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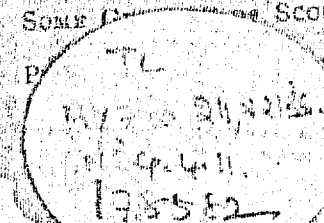
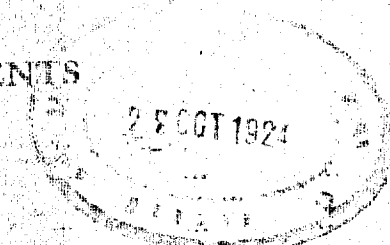


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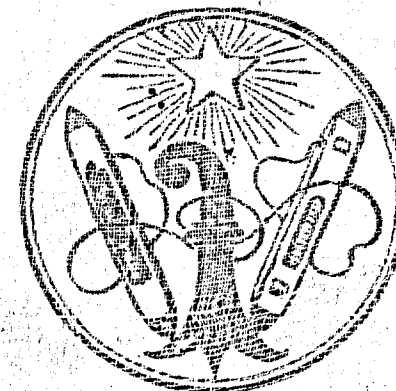
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### The Grey Owl's Hoot

Some of our readers will be wondering whether the Grey Owl has forgotten how to hoot and with reason—the truth of the matter is he has been learning how to fly. At the time of writing this he is flying over Nijkerk on the Banks of the Zuider Zee on the way to the Copenhagen International Scout Jamboree. We are flying fairly low as I can see our shadow on the roads and canals and it is about three times as broad as the roads.

I left London about 3.30 yesterday. We flew over to Calais, the flight over the Straits taking eighteen minutes. We then ran along the shore only about thirty feet off the ground and it was amusing to see little boys, who were bathing, run along the sands to race us. We circled round the Air Station at Ostende, reached Rotterdam at 6.30, and then went on to Amsterdam where we all got off. It is a twenty minutes run and the most beautiful of the whole part.

The country is intersected with a wonderful network of canals and is most beautiful. We passed over a portion of the Zuider Zee and could see the ripples at the bottom.

You will be interested to hear that the Pilot who brought us from London to Amsterdam was a Dutch Scout and he came to my room in the hotel where I spent the night and we had a long talk.

The experience at the Jamboree in London was very wonderful. My tent was next door to Krishna Menon of Madras on one side and a Scout from Uganda on the other. While near by there were Scouts from Palestine, Panama, Gibraltar, Barbados, Ceylon, Trinidad, New Zealand, Tasmania and Australia. All told we were 13,500 Scouts and Scouters.

The first few days were very wet and the mud was very trying, but the good-will and spirit shown were worth seeing. Every one seemed to know every one else and we were a very happy crowd of boys. The Scottish contingent (2,500) in their national dress—kilts—with bag-pipes leading made a

wonderful impression and to see them all dancing their national dances in the Stadium was a thing not to be forgotten quickly.

One troop of very poor boys, Miners' children, put up a magnificent display of Acrobatic stunts. The rope-spinning done in the Stadium was poor and I have seen a Madras troop do much better.

The two most impressive incidents to me were the service for Overseas at the Abbey and the Thanksgiving Service at the Stadium. I enjoyed the former most of all.

I had the great pleasure of going down during the Jamboree week to spend a week end with the Chief and Lady Baden-Powell. I enjoyed every moment of it. I met Peter who had just returned from school. Before the Jamboree I went for a motor tour in Wales with two of my old Scouts who are now in England. I can tell you we did enjoy it. We first visited Oxford and then Gloucester, Worcester and North Wales. We did several tours in Wales and came back via the Midlands, Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon where of course we saw the home of Shakespeare. At Colwyn Bay I made friends with a Troop of Scouts and at Walsall I was able to take my two boy friends over my old school. At the Jamboree I met the Colwyn Bay boys as also twenty-one from my old school and I hope to go and see them before I leave for India.

You will be glad to hear that India was very loudly applauded in the March Past. I was very sorry, as was Sir Alfred, that we had not a really representative Indian contingent. I do trust such a thing will never happen again. Bombay had about eighteen Parsee boys but there were no Madras or Northern Indian Scouts. The rest of the contingent was made up of boys who happened to be at home.

Both Menon and I feel that India has got to be represented at the next Jamboree.

I am posting this from Hamburg where we have just landed—two hours more to Copenhagen.

# THE EDITOR'S IMPRESSIONS

We are now at the end of our fourth volume for which we may again thank Mr. Kenneth of the Diocesan Press. The last few numbers have been very much delayed but please do not put the blame on the Editor who has battled his best against terrible odds and at the expenditure of money out of his own pocket the times. We wished again and again, living as we do 400 miles from the scene of operations, for a wireless attachment to the Editorial boot but in thinking the matter over decided that it might not be all honey as the words lengths in the mofussal would certainly be weaker than those in the great city of Madras, and if any one reciprocated the Editor might, in the end, be a mass of bruises and unable to carry on.

For the present although we are not *hors de combat* we are unable to continue for another season and that is the financial position. We are waiting for spare copies of the July Editorial so that we may communicate with the District Commissioners to try and secure better circulation. We are also waiting for the decision of Provincial Headquarters as they may have something to say on the subject.

When we accepted the Editorial chair in June, it was on the distinct understanding that the paper would be supplied by Scouts interested in its movement and that we should be kept in touch with scouting activities and politics in Madras. We thank Dr. Gravelly and Miss Butler for the continuance of their articles and Mr. Saunders for his able contributions on all but with the exception of three or four district and camp reports and an article by a 'Kilgerin' Scout, nothing else has been received.

We would suggest to Provincial Headquarters the formation of an Editorial Board of at least four members in Madras. One of the number may be responsible for preparing the magazine for the press, another for securing advertisements, another for increasing the circulation and the other for obtaining articles suitable for a magazine that is to meet

the needs of scouting throughout the provincial area.

The plan of the magazine might take the following form which is given as a suggestion for discussion by the Editorial Board:—

1. The Editor's Impressions.
2. Cub Notes.
3. Notes for Scouters.
4. Patrol Leaders Column.
5. A serial story—Original—for Scouts.
6. A short story—also Original.
7. The Latest Scouting Tips.
8. Puzzles and Competitions.
9. Notes on nature—trees, birds, stars, animals, sea-water and fresh-water life.
10. Inventions of a Practical Nature.
11. Correspondence Column and Answers to Correspondents.
12. Short News from Districts.

It may be seen that it is impossible for one man to be responsible for a magazine which is to be not only a financial success but also an interesting publication unless he is a full-time Editor with an extraordinary fertile brain.

We might call these the Editor's depressions except for the fact that we leave the Editorial chair full of hope that something will be done and done quickly to carry on a very necessary part of the scouting activities of the Madras Presidency.

Good scouting—for a magazine—

The Editor.

## Scout Movement Impeded

'Hundreds of boys are being turned away every day because we cannot find the men to train them,' said Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, in an interview yesterday. He pointed out that there were 330,000 Girl Guides in Britain and only 320,000 Boy Scouts.

'The nation of to-morrow promises to be far more balanced than the nations of yesterday,' he added. 'Good will and co-operation is our motto, and our boys are taught not to command, but to lead.'—Daily Graphic, July 7, 1924.



## Patrol Leaders' Pow Wow

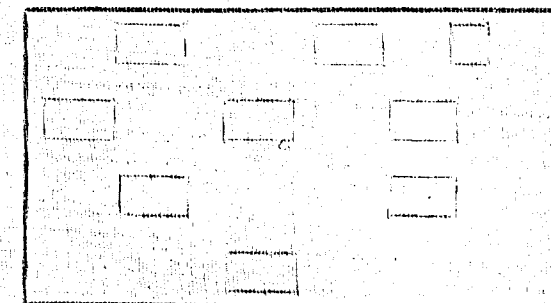
MY DEAR PATROL LEADER,

We were considering last month the outdoor formation of patrols and means to be adopted for communicating with the various members of the patrol but there are occasions when you cannot be heard if you give the patrol call and the use of morse will at once make your presence known to the other patrols of the troop. Incidentally all the patrols will try to be as smart as yours and there will then be competition between the patrols to see which leader can bring all his Scouts back to head-quarters without having been seen by the others.

We need, therefore, a method of communication that will escape the other very sharp leaders and the only way is to invent a code and send your message in cipher.

There are many codes in use but you must have enough imagination to invent one of your own which is known to the members of your patrol, and it is to be considered a point of honour with your Scouts that they keep the code an absolute secret.

The easiest code is made with a piece of cardboard from which you have cut out a number of spaces as under and each member



of the patrol has a similar piece of cardboard. The message you are sending is 'Come back by North road fifth mile from home.'

The message on the paper is:—

'Don't come slowly back enemy by

north east road avoid fifth furlongh

seventh mile. I am starting from post

office near home.'

This message, as you will see, will quite confuse the other patrols if they should capture it but when the key is placed upon it the message is quite intelligible to the reader.

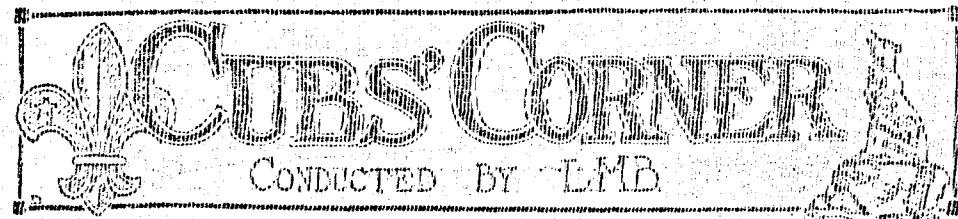
Another method is to write a message as follows:—See whether you can read it. 'Eil hie esoodn ot onsev ruedr ocev eh aen eb esre yb lal ibdrs ni iwdlreons' or again 'maevet nue art tzhro poolsdt offaldcee idn flovre mainnaudtgegs,' or the same wording in another form 'anbederts rmaed cante atohaer rpsodstzy dorfaigiackeq rijna afoimvied gmeisnaurtsessa.'

The Scout who carries the message, even though it is in cipher, should try and prevent its discovery. Even though it may be difficult to read the message; the fact that a message is being carried will make the other patrol very alert and incidentally they may have a very clever lad with them.

The messenger should therefore do his best to conceal the message and if a competition is being arranged marks should be awarded for the most ingenious method adopted in the troop, and in this case the boy who imitates the war scout and swallows the message may be commended for his zeal but not awarded marks as the document should be produced intact.

Yours in the brotherhood,

WOOD PIGEON.



MY DEAR FELLOW-CUBBERS,

Those of you who read my letter last month may be glad to know that 'Teddy' has won his much-coveted First Star! Yes, he has really conquered that skipping-rope at last! Watching the struggles of another Tenderpad who *could* skip (albeit in the most ungainly fashion) the way to do it seemed to dawn upon him. I saw the look which plainly said, 'I can do that.' And he *did*: one, two, three, and then a little later six times! Before the end of the day he did the required thirty times, though the one from whom he learned the way, has not yet succeeded in doing the same.

This time I want to talk to you on the subject of Inter-Six competitions. There are very helpful to the keenness of the Pack: the one great objection to them being that those who are usually beaten soon become very discouraged and lose interest.

To those of you who have found this difficulty I would heartily recommend a system, much approved at Head-quarters and known as 'Tabloid Athletics.' In order to carry this out satisfactorily it is advisable to have as many competitions as there are Sixes in the Pack and there must be one judge for each competition. In the case of a large pack it may be necessary to put two Sixes to each, but this makes it more difficult to carry on efficiently and smartly.

Let us suppose there are three Sixes in the Pack and we are going to have contests in long-jump, high-jump and throwing a cricket-ball. Arrange the Pack in Sixes, in single files some distance apart. Then let a boy of average ability show what he can do in each contest. Mark plainly what he has done and then tell the Cubs that each one who can beat that record will gain a point for his Six.

Then the competitions begin, each judge looking after his own test. At the end of each round the Sixes change places: the first Six goes to the place of the second, the second takes place of the third, and the third of the first, but the judges remain in their original places.

The whole point of this system is that only an average standard should be taken. A boy who knows he has no possible chance of beat-

ing the best jumpers or ball-throwers of the Pack will feel there is a very good chance of beating a less brilliant jumper or thrower, and will consequently make every effort to do so. Do not waste time in praising those who do very well, they will probably go ahead without any encouragement from you but do not forget to give a cheering word to those who failed to get up to the average standard. Just a remark 'Hard luck, you nearly did it.' That was much better this time' or something to that effect will do much to soothe the disappointment of having failed and to counteract that most paralysing of all thoughts that it is 'no use trying.'

Yours sincerely,

L. M. B.

### The Junior League of Nations

Lord Hampton recently addressed a League of Nations Union meeting at Worcester, and in the course of his address he said that he liked to think of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements as the Junior League of Nations. He had heard them described as the best kind of League, because they did not want to sign a treaty, but signed each other's autograph books, which were not so easily torn up. In August next, at Copenhagen, the third International Rally of Scouts would be held, and thirty-three nations would be represented. Thus boys and girls, born abroad and found what very charming people the boys and girls of other countries were, and that in some things they were superior to the boys and girls of Britain. These friendships, once formed, would last through life and be a League of Nations indeed!

The Editor has not received any letters from Scouts giving a solution to the problem set by him in the May and June number under the heading *Could the Cub Carry*. The book is not therefore awarded.

If you read the account of the magnificent Mace carefully, you will realize that it is impossible for any man to carry in his belt a weight equal to the value of half a million pounds in gold. The Editor

## Watch the Birds.—III

I am sure that those of you who have read the last two articles under this heading, and have followed the suggestions made in them, will have noticed many things which you had not realized before, but I seem to hear a lot of voices saying, 'The birds all go away when we try to look at them; we can't get close enough to see them; we have only managed to see two or three really well.' Cheer up! and try again. Weren't those two or three well worth looking at? And of course you had splendid chances of watching the flight of the others!

A lot of you, being good Scouts, will have set to work to try and find out how you could overcome this difficulty, and some of you will perhaps have learnt from the birds themselves. Here are three points which the birds teach us to bear in mind:—

- i. Keep quiet.
- ii. Move not at all, or very slowly.
- iii. See that the colour of your dress is similar to that of your surroundings.

i. *Keep quiet.*—How many times has your attention been drawn to a bird by the sound of his voice, when you would not have noticed him otherwise? The Woodpeckers are noisy birds; they give away their presence both by their whirring flight and by their tapping on tree-trunks. In the same way, if you talk, or walk heavily, or break a twig, or say 'Ayyo' when a thorn goes into you, you simply tell the birds that you are there when they might not have noticed you, and away they fly.

ii. *Move not at all, or very slowly.*—Sudden movements always attract attention. You will often fail to see a bird so long as he keeps quite still, but as soon as he moves, even though he merely twitches his wings and stays where he was, you see him clearly. Remember this, and avoid all sudden movements.

iii. *Try to 'melt into the background.'*—The Scout uniform is a much more suitable dress for bird-watching than your ordinary school clothing. White things should be avoided except on moonlight nights.

You must have noticed that birds which wear black are generally those which don't mind a bit whether you see them or not, for example, Crows; King Crows, with their long forked tails; Robins with their tails perked straight up in the air. In fact, black seems to be the colour of impudence among Indian birds.

The greater number of birds, however, are less careless about being seen, and their colour is usually such as to tone in with their natural background. Thus you will find that green and yellow birds are those which live chiefly among the leaves of trees, while those which spend their lives on or near the ground are generally more brown and grey.

The colouring of birds must have a special article to itself, but you will realize from what has been said that the bird-watcher must take care what he wears. He must, in fact, learn the art of camouflage. (If you don't know what that means, try to find out before next month's issue of the *South India Boy Scout*.)

H. F. S.

### The Prince under Canvas

The Prince of Wales was under canvas for one night. He proceeded to Wembley not in his capacity of Prince, but as the Chief Scout for Wales.

His action gave pleasure to many thousands of Boy Scouts drawn from all parts of the Empire encamped at Wembley Paddocks close to the exhibition grounds for the 'Jamboree'.

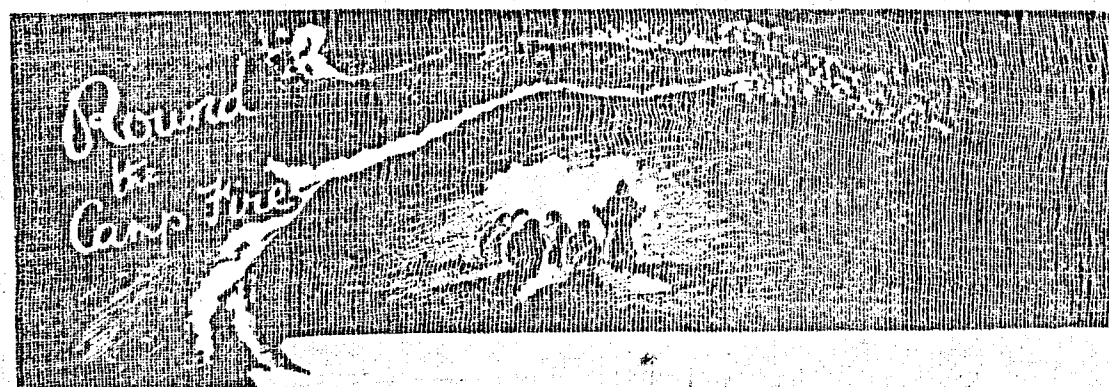
The Prince was accommodated in an ordinary bell tent in the middle of the camp, and his presence indicated by his own standard flying at the top of a flagstaff, which was visible all over the grounds.

The Scouts' Thanksgiving Service at the Stadium began at eleven o'clock. The band and organ played overtures while the congregation assembled, and then the processional hymn 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' for the Archbishops' procession was sung, and two verses of the National Anthem.

The Rev. J. B. Rushbrook, Baptist Commissioner for Europe, read the Intercessions, and the lesson was read by Sir Alfred Pickford, Commissioner for Overseas.

This was followed by the hymn, 'Fight the Good Fight,' after which the Archbishop of York gave his address. 'O God, our Help in Ages Past' was then sung, and the offertory taken for the Scouts' Poor Troop Fund.

The Prince of Wales then addressed the Scouts, and he was followed by the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden-Powell. The Archbishop gave the blessing, which was followed by the final recessional hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell.' The band played while the congregation dispersed.



Mr. Elwes, the Editor of *The Scouter*, writes as follows:—

'Scouts seem to be getting smaller and smaller,' said rather a disappointed Scoutmaster to me the other day. 'I believe it is the fault of the Cubs,' he added; 'they learn the elementary things of scouting before they are eleven years old, and instead of coming in fresh to the business as Tenderfeet used to come, they are blasé, and soon get tired and drop out.'

This is a big and contentious question. It was raised in these notes shortly before my illness some eighteen months ago, but never seriously tackled. I mean to try and tackle it again before long, because from all I hear the senior Scout question (that is, the difficulty of retaining the Scout over about fifteen years of age, unless he is a Patrol Leader or perhaps a second), is still as great a problem as ever all over the country, but I must make further investigation first.

I had a long talk with my critical friend, and I told him how often during the last thirty years of my work with boys I have been disheartened and in the dumps, and then what has cheered me up.

The thing that has cheered me up has been to remember some individual case where the training and influence, whether of the Boys' Brigade or Club and Bible Class of years ago, or of the Scout Troop of more recent times, has really seemed to work. Here are two incidents which have recently come to my knowledge—one quite simple, and one, I do not think I am exaggerating if I say, heroic.

It was last Easter Monday morning that a family party were riding on the top front row of a 'bus' from Buckland to Bedworth in Surrey, when a tap from the boy of the party was blown off, and as the 'bus' was

going fast it was impossible to recover it and this is what the boy's father writes:—

'When we reached home in the evening we were very surprised and pleased to find the cap had been returned by a Scout who was on his way home to London. It appears that he noticed it was nearly a new cap, and had a school badge, so stopped and picked it up. The cap only had my boy's name inside it, and what puzzles me is how the Scout found out where we lived. He refused to leave his name, but we should like the opportunity of thanking him if you can ascertain who he was. My wife and I have always had a very high opinion of the Scouts but when we think of the trouble this boy went to in restoring a stranger's lost cap, we have even a greater opinion of them, and of those who train them.'

And now for the heroic story.

Some five years ago the king gave a garden-party at Buckingham Palace to 'war workers.' Among them were invited a number of King's Scouts holding the hundred days' War Service Badge. Essex was represented by Roger Clayton, Troop Leader of the Colchester High School Troop. The invitation came to him through the County Authorities at the last moment. His uniform was honourably stained by camp, but hardly fit for a Royal garden-party. There was no time to get a new one, but his friends came to the rescue. I seem to see him now arrayed in the best togs they could provide. One lent a new pair of shorts, another a shirt, and so on. Very smart and upright he looked, and yet the quiet and retiring Roger we knew so well, starting for the Royal party.

In due time Roger left his school and joined the Merchant Service. He made splendid progress, and became Fourth Officer of

R.M.S. *Talwa*, of the British Steam Navigation Company.

When the ship was at Calcutta last April, Roger was standing near the hatch as the men were opening it up for cargo work. The cargo was all in the lower hold, and when one of the Indian sailors went below he suddenly collapsed on reaching the top of the cargo. And this is what a brother officer writes:—

'When Roger knew the man was down below, and was hurt in some way, he ran to the ladder to go down the hold. When he had gone down a few steps, he came back and said to me (I had just reached the hatch): "Tell the Chief quick I cannot breathe down there." So I ran to get the smoke helmets, thinking he would wait on top till I returned. But he must have felt the man was in urgent need of help, and therefore, without waiting he went down, taking the end of a rope to tie round the man below. I think he must have hoped to hold his breath for the short time he would be there, but he was overcome at once by the foul gas and he fell on reaching the bottom of the ladder, and a seaman who tried to save him fell as well. It is thought both must have died in a few minutes.' And he adds: 'Roger was liked by everyone on board because of his willingness to work and to help others at any time. He had a friendly smile and a cheerful word for all of us; in fact I think he represented the highest ideals of a Scout (which, I believe, he was before he joined the sea). And the River Chaplain at Calcutta wrote: "Mr. Clayton quite knowingly and deliberately risked and gave his life in the attempt to save that of an Indian Seaman."

### Young Ireland at Wembley

Young Ireland invaded Wembley, when 150 Boy Scouts and Rovers of the Irish Free State arrived for the 'Jamboree'. Games of hurling, Ireland's national pastime, were given by teams from Dublin and Wicklow at the 'Jamboree', and the Scouts performed Irish dances at the Scout Fair.

The Scouts brought with them from Ireland a large wreath which was placed on the Cenotaph in Whitehall by the Earl of Meath, Chief Commissioner for Ireland.

The Scouts demonstrated their self-reliance and individual capabilities, besides giving eloquent evidence of a fine team spirit, because they were left entirely to their own resources.

Character and intelligence were shown in pageants illustrative of national life. Australia and Africa and the Scouts of Harrow County School arranged pageants. Scotland prepared a gigantic reel. There were 2,700 Scottish boys at Wembley.

Wales was also prominent, and Sussex produced a historical pageant based upon 'Puck of Pook's Hill.'

There were over fifty different ways in which the boys demonstrated their handiwork and skill, from bee farming to mining, and from plumbing to meteorology. All kinds of team competitions and scenes depicting, camping, walking, and recreative games left no doubt in the spectators' minds upon the question of health and strength.

### India to Trinidad

The parts of the Empire represented by troops were India, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Palestine, Hong Kong, Gold Coast, Barbados, Ceylon, Rhodesia, Gibraltar, Malta, British Guiana, Jamaica, Gambia, Trinidad, Bermuda, British N. Borneo, Mauritius, Uganda, Burma, the Bahamas, Kenya Colony, and the Irish Free State. Ulster, of course, was included in the British Isles contingent, but at their own request the Free State boys were accommodated in the Colonial section of the camp.

Among the camp orders was to be found one absolutely forbidding the collection of autographs.

There was, incidentally, also a hostel for lost Scouts!

We try to teach our boys by the law of simple daily good turns, something of the practical meaning of love. Such examples as that of Roger Clayton carries the teaching to its highest limit. Greater love hath no man than this that he lay down his life for his friends.'

And when I looked at the recent parade of Scouts, of which the Scoutmaster I have referred to was complaining, and was disheartened for the moment to see how small most of them appeared to be, I was cheered once again by thinking that every boy has within him the spirit of unselfish love, and may one day, if he gets the chance, become a hero like Roger Clayton.

## Imperial 'Jamboree' at the Empire Exhibition, Wembley

We are indebted to the *Daily Telegraph*, which has always taken a keen interest in the work of the Boy Scouts' Association for the following account of the 'Invasion of Wembley' and also for the leading article which appeared in its issue of August 1, 1924:—

There were some additions yesterday to the 2,000 Boy Scouts already in occupation of the Wembley Paddocks Camp, but it is to-day that will witness the arrival of the great body. Altogether nearly 10,000, coming from many centres of the kingdom, will enter the huge enclosure throughout the course of the day, and some further contingents are not due till to-morrow morning. The army of campers will then be in readiness for the opening of the Imperial 'Jamboree' in the Stadium of the British Empire Exhibition—a ceremony which is to be performed at 2.30 to-morrow by the Duke of Connaught in his capacity as President of the Boy Scouts' Association. The inauguration will be carried out with a spectacular impressiveness—worthy of a gathering surpassing all previous Scout assemblies in extent, in variety, and in imperial significance.

To-morrow afternoon's proceedings will begin with a procession into the Stadium of thousands of Scouts, representative not only of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, but of the Dominions and Colonies. At the head of the procession will be the Boy Scouts from India; then will come representatives of Burma, Canada, Newfoundland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the Crown Colonies, the Irish Free State, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and the counties of England in alphabetical order. Each Dominion and Colony will be preceded by a name-board and flag, and each county by a flag, the colours being lowered on passing the Royal box. A dramatic manifestation is to follow—at a given signal the whole parade will race to the centre of the arena, the boys shouting their patrol calls. Then for a while there will be absolute silence, and all Scouts will kneel on the right knee. The first half of the National Anthem will be sung quietly, as a prayer, and, as the Scouts rise to their feet, the sound will gradually grow louder, the singing being led by the Welsh choir of 1,000 trained voices.

Other items in to-morrow afternoon's programme include a Canadian historical episode, a half-mile relay race, a tug-of-war, hurley by the Irish Free State Scouts, lariat throwing

by the Hastings contingent, rigging sheer legs by Weymouth Sea Scouts, a Scoutcraft demonstration by Northern Ireland, boys' acrobatics by English troops, and a display of massed dancing by 2,000 Scottish Scouts.

### The Prince of Wales

The Prince of Wales, as is now generally known, is to open the evening demonstration on Saturday, at 5.30, and is to spend the night under canvas. One of the most interesting events of the 'Jamboree' will be the great camp-fire sing-song which His Royal Highness is to attend on Saturday night. On the following morning the Prince, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, and the Archbishop of York are to speak at the Thanksgiving Service in the Stadium. The leading events in the Jamboree are as follows:—

TO-MORROW, 2.30 p.m.—Opening by the Duke of Connaught.

SATURDAY, 5.30 p.m.—Opening by the Prince of Wales.

SUNDAY, 11 a.m.—Thanksgiving Service.

MONDAY.—Performances at 2.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, 2.30 p.m.—Opening by Prince Arthur of Connaught.

WEDNESDAY, 2.30 p.m.—Opening of the Wolf Cubs' day performance by the Duke of York.

The 'Jamboree' is to be given each day at 2.30, and again at 5.30, and so diversified is the general programme that no two performances will be alike. The arrangements for the opening ceremony on Monday are not yet complete. The gathering is to be continued on Thursday, August 7, and on Friday, August 8. The latter is to be the Scout Fair Day, an Old English Fair being staged in the Stadium from 11 a.m. As giving some indication of the variety of the 'Jamboree,' it may be stated—to select only several items from an eight days' round of amusement and education—that various pageants have been arranged to illustrate the history and the every-day life of many parts of the Empire, while Sussex has organized a picturesque historical pageant—'Puck's Pageant.' These are, of course, in addition to the athletic performances, competitions, and the numerous displays of Scoutcraft.

For the great service in the Stadium on Sunday morning the general public and members of the Boy Scouts' Association will be admitted to the standing terraces free, by

tickets which will be forwarded on application to the Stadium Box-office or to the Boy Scouts' Association, 23, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. 1. The prices of seats are 5s, 3s, 2s, and 1s.

Among the contingents of Scouts that are to arrive to-day at Wembley Paddocks Camp will be those from Northern Ireland, under the command of Commissioners Pakenham and Heasley, and from Southern Ireland, under the command of Assistant District Commissioner S. C. Preston. The united contingents will be inspected during the afternoon by the Commissioner for Ireland, the Earl of Meath. On Tuesday, August 5, the Commissioner for Ireland, on behalf of the two contingents, will lay a wreath on the Cenotaph in memory of those Irishmen who died in the Great War; and subsequently each contingent will lay a separate wreath in memory of those men who came from their respective portions of Ireland. On Thursday, August 7, a small Irish contingent will leave for Copenhagen, where the international 'Jamboree' for Scouts is to take place. During the week of their stay at Wembley the Irish contingents will, of course, frequently appear in the Stadium, and take part in the competitions.

### The Imperial 'Jamboree'

The gathering of twelve thousand Boy Scouts from all parts of the Empire to hold their Imperial 'Jamboree' at Wembley from to-day onwards for a week, is the most picturesque and imposing demonstration yet given of the power and influence of this very wonderful movement. The detachments making up the host have come from every county in Great Britain, from Northern Ireland and from the Irish Free State, from all the Dominions, from India and Burma, and from the Crown Colonies. Most of them are of British stock, but the Scouts with brown or black skins are properly represented, and are as enthusiastic as their white brothers. All are living under canvas in a great camp which they have helped to equip, and, as self-reliant Scouts, they are contributing to the cost of their messing. Their object is to give a series of displays in the Stadium, so that the public may gain some idea of Scout discipline, energy, and athletic prowess, and observe for themselves the beneficent effect which the training has upon boys. The King has shown his deep interest in the movement by receiving six hundred representative Scouts at Buckingham Palace last Monday, when he reminded them of Lord Kitchener's pregnant saying, 'Once a Scout, always a Scout.' The Duke of Connaught, as President of the Boy Scouts' Association, is to review the massed Scouts at the Stadium this afternoon. Moreover, the Prince of Wales, with his unerring instinct for helping a good cause in the right way, has promised not merely to open the afternoon meeting on Saturday, but to spend that night under canvas with the Scouts and to attend the 'sing-song' round the camp-fire, in which all Scouts delight. In paying these attentions to the Empire Scouts the Royal family assuredly reflect public opinion. It has long been realized by all who have eyes to see that the Boy Scout movement is one of the most remarkable and most hopeful phenomena of our time, and that in starting it, just sixteen years ago, Sir Robert Baden-Powell did a very great piece of work, not only for his country and for the Empire, but for the world at large. It is not too much to say that, on the progress of the Boy Scouts and their comrades, the Girl Guides, depend in no small measure the chances of a happier future for humanity.

The growth of the movement has been amazingly rapid. When Sir Robert Baden-Powell propounded his great idea in 1908, he had an instant response from thousands of eager lads. Within two years he could estimate that in Great Britain alone there were 150,000 Scouts. The war hampered but did not stay the growth, while it enabled thousands of patriotic Boy Scouts to show how useful they could be, not merely in semi-military tasks, but in duller and far more arduous civilian work. The Chief Scout confessed yesterday to a representative of *The Daily Telegraph* that never in his wildest dreams had he hoped to hear that a million Scouts were enrolled the world over. But his expectations were far too modest, for it is estimated, with reasonable accuracy, that the Scouts of the world now number nearly two millions, and the Scouts within the British Empire alone are 385,000 strong. There are besides about 800,000 Girl Guides in the various countries. These impressive figures, representing the growth of only sixteen years, show that the appeal of the Scout movement is universal. Therein its strength lies. It rises superior to all the barriers of race, of politics, of religion, of wealth, or of class, which divide men from one another. It ignores all these differences by its simple and direct insistence on the five qualities of youth which are found in all peoples. The Scout creed is elemental. 1. I am a Scout. 2. I am a Scout. 3. I am a Scout. 4. I am a Scout. 5. I am a Scout. 6. I am a Scout. 7. I am a Scout. 8. I am a Scout. 9. I am a Scout. 10. I am a Scout. 11. I am a Scout. 12. I am a Scout. 13. I am a Scout. 14. I am a Scout. 15. I am a Scout. 16. I am a Scout. 17. I am a Scout. 18. I am a Scout. 19. I am a Scout. 20. I am a Scout. 21. I am a Scout. 22. I am a Scout. 23. I am a Scout. 24. I am a Scout. 25. I am a Scout. 26. I am a Scout. 27. I am a Scout. 28. I am a Scout. 29. I am a Scout. 30. I am a Scout. 31. 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Its fundamental principle is service—the service of others in an unselfish spirit. The Scout laws lay stress on the cardinal qualities of honour, of obedience to authority, of courtesy, cheerfulness, an avoidance of snobbery, helpfulness, kindness to animals, and devotion to duty. Every man, whatever the colour of his skin, instinctively values these qualities and respects those who try to live by such laws. Every father wishes his boys to become all-round men, with well-formed characters and full of self-reliance, and this is the Scout ideal. Moreover, these sound moral principles are taught by example. The Scouts are nothing if they are not practical. When they go on patrol every boy has his allotted duty. There is always something interesting to do. Sir Robert Baden-Powell showed a profound understanding of a boy's nature when he laid stress on the romantic and adventurous aspects of scouting. He captured the average boy's imagination with what some cynics may have regarded as trivialities, and thus his success was assured. No wonder, then, that the Scout movement has spread swiftly through all countries, and that Boy Scouts and Girl Guides are now numbered by the million. We may surely regard it as a new civilizing force of unbounded potentialities, for it is guiding the younger generation, with whom the future rests, towards a wider unity of worthy aspirations than has ever been attained before.

The one difficulty which threatens to impede the farther progress of Scouting is, as Sir Robert Baden-Powell said yesterday, the inadequate supply of young men capable of becoming Scoutmasters or their assistants. All Scouts have to be trained, as they pass from the 'Tenderfoot' stage to become second-class Scouts, and then first-class Scouts, accomplished in woodcraft, cooking, and many another art. The training has to be thorough and practical, and calls for much tact and good sense on the part of the Scoutmaster. It would be wrong to ignore the value of the services rendered ungrudgingly by many thousands of young men to the Boy Scouts. Without the Scoutmasters the movement could never have attained its present success. The Scouts are not closely organized like an army. Each company is left to itself as much as possible; decentralization is carried to greater lengths than in any similar body. Thus the individual Scoutmaster exercises a very direct influence on the boys under his charge, and the high average quality of the Scout companies shows that the

confidence reposed in the Scoutmasters has not been misplaced. At the same time, it appears that new recruits for these responsible posts are not now so numerous as could be wished. More Scouts might be enrolled if additional Scoutmasters of the right type were forthcoming. The hint thus dropped by Sir Robert Baden-Powell should be sufficient to bring forward many young men who are anxious to render service to the community, but who do not know that they are needed. Certainly, there could be no finer or more interesting work for a young man's leisure than to take command of a detachment of lively and enthusiastic boys, eager to live the Scout life and to carry out the Scout principles. The imposing assemblage at Wembley has its special value as showing how far the movement has progressed, and how much it is helping to unite the boys of the Empire and, indeed, the boys of the whole world. We trust that it will also tend to expand Scouting still further by drawing more of our young men into the work as instructors and comrades for this great Brotherhood of Youth.

### Ye Scout Fayre

#### BACK TO THE DAYS OF MERRIE ENGLAND

Prince Arthur of Connaught, accompanied by the Princess, will open the proceedings, and Wolf Cubs will have the honour of having their performances (which are based on the works of Mr. Rudyard Kipling) opened by the Duke of York. They have Wednesday as a day apart for themselves.

Friday is another special day, when Ye Scout Fayre will take things back to the days of Merrie England.

Sixteen years ago there were no Boy Scouts. To-day there are 385,000 in the Empire alone and 2,000,000 throughout the world—with a corresponding sisterhood of some 800,000 Girl Guides.

Every day from 11 till 12.30, from 2.30 to 4.30, and 5.30 to 7 p.m. the 'Jamboree' will be in progress in the Stadium.

The displays will be illustrative of the four chief branches of Scout education, namely, in character, intelligence, and patriotism; in handicraft in the individual; in health and strength; and in service for others.

Lord Glanusk is in charge of the vast camp for which arrangements have been necessary on an unheard-of scale so far as the Scout movement is concerned.

## Baby Week, Srinagar, Health leaflet Series No. 5

### The Care of the Eye

1. Do not read in twilight or strong light and in disease.
2. Do not read lying down, when tired and fatigued.
3. Do not read while moving and just after food.
4. Do not read fine print. Avoid cinemas and night waking.
5. Do not rub the eyes with dirty hands and handkerchiefs.
6. Do not hold the book too far or too near the eyes.
7. Do not sit in cramped and stooped positions, while writing.
8. Do not look on sunlit snow for a long time.
9. Do not allow sunshine on the page.
10. Do not rub the right eye, but the left, when any foreign body enters the right eye and vice versa.

Protection from sand, smoke, stones, strong winds and injuries will save the eyes. Use amber-coloured lenses in the strong sun-light and snow. Let light come from behind and over your left shoulder.

### When to wear Glasses

1. When you cannot clearly recognize people or smoothly read signboards across the way.
2. When looking attentively at any thing for a minute or two causes the eyes to water, become tired, or feel heavy.
3. When you suffer from pain in the eyes or their vicinity or have headaches, or nervous disorders you cannot properly account for.
4. When working you have to rub or give rest to your eyes from time to time.
5. When you have to shade your eyes in bright light.
6. When you have to hold your paper closer to your eyes than your friends do.
7. When the types of a book become mixed up and the space between two lines muddled.
8. When you cannot read small types as close to the eyes as formerly, but must push your book or work away from the eyes.
9. When you find more light is required to read or sew comfortably.
10. When your eyes are sore or inflamed, and the lashes flickering.

### Eye Bath and Eye Gymnastics

1. The health of the eye depends upon perfect nutrition, sound drainage, and proper

nerve supply. Special attention should be paid to constitutional regeneration. With constitutional improvement comes much better sight and much better hearing.

2. Submerge forehead and eyes in a basin of water, (the temperature of water should be as cold as the sensitive ball can bear) open and close the lids forcibly under water from 12 to 24 times. Repeat a few times according to the need.

3. Sit or stand comfortably, keep the head strong and fixed and then move the eyes upwards and downwards. In like manner, move the eye-balls from right to left and left to right. Similarly move the eye-balls diagonally from the right highest to the left lowest, and then reverse. Finally roll the eye-balls in circular motion from right to left, and then from left to right. Repeat each of these movements from 12 to 24 times according to the need and time.

4. Include butter, almond oil, olive oil, in diet. Rubbing almond oil, or other vegetable oils over the head and round the eyes improves sight and removes fatigue of brain and eyes.

5. Most of the chronic eye diseases are due to gastric and intestinal putrefaction. Colon washing twice a week is a great help in curing obstinate eye diseases.

6. White light contains actinic rays which are pernicious. Scientific experiments have shown that a combination of red and yellow rays is least injurious and most agreeable to the eyes.

7. A solution of Boracic Acid dropped into the eye several times a day is highly useful for inflamed eyes.

8. Rub the temples well towards the corners of the eyes. This will also affect the nervous structure of the eyes.

9. Tired and red eyes can be relieved by bathing the eyes in clean cold water.

10. Short-sighted eyes may be relieved by getting accustomed to moving the work or book a little farther back. In this way the eyes will learn to focus that which you wish them to see at a greater distance.

NOTE.—When foreign bodies enter the eye, gently turn the lid back over the eye-ball and remove the foreign body on a corner of a clean handkerchief.

Dr. SHRI RAM,  
Srinagar-Kashmir.

## Boy Scouts' Association

(Incorporated by Royal Charter)

'WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN'

July 29, 1924

The following paragraphs were issued with the compliments of the Publicity Committee, and Editors were cordially invited to make use of them as circumstances permitted:—

### The Piper Pipes his Scouts to Wembley

Simultaneously with the opening of the Great Imperial Jamboree, to which the Chief Scout of all the world (Sir Robert Baden-Powell) is calling together the Scouts of every part of the British Empire at Wembley this week, there appears a delightful volume, containing the life story of the Chief Scout, published by Pearson's at the modest sum of three shillings and sixpence, and entitled, 'The Piper of Pax.' The author is Mrs. Wade, than whom few, if any, are better qualified to have undertaken the work. On the fly-leaf appear these words of Robert Browning:—

In the streets the piper stepped,  
Smiling first a little smile  
As if he knew what magic slept  
In his quiet pipe the while

And the piper advanced,  
And the children followed.

It is true, this Piper of Pax piped, and in sixteen short years nearly two million boys have followed, and this very week twelve thousand will gather round The Piper in the great Empire Scout Camp and Jamboree at Wembley, which commences on Friday, August 1st. The Piper is piping the younger generation to better citizenship, to service for others, and to a mutual understanding between the different countries, and thereby to a universal peace.

### Scout's three months' walk to say 'Thank you'

An interesting sidelight of Boy Scout life in Rio de Janeiro has just come to light in a letter addressed to the Chief Scout (Sir Robert Baden-Powell) by the Rt. Hon. Sir John A. C. Tilley, K.C.M.G., C.B., the British Ambassador at Rio. He tells how a Scout of thirteen years of age walked quite alone from Rio to Santiago over the Andes Mountains, out of the great summer heat of Brazil

into the cold of the Andes, and taking three months on the way, in order to say 'Thank you' to the Boy Scouts of Chile, who some time before, in commemoration of the Centenary of Brazilian Independence, had presented to Rio a statue of a Boy Scout for one of their principal avenues.

### Wembley Stadium's much used Royal Box

This week sees the Boy Scouts' Imperial Jamboree at the Stadium, Wembley, and no portion of the community have arranged to do more to ensure its success than the Royal Family. After a busy London season, the busiest since the war ended, they, from the King downwards, are taking a real and practical interest in this great movement, which has taken such a marvellous hold on the younger generation of our Empire and, indeed, the world generally. To coincide with His Majesty the King inspecting the Oversea Contingents of Scouts last Monday, On Friday, August 1st, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught opens the first performance of the Jamboree at 2.30 p.m. in the Stadium, and then on Saturday, August 2nd, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales not only opens the Jamboree performance at 5.30 p.m. at the Stadium, but dines with the Scouts in the great Scout Camp at Wembley Paddocks, afterwards attending the gigantic camp-fire sing-song of about twenty thousand Scouts, and then camping out with the Scouts so as to be present and speak at the Massed Scout Service of Thanksgiving, which is being held at the Stadium on the Sunday morning at 11 a.m., when His Grace the Archbishop of York will preach. On Tuesday, August 5th, Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught will be present at the 2.30 p.m. performance, and then, on the Wolf Cub Day, Wednesday, August 6th, at 2.30 p.m., His Royal Highness the Duke of York will be present.

### Arrival of Felix at Wembley Jamboree

Felix arrived at Southampton last Monday, having travelled all the way from South Africa in order to take part in the Boy Scouts Imperial Jamboree, which opens at Wembley

Stadium this Friday, August 1st. He had as escort on his journey a party of nearly two hundred Scouts from South Africa and Kenya Colony, who are now camping in the great Scout Camp in Wembley Paddocks, where twelve thousand other Scouts will be camping from Thursday, evening next. Other strange visitors to the Jamboree, besides Felix, are some snakes and a monkey.

### Everything from Kippers to Bed Curtains at Wembley

One of the many interesting events to be held at Wembley Stadium during the Scouts' Imperial Jamboree, which commences this Friday, August 1st, will be the Tudor Fair, to be held on the last day of all, Friday, August 8th, when the vast Stadium will be changed, as if by the sweep of some fairy wand, into an old Elizabethan market place, with its booths and stalls, its Maypole and dancing rings, and last, but not least, its Mayor, who will read the 'chaffer' authorizing the holding of the fair, and bidding all good citizens to behave themselves in the precincts of the Stadium, or, as an alternative, to be confined in the ancient stocks. On the stalls will be every kind of article imaginable, from Lowestoft kippers to Mayfair bed-curtains. The Scouts taking part will be dressed in Tudor costume, and dancing round the Maypole will take place to the strains of the seventeenth century Maypole song:—

'Come, lasses and lads, get leave of your dads,

And away to the Maypole hie.'

### Public School Scouts as Firefighters

Among the competing teams in the recent annual competition of the Eton Fire Brigade was one from the Eton College Boy Scouts. They took part both in fire escape drill and hydrant drill, and in making presentations after the competition the Provost of Eton (Dr. M. R. James) warmly complimented the

Eton Fire Brigade on the work they performed, which gave the College a very real sense of security.

### British International Scout Team in training

The troop of boy Scouts, forty-eight in number, who are shortly going to Denmark to represent Great Britain in the International Scout Contests, are now at Gillingham Park, the Scout Training Centre near Chingford, in Essex, where they are receiving a course of intensive training under their Scoutmaster, Captain C. V. Swan, M.C. Already, after only a very short while at Gillingham, they present a thoroughly healthy and fit appearance not unworthy to represent the country which gave to the world the founder of Scouting for Boys, Sir Robert Baden-Powell.

### Manchester's Cotton Pageant for Wembley Jamboree

One of the most interesting items during the run of the great Imperial Jamboree at the Stadium on Friday, August 1st, is the Pageant which the Boy Scouts of Manchester are to present. Entitled 'Cotton within the Empire,' the pageant illustrates cotton, from the time of its growth in India, the Sudan, Uganda and Nyasaland, until it is turned into the finished article in the cotton mills of Lancashire. A feature of the pageant will be a life-size representation of the boll-weevil, carrying out its fiendish work among the cotton plants. Spinning, weaving, etc., will be shown by Scouts on decorated cars and in other ways. The Scouts of the Red Rose of Lancashire will thus show to their brother Scouts of Empire and to the people of London the premier industry of their county. Last August, when the Chief Scout visited Blackburn, he saw Scouts demonstrating cotton weaving, and it was his suggestion that they should one day come to London with their display.

### A Stamp in the Making

#### Fascinating and Exacting Work

Does the man in the street ever wonder how the artistic designs and colours on an ordinary postage stamp are produced?

If he does, the subject of this article will be achieved, as the writer in the *Weekly Telegraph* has set out to give a general insight into what is at the same time one of the most fascinating and exacting pieces of

work. The next time the reader purchases a stamp let him study it. Let him note the gentle tones of light and shade, the thin and thick lines, the ornamental work, and the neat way in which the lettering is engraved over the background.

First of all, a sketch of the proposed design has to be made to the required size, which is usually about 13/16 inches by 15/16

inches. This may take one artist any time from a week to a month to execute, because miniature portrait painting and designing are difficult tasks which cannot be hurried.

After the design is approved the stamp has to be engraved. As a rule, this is done on steel, and mostly by hand—a delicate task requiring great skill and concentration. It is essential that the utmost care should be exercised, because a mistake is a serious matter and cannot easily be rectified. Very often an error means that the engraving must be done all over again, and that is a costly business.

#### Perfect Facsimile

When the die (as this original engraving on steel is called) is finished it is finally examined to make sure that it is a perfect facsimile of the sketch; proofs are then printed in the desired colours. These are submitted for approval. As soon as they are passed, preparations for printing are commenced. From the original die a large plate is made so that a big quantity of stamps can be printed at once. The method adopted to produce this plate depends upon the class, quality, and type of stamps required. In making this plate the utmost attention is given to the smallest detail. It is most important that when the plate is finished each stamp is exactly alike in depth, texture and workmanship. The reason for this is that if the work is perfect the possibility of the stamps being reproduced by a forger is minimised; hence the necessity for highly-skilled, and consequently well-paid artisans.

Meanwhile, the chemist and his staff are busy having the printing ink made. This is an art, as anybody with a knowledge of the peculiarities of printing ink will testify. The properties of the ink have to be such that when printed the colour will prove to be permanent, strong, light not causing it to fade. At the same time it has to be insoluble in water, quick drying, and easy to handle. Consequently this ink has to undergo several hard tests before it is passed as being fit for printing.

The paper is another important item. It has to be fine, wearing, not discolourable, and perfectly uniform throughout. Of course, the paper has to be gummed, and it depends to which part of the world the particular stamps in hand are destined for as to the composition of the gum. The climates of the various countries have to be considered, because the heat of one country and the

cold of another have very different effects upon sheets of gummed postage stamps.

The operation to which all the others are subsidiary—the printing—must not be omitted from these observations. The machine has first to be 'made ready.' This may take five hours, or it may take fifty. There are several reasons for this variance of time, amongst which are the extent of the job, the nature of the work, the method of printing, and the type of machine on which the work is to be done.

#### Various Classes of Printing

It is difficult to speak in a general manner of this part of the business of stamp-production owing to the wide differences that exist between the various classes of printing. The only insight that can be given in an article of this description is to state what has to be done before the printing really commences, and the duties of the machine minder.

Everything now being ready the machine is put in motion. 'Trial sheets' are first printed to ensure that each sheet will 'register' accurately, that the ink will distribute evenly, and that the colour is exactly the same as the 'passed proof.' When the printing has commenced the machine minder has to be in constant attention. He must see that the ink is being distributed evenly, that the stamps are registering perfectly, and printing cleanly. These and many other things the printer has to watch for, so he is, indeed, a fortunate machine minder who can 'run on' for a week at a time without a stoppage due to one cause or another.

The printing finished, the stamps have to dry, and then they are sent for pressing, milling, rolling or glazing, as the case may be. This operation needs hardly any explanation, as it almost explains itself. Its object is simply to add a good finish to the stamps, and, if necessary, to take out any creases in the paper. The difference that this last of the mechanical processes makes is astonishing. It adds lustre and smartness to what was previously good but is now better.

#### By Hand

The remainder of the work is all done by hand. The stamps are now well on the way to perfection, but have yet to be 'ware housed.' This entails cutting, perforating, examining, checking, cleaning, and in some cases interleaving. The sheets of stamps are perforated and then cut to the size ordered. Perforating necessitates perfect accuracy, a

the distance between one row of stamps and another is only just wide enough to take the needles. If the stamps themselves are perforated they are thrown out as 'waste.' The need for examining, checking and cleaning is obvious. Interleaving consists of placing a sheet of wax paper between each row of stamps. This is only done when the stamps are destined for use in a hot climate. It prevents the sheets sticking together if by chance the heat should moisten the gum.

### Some Glimpses of Scouting Activities in the Hills

It needs no further demonstration that the Scout movement is one which requires its due sympathetic treatment at the hands not only of the poor and rich but of all human beings without any social aggrandisement. It is a movement for the betterment of every individual and of the whole world at large. Our readers will be interested to go through a description of the celebration of the first anniversary of the 'Wild Rose Troop, Coonoor,' Nilgiri District, for the first time.

2. It was on Saturday, August 9, when all the world was suffering from floods and all the people anxious for sunshine that this ceremony was celebrated. Happily to say there was complete sunshine throughout the whole day. When the day dawned the Scouters were seen on the alert in their uniforms decorating the playground and pitching up tents in the maidan and some of them were seen carrying furniture from the local sympathisers. The tents being pitched by 2 o'clock the proceedings began at 2-30 p.m. when the Scouts began to rally on to the spot from their rooms in four deep. One by one they saluted the District Commissioner, Mr. H. T. Wills, M.A., who was then present on the spot.

3. Precisely at 3 p.m. the local Troop of Scouters under their Scoutmaster received another Troop from the head-quarters which swelled the number by two dozen members. Altogether there were five dozen members who all began to take part in the celebrations.

Among those present were:—

Mr. H. T. Wills, M.A., the District Commissioner.  
Lieut.-Col. L. L. Potter, the Local President.  
Captain Bryant, Sympathiser.  
Major Hamilton, the Chairman of the Municipality.

Needless to say, there is no possibility of this happening until the stamps are being unpacked from their air-tight and lined cases.

Everything finished, the work is counted, carefully packed in oil paper, and put into cases ready for delivery.

All the while this work is being executed a strict control is exercised over every sheet of paper, every stamp and even every waste copy.

And other gentlemen who promised every kind of help in their power.

4. The visitors were served tea by the Scouters and a very interesting programme of Scout games was gone through by the Scoutmaster. Several snapshots in the *Times of India* will give you a clear idea of the chief games. The Commissioner began the Investiture Ceremony and all the Rovers were asked to take oaths of responsibility, which being done, the President began to give his address on the responsibilities and usefulness of such a movement to the State and to the individuals in particular. He further appealed to the public that by the next time this year the number on rolls may be swelled to such a big number that this maiden would give them scarce space to do their necessary operations.

5. Then the local Secretary, Mr. S. R. Narayanan, M.A., began reading the report for the current year. In the course of his reading he exposed to the public a sympathising letter from His Excellency Viscount Goschen, the Provincial Chief Scout giving the movement his whole-hearted sympathy and his regret in not being able to be present on the occasion. The Secretary then read a letter from Mr. A. W. Blake, I.C.S., the Sub-Collector who expressed his intense desire to be present for the celebration and his subsequent regret in so doing.

6. Then the last item which was a very interesting one was gone through. This was the exemplification of the Scouts' ideal in the case of a house on fire. In the meantime the Scoutmaster, Mr. V. P. Ramaswamy, got hurt and the first aid principles were applied and the patient was taken to the doctor then present by whose help he was cured. The meeting then terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the District Commissioner, the President and all the visitors present there.

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