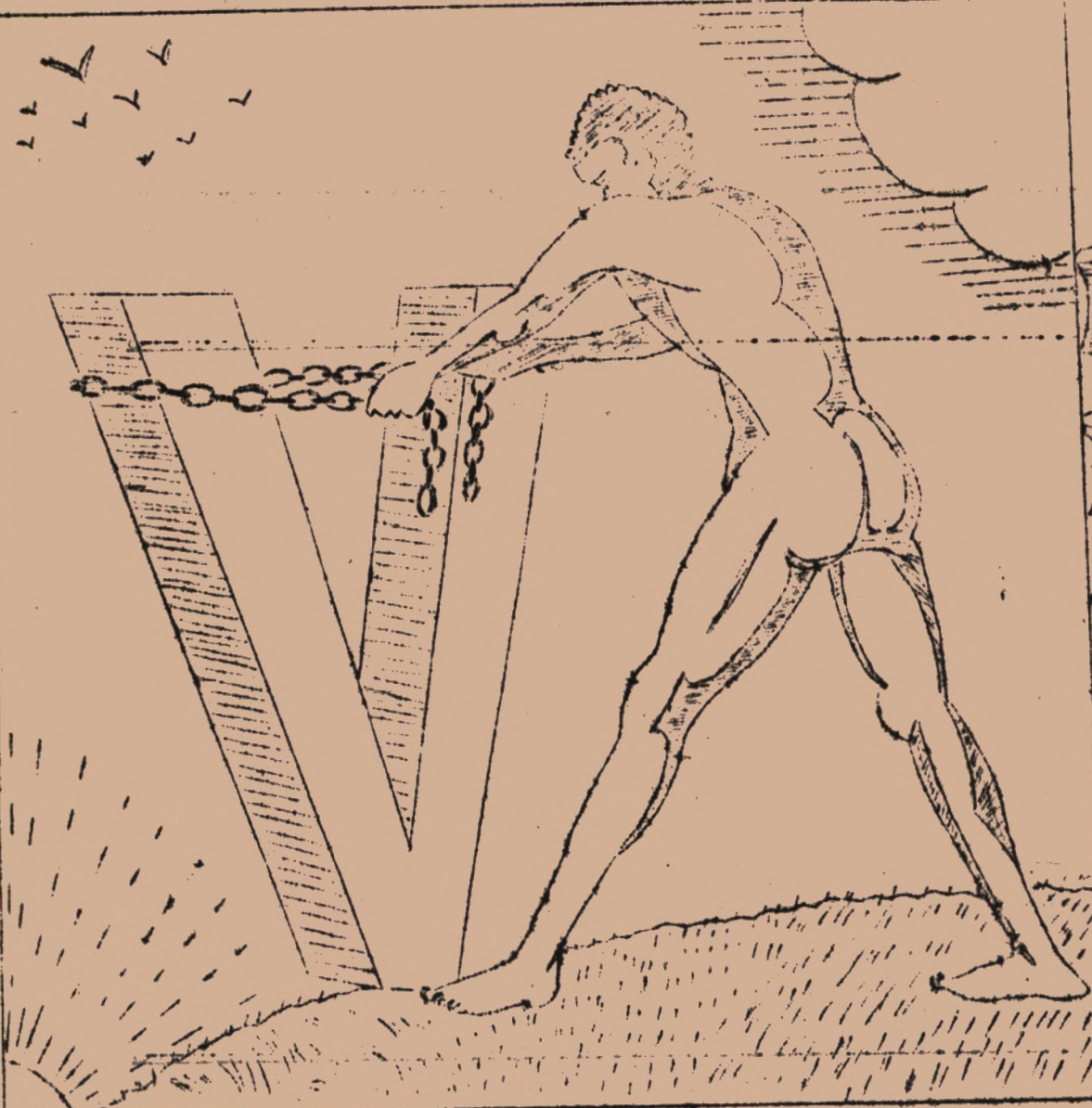


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The Editors  
CHAT

Occupied Countries and Scouts:

It is possible

that some of us have wondered what has been happening to the Scouts in the "occupied countries" during the last four terrible years.

French Scouts On two occasions a few years before the war I was lucky enough to spend a holiday in France, and on each visit I went camping with some French Scouts.

Forest and

Sea Side. On the first occasion some Rovers took me to camp for a few days in a glorious forest near Paris. On my next visit a French Priest in Brittany invited me to join his boys camping on a farm right out on the West coast. We were near a little church built in the sand dunes and we joined in a candle-light procession that wound in and out among the dunes, hundreds of people took part and everyone had a candle. At midnight there was a Mass and in the morning another Mass outside the Church, with perhaps 200 country people simple, solid and gay folks, sitting on a grass above the Church, outside which was a big platform for the altar. In the afternoon we broke away from the crowds and bathed in the sea. I remember the boys said prayers before and after bathing-(like saying grace at meal) to thank God for the sea. It was all truly delightful.

Now for four years all these folk have been troubled by the Nazis. I have doubt that my Rover friends have been fighting; I hope that they are still alive to share in the joy of tiring once more in a free country.

The Scout Spirit. Scouts in occupied countries must have been having a sad time. Many of them have lost fathers, elder brothers and Scoutmasters. Around them has been fighting famine sickness death their uniforms have been lost or carefully hidden away from prying Nazi eyes, but the Scout Spirit is NOT dead.

Scouts under fire. We learn how in Algiers, N. Africa a certain town that had been liberated by the British was subjected to intense bombing by the enemy. A hospital was set up for the crowded but all the adult population fled. A little band (Boy Scouts aged 13-16) however stayed on helping in every way they could with the sick and wounded. "Never once" says a British Sergeant at the hospital "did I see any fear although the bombing

was concentrated on this small target". The Nazis have done a bit of killing but they have not killed the scout Spirit, that has lived on in spite of cruel oppression during the bitter period, of occupation.

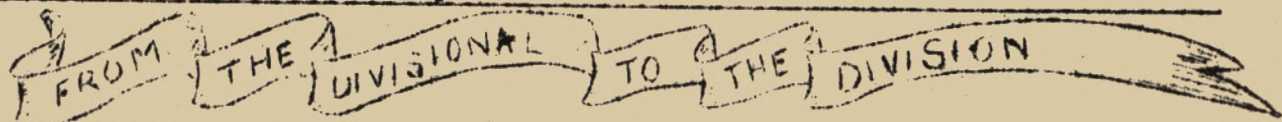
The Future? Now that these countries are being freed, Scouting will soon come out into the open again. The Scout badge and uniform will be seen once more and perhaps we shall soon be hearing of rallies and jamborees. What a task of rebuilding their battered countries lies in front of these boys in the coming years! May God fire strength to their arms and courage to their hearts.

Prophesy. We fear this Gazette will be later than ever in coming



out. Mr. Marivate unhappily is sick. We are to hear however that he is getting better steadily. As a consequence of Mr. Marivate's sickness, Mr. Mokgako has had to deputise for him at Pietersburg just at the time when he would normally have been "bossing up" his co-editors and seeing that they get things started. You will see on another page that great things have been happening at Pietersburg. We hope that our readers will be patient and will forgive us this delay.

Yours in Scouting,  
V. Jenkins, C.R.



THE LATE LORD SOMERS: I have just received from the Secretary of the Council of the Boy Scouts Association of the Union of South Africa the following letter:

"I have received an airgraph from the Headquarters Commissioner for Overseas Scouts thanking me for an airgraph, and saying: "It is very kind of the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner to send a message of sympathy on the death of the Chief Scout, and it will be passed on to Lady Somers as requested."

The reference is to the message I sent on behalf of all ranks of our Movement in the Union.

MR. L.I. VENABLES: Although he is known best to Scouts on the Reef, I feel sure that all Transvaal Pathfinder Scouts will join with me in congratulating Mr. Venables, for many years a valuable member of our Divisional Council, on his appointment as Municipal Manager of the Non-European Affairs Department for Johannesburg. In his reply to a personal letter I sent him he says: "I have no occasion to change my high opinion of the Pathfinder Scout Organisation. Group activities will, in my opinion, play an increasingly important part in the lives of young Africans. I have no intention of severing my relationship with the Divisional Council, even although my duties will preclude my regular attendance. The Department has an able representative in Capt Barber..... You may rest assured of my continued interest and help."

We are indeed fortunate in having as members of our Divisional Council the Managers for Non-European Affairs of both Johannesburg and Pretoria, and it is good to know that we have their active support even when pressure of work does not allow them to attend regularly.

MR. D.C. MARIVATE: I am sorry to say that he will be unable to fulfil his appointments for a week or so owing to illness. He had been called to the Northern Transvaal to see a sick brother and then fell ill himself and is now in hospital. He is receiving the best of attention and is only worrying at his failure to be on duty. I have assured him of our sympathy and told him that we will try to be patient until he re-appears amongst us once again.

COLOURED PATHFINDER SCOUTS AT PRETORIA: At the last meeting of the Divisional Council it was announced that a Coloured Troop of Scouts had been started in Pretoria by Fr. Arden and Mr. J. Bennett (one of the original Cub Pack at Pietersburg). The announcement led to an enquiry as to the present official status of the Coloured Scout Movement in the Union. At the time I was not in position to give a reply to that question, but I have since seen the Chief Scout's Commissioner for European Scouts (Sir Herbert Stanley) and he assures me that that Coloured section is properly registered at Scout Headquarters and is recognised in the Union although he has no information as to the formation of any H.Q. Council or any of its activities. The position in the Transvaal appears to be obscure, and so permission has been given for the Troop at Pretoria to be linked up with the Pathfinder Scouts until such time as the Coloured section is able to take it over and incorporate it into a going concern.

SCOUTING AND RELIGION. This is an old question which is always being revived, and as I have recently been challenged as to whether Scouting is a Christian movement or not, I think that perhaps it might be well to write something about it. The general Religious Policy of the Scout Association which has received the approval of the heads of all the leading denominations of religion in the United Kingdom states:

(a) It is expected that every Scout shall belong to some religious denomination and attend its services.

(b) Where a group is composed of members of one particular form of religion, it is hoped that the G.S.M. will arrange such denominational religious observances and instructions as he, in consultation with its Chaplain or other religious or other religious authority may consider best.

(c) Where a Group consists of Scouts of various religions they should be encouraged to attend the services of their own denominations, and Group church parades should not be held."

Moreover, the very first promise of the Scout is to do his best to do his duty to GOD. Surely, this means that every Scout is expected to aim at the highest he knows. Granted that the Jew, Turk, Mohammedan or other sect knows nothing of Christ he has at least some religious creed and if he lives up to that to the best of his ability he will be a better lad than he was before. It is for his Church to teach him his faith and for the Scout Movement to help him to live it. As someone has aptly put it: "Sometimes we are so much concerned about there being enough religion in our plans for the boy, that we forget to leave enough boy in the plans!" We in the Scout Movement believe that we have something worth handing on to the Youth of the world - a way by which the boy is taught to develop himself morally, intellectually, physically and spiritually to the best of his ability and so to make himself an asset to those around him, to his country, and to the world at large. If we are sincere Non-Christian of that benefit any more than a doctor has to refuse to treat a Non-Christian patient. Indeed, the example of Christ Himself bears out that truth, for it was to the outcast, the heathen and the forlorn to whom He knew his message was most welcome. At the same time, I doubt whether there are any Non-Christian Scouts in our Movement in the Union. If there are, we ought to be thankful that they are at least brought into contact with Christianity in this form, and we may hope that they may "catch" it from those in the Troops who are Christian.

#### SCOUTING AND BOYS' BRIGADES:

Another question that has been brought to my attention recently is that concerned with the relative merits of these two youth movements. I have been told that they are to all intents and purposes the same! I can think of no greater mistake! They are quite different and are based on different ideas from the beginning. One Movement deals with boys in the mass; it puts them into uniform, drills them and marches them about to bugles and drums, and the individual "boy" is lost in the crowd. A few, as officers, receive a certain amount of training in using their initiative, but the others are there to "obey". The Scouts purposely limit their numbers in a Troop because each boy is regarded as an individual and is dealt with as such; his training is that best fitted for him, and his own interests are considered and encouraged (i.e. Badge training), while the "gang" spirit, inherent in every boy, is used in the furtherance of this aim. In setting out his scheme for Youth B-P, proved himself a great psychologist although when he started the Scout Movement the word was hardly known.

I hope that what I have said here about Scouting and its relationship to Religion and other Movements will not be regarded as waste of time and paper. I believe that very often our officers and friends are challenged over such points and are sometimes at a loss as to what sort of answer to give. Personally, I doubt whether many are ever won over by argument, but I am quite sure we ought not meekly to surrender the position because we are at loss how to answer.

My greetings and good wishes to you all,

Your old friend,

THE DIVISIONAL.

## Headquarters Notices

CENSUS: I would like to remind you of the Census Returns and the fee which we have not received. Remember goods will not be supplied to unregistered troops. Unwarranted officers should see that they apply for their warrants.

CLOTH BADGES: The Cloth Tenderfoot badges, Pathfinder, Proficiency badges and stars are now sold to sop customers at 6d and not at 5d as before. Khaki and White Lanyards and Whistles are now available at the Office (price for each 1/6)

HATS, SHORTS AND SHIRTS:

We are now glad to announce once more that, Hats, Shirts and Shorts are again available.

SHOP HOURS: For the convenience of the customers the shop will remain open daily during the following hours:-

Mondays - Fridays: 1.00 P.M. to 4.30 P.M.

Saturdays: 9.30 A.M. to 1.00 P.M.

Officers and Scouts please note this and make your calls within these hours.

J.G. MODISELLE.  
ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL SECRETARY

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### THE BOY SCOUT SPIRIT.

A group of boys broke into a Boy Scout hall in Leeds, England and stole a number of things. When they appeared in the Juvenile Court the Scoutmaster was present to offer to take them into the Scout Troop. The boys agreed and the Judge turned them over to the Scoutmaster.



NEWS! FROM HERE AND THERE!

Just as the heading itself suggests, the Editors have received news of various happenings in several of our outlying districts. This information was communicated by letter as it has been impossible to publish the letters in full, we give here the salient points.

Lydenburg District.

A Brother Scouter, N.S. Mokgalong, of this district reports that they held their District Rally on August, 12th 1944. They visited the following Chiefs' Kralls - Sefogole Kabu; Moribišane M. phopha; Marcus Sonamela and Sepeka Ratau. The general public was favourably impressed and the high-light of the day was the performance of a yell:- "Ingwe, Ingonyama!" This was so good that despite the dictum:- "A Scout accepts no reward for any good turn" the people showered a number of presents on them.

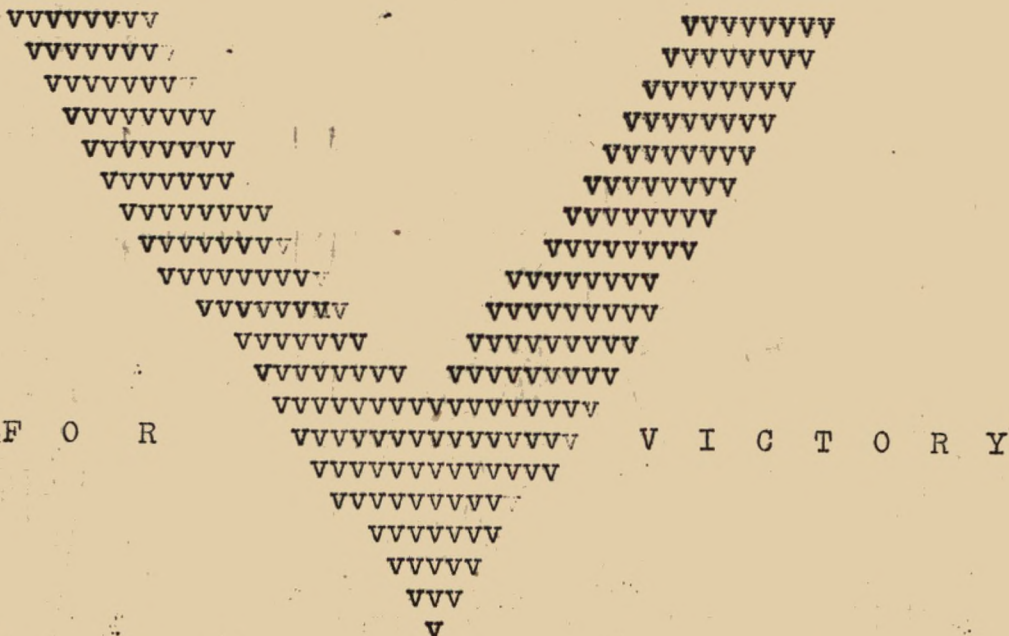
Louis Trichardt District.

From Lemana Training College, the Troop Secretary, Ch. Makgakga states that a camp for the 1st and 2nd Lemana Groups was organised by F.M. Maboko - P/S/M 1st Lemana, and held on Mr. Hennings' farm, Louis Trichardt, from 19th - 21st May 1944. Organiser D.C. Marivate acted as Camp Chief. Mr. Henning is reported to have been helpful in many ways towards the success of this camp and thus a deep debt of gratitude is owed to him. The 1st Elim Scouts joined in. A very fine and useful time was spent as witness the fact that the Scout Spirit which the boys gained in the camp was warmly commented upon on reaching home. In appreciation of the Training that had been given, Dr. Hilkwitz very kindly donated £1. towards the Troop funds and for this many thanks in return.

Western Transvaal District.

Mr. A.P. Manamela - D/P/S/M of this area reports of a very impressive Scout funeral conducted by D/P/S/C Revd. D.F. Sibeko of Potchefstroom on 23rd August, 1944, when the remains of Gabriel Modiselle, aged 11 years, and a member of the 2nd POTCHEFSTROOM Pathfinder Wolf Cub Pack, were laid to rest. The deceased was ill for three months and his brother Cubs, Scouts and Scouters did their duty to visit him often. Present at the funeral were 145 Scouts and Cubs, 90 Wayfarers and Sunbeams and all the Group Scouters.

May the Souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace.



A Zandorfoot  
(WITH ACKNOWLEDGE

in Zululand  
MENT TO K. MARSHALL)



Fagazi's son grunted and disappeared like a shadow into the bush. One of the ghostly donkeys moved his head then stood still again, and Obit started violently when the umfaan leapt out of the bush behind them with a yell.

There was a pounding of hoofs and eight very solid looking animals with startling black and white stripes all over them, careered into the full light of the sun and made straight for the three hunters.

"Go home, Zebra ! Go home !" shouted Fagazi, waving his arms in the air. "Go carefully and leave Fagazi's garden alone at night or he will kill you."

The eight Zebra wheeled like one and tore through the clearing into the bush.

"All animals are clever." said Fagazi, "The Zebra knows that he looks like the sun shining through the bushes, so always stands where the bush is thin. In the full sunlight he is like a black rock against the sky and under thick bush he is like a white stone in the moonlight."

It got very hot when the sun was overhead and Obit was thankful when Fagazi halted under a big tree and they cooked some meat. He took a good drink of water from a queer-looking bottle made out of a gourd with beads sewn on to it and, while the meat was sizzling on the fire, lay back on a soft patch of sand wondering what Fagazi saw with his restless eyes, when he saw him fix them on the trunk of a tree under which they sat and stare with a look of intense interest. He then went and examined the tree more closely, and called Obit to come and look.

"Do you see that ?" he said, pointing to three little scratches and a bruise on the bark.

"Yes." said Obit. "What is it?"

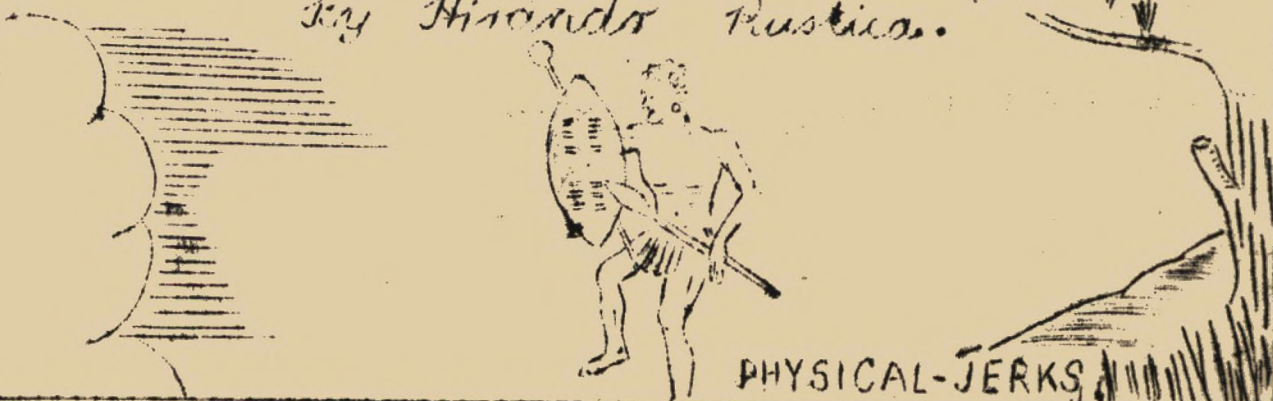
"We are lucky, child. Perhaps that Tegwane made us sit under this tree. This mark was made yesterday evening by a buffalo with his horn. Go and eat, child. The Zebra have been dancing all over his footprints here, so I must walk round and ask the ground which way he has gone. Then we must lose no time in going after him."

While Obit ate he several times caught sight of Fagazi flitting like a shadow through the bush, then lost sight of him. When he at last reappeared and, without a word, took a piece of meat, Obit could see he was puzzled.

"Did you find out anything ?" Obit asked.

"Very strange - only one of them !" said Fagazi more to himself than to Obit. "Only one but what a one ! My eyes must be wrong or it is magic."

By Hilda Rustica.



" THE LEMANA DETAILS ""THE PATHFINDER DAY SERVICE"

The first and second Lemana Troops had their Church parade together with the Elim and Shirley Troops. The Parade was held at the Lemana Grounds at "Motsana" on the eastern part of the boys hostel.

The Parade was opened at 10.30 a.m. and it was commenced by a Service held by our Revd. A.A. Jacques. The preacher took his text from Matthews 5: 13. I am not going to discuss the whole sermon, but if you are interested you may read the passage. In reality this is to illustrate the importance of Scouting and Wayfaring in the whole world. Mr. Van der West Huizen who is suggested by A/D/P/S/C Mr. Maboko to be our G/P/S/M offered a closing prayer.

After the service Mr. Maboko gave a laconic and interesting speech and I feel I have to quote some of his words. "This movement has been described by more than one enthusiast as a revolution in Education. It is not. It is merely a suggestion thrown out at a venture for a jolly out door recreation which has been found to form also a practical aid to education and Christianity".

The Scoutmaster of Shirley Mr. S.C. Marivate took general inspection after the service and he gave remarks mostly on the belts, that the boys should get Boy Scouts Belts. He was mostly inspired by the Uniform and the discipline of the Troops. The first and second Lemana Troops were taken as examples in connection with the neatness of their Uniform, and mostly how they tied their scarves.

The rest of the day was most interesting. Boys gave many displays according to their Patrols, and all the Lemana Students, members of Staff and people from the vicinity were present. We all enjoyed laughter from 2 O'clock to 4 O'clock and it was really a very jolly day. The number of all the scouts was 112 and the Wayfarers about 300.

The greatest thing which inspired the spectators was not what the Scouts did but the Spirit and the mood in which the scouts were. It was the greatest day of all the days that I have ever had in Scouting.

To conclude the 1st and 2nd Lemana Troops took the visitors namely Elim and Shirley Scouts half Way and the day was over, and everybody who had been present had the mind of joining Scouting because of joy and the spirit of love which was shown by the Boys Scouts.

Y I S A K A..... Y I S A K A..... Y I S A K A.....

SECRETARY CH. MAKGAKGA OF THE 1ST and 2ND

LEMANA TROOPS.

Signed and Approved by:

A/P/S/M Ph. Segooa for  
A/D/P/S/C F.M. Maboko.





I felt it my bounded duty, to submit to the Honourable members of the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association a detailed Report on the Scout doings of the said districts, before I ask the Council to excuse me from holiday the Rank of District P/S Master - as I have now left the District.

From my own experiences as District Master, I have come to the conclusion that the Evaton-Vereeniging Districts is a very ideal place for this game of Scouting for Boys. My argument lies on the fact that, the place there is half urbanised and half rural. So it enjoys space, what you can not find in most of the Reef Location. Thus rendering out-door activities such as signalling, trekking and wide-games quite easy.

Secondly, Scouting is the only recreation, which boys in those areas can indulge in, seeing that there are no other forms of organised recreations.

Before my departure, particularly in the School I was teaching in I had arranged a scheme of making Scouting a medium of entrance to other recreations in the school. My Patrol Leaders became Captains, Treasurers and Secretaries of the special Scout-Teams. They ran the team, with my guidance, where I thought it fit to do so. They also held physical-jerks for Boys, trying to qualify in the First Class Badge as an alternative for swimming. The above were done in my Troop viz "The 3rd Evaton Troop" of which I was Acting Pathfinder Scoutmaster. That is the system of running a troop, I was trying to foster in the District. ( My system may have been wrong - but experiments with my troop - rendered the whole system successful.

#### Scouting Activities in the District.

For the first time in the District, since African Boys i.e Pathfinders had reached the Scout statues - boys went to camp at Grasmore. We are very much indebted to Mr. J.P. Rees Divisional Pathfinder Scouts Secretary, who arranged and sent in our Camp permit and Railway Concessions. I thank him most sincerely on behalf of the District. The Report on the Grasmore Camp held there from the 3rd to the 6th of April was sent to Council. So the detailed analysis of the Camp may be re-read from it. But what I cannot forget is the wonderful spirit of Brotherhood which prevailed there. On the 18th of May I visited the 1st Vereeniging Troop and Pack, and also tested some boys on the various Tests. The Boys together with their masters seemed very much to have grasped the Scout-Spirit. On the 27th of May to the 28th the 2nd Evaton Troop and Pack together with the 3rd Evaton Troop and Pack, gave a public Demonstration of Scouting in the Vereeniging Location. I think I am quite justified to quote, from the Bible - to show what the position is in Vereeniging:-

"The harvest is great but the labourers are few." I think that phrase is applicable to all the troops in the Evaton-Vereeniging District, but it is very much felt in Vereeniging. The Troop is run by some keen youngman of about my age (23) and I am proud to say he is "Doing his best" for Scouting there. The Demonstration increased his numbers marvelously. A unique Event took place on the 3rd of June - and that was a District Rally for (a) "Barbers Trophy" for the winning Troop in the District (b) The "Sol - Maqambalala" Trophy for the winning Wol-Cub Pack. I need not dwell on the report on that as it was submitted to the Council by the Capt. W.E. Barber and N.S. Mokgako Esq., I think I am quite right, to say that 2 Trophies are a property of the Pathfinder

Boy Scouts Association Council, should Scouting cease in those areas ( I pray that that does not happen). Those Trophies will retain their names. I am making special thanks to Capt. Barber and Mr. Mkgako, for representing the Council. We got the Divisionals' letter of apology. Special thanks to Mr. Rees for sending us our Assistant Divisional Secretary Mr. J.G. Modiselle. Special thanks are due to Mr. Modiselle, too. ~~Two new troops sprung up viz the 1st Grasmere Troop and the 4th Evaton Troop.~~

All the District Troops gave me splendid Farewells as I had told them, that my work was coming to a close by the end of the June Term. One place which I feel I must mention is in Grasmere, where the Scouts had a "BRANDVLEISAAND" round the Camp-fire to bid me good-bye. Boys in the various Troops gave speeches to wish me God-Speed. My work in the District kept me very busy - and I was very much pleased. I so won the esteem of the boys that they even called me "Boet Solly" (i.e. Brother Solly) and not the fearful "Teacher Maqambalala." Their love for me, they revealed by their manner of saying, "Goodbye" to me.

Y I S A K A !      YOURS SCOUTINGLY,

Sol. Maqambalala. D/P/S/M.

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Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for the posts I have recently been in receipt of. It is a real good example even to those who have but less interest in Scouting; our brotherly spirit, enthusiasm and sincerity by words and deeds. I assure you that such a spirit as that of the movement as a whole has no beginning nor an end to those who consider manliness as guided by the art of humanity.

The contents of the book are really interesting. Its chapters made me to feel the worlds responsibility; the young scouts whose keenness in their youthful attention depends on you and me. But, I keep on asking myself - "am I prepared?". It is of course difficult to be ruled by conscience one says. May we in such a corner refer ourselves to our short promise?

I hope you all enjoy there at home.  
Keep it up. we will soon meet. Thanks !

I beg to remain,

Yours Scoutingly,

5014 v J.W.N. Sophazi Sgt.

T H R I F T.

Saturday 9th September was a day of days to the Lemana Boy Scouts. Our leaders had made it a point to invite one of the European teachers to come and address the scouts. It was soon found out that this Man Mr. van der West Huizen was a scout. He used to belong to the Buffalo Patrol or Troop. Our Chief had asked him to advise us on the Law No. 8. I have jotted the main facts of his interesting talk. The boys at Lemana hope that Mr. van der West Huizen will be able to close the coming gap that will be made next year by the going away of our Chief A/D/PS/C Mr. Maboko. He is willing and ever smiling and singing with us.

Patrols were first inspected by him and the A/D/P/S/C and we assembled below the water falls. Our chief introduced Mr. van der West Huizen and he started delivering his speech.

There is one of our Scouting laws which says "A Scout is Thrifty;" It is the usual idea that when we speak of the word "thrift" we think of money, and it is a wrong understanding of the word. We are by all manner of Means to thrive in many things. As we are living in the modern age it's necessary as Boy Scouts or Scout Masters to be, that we shall understand the way to make our money thrive. We want our cow to produce calves, and we want our money to produce interest. I will mention some places where Boy Scouts may put their money so that it may produce interest, namely the Post Office Savings Bank, or certain of the Building Societies.

There are many ways of practising thrift. We may be thrifty in the proper use of our time especially our spare time. It is good to read or to do something of importance in your spare time. Be thrifty in clothes, know how to look after your clothes and buttons, I sometimes see Boy Scouts Shirts or any other boys shirts without buttons. The word thrift means the proper use of a thing not more and not less. The Pioneers of South Africa were so thrift that they used even the last part of their needles.

I remind you of the Scouts Motto:

"Be prepared" and then thrive!! So boys are asked to be thrifty and they will see the results. Try dear Scouts. Think of tomorrow.

Y I S A K A ... Y I S A K A ... Y I S A K A ... Y I S A K A.

General Secretary Ch. J.N. Makgakga,

1st and 2nd Lemana Troops.

Lemana Training College

P.O. Louis Trichardt.

GLEANINGS FROM "THE PIETERSBURG EXPRESS"

Registered at the 1st Pietersburg P/S Group Annual Camp Site (Kalkspruit) G.P.O as a Newspaper.

The Pietersburg Express is a short paper which the 1st Pietersburg Pathfinder Scout Group ran at their camp at Kalkspruit this year from 8th - 11th September, 1944. It gives an account of daily note-worthy happenings in the camp, but owing to limited space only a few extracts have been published.

At Hout Rivier Bridge.

Just after prayers the Scouts began eating. Shortly afterwards, a queer voice broke out and said:- "This is a square meal". Another in turn replied:- "When did you measure it !"  
At the Camp-Fire.

On Friday after Super the Pathfinder Scoutmaster tried to whistle a certain bugle tune to us. The idea was to teach us several bugle calls but awful was the disappointment when one of the boys interrupted:- "This is like what one heard when still a baboon - Shepherd."

Visit to the Chief's home at Kalkspruit.

At 11 a.m. on Saturday the Scouts prepared for the trip to the royal Kraal. Within a few minutes they were off on the march. A melodious note broke the Silence of the neighbourhood, and the sight of the uniforms and wavering flags added beauty to the colour of the dryland. This came from the Grace Dieu Scouts who marched with vigour and enthusiasm as they drew nearer and nearer to the Royal Ground of the Honourable Chief of the Locality.

The music of the bugles attracted fat and lean people, beautiful and ugly maidens, old and young from nearly every part of the village. These followed up to the Chief's Kraal.

The Scouts did their part in entertaining the Chief but in return they were disappointed with the Pathfinder Scout-master, Troop Leader and the Organiser who must have been so excited that they did not trouble themselves to point out the Chief to the boys. What shall we do with such Officers? We recommend their dethronement and that three donkeys be appointed instead of their Successors.

Ever Smiling Colour-Bar.

The Express wishes to congratulate one Brother-Scout who, though unfortunately, got hurt, remembered his Law and Promise, and did not fuss over his injury but kept smiling. This scout is popularly known as "Ever Smiling Colour-Bar." We congratulated him. "Yiseka ! Yiseka !! Yiseka !!!"

His own language.

As the Scouts were playing they had a soldier with them. When he was about to leave he stood with authority, saluted and said:- "one, two, three, I am Go, "Sir!"

Ambiguous Orders.

One of the Officers said:- "Lend me your ears" and the ears were taken to him. What do you think the scouts used for listening.

Hoisting the flag.

Very early at dawn this morning Oliver Kuwana thought he had seen a ghost moving about his bed, but on scrutinising more closely, he saw that it was an emaciated, tall figure with a pair of bottles in its eyes. Then he knew it was the Rhinos' Patrol Leader, who fearing an accusation for a dereliction of duty took it into his head to rise up in the dark to go and put up the flag. Like a true Rhino he tied the flag with all his might. The flag was so tied that no one could not break it. We saluted until we were so tired that we got impatient for the order:- "Stop Saluting." while this was going on the strong Rhino was so ashamed that he tried to dig a hole where he could bury himself snugly and disappear from this

and disappear from this world of tribulation and degradation. This of course, was an entire impossibility and the only alternative was to Shed a tear of sorrow for it was almost obvious that the Chopper Calias Organiser) would seize this chance of Subtracting 2 or 3 marks from the very few that the Rhinos had.

So, please Scouts, this is a lesson. Never use your whole strength indiscriminately for in many cases the use of the brain is better than mere exertion of force. Even if you are not very luminous in the Scholastic sphere, use the grey matter in your head although it may be none other than water.

#### The Mascot.

The Pietersburg Express wishes to draw attention to the Kalkspruit Camp mascot. No one could help looking at a certain individual who appeared to be old, short, fat, thick-headed, stiff-necked, black-nosed, jocular, voice-modulated, indeed an African of Africans, but a man similar to those who live in the desert - that is, he looks exactly like a Bushman. His job is to lead donkeys and his name is J.M. He takes nine minutes to say three words at a time.

#### The Spirit of the Day.

Everything has its own time. There is a time to eat, a time to be happy etc. So it can be said with authority that Sunday, 10th September, 1944 was the happiest time for the Scouts in the Kalkspruit Camp, and for those who saw them too, judging by their applause.

The day seemed so short that one Scout remarked that if he had a hundred pounds he would buy his own "Sun" and keep it shining for 48 hours; but unfortunately, it is impossible to buy the Sun. We fed the eyes of the Spectators with many things, and they were especially impressed by a Zulu-War Dance. "Madala Mbítsana" was outstanding in this and his movements were really humorous. He was so good that he reminded many of the Ndebele people where they originate, and one of the old ladies was saying: - "Abantu bekhethu labo."

The display generally was so good that we saw some people moving their heads imitating us. We saw one old lady imitating us in such a way that she could not help falling down. So it was a great day at Kalkspruit for all the Kalkspruitians. Some of the women even forgot to go and cook and even the children had to go home only when they saw the sun disappearing in the west, and at this stage most people showed gloomy faces. But time cannot be altered and when the sun says "Goodbye" it means it.

The readers of this article must believe that this was the best camp we have had since 1941. Most of the patrols were very inventive and many things were improvised. The only very sad thing was that our District Commissioner, F.J.P. Loo was unable to be with us because of bad health, but it is to be hoped that he will be well in the near future to keep us busy, for when he is well he is full of life and agility.

#### Visitors to the Camp.

Revd R.F. Adams came to celebrate Mass in the morning. Miss Preston came too. It is reported that neither of them wished to leave.

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