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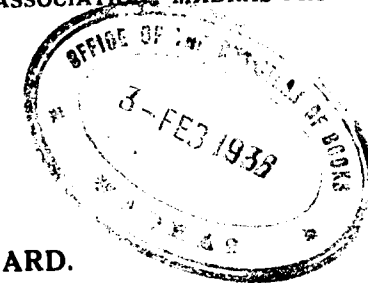
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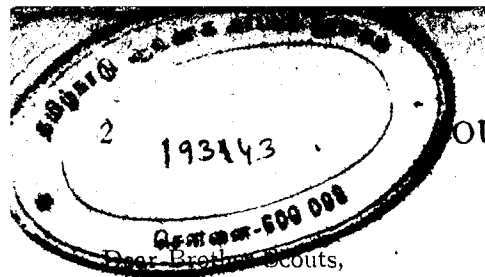
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Outlook.

Our readers have been for some time past so accustomed to see the facsimile of Dr. G. S. Arundale under this outlook, that they will undoubtedly feel a distinct disappointment when they miss it in this issue. This slight break has been occasioned by the absence of Dr. Arundale on a Northern Indian Tour and I am just trying to step into his place for a brief while and write this outlook and in doing so I wish to avail myself of the opportunity to



Camping and cleanliness.

express to Dr. Arundale on behalf of the Editorial Board and on behalf of our readers how much we have appreciated his writings in our Magazine in the past and how much we eagerly look forward to his resumption of the same in future on his return to Madras.

Our Retiring Managing Editor.

There is another change which is of a more permanent nature and this change is in the Managing Editorship of the Magazine. Mr. P. S. Narayanswami who has been our managing editor for over a decade and who, during this period, has made the magazine one of the

best scout magazines in the world, has just laid down his charge and has taken up, on the request of the Headquarters Executive Committee, the arduous duties of editing the new Headquarters Bulletin. Mr. Narayanswami's connection with the magazine will ever be remembered by our readers. Before he took up the magazine, it was either dependent purely on outside support or was working at a heavy deficit. But he changed this state of affairs and today the magazine, though it may not be a source of profit, is not a source of loss and more than this financial consideration, the magazine has become a distinct gain to the movement in so far as it has helped to disseminate scout ideals among a large section of the population of this Presidency.

Our new Managing Editor.

Mr. Narayanswami's place has been taken up by Mr. V. S. Rathnasabapathy, who is no stranger to our readers and who has been connected with it as a joint editor for a number of years. Mr. Rathnasabapathy has had varied journalistic experience and will no doubt open for the magazine, a new chapter of prosperity and popularity. The new volume begins with this change and we look forward to this volume marking a new epoch in the history of this magazine.

The Headquarters Bulletin.

The Headquarters bulletin, to which I have made reference, is not going to be either a substitute or a rival to the magazine. It has been felt for a very long time, that our scouts, scattered throughout the Presidency, have been finding it more and more difficult to be in touch with the headquarters and keep themselves fully informed about the latest developments in scouting. Such of the information of scout importance as was published in the magazine could reach only its actual subscribers and in spite of the efforts made in this behalf, there was a large number of scouts whose names could not be found in the mailing list of the magazine. This difficulty is now sought to be obviated by issuing a bulletin devoted purely to notes of official scout importance, which every scout ought to know and which every scout will get free of all charge. If it were possible for the Association to supply a copy of the magazine free to every scout, this new responsibility of editing a separate bulletin could have been avoided. But this cannot be, and so long as our funds continue on the present basis, this will never be in the near future and till that auspicious time comes we

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shall be obliged to have an official magazine and an official bulletin, one to be paid for and the other to be free.

Education Week.

An event of great importance in the city of Madras, has been the celebration of the Education Week, which has established a closer relationship between the scouters and teachers and which has served to emphasise the intimate connection between the scout movement and the school. Both the institutions, dealing with the boys as they do, have been able to get on on such friendly terms with each other, on account of the realisation on the part of the school authorities that scouting is an important educational factor in the training of the boys and on the part of the scout authorities, that the school must be a centre of boy life. Scouting fills a real gap in school-life as it is at present constituted. The school curriculum of to-day has been devised with such a strong bias to intellectualism that very often both the teachers and the taught forget that the fabric of human society requires something more than intellectual training and development. Character training and body building programmes are still in their infancy in the school curriculum and it is, to this aspect of boy life, that scouting is trying to make its strong appeal.

Intellectual training by itself cannot make an individual either a patriotic or a useful member of the State and if his educational attainments should have a full play in the progress of the body politic, they will have to be well tuned to the accompaniment of a strong physique and a sturdy character. This can only be accomplished by a scheme of close co-operation between the school and the scouts, which will be of immense benefit to both the institutions.

The coming Rover Moot.

The coming Rover Moot in the Christmas of this year is going to be an outstanding feature of our work and it is an event to which all Rovers must look forward and in which every one should participate. The meeting will serve to emphasise that wonderful unity which scouting has attempted to develop, more than any other movement in this country. The spot chosen for the Moot, the Besant Scout Camping Centre, is an ideal place and it is up to the Rovers to see the object of the Moot is fully realised by their enthusiastic response.

Yours in Scouting,

K. Sanjiva Ramakrishna

Honorary Provincial Secretary.

The World Rover Moot.

The World Rover Scout Moot in Sweden was attended by the following branches: Canada, Australia, S. Africa, India, British Guiana, Jamaica, Rhodesia as part of the British Empire Contingent.

We are sure that the following circular letter about the British Empire Contingent to the World Rover Moot held in Sweden will be read with great interest.

"On my return from the World Rover Scout Moot in Sweden, I feel that I must let you know that the British Empire Contingent, was a fine one.

On every hand one heard nothing but praise for our fellows. Their behaviour on board ship, in camp at Inggro and in Stockholm, was exemplary. All embarkation and disembarkation movements were carried out in an orderly and

quiet manner, and the officers of the "Nevasa" were much impressed by their conduct. They mixed splendidly with each other and with other contingents.

The Rover Scouts had been asked not to smoke in the streets of Stockholm and I have not heard of one single instance where this request was not carried out.

The Contingent was a very good representation of British Empire Rover Scouting, and I think that Your Rover Scouts will be interested and proud to know how well they were represented at the Second World Moot.

G. WALTON,

Lieut-Colonel,

Leader of British Empire Contingent,

World Rover Scout Moot, Sweden, 1935.

MY 17th Nov 1935

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The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Iqbal Ahmad. Provincial Scout Commissioner, United Provinces.

By "MOWGLI".

It was certainly a difficult task to have to succeed Sir Douglas Young in the office of Provincial Commissioner of the Boy Scouts' Association of the United Provinces. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Iqbal Ahmad has not only succeeded Sir Douglas, but has made a success of it.

He has barely completed a year of his Provincial Scout Commissionership, and already he has won the admiration of scouts and scouters in the Province by his courageous and determined leadership of a Movement that calls forth all the resources of a man in that position.

The best tribute to him has been paid by Sir Malcolm Hailey, a former Governor and Chief Scout of the United Provinces. Speaking at the Boy Scouts' parade at Lucknow on November 2, 1934, Sir Malcolm said:—

"I should be sorry to miss an opportunity to thank him (Mr. Justice Iqbal Ahmad) in your name for taking up the post of Provincial Commissioner. I know what this means to a busy man, and I know the earnest and keen interest he will give to it. The cause of scouting will have a great asset in him."

The one quality that is characteristic of Mr. Justice Iqbal Ahmad in his thoroughness; his thoroughness as Provincial Scout Commissioner is felt and appreciated in the forty-eight districts of the United Provinces.

Almost every week-end, at considerable sacrifice of his time, comfort and money, he is out on tour in the districts to stimulate and strengthen scouting. Whether it be a relief camp in aid of flood-stricken village folk, or whether it be a social service camp to help the pilgrims in the Magh Mela, he is there to cheer and to encourage, with his presence and appreciation, the band of scouts engaged in useful activities.

In addition, he is ever busy with Head-quarter work. Frequently, in the evenings, he goes to Balrampore House and is "on duty" till eight or nine o'clock in the night.

He is the first Indian to hold the office of Provincial Scout Commissioner of United Provinces And his remarkable success in it ought to be a matter of patriotic pride to us.

Besant Scout Flag. Presentation Ceremony.

THE Vasanta Youth Lodge, composed of the younger members of the Theosophical Society, presented to the Provincial Boy Scout Association the Besant Scout Flag to commemorate Dr. Besant's services to the Scout Movement in the country. The function was held on the open space near the Banyan Tree in the Theosophical Society's gardens and was largely attended by scouts and persons interested in the movement.

The flags of all the nations in the world were displayed prominently on the occasion. Dewan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiar, Provincial Commissioner, accepted the flag on behalf of the Association.

The members of the Vasanta Youth Lodge, led by Mrs. Rukmini Arundale, the President of the Lodge, came in a procession carrying the flag to the meeting place.

Prayers in all religions were offered, after which Mrs. Rukmini Arundale handed the flag to Dr. G. S. Arundale and requested him to present it on behalf of the Vasanta Youth Lodge.

Dr. G. S. Arundale said that it was but proper that the name of Dr. Besant should be kept green in the Scout Movement. Dr. Besant was essentially a fighter, a warrior and one with great qualities of virile leadership. She found in the movement a great opportunity for service to humanity. It was nearly thirty years ago that Dr. Besant recognised the importance of the Scout Movement and while the speaker was the Headmaster of the Central Hindu College, Benares, started a Scout troop in the College. She then organised the Indian Boy Scout Association. Later on, it was through her efforts that the two sections of the Boy Scout movement in the Presidency, were amalgamated. As

President of the Theosophical Society, the underlying spirit of which was brotherhood of humanity, Dr. Besant was naturally interested in the Scout movement which aimed at the same goal.

The younger members of the Theosophical Society, who tried in their own way to work for the ideals for which Dr. Besant laboured, felt that they could commemorate the name of Dr. Besant by presenting a flag to keep up the tradition of scouting. What the world needed most to-day was the spirit of brotherhood, friendship and mutual understanding between the nations to end war and the speaker hoped that spirit would prevail as the result of the spread

movement as well. It was the international aspect of these two movements that should be given prominence. Dr. Besant's activities were manifold. Her association with the Scout movement deserved to be commemorated as much as any of her other activities and it was therefore fitting, that the Vasanta Youth Lodge, which consisted of young Theosophists, should have thought of presenting a flag. It would certainly be an inspiration to all those who were engaged in the work and the speaker would assure the members that the best possible methods would be devised by which the name of Dr. Besant would be ever remembered. They had already a flag to be awarded to the



Courtesy of] Group taken at the Besant Scout Flag Presentation Ceremony. [The Justice.

of the Scout movement. He then presented the Flag to Dewan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiar, the Provincial Commissioner.

The Provincial Commissioner, in accepting the Flag, said that it was very good of the Vasanta Youth Lodge to have conceived of the idea of a Flag to commemorate the name of Dr. Besant. Her interest in the movement was well known and it was not a little due to her efforts that the movement was what it was to-day. As President of the Theosophical Society she was fully qualified to lead in the Scout

best troop in the city and the Besant flag might be presented to the best troop in the presidency. The manner of the award would be decided later. Competitions, would, he was sure, be arranged in such a way as to bring out in the participants the spirit of scouting. The Provincial Commissioner, once again, thanked the Vasanta Youth Lodge for presenting the flag.

Mr. Felix Layton proposed a vote of thanks to the Provincial Commissioner and others.

With the singing of the national anthem, the pleasant function terminated.

Planning the Year's Programme.

By W. R. SPEIRS.

ONCE upon a time, though this is no fairy tale, some people wanted to travel, so they set out on a journey to new towns. They had no idea what they wanted to see or why. Thus as a result they did not have a particularly good time. If, before starting, they had used a little effort to look up some facts about the places that they were going to visit and talked with people who had experience in these things, they would have enjoyed the trip thoroughly.

The same thing is true of year's trip with a Scout Troop. With the journey ahead one might start by looking up the Objectives. These would be the things that the Scouts, Patrol Leaders and Scouters want to do by the end of the year.

One Troop held a Programme Objectives Meeting. Each Scout was asked to write down the things that he wanted to do, and turned these in at a Patrol Meeting. These were discussed and then turned in at the Meeting of the Patrol Leaders or Corner-tooth Meeting.

As a result of the Corner-tooth Meeting they collected a list of objectives like this: More advancement—more camping—make our own camping kits—improve our cabin or camp—every Scout a swimmer—take part in Council activities—renewal of charter on time, etc. These are just a few of the objectives.

Now that we have our objectives the next move is to develop them into a flowing year's programme. The next meeting we would have would be the "Outline Programme Meeting." At this meeting there would be the Patrol Leaders, the Scoutmaster and the Chairman of the Troop Committee.

Patrol Leaders because they are the key men of the Troop. *The Scoutmaster* to give advice and help from his experience. *The Chairman* of the Troop Committee so that he can find how the Committee can help the Troop.

The tools that they will require at this meeting will be:

- 1—List of Troop Objectives
- 2—Council List of Objectives
- 3—Scout Handbook
- 4—National Objectives
- 5—Some Copies of Scouting.

The object of this meeting is to plan the programme for the year, month by month.

There is a sample of the outline programme given below. Notice that this one starts in September. There is no magic in starting with the month. If you don't have a programme start to make our right now.

Outline Programme.

September.

- Plan programme.
- Scouters' Round up.
- Patrol Leader's training.
- Get Patrol Den.

October.

- Committee take the Examiner's Training. (Make own plans.)
- Patrol meeting. Make Packs or Pack boards.
- Inter Patrol contests in getting out the vote started.
- Treasure hunt.
- Committee to take Scouts to the Y to swim. (Between Troop meeting—Patrol Leaders make plans.)
- Troop Court of Honour Meeting.

November.

- Each Patrol make Patrol tents (Patrol meetings).
- Troop Committee men take Examiners' Training.
- Put into action the plans for getting out the vote.
- Swimming meet training—Troop Committee.
- Invite the Red Cross first aid team to a Troop Meeting to give a demonstration.
- Patrol baskets for Thanksgiving (Patrol meetings).
- Speaker on the Chest.

December.

- Every Scout make a first aid kit.
- Troop Court of Honour.
- Patrol fix toys for Christmas (Patrol meetings).
- Troop swimming at the Y.
- Good turn for the Institution.
- Christmas Reunion.

January.

- Troop hold joint meeting with some other Troop.

- Patrol make Patrol cooking kits (Patrol meetings).
- Inter-Patrol contest.
- Bird feeding station—hike to place them—keep them full.
- Troop application for Charter renewal.

February.

- Anniversary week with Charter Night—demonstration of things made by Patrols—Patrol stunts.
- Patrol stunts (Patrol meetings).
- Have joint Troop meeting.
- Troop Court of Honour.

March.

- Learn how to spin a rope (Patrol meetings).
- Have a "Cow-boy visit" Troop meeting.
- Have Patrol grub-list and menu contest.
- Out-door Troop meetings.
- Exploration hike.
- Inter-Patrol tent camping contest.
- Demonstrations of chopping.

April.

- Star Hike—Patrol look up about stars at the Patrol meeting.
- Patrol make nature charts (Patrol meetings).
- Patrol photos of birds and animals (Patrol meetings).
- Troop mystery hike.
- Make a Troop council ring.

May.

- Take part in the Council Camporee.
- Final plans for the Camporee (Patrol meetings).

- Troop exploration hike.
- Troop meetings all out of doors.
- Troop Court of Honour at Camp.
- Work on the Troop Drill.
- Plans for the Troop Camp.

June.

- Scouts camp as a Troop.
- Troop Committee take part in the Council meeting with wives.
- Inter-Patrol hikes.
- Troop meetings once per month.

July.

- Scouts at the Troop Camp or summer camp.
- Week-end hikes.
- Troop meetings once per month.

August.

- Start on the plans for the next year.
- Plan the date of the first Troop meeting for next month.

- Have a training camp for Patrol Leaders.
- Have a joint outing for the Committee and the Patrol Leaders.

Now that you have the outline for the year what is the next step? These monthly high spots have to be made up into monthly Troop Programmes.

"Scouting".

(Although the above plan is based upon American Scouting it certainly serves as a Model to work upon.—Editor.)

Called to Higher Service.

MR. A. C. JOSEPH, Scoutmaster, Sixth Vellore Troop, Writes.

I regret to announce the passing away of my troop leader George I. Paul who was called Home to his Father for Higher Service on Thursday the 29th August after a brief illness.

George I. Paul started scout career as a cub of the I Vellore Pack and later was enrolled as a Scout of the Sixth Vellore Christian Hostel Troop in 1929. Through his earnestness and love for Scout ideals and activities, he soon rose to the position of a Patrol Leader and led my Eagle Patrol for four years during which period he qualified himself for a King Scout of III Grade A. R. C. with 20 proficiencies. When the District Patrol Leader's Association was inaugurated in the North Arcot district in 1933 he was unanimously elected as its first Secretary and became popular among the Patrol Leaders of the district.

His love for the movement and loyalty for his troop were so great that he continued his association to the troop even after leaving the College completing his Intermediate course and was made its leader. He was just 19 years when he died. His remains were honoured by the troop with a ceremonial parade and funeral service on the troop grounds. All the local scouters and scouts attended the parade and fitting speeches were made by the District Officers and the Scoutmaster. On Wednesday the 25th instant a sacred service in his memory has been arranged when a bromide enlargement of his photo presented by the past and present scouts of the troop will be unveiled by the District Commissioner.

He was an A. 1 Scout. The spirit of Baden Powell lived in him. His death is a heavy loss to the troop and the movement in this district.

May his soul rest in peace.

Scout Day (1-10-1935).

Radio Talk on Scouting by Capt. T. W. Barnard, Assistant Provincial Commissioner and Treasurer, Boy Scouts Association, Madras.

I CONSIDER it a great privilege to have this opportunity of talking to you, through the medium of the Corporation Broadcasting station, on the great National importance of the Boy Scout Movement and the wonderful work which it has done during its comparatively brief existence. To-day, as you are probably aware, is the Scout day, the beginning of a New Year of Scout activity throughout the world and on a day like this, it is appropriate that we should take stock of past achievements and frame a budget of future activities.

It is hardly twenty years since Scouting was introduced among Indian boys, but during this period the Movement has become so popular that to-day in India we have in our ranks over two lakhs of Scouts. This rapid expansion has been due mainly to the fact that Scouting has caught the imagination of our boys and young men in a manner which no other movement has done in this country. Bereft as it is of sectarian or communal prejudices the movement has become a strong factor in the process of National unification and progress and the leaders of public opinion in this country have not been slow to realise the Nation building character of its principles and methods of training. From the beginning Indians of all shades of opinion have extended to the movement their moral and material support and helped us to build up this great social work so that it has become an integral part of Indian National activity. If we look around at the various public movement we are at once struck with the fact that the Boy Scout Association is not only the most popular movement but also one of the best organised, and has to its credit a record of real and useful public service. This is entirely due to the fact that the scheme of training takes into account, not only the need for organised public service but the importance of rendering that service efficiently, with the help of trained young men and boys. The great characteristic of the Boy Scout organisation is that you have a trained band of youths well disciplined and ready to render any kind of useful public service at a moment's notice. The equipment of our boys and young men for such service is the main object of the movement and, as is well known throughout the world, this has been and is being most successfully accomplished.

We owe this great movement to Lord Baden Powell who has been acclaimed to be not only

one of the greatest geniuses this old earth of ours has ever produced, but one of the most successful organisers and a great practical philosophers. He, an Englishman by birth, at first thought of the movement as one which would contribute to the improvement of his own country but the idea, as conceived by him, was so universal in its application that it has caught the imagination of every civilised Nation. And what is so wonderful is the fact that to-day the Boy Scout Movement is not merely a National organisation confined to this Nation or that Nation, but an International Organisation embracing the whole world and bringing together under its universal flag the Boyhood of all Nationalities and countries. This has been evidenced more than once in the great International gatherings that have been held at Copenhagen, Birkenhead, and, more recently, in Godollo. These jamborees which attracted thousands of boys from all parts of the world, including India, afforded a splendid spectacle of International goodwill. At one of our Madras gatherings His Excellency the Governor referred to the Boy Scout Movement as the Junior League of Nations: I assure you that this is not merely an empty phrase used, because it sounded well, but is the testimony of all disinterested observers who have seen in the Boy Scout Movement immense possibilities for developing International co-operation and harmony, by instilling into the boys of all nations at an impressionable stage of their career, these high ideals which contribute to International goodwill.

It is a very happy coincidence that the first great organiser of the Boy Scout Movement in India to take up the work of Lord Baden Powell and extend its benefits to Indian Boys was born on this date. I refer to Dr. Besant, the first Honorary Commissioner for India, on whom Lord Baden Powell conferred the highest Scout order for meritorious services, the Order of the Silver Wolf. She did more than anybody else to make Scouting an integral part and parcel of Indian National Life and it was fortunate for the Boy Scout Movement in this country that her unrivalled organising powers were placed at its disposal. Having served with her on our Headquarters Council for many years and knowing from personal experience in those early

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One Step Further.

IX
By "A SCOUTER"

"One way to success and the only way" people would say when they talk of perseverance and steadfastness of purpose. It may be the one way but the path that leads to this is paved with opportunities. It is good to wait for opportunities but it is better to create opportunities yourself. There is a vast difference between chasing rainbows and pursuing opportunities.

Whether such a one had come or had been created, we know not, but we are certain that the noble example of the Rover Scouts of Punjab at the stricken Quetta, will serve as a noble example and a beacon of light to guide their brother scouts. It is of course impossible to get such opportunities again and we pray to God that such calamities should not befall on our country. But opportunities are always there, and Rover Scouts have not taken up these.

One of the ideas that was responsible for the spread of the movement in the early days and an idea that appealed to every one in the world was voluntariness of the movement and the voluntary promise to do a good turn every day. In the early days a lot was heard about these good turns and the public was pleased with our idea of help to others.

I have seen several of my brother scouts religiously questing for such opportunities of doing good turns and untie the knot in the scarf after doing one. Good turns were done in secret but we were sure that one has done it by looking at his scarf. People may say that the will is more important than the outward sign of this will. It must be remembered however that the tying of a knot is a reminder and an incentive to do a good turn. One part of the uniform in which there need not be any uniformity in a troop or pack or crew is the good turn knot.

Of late we have seen this knot entirely omitted from the uniform of a scout. Is it because he does a good turn even before putting on the uniform or is it because the good turn idea has disappeared? Doing good turns is a training in character, and a training in the practice of the scout law in life. It is not only many of the boys and the scouts that fail to observe this but also many of those who have taken on themselves an additional responsibility of setting an example to others in humility and in efficiency—I refer to the members of the 1st Gilwell Group (Holders of the wood Badge).

It is high time that we realise this retrograde step and hurry on to the correct path.

There are several who believe that the rules of the association are not binding on them. What they mean by that is that because they have voluntarily come into the movement and are doing work, in their parlance "honorary workers." They are entitled to relax the rules and omit practices which they may not find it convenient to do. In the matters of registration, in the matters of census, response to calls by the association for service and propaganda, and in the matters of support to the movement financially and morally we see this feeling.

Of course the movement is a voluntary movement. The voluntariness stops with your entering it. You may take time to decide this question and you may if you like go out of the movement of your own accord and at your pleasure, but so long as you are in the movement, there is no difference between individuals in the matter of obedience to rules and acceptance of the activities of the association. The Chief Scout calls the P. O. R. "The rules on how to play the game of scouting for boys." The man who wants to play the game and still wants to ignore the rules has no place in the team but only among the howling audience. It is not scouty—neither is it fair to derive the benefits of being a member of the team and refuse to shoulder the responsibilities.

"It is not the shoulder knot and hat that makes a man a scout, it is not the badges on his arm that prove beyond a doubt, but by the way he keeps the law and lives it in and out."

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days the great work she did being always encouraged by His Excellency Lord Willingdon, I pay a tribute to her memory on this her Birthday.

In conclusion I wish to make an appeal to you, the Public of Madras, to help us to carry on the good work of Scouting for the proper training of your children. We require parental co-operation to achieve in a full measure the objects of this great movement. Hundreds of honorary workers in one capacity or another are doing their best to give the benefits of Scout training to your boys, but their efforts cannot be entirely successful unless you supplement them by your moral and material support. I therefore ask you to extend that support in an ample measure.

Rambler's Badge.

(By "A RAMBLER.")

VII

[Previous instalments of this series have appeared in Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9, 10, 11, and 12 of the preceding volume, i. e. vol. No. XV.]

Log of the Ramble. In spite of the fact that there are several Rovers who have completed the Rambler's Badge, it is regrettable to note that there is no definite guide for the Rovers to follow in preparing their log. Some of these are not even up to the bare needs of one who would go to those parts.

The idea of making the Rover Scouts keep a log is very useful for the proper development of the Rover Scout himself. It is an education which every scout should have. If the mere going out on a hike improves your body, the attention you pay in preparing your log will give you a breadth of vision, and an interest in the local history, traditions and people. It will bring you nearer to the heart of the Nation.

The Rule. The portion of the rule pertaining to the preparation of the log runs, as follows "..... must keep a log of his journeys to be handed in on completing the total of 100 miles; this log should give due dates, places and distances, and should preferably give information that would be of use to other hikers, such as places of interest to be visited en route, good camping places, villages, rest houses, inns, hints for finding the way at difficult points; sketch maps and nature notes to be included".

The Log. Even before the Rover starts on his ramble he should have a general knowledge of the country he is going to visit, and of the kind of enquiries he is going to make. District Gazetteers are very useful in this matter. This would give a knowledge of the District, its people, and their occupations, together with a general description of the important places and their attractions. These may be purchased from any shop that sells Government publications, and are also available at Government offices and courts where they may be consulted with the permission of the officers in charge.

Such a knowledge is essential for the simple reason that the people are not usually enthusiastic about the beauty spots, and places of attraction in their midst. Once you get a general idea of the places you visit you may be able to get more information and definite details about the places. In many places you will find that the local people have no knowledge of the

dates and details of growth of a locality or a building so that you will find yourself admiring at things but unable to comprehend its growth. So a Rambler who wants to leave a good log behind should be able to get all things connected with the places he visits.

Details of the log. One important fact to be remembered is that the log of a Rambler is not a first class journey report. The log should be kept as a diary, in the shape of a journal with all the details required. For the sake of convenience and easy reference the personal memoranda of the log should be grouped together. The log should give the information about your own visits, so much so the reader of the log can judge for himself under what conditions you undertook the ramble. The difficulties you had to overcome and the help you got from the local people should also be recorded, so as to serve as a guide to others who come after you and you yourself. Condition of the country is also important and if you feel that the condition may be different under bad or good weather conditions you should record that also.

Sometimes you will find that certain places are unhealthy only in certain seasons, when the weather is bad, or when the places are over crowded as in the case of festivals, fairs and melas. This information would be valuable to avoid places that are unhealthy to visitors or to get ready to organise service campaigns for the Rover scouts.

You may be able to visit a few important places and this would necessarily find a place in your log. But while you are at a place you may learn that there are other places of interest which you may not be able to visit, for some reason or other, but are easily approachable or of very great interest, which information should also be recorded. Suppose while on a ramble you are at Chingleput and you visit the town and the interesting relics therein. From there you may or may not go to Thirukalikunram which is about nine miles from there. you hear about this place and also about the Seven Pagodas, known throughout the world for its monolithic sculptures, and also of Sadras which was an important port and still contains the ruins of a Dutch fort. Your log should contain the information about these places even though

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Madras Provincial Rover Moot, 1935.

Preliminary information.

Object. The object of the Rover Moot is to bring together the Rovers of the Province and to provide them an opportunity to spend a camp life together and to consider a programme of Rover activities to arrive at an understanding and a standard of Rovering suited to our province.

Place of camp. Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar, a fairly extensive sight, near the sea where camping facilities are provided. The site is already popular with the city Scouts, trains, buses, run at a distance of a couple of miles from the camp site.

Dates of the Moot.—From the morning of Friday, the 27th December to the evening of 30th December 1935.

Programme (Tentative).

Arrival at 10 a.m. at the camping centre on Friday, 27th December 1935. Camp arrangements and settle down.

Official opening ... 5 p.m.

Camp fire ... 6-30 p.m.

2nd Day.

Saturday, 28th.

Conference ... 8 to 10 a.m.

Games ... 4 to 6-30 p.m.

Camp fire ... 8-30 to 9-30 p.m.

3rd Day.

Sunday 29th.

Rovers Own ... 10 a.m.

Rover demonstrations.. 2 to 4-30 p.m.

4th Day.

Monday 30th.

Morning programme.

Break off. ... 4 p.m.

Railway Concessions. Railway authorities are addressed in the matter of providing cheap return tickets to Rovers attending the Moot and the result will be notified later.

Camp Badge. Will be supplied to all participants upon receipt of the camp fee.

Camp Fee. A fee of Rs. 3 will be charged to every Rover attending the moot.

Application. Should be made by the Rover Scout Leader of the Crew or individually by the Rovers of Registered crews to the Provincial Headquarters, P. O. Box 424,

Triplicane, on or before the 25th of November 1935, with a camp fee of Rs. 3 to enable the camp arrangements to be made sufficiently in advance.

Arrival. All contingents of Rovers from districts under the Leadership of their District Commissioners or a leader appointed by the District Commissioner should arrive at the camp site by 10 a.m. on Friday the 27th December 1935. Tents will be provided for the campers at the Camp site.

Camp Shop.—A camp shop for the sale of Scout articles and books will be set up.

Food arrangements. Food (vegetarian) will be supplied in a central mess at the camp site.

Dress. Rover Scout uniform must be worn at all parades and meetings. (Civil dress is not permitted in camp.)

Equipment. All Rovers should bring with them their own personal equipment such as toilet articles, catering utensils and general personal camp outfit bedding and hurricane light.

Medical Service. A camp doctor will maintain a dispensary and First Aid station where all minor cases will be attended to.

Further particulars can be had from Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, Provincial Organising Secretary, P. O. Box 424, Triplicane, Madras.

TO ALL THE DISTRICT SCOUT COMMISSIONERS AND SECRETARIES OF DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Dear Commissioner—Secretary,

You will find published above the preliminary information regarding the First Provincial Rover Scout Moot to be held at Madras during the last week of December this year. Since this is the first of its kind in our Province and in India, it is our desire that every effort should be made to make the MOOT an unqualified success.

We hope that every District Commissioner will lead a contingent of Rovers from his district to the Moot. In case he is not himself able to come he will appoint a Rover Scout Leader to lead the contingent and be responsible to him in the matter of representing the particular district at the Rover Scout Moot. It is the desire of the Provincial Commissioner that the District Councils and Local Associations should

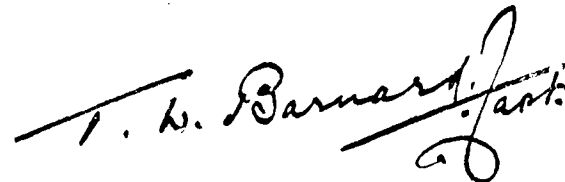


spare no pains to take all the steps necessary to send a representative unit to take part in this all Province gathering of Rovers.

In organising this Moot a special opportunity has been definitely created for the purpose of bringing together Rover scouts and thus help to

push forward Rovering in our Province. Will every commissioner and secretary of the District Council and Local Association do his best to send a strong contingent and also inform the Headquarters at once as to what steps have been taken in this matter?

Yours sincerely,



Assistant Provincial Scout Commissioner.

Importance of Patrol Names.

BY SCOUTER C. KRISHNASWAMI.

I wonder if it is fully realised how much patrol names play in the life of a scout? "Good old peacocks!" "Jolly old owls!" "Such exclamations are heard on every band. They must mean something. Without doubt the gang spirit is fostered by the patrol name.

In what way can this feeling be helped along? Men who have taken their training in the Preliminary Camps and also Wood Badge camps seem to have forgotten what they have heard there.

An owl should be able to hoot and a Hound to bark. There should be a thorough knowledge of the bird or animal which represents the patrol, and constant individual observation

should add valuable data. The call should be of real use in scouting operations and care should be taken to give in correctly.

The Patrol name should not be chosen in a haphazard way. Every chance should be given to study the animal at first hand. The lions and tigers have no such change in a city like Madras! thank goodness! There are on the other hand a number of domestic animals.

I have known scouts who could not give their patrol call and knew nothing whatever about the animal which their Patrol represented. *Let the first real lessons in nature come through the Patrol name and more will follow.*

Scout Service at Karthikai Deepam: Tiruvannamalai

Arrangements are being made to render service to the pilgrims during the Karthikai Deepam week between 3-12-35 to 8-12-35, by the Tiruvannamalai Boys Scouts Local Association. Senior scouts and Rover scouts from the various districts in the Province, who are desirous of volunteering their services will be given free boarding and lodging by the scout association.

Applicants should state their age and the specific form of service they can undertake such as Ambulance duty, regulation of traffic, pickets duty at bathing places, fire brigade, sanitary duty, duty at the enquiry office, Lost child and

property office and general service, etc., in their applications and forward the same with a recommendation from their respective district scout commissioners to Mr. T. S. Krishnaswamy Mudaliar, Secretary and Assistant District Scout Commissioner, Boy Scout Local Association, Tiruvannamalai, on or before the 21st November 1935. It is hoped that a large number of groups both Scouts and Rover scouts in the presidency will take advantage of this opportunity for service and thus earn the gratitude of the thousands of pilgrims that attend the festival.

The Patrol Leader's Council.

BY S. M. LAWRENCEE, ABT.

IT is almost an invariable rule that those Troops which have Patrol Leader's Councils are considered among the most successful in their respective localities. It is with the thought in mind of explaining why this is true that this article has been prepared.

We shall discuss the Council as to its membership, purposes, leadership and programme and values to a well functioning Troop.

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I. Membership.

Membership in the Patrol Leader's Council should be open to all Patrol Leaders, Assistant Patrol Leaders, Junior Assistant Scoutmasters, the Senior Patrol Leader, the Troop Quartermaster, and, in fact, to all Junior officers of the Troop. The Scoutmaster and his Assistants are, of course, members.

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II. Purposes.

The purpose of Council is to determine questions of Troop Programme and Policy which might come within its province. These should be brought before the Council only after having been approved, in the case of important steps, by the Troop Committee and the Senior Staff; and certainly before other Scouts in the Troop hear about them. Specifically, all those problems of direct concern to the functioning of the Troop should come before the Council.

If the correct procedure is followed, the Patrol Leader's Council will become an excellent sounding board of the Troop, for its members, being Scouts, are able to know the reactions of the rest of the boys of the Troop better than members of the Senior Staff. Since this Council is held after every Troop Meeting, it provides an excellent opportunity for self-criticism for the Scouts in terms of the success or failure of certain elements in the Troop Meeting just held.

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III. Programme and Leadership.

The leader of the Council should be the Senior Patrol Leader or in cases where he is too young, some other Junior Leader whom the Scoutmaster designates. The entire responsibility for the leadership and programme of

the Council should rest conjointly on his shoulders and those of the Scoutmaster who acts as adviser.

In general, it will not be necessary to devote more than twenty or thirty minutes to this Council,—more would probably not be desirable—so the programme must be planned carefully.

A programme of an actual Council Meeting follows:

1. Reports on "State of the Union"—each Patrol Leader reports how attendance, advancement, Patrol Meetings, etc., have been in his Patrol for the past week.

2. Senior Patrol Leader criticizes Meeting just finished in terms of Scouts' responses to leadership, spirit, management, poor or good preparation, etc. (This should be, so far as possible, constructive.)

3. Programme for next week's Troop Meeting and preparation and materials necessary for it.

4. Old business—this included reports on progress of Patrol Projects, Good Turns, etc.

5. New business—plans for outdoor rally, for coming Troop Circus, for Training Course for fellows going to National Jamboree, etc.

6. Miscellaneous—bits of personal topics of individual or group interest.

Matters of discipline should never be discussed before the Council—these are problems of the Senior Staff.

IV. Values.

The values of the Council can hardly be overemphasized. Specifically, it provides for:

a. Definite self-analysis of good or bad traits on part of leaders.

b. Opportunity to settle Troop problems and arrange for future activities.

c. Opportunity for a period of co-operation where Scouting principles and techniques can be learned.

d. Clearing house of opinion.

e. Morale period of greatest benefit.

In closing, I should like to say that the Scoutmaster must be careful not to dominate meetings—they belong to the Junior Leaders, so let them run them!

District News.

Salem. A central camp for the scouts of Shevvpapet and Salem Troops was held at Kondappanaickenpatti from the 28th September to 1st of October. Scouters A. V. Sundaresan and T. S. Guruswami and K. Seshagiri Rao of Namakal were in charge of the camp. Visitors' Day was attended by a large number of parents and others interested in the movement. Mr. M. F. Muichan, Conservator of Forests gave a yarn to the campers.

Old Wolves Camp. At the instance of Mr. R. D. Paul, Municipal Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioner, Salem, a camp for the Cubmasters was held at the same place from the 1st to 4th of October. 25 cubmasters of Salem Town attended the camp. Messrs. K. Seshagiri Rao of Namakal, T. S. Guruswami Aiyer and A. V. Sundaresan of Salem were responsible for the conduct of the camp.



Scouts of 1st Chittoor Group Camp at the Masonic Lodge Grounds.

The Scout spirit exhibited on the visitors' day by the campers was very much appreciated. Mr. Ghulam Dastagir, District Scout Commissioner, addressed the campers.

Coimbatore. The Coimbatore District Council held a meeting of the Scouters on 2nd September 1935 under the Presidency of Mr. K. Sankara Menon, District Educational Officer and Vice-President of the Council a scheme for promoting efficiency in the groups was devised to effect proper standard of work of the movement in the district. Throughout the year competitions based on administration, troop work, inspection report and service activity will be run for the Scouts of the District by the District Commissioner Mr. V. C. Subbiah

Gounder and Mr. R. Srinivasa Iyengar, Secretary of the Council.

Cuddapah. The Secretary of the District Scout Council, Cuddapph, writes:—

A public meeting was held in the Mudhukristna Hall on 24th September 1935 at 5-30 p.m. under the Presidency of Janab Khan Bahadur Muhammad Humayun Saheb Bahadur, B.A., Collector, Cuddapah, to concert measures for reviving the activities of the District Scout Council, Cuddapah.

A large representative gathering of the public, including officials, non-officials and a large contingent of Scouters from the mofussil was present.

After prayer and the introductory remarks of the President, the District Scout Commissioner, Mr. N. Ranga Reddi, B.A., B.L., made an appeal

for the co operation of the Public and the Parents in the work of the District Scout Council, and for strengthening the movement in the District.

This was followed by the lecture of Mr. V. S. Ratnasābhpathy on "Scouting and Citizenship" in which he gave interesting details of Scouting activities of other lands and of the International Jamboree held in Hungary in 1933, and emphasised the need for a strong Scout Organisation in the District. Mr. S. Lakshminarasayya made a further appeal to the Parents, and the teachers for strengthening the organisation in the District.

An interesting programme of scout display was gone through in which besides Scouts and Cubs, the Girl Guides and Blue Birds under the

guidance of Miss E. Brito B.A., L.T., Head Mistress, Government Middle School for Girls, Cuddapah, and the Guiders of the her school, took part.

The General Body of the Council was formed with the District Collector as President, the President of the District Board and Mr. C. L. Narasimha Reddi, B.A., B.L., as Vice-Presidents and the District Board Educational Officer as Secretary.

In his concluding remarks, the President pointed out the various benefits of the Scout movement to our boys and girls in making them good citizens and appealed for Public support.

After the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. N. Ranga Reddi the meeting came to a close, with the singing of the National Anthem.

The Organising Secretary in company with the District Commissioner and Secretary visited the following places:

Proddatore, Royachotti, Vepmalli, Pulivendla, Balpanur, Chennua, Nandimangalam, Dondlavagu, etc.

Tanjore. Scout Service: Scouts of Findlay High School rendered service to the thousands of pilgrims gathered at Tirupaleswaram at the Kumbabishekam festival of the Naganathaswami Temple. The nature of service was controlling the passenger traffic, restoration of lost children and putting out a fire. The public and authorities of the temple appreciated the service of the scouts very much.

Madras 6th George Town Progressive Troop held a weekend camp at Arogyashramam of Dr. Lakshminpathy at Avadi. 14 Scouts and 5 Scouters attended the camp. The camp was a success.

Scout Day. The Scout day 1st October 1935 was celebrated by a large number of groups in the Presidency from whom reports have been received.

Madras Corporation Association undertook to arrange for a Boardcast speech by the Assistant Provincial Commissioner and to take a large number of Cubs in their Association to the Zoo and other interesting places. A meeting to emphasise the religious ideals in Scouting held and was addressed by Mr. R. N. Savur, District Educational Officer and Messrs. T. Siva Sailam Pillai, S.M. A. Samad and M. Rajagopala Iyer.

Sixers Meet. Was held by West Madras Local Association and an interesting programme of activities including an Aeroplane trip to Karachi and back was gone through. Messrs. Oakley and Muthiah helped in the proceedings.

The District Scoutmaster of West Madras Local Association has also issued a programme of Scout events from September to March.

Group Notices. We have received bulletins issued monthly by Young India Group, Sri Krishna Group, Dhanwanthri Troop, Olcott Group and 18th George Town Group. A systematic and progressive plan of work for the month was undertaken by these groups in this way. We commend this method to the other groups. Copies of the bulletins can be had by application to the groups c/o the Provincial Headquarters, P. O. Box 424, Triplicane, Madras.

The Madras South Centre Local Association held a district competition on the 12th October 1935 at the Government Mohamedan College Grounds. Mr. P. S. Sundaresan, Assistant District Commissioner, was in charge of the competitions.

Tinnevely.—1st Tenkasi Gomathy Troop has sent a report of their activities for the year. It has 22 Scouts and has done up to 2nd class. Special public service activities were also undertaken. A quarterly magazine "Scout World" is issued by the Troop.

Chingelput.—A Rally of Municipal Cubs attached to the Municipal Schools in Conjeevaram was held on 12th September 1935, under the presidency of Mr. A. H. Southern, I. C. S., and an interesting programme was gone through. Mr. M. Srinivasa Iyengar, District Commissioner and Mr. Krishnamachari addressed the gathering. Mr. Kannappa Mudaliar, Cubmaster and Supervisor of Schools is responsible for the success of the Rally.

Royachotti. Government Training School Royachotti group held a rally of Rovers and Cubs attached to the Institution in connection with the visit of the Scout Commissioner and the Organising Secretary to their group. The Group is doing very good work in connection with the training of Cubs and Rovers.

Fifteen Years Ago.

About 15 years ago if anybody in Madras wore the scout uniform he became an object of amusement. The speaker was not the only such object as Captain Barnard kept him company then. Those days had gone for ever and the movement had grown enormously since then. The movement was now regarded as a junior League of Nations—*The Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Venkatasubbarao, President, Scout Council, Madras.*

What Scouts do in other countries. The Manchester Conference.

An Interesting Link.

THE Conference of Scout workers which is to take place on Friday, September 27th, to Sunday, September 29th, is of considerable historic interest, for 21 years ago in 1914, Manchester welcomed a similar gathering and their deliberations played a big part in the future of Scouting.

One of the subjects discussed at the first conference was "Scouting and Education," a vital topic in those days when the Movement was trying to awaken interest among educational authorities.

To-day, 65% of the schools represented at the Headmasters Conference have Scout groups, apart from numerous groups in preparatory schools, day secondary schools and other educational institutions.

To-day, one of the chief concerns of the Movement is Physical Education, and this is the subject of a session to be introduced by Dr. L. P. Jacks.

Another subject discussed at Manchester in 1914 was Senior Scouts, and this was one of the preliminary discussions towards the establishment of the Rover Scout section of the Movement which to-day numbers over 50,000 in the British Empire alone, and has been accepted by most countries in the world.

At this year's conference the delegates are to discuss the organisation of Old Scouts, an attempt to reclaim to the interest of many thousands of men who have benefited from Scouting in the past.

"Scoutmasters, how to obtain and how to train them," was a third topic of interest in 1914, and at that time the Chief Scout was working out a scheme for the training of Scoutmasters; this came to fruition in 1919 with the establishment of Gilwell Park as the recognised training centre of the Movement. Training courses are run throughout the summer at Gilwell Park and several other recognised training centres throughout the Empire.

The 1914 Conference was also interesting in the fact that the Scouts' Own, a religious service of undenominational character, was first introduced. A Scouts' Own is now a feature of Scouting throughout the world.

In 1914 the Chief Scout, then Sir Robert Baden-Powell, and his Commissioners were

officially welcomed by the Lord Mayor of Manchester. Next month the Chief, now Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, will be officially received by the present Lord Mayor and Corporation of Manchester.

Two Northern Scout personalities who will greet the Chief Scout are Mr. Arthur Gaddum, County Commissioner S. E. Lancs, and Mr. L. E. Mather, Commissioner for Manchester. In 1914, Mr. Arthur Gaddum was responsible for the affairs of S. E. Lancs, which then only ranked as a Scout District, and it was at the Manchester Conference he was awarded the Order of the Silver Wolf.

Mr. L. E. Mather, in 1914, was then A.D.C. for Manchester.

In 1914 a model rally was held in conjunction with the Manchester Conference. This year the Manchester Association are staging a special pageant and over 5,000 Scouts will perform at the Manchester Athletic Ground.

The theme of the pageant is how various nations in different ages strove towards physical fitness. There are to be seven episodes—Early Greeks, Chinese with canoes and kites, American Indians, Ancient Britons, Mediaeval Britons and Modern Scouts and Cubs.

Scout activities are also to play a part in the proceedings, and there will be a programme of bridge building and the construction of aerial runways.

The Chief Scout will deliver a speech from a 50-foot bridge which will have been erected by the Scouts.

There will also be exhibitions of firefighting, tumbling, Swedish drill, and mobile first-aid on cycles.

Special Tests Scouters Training Week End at Gilwell.

The first training week-end for Scouters of Special Test Groups is to take place at the Boy Scouts Association Training Centre, Gilwell Park, from the 4th to 6th October.

Special Tests is the name given to that department of Scouting which deals with the handicapped boy such as cripples, mental defectives, blind, deaf and dumb, epileptics, etc.

This department has made rapid progress during recent years, chiefly thanks to the untiring energies of the late Sir Montagu Burrows,

the first Headquarters Commissioner for Special Tests.

At the last census there were 4,740 Special Test Scouts in the British Isles; the total was made up as follows:—Cripple Scouts 2,062, mentally deficient 1,466, blind 438, deaf and dumb, 592, epileptics, 182.

Special Test Groups also flourish in other countries, notably in Holland, France and the U. S. A. Australia and Canada are also active within the Empire, and it is particularly interesting to note that Scouting has been introduced to nearly all the leper colonies in the world.

In England there is a special camp site for crippled Scouts named Woodlarks Camp at Farnham, Surrey, and the department is also responsible for the Rosemary Home, Scouting's convalescent home at Herne Bay.

The present Headquarters Commissioner for Special Tests is Dr. C. W. Durward, founder and Scouter of the Special Test Group at the Royal Northern Orthopaedic Hospital, Brockley Hill.

A Rover Scout Art Society.

The Worcestershire Rover Scouts have recently formed a Worcestershire Rover Art Society.

The objects of the Society are:—

(1) To perform, if required to do so, any County works of art such as posters for camps and rallies, illuminated addresses, notices, trophies, etc.

(2) To photograph and or sketch all important County events and keep a suitable album as a permanent pictorial record.

(3) To submit schemes to County Headquarters for the decoration and improvement of County property, such as their permanent camping ground.

(4) To bring together all Rover Scouts in the County interested in art in any form (wood carving, painting, oils and water colours, photography, metal work, leather work, lino, and wood cuts, clay modelling, etc.), and hold an annual exhibition.

A Committee has been formed and the new Society will begin to function in time for the winter season.

American Scout Jamboree Cancelled.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt has cancelled with deep regret the international Boy Scout jamboree which was scheduled for next week at Washington. It was sad news for nearly 35,000 boys headed for the national capital.

The action to cancel the session was taken because of an infantile paralysis epidemic in the neighbourhood of Washington. Though the number of cases was not large enough to be considered unduly alarming, it was decided at a White House conference that it would be "to the best interests of all concerned" to call off the jamboree.

The personal element may not have entered into the decision of Mr. Roosevelt, who is honorary national president of the Boy Scouts. Nevertheless, it was noted that the disease from which he sought to protect the Boy Scouts is the one which struck him in 1921, leaving him partially paralyzed, and which since then has played a dramatic part in his life. Largely benefited by treatment at Warm Springs in Georgia, Mr. Roosevelt has devoted considerable time to combating the disease throughout the United States.

The infantile paralysis season is just opening in this country. There is every reason therefore, with indications of a spread of cases of the disease, for preventing a gathering of persons of the susceptible age through whom the epidemic might be developed into a national calamity.

Since 1910 it has been known that infantile paralysis is caused by non-filterable virus, but it has only more recently come to be believed that the spread of the disease depends altogether upon human contacts, and that the sporadic appearance of what seem to be isolated cases prove that there are large numbers of healthy carriers of the virus. The cause of the disease may exist in the nose or throat of the carrier without penetrating his individual defence against it, and he may still be the agency for its spread to other persons. Hence the entire country is glad the Scout jamboree has been discarded for the present.

Cancellation of the jamboree called an immediate halt to the work being done by army engineers on the tent-village which was to house the 35,000 American Scouts, and their visitors from many lands. The encampment was to have occupied 300 acres in Washington.

along the Potomac River, and was to have been completely equipped with a telephone exchange, a newspaper, a publicity bureau, and a broadcasting station.

Plans had also been made for a grand opening of the giant conclave with a review of the Scouts by President Roosevelt, and a welcoming speech by him. Though these plans have been given up, the President will talk to the Scouts by radio.

To take the place of the great jamboree, many cities are making preparations for a series of "camporees." These will be small gatherings conducted in a manner similar to a general jamboree.

The announcement of the cancellation came too late to halt foreign contingents of Scouts already on their way to Washington from France, Spain, England, South America, Philippines, China and other oriental nations. The cancellation will be a disappointment to them, but it may avert a tragedy.

It is expected that the foreign delegations will be entertained at Regional Scout Encampments, such as the one operated by the Boy Scout Foundation of New York, where 10,000 boys may camp at the same time. There are more than fifty reservations within a hundred miles of New York City with ample room for visiting delegations.

Eighth Biennial International Conference, Stockholm, August 5th and 7th, 1935.

Some 120 delegates from 24 different nations of the world met in the beautiful Parliament House at Stockholm on August 5th for the Eighth Biennial International Scout Conference of Leaders of the Movement throughout the world.

The Conference was opened by H. R. H. Prince Gustaf Adolf, President of the Swedish Scout Union, who bade the delegates welcome and wished them a happy and fruitful conference.

A considerable number of interesting papers were presented to the Conference and led to lengthy and interesting discussions. Amongst these papers was an extremely interesting expose by Dr. M. Grazynski, Governor of Silesia, Poland, and President of the Polish Boy Scouts, on the methods which had been adopted by the Polish Boy Scout Association to provide employment for unemployed Polish Rover Scouts. This excellent expose was illustrated by a cinema film showing their activities which was taken by the Rovers themselves.

The main topic of the afternoon session was that of the Wolf Cub branch, when a plea was

put forward for greater co-operation throughout the world, so that methods and ideas might be more frequently exchanged and so that leaders might reap the benefits of the experience of other nations in the Cub branch.

August 6th was spent in sightseeing and in the afternoon all delegates were entertained to tea at Haga Castle by T. R. H. the Prince Gustaf Adolf and Princess Sibylla. In the evening a Grand Rover Scout Rally was held at Stockholm Stadium, when the Chief Scout of the World, Lord Baden-Powell, wished the members of the Rover Moot "Good-bye and God-speed." This farewell ceremony was attended by many thousands of the public and was a most impressive gathering.

The formal sessions of the Conference were resumed on August 7th, and the main topic of the day was the future organisation of World Scout Jamborees. Many interesting suggestions were fully debated and the recommendations of the International Scout Committee were examined and discussed at length.

A number of resolutions were unanimously adopted and will be circulated in due course to all Scout Associations throughout the world. They will, in addition be published in the October issue of *Jamboree*, our quarterly international journal, which will be in the nature of a complete report on the Conference and will contain the majority of the papers presented, with the most interesting points which were discussed and debated.

The Chief Scout closed the Conference at the conclusion of the afternoon session with a brief reference to the work of the Conference and to the happy spirit of comradeship which had been so evident throughout, concluding with the following words: "Let us not go away from here with the feeling that this Conference having ended, our duties are now over and we may rest content with our labours until the next meeting. Let us rather look on this Conference as the raising of a curtain for the performance of the next act of progress and development now to be performed during this coming two year period."

"And let us go forward and perform it in such fashion as will inspire all workers in the Movement to do the same for God, their country and the Boy—and to bring about concord and peace in the world."

One of the duties of the Conference was to decide upon the place and date of the next World Jamboree. It is expected that this will take place in Holland in 1937, but a definite statement on this matter will be published early in November.

Group Good Turn Competitions.

Why not tell us something about your group activities? Don't tell us about all the badges and cups you have gained. Let us know of Good Turns, ideas of new stunts that will be of interest to other groups. Each month we award a prize for the good Turn in the month.

A prize will be offered to the Group that sends in a report of the best Good Turn done in the month. This may include Group Service activities, camps and general work of the group such as Rallies, etc.

The competition is open to all the groups in the Province. A scout article of use to the group as a whole will be offered as a prize and a short note about the "Good Turn" will be published in the South India Boy scout with the name of the group that wins the prize.

We are glad to announce that Mr. T. R. Kothandarama Mudaliar, Secretary, Madras District Scout Council, has offered a prize for this month.

Airedale Rover Moot.

An one-day Rover Moot is being held by the Airedale Local Association at St. Margaret's Hall, Horsforth, near Leeds on Saturday October 5th.

The programme includes "The Quest of Beauty", "Is Rover Scouting fulfilling its

Purpose?" and a lantern lecture, "The struggle for existence in the Animal World" Further particulars can be obtained from F. A. Richardson, Woodcote, Tinshill Road, Cook-bridge, Horsforth.

Corrections to Provincial Headquarters Notices No. 63 dated 8th June 1935.

Tanjore Local Scout Association.

3rd Week-end Training Camp for Scoutmasters.

I. Add—Under head 'Bulls'
V. S. Sivasubramanyam.
Delete—Under head 'Hounds'
N. Pichai.
K. Rathnavelu.

II. Under head Warrants issued.
Madras South Centre L. S. A.
Asst. Scoutmaster—77 Mir Raza Ali.
to read Mir Ali Raza.

Scouting Makes a Youth.

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| 1. A better member of his family.
Families rely upon their scout members. | 5. A better of his Faith.
Scouts honour their religion by living pure and speaking true. |
| 2. A better student.
Teachers like scouts in their classes. | 6. A better peace-maker.
Scouts neither hate nor quarrel. They are for peace and not for war. |
| 3. A better player.
Scouts bring credit to their teams. | |
| 4. A better wage-earner.
Scouts get jobs and keep them. | |

The Chief Commissioner for India.

His Excellency the Chief Scout for India has now been pleased to appoint Captain Nawab Sir Mahamad Ahmad Said Khan of Chhatari as the First Indian Chief Commissioner for India.

Scouting Makes a Youth.

1. Healthy, Happy, Helpful.
He goes through life joyously, and makes those around him joyful too.
2. Honourable, in thought, feeling, word and deed.
Everybody can trust a scout. He is safe.
3. Friendly.
Scouts like people and understand them. Scouts are good comrades.
4. Patriotic.
Scouts love their country, but are friends to all other countries too.
5. Efficient.
Scouts know how to work and how to play, how to do their duty and how to enjoy their leisure. Scouts are not selfish, nor conceited.
6. Generous.
Scouts seek out the unfortunate and try to help them to their feet.

Elders learn.

"An essential part of the Scout movement is to develop the young boy to be a man of the community and a future citizen of the State. The appeal of the scout movement is not merely to the young, but also to the elders who

had a great deal to learn and enjoy by mixing with youngsters."—Mr. Gurnathi Venkatesh Bewoor, I. C. S., Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs and Leader, All India Contingent to the International Jamboree in Hungary.

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you may not visit these, together with particulars as to reach these places, for the log may induce a more fortunate Rambler or visitor to Chingleput to go to these places also.

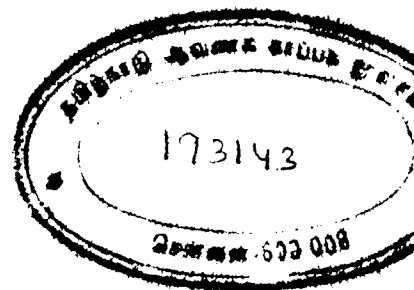
Apart from this your log should contain information about good camping places and villages you visit and also those you hear of. This would be useful to your group to plan their next annual camp, and to the district to advise other groups. Your log should contain

information about rest houses and inns where you may get free accommodation or on payment of a small fee.

I very well remember a party of Rover Scouts searching for a resting place for the better part of a day and discovering a free choultry later, which was occupied by the local school. Had this information been available they would have saved time and worry.



Cub P. S. Balasubramanyam (Papa) of the Sri Krishna Pack, Triplicane, who has left for Dheradhun to join the New Public School.



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