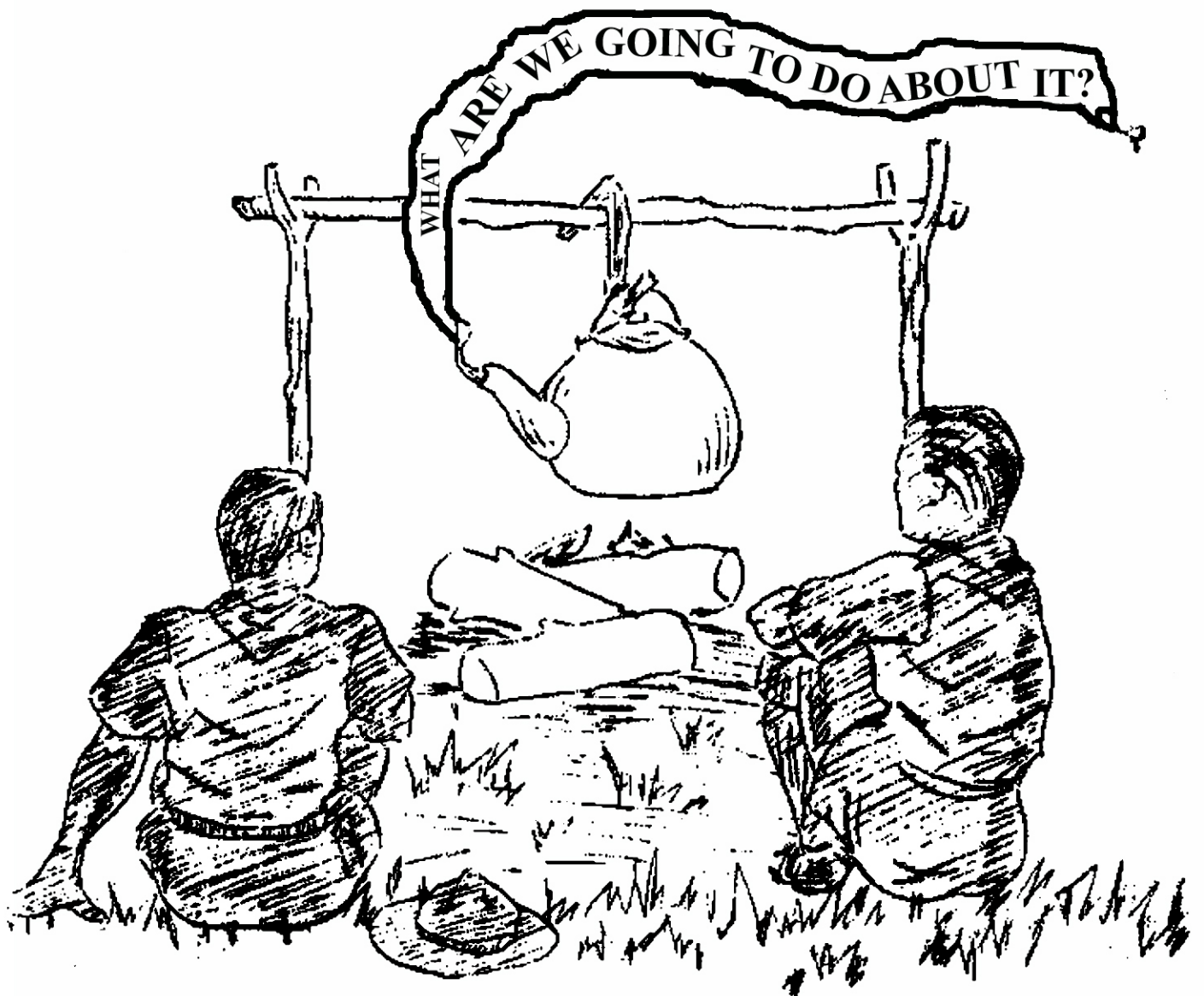


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THE EDITORS.

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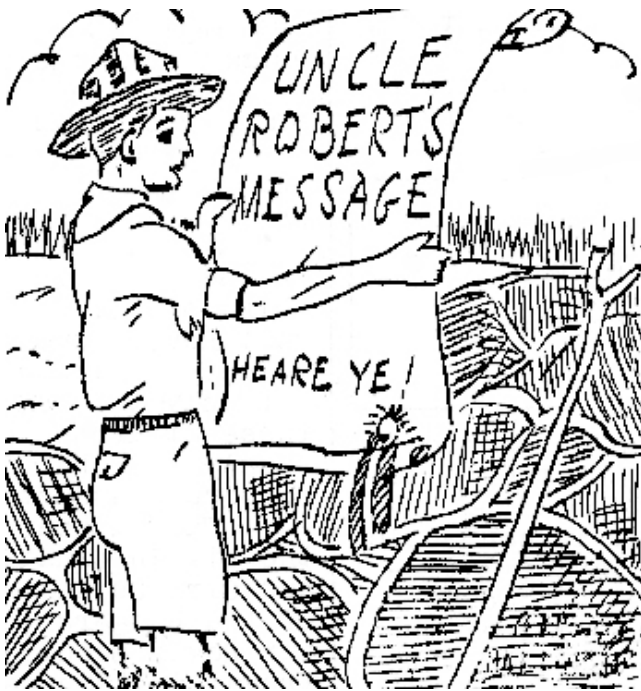
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Dear Brother Scouts:

Perhaps I ought to apologize to you for saying so much about using Your Own Minds, Standing On Your Own Feet, and Paddling Your Own Canoes, and I do apologize to those who feel that I am just repeating the obvious, and I do apologize to those who have firmly made up their minds not to use their own minds any more, to those who prefer to be Dumb Doras like an automatic machine that won't function until someone pushes a button, or like a phonograph that repeats only what it hears.

I apologize to the latter, but if they will use their own minds in order to refuse to think, the STEAM KETTLE won't have done them any harm while I hope that some of them may change their mind.

I realize that the Pharaoh began to understand Moses and when Caiaphas and Anna had to judge Jesus, and when the Supreme Court of later days heard of the heresies Bruno and Galilea were introducing they had an awful shock, but even in those days, those who did not want to use their own minds were allowed to keep on believing, what they were told by Authorities who had the power to punish for unbelief.

I don't object, and if I did object, it would not do any good, to having a Rover believe that he really wants to believe nor do I object to a Rover taking on faith what he wants to take on faith. I myself have never been round the world, and believe it is round only because I have been told so.

Likewise I believe in Einstein's theory of Gravitation rather than Newton's, and than that of Aristotle, merely because I have read it in books, and I believe in the square roots of negative quantities, though I have never seen or touched one.

Likewise I believe in rainbows, though I know that no one ever sees the rainbows that I see, and that I never see the rainbows other people see, even though the rainbows I see in so close to the rainbow the next man sees that we speak of it as the same rainbow. Again I believe in ghosts such as Pepper's ghost who takes the part of Hamlet's father in the play, though again I know that my neighbour at the theatre will see his ghost through a glass a little different position from the ghost I shall see.

I believe there is a city called Moscow though I have never seen it, and I believe in most things of faith, and because I have read or heard someone tell about them.

But I attempt to choose my own beliefs and if some old priest should come to life again and tell me that Zeus was the only true God and not Jupiter, I should make up my own mind whether to believe him or not.

In the same way, if I should be asked to lie or steal or murder by someone, I intend to make up my own mind, whether or not he wears an office's uniform like the tailor of Kopernik, or is an insane King of England like George III or an official of the alphabet.

I have found that making up my own mind as to whom to believe and trust, and making my own mind what to take on faith, and what to investigate, has not interfered with my playing on teams and taking part in service to the community, and being, I trust, a good citizen. However, I don't claim that I have never made any mistakes nor do I claim that I shall never make mistakes in the future.

I understand, I think, the frame of mind of the Authority that is so convinced that he is right that he objects to hearing the other side and who is so convinced that he is right that he wants his subjects to hear only that he has censored and edited for them.

When a dictator really owns his subjects as a manufacturer owns a lot of phonographs he feels that it is all wrong for the STEAM KETTLE to talk to the phonograph and that his duty is to keep his mind a blank until his owner gets ready to put ideas into his head, then it is against the Rules for him to register as a Rover Scout, since he is surely not yet an adult, and if he feels it is his duty to keep his mind a blank until he hears from the

Authorities then he should Do his Best to do his Duty until he acquires as mind of his own.

The same way for a boy or any man. If he has been brought up by those whom he has found trustworthy such as his parents and his Scoutmaster, with the idea that he should not use his own mind, and then someone with a Scoutmaster's uniform or any kind of uniform comes along and tells him it is still his duty to lie and steal and murder and let himself be perverted, should we blame the boy or man, who has been educated not to use his own mind?

Or should we blame the Authorities in a position of trust who have educated the boy or man to let himself be perverted by an Authority?

I find that the position that a good many Authorities take is that the boy or man shall use his own mind, so long as he does so to agree with them, and believe what they tell him to believe, and does what they tell him to do.

Of course when an Authority has fully made up his mind that he is Right and that everybody Else should agree with him it is very natural for him to feel that he is justified in committing all the crimes of the Decalogue and perhaps those that have been added to the statute book by the brain trust, as well as justified in running a censorship in order to make people happy against their will.

But since so many, in fact most of the Authorities, mean well, I intend not to get into trouble by naming those who I think have the Jehovah complex as well as being Dumb Doras. It will be punishment enough for them when they realize the harm they have done.

In the meantime or Scoutland motto is "What Are We Going To Do About It?" And what the STEAM KETTLE is going

to do is to ask Rovers to think.

I may say incidentally that I think more people agree with me than appears on the surface since besides asking generally for controversial articles I have asked two very prominent Organizations that concern themselves with Youth Movements, for articles specifying I would put the articles in the STEAM KETTLE exactly as written.

One of these is of course the new association of New England Rovers that is to be in charge of Region One Office. The other is whatever organization it is that publishes the New Pioneer for the Communist Youth.

If I understand the Communists rightly and if I understand the Scout Movement rightly, both have as their ultimate ideal that every one should be happy, with no conflict between either classes or individuals, and if I am right, that to this extent they have the same ultimate ideals, the present conflict is only as to who should have the privilege and duty of bossing other people and making them happy against their wills.

The STEAM KETTLE, however, while it wants everybody to be happy, does not think itself competent to do more than to set an example by having a lot of fun itself, and getting Rovers and others to use their own minds.

Hence, if the Communist leaders think they are the only ones who can make everybody happy and if there are any of the leaders of the Scout Organization that think their policy is the only way to make everybody happy, then we might have a nice little triangular dual of controversial articles in the STEAM KETTLE.

This is all I have to say just now. You must judge for yourselves who have written the unsigned Articles in the STEAM KETTLE since I consider that it

is what is said that is important, and not who says it.

ROBERT S. HALE.

THE GROUP SCOUTMASTER

This is the English name for what will probably be called the Chairman of the Group Committee which looks after the Pack, Troop, Sea Scout Ship, Rover Crew, and any other section of the Senior Division for a church or other sponsoring institution. The name of group commissioner has also been suggested, but names do not matter. There is a book prepared from notes which an English Group Scoutmaster made up for his successor and it is full of meat, even if there are a few prunes from a foreign point of view.

I shall not attempt to abstract it but will refer to a number of items. The page references below are to the book mentioned at the end. Page 29, "Too often the busy S.M. yields to the temptation of taking his boys to camp at a site by no means virgin so far as camping is concerned."

I want to endorse this, in spite of Scotland, to my mind the ideal camp should be virgin ground to the troop or patrol that really camps. Scoutland, as well as council campsites are all right for those who can find no better place, as is too often the case near big cities, and a country headquarters is better than staying at home for weekends, especially in winter. But if the S.M. and the Executive are going to develop in the boys the attributes of backwoodsmen and explorers, it is no use to go to the same campsite, time and time again.

Page 37, "Each Leader (C.M., S.M., and R.S.M., and of course in America

each S.S.S.) should find and train his own assistant.”

Page 47, “There are many advantages on the G.S.M. being an ordinary member of the crew. It will help him to realize what some of us are apt to forget, that we are all equal in the Scout Movement. “Bossing” always leads to friction”

Page 64, “About log books is good.”

Page 70, “Is a good discussion about the proper balance between the times when a troop or group may accept help from those who want to help and can do no more than give money, and on the other hand the idea that Scouts help other people, and do not beg.”

Page 87, “I cannot recall a single instance of trouble between a Group Scout Master and his Group Committee which could not have been avoided by a sense of humour on one or both sides.”

I wonder if we all appreciate the full meaning of the fourth and fifth Laws.

Page 93. “It is a good thing for groups to mix with each other and get to know how other Scouts do things.”

Page 112, “Some of us are older than others we are all brothers, and so the man who is privileged to lead will be careful not to regard his position as other than that of an elder brother.”

Page 113, “Duties on relinquishing office. There is a good section on this, but unfortunately too many men who relinquish office are the kind of men who are not courteous to their successors..”

If I have not always quoted literally I accept the responsibility of not having done so, and recommend it to all Rovers who are going to help in Service to the Scout Movement. While it is true that Service to Others should be the main job of Rovers, we should not neglect our younger brothers and these notes by a Group Scoutmaster of long experience will

be of help to any Rover who takes part in helping the Pack or Troop or Ship, he should remember that the job of running a section is the job of the CM or SM or Skipper and that not only the Group Scoutmaster, but every one who helps, should help and not boss.

The book is entitled “The Group Scout Master” by Alec R. Ellis, published by Brown Son and Ferguson, Glasgow. It presumably can be procured through Park Ave., or the English Scout Shop, price one shilling and sixpence and I an ordering a few copies for Scout Land.

I have given only a few notes form this most interesting book which should be valuable even to those unfortunate people who think that everything that is not 100% American is necessarily wrong, since it is worth while to look at Scouting form all angles and not be like the callow assistant to a senior lawyer who carefully avoided putting in his report to his senior, any of the evidence and prior decisions unfavourable to the client.

The book is just what it purports to be, notes of experience and of suggestions that will be invaluable to any Scouter who takes part in the running of a Scout unit, from a Cub den to a Council, and I think that even regional and national officials will find it interesting if they can spare the time from their other important duties.

It will be well to remember, however, that it is written in the English rather than the American language, and those who do not understand the differences between these languages should provide themselves with a dictionary or lexicon as well as a grammar.



I have read in a recent Scouting publication that no matter how many branches were formed in the Scout Movement that the Boy Scout division must remain supreme and all important.

Now to be sure the Boy Scouts were the first division of the Scout Brotherhood to be formed and were for many years the only and all of the Scout Movement but during those years the founders of the Movement saw many other scenes drifting into the current of their dreams.

Indeed they saw that after painting a magnificent and soul inspiring subject of their picture that it wasn't perfect as they had planned, that without a background there wasn't much substance to the picture of a Scout sitting by a campfire. It is quite obvious that the Scout didn't just happen.

He came from somewhere and he must be going somewhere. Perhaps this night by the campfire was the most important of all his life, but it could not be unless behind him were the years from birth to the time when he was old enough to become a Scout. So to represent part of those years, the founders painted into the picture the blue and gold haze of a starlit night, a beautiful vague vastness in the memory of a Scout, the true blue friendship of a brother Cub and here and there sprinkled the golden bits of joy and love that could not be forgotten. Ah! This picture has improved but still there is something lacking. There is more to life than just childhood and youth, splendid as they are, we must have something solid on

Which to stand. We must add something to complete the picture. There must be something else besides the Scout sitting by the campfire of his dreams with the haze of twilight and the gold of the evening star to keep him company. Surely it is the hope of life that some of the dreams of our youth should come true. Surely on our journey to the other side of the hill and the valley beyond there must be someone or thing to help us up the cobbled hillside to reach the pinnacle of our youthful energy and enthusiasm, as true, honest and useful manhood. So into the picture went a hill, a rugged hill between the Scout and the horizon, between the youth and death. Truly the artist, our founder painted wisely. For with the Rover Thumbstick of fellowship and advice we cannot fail to reach our goal. So the picture is complete and the children and the youths and old men come to gaze at the great painting as they gaze they respect and as they respect they believe, and as they believe they embrace, an embrace they like of which the world has not seen. Thus endeth the lesson.

ABOUT SCOUTLAND

I was indeed very pleasantly surprised last Tuesday afternoon when I had the opportunity to visit and inspect Scoutland with you, and I want you to know I appreciate the great contribution you have made for the boys of New England by setting up this reservation. My great wonder is that you do not get more evidence of appreciation from the boys themselves, the Troops who use it, and the institutions that sponsor those Troops. You go to considerable expense each year to provide the reservation, the services of a ranger, for disposal of garbage and refuse,

and it seems to me many of the Troops are lacking in appreciation of what you are doing when they do not treat the property properly and leave their camp sites in a condition, which would show them to be Scouts, and not just rowdies, or gangs.

At the various camp sites that I visited with you, I found ample proof that either the boys are not trying to improve the property, or the Troop themselves are not furnishing adequate or competent supervision. At one site there were papers, cans, whole and broken bottles, etc., strewn around the camp site as though a picnic party had just moved out and left everything where it fell. Shutters were broken on cabins, and there were almost no evidence of any kind that the Troop that had just been using the site had been at all interested in keeping it in good condition.

I appreciate the fact that it is impossible for you to allow them the freedom from rules and regulations that they should have and keep everything at all times in first class order. I appreciate, also, that if you were to supply supervision or a cleaning squad to go around and pick up after the boys that should be able to pick up for themselves, would be a great additional expense to you and one that the Troops are not warranted in asking you to stand.

I believe you would be justified, and, in fact, I urge that you ask Troops to make a deposit of an amount sufficient to clean up and repair the camps and camp site after they move out. This deposit could be returned to the Troops, or the boys, after they left things in good order, or could be used actually to pay the keep of a Patrol or Crew of Rovers who could supply adequate supervision or do the work of cleaning up after the

Troops that move out. You have too fine a camp site to let it be treated in a way it is now being treated by the boys.

What I have said above in regard to lack of interest on the part of the boys, Troops, or institutions does not, of course, apply in every case. Other cabins and sites that I visited with you gave ample proof not only of the interest of the boys, but of the Troops and institutions of which they were a part. At some of these sites there had been built not only good serviceable cabins, but latrines as well, and some pioneering or craft work had been done to improve the site and add touches which would increase the interest of those who were to use the site in future years.

You showed me the way you were handling the water supplies by repairing and cementing around the top of some of the best wells, installing pumps, or an offset, etc. This should eventually adequately take care of the water supply and keep it uncontaminated.

I might suggest that you use some of the young pines that you have set out to bank or cover the cleared space around these wells and remove the temptation to wash or other wise use the area immediately surrounding them. If you do this and clear larger places around the pumps, which might provide a place for boys to wash and from which the water could be lead away from the well even farther than is the pump itself, this might also improve the situation.

I do not believe that you, personally, should be put to this expense. This would be only a simple project for some of the Troops to take up, also, they might build new latrines somewhat after the style recommended by National Office, which varies a little bit from the type that I saw in use in two or three places. If any of the Troops wish to show their appreciation of

the opportunities afforded them at Scout-Land by taking on some simple project of this kind, I would be only to glad to cooperate with them by supplying them with plans for the construction of these latrines and help to lay them out. In addition to this, I would be only too glad to supply sketches of other buildings which they might wish to put up along lines recommended by the National Office or found in use and given satisfaction in other camps.

If there is any other way in which I can help, also, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Your in Scouting.

(Signed) Daniel R. Pinkham

Chairman
Regional Camping Committee.

SCOUTLAND

When I was informed that new blood was needed on the New England Regional Camping Committee, I thoroughly agreed, but hardly expected that they would get such valuable new blood, as evidenced by the report of the new chairman of the Camping Committee in the August issue, and his letter about Scout Land in this issue. Letters that are both cordial and constructive are what give us that nice warm feeling around the chest, and make us feel as little chesty though we trust we shall not appear too chesty.

We intend and hope that the recommendations of the letter will be followed with the exception that we will postpone the requirement of a deposit until we can be satisfied that it is practical and what the Scouts and Leaders want.

It was tried before the present Scout Land authorities took charge and was found to be a hardship on poor Troops. It was a nuisance for the really good Troops, while it involved heated arguments and demands of proof that it was the Troop that had made the deposit what has misbehaved and not some other Scouts or non-Scouts. It was very difficult to convince a Troop Committee that it was their boys who had defecated away from the latrines and left garbage and cans, and often it had not been that troop, but some other boys not Scouts at all.

If instead of our requiring a deposit each Troop or institution, will require, or better, make it a custom and tradition that each of its Scouts (or one of the Group) make a report to a Leader at home, of when they got to Scout Land, what they did, and how they left the place, and satisfy the Leader at home, we think that will accomplish more than a deposit.

If a boy is not trustworthy, the watching him and forfeiting a deposit when he is caught, may make him more obedient, but won't make him trustworthy.

At Scout Land our policy is to trust not only the boys but also to trust Leaders, and we trust the Leaders to set an example to the boys in all ways, including what is in one sense a minor matter, but which we think will help greatly. We trust the Leaders to set an example to the boys by wearing uniforms and encouraging the boys to wear uniforms, not only at Scout Land, but when coming to or going home from Scout Land, and when going to the town to market or post office, when it becomes thoroughly the fashion the wear uniform, the rowdies who don't wear uniform will not be so apt to be mistaken for Scouts, and will not feel at home even if they were once registered Scouts, and will not come so much.

Further we are very glad to have the Regional Camping Chairman suggest that the Troops and institutions take an interest in doing Troop Good Turns for Scout Land. We are glad to have the poor Troops and the young and inefficient Troops come out to be helped. But a Scout is one who Helps Others and does not ask for help, and since we can't very well spend money that does not belong to Scoutland, Inc. for doing any more than we are doing now, we must depend on Scouts and Scout Leaders to make Scout Land a better place for, not only Scouts themselves but for those for whom we all want to do Good Turns.

DECREASE IN CABIN RENTALS

If cabin has been engaged ahead and a deposit of ten cents made (which will not be returned, but will apply to rental) and if a report of approximate number coming and outline of activities is brought out, approved by a Leader of higher rank than coming (T.C. Chairman or Commissioner if S.M. is coming, S.M. if A.S.M or P.L. is coming, P.L. if Scouts only are coming) prices will be 50 cents one night, \$1.00 two nights, \$1.50 three and Four nights and \$2.00 five, six or seven nights.

Increase in cabin rentals for use after October 1st, when not engaged ahead as above. \$1.25 one night, \$1.75 two nights, \$2.50 three and four nights, \$3.00 five, six or seven nights.

Decrease in prices goes into effect at once. We hope that so many more Troops will pay the decreased prices that we shall not be able to collect any of the increase.

The increase in price will not be asked

of any one whose group has not been informed of the increase.

The idea of the foregoing is, of course, to encourage groups to plan ahead and BE PREPARED and at Scout Land we shall be very glad if the Troop and District and Council Officers will cooperate by urging Scouts who come to Scout Land to do so with a plan and a purpose since no wise Scout goes anywhere without a purpose just as the Mock Turtle told Alice that no wise fish goes anywhere without a porpoise. We have had a great deal of trouble from Scouts coming who had not been properly instructed by their Leaders.

Beginning Sunday, October 7th, the Ranger at Scout Land will give a demonstration of axemanship beginning about 1 P.M., when the Trading Post closes. No charge until these become too popular, but Scouts, S.M's. and Rovers must bring their own axes.

Will Scout Executives kindly notify those interested.

Robert S. Hale

REGIONAL ROVER SCOUT COMMITTEE

The New England Regional Committee has appointed John N. Bierer, Scoutmaster of Troop 10, Norumbega Council, to be chairman of a Regional Rover Scout Committee which he will build up. The STEAM KETTLE congratulates the New England Rovers on having such a good Scout with whom to cooperate.

CREW PROGRAMS

A Rover Scout Crew is something more than just a club, but most clubs are more than just clubs, and we recommend a book, "Clubs in Action", recording a study of ten small clubs of young men and

young women, clubs that had some purpose besides the good fellowship. While few or more of these clubs specialized on the Open Air, that is a special feature of Rover Scouting, their detailed experiences offer many suggestions for crews. It can be obtained from the Greater Boston Federation of Neighbourhood House – 264 Boylston Street, Boston. Price 75 cents.

A FRAGMENT FROM CANADA

A Canadian Scout by the of Kinnaird was awarded the Cornwell Badge for an act of heroism. (The Cornwell badge is the very highest award in British Scouting). As a result of his act he was in hospital, and had lost a leg. Gangrene set in, and he died ten days after he had received the badge.

Touched by his fortitude and cheerfulness while he lay in hospital, a Girl Guide by the name of Isabel K. Graham wrote the following poem:

‘I think that God mist have a Scout
Troop in Heaven
That’s made up of boys of his own,
And they march through the Golden
City,
And stand by His heavenly throne.

Their banners always are flying,
Their uniforms always right.
They have no pains or worries
And they are never tired at night.

They have God Himself for their Leader,
And he shows the way to go,
And when he wants more to join them
He recruits them from Troops below.

He calls then away from Duty
 He calls them away from play,
 And when they hear His summons
 They hasten his will to obey.

They march away in the twilight,
 Away to the city so fair –
 And are met at the gate by the Leader
 Who welcomes the new Scouts there.

And I think at the dawn of Morning
 And when the sunset's colours flow
 Gods Troops form the gateway of Heaven
 Look down on the Troops below

They watch the boys here striving
 With their duties of Labour and Love
 `Till they're called unto Higher Service
 By the great Scoutmaster above.

FROM A C.C.C. CAMP

Dear Uncle Robert,
 As I told you at Scout Land, I enjoyed the
 "STEAM KETTLES" you sent me very
 much. I realise that you spend a great deal
 of time and effort in producing this paper
 as most material is your own. Perhaps
 since you cagily solicit articles,
 controversial or otherwise, and are not so
 hypercritical in regards to literary style as
 a magazine conducted for profit might be,
 you may accept these ideas on a subject
 which is of interest to us both. I would
 prefer that the article, if acceptable, remain
 anonymous.

Rules Vs. No Rules

In Scoutland you are trying the
 experiment of discarding rules and
 regulations. The results of this experiment
 are open to debate as to its success or
 failure.

In place of well defined rules, as I
 understand your plans, you propose to
 substitute a "Scouting Spirit" which will
 serve the same purpose. You say, "No
 Rules except Scout Laws. That is
 sufficient". I say, "Quite true. It ought to
 be, but is it." Scoutland is proving the
 result. I hesitate to draw conclusions and
 you are a confirmed optimist anyway, so
 my conclusions, if unfavourable, might
 not disturb you.

Rules, down through the ages, have
 been set up by the people of Leadership
 and ability for the good of the masses.
 Of course there are hundreds of
 exceptions, at first probably more
 exceptions than the rule, of kings and
 nobles and men who made rules
 exclusively for power and profit.
 However, theoretically and purely, rules
 have been made to better the conditions
 of the people by forcing them to obey the
 rules.

Opposed to this rather crude but
 usually effective practice, still in vogue
 and probably always will be, is the plan
 of education. Education, not necessarily
 book learning, enables a person to think
 a thing over and to draw, usually, right
 conclusions. If we do the educating, our
 pupils will usually think as we do, and
 thinking as we do about most things, we
 will not have to force them to do things
 our way by such crude methods as
 compulsory laws and regulations.

Unfortunately education is a costly
 process both in time and effort, and in
 Scouting we deal with such transitory
 groups, especially at Scoutland, that an
 effective system of education to our
 ideas has not been discovered.

Another bulwark we tan up against is
 the natural stagnancy of most minds in
 regard to thinking, and intelligent
 thinking is necessary to the success of

your plan.

Psychologists tell us that a normal man is in such a rut that he does not think on original subjects more than three or four times a day. Most of his activities, pleasures and work alike, are carried on through force of habit with the minimum of thought. Education is required to first stimulate thinking and then to acquire the desirable habits that we wish then to have.

You have said on several occasions that you take almost a fiendish delight in breaking rules.

You obey only the rules which seem to you to be dictated by common sense and you obey them not because they are rules but because they are common sense. Remember that you have had education and training in right thinking which most of the Scouts will never have and which we can not hope to give then in a short period of time. You have the education and do not need the compulsion of laws to guide you.

A lack of a rules and a lack of incentive to thought are the worst conditions possible under which a democratic government or a Scout Camp can be operated. You are trying to provide the incentive to thought through education, and after all that is really the civilized and ideal way to run an organization or guide a movement. Perhaps the latter fits you more aptly.

Instead of stressing "No Rules" why not stress "Except the Scout Laws" and then go on to give concrete, parallel examples showing definitely how the Scout Law cover all the activities which can possibly take place in camp or in life.

Here is a good and interesting controversial article on the subject of Rules, only it is not quite as controversial as it seems since on analysis it appears that the writer is in favour of only the good rules and I think is as much opposed to the fool rules and fool codes that have been enacted every generation or so from the time Adam got expelled from Eden for eating an apple, and the old English law which provided that a boy should be hanged if he stole apples from a farmer's orchard, as I am.

I don't mean that these rules about apples were wrong when they were enacted, but what do we think about them now? There may have been a good reason for the Rule in the Bible against wearing flimsy woolly clothes but do we obey it now? And it would not be fair to ask the Orthodox Jews what they are going to do when some Burbank breeds a mule footed hog.

I think most people agree that we should break bad rules and I certainly agree that those people who think we should obey the good rules. And I thoroughly agree with the writer of the article above that a lack of rules and a lack of incentive to thought are the worst possible conditions for a democratic government or a Scout Camp, in fact I don't think a government that censors and prevents incentive to thought should be called democratic and I think the same way about the leaders at a camp who interfere with thought, and I think a rule which is intended to prevent thought in a bad Rule even when observing it won't do any serious harm.

If a Scout or Scout Leader comes out to Scoutland and is worried by a lack of Rules, it seems to me it is his own fault for not bringing out with him the Rules which he thinks he should obey.

If he does not find them at Scout Headquarters all he needs to do is just look up the codes and rules in the Old Testament and the New Testament and he will find all the rules he wants, including one to which I call the attention of some of those who use Scoutland (but we have never had any trouble with the group of which the writer of the article is an officer) I mean the rule in the Old Testament that any boy in a camp who wants to defecate should go at least fifty years from the camp and then cover what he does.

We have no rule about this at Scoutland because we think it should not be necessary for boys who have been registered as Scouts by their local council.

Neither do we have any rules for the gentlemen and ladies who hike and horseback and otherwise use Scoutland as Scouts should, and we don't have any Rule for those who misbehave because we find that it is much easier and better to get people to understand that this and other misbehaviours are what they don't want to do than it is to punish them for breaking a rule they do not understand.

So though we have published this article as a controversial article, we don't really consider it controversial especially as regards the writer of the article and his Scout Group, for whom we feel more convinced than ever that imposing Rules on them won't make them behave any better than they now do without any Scoutland Rules.

And I think that when this Scout Group begins on a Good Turn of getting other people at Scoutland to behave as well as they do themselves and a good example is much more efficient than imposing Rules.

Dear Uncle Robert:

Here is a whistle for the STEAM KETTLE.

Good Scouts obey all Rules, particularly the Golden Rule, but only obeying a rule is not enough. The best Scout thinks out why he obeys a rule and talks and plans with other Scouts for better Rules. Old Rules are mostly good Rules. The ten Commandments have been good Rules for thousands of years. The Golden Rule has been good forever, so far as we know, but it is your duty to think why they are good and make better Rules if you can, or else obey them.

Uncle Murry Nelson

Here is another controversial statement about Rules from an old and very good friend of mine, but which is not quite so controversial as it seems as he says that obeying a Rule is not enough and says that a Scout should think out why he obeys a Rule.

Now when a Scout has thought out that a Rule is a good Rule, he should obey it, while if he has thought out that it is a bad Rule my friend says that he should make (for himself) a better Rule, (at once) and before he obey the bad Rule. The words in parentheses are mine, and his references to the Decalogue brings out at once that the second commandment take literally is obeyed by but very few of us except perhaps the Moslems, while the spirit of the second commandment is quite against a good deal of what is called and approved of as loyalty.

Likewise the fourth commandment about the Sabbath which comes on

Saturday, is not taken literally by those who believe, with Jesus, that the Sabbath was made for men and not man for the Sabbath and I wonder what a stickler for the Commandments would think if he lived on an island that straddled the International date line.

THE RED GODS TAKE HOLD OF SCOUTING

By the "Wood pigeon"

In 1928 a Royal Decree abolished the Boy Scouts of Italy. Indeed, all juvenile associations, with one exception were abolished. The exception was the "Balilla", a Junior Fascist organization for eight to fourteen year olds which has been established by Mussolini in 1926.

If a boy does not join the Balilla, and is reasonably sensitive, he will feel the scorn of the majority. If he does join, he will be part of a rigidly disciplined army of a million strong – the first phalanxes of the great horde of warriors that Fascism is training from infancy to insure the future of Italy. The Italian school books say that all Italian boys are Balilla. Most of them are. And they are soon taught that "Mussolini is always right."

When they are fourteen, the good Balilla graduate into the "Avanguardisti". For the next four years they begin the study of machine-guns, airplanes, and tanks. The system is only eight years old, and has already produced almost 500,000 Avanguardisti.

The Balilla now number more than 1,000,000. There are now some 420,000 Avanguardisti.

A roughly equal number of girls belong to the Piccole Italiane, an organization for the future mothers of the race. At the age of fourteen they become "Giovani

Italiane", which now number 789,000.

The popularity and potential power of these groups can be shown by a brief contrast: in the United States, with a population of 123,000,000 the members of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA and YWCA now total 2,700,000. in Italy with a population of only 42,000,000, the members of the four junior armies total 3,000,000.

When the Red Gods call, the Youth of the world will respond to the age-old urge. And from his watch-tower on the Rhine, Der Fuehrer nods in emulation at these doings beyond the Alps. But of this, more anon....



SERVICE FOR OTHER THAN OURSELVES

At the Mid West Moot one question for discussion was as to how a crew of Rovers should divide their Service between that inside the Movement and to those outside.

At first sight it may seem that Service inside the Movement to our Brother Scouts and Cubs and Sea Scouts should be made the most of, and our Sisters the Girl Scouts should not be forgotten even if we still put the ladies on a pinnacle to be worshipped as our superiors in all but strength. But when we come to think of it the answer is not so clear.

Thus should a Boy Scout confine his Good Turns to the rest of his Patrol? Should a Troop plan its Troop Good Turns for the benefit of only the Troop itself?

Are Scouts and especially Rover Scouts, going to be a selfish crowd?

I like to be liked, I like to be praised, but I don't like to be considered an object of charity, or as some one who expects rewards for the pleasure I have in trying to Be a Scout.

Hence it seems to me that while Rover Scouts should not neglect or forget the Troop or Pack or Sea Scout division or their Group and should not neglect their Council when the Council or Executive have too much work to do, the Rovers and Crews should pay considerably more attention to finding Service jobs for the benefit of those outside the Organization of registered Scouts and Scouters than to doing Service to their own Organizations.

There is another reason for this, and that is that Service of our own Organization as such, consists almost entirely of recruiting of, raising money to hire Executives, and pay their office and other expenses, and of training leaders, and, of course, boy leadership itself.

But the calculating machines at the National office would show in a few seconds that if every Scout when he reached the Rover age, took up the above kinds of Service, we should have not about eight adults to each Troop of thirty two boys, but about thirty two adults doing Service for each patrol of eight boys.

This would have one very great advantage in that if Rovers as a body should take over, not part, but all of the work now being done by the paid executives, the problems of financing and of whether or not to go into the Community chests, would disappear.

But aside from the fact that if a Rover

and Crews should devote themselves entirely to Service to the Movement itself, all our efficient and faithful Executives would be out of jobs, as well as the very few Executives with whom we could dispense, there is another reason why Rovers and Crews should search for Service work outside the Movement and the Organization.

This is that only a minor fraction, certainly less than a half, and probably as low as one tenth, or less, of adults, make efficient boy leaders. Are we going to keep out of the Rover Section a whole of a lot of fine fellows who would like to enjoy themselves doing Service, to others, but who just don't enjoy leadership or Organization work?

Of course, each crew and each Rover must decide for himself what kind of Service he will most enjoy, it is an essential part of Rovering to follow Bulletin #12 of the National Council and let the Rover develop their own program and traditions.

And they should not let themselves be fooled by Uncle Robert whose corporation Scoutland Inc. finances and controls the STEAM KETTLE, into doing anything that they consider not the best thing.

Of course, you should always keep your eyes open and don't help the wastrels. Help chiefly those who also help themselves (I don't mean help themselves out of other peoples pockets).

However, my point is that the crews and Rovers should think for themselves. I told in a previous issue of the registered Rover Crew that is so sure of itself, that it is going to be American and Dispense with Rovering to Success and Scouting for Boys and is going to wear slacks and neckties and had no idea of

going hiking or camping or knowing anything about what other United States or Canadian or Japanese Rovers or any body else is doing, and I have not told yet about some other things, but it should be understood that the morons, and Dumb Doras, are an exception among our thousand or more paid help and among the people who award the salaries to the paid help.

Ninety percent, or more probably ninety-nine percent of the paid help of the Scout Organization are mighty fine fellows whose most serious Scouting fault is that they don't appreciate the dangers of Bureaucracy.

A Rovers first duty is to himself, to make himself a man who can Stand on his own Feet, Use his own Mind and Paddle his own Canoe, and not be a wastrel or dolester depending on others.

His second duty is to his immediate friends, and his gang or Crew, which he should feel belongs to him in the sense that his duty is to make it a good and efficient gang that can Help Others, and asks no Help for itself beyond the help that cooperates in Helping others.

These I think are the first and second duties of a Rover, and I consider a Rover as a free man who does not belong to any organization in the sense that a slave belongs to its owner or in the sense that the citizens of some states consider that they belong to their states as slaves.

But, these first and second duties of a Rover are like charity which may very properly begin at home, but which if it stays at home is not charity and his third duty, for which the first two prepare him, is to others, not that he is obliged to help others, but because that is what he needs to do to get happiness for himself as well as for others.

I regret that I feel it necessary to say so

much about Rovers (as well as other people) being free and independent of either a dictator or of a Bureaucracy since the ideal we are all aiming at is when we shall have no such problem, but when every one will be independent of any master or of any bureaucracy and will be free to enjoy himself by cooperating to the fullest extent instead of having to wait for permission to do his duty to help others.

I apologize to the tremendous number of fine fellows whom we employ as executives, of whom practically every one is Doing his Best. I am only fighting the principle of liberty, the principle of each man using the mind that God has given him, the principle that we should educate the boys to use their minds. I don't worry much about the few men who are not yet what they should be, who have not yet got the Scout Spirit.

What I worry about is the men who are honestly doing what they think is best, but who have not thought out to its conclusion the danger of educating boys and men to feel that they are subjects who must do wrong when ordered by their masters.

It is all right for a boy or man to behave like a subject or slave so long as his dictator or master is the right kind of man to be a dictator or master, or slave owner. The danger is that if such a principle should ever become dominant in Scouting, what will happen to those who have been educated to behave as subjects and as slaves, when they happen to come under the influence of a pervert? And when a boy submits himself to be perverted because he has been educated to be a subservient to Authority, is it the fault of the boy? Or is it the fault of the Authorities that have educated him, and of the people that are asking me to

discontinue the STEAM KETTLE instead of furnishing me with article that will enable the readers to see all points of view.

OUR BROTHERS ACROSS THE
POND

We take much pleasure in publishing again a letter from the Belgian Rover Commissioner issued a couple or so of years ago and of which copies were sent to New England Rovers and Executives.

Somebody has told me that American Rovers won't like to be called fruits, but I may remind them that the original letter was written in the French language, translated into English and that those who read it should be able to translate it into the American language for themselves.

The French word for Rover is Routier, which means someone who travels on the "Route" or Road, and if the letter were translated into American we should probably find something about making the grade.

Dear Brother Scout, -- The Wolf Cub is the seed, the Scout the flower and the Rover the Fruit.

You are this fruit, or rather, no you aren't yet! It's easy to rot in some comfortable worthless hole, to let yourself gradually shrivel up between a game of bridge, a fat cigar and the Stock Exchange quotations; or else to couple the workday like opening inevitably before you with all the happiness of your boyhood continued. To keep a youthful smile, youthful pursuits, a youthful love of the open air, and the life of camps and woods, a youthful enthusiasm for the right and the deeds (good ones!); and to embark, after a life lit up with all this healthy light, on the

youthful old age that our Chief, Baden-Powell; obviously knows the recipe of.

It's pretty simple!

Put your right forefinger in the second waistcoat button from the top and keep in this position, go opposite a full-length mirror and say these simple words: "I am a Rover."

Why Rover, you will ask me.

Why the Road?

The Road, old man?

The Road is the long ribbon which, short as it may seem to you, be it never so ill-kept or noisy or crowded, yet goes to the end of the World.

The Road is Space, Open Air, the hill where the eye feasts on the horizon, and where the heart is moved by the distant blue. It is the valley where you pitch your tent, or the wood whose high soaring oaks lift your heart to the sky!

To be a Rover is to seek, to nourish and to hold fast to the love of the things that preserve a soul capable of being stirred and a pair of hands ready to act.

To stir and to act -- all the life of a Rover is summed up in those two words.

Life? Don't be tied down to the prosaic earthly part of it. Life is rather like water that supports a swimmer and gives him a start-off (a false one sometimes!)

Above Life there are ideals, memory, imagination, all that little personal drama that costs nothing, just as above the water there is fresh air.

Come up to the surface and breathe from time to time, come up to rest and refresh yourself among your friends bound to the same good turn, grouped with the same stride.

Scouting has prepared you for a life you owe yourself. Come with us!

Be a Rover!

And you too, you especially who never wore the Scout hat or grasped the Scout

staff....No, you're not too old!

Why I passed my tenderfoot at 27 and didn't think it so silly.

And don't be frightened!

Nobody expects anything impossible from Rovers.

When you have read "Rovering to Success" by Baden-Powell, you will be first reassured, then carried away, and converted the next minute. It's a kindly mixture of good advice and smiles, all as sound as can be.

Its price is a real investment for your own children. (I'm not exaggerating – read it!)

Besides Rovers are no bigoted sect, but a crowd of pals.

They know how to have a good time in a Scouting way, how to put on the dinner-jacket and go to a dance or a theatre or the pictures, or even to have a rubber of bridge with their pals and a glass (one!) of something.

They don't want to live outside the world, to live in scornful isolation surrounded by a world they despise. But they want the joys that keep you strong and healthy, and the proper use of that strength and health and the heart's content that comes from the good turn to others.

Good! Now you can take your right forefinger off your second waistcoat button, and say goodbye to your reflection which flattered you a bit in the glass.

The Road is there. The Road of life, the Road of your Scouting memories and your aspirations of manhood!

Come on!

Jean Droit

General Commissioner of Rovers

My Dear Uncle Robert,

My wife, one of my R.Ms. and myself are camping here in the South of France and sent from here our love to you.

July we went to Andorra, an old wild Republic in the Pyrenees on the French-Spanish frontier. We hiked and camped between the 2500 meter high mountains, crossed high passes. We walked every day with our 20 kg. Heavy ruc-sacks.

The people are speaking Spanish here. We could help ourselves with French and a little bit of Spanish. We had in the Valira Valley neat Encamp (Andorra) a tremendous hail storm. We had to keep the tent poles of our tent in our hands!

In the mountains we saw half wild horses and piles and piles of sheep. It was a real good hike in the best Scoutlike sentence.

At the moment we are in France again. We left Andorra by train and arrived in Toulouse and then in Carcassonne. Here we are now. It is a 2000 year old city of the Romans and later of the Visigoths and old knights of the Mediaeval ages.

It is an old city with double walls and 52 towers to protect. The whole fortification protected the bridge over the river Ande, the old road to the Levant and the Holy Land (Palestine) the way of the Pilgrims.

We have seen here many Roman remains; of mosaic floors, catacomb, etc.

We are camping now near the walls of that old city, at the bottom of a hill planted with raisins.

In a couple of days we go to Paris stay there for a couple of days and return home to start business again. In order to give you a rough idea of the things we see here, I enclose a postcard, which gives you one of the 9 gates of the old city. You can imagine how imposing the whole city is!

Excuse this letter for being not in style, it is written on my knee before my tent, with the Carcassonne walls as decorations. It is however no less heartily meant. My wife asks me to remember her to you.

With best wishes.

Yours very affectionately
(Signed Tom Root)

P.S. For my Crew I got an old gate of Amsterdam as Crew Den. The Nahora's, my Rovers, are decorating it one room in the style if the old knights (simple, of course, with a Round Table) the other as a room where our business can be done, where our history wall is, our toils, etc., more the workshop, where activities can be done as well as meetings can be held.

In September or October our Den will be opened. I invite the Chief Scout of Holland and the Authorities of Amsterdam for that occasion.

15 September we organize a Rally and Demonstration for Amsterdam, where my R.S. assist and organize.

In September I instruct the Rover Mates in an instructive course (week end) on our training field near the Hague.

So that is the latest news.

T.R.

The first letter addressed to Rovers in general, tries to give the Spirit of Rovering. The second letter is from a Rover in Holland who is a fellow member with me of the Samurai patrol of the King Alfred's Own Crew in Lewisham England. He knows of me only through the Steam Kettle and a little correspondence about the Dutch Rover paper which he edits, and while I am pleased as punch to feel that I have a friend who will write like this, thought he has never seen me, the point is again to illustrate the Rover Spirit.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

On Thursday, 20th of September, four New England Rovers started for Wayne, Pa., camping out at Peekskill on the way down and in Bear Mountain Park on the way back where Major Welch of the National Council was most cordial. At Wayne, after tea with Col. Lisle, who took the famous Paoli Troop to England in '27 and '29, we attended a supper of Scouters including Judge Roberts of the Supreme Court after which we had an interesting discussion on Rovering.

On Saturday we were shown Valley Forge and its surroundings and Memorials and among other things were told how one of Col. Lisle's ancestors some five or six generations back, while hunting foxes in the Colonial fashion on horseback, had killed a fox where Philadelphia City Hall now stands.

In the afternoon we were taken to the Council Camp "Horseshoe" and after supper and more talk on Rovering adjourned to the Council Ring where on presentation by Tom Price, the Executive of Chester County Council, Col. Lisle was invested as a Rover Scout and then on his behalf two members of the Chester County Rovers who have been going in great shape, to judge from the crowd we met, but who have been waiting for formal investiture by an already invested Rover Leader in accordance with custom.

The gang down there are great fellows, they already have some fifty men in four or five Crews. The Executive told me (but this is not official) that they were helping him to the extent of two or three assistants and altogether we are looking forward to the Moot which we hope they will hold next

summer, as well as to seeing them up here. Incidentally they were all of them in shorts.

Dear Uncle Robert:

September 25, 1934, the King Phillip Crew entertained at the regular get-together of our district, we are holding a dance November 2, 1934. the place as yet undecided. Mr. Fillmore of Middleboro is Chairman. We have decided on a name for our Group, it is:

BROCKTANNAWON

Brockton
Bridge water Brockton Council
No. Easton

Mansfield Annawon
Middleboro Council

Brocawon for short.

32 attended. Mrs. Taylor of the Dept. of Public Safety spoke on "Fingerprinting". Afterwards we were all fingerprinted. Refreshments of doughnuts, cider and cheese was served.

Yours in Roving
(Signed) G. Covington, Sec`y.

on Wednesday the 26th of September, members of three New England Crews visited North Andover, where a gang of prospective Rovers has been meeting for several months. There were talks by the Executive of the Lawrence Council and by the two youngest of the visitors (Philip Emerson and Robert Hale) and a general discussion followed by refreshments and though as a visitor I should speak officially only for myself, a grand time was had by all.

One thing that was brought out in the discussion, though perhaps not more so than at other similar conferences, is that to be a successful Rover Crew the crew needs a good program that is not a ready made program tuned out by a process of mass production at Headquarters in Geneva or elsewhere, but a custom made program designed for the crew and by the crew that has brains enough to judge its own needs, no matter how many and how superior are the people from whom it gets all the advice it can.

I have been told that at one famous military school they have a system of Physical training that fits the men to the uniform instead of fitting the uniforms to the men, but when it comes to Rover programs the Rover Service men who do not have enough gumption and guts first to get advice and then to use their own minds and decide on their own program, are hardly genuine Rovers.

I don't blame men for taking a reasonable amount of time to make up their minds.

But a set of men who say that among all the programs that their Own Headquarters, and other Headquarters, offer them and the programs which they find in the Rover World and the Scouter and in Scouting for Boys and in Roving to Success and in Gilcraft and in Scouting and all other sources of information, they can't find any program good enough for THEM are, I think taking THEMSELVES a little too seriously when they don't made their own.

But now please don't any of the young men thinking of Roving, be offended since I assure them that it is only the Dumb Doras who take too long to make up their own minds.

So get busy and DO something which you hope to improve on latter rather than

Keep waiting and waiting and waiting and doing nothing that is worth while.

The Rover World of October has the beginning of some bully articles on the Training of Rover Squires, the Gilcraft "Rover Scouts" being more for mates and R.S.L's. I am ordering a number of copies and so long as they last will be glad to supply them to crews here for the cost and postage, say ten cents each. But I think every crew should subscribe to the Rover World which, though printed in England, is really the International Rover paper.

Here is a good place to note the Rover books, etc. that will be useful and needed:

Rovering to Success, by the Chief
Rover Scouting and **Always a Scout**, by Griffin.

Rover Scouts, by Gilcraft.

Scouting for Boys is, of course, more essential than any of these.

My own little pamphlet, **Once a Scout, Always a Scout**, needs to be mentioned as the official pamphlet of the New England Rover experiment. **The Rover World** is the International Rover paper, though perhaps not quite so international as the Jamboree for Scouts.

The English Scouter, the Canadian Scout Leader, the Montreal Buzz, the Toronto Yeoman, Scouting from Birmingham, England the Scottish Scout should all be mentioned.

I think every crew needs at least one paper giving Rover news that comes from other countries than its own, and I think crews should form "blocks" of say five, each crew taking a different paper, and exchanging. Do we have to wait for permission from Headquarters to do this?

ROVER EQUIPMENT

In the early days of American Scouting the Handbook carried the specification that for Scouting the only equipment needed was.. the out of doors.

This clause has now been taken out of the American Handbook, and even if it should be put back in a revision which many of us are hoping for, it would be too drastic if taken literally.

But what is the proper equipment for a Scout who camps. What would Daniel Boone or Fred Burnham or B.-P. himself want? What does Uncle Dan Beard use when he is not at his permanent camp, but is camping?

I think we may at once omit any buildings, even tent floors, any hospitals, any water front docks or cribs, any kitchen ranges, any dish washing machines, any tables and chairs, any type-writers or adding machines, any bulletin boards, any bugles, any hot water tanks (Take your copy of the STEAM KETTLE to camp if you want more hot water than you can boil). Is there any equipment needed for a Rover Camp except a piece of bare ground, to which a Rover may take with him all he needs?

Now we read the stories of the man that can start naked in the woods and then make his fire by friction, and his clothes by weaving grass or skinning animals, etc.

But as a practical matter some crews ask of each member that he have his own knapsack and keep it ready with blankets or sleeping bag, ground sheet, cooking kit, toilet articles, etc. ready, like the Minute Men of the 1770's to do his duty and to help others on a moments notice.

I did not start this idea, I got it from an English Crew which has made me an honorary member, but I am doing this, at Scout Land I keep my equipment ready.

It is true that I also have an air mattress and a big double Hudson Bay blanket, and that even if I could tie them with my tent on to my ruc sack, I have no intention of carrying them on my back more than a hundred years or so to my Ford. Perhaps I could, but my age, I won't.

I don't think that genuine Scout Camping should be expected of either the R.S.L's. or of Rovers who have reached the age when undue exertion or undue exposure would be bad for their health.

But it seems to me that in accordance with our age and our ability, we should all set an example, and that example is one very good example to set.

I have heard of one RSL. Who suggests to his Squires that to perform their Vigil they go off some evening to make a lone camp during which they will meditate on the responsibilities they will assume when they are invested.

It seems to me that a crew might well hold one annual meeting at which each Rover should turn up with his equipment ready as well as himself PREPARED.

I have suggested this to one group of which I am a member and at a meeting next October they are going to see how many first class Scouts and Rovers that group can turn out equipped, whether with what they own or what they can borrow from the Troop equipment room.



THE WESTWOOD ROVER CREW

The Troop Committee of Westwood 1, has voted to start a Rover Crew which will begin with Robert Hale as provisional R.S.L. and C. Humphrey as a Squire though he has been working with the Roxbury Crew and hopes to ask for his investiture before long.

The present plans for this Westwood Crew are that it will be holding a meeting at the office cabin at Scout Land each Friday evening at which time the Scout Land Library will be available for use by all interested.

It is the job of every Rover, just as it is the job of every executive, not to recruit for Rover Crews, but to be ready to help prospective Rovers with not only information, but a welcome and the idea of these Friday evening meetings at Scout Land is to make it simpler to get Rover Information.

At the meeting held the 19th of September to form Region 1 (New England States) Rover Association, it was decided to have the Committee that had been preparing a Constitution etc. continue and run the meetings on the Wednesday evening after the middle of the month until and including December together with a delegate from each crew. The STEAM KETTLE has received no further report on this except that it understands that Mr. Nodine of the Regional Office is to be the Executive Advisor of this Committee (who could be better?) and that the New England Regional Committee is expected to appoint a Rover Committee shortly to cooperate not only with the National Committee which was appointed a year or so ago, but which has not yet taken

any action, or even met.

Space has been reserved for the articles we hope to get from the Communist Youth paper and from the Regional Office that is to be in charge of the Region 1 Rover Association, and it should be understood that the STEAM KETTLE itself is in no way responsible for the views that will be expressed nor does it consider itself responsible if neither of these Organisations have any ideas they think it worth while to let the readers of the STEAM KETTLE know about.

What we consider to be the Communist

and Utopian idea that we should be unselfish and work only for others, is so fine and closely in accord with the ideals of the Scout Movement that it is hard to understand why some Scouts should appear to hate Communists in spite of the Scout Law about being a friend to all the world, and it is hard to understand why some Communists should appear to hate Scouts when the Scout Law is that Scouts should be friendly to the communists and should help the communists what are "OTHERS" in preference to helping "THEMSELVES" who are registered Scouts.

