

THE

# TRANSVAAL NEWS SHEET



All linked up with Africa by the chain of the Brotherhood of Scouting. Yisaka! Yisaka!! Yisaka!!!

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OUR PART

It is easy to talk in a sentimental way of "the spirit of brotherhood". In Scouting we have no need to do so, for we can look back on practical achievements and look forward to further developments. We can experience the growth - the astonishing growth - of that spirit amongst our members in many lands. It is not known how many thousands of Scouts have helped to strengthen this spirit by crossing the frontiers to camp together or to live in each other's homes. On this solid foundation of personal experience, they are building up lasting friendships and a strong spirit of good-will.

This coming-together has been going on almost from the earliest days of Scouting. It was encouraged and fostered by our Founder. He was quick to see the significance of the spread of the Movement from country to country.

During the past few years there has been a vast increase in the numbers of Scouts leaving their own countries to camp and hike in other lands. This unending passage across the frontiers is more important, because more personal, than the spectacular gatherings at World Jamborees or Moots. It is in this way that the Scout can most clearly understand that he is a member of a World-wide Brotherhood. These words can mean little to him as a Tenderfoot; yarns and pictures may help him, but the idea comes down to earth the first time he shakes the left hand of a Scout of another country.

The greater the number of these personal contacts, the stronger will become that spirit of brotherhood that is the essential basis of peace. As our Scouts grow into the adult world, we may hope that these early experiences will help to shape their thoughts and aspirations. That is the task before us; it is our share in the prolonged mission of promoting good-will among the nations.

In this way we shall be carrying out the purpose set before us by our Founder "that the next generation be sane in an insane world, and develop the higher realization of Service, the active service of Love and Duty to God and neighbour".

Vale!

E.E. Reynolds  
from "World Scouting", December, 1955.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The One Man Band

He is the Scouter who is perhaps one of the greatest of all menaces to Scouting. He drives away those who would willingly co-operate with him, and endangers the continued life of the Scout Group should he for some reason or another be removed. Beware of the "one man band"!

from "World Scouting", October, 1955.

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ST. GEORGE'S DAY

The following message has been received by the Chief Scout, South Africa, from Lord Rowallan.

"St. George's Day greetings to you all.

We, at home, are busily engaged in preparations for next year's Jubilee Celebrations, to show the world how Scouts of all nations, creeds and tongues can live together as one family. We hope to welcome your Scouts among the others.

My latest journeys have convinced me more than ever that the Promise and the Law can and do provide a solution for the ills from which the world is suffering today.

ROWALLAN

Chief Scout  
British Commonwealth and Empire"

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FOR YOUR GAMES BOOK

SIGNALLING

1. Signal Bumps

The Scouts walk round in a circle, but sit down when a certain letter is called. All kinds of letters are constantly being signalled and the letter which the boys have to sit down to should be constantly changed. The last man down should be penalized.

2. The Conspirators

Two boys are outside the Troop room and are supposed to be hatching a plot. Half the boys of each patrol are "Flying Squad Police" and are listening. When the conspirators have finished they signal the substance of the remarks to Head Quarters (the other half of patrols) from memory.

3. Dog and Bone Signal Game

Boys drawn up in two lines facing each other, with letters of the alphabet (may be in signal code) between each couple. Boys are all numbered, each couple having a different number. Instructor spins a yarn, bringing in the numbers and letters, e.g. "Two men looked for Z". No. 2's then both dash out and each tries to get letter Z for his patrol.

4. Jamming

Patrols are divided in half, one half each side of room, and then try to send messages by buzzer to each other. A second patrol tries to jam the message by using a buzzer also.

Variation: If a number of half patrols are all sending messages across the room there will be no need to have a "jamming patrol".

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NEWS FROM BECHUANALAND

Jack Leech, Deputy Camp Chief in Bechuanaland, writes:

"A side-line of a P.L.'s hike in preparation for an explorers' camp came to me last week:

Mr. Zimba, S.M. of the 1st Changate Troop, was hiking with five P.L.s on 5th April when they spotted a set of human footprints with some peculiar features. Zimba, after examining the tracks, was able to state that they were made very recently by an old woman who was either very ill, in great distress or drunk. The Patrol followed the spoor, Mr. Zimba explaining as they went along the reasons for his deductions.

A thin continuous line of even depth but snaky course which ran through the sand alongside the wavering foot-prints puzzled the Scouts completely. No one ever takes a tame snake for a walk! It could not be a trailing stick for the depth of the spoor would have varied as it bounced over the uneven ground. Zimba knew what it was and was worried, but kept quiet.

Speculating upon this mystery, the Scouts suddenly heard a scream and, guided by the sound, rushed to a large ant-hill behind which they found the old woman hanging from a tree and swinging from side to side from a rope tied round her neck.

Whilst the P.L.s quickly lifted her up by the legs, Zimba climbed the tree to reach the rope, which he cut, and the P.L.s laid her gently down. They treated her for shock, then carried her to her home in a nearby village where, thanks to their keen observation and prompt action, she still lives.

The trailing rope explained the snaky spoor. The fact that the old woman had swung from the slope of the ant-hill and had not jumped from a height, and her speedy release by the Scouts, explains why her neck was not broken."

From "World Scouting", July, 1955.

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APPOINTMENTS AND REGISTRATIONS

The following appointments and registrations have recently been passed by the Council.

Appointments

Boikanyo, Hermon	G.S.M.	7th Vlakfontein
Nthathe, Daniel W.	S.M.	1st Matau Pilwe
Mahlaela, Peter H.	S.M.	2nd Matau Pilwe
Modisane, Temple R.	S.M.	1st Kruidfontein
Sehuba, Michael	S.M.	3rd Orlando
Zuma, Joseph P.	S.M.	12th Orlando
Raphela, Josias R.	S.M.	1st Moloto
Malaka, Stanley A.	S.M.	1st Balfour North
Makgala, Paul	S.M.	1st Tamposstad
Sethole, Andrew L.	S.M.	1st Wierda
Matime, Patrick M.	S.M.	6th Vlakfontein
Shiluban, Richard M.P.	S.M.	1st Gooldville



Rampola, Ezekiel L.	S.M.	2nd Carlsruhe
Chueu, Solomon	S.M.	1st Carlsruhe
Mohamed, John Stanley	S.M.	1st Magalakwinstroom
Mohlammiyane, P. Godwin	S.M.	7th Vlakfontein
Ledwabe, David	A.S.M.	1st Magalakwinstroom
Nemadzivhanani, Elias M.	A.S.M.	1st Gooldville
Ntsoane, Hosea	A.S.M.	1st Moloto
Mogotlhwane, Readwell	A.S.M.	1st Elansdoorns
Nkuagae, William	A.S.M.	1st Balfour North
Braybrooke, Joan K.	C.M.	1st Johannesburg
Matobako, Joel Lefa	C.M.	2nd Natalspruit
Cshisiku, Michael C.	C.M.	1st Balfour North
Mogatjane, Euphen	A.C.M.	8th Vlakfontein

Registrations

1st Balfour North	1st Matau Pilwe
1st Carlsruhe	2nd Matau Pilwe
2nd Carlsruhe	1st Magalakwinstroom
1st Kruidfontein	6th Vlakfontein

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HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

SCOUT SHOP

Diaries for 1956 - Wolf Cub, new this year	3/6
Cloth bound, without pencil	3/6
Cloth bound, with pencil	4/3

TRAINING COURSE COMMITTEE

Mr. S. Mogako has been appointed Secretary of the Training Course Committee in succession to Mr. G.A.P. Mphenyeke who has left to be trained for Holy Orders.

The following new members have been appointed: Messrs. E.J. Montwedi of Alexandra and A. Sepanya of Randfontein, Miss J.K. Braybrooke of Sophiatown and Mrs. E. Bambisa of Nigel.

The Committee has arranged the following programme of courses and camps in 1956.

Pretoria District

Patrol Leaders Course	11th - 13th May
Cub Masters Course	18th - 20th May
Scoutmasters Course	25th - 27th May

6th Wood Badge Course (Scouts)

30th September to 7th October at our Gilwell Grounds, Roodepoort West.

Training Camps for Patrol Leaders

Natalspruit	29th March to 1st April
Rustenburg	10th to 13th May
Evaton	18th to 20th May

Preliminary Training Course for Scouters

At Gilwell grounds, Roodepoort West, from 25th to 29th June.

Scouters Explanatory Course

Bethal	20th to 22nd April
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