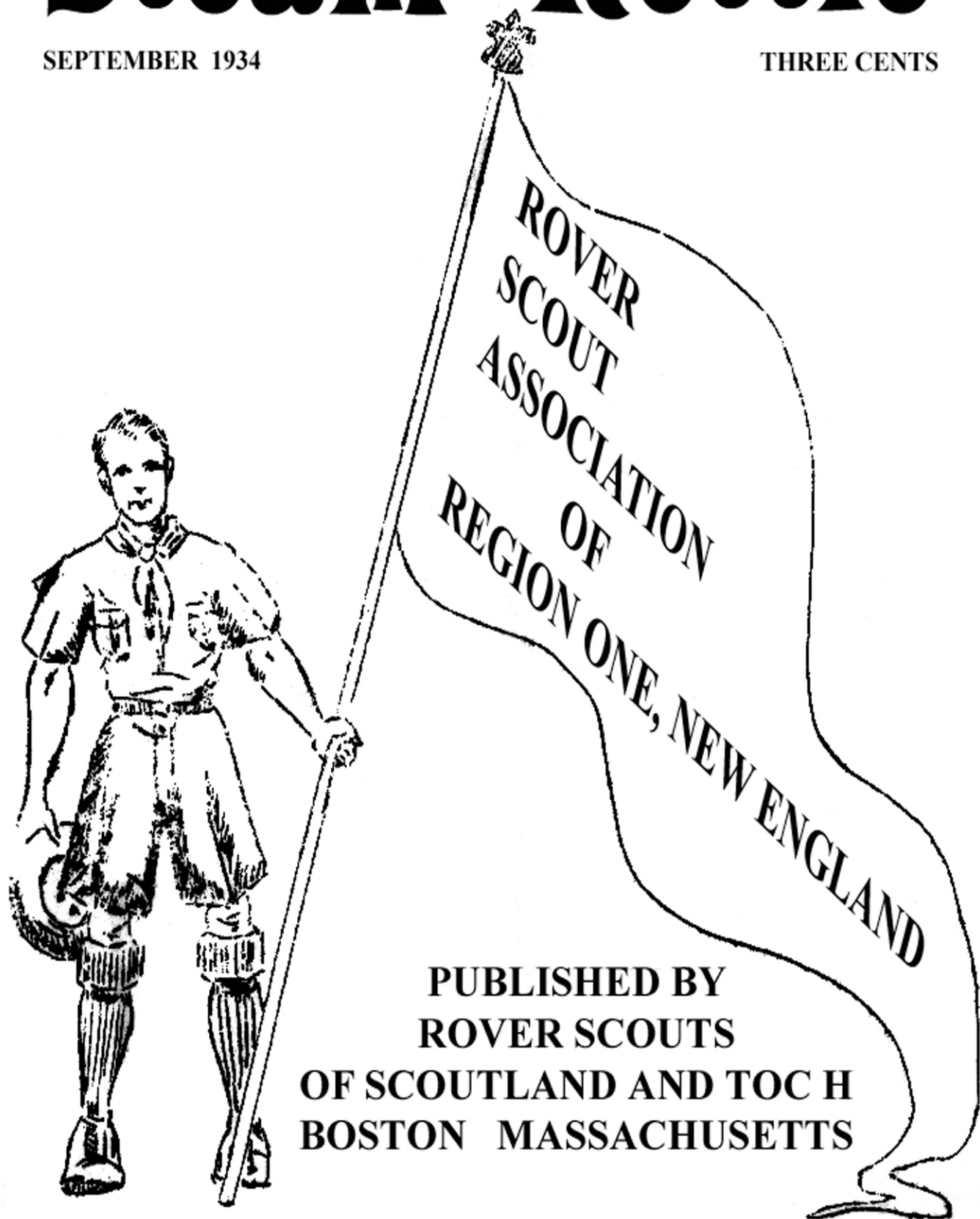


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The STEAM KETTLE aims to have hot water up to its neck while it sings merrily all the time. The fuel for its fire is provided by Robert S. Hale as chief offender, aided by Rover Scouts of TOC H and Scoutland and others who aim to enjoy themselves by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

Its contents boil over irregularly and may be procured at the Scoutland Trading Post, at TOC H, and at the Roston Council Scout Office, at three cents per copy. By mail five cents per copy, 50 cents a year. Reduced prices for several copies at one mailing.

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

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

THE EDITORS.

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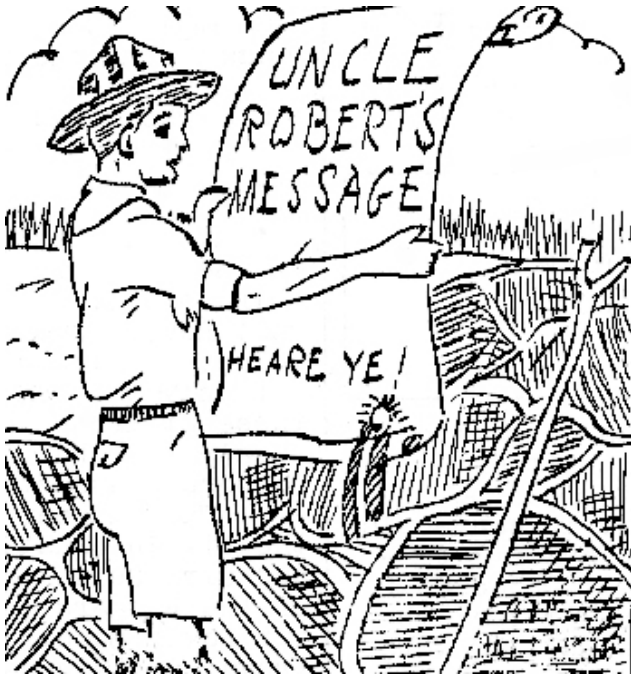
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Dear Brother Scouts:

The STEAM KETTLE boils over irregularly and usually plans for about ten issues a year. We were going to skip September, but instead are preparing this for the formation meeting of the Association for mutual enjoyment of the Rovers of the New England States.

The STEAM KETTLE hopes to be able to cooperate with the new Association as it has tried to cooperate with and help those interested in Rovering, who do not succeed in getting all the information they want from Headquarters, and we have offered the committee to supply six pages of each issue for the use of the Association in presenting either its own ideas or other ideas for the information of its members.

We are very glad to see that the new Association intends, for the present at

least, to exercise no legislative or administrative functions which will have the double advantage of reducing any temptation itself to develop either the Dumb Dora or Jehovah complex, and increasing its opportunities for doing its duty and helping others.

In the mean time the STEAM KETTLE will continue its policy of friendly relations with all and entangling alliances with none, and plans for its next issue, a letter by the chairman of the New England camping committee about Scoutland, a letter from a Dutch R.S.L. about a camping trip in the Pyrenees and about his crew in Amsterdam, a letter two or three years old from a Belgian leader which we think well worth repeating. We hope soon to have the official announcement that the International Bureau has approved Rovering in the USA, since the New England Rovers prefer to cooperate with the Authorities, just as the patriots of New England preferred to remain loyal to King George up to only a few years before 1776. we also have a fine article about rules from a leader of a Troop that we understand succeeds in having one of the best cabins at Scoutland with no rules of its own, though anybody at Scoutland can make for himself all the rules he wants and chooses to enforce on himself, and any Scout body or group that had at Scoutland a cabin and campsite that it owns and controls (so far as making and enforcing rules are concerned) can for that site and for its

own members make and enforce rules to its heart's content. This leader although I think he admits and is proud of the fact that he does his duty and helps others because he like to and not because he is afraid of punishment, either here or in Hell (whatever Hell is) yet thinks somebody else than himself should make rules to be enforced by somebody else than himself.

Very likely he is right, but the STEAM KETTLE refuses to decide. The STEAM KETTLE wants its readers (including any Authorities to decide for themselves.

We have also asked the New Pioneer for an article, since recently the Communist Youth paper condemned a Scoutmaster (and presumably the Scout Movement) for telling a Scout that it would be very wrong for him to take part in Communistic activities before he understood what the ideals of Communists were and also telling him that it was nowadays just as wrong to read Communistic literature as it used to be considered wrong to translate the Bible into English.

We also intend to have our usual fables, parables and stories though we confess to being afraid of Mrs. Grundy, like the two soldiers who lay side by side under fire, one pallid, the other telling a smutty story. Said the one who was not pallid and shaking, "Hum, you're afraid." To which the answer was, "Yes, I am, and if you were anywhere as near as afraid as I am, you'd run away."

But our chief aim in getting out this short issue is to suggest that the new Association, by cooperation of its members with each other and the local, regional, national, and international Authorities, ought to be able to spread information about what good fun Rovering is, much better than the STEAM KETTLE has been, or will be able to do, without

cooperation.

The STEAM KETTLE will remain independent without cooperation unless it can find cooperation that does not destroy its independence since to cooperate without remaining independent is merely slavery.

But the STEAM KETTLE both offers and asks independent cooperation. We try to give you ideas and hope that you don't get from others though we make no claim that our ideas are original. We just pass them along whether we agree or not, preferably not.

We ask that you will send us your ideas, send us controversial articles, from which all may learn. And we don't mind praise. We enjoy very heartily being praised, but if we agree with an article and think most readers already agree, that is not what we want.

And finally the STEAM KETTLE would accomplish nothing without readers.

We intend never to criticise or blame any person by name, and if those who think that they are expected to put a cap on themselves when it fits, don't like to cooperate, that is their business.

But we would like as many Rovers and others, who think the idea of getting, and helping, Rovers and others, to think for themselves and not be Dumb Doras nor have the Jehovah complex, is worth while, to help us by subscribing and telling their friends and buy extra copies for distribution.

We assume that the regular monthly meetings on the Wednesday evening after the middle of the month Toc H, 50 the Fenway, will continue, unless and until the new Association shall arrange something better, and that all interested in Rovering will welcome, whether or not invested Rovers. Supper (fifty cents)

at 6:30 if notice given. Meeting at eight.
Next meeting 17th October, and 21st
November.

Uniform not obligatory but expected
from those who do not find it
inconvenient.

Yours in Scouting
Robert S. Hale

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