of, as up to now, our having to assume that a high proportion knew almost nothing.

Again, if I may quote my American friends, all this means that "the day of the consecrated incompetent is over."

I would add only this: I have never understood how anyone can have the audacity to try to teach boys things they do not know themselves. The road to boyhood's lost horizons has for too long been charted by blind guides.

**T**HE second Rule I want to comment upon is Rule 560 (4) "The Wood Badge Preliminary Training Course appropriate to his warrant. The aim of every Scouter should be to take this within two years of receiving a warrant."

There is nothing very startling in this and, in fact, in large measure it has already been happening: it is just a matter of exerting a little more pressure and for Commissioners in particular to set an even better example in regard to their own training than the very high standard they have already achieved.

It follows from all this that in future no one, except in very exceptional circumstances, will be admitted to a Part 2 Wood Badge Course unless he has previously been through the appropriate Preliminary Course, and there is a rule about this.

This ought to mean a great many more courses being offered, and I am sure that the Training Teams in the Counties, under the guidance of the County Commissioners, will measure up to the task. Preliminary Training, since it started in 1946, has dealt with more than 65,000 Scouters in Great Britain alone, and as that is more than the total number of Scouters there has clearly been no shortage of applicants! (How ridiculous can statistics become?)

Put in a nutshell: all these developments (for that is what they are; not really changes) indicate to me that the Movement is prepared to accept its responsibilities in trying to offer only the best to the boys we have the privilege of trying to train.

JOHN THURMAN  
Camp Chief

## LUCK OF THE MONTH

**November 17th.** Opening Britain's fifth Outward Bound school as Ashburton, Devon, yesterday, Mr. Heathcoat Amory, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, recalling that when he was a Chief Scout's Commissioner he thought that the Scout Movement was the finest ever devised for boys, said: "The founder of the Outward Bound Trust showed the same stroke of genius as did Lord Baden-Powell in founding the Scout Movement. I look on the Outward Bound schools as the second finest Movement for youth."

**November 18th.** From the Royal United Services Institute Journal (August 1959): "That is why, no doubt, one sees the Army now moving across country in small packets and learning to live like first-class Boy Scouts, though you will not be very popular if you tell them that! Towards the end of the 19th Century Lord Baden-Powell, when commanding his regiment in India, trained his men on precisely those lines. He emphasised the importance of self-reliance, initiative, 'stickability', and fieldcraft. He was 70 years before his time."

**November 20th.** I quote from the chapter "Code of Oral Legislation" from *The Lore and Language of Schoolchildren* (see December issue p. 326):

"Pledges such as the following are commonplace: 'On my honour', 'Honour bright', 'God's honour', 'Scout's honour', 'Crusader's honour' . . . 'Honest truth', 'Honest to God', 'Honest pirate', 'Honest Injun' . . ."

Again: "Scout's, Cub's, Guide's and Brownie's honour, are the only pledges deliberately sown by adults to have taken root, and are sometimes accompanied by a left handshake, or by a salute with the appropriate number of fingers. A Birmingham girl who demanded 'On your Girl Guide's promise; and cut your throat if you lie' seems, however, to have had doubts about the potency of the new pledge."

In their chapter "Partisanship", the *Opies* return to Scouts: "Boys who band themselves together, who wear special uniforms, who march along the street, cannot hope not to attract attention, and should not be surprised if this attention is derisive." After quoting some verses suffered by the Boys' Brigade, the authors continue: "Leslie Paul remembers, before the First World War, a mob of spitting youths round Aldgate jeering:

Here come the Brussel Sprouts,  
The stinking, blinking, louts.

That was in the days when a Troop of boys with bare knees was a novelty. Now, Scouts are a commonplace, but they are still known as "Brussel Sprouts", and the kerbside spectators sing

Here comes the Claygate Scouts,  
The dirty lot of louts,  
With tupanny ha'penny broomsticks

Here come Claygate Scouts.

The Scouts, of course, are fully capable of looking after themselves."

**November 24th.** From the examples of "colloquial Scouting vocabulary" quoted in the October magazine of the 9th Edinburgh I particularly like:

Pleb: Scout below the rank of Second.

Condemned Cow: Condensed or evaporated milk.

Pit: Sleeping bag.

Spon: Milk pudding (!)

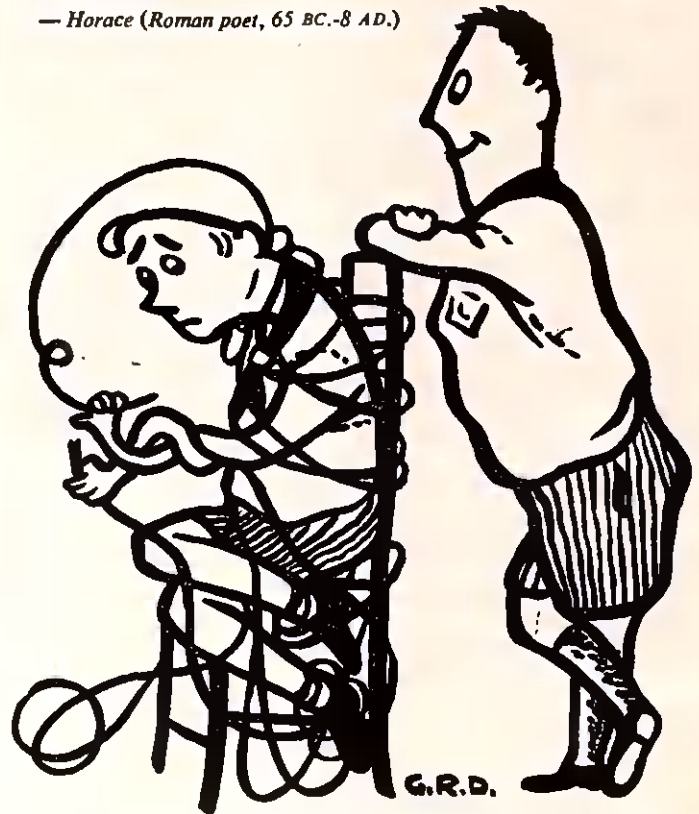
Scouters who keep their ears open might be able to furnish me with others.

**November 28th.**—Koko brought to my notice a quotation from *Absolute Beginners*, by Colin Macinnes (MacGibbon & Kee, 15s.), who kindly allow me to quote from page 64. You may not have come across this novel of a modern teenager, "whose language is jazz and the mood very hip". It is written in the first person:

"Since we're on the subject, and I can't cause any more red faces than I already have, I'd like also to mention that the second great influence of my life was something even more embarrassing, and this is that, believe it or not, I actually was for two whole years a *wolf cub*! Yes—me! Well . . . this is the fable. I got swung into that thing when, like all kids do, I was called up

"*Nec Deus intersit, nisi dignus vindice  
nodus inciderit*".

— Horace (Roman poet, 65 BC.-8 AD.)



"—neither should a God intervene unless a knot befalls worthy of his interference".

for the Sabbath school, and I soon told that Sunday lot it could please take a walk, but somehow got latched on to this wolf cub kick, because it started to fascinate me, for the following reasons. The first week I attended, dragged there by Dad, the old cub master, who I now realise was a terrible old poof, said that he wanted my attendance to be voluntary, not forced, and if after a full month I found they made it so attractive I'd want to come of my own free will, then that would show? I said, sure, yes it would, thinking, naturally, the month would soon pass by, and then they began to teach me a lot of crap I found, even at that age, absolutely useless and ridiculous, like lighting fires with two matches when matches are about the cheapest thing there are to buy, and putting tourniquets on kids' legs for snake bites when there aren't any snakes in London, and anyway, what if they bit kids on the head or other sensitive parts? yet, gradually, all the same, to everyone's astonishment I did actually begin to be a raver for those weekly meetings in the Baptist corrugated-iron temple, because I felt—don't laugh—that for the first time, here was a family; at any rate, a lot, a mob, a clique I could belong to. And though that dreadful old cub master with his awful shorts, and his floppy khaki hat, was queer as a coot and even queerer, he didn't interfere with any of us kids in any way, and actually succeeded in teaching us *morals*—can you believe it? Well—he did! He really did! I can honestly say the only ideas on morals I know anything of, were those that bent old cub master made me believe in, chiefly, I think, because he made us feel that he liked us, all us grubby-kneed little monsters, and cared what happened to us, and didn't *want* anything from us, except that we *look after ourselves* decently in the great big world hereafter. He was the first adult I'd ever met—even including Dad—who didn't come the adult at us—didn't use his strength, and won us over by persuasion."

**December 1st.**—Last evening once more, the Gang Show, vivacious and energetic as youth is, and as gay and lighthearted

and colourful as youth ought to be, opened for its winter fortnight with the winter fog and frost which inevitably seem its companions. (In my Gang Show days we rehearsed through the loveliness of spring and summer and astounded the world in late autumn!)

So once again Ralph can be delighted if not satisfied (not satisfied because I'm sure he never will be!). As for me, I have only two complaints—that Dink Rew didn't have a tune to sing on his own as good (in their different wonderful ways) as "Bing" or "You'll get along very well", and that we hardly heard at all the loveliest tune in this year's show "Who wants to say good-night"!

*December 3rd.*—A colleague has shown me a letter (and allows me to quote from it) which he received after his Group Show had run once again its successful course. The writer, speaking of the show says: "[It] will always remain in my mind as revolving round one character 'The Boy in the Kilt'. And what a fine supporting cast he had. I sincerely hope 'The Boy's' parents did not take too much to heart our thoughtless amusement at his apparent antics until we came to realise his infirmity, confirmed later, that he was quite blind. It was an outstanding performance on his part requiring not only complete understanding from his fellow Cubs, patience from his Cubmasters, but high courage from his parents. I applaud them all: this is the essence of the Brotherhood."

*December 9th.*—Concerning the Gang Show in Chicago and Pittsburgh: in Chicago the *Chicago Tribune* said, "At last they have got away from fire-lighting and the usual antique methods of showing us our younger generation. These boys gave us three hours of laughter and songs that made me long to be young again. What speed, what verve and what training. Their discipline on the huge stage proves what CAN be done with the right training. Go to see this show and you will leave the theatre with a song in your heart".

The *Chicago Sun-Times* said: "I salute the Gang. I raise my hat to Scouting if it can discipline boys to behave as they did last night. The idea came from England so let us thank England for something that no-one here could conceive. I laughed and I had tears in my eyes with the honest sentiment and the complete joy of seeing this much maligned younger generation showing me what Scout Training can do. Three blooming cheers for the Gang".

Echoed again and again.

*December 15th.*—This month's favourite letter:

"Dear editor, Wood you wright'a story about Baflos becouss i am in the Baflos patrol in the 128 Eeast Ham. Lost love."

Bless his heart: We will as soon as we can.

REX HAZLEWOOD

## OUR DISTRICT

By A.D.C.

"I HAVE a sort of feeling," said the D.C., "that the next seven years are going to be vintage years for Scouting, not only in Our District, but throughout the world. Things go in sevens, and I reckon the first seven post-War years were spent on rebuilding, and the next seven on consolidation, with just a steady advance. Now is the time to expand and try out new ideas".

Spanner and I had been with the D.C. to a County committee at Mulchester, and the D.C. had given us a lift back in his car and then invited us into his house for coffee. Spanner, still wearing the long mackintosh that matches his long face, was standing with his back to the fire for fear the D.C. and I, who reclined in deep armchairs, would be overcome by the heat.

"Mere wishful thinking," he said, "the success of the Movement depends, after all, on the quality of the material we have to work with, and the modern boy is poor stuff. He lacks guts. But what else can you expect when he is spoon-fed from the cradle to the grave?"

The D.C. and I happen to rather like the modern boy, but we let it pass.

"So far as Our District is concerned," went on the D.C., "there are plenty of good progressive ideas floating about, but up till now we've just let them go on floating about instead of making an effort to bring them to fruition. Old Hankin, for instance, has his own regular camp-site over at Potters' End, and there's a bit of land adjoining that he suggested in 1957 we might lease as a District camp site. I think a District camp site is absolutely invaluable, particularly for newish Troops. If they make Tenderfoot mistakes on a District camp site, it's all in the family, but if they make similar mistakes camping on private land it can do the Movement permanent harm."

Spanner shook his head.

"When I was D.S.M. at Deadbury," he said, "we tried having a District camp site, but it was a headache from start to finish. The expense was colossal, and the thing was an absolute flop. And I ought to know what I'm talking about, because I acted as honorary warden. I got no co-operation at all."

"Another idea we might follow up," I interjected, "is young Tarbright's scheme for a Senior Scout Club. There's a clubroom at the Community Centre, with a billiard table and table tennis, but it isn't used very much since the Community Youth Club

folded up, and he thinks the Committee would let the Senior Scouts have it for their exclusive use two nights a week if we could provide a reliable Scouter to keep an eye on things. It would mean the L.A. or somebody guaranteeing a regular annual payment to the Community Centre funds, but we could get the money back from the Seniors who used it, if we went about it in a businesslike way."

"Trying to run a Scout Club is absolutely fatal," said Spanner. "We did it at Deadbury, and the Scouts used to play truant from Scout meetings because they preferred billiards. We packed the thing up after three months, and never regretted it."

"Another affair that has always worried me," said the D.C., "is the District Camping Cup. Out of thirty Troops, only two or three enter Patrols each year, and they are nearly always the same Troops, simple fact is that the rules about the make-up of Patrols are too strict for the average Troop, but when anybody suggests revising the rules he is told that we must never lower standards. I agree in theory, but those other twenty-odd Troops would be the better for taking part in even the loosest sort of Patrol camping competition. As it is, the thing is a farce. Let's get down to planning a camping competition, or at any rate a camping week-end, that any decent Troop would be ashamed *not* to take part in. . . ."

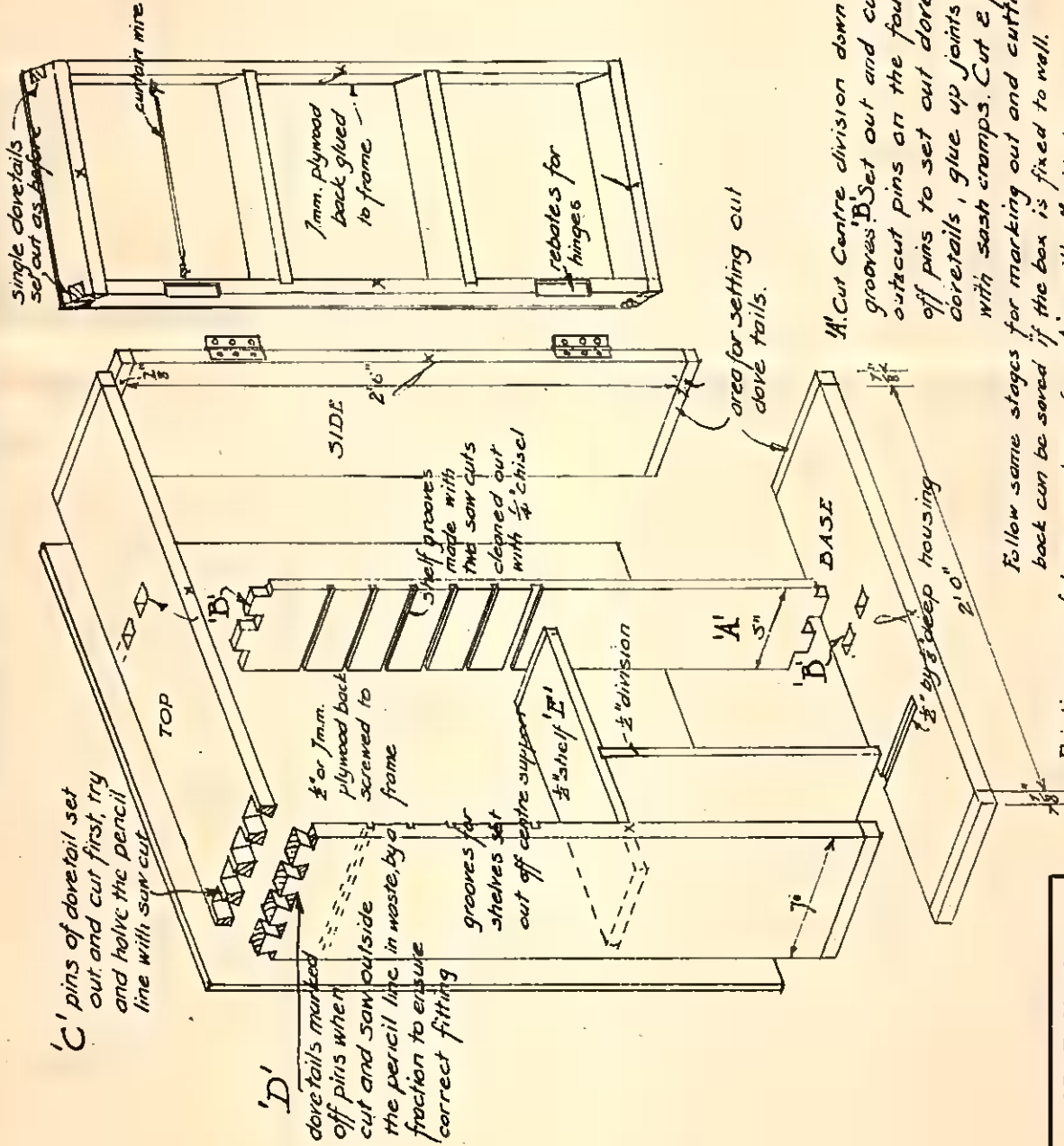
Spanner interrupted him.

"There's nothing new in the idea," he said, "we did it in Deadbury, and as D.S.M. I naturally organised it, so when I tell you that it proved an utter failure, you can take my word for it. To begin with, it's impossible to fix a date to suit everybody, and then there are a lot of Troops connected with Churches who have strictly to limit their week-end camping because the boys are in the choir, or servers or something. Then there's the actual organisation. You can't have individual Troop latrines, for instance, in a camp that size, and the Rovers I booked to dig the latrines didn't turn up . . . they said I'd given them the wrong date, but you know what Rovers are. To my mind. . . ."

Leaning forward to press home his point, Spanner allowed the tail of his mackintosh to come in contact with the flames of the fire, and the next moment he was ablaze.

We rolled him in the hearthrug and smothered the flames, and I think it showed considerable self-control on our part that we did not smother Spanner as well.

PATROL EQUIPMENT BOX



Tools required.—Two foot rule, square, marking gauge, dovetail marker or an adjustable square, tenon saw, 4"  $\frac{1}{8}$ "  $\frac{1}{4}$ " chisels, one to be bevelled, brace and bit  $\frac{1}{8}$ " bit to clear waste from mortises, smoothing plane, 2 sash cramps, or boards and bolts. Cutting list.—Saw 2'0" of 7  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wet softwood. Select straightest and most knot free timber for door frames, mark out so as to avoid knots at dovetails.

TOP & BASE 2'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " each.

SIDES 2'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " each.

CENTRAL DIVISION 2'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

DOOR FRAMES saw two pieces 2'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long cut down with rip saw to 2" wide strips.

Method of working.—Commence by marking out TOP & SIDES & BASE. Select best edge as the "face" edge and mark with X. Top and base measure out 2'0" plus approximately 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " at each end for dovetail joint. Measure out Sides and centre division 2'6" plus 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " at each end for joint.

1. Cut Centre division down to 5" width, set out & cut shelf grooves. B. Set out and cut mortise and tenons. C. Mark out & cut pins on the four sets of dovetails. D. Scribe off pins to set out dovetail, cut & fit. After fitting dovetails, glue up joints with 'Casco' cold water glue, clamp with sash cramps. Cut & fit shelves E.

Follow same stages for marking out and cutting door frames. The cost of the back can be saved if the box is fixed to wall.

Painting, careful preparation of painting will effectively cover up defects in the timber or workmanship. 1st. Thoroughly sand paper. 2nd. Fill holes with "polyfiller" or similar hard stopping 3rd. Paint over knots with "knotting" (shellac). 4th. Prime oil exposed surfaces with either "pink" or aluminium primer. (This prevents the oil out of succeeding coats of paint being drawn into the wood). 5th. Paint two undercoats of oil paint, lightly rubbing down with glass paper between each coat, finish with one coat of glass paint.

E. W. Bestow

GIVE THEM THE TOOLS No. 1

## DEAR EDITOR

### Commendation

DEAR EDITOR,

Whilst I appreciate that it is not customary for Headquarters Commissioners to take advantage of your valuable "Dear Editor" space, I am wondering if I can trespass upon your kindness on this occasion.

My reason for this is because I have been so impressed with the three articles entitled "Rethinking the Senior Scout Programme" which have appeared in your October, November and December editions, that I would like to make a special point of drawing the attention of all the members of our Movement who are interested in the Senior Boy to these articles. They are most sensible, practical and objective, and contain some of the most valuable Senior Scout material—especially on the training and programme aspect—that I have read since the section was formed.

May I be permitted, through THE SCOUTER to commend these articles most strongly, especially to any who may have missed them.

LAURENCE E. STRINGER,  
Headquarters Commissioner for Senior Scouts.

### Where are the experts?

DEAR EDITOR,

For the past month or so I have been working on the plans for a course to cover many aspects of outdoor Scouting. The course is for Seniors and the topics will be instructed to badge standard. Now the average Senior Scout is a perspicacious creature and as such merits the very best instruction that we can provide. Herein lies the problem. Where are the experts?

Where is the man who looking "into the eye of the sun" can read the signs and tell of the lame Scouter carrying a heavy load on his right arm and an egg sandwich in his left hand who stopped here about five minutes ago to rest, standing his burden under yonder tree out of the mud (witness the stiletto heel marks and the cigarette ends).

Where is the man who as a result of his Scout training and not of his National Service can demonstrate a real ability to stalk the wild deer of the forest, effectively making use of natural cover and showing a working knowledge of the art of camouflage.

Where is the man who can recognise the trees of the forest by sight at 100 yards and can split a matchstick with a felling axe.

Please, do not misunderstand my question. I am not saying that every Scouter should be able to do these things, or even that they should be able to do some of them. BUT, surely after fifty years of Scouting there must be some men somewhere who have as boys had their imaginations so fired by the call of the wild that they have followed up the brief introductions which the Scout tests and badges provide and have made themselves truly knowledgeable in these fields.

The same problem made itself apparent at a recent Wood Badge Course which I attended. Tracking was taught round the tracking pit with a Senior Scout taking the part of the "lame man" or the "man with the heavy load". Stalking was similarly taught with a Senior Scout demonstrating walks and crawls, which presumably he had been shown perhaps an hour or so before. This is not meant to be a criticism of the instructors on the course. They have my every sympathy in this respect, for their problem is surely the same as the one facing me at the moment, namely that of having to find persons who can instruct and demonstrate with real authority on a fundamental part of Scout training as a result of their own love and interest in it.

I repeat my question—where are the experts?

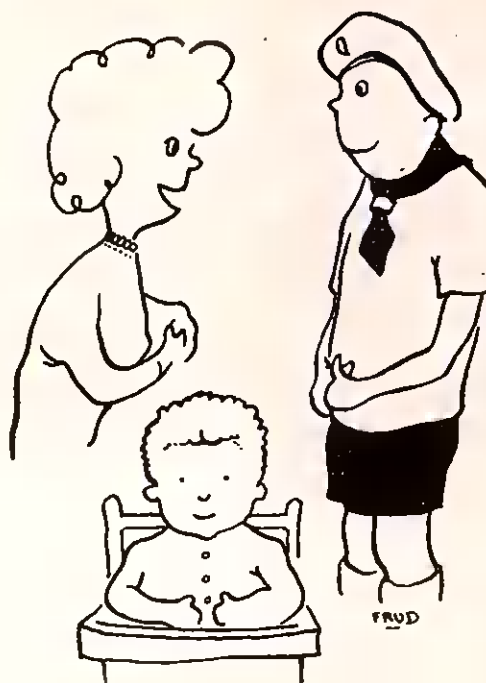
ANDREW G. DICKSON, Secretary for Seniors, Edmonton.

### Camping Days

DEAR EDITOR,

The camping season will soon be with us. May I therefore, as one of the Commissioners in popular camping areas and through the kindness of THE SCOUTER offer to all Troops coming to our districts for their summer camps, the following suggestions.

- (1) Please burn apple, orange, potato and banana peelings, toffee, ice-cream, and newspapers, and everything you possibly can on your fires, or camp incinerator.
- (2) Please burn out all tins, wash out all bottles and ask the farmer's permission for the use of his dustbin to put them in. Do not bury them, as after you have gone, if the foxes, etc., do not dig them up again the farmer will turn them up with his plough, and even if the tins rot the bottles will not, so the result is an abundance of glass on the surface.
- (3) If you include Wide Games, Night Games, etc., in your programme, please check with the farmer whose land you are on as to the boundaries of his farm, so that you do not trespass on another man's land. During and after the game make sure that all gates have been shut *securely* by your lads.
- (4) If swimming is in your programme, please carry it out from beaches specified by the local Commissioner who does know what he is talking about.



"He's just made his first salute!"

(5) Please do as B.-P. said "Leave Nothing" and "Your Thanks" at the end of camp. Cut turf much bigger than the fire you will use, so that fireplaces can be filled in and re-turfed properly, and please return all unused wood to the wood pile or from where you got it in the first place.

(6) Please send your P.C.s in good time to the local Commissioner who is usually a very busy person so that he can plan a visit to your camp whilst you are still there.

All of this has been said before at one time or another, but it must be repeated because of the "few" who still persist in being slack and careless in their camping. During the past five years in our District alone we have lost three good sites completely, and we have two more sites where the owners want a rest from Scout camps, due entirely to downright bad camping. I cannot emphasise strongly enough to all Scouters, and particularly those of the "few", to take sincerely to heart the above suggestions, so that the true wish of Scouts everywhere will be—Good Camping!!

HARRY RUHRMUND, D.C., Penzance.

### Did We Help?

DEAR EDITOR,

In the June edition of THE SCOUTER there was an appeal in the H.Q. Notices to help in the "Keep Britain Tidy" Week-end, August, 1959.

It was not at the August Bank Holiday week-end but a few days later, I was leading a party of Senior Scouts on a mountaineering training expedition in the Cadar Idris area. On reaching the top of Peny Fawer, I was appalled at the amount of litter that had been jettisoned there.

Twelve Senior Scouts, working systematically for half an hour, cleared the area and burnt off the rubbish. Our only thanks (not that we needed any) was from an overdressed, middle-aged woman who remarked about the stupidity of Scouts lighting fires on mountain tops. (Perhaps she was right.)

ERNEST DAVIES,  
A.C.C.(T.), Herefordshire.

### Souvenirs

DEAR EDITOR,

I would be most grateful if you could find out for me through THE SCOUTER, whether there are any Scouters who have among their souvenirs any of the following items that they wish to dispose of:

1. The three poster stamps issued for the 1st World Jamboree at Olympia in 1920.
2. Postcard sent from the 2nd World Jamboree at Copenhagen in 1924.
3. Envelope posted from the 3rd World Jamboree at Arrowe Park in 1929.
4. Envelope sent from the Imperial Jamboree at Wembley in 1924.
5. Envelope sent from the Jamboree at Mount Edgecombe in 1936.

JOHN E. O. HOBBS,  
S.M., 2nd Whitton.



## Porcelain Figures

DEAR EDITOR,

I wonder whether any of your readers will be able to give me further information regarding these two porcelain figures. They were apparently made by Hutschenreuther of Probstzella in the early part of the century, but beyond that I know nothing. The pose of the figures is very like the illustrations in the original copies of *Scouting for Boys*, with the long shoulder knot and knotted scarf. The figures are beautifully modelled and there is great care about the detail.



Can any reader tell me if there are any more in existence, and whether these were made to celebrate any event in Scouting such as the Crystal Palace Rally. I have written to Eastern Germany, but the chances of receiving any reply from there is not very good.

A. W. FLORANCE.

## Farmer Badge

DEAR EDITOR,

Whilst I think that the new badge tests are excellent, I do feel that an alternative is needed to 5(a) of the Farmer which reads—Have spent at least a week on a farm and have worked for at least six hours a day for five days in that week.

It would seem that the rule has been drawn up with town dwelling Scouts in mind, and whereas a farmer's son would have no difficulty in satisfying an examiner on this rule it would not be so with the son of a farm worker living outside the farm. I have Scouts in my Troop living in scattered rural villages, the sons of farm workers, who themselves work on the farm throughout the Spring and Summer months in the evenings after school, doing a great variety of jobs according to the time of year. I have no doubt that by so doing these Scouts are learning far more practically about farming than the urban Scout who lives for one week on a farm and does one full week's work there.

May I suggest that it would encourage many rural Scouts if the words "or have worked part time on a farm for at least three consecutive months" be added after the word "week".

D. GLYN HOPKINS,  
S.M., 11th Ashford (South Secondary School).  
A.D.C., Ashford and District.

## "Working to Rule"

DEAR EDITOR,

At long last, we find longer hikes really being encouraged in the new Badge Rules: Scouts are expected to stay out for even three nights.

Not legally, however, by Rule 337, which is unaltered.

Short-camp permit cards only authorise two-night camps.

Can we have more consistency in the rules? Newcomers to the Movement must feel most disheartened to read the formalities and limitations imposed on adventure by the rule-book.

F. W. ROWSWELL,  
G.S.M., Brentwood School.

## The Challenge of a New Decade

DEAR EDITOR,

Seldom does one find a Deputy C.C. failing to distinguish boys from girls! Though the error does not much detract from the force of his argument, Harold Atkin (SCOUTER, December 1959, p. 323) has got the statistics wrong. The figures he quotes are actually those for boys and girls reaching the age of 15 in Great Britain in the years stated. The number of school leavers of both sexes in 1962 is estimated in the Carr Report as 701,000. The number of boys reaching the age of 15 will be 438,000 in 1961 and 475,000 in 1962 and of these, the Crowther Report expects about 40% to remain at school.

DAVID JACKSON.

## Re-thinking

DEAR EDITOR,

As a "creaking ancient" of rising 39 years, I am afraid that I must profoundly disagree with P.L.(S) Andrew. In the 11 years that I have been connected with Senior Scouting I have yet to come across this mythical Scouter he mentions. The average Scouter(S) in his thirties can make most Seniors look slow—if he so desired—both physically and mentally. The wide game played in this part of the world, and I dare say elsewhere as well, gives every opportunity for Seniors to use to the full their physical and mental powers.

As to thinking, surely a generation of pin-headed, axe swinging Seniors is not for us. "Look Wide" is the motto and that applies to mental as well as physical fields.

In the Troop we are fortunate in having two A.S.M.s(S) and the Seniors are glad of their help. I can only assume that P.L.(S) Andrew has been exceedingly unfortunate with his Scouters, or more than likely, he has allowed himself to be carried away into flights of high-flown hyperbole.

D. G. BAKER,  
S.M.(S), 34th Croydon.

## Scouting Discs

DEAR EDITOR,

Being an enthusiast I have studied the recent correspondence with interest, and can contribute the following additional information:

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| 1. H.M.V. CTPX 2074:<br>Single sided 12 in./78 r.p.m.      | B.-P.'s address to Scouts on his 80th birthday.  |
| 2. H.M.V. CTPX 2075:<br>Single sided 12 in./78 r.p.m.      | B.-P.'s address to Scouters.   |
| 3. Columbia D.40086/87:<br>2 double sided 12 in./78 r.p.m. | Lecture: "Boy Scout Training"—Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Bart., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.B. |

Numbers 1 and 2 above were never generally available to the public being private recordings made by what is now E.M.I. Studios Ltd. These two records can no longer be obtained "new" as the masters of both went "up" when a German bomb came "down" on the H.M.V. Abbey Road Studios during World War II. The first mentioned is no doubt one of B.-P.'s most famous speeches and contains the Scout Promise. Extracts from this record were used on the Nixa Jamboree record: "In my dreams I'm going back to Gilwell" (N.15090).

Number 3 I was able to purchase to order through a local dealer as recently as 1950/51, although the recording must have originally been issued pre-1929 (when B.-P. was created a baron). The lecture was part of a series issued by Columbia on behalf of the International Educational Society. It's not impossible that Columbia may still have a few copies left in their vaults?

I certainly agree with S.M. Doherty's remarks (SCOUTER, December 1959) concerning the issue of "scouting" records in the U.K. In fact, I had a rather lengthy correspondence with the Publicity Dept. at I.H.Q. on the subject a few years ago. Unfortunately we didn't get very far as there are seemingly far more difficulties involved than meet the eye—apart from the rather delicate financial aspect. However, I do still feel that what Dennis Doherty suggests *could* be done—and profitably, in every sense!

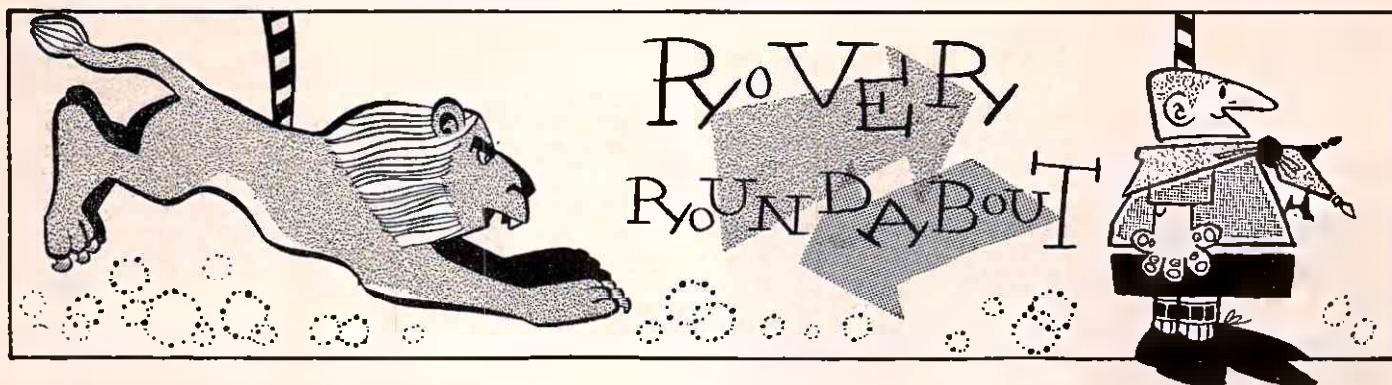
DONALD W. RIVERS,  
A.D.C., Cheadle.

DEAR EDITOR,

One of the finest Scout Gramophone records is Decca M.32010—a record made about the time of the Vogelenzang Jamboree with the 1937 Jamboree Song played by a Dutch Scout Band on one side and "Boys Be Prepared" on the other. If you can get this—it's a winner.

Very rarely we hear "Boys Be Prepared" now—more's the pity.

JACK BARKER,  
Town Commissioner, Swansea.



**T**HE increasing popularity of District and County competitions amongst Crews is, I feel sure, all to the good with Rovering in its present position. The smallness of Crews means that in many cases there is a diffidence about asking folk along to talk to just a handful of fellows, and the programme is often very scrappy in consequence. So no wonder a scheme such as the Essex Rover Quest Competition gets support from Crews whose members are keen.

This year the 3rd Gidea Park have had a go at it again and the five sections meant a good varied programme for quite a few months. A series of questions on Essex meant research and a trip to the County Records Office at Chelmsford—a fair journey from Gidea Park—and provided the majority of the answers. An original object of art has produced individual coats of arms, all keeping strictly to heraldic custom, and of course here again research work was essential, and those painted on paper were framed. I understand the mitre angles produced yet another problem—use a Hobbies mitre block next time, its not too expensive. A job of service was kept in the Movement and the Cub Pack was taken on an outing to London Airport. It sounded as though everybody enjoyed it and who knows it may mean an increase to the Pack staff from the Crew numbers.

A survey on a ten square miles area unknown to the Crew brought them into London, including the City of London, and although some of the Crew travel through it each day to work, it has meant they now know what they are looking at. The last section was a tournament against another Crew and the 21st Leytonstone obliged by pitting their skill at sports and indoor games from sack races to tiddlywinks.

So encourage your Crews to have a go at such projects whenever possible. The length of time spent on such a thing is sufficient to ensure that the usual Group activities need not suffer, but on the other hand it means the last minute rush that all blokes seem to have to make their entries by the closing date—bad planning maybe, but that very often means all hands to the pump and from that angle it really becomes a Crew effort.

**O**NE correspondent writes: "You are always asking for Rover news, so here is a copy of our magazine". You see, one doesn't always ask in vain and it is amazing the interest that can be found in such a publication. They send out 250 copies of each issue and it goes all over the world; a grand link for old boys of a flourishing Group. They are building their own H.Q. and it means money-raising

schemes just all the time and here Rovers can be more than useful.

The 19th Purley (Riddlesdown) are kept hard at it. They boast 9 in the Crew (four Scouters are also Rovers) and some of the Crew have just been up to Yorkshire looking for a camp site. Funnily enough the first Troop camp I attended with my Group was at Riddlesdown, right at the top by a concrete post which marked, if I remember rightly, the highest point in Surrey (above sea level). Many stories are told of this camp at our Group re-unions. I read that 10 Scouters and Rovers (and 5 Scouter-Secretaries—who seemed roped in to do some catering, from my reading) travelled down to the Woodlarks camp site for a weekend job of work. They incidentally were just a part of the whole of Purley Rovers, one of the largest gatherings for years, and the jobs were many and various—painting garages, cutting laurel hedges, creosoting sheds, rehanging doors, jobs indoors such as painting beds, refitting locks to cupboards, and running repairs, cutting down trees, and removing roots, not forgetting the super bonfire. A first-class show with lots of fun thrown in. An idea here for other Districts.

They are also giving advance notice of 1960's Whitsun camp, asking the fellows to remember it is the occasion of the 4th S.E. Counties Rover Moot, this time at Bourley, Hampshire, and the Crew will attend. Other magazines might copy this note.

As a finale they bring to their notice the Blood Transfusion Service, already laid on again. Talking to some London Rovers I find that there are still many who are on call for direct transfusion to the patient at many of our big hospitals and judging from the fellows who go, they look none the worse for their job of service, and they are advised for what purpose they are giving their blood. If there are any offers please write to Frank Burgess, 12, Gambole Road, Tooting, S.W.17, and he will let you have all the gen.



*"And I would point out, Mr. Chairman, that we who wear the yellow plume are human beings the same as everyone else."*

Lastly from Riddlesdown I learn of three new Squires who, having "grown out" of Senior Scouting, are proving that Rover Scouting is just their "cup of tea". A tip for R.S.L.s. Go after the Seniors who drift: they very often are only waiting to be asked or cajoled into your Crew and we can do with them. At a London P.T.C. for Rover Leaders recently we had a long session with one of the Seniors' training team and there is no doubt that at all levels, but more especially in Groups, co-operation is essential if we are to give these chaps the chance of the full Scout training before they take out warrants. Please don't let loose on the Troop and Pack immature Scouters, badly though you

may want them. Use them as part of their Rover service in the instructor sense but don't push them into warrants too early. The training of our younger brothers deserves more than the "pupil teacher" approach and much harm could be done unwittingly that might put a young boy off Scouting for keeps.

**H**OW many times have we heard that the smallness of Crews debars many from Rovering? Now I have news from the 23rd Bristol (2nd Whitchurch), an open Group started March 1957 with a Pack of six and Troop of twelve. In August 1958 they started building their own H.Q. and December that year saw the Crew with two young Scouters as founder members. It is now only four strong, but with a Senior Troop of eight there is a recruiting ground. The three invested members have the Scoutcraft Star and Service Training Star, one the Rambler Badge, another has done the hike part of the badge. The Crew set a standard, to camp once every month, and has done so. They have joined in Rover/Ranger activities, attended a symphony concert, and met other Rovers at a Moot and a Hallowe'en Dinner. The A.R.S.L. who runs the Crew has started his Wood Badge training. They are still building for the other sections, so that the den is only a plan so far. They finish up with "1960 promises to be a busy year, but we aim to finish the H.Q. project aided by a first-class Group Committee, and then be able to get on with a bit more active Scouting." I reckon they are on the right lines and Service performed as a Crew by these chaps I think is just the job for building a great Crew tradition as their numbers grow. As our Aussie brothers say, "Good on yer! Son."

A month or two back your Editor asked through his "Luck of the Month" page for news on Rover Projects as part of the B.-P. Award. He has handed on to me what there was and it wasn't much. (I'm sure you bods can't write.) Anyway from our Riddlesdown Crew (see further up the page) we got: "Printing, St. John Ambulance badge work, and Astronomy (so that instruction might be given)." From Bedford came "The history of the Navigation of the rivers Cam and Ouse", and my old friend Fred Loveless from Plymouth supplied us with a list of the B.-P. Award projects from that Town: "Astronomy—Cycling and its History, Underwater Skin Diving, Study of Apes, History of Famous Battles, Study of Dogs, Civilisation through the ages on Dartmoor, Judo and Church Architecture."

Now your Rovers will want encouraging to make a start on their Project. Show them what has been done and can be done, and tout for ideas; build the project reports into the Crew programme and find speakers on subjects likely to whet their appetites for more knowledge of the subjects dealt with. Don't forget that it's all part of helping a young man to express himself by talking and writing and by starting something on his own and by real effort bringing it to fruition. For goodness sake let us get rid of that well-worn excuse—"but Rovers just don't like badges." Well, they needn't wear them but the job is there to be done, and can be done, as I said before, within the framework of the Crew programme. This is the time, or are New Year resolutions also out of date?

**A** REPORT of the Shropshire and Mid Wales Motor Rally for Rovers and Scouters from Paul Holmes. Well this year it really was for Rovers and Scouters, and of the 15 teams which entered this exciting race over half had at least one Scouter member. It is, however, rather a dis-



Walsall Sea Scouts took a hairpin bend at 40.

On the whole the event was a great success and in 1960 will be run as a combined effort by all the Crews in Shrewsbury thus giving bigger and better competition for bigger and better Rover Crews in the best Scouting manner.

Next Year's Rally will be on the 24th and 25th of September.

**L**ASTLY a job of work for any Rovers who want a change of scenery. A Lakeland Jamboree is to be held from July 29th-August 7th at Calderbridge, Cumberland, near the Atomic Power Station. The organisers want Police, Car Park Attendants, Guides, etc. If they can get a good crowd they aim to organise a two-day hike in the fells, and Ennerdale, Westdale and Eskdale are all within eight miles of the site; sea bathing at Seascale two miles or so away, or the deep pool in the River Calder which runs through the site; and fishing for those piscatorially minded.

The West Cumberland County Scout Council has a permanent site at Ennerdale which will be at the disposal of any Rover or Scout wishing to be in the area either before or after the camp dates, with all that can be offered for fell walking, climbing, woodcraft and nature studies. Canoeing is allowed on the lake by special permission and the Egremont District Crew have that privilege and will share from time to time with visitors. The Crew work on the site; drains, paths, fences and ablutions all claim their attention, and the Oxford University Crew have been up twice a year for the past three years to help out. The Jamboree fee is £3.0.0 which includes a trip out. Other tours are being arranged. Buses run past the camp. The nearest station, Sallafield, is a mile and a half away. Write to Joseph R. Long, Jamboree Camp Organiser, Mountain View, St. Bees, Cumberland, for further details and if you feel like making a trip up there at Easter, there will be a working party for that period and that time of the year is ideal so Joseph tells me. Meals and accommodation free. Take your K.F.S. plate, mug and blankets and the W.V.S. and Scouts will do your cooking for you. Don't be late applying.

This week I went to a Crew to invest a Rover, and to my great joy they also had a recruit from outside the Movement, who took his Tenderfoot test and was invested as a Scout and Squire. How did they get him? He passed by the Group H.Q. whilst the Crew were working, joined in to give a hand, liked the Crew and stopped. His service came first, I shall watch his progress with interest. So you can get them. Why not have a go?

JACK SKILLEN

# PACK NIGHT AGAIN—V

Collected from many Old Wolves

By HAZEL ADDIS

## Lost

One C.I.! Marigold was 16 when she became a Scout. She had never been a Guide, but remarked naively that she thought she was good with boys. She was. She was friends with one of the Seniors and thought she would like to join the same Movement.

So, at 16, she took the Scout Promise and donned a C.I. Badge. And at 16 she had grown tired of her Senior and of Cubbing. She just faded away, without remembering to explain to Akela, and joined a Skiffle Group instead.

Well, if you can't be a butterfly at 16, when can you? But we like the new rule that would-be girl C.I.s must obtain the consent of the A.D.C. (Cubs) and the G.S.M. before they start their probation. And before they take the Promise the D.C. or A.D.C. (Cubs), and G.S.M. as well as the C.M. must be satisfied that they mean to keep it—and not flutter by.

## Questions

"Curiosity is the growing end of the mind."

Here are some questions every Akela should be ready to answer:

"How does a Radio work?"

"How long ought a cricket pitch to be?"

"Why was there a war?"

"What is glass made of? How?"

"What does it feel like to go up in a rocket?"

"Why is a bat called a bat? Which one do you mean?"

"How do birds fly?"

"What does it feel like to die? How do you know?"

"Did you ever go to school?"

## Game

Make up teams of three Cubs, and let them run up in turn to one of the Old Wolves to have a letter drawn on their backs with a finger. Back to sort themselves out and to perform the word, when they have managed to spell it aright: HOP, RUN, SIT or LIE.

Of course you can try such words as SMILE, CHEER, FROWN, if you are blessed with five Cubs who can spell.

## Teachers, note!

After a Kim's game recently, this was a selection of the spelling from the lists which the Cubs wrote: KORK, STON, PENSL, MATSES, BUK, FINBEL and QE.

One of them said that he had remembered scissors but didn't know how to spell them. Bolder spirits had done it: SICERS.

If spelling is really such a handicap, it might be better to have fewer objects to memorise and record verbally. Alternatively, they could draw pictures of them.

## Kim's Variation

As an alternative form of Kim's and a better one in my opinion, use Natural objects: Leaf (one mark and a second for knowing it was a beech), nut (two marks for hazel), blue flower (two marks for Speedwell), seed (two marks for ash), and so on.

## Going Up

At ten and a half they may be ready; at eleven they must be ready; at eleven plus they may be over-ripe and decide not to go up at all.

I visited a Country Pack long, long ago and was greeted by the C.M. with open arms. "If you're a Commissioner perhaps you can help me. I'm having such trouble keeping my older boys. Just when they are getting useful they are taken away from me."

"Who on earth takes them away from you?" I asked, hackles rising.

"The Scoutmaster."

"Oh. But it's your Troop?"

"No, the Pack is mine."

"Yes, but I mean you're all one Group?"

"Yes, nominally, but he's no business to steal all my best Cubs. Couldn't you tell him he mustn't?"

"At what age does he steal them?"

"About 12 and 13. And now he's even taken my Pack Leader, who is 14, and I really can't manage without him after all these years. . . ."

I told you it was a long, long time ago.

## Jungle

One of the most cogent arguments I know in favour of retaining the Jungle background (if you want to argue anything so obvious) is the name "Akela". No-one would like to sacrifice that title in favour of "Madam" or "Captain" or just "Hi!".

## Cub Scouts

American Cub Scouts take this Promise:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, promise to DO MY BEST to do my DUTY TO GOD and my COUNTRY, to BE SQUARE, and to OBEY the Law of the Pack."

And their Handbook explains what it means to "be square" (not the same, presumably, as being a Square): "It means that you are always fair to the other fellow, even when it may not be easy. The Cub Scout treats other people the way he would like them to treat him." As our American friends might say: "They've got something there."

## Pals

Kenneth and Charlie have become bosom friends. Kenneth is a solemn-faced little boy, slow of speech and of thought. You know Charlie, quick and perky as a London sparrow.

One wonders, as one sometimes wonders about married couples, "what they could see in each other". I suppose that is obvious, though: Ken thinks that Charlie is brilliant and Charlie thinks so too. But the really important question is: Will either have any marked effect on the other? And, if so, which?

When they arrived at Pack Meeting the other evening walking backwards and wearing their caps and scarves back to front, I knew that the Charlie influence was winning, and comforted myself by hoping that it might be good for Ken. It's time enough to be solemn when you're forty-nine, not nine. But then I found that Ken was teaching Charlie to talk backwards, too. It didn't make much more or less sense than when Charlie was talking forwards, but at least Ken was making him *think*, which is more than I had ever succeeded in doing.



"For the last time, Willy Brown, you do not address Akela as 'Hiya, babe'."

**Dances**

The Jungle Dance of the Death of Shere Khan was in full swing. Mowgli had killed Shere Khan and had fallen upon the hide, thrown on the Council Rock. He raised up his arms and called out dramatically, "Shere Khan is DEAD!" Immediately the cry was taken up by the Pack. "Dead, DEAD, DEAD" followed by a breathless silence—and then a voice from the background—"And never called me Mother!"

For one Akela this Jungle Dance is now impossible.

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The Dance of Baloo went through a shaky period about a year ago when Akela was asked if they were going to do the Hula Baloo dance that night! This inspired her to art:

The Jungle  
Dance  
of Baloo  
is  
DEAD~



The  
HULA-BALOO  
is here  
instead!

**War Dance**

The hula hoop craze died a natural death and the Pack learned to do the Dance of Baloo like their New Zealand cousins. In fact they became so enthusiastic about this type of War Dance that they now have a repertoire of similar ones, suitable for the theme of the moment. Here is one of them:

The young Indian Brave, Strong Heart, was sent on his test of endurance to find out if he had the qualities required of a Chief of his tribe. He was given six arrows, and, using each of them once only, had to stay away from camp as long as he could, eating only what he could kill with his arrows. Strong Heart had many exciting adventures. On one occasion he bravely faced up to a wild bear and succeeded in killing it. He celebrated by doing an Indian War Dance, whose actions are left to the imagination.

Strong Heart met a bear . . . Grrrrrrr  
Strong Heart faced the bear . . . GRRRRRRR  
Was Strong Heart bearfaced? . . . NO!  
Strong Heart shot the bear . . . Rah  
Strong Heart skinned the bear . . . RAH  
Strong Heart ate the bear . . . Eeeeeee-OW!  
(The pun contained in this chant is lost on Cubs!)

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**New Year Resolutions**

This subject cropped up at our last Seeonee, and I heard the following:

"I shall resolve to keep up the Pack Log. I'm shocking at book work. . . ."

"I'm determined to get a C.I. this year. I shall go on badgering the S.M. until he finds me one. . . ."

"My resolve is to visit parents more often. It does embarrass me, but I know I should. . . ."

Long may they last, but, most of all, I liked this one:

"I resolve to enjoy my Pack Meetings!"

**Mirror**

Have you ever watched your Cubs acting you? Perhaps it's best not to encourage it—but it's quite an eye-opener.

**Charts**

Now that the new Tests and Badges are facts, we must have a new Progress Chart—and quite time too, for our old one is looking tatty.

The Scout Shops will be stocking them of course, but we have always made our own. It's just a matter of deciding which sort: the old squared chart with the Cubs' names down the side and the tests along the top, with bits of coloured paper to stick on; or a ladder for each Cub to climb, with rungs marked off from Tenderpad at the bottom to Tenderfoot at the top.

They'd have to be tall ladders, with so many Proficiency Badges to include, but the result would be challenging.

**Making**

Few people are capable of experiencing such delight in achievement as Cubs.

Billy came to Pack Meeting the other evening, absolutely swelling with pride.

"Akela—look!" Very carefully he deposited at my feet an extraordinary contraption of cardboard and glue and paper and pins.

"It's a Victor Valiant," he breathed. "Isn't it smashing? I MADE IT."

Several other Cubs inspected it, and most of them smirked and moved away, but for a long time Billy crouched over it, crooning like a mother.

**Trail and Error**

Some Old Wolves have to learn the hard way. One records how he was first told about a Wool Trail. All he had to do, he understood, was to give two or three boys some short lengths of wool and instructions to drop one every 100 yards or so, the rest of the Pack following up 5 minutes later.

"Jolly good!" he thought. "We'll play this on the Downs."

The Downs were wide open spaces of grass and bushes, 400 acres of them, and a lot of people were there and a lot of games in progress.

"The boys with the wool were duly instructed," he said, "and we promised not to look for five minutes. This was a pity, for in that time they had completely disappeared. During the next three hours we searched in all the most likely places—including the 'gully', which descends 250 feet to the river—and found exactly one piece of wool.

"Then we cheated by asking other people, and were told that some boys were hiding in 'Fairylnd', a lovely place to hide. Sure enough there they were, waiting very patiently to be found.

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## OUR SENIORS AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY

EVERY September, the 2nd Sudbury Senior Troop appoint a Committee whose task it is to compile the training programme for 12 months, commencing October 1st. When the 1958 Committee completed its task, the Scouters were surprised to find that, for no very special reason, their draft contained the following item:

"June 27th, 1959: Visit to the National Gallery."

When the Programme went through its discussion stages, first with C. of H., and then with Troop in Council, the Scouters were even more surprised that despite a few mild protests, the programme was duly ratified without amendment. However, when the fatal day eventually drew near, true feelings began to emerge; for it seemed that a large number of the Troop, all for very good reasons, would be unable to take part; and when various alternative dates were suggested, it proved quite impossible to find one which suited everybody. The Scouters and P.L.s, however, felt that since the Troop had voted for this item, they must be made to bear the consequences of their vote, and fulfil, if not to the letter, at least the spirit of the original intention. The S.M. therefore suggested throwing the ball back to the Patrols, by compiling a Quiz, based on certain pictures at the National Gallery; and each P.L. was to ensure that as many as possible of his Patrol visited the Gallery, either individually or in groups, at any time during the holiday period; so that answers to the questions could be submitted early in September. While it would be an exaggeration to pretend that this proposal was greeted with wild enthusiasm, it was accepted.

### Pack Night Again—V (continued)

"Hardly a success as a Wool Trail, but it was a very happy afternoon, and one young Old Wolf was learning a bit of sense."

#### Appreciation

After the last Open Day at Gilwell one Cub said that the thing he liked best about Gilwell was the view.

Anyone who has been there will know that he was not being funny, though it may be a surprise when you consider the overhead runways, the games, the slides, the swimming pool, to say nothing of the drinks and ices which are provided.

But I am sure that the magnificent team of Scouters who lay on these attractions will be as glad as I am that the view won first prize in one Cub's eyes.

#### D. Y. B.

Several times lately, when visiting Packs, I have tried a Quiz—and they can be fun if some action is brought into them and funny forfeits have to be paid. I have found that many Cubs, though quite glib with the Promise and Law, don't know what the Cub Motto is, and some don't even know what D.Y.B. and D.O.B. stand for. "It's just a thing you howl," I've been told.

Ours is a fine and comprehensive Motto, and I think we could make more of it, making the Cubs understand that "doing one's best" is not a good excuse for failure, as too often happens; and it doesn't mean having a half-hearted crack at a thing, for being half-hearted is as bad as having one hand in your pocket.

How does anyone—even Old Wolves—know what their best is, anyhow? No-one can tell, until they've tried a bit harder and a bit longer than ever before.

#### Quote

"Our best is bad, nor bears Thy Test,  
"Still, it should be our very best."

(Browning.)

The Quiz, which was duly handed out, had two objectives. The first was to ensure that the Seniors should spend some time wandering round the Gallery looking for specific things in large numbers of pictures. To this end, the first two questions were that they should select three pictures constructed according to golden section proportions; and three pictures containing echo forms. These terms had to be explained of course, since none of the Troop had any special knowledge of, or interest in art. The second objective was to make them examine certain pictures in detail, and to guide their thoughts about these along the right lines. I think I can best illustrate this by quoting parts of two of the questions, and of the Scouts' answers.

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"Question 4. Consider the Agony in the Garden, by Giovanni Bellini. This picture is full of symbolism. What feature in the picture symbolises Christ's freedom of choice, even at this stage; his power to escape, instead of resigning himself to the will of God—'Nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt'."

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*Drake Patrol:* On the side of keeping His Faith there is the angel holding out the Holy Grail. On the other side is the open gate from the Garden, and the sleeping disciples.

"Question 6. Examine the Rout of San Romano by Uccello. This work was painted at a date when the laws of perspective were being discovered, but had not been fully worked out. Do you think that the painting would be a better work of art if it had been painted with completely correct perspective?"

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*Scott Patrol:* We think the painting would not be better if it were in correct perspective, for less important things, like the three horses in the foreground, would overshadow the main subjects. The dead body in the middle foreground, if actual size, would take up too much room; as it is it gives the impression of bodies all over the place, without seeming too obtrusive. The broken lances would hardly be noticed; but enlarged they make a fine contribution to the picture. Uccello has had to cram his main subjects into a very short distance depthwise, giving the idea of confusion."

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I hope that these brief quotations from our Exercise will serve to show how much an untrained observer can find in a great work of art, if given a hint as to what he should look for. The great thing about the exploit, however, was that without exception the Scouts, although unenthusiastic to begin with, found it extremely interesting, and enjoyed doing it. This leads me to wonder whether the idea could be usefully employed by other Troops. One often hears Scouters (S. and R.S.L.s) asking what, if anything, should be done to stimulate an interest in art in their Troops (and Crews); and our experience has certainly been that a Quiz of this kind is far more beneficial than a talk on art, or the usual kind of Gallery visit. I feel sure that a Quiz like ours could be based on the pictures in any of the major Municipal Art Galleries or other Art Collections in the country. Certainly some artistic knowledge on the part of the compiler is necessary; though guide books, and library material such as biographies of artists can often provide useful clues. Failing this, I am sure that in most towns it should be possible to find some art enthusiast who would be willing to help; there are after all, a large number of art teachers scattered throughout the country; and as a last resort, although writing as a Museum official myself I mention this with some reluctance, one could always approach the Curator of one's local Gallery for help. I very much hope that if anyone else does try a scheme like ours, they get as much pleasure out of it as we did.

PETER TRAXTON,

S.M.(S.), 2nd Sudbury

## BOOKS

*Because It Is There*, by George Lowe (Cassell, 21s.).

Those of you who have enjoyed *The Ascent of Everest* and *The Crossing of Antarctica* would wish, I think, to read George Lowe's very personal contribution to these great occasions: his book is a series of footnotes merging into a pleasant uninhibited story. He paints his own word pictures of Hunt, Hillary, Fuchs and their not quite so familiar companions; he is interested in the odd detail; he quotes a letter and his diary: it is an entirely subjective account. As one would expect from this accomplished world-famous mountaineer who is also now (because he was a substitute photographer on Everest and the photographer in the Antarctic) a world famous photographer, there are a generous allowance of very fine photographs. The book is sturdily and well produced and demands your attention. I enjoyed reading it very much: please bring it to the notice particularly of your Senior and Rover Scouts.

R. H.

*Antarctica*, by Frank Debenham (Herbert Jenkins, 25s.).

The author, Professor Debenham, was a young geologist in Scott's ill-fated second expedition to the Antarctic Continent. Since that time he has ventured to the most southerly Land Mass in the world many times and there can be few who are more qualified to write a saga of this strange Continent than he.

This book is written for those who seek in their reading more than entertainment. The many stories of those who over the years have gone forth to conquer—of their successes and failures—are certainly recounted but, in the telling of these stories, Debenham has gone far deeper into the many aspects of their adventures than has any other author I have read on this particular subject. It is a book for the student and for those who wish to delve into the "whys and wherefores"—the Antarctic has been analysed for their benefit. In a Foreword by Sir Vivian Fuchs he states that the book covers a wide field—the history of discovery, the constitution of the Continent, its animal life (and how I enjoyed the chapter on this) the nature of the surrounding ocean and of how man has developed techniques of dealing with the climate, the political future of the Continent and many other facts. It certainly does all this and more.

I recommend this book for the seeker after knowledge and education as well as enjoyment in reading the work of a fine author—and this must surely apply to many of our more technically-minded and deep-thinking Senior Scouts, Rovers and Scouters.

LAURENCE STRINGER.

*The Autumn Road to the Isles*, by "BB", with 65 engravings by Denys Watkins-Pitchford (Nicholas Kaye, 21s.).

It is not everyone who can write so discerningly and so refreshingly as "BB".

Those who know the road to the Isles, which he and his wife (and Ping the Peke) followed in the autumn months of October and November will live again with him the sights and sounds of the countryside and the living creatures which he describes so vividly. And others, if they are nature lovers, must long to see something of this for themselves. Indeed they may feel that they already have done so, for the book is full of the most beautiful engravings.

In these days when crime stories and sophisticated novels face one at every turn it is a change to find pure enjoyment, humour and a true insight into the simple and lasting values of life.

Scouting is an outdoor Movement, and therefore this truly lovely book should appeal to many of its members. Believe me it is not dear at the price, and, if Christmas tokens have already been expended, maybe a birthday looming in the distance will enable some to possess it who might not otherwise find it possible.

BETTY MELVILLE SMITH.

*British Postmark Society Monograph No. 1. Postal Arrangements at The World Scout Jubilee Jamboree.*

It was a great pleasure for me to see a copy of this duplicated production; the information contained in it is further proof of the tremendous "backing up" effort made by all kinds of organisations to ensure the success of our enterprise. Particularly interesting is the very full account of the use of the specially built machine for stamping and cancelling First Day Covers.

Although the production of the Monograph is only on duplicated sheets, it is very readable and well illustrated. It is an essential for anybody making a complete record of the arrangements made for J.I.M. Particularly useful is the separate sale of the sheets of illustrations for those who do not wish to destroy the monograph itself in order to complete their own log books.

Copies may be obtained from C. M. Langston, 84, Allerford Road, London, S.E.6.

K. H. S.



"Dinky" Rew and Sid Palmer with their sons, Christopher and Neil in "our first year".

*Zoo Quest in Paraguay*, by David Attenborough (Lutterworth, 18s.).

*The Man from the Cape*, by Norman Wymer (Evans, 18s.).

Here are two contrasted travel books, the one topically modern, the other portraying greatly different conditions which existed a mere two generations ago.

If it be true that good wine needs no bush to advertise its excellence, then one might say that a book by David Attenborough needs no reviewer to extol its virtues. His firmly established reputation as a travel-writer, broadcaster and animal-collector is strengthened by *Zoo Quest in Paraguay*, in which, in his own lively and humorous style, he tells of the adventures of himself and his colleague during a journey undertaken for B.B.C. Television. They went to Paraguay primarily to look for armadillos, those armour-plated animals which are a strange survival from past geological ages as are the kangaroo and opossum. But the book contains as well many wonderful photographs of other animals and birds which were encountered and stories of how they were captured. Not the least interesting are the accounts of the author's journeys through the South American jungle and the wilderness of the Gran Chaco. Unfortunately the search for the Giant Armadillo proved unsuccessful, but several examples of smaller varieties were secured, in some cases due to the fact that they were found to be ticklish in the "tummy". The story of this wonderful trip makes fascinating reading.

To turn back to the time of the Boer War is to step backwards in history for 60 years. The tremendous difference between then and now is illustrated very vividly in *The Man from the Cape*, which will give modern youth some idea of the enormous changes which have taken place in conditions and in outlook. It tells the life story of Ewart Grogan, who was the first man to make the hazardous trek from the Cape to Cairo. He was born in 1874 into a family which eventually consisted of twenty-one children, and which required two large houses in Kensington for its accommodation and had twelve servants to minister to its wants. Grogan was a pronounced individualist and was sent down from Cambridge for a series of pranks. In 1897, in order to impress his prospective and disappearing father-in-law, he set out to

travel through the largely unknown territory of eastern Central Africa. Accompanied for part of the way by an older friend, he made an incredible journey which took 2½ years during which he covered over 6,000 miles, much of it on foot. He encountered giants, pygmies and cannibals; suffered badly from thirst and hunger; lived at times on raw hippopotamus and once declined the offer of a joint of kippered man; and was troubled with fever and stomach disorders! How Grogan managed to endure and survive these terrible hardships is something we in these modern times might do well to ponder upon. The final chapters of the book are less exciting, and cover the rest of his life as a settler in Kenya. Here again, the outlook of a former age is faithfully described, and whilst this will interest the adult it will be rather less attractive for the less serious-minded boy. But it is a very readable book.

CHARLES WOOD.

*Moonlight at Midday*, by Sally Carrighar (Michael Joseph, 25s.).

The popular conception of an Eskimo is a bundle of furs out of which grins a Mongoloid face. Add to this a background of igloos, a diet of blubber and candles, and a skill at fishing through a hole in the ice and this makes the sum and slightly erroneous total of most persons' knowledge.

It is all the more salutary and fascinating, therefore, to read a study of the Alaskan Eskimo written by an American scientist who brings a trained and perceptive mind to bear on the subject. Miss Carrighar not only deals with the flora, fauna, climate and majestic scenery of Alaska but also with their impact on the Eskimo and how they condition his way of life. She examines his courtship and marriage customs, his family life and racial beliefs, his work and his recreation, his hopes and fears as he attempts to bridge the gulf between his own ancient culture and the impact of Western civilisation [sic].

It must be a strange and humbling experience to visit a so-called "primitive" people and to find them more honest, more industrious, more faithful in marriage relationships, more conscientious as parents, altogether of greater worth and integrity than many of the race whose standards one is hoping to introduce. Time and again throughout the book, a sentence leaps from the page which makes the reader, if he is honest with himself, reassess his own worth and the worth of many of the accepted standards of his world.

It is not a light book to read. It is fair-minded, sober and factual, though with occasional flashes of almost poetic beauty. Indeed, it is a book for the reader with a serious interest in ethnology. There are disturbing passages in which the author criticises the short-sighted policy of the Indian Bureau of the American Government and where she describes the tragic effect on those Eskimos who come into contact with them of such western "benefits" as liquor, gambling and promiscuity. But where the Eskimo still maintains his traditional way of life and the customs and moral codes that have served his people for centuries, he emerges as a noble figure: skilful, courageous, kind.

The rest of the world is a long way away from Alaska. "There", writes Miss Carrighar, "I was filled with a buoyant happiness and a sense of such sweetness, it was as if honey flowed in my veins. This is the way the Eskimos feel every day, I thought. At least, so they act. Is it because of the danger, present in all their lives but most in the lives of the hunters? Danger, if not overwhelmingly great, makes the small events of the day become precious, and kindness rules in relationships."

"Kindness rules in relationships"—a worthy tribute to a noble people.

MARY SMITH.

*When I was a Little Boy*, by Erich Kastner. Illustrated by Horst Lemke.

Translated from the German by Isabel & Florence McHugh (Jonathan Cape, 16s.).

It is quite unnecessary to have read "Emil and the Detectives" or any other Erich Kastner's books in order to enjoy his autobiography. It has the merit to stand by itself. "What we have forgotten is old. The unforgettable was yesterday" writes the author and his record of Dresden fifty years ago is as fresh and enchanting as if he were indeed writing of 1959. More enchanting, in fact, for the Dresden he loved no longer exists. "In one single night and with a single movement of its hand the Second World War wiped it off the map." But to the little Erich born in 1899 this was all in the unforeseeable future and the things that loom large in his eyes are his formidable horse-dealing Uncles, the 3rd floor flat at 48 Königsbrücker Strasse and the weight of the leather shopping-bag the child used to carry up the stairs; Richard Naumann, who was his enemy from pram days throughout boy-hood; the lodgers; the Gymnasium, his stage-struck friend, Hilda Gans; his mild, unbusiness-like Father—a craftsman defeated by his own skill; his hairdresser Mother's customers.

But throughout the story, delineated with a candour that indicates great love, moves the figure of the writer's Mother, Frau Ida Amalia Kastner, whose aim in life was to be the best mother in the world, even though it meant sacrificing her marriage in the cause.

Yes, an enchanting book, as sensitive as a young child's mind.

MARY SMITH.

## THE WORLD CENSUS

Scouters will be interested to see how many members of the Movement there are in different countries.

The following figures are taken from a table prepared for the International Conference in New Delhi in August, 1959.

"Ratio to population" in Column 3 means that there is one Scout to every so many of the whole population of the country (e.g. in Argentina there is one Scout to every 3,048 of the population, whereas in Australia there is one to every 76·5).

Country	Total census 1958	Ratio to Population 1958
Argentina	6,578	3,048
Armenians	2,165	—
Australia	130,632	76·5
Austria	14,812	472
Belgium	60,700	147
Bolivia	595	6,706
Brazil	11,426	5,250
Burma	13,889	1,368
Canada	255,993	67·5
Ceylon	13,119	620
Chile	9,678	710
China-Taiwan	15,216	507
Colombia	2,250	5,776
Costa Rica	620	1,613
Cuba	5,232	1,171
Denmark	45,724	99
Dominican Rep.	1,880	1,436
Finland	34,039	128
France	164,781	267
Germany	100,935	495
Britain, U.K. only	569,503	90
Greece	43,328	188
Guatemala	1,137	2,456
Haiti	1,683	1,850
Iceland	2,230	75
India	505,980	714
Indonesia	235,117	340
Iran	18,847	1,003
Iraq	7,864	831
Ireland	1,900	1525
Israel	10,959	180
Italy	33,158	1,679
Japan	71,279	1,291
Jordan	5,225	268
Korea	10,763	2,000
Kuwait	1,931	106
Lebanon	4,554	314
Libya	2,100	535
Liechtenstein	304	49
Luxembourg	3,673	85
Malaya	41,363	152
Mexico	7,538	3,826
Netherlands	78,979	140
New Zealand	50,460	45
Nicaragua	602	2,037
Norway	26,026	135
Pakistan	133,101	612
Panama Rep.	685	1,402
Peru	1,652	6,180
Philippines	211,228	104
Portugal	6,179	1,496
Salvador	274	8,758
South Africa	33,181	396
Sudan	3,901	2,630
Sweden	66,164	111
Switzerland	39,096	132
Thailand	59,030	386
Tunisia	21,000	181
Turkey	45,044	535
U.A.R.—Egypt	30,220	750
Syria	17,900	204
U.S.A.	4,950,885	35·5
Uruguay	801	3,745
Venezuela	4,165	1,450
Viet-Nam	3,100	4,032
	8,254,373	



# THE PRESENT SITUATION OF BOOKS ON SCOUTING

By The General Editor

**W**E ourselves publish nowadays (a 1927 dream of B.-P.'s come true) a fair number of our Scouting books—as many indeed as our limited capital allows. Others are published (traditionally) for us, by Messrs. C. Arthur Pearson (now part of the Odhams Press empire) and by Messrs. Brown, Son & Ferguson of Glasgow.

The revision of our Charter, and the revision of our tests and badges has meant the revision of our Scouting literature. This revision was hampered by the printers' strike of last summer. It was, therefore, thought to be of value if the present state (and future hopes) of the books that are your ever-patient helpers and inspirers (and they never answer back!) were made evident. It must never be forgotten that our Movement began because boys and men read a book . . .

## List A. Books which have been revised and are on sale:

Scoutmaster's Guide from A to Z  
First Aid and Ambulance Work  
Duty to God in the Wolf Cub Pack  
Scout's Book of Rules

### Scouter's Books Series:

1. 100 Ideas for Troop Meetings
  5. It's Troop Night Again (more ideas for Troop Meetings)
  11. You and I.H.Q.
  12. Some Training Ideas for Scouts
- Wolf Cub Tests  
Gateway to all the Scout Tests  
First Steps in Scouting

## List B. Books requiring revision not yet on sale in revised form with forecast approximate date of publication where possible:

- How to get your Second Class Badge in 20 weeks (January)  
Scouts' Own (March)  
How to run a Troop (Gilcraft)  
How to run a Pack (Gilcraft)  
The Wolf Cub's Handbook (March)  
The Wolf Cub's Handbook (Presentation Edition) (March)  
The Cub Book  
Gilcraft's Tenderfoot Book (March)  
Gilcraft's Second Class Book (March)  
Gilcraft's First Class Book (March)  
Camping Standards  
The Patrol Leader's Handbook  
Running a Scout Group  
Running a Senior Scout Troop (February)  
Wolf Cub Books:
2. Artist and Handicraft (January)
  4. First Aider Badge (February)
  5. Collector and Signaller (February)
  6. House Orderly and Gardener (January)
  8. Guide and Observer (January)
  11. Way to the Stars (1st Star) (January)
  12. Way to the Stars (2nd Star) (February)

### Patrol Books:

17. Backwoods Cooking
18. Uniforms and Badges of the World First Class Test (February)

### Badge Tests and How to Pass Them

(This series is necessarily being largely rewritten and regrouped and renumbered and as far as can be seen at the moment Nos. 1 to 19 will be as shown below. The MSS. of these Nos. 1 to 19 are already

with Messrs. Brown, Son & Ferguson, who hope that some titles will be ready when this is published. But details will appear month by month in The Scouter (and The Scout) as they (and others) become available, and as other titles are organised.)

1. Oarsman and Helmsman
2. Music Maker, Musician, Bookman, Reader, Speaker, Orator, Linguist, Interpreter, and Scribe
3. Cave Explorer, Rock Climber and Mountaineer
4. Swimmer, Master Swimmer, Life Saver, Rescuer, Signaller, Leading Signaller, Designer and Artist
5. Backwoodsman, Pioneer, Senior Pioneer, Forester
6. Coxswain and Pilot
7. Air Mechanic, Air Glider and Glider Pilot
8. Basket Maker, Bookbinder, Joiner, Printer, Metal Worker, Leather Worker and Handicraft
9. Observer, Stalker, Tracker, Woodcraftsman and Naturalist
10. Boatswain's Mate, Boatswain, Canoeist and Master Canoeist
11. Starman and Astronomer
12. Jobman, Handyman, Gardener and Horticulturist
13. Bellringer and Senior Bellringer
14. Weatherman, Meteorologist, Air Spotter and Air Observer
15. First Aid, Ambulance and Air Apprentice
16. Missioner and Public Health
17. Athlete, Master-at-Arms, Rope-spinner and Marksman
18. Electrician, Mechanic, Cyclist, Despatch Rider, Cook and Master Cook
19. World Friendship

## List C. Books not requiring revision and still available.

Letters to a Rover  
Letters to a Patrol Leader  
Gilwell Camp Fire Book  
Pioneering (Gilcraft)  
Knotting (Gilcraft)  
Sea Scouting (Gilcraft)  
Indoor Games for Scouts (Gilcraft)  
Outdoor Games for Scouts (Gilcraft)  
Games for Cubs (Gilcraft)  
Wolf Cubs (Gilcraft)

## Pioneering Projects

Fun with Ropes and Spars  
Running a Troop  
Games for the Handicapped  
Make and Do the Woodcraft Way  
Woodcraft Wisdom  
The Camp Fire Leader's Book  
Camping Abroad  
God and the Open Scout Group  
Look Wide  
Mid Moor and Mountain  
Over 15  
Scout Camps: A Book for Scouters  
Surveying and Mapping  
Wolf Cub Books:

1. The Bran Tub
3. Cubs Beyond our Shores
7. Outdoor Treasure Hunt
9. Modelling for Cubs
10. Cyclist Badge

### Patrol Books:

1. Patrol Activities
4. 400 Ideas for Patrol Leaders
5. The Patrol Goes to Camp
8. Signalling for Scouts
9. Training in Observation
10. Keeping a Log Book
11. The First Class Journey
12. The Patrol Year
13. The Scout's Book of Gilwell
14. The Scout's Quiz Book
15. More Patrol Activities
16. Patrol Corners and Dens
19. Our Founder
20. Your Movement
21. Pioneering for the Patrol
22. Patrol Meeting Blueprints
23. The Scouts' Cook Book

### The Scouter's Books:

2. The Court of Honour
3. The Man and the Boy
4. 100 Ideas for Pack Meetings
6. Special Pack Meetings
7. Handicrafts for All
8. 100 Ideas for Outdoor Pack Meetings
9. 100 Ideas for Crew Meetings
10. 100 Ideas for Senior Scouts
13. Jungle Lore
14. Pack Holidays
15. Cub Camping
16. The Patrol System

## List D

Scouting for Boys (available but has not been revised pending a decision on future policy).

(see over page)

REGISTERS AND RECORDS

- List A (see previous page)  
 Six Progress Chart and Refills  
 Cub's Own Record Card  
 Two Star Test Cards  
 Enrolment Cards, Coloured (with the new Chief Scout's signature)  
 Scout-Ink  
 Cub Membership Card, C.I.  
 Scout Membership Card, B.I.  
 Senior Scout Membership Card, S.I.  
 Cub Register Cards, C.3.  
 Scout Register Cards, B.3.  
 Senior Scout Register Cards, S.3.  
 Patrol Progress Cards, B.6.  
 Troop Wall Charts, B.7.

- List B (see previous page)  
 Wall Charts "Scouting in Pictures" (March)  
 Wall Charts "Cubbing in Pictures" (March)  
 Boy Scout Membership Cards (Contex) (January)  
 Wolf Cub Membership Cards (Contex) (January)  
 Second Class Test Cards (January)  
 Pack Register, Tawatin (end of January)  
 Pack Register, Canab (end of January)

- List C (see previous page)  
 Tenderfoot Test Cards  
 Tenderpad Test-Cards

R.H.



"You've got the Weatherman Badge . . . .  
do something!"

THE INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CLUB

THE CLUB exists to promote personal international friendships, a wider knowledge of the World Brotherhood of Scouts and a better appreciation of other people and other lands. It provides a centre where Scouts, Rovers and Scouters from abroad or in the services can make contact with Scouting wherever there are branches. There are two branches of the Club at present, one in London and the other in Manchester.

The London branch of the Club meets on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 p.m. in the hall of St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square, S.W.1., which is very close to I.H.Q. and Victoria Station. The main feature of each evening's programme until the middle of May, when the Club starts its summer programme, is as follows:

January	5th	Ringling in the New Year; a return visit by the handbell ringers of St. Mary's Church, Ealing.
"	12th	World Scouting—Past, Present and Future; Robin Gold, International Commissioner.
"	19th	Scouting in New Zealand; an illustrated talk by J. F. Colquhoun, O.B.E.
"	26th	Burns Night; a celebration of this Scottish national occasion.
February	2nd	Entertaining the Handicapped; Donald Burt.
"	9th	Adventure in Spain; Father Kevin Horsey, O.S.B., D.C. for Ealing.
"	16th	How Parliament Works; Harry Hind, M.P.
"	23rd	Public Relations in Scouting; Geoffrey Young, Public Relations Controller at Selfridges.
March	1st	International Camp Fire.
"	8th	Wigs, Gowns and Ceremonies in the Courts; Walter Raeburn, Q.C.
"	15th	Scouting as I see it; Melville Balsillie, Deputy C.C. for Hertfordshire and part author of <i>Mid Moor and Mountain</i> .

March	22nd	The Festival of the Passover; The Rev. Sidney Gold.
"	29th	The 10th World Jamboree; Laurence Stringer, leader of the U.K. contingent.
April	5th	A London Evening.
"	12th	Tuesday in Holy Week; The Rev. Basil Carver.
"	19th	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award; Col. V. A. J. Heald, D.S.O., M.C., Assistant Secretary of the Award.
"	26th	The Dominion Sea Scout Cruise; Jim Parnell, a Club member from New Zealand.
May	3rd	May-time Dancing; a visit from the International Folk Dance Society.
"	7th	ANNUAL CLUB DINNER.
"	10th	The Order of St. John of Jerusalem; Maj.-Gen. J. M. Kirkman, C.B., C.B.E., Commissioner-in-Chief of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.
"	17th	Annual General Meeting.

In addition there are games, a gramophone, a tape recorder and so on available. Refreshments are obtainable from 6.30 p.m.

Any "Scout" over 17 or member of the B.-P. Scout Guild or the International Fellowship of former Scouts and Guides is welcome to become a member, details of which will be supplied by The Secretary of the Club, 17, The Crescent, Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire. Special arrangements exist for Scouts under 17 years of age who are interested in the objects of the Club.

Those living within travelling distance of Manchester who would like further details of the programme and membership of that branch are invited to contact the Secretary of the branch, 8, Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester, 10. The Manchester branch meets on Mondays at 8 p.m. at the International Club, 64, George Street, Manchester.

## NOTES AND NEWS



Henry Walter Bothamley, December 14th, 1959. A.S.M. 1910, S.M. 1911, Hon. Sec. Bromley L.A., 1912, D.S.M. 1913; Commissioned in Army 1914-1919, S.M. 1919-1926, D.C. 1926, Hon. County Secretary, Sussex, 1934-47. Awarded Medal of Merit 1929, Bar to the Medal of Merit 1936 and the Silver Wolf in 1947. For several years, Honorary "Official Critic" of *The Scouter* at the Editor's request. A dedicated follower of B.-P. since the earliest days.

## JANUARY PHOTOGRAPHS

This month's cover of a Basingstoke Air Scout parachute handling is by R. B. Herbert.

The photographs on pages 10 and 11 are by Tom Samson.

## C.C.P.R.

Readers may like to know that details of the 1960 Spring and Summer Courses, and Coaching Holidays, arranged by the Central Council of Physical Recreation are now available. Full details may be obtained by sending a 9 in. by 6 in. 4d. stamped addressed envelope to: The General Secretary, C.C.P.R., 6 Bedford Square, W.C.1.

## PIONEER BADGE

An article on Block and Tackle generally and the Handy Billy in particular appears in *The Scout* of January 16th. Extra copies of this issue can be obtained from the Editor (9d. including postage).

## AN APPEAL FOR HELP

Can anyone join a party of a dozen disabled young people who are hoping to have a holiday in Brunnau on Lake Lucerne, Switzerland from June 15th-30th? Both male and female helpers between the ages of about twenty and thirty are urgently needed and young married couples would be specially welcome. The cost will be about £35 including some organised excursions, but financial assistance may be available if necessary. Please write to Miss E. C. Osborn, 62, Link Lane, Wallington, Surrey.

## SCOUT GLIDING COURSES—1960

A total of six Scout Gliding Courses are planned for 1960. Four courses will be held at the Lasham Gliding Centre, Nr. Alton, Hants. Two courses will be held at the Sutton Bank Gliding Site, Nr. Thirsk, Yorks.

The dates for the Lasham Courses are as follows:—

Saturday April 23rd to Saturday April 30th

Saturday June 11th to Saturday June 18th

Saturday August 20th to Saturday August 27th

Saturday August 27th to Saturday September 3rd

The Sutton Bank Courses will be:—

Saturday August 20th to Saturday August 27th

Saturday August 27th to Saturday September 3rd

The course in June will be reserved for Scouters, but the remainder are open to all Scouts over the age of fourteen. The course fee will be £9 and will include all flying charges, food and insurance.

Further information and application forms can be obtained from the Training Department at I.H.Q.

## "THE SCOUT"

Posters, large and small, specimen copies of the magazine and order forms are available on application to The Editor at I.H.Q. Why not have some for your A.G.M. or Parents' Evening?

## DELTA'S QUIZ COMPETITION

You are reminded that all entries should be in the Editor's hands by January 31st.

## SCOUT SKIN-DIVING TRAINING CAMP

A Scout skin-diving training camp will be held at Buckmore Park Scout Camp, Chatham, Kent, during the week-end of February 20th and 21st, 1960. A heated swimming pool is available.

Emphasis will be on training Scouters, Rovers, and older Scouts to instruct their own members. Full details will be sent to those applying to: Surgeon Lt. Commander Wyndham Davies, R.N., 36, Seymour Street, London, W.1. Numbers will be limited so early application is essential.

## COMMISSIONERS' COURSES, 1960

No. 121.	February 20-21	Nr. Salisbury, Wiltshire
No. 122.	March 3-4 (Mid-week)	Gilwell Park
No. 123.	March 19-20	I.H.Q.

## SONG FOR SCOUT SHOWS

Mr. T. J. Gahagan, 41, Burstow Road, Wimbledon, London, S.W.20. has a patriotic song of his called "Come on Britain" and he is willing to send a manuscript copy to any Group who would like to include it in their Group Show.

## THE GANG SHOW

Quotations from the critics of four "nationals":

**THE STAR:**—"As usual it is packed with rousing choruses, catchy tunes and witty lyrics, put over with all the gusto and enthusiasm of a youthful cast who enjoy the fun just as much as the audience." (Exactly!—the more its a stage-and-audience-all-one-family show the better it always is.)

**THE EVENING NEWS:**—"This 27th Gang Show, with a cast of talented Scouts, is a three-hour feast of comedy, song and slapstick." (Something in fact for all tastes and all ages: it must be remembered that Ralph has to cater for Cub as well as Commissioner.)

**THE TIMES:**—"Mr. Ralph Reader continues to uphold the grand tradition of English theatrical extravaganza. . . . Few producers are his equal at manoeuvring enormous numbers on the stage at once or building numbers to a climax, and many fail to extract anything like the unanimity and attack from professional dancers which he produces on his eager amateurs."

**THE GUARDIAN:**—" . . . the simple, breezy air of enjoyment which streams over the footlights here seems more attractive than ever. The show is fast, hearty and often very funny . . . it is at once fresh and familiar and so well put together that you forget that it is amateur in the sense that no performer gets any reward out of it but the fun of doing it for the sake of the Movement."

## I.H.Q. SPEAKERS VISITS IN FEBRUARY, 1960

6th	North-West London Scouters' Get-Together	L. E. Stringer
10th	East London Commemoration Service	Henry J. G. Collis
15th	Oxford University Scout and Guide Club	Charles G. Wood
20th	London Senior Scout Get-Together	Chief Scout
20th/21st	South Yorkshire Cub Scouters' Conference	Mrs. H. I. Addis
27th	Roland House Re-union	Sir Rob Lockhart
27th/28th	West Sussex Area Senior Scout Week-end	Lt.-Col. R. M. Gold
27th/28th	North Wales Scouters' Conference	L. E. Stringer

## CLIMBING COURSES

Climbing Courses to be held at the International Scout Chalet, Kandersteg, 1960.

No. 38 Course July 10th-20th.

No. 39 Course August 28th-September 7th.

Cost, including full board and lodging in club huts S. Fr. 135—for lodging at the Scout Chalet, S. Fr. 125—for lodging with own camping equipment. Admission open to Scouters, Rover Scouts and Scouts over the age of 16 years.

## NATIONAL SOAP BOX DERBY 1960

The National Soap Box Derby will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, 1960, at New Brighton, Wallasey, Cheshire.

This year a Scout Group entitled to enter in the Championship Class will have two chances of winning trophies, for the Group may also enter a car in the Novice Class, providing work on the Novice car is done by Scouts who have not previously built a racer.

Rule Books and entry forms are now ready and may be obtained on payment of 2/6d. (to cover cost of production) from the Organiser, Soap Box Derby, The Boy Scouts Association, 25, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

## CENTRAL AFRICAN JAMBOREE

The Deputy Chief Scout Commissioner of Northern Rhodesia, Cedric Dibden, has pointed out that our article in the July/August issue about the Central African Jamboree gave the erroneous impression that it was the first. Actually it is the second, the first being held in 1952 at Nkana when General Sir John Shea represented Lord Rowellan.

# WOOD BADGE COURSES 1960

*Courses are open to Scouters, persons holding office in a County Scout Council or Local Association, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary; Chaplains and Service Auxiliaries.*

## Gilwell Park

**Cub Courses:** Minimum age of entry nineteen years.

- 168. Monday, March 14th-Saturday, March 19th, 1960 (Indoor).
- 169. Monday, May 16th-Saturday, May 21st, 1960.
- 170. Monday, June 20th-Saturday, June 25th, 1960.
- 171. Monday, July 11th-Saturday, July 16th, 1960.
- 172. Monday, August 8th-Saturday, August 13th, 1960.
- 173. Monday, August 22nd-Saturday, August 27th, 1960.
- 174. Monday, September 19th-Saturday, September 24th, 1960.

**Scout Courses:** Minimum age of entry nineteen years.

- 279. Saturday, April 2nd-Sunday, April 10th, 1960.
- 280. Saturday, May 21st-Sunday, May 29th, 1960.
- 281. Saturday, June 11th-Sunday, June 19th, 1960.
- 282. Saturday, July 2nd-Sunday, July 10th, 1960.
- 283. Saturday, July 16th-Sunday, July 24th, 1960.
- 284. Saturday, August 13th-Sunday, August 21st, 1960.
- 285. Saturday, September 10th-Sunday, September 18th, 1960.

**Senior Scout Courses:** Minimum age of entry twenty-one years.

- 5. Saturday, May 7th-Sunday, May 15th, 1960.
- 6. Saturday, July 30th-Sunday, August 7th, 1960.

**Rover Course:** Minimum age of entry twenty-one years.

- 21. Monday, July 11th-Saturday, July 16th, 1960.

Application for all the above courses should be made to The Camp Chief, Gilwell Park, Chingford, E.4.

## Scotland (Fordell)

- Cub, 3 W.E. May 21st-22nd, 28th-29th, June 4th-5th.
- Cub, Cont. July 11th-16th.
- Cub, Cont. August 1st-6th.
- Scout, 4 W.E. April 23rd-24th, 30th-May 1st, 7th-8th, 13th-15th. (assembles Friday evening May 13th)
- Scout, mid-week May 3rd-5th, 10th-12th.
- Scout, Cont. July 2nd-10th.
- Scout, Cont. July 23rd-31st.
- Rover, 3 W.E. September 3rd-4th, 10th-11th, 16th-18th. (assembles Friday evening September 16th).

## (Rowallan)

- Cub, 3 W.E. May 21st-22nd, 28th-29th, June 4th-5th

## (Templars Park)

- Cub, 3 W.E. August 27th-28th, September 3rd-4th, 10th-11th.
- Apply: Scottish Headquarters, 44, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, 2.

## Berkshire and Oxfordshire (Youlbury)

- Cub, 3 W.E. June 11th-12th, 18th-19th, 25-26th.
- Apply: Mrs. Preston, "Linden", Bath Road, Maidenhead.

## Birmingham (Yorks Wood)

- Cub, 3 W.E. June 18th-19th, 25th-26th, July 2nd-3rd.
- Apply: J. W. Hawtin, 31, Gillott Road, Birmingham, 16.
- Scout, 4 W.E. April 30th-May 1st, 14th-15th, 28th-29th, June 11th-12th (alternate week-ends).
- Apply: C. Raeburn, 36, Innage Road, Birmingham, 31.
- Snr. Scout, 1 W.E. July 10th-11th (this course is supplementary to Scout Course above).
- Apply: C. Dodds, 69, Steel Road, Birmingham, 31.

## Buckinghamshire (Chesham Bois)

- Scout, 3 W.E. April 29th-May 1st, 6th-8th, 20-22nd (assembles Friday evenings).
- Apply: F. W. E. King, Rexview, Chesham Bois.

## (Princes Risborough)

- Cub, 2 W.E. September 30th-October 2nd, 7th-9th (assembles Friday evenings).
- Apply: F. W. E. King, Rexview, Chesham Bois.

## Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk (Old Lakenham Hall)

- Cub, Cont. June 3rd-6th.
- Apply: W. J. England, Old Lakenham Hall, Mansfield Lane, Norwich.

## Cheshire West (Overchurch)

- Scout, 5 W.E. May 21st-22nd, 28th-29th, June 11th-12th, 18th-19th, July 2nd-3rd (omits Whitsun W.E.)
- Apply: J. P. Hindley, 10, Warwick Drive, West Kirby, Wirral, Cheshire.

## Durham (Brancepeth)

- Cub, 3 W.E. June 11th-12th, 18th-19th, 25th-26th.
- Apply: A. Knox, 242, Park Road, West Hartlepool.
- Scout, 5 W.E. May 7th-8th, 14th-15th, 21st-22nd, 28th-29th, June 11th-12th (omits Whitsun W.E.)
- Apply: C. Rogers, Woodcroft, Sea View Park, Whitburn.

## Hertfordshire (Well End)

- Cub, 3 W.E. June 11th-12th, 25-26th, July 1st-3rd (Friday evening 1st July).
- Apply: D. G. Turner, 4, Batchwood Gardens, St. Albans.

## Kent (Buckmore Park)

- Cub, 3 W.E. May 7th-8th, 14th-15th, 21st-22nd.
- Apply: Miss I. Wigger, 10, The Square, Riverhead.
- Scout, 3 W.E. April 9th-10th, 15th (evening)-18th, 23rd-24th.
- Apply: F. J. Peters, 54, Prestfields, Rochester.

## (Knole Park, Sevenoaks)

- Scout, Cont. August 6th-13th (concurrent with Kent County Jamborette. Candidates may bring Troops to Jamborette. Troops will be supervised during Course).
- Apply: E. R. Bindloss, Smythe House, London Road, Tonbridge.

## Lancashire N.E. (Huntroyde Park) with N.E. Lancashire

- Cub, 3 W.E. May 7th-8th, 14th-15th, 21st-22nd.
- Apply: Mrs. Haslewood, 15, Whitecroft View, Baxenden, Accrington.

## Lancashire N.W. (Waddecar) with N.E. Lancashire

- Scout, 3 W.E. May 28th-29th, June 3rd-6th, 18th-19th (includes Whitsun W.E.) (assembles Friday evening, June 3rd).
- Apply: H. Moon, 71, Collins Road, Bamber Bridge, Preston.

## Leicestershire (Ullesthorpe)

- Cub, Whit. W.E. June 3rd-7th (assembles Friday evening).
- Apply: Mrs. E. Pye, 4, Cowper Road, Burbage, nr. Hinckley.

## Liverpool and S.W. Lancashire (Bispham Hall)

- Cub, 3 W.E. June 18th-19th, 25th-26th, July 2nd-3rd.
- Apply: Peers Walmsley, 52, Halsall Road, Birkdale, Southport.
- Scout, 4 W.E. May 14th-15th, 21st-22nd, 28th-29th, June 4th-6th (includes Whitsun W.E.)
- Apply: Frank Y. Molyneux, 33, Oxford Road, Bootle, 20.

## London (Gilwell Park)

- Cub, 3 W.E. May 21st-22nd, 28th-29th, June 4th-6th.
  - Cub, 3 W.E. June 25th-26th, July 2nd-3rd, 9th-10th.
  - Scout, 3 W.E. April 16th-18th, 23rd-24th, 30th-May 1st, (commence Saturday mornings).
  - Scout, 5 W.E. September 10th-11th, 17th-18th, 24-25th, October 1st-2nd, 8th-9th.
- Apply: The Secretary, London County H.Q., 3, Cromwell Place, London, S.W.7.

## Manchester, S.E. Lancashire, East Cheshire (Ryecroft)

- Cub, 3 W.E. July 1st-3rd, 9th-10th, 15th-17th (assembles Friday evening on first and last W.E.)
- Apply: P. Davis, 5, Berkeley Close, Offerton, Stockport.
- Scout, 5 W.E. April 23rd-24th, 30th-May 1st, 7th-8th, 14th-15th, 21st-22nd.
- Apply: S. C. East, Lynton Park Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire.
- Scout, Cont. July 30th-Aug. 6th.
- Apply: K. Hume, 9, Russell Ave., High Lane, Stockport.

## Middlesex (Elstree)

- Cub, 3 W.E. April 30th-May 1st, 7-8th, 14th-15th.
- Apply: S. W. Findell, 66, Elers Road, W.13.
- Scout, 3 W.E. June 10th-12th, 17th-19th, 24th-26th (assembles Friday evenings).
- Apply: F. E. Blewett, Tanglewood, Broken Gate Lane, Redhill, Denham, Bucks.
- Rover, 3 W.E. September 24th-25th, October 1st-2nd, 8th-9th.
- Apply: J. D. Wheatland, Greenways, The Drive, Banstead, Surrey.

## Northamptonshire (Thrapston)

- Cub, 3 W.E. (indoor) March 5th-6th, 19th-20th, April 2nd-3rd, (alternate W.E.s).
- Apply: Martyn Lamb, 117, Headlands, Kettering.

## Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk (Shrubland Park, Ipswich)

- Scout, 3 W.E. May 28th-29th, June 11th-12th, 24th-26th.
- Apply: Cyril Whitehead, 92, Westerfield Road, Ipswich.

## Surrey (Bentley Copse)

- Cub, 2 W.E. May 28th-29th, June 3rd-6th, (assembles on Friday evening June 3rd).
- Apply: F. D. Mann, 15, Goston Gardens, Thornton Heath.
- Scout, 3 W.E. June 24th-26th, July 1st-3rd, 8th-10th (commences Friday evenings).
- Apply: P. A. Neville, 12, Grove Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.

## Wiltshire (The Manor House, West Lavington)

- Cub, Cont. June 3rd-7th.
- Apply: Miss P. Baily, "Boyers", Monkton Combe, Bath.

## Central Yorkshire (Bradley Wood)

- Cub, 2 W.E. May 28th-29th, June 4th-7th (Whitsun W.E.)
- Apply: Miss G. Barker, 17, Victoria Mount, Horsforth, nr. Leeds.
- Scout, 4 W.E. September 3rd-4th, 10th-11th, 17th-18th, 24th-25th.
- Apply: J. E. Wilcox, "Grinkle Dene", College Farm Lane, Linton, nr. Wetherby.

## North Wales (Colwyn)

- Scout, Cont. April 23rd-May 1st.
- Apply: T. E. W. Browne, H.M.S. Conway, Llanfair P.G., Anglesey.

## S.E. Wales (Cardiff)

- Cub, 3 W.E. (indoor) March 5th-6th, 12th-13th, 26th-27th.
- Apply: C. Cory, The Grange, St. Bride's-Super-Ely, Glam. (Miskin)
- Scout, 4 W.E. April 30th-May 1st, 7th-8th, 21st-22nd, 28th-29th.
- Apply: C. Cory, The Grange, St. Bride's-Super-Ely, Glam.

# HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

## CHIEF SCOUT'S COMMISSIONERS

The Chief Scout has re-appointed the following as Chief Scout's Commissioners:

The Rt. Hon. D. Heathcoat Amory, P.C., B.A., M.P.  
 The Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell  
 T. G. Bincham  
 J. F. Colquhoun, O.B.E.  
 Capt. Sir Henry Digby-Beste, C.I.E., O.B.E., R.I.N. (Retd.)  
 The Rev. Canon A. S. Giles, C.B., C.B.E.  
 Sir Henry Holland, Kt., C.I.E., M.B.  
 W. Kyle, D.S.C.  
 Ralph Reader, C.B.E.  
 General Sir John Shea, G.C.B., K.C.M.G.; D.S.O.  
 Colonel J. S. Wilson, C.M.G., O.B.E.

## PRESENTATION OF QUEEN'S SCOUT CERTIFICATES, 1960

The Chief Scout will hold three receptions for Queen's Scouts during 1960, as follows:

May 14th-15th	Gilwell Park
October 1st-2nd	Bristol
November 19th-20th	London

At the reception in May the Royal Certificates will be presented by Chief Scout's Commissioners and Headquarters Commissioners in the presence of the Chief Scout. The Chief Scout will be at Gilwell Park for the whole of the week-end.

The receptions in October and November will be limited to 200 Queen's Scouts and no applications will be accepted once this figure has been reached.

When the Queen's Scout Badges are issued to Badge Secretaries by the Equipment Department, each badge is accompanied by a prepaid postcard asking for details of the recipient's name, address, rank and Group, and whether he will be attending a Chief Scout's Reception. Should there, for any reason, be a delay in obtaining the card a letter will suffice. The name of the Queen's Scout should be written clearly in block capitals as otherwise the name may be inscribed incorrectly on the Royal Certificate.

The completed card should be sent to I.H.Q. as soon as possible and applications must be received by April 9th for the May Reception, by September 12th for the October Reception and by October 17th for the November Reception. It will be appreciated if the card is sent to I.H.Q. as soon as it has been completed.

If the Queen's Scout is unable to attend, the Certificate will be completed and sent to his County Commissioner, who will arrange for its presentation locally. In order that the Queen's Scouts may avail themselves of the opportunity of attending one of the Chief Scout's Receptions, Local Associations and Group Committees might consider the possibility of helping with the cost of travelling.

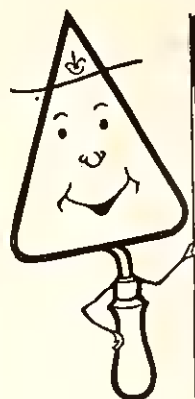
Detailed arrangements will be sent to the Queen's Scouts direct at least 14 days before the Reception. It is regretted that no arrangements can be made for Scouters or parents to attend. Some of the Queen's Scouts will have joined the Rover Crew or become Scouters before the reception, but they will be welcome to attend and receive their Royal Certificate.

C. C. GOODHIND,  
*Administrative Secretary*

## COOKING COMPETITION

(Sponsored by *The Scout* and Coca-Cola Export Corporation)

Details of how to enter for this National Competition, to be held at Gilwell Park during the week-end, June 11/12th, will appear in *The Scout* in the issue of February 5th, and details of menus and the programme for the whole week-end during March. Will your Troop be represented at this historic and interesting week-end?



## NEWS of B-P HOUSE

Well, building is well on the go now and I am sure you would like to know of some of the Scouts who have promised to build and/or furnish rooms in the House: Essex County is providing the Quiet Room; British Scouts in Western Europe, a Committee Room; Scotland, the Common Room; Scouts of the Bahamas and Jamaica are each providing a bedroom; Surrey and Kent, dormitories. Other rooms and furniture are being provided by Soke of Peterborough, West Yorkshire, South Staffordshire, Norfolk, Hampshire, N.E. Lancashire, Derbyshire, Somerset, Suffolk, S.E. Lancashire, Middlesex, Lanarkshire and the Scout Council of Wales. Cardiff N.E. Association and Clacton-on-Sea have each endowed a bed. This represents about £32,000 received or promised. We await a lot more offers to—The Secretary, Baden-Powell Memorial Fund, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

T/I. TROWEL

## CLASSIFIED

### COMING EVENTS

The 33rd and 52nd Epping Forest South Boy Scout Groups present their Tenth Annual Scout Show at the Sir James Hawkey Hall, Woodford Green, Essex, from Tuesday, February 16th, to Saturday, February 20th, at 7.30 p.m. Matinee Saturday, 20th, at 3 p.m. Seats 7s. 6d., 5s., 4s., 3s., all bookable. Box Office: Mrs. J. Foulds, 40 Grenville Gardens, Woodford Green, Essex. Tel.: BUCKHURST 6639.  
 3rd Kenton Rover Crew invite members of the Movement and their friends to enter for their Ninth Navigational Nocturne (Car Rally) on Saturday, 20th February, at 6 p.m. Entry forms from D. Morrow-Thomas, 18 Wood Grange Avenue, Kenton, Harrow, Middx. Entry 1/- per wheel.

128th Bristol (St. Gabriels) Gang Show "George Wills Hall", Barton Hill Road, February 25th-27th, 7.30 p.m. All seats bookable 3/- and 2/-. Apply Mr. L. M. Dyer, 40 Robertson Road, Eastville, Bristol, 5.

2nd Leek Scout Show—Town Hall, Leek, Staffs., 7.15 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 26th/27th February. Guest artistes from London Gang Show and Stoke-on-Trent Screamingline. Tickets 6/- to 2/6d. available 1st February from Downes's Travel Bureau, Leek, Staffs.

Blaydon Rover/Ranger/Senior Scout Conference, February 27th-28th. Details from Miss K. Fairlamb, 14 Holmside Avenue, Dunston, Gateshead, 11, Durham.

Wolverhampton Rover/Ranger Conference, 5th/6th March. Application forms available 1st February. Closing date 21st February. S.A.E. to Miss D. C. Timmins, Keepers Lodge, Plantation Lane, Himley, Dudley, Worcs.

The Three Counties Gang-Show 1960 (East Cheshire, Manchester, South East Lancashire): March 21st-26th at 7 p.m., matinee 26th at 2.30 p.m., at the Manchester Hippodrome. Whatever you miss, don't let it be this! Booking forms from The Secretary, Room 8, 16/18 Queen Street, Manchester, 2.

"Our Show—1960". 1st Chesham Bois Scouts present their Annual Revue, written by Ralph Reader, at Pioneer Hall, Bois Lane, Chesham Bois, Bucks., for nine nights—Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, March 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st, April 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th, 9th. Seats 4/-, 4/6, 2/6. Order forms from Mr. G. King, Rexview, Bois Lane, Chesham Bois, Bucks.

Four Inns Walking Competition, March 25th-27th. Again the 51st Derby California Rover Crew challenge all brother Rovers to a "foot slog". For further details write—Four Inns, 639 Osmaston Road, Derby (S.A.E. please). Closing date for entries March 1st.

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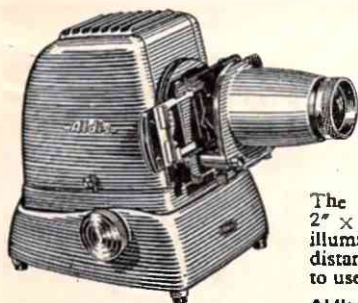
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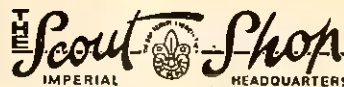
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