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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF SCOUT OF  
SOUTH AFRICA

There was no Christmas number of the News Sheet. Late as it is, you will all like to read the following message:

"Lord Shaftsbury, speaking of his work for the emancipation of the children from their labour in the mines and factories, said: 'It was the love of God that inspired the thought and sustained me.'

Harry Ward Beacher declared: 'I would love the slave for his own sake but ten times more for Christ's sake.'

It is the Christmas message that reminds us of the wonderful love of God that is the only true genesis of our love for fellow man.

I would remind you of St. Augustine's words:

'To myself a heart of steel;  
To my fellows a heart of love;  
To my God a heart of flame.'

May this season fan the flame in our hearts until our services to others and our denial of self create for all about us peace and goodwill."

E. PERCY FOWLE  
Chief Scout

JUBILEE JAMBOREE

We are hoping to send Scouts to the Jubilee Jamboree in 1957. Some interesting news of this event is given in "World Scouting", January, 1956:-

"With twenty-one months to go twenty-two countries have notified Jubilee Jamboree Headquarters in London that they anticipate sending contingents to Sutton Park.

Here is the list so far:

|               |       |              |       |
|---------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Aden          | 27    | Ireland      | 500   |
| Australia     | 1,020 | Lichtenstein | 50    |
| Austria       | 1,140 | New Zealand  | 500   |
| Belgium       | 1,500 | Nigeria      | 30    |
| Brazil        | 115   | Peru         | 19    |
| Canada        | 1,000 | N. Rhodesia  | 32    |
| Ceylon        | 50    | S. Rhodesia  | 91    |
| Chile         | 28    | South Africa | 500   |
| Finland       | 120   | Tanganyika   | 20    |
| France E.U.F. | 450   | Turkey       | 26    |
| Holland       | 1,000 | U.S.A.       | 1,500 |

Total: 9,718



The celebrated Sutton Park of 2,400 acres with its 75 acres of water was once a Royal hunting forest. It was presented to the Corporation of Sutton Coldfield by Henry VIII in 1528 in the town's first charter of incorporation. The inclusion of the Tudor Rose in the Coat of Arms of Sutton Coldfield is in allusion to this historic fact, thus providing an added reason for the Jamboree Emblem taking the form it does.

Ken Stevens, the Jubilee Jamboree Organizing Commissioner, announced some of the Jamboree's requirements at the inaugural meeting of the Jubilee Jamboree Midlands Committee, held at the Town Hall, Sutton Coldfield, last month.

The meeting, attended by representatives of many phases of Midland commercial and social life, public bodies and services, and several Church dignitaries, heard Mr. Stevens outline the financial implications of the Jamboree. Plans are in hand to set up a Guarantee Fund of up to £100,000 to avoid jeopardizing the Movement's finances.

He also outlined the extent of the event. The Jamboree would be two-thirds the size of Sutton Coldfield (pop. 48,000) and most of its population would be under the age of 18. There will be a camp market, with other prefabricated shops throughout the Park, a huge arena, churches, a post office, a theatre, several exhibitions, a Press camp with facilities for radio and T.V. broadcasting, car parks, refreshment marquees, rest tents, and an administrative camp. On view was a perspective drawing of the camp centre, prepared by Mr. Ralph Tubbs, designer of the Dome of Discovery.

Among many other interesting facts disclosed by Mr. Stevens were that the 25,000 Boy Scouts, 5,000 Rover Scouts, 5,000 Scouters, and the 1,000 staff, are estimated to require daily 20,000 loaves of bread, 10,000 gallons of milk and 500,000 gallons of water. The camp post office would probably handle 20,000 packets of mail a day, and over 1,000,000 visitors are expected during the twelve-day Jamboree. An arena grandstand to accommodate 10,000 people is planned.

The purpose of the Jubilee Jamboree Midlands Committee is to assist the Jubilee Jamboree Directing Committee operating from London in obtaining the kind of facilities from local sources which the Directing Committee hope to provide."

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RHODESIAN SCOUTS FOR JAMBOREE

African Boy Scouts in Southern Rhodesia will try to raise enough money to send eight first-class Scouts and one Scoutmaster to the Jubilee World Jamboree in Britain in 1957.

To launch the fund every African Scout troop in the Colony will be asked to raise at least £5 by next September.

This was decided at the annual meeting of the Southern Rhodesia African Branch of the Boy Scouts Association in Salisbury.

The African Scouts will form part of a multi-racial Rhodesian contingent and will fly to Britain in aircraft which are to be chartered by the movement.

At the meeting the Chief Scout, Sir Peveril William-Powlett, presented a warrant to the first African to hold the rank of District Commissioner. He is the Rev. Charles Manyoba, who will be African District Commissioner for Gwelo.

TROOP INFORMATION:  
WHAT TO LOOK FOR BEFORE INSPECTION

The following hints are given in the "Transvaal Scouter", November, 1955:

Blankets neatly folded (if fine they should have been put out to air on a fence or bush on rising); towels hung up to dry, never packed in with the kit.

Sponges, toothbrushes, soap and flannels laid out - not packed; plates, mugs, knives, forks and spoons thoroughly washed and placed on the racks (points are often secured for good gadgets); spare shoes cleaned and set out.

Tent walls brailed up neatly (tied with reef knots), pole upright and no slack guys, pegs firmly in; ground in and around the tent spotlessly clean; a tiny piece of paper will lose you a point.

Full uniform, unless "above the knees" has been announced by the S/M. (In this case stockings need not be worn.) Sleeves rolled up, belt buckles "in the middle" and scarves straight.

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HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

Our next "Bob-a-Job" Week begins this year on 29th March and ends on the 9th April, when very special Troops will take part.

Training Camp for First Class Tests

A Training Camp for Patrol Leaders from the Germiston, Boksburg-Benoni, Alberton and Natalspruit areas will be held at Natalspruit on a site donated to the Scout Movement by the Germiston City Council on 29th March to 1st April, 1956. Fees are 5/- per head. In charge will be N.S. Mokgako, assisted by a number of veteran Scouters. Groups from areas outside the above-named may be admitted to the Camp by special arrangement. Because of the Camp attendants will tackle Bob-a-Job from 2nd April, 1956.

Scout Wood Badge

Early notice is given of the Scout Wood Badge Course to be held at African Scouts Gilwell Grounds, Roodepoort West, on 30th September to 7th October, 1956, both dates inclusive, under the direction of Divisional Headquarters Training Team. Scouters are specially requested to plan to attend this Course, particularly as it will act as a refresher course for the lucky men to represent the Association at the World Jamboree in England in 1957. Further particulars on fees, etc., will be notified in due course.

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