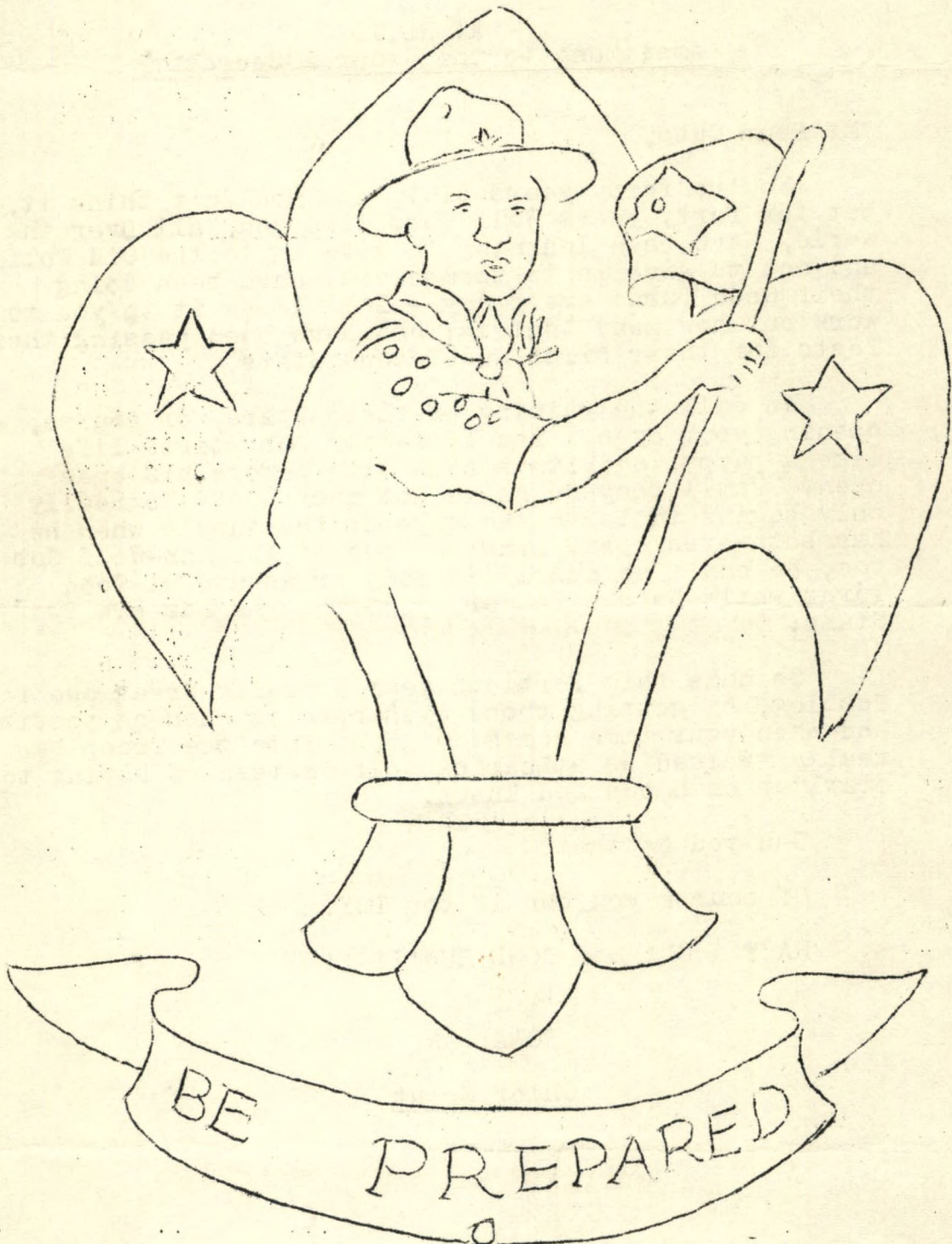


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MESSAGE TO WOLF CUBS

A message from Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the Commonwealth, addressed to Cubs, was received at S.A.H.Q. The Chief Scout South Africa, Mr. E. Percy Fowle, has asked me to pass it on to you as you might like to pass it on to the Cubs in your Division.

A. SLIEP

Assistant to the General Secretary

"My Dear Cubs,

You're forty years old! You wouldn't think it, but for forty years Wolf Cubs like you, all over the world, have been learning to give in to the Old Wolf and not to give in to themselves; have been doing their Good Turns every day - I'll leave it to you to work out how many that is; and have been passing their Tests for their First and Second Stars.

We call the gaining of these Stars, of course, opening your eyes. The Wolf-Wolf Cub starts life like a puppy, and it is some time before his eyes open. Until they do he is not much use. He really only begins to learn the ways of the jungle when he has both eyes open. That's true of the Man-Wolf Cub too; he can't do nearly as many or as useful Good Turns while he's a Tenderpad as when he has his two Stars.

So make this fortieth year a really great one for Cubbing, by getting those eyes open as soon as possible, and when your time comes to go up into the Troop be really trained as a Leaping Wolf instead of having to crawl up on hands and knees.

Can you do that?

Of course you can if you TRY.

HAVE A GO! and GOOD HUNTING!!

ROWALLAN

Chief Scout

WORLD JAMBOREE

BOB-A-JOB

Another Bob-a-Job week has come and gone. As usual Scouts in this country (England) have been very active earning funds by working for them. Last year they raised over £45,000 for Imperial Headquarters, almost half our total income. This is a very fine achievement, and a good example in an age when so many young people expect everything to be provided for them without any effort on their part. In many places overseas, too, Bob-a-Job is beginning to catch on, and this is a good thing, as people are always more inclined to help the Scouts when they see them trying to help themselves.

The question of fund-raising is always difficult for a Movement which is debarred from any form of raising money which encourages gambling or savours of touting the public. Most of our Branches receive generous subsidies from Governments, but are realising more and more the importance of striving to be self-supporting. Something like Bob-a-Job may be the best answer. Community jobs or some other form of paid service may be practicable in places where individual job-seeking is not customary or desirable.

It is important to have something definite for the boys to work for. Fortunately, we have a special incentive this year, and several Branches are devoting their Bob-a-Job effort towards sending boys to the Jubilee Jamboree in 1957. By such means we shall teach our Scouts that the real value of anything is always bound up with the effort and sacrifice made to obtain it.

From "Overseas News", May, 1956.

FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF HEADQUARTERS COUNCIL,
AFRICAN BOY SCOUTS, HELD ON 7TH JANUARY, 1956

The General Secretary reported that the Jamboree Committee had met and was in close touch with the situation in regard to transport and the many other items which had to be arranged. Passports could only be dealt with as the occasion arose but indications had been received that the matter would be dealt with sympathetically.

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC CAMP AND PILGRIMAGE - 1957

The British Catholic Scout Advisory Council have decided that their part in the celebrations will take the form of a Solemn Triduum of Masses in August, starting on the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady. To facilitate this, there will be an International Catholic Scout Camp at Buckmore Park and a Pilgrimage to the ancient Carmelite Abbey at Aylesford in the County of Kent.

Catholic Scouts throughout the world are invited to join in the Triduum spiritually if not physically, by receiving Holy Communion on the three days of the Triduum for the following intentions:

August 15th In Thanksgiving for the gift of
Scouting
August 16th For all deceased Scouts
August 17th To ask God's Blessing on the
future of Scouting

A striking aspect of the Pilgrimage will be the Torchlight Procession, for which every Scout Group in the world is being invited to send the cost of a candle, which will bear their name and be carried in the procession.

Further information will be supplied on application to:-

Mr. Cornelius A. Joyce,
"Walsingham",
16 Thorncliffe Road,
London, S.W.2,
England.

From "World Scouting", July, 1956.

APPLICATIONS

"Jamboree" is a term peculiar to Scouting and simply means a great get-together, normally for a fortnight or so, of all Scouts in a particular country, irrespective of race, class or creed. Such a gathering of Scouts and their Leaders in South Africa would be termed a South African Jamboree; but usually Jamborees are organized on a world basis, in keeping with the spirit of the Scout Law, particularly that dealing with "Friendliness". A Jamboree generally comes along during every fifth year, and the venue varies from time to time, but, as a result of World War II, the sequence was broken so that the international gathering (alias World Jamboree) of Scouts and their Leaders in Canada in 1955 at Niagara-on-the-Lake was the eighth, the first having been held in London in 1920.

The importance of a Jamboree cannot be over-emphasized for there one gets a very vivid picture of what is implied by Scouting being a world-wide Brotherhood, capable of promoting the most friendly international relationships between the Scouts of the countries concerned. This aspect of the Movement is one serious attempt to ensure that the present youth who are the men of tomorrow may live in a happy world in which war - that man's inhumanity to mankind - may be no more.

"If we are friends we will not want to be in dispute" is a statement we must accept in the "World Brotherhood Edition" of "Scouting for Boys" and for this sole purpose our Founder, Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell, undertook his trip around the world in 1912 and was convinced of the need of members of the Scout Movement of all countries concerned having to meet on a friendly basis occasionally.

Today the Movement has some near six million Scouts and Scouters of every race, class and creed in over fifty countries of the world, and, for the first time in history, will African Boys and men from South Africa share the glorious joy of this wonderful fellowship. This will be on the occasion of the World Jamboree in Birmingham, England, in 1957, to which the Transvaal Division of the African Boy Scouts Association of the Union of South Africa proposes to send 10 boys and two men from its ranks.

This Jamboree is rather special in that it celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Movement and also marks the 100th Birthday of our Founder, and it will be wonderful for those fortunate few who are chosen to represent African Scouts of South Africa.

Applications to attend are open to anyone who satisfies the following conditions:

Boys

- (1) To have reached 14th but not 18th birthday on 1st August, 1957.
- (2) 1st Class Badge as minimum standard.
- (3) To have 2 years continuous service in the Movement.
- (4) To be smart and of good bearing.
- (5) A good report to be received from the Scoutmaster and the District Commissioner.

Scouters

- (1) To be chosen according to merit.
- (2) To have 3 years service prior to Jamboree (1st August, 1957).
- (3) To be recommended by the Divisional Commissioner.
- (4) Preference to be given to those Scouters holding the Wood Badge.

The applications should reach the Secretary on or before the 20th October, 1956, thus:

The Hon. Secretary,
African Boy Scouts Association
(Transvaal Division),
P.O. Box 8356,
Johannesburg.

So, dearly beloved brethren, "the early bird catches the fattest worm". Take up your pens and write to avoid disappointment.

S.J. Sereme
Assistant Divisional Secretary

B.P. CENTENARY FUND

Dear Scouts, Cubs, Scoutmasters and Cubmasters,

The Headquarters Council of the African Boy Scouts, Transvaal Division, is calling for individual contributions for our "B.P. Centenary Fund".

In other words, everyone of you is requested to contribute at least a penny or more towards this Fund.

These contributions will be collected by our organizers as they come round to visit you or they could be sent to:-

The Secretary,
African Boy Scouts Association,
Transvaal Division,
P.O. Box 8356, JOHANNESBURG.

The Fund is to be used by the International Bureau to further expansion of the Scout Movement in those areas of the world where help is urgently needed. Hence your third Scout Law: "A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others".

Your support in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

S.J. Sereme
Assistant Divisional Secretary

JUBILEE GOODWILL ACTION

The following letter has been received from South African Headquarters:-

"The Chief Scout, arising out of a personal interview with the Paramount Chief of the Zulus, Cyprian Bhekezulu - has decided to invite Scouts throughout the Union to make a special effort as an Act of Goodwill towards other races to learn and qualify as interpreters in one or other of the Bantu languages."

The Transvaal Division has been asked to produce 100 Bantu Language Linguists (Southern Sesuto) by the end of the Jubilee Year, 1957.

Read it, think about it, and most important let us have your comments and suggestions as to how we should set about the job.

From "Transvaal Scouter", July/August, 1956.

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THREE-YEAR PROGRESS PLAN FOR CUBS

By Hazel Addis

Assistant Headquarters Commissioner

for Wolf Cubs

FIRST INSTALLMENT - The First Year (8-9)

The new recruit must be slightly stunned by the first impact of the Pack and some of its strange goings on. These should be explained to him as soon as possible, but not all at once. Explaining the Grand Howl, as the first mystery, provides the opportunity to describe the customs of real Wolf Cubs and of Akela's leadership, and - and this is the important thing to stress - what DYB and DOB mean; that this motto is the beginning of the Cub Promise, and the Howl is, therefore, a brief re-understanding of the Promise.

In very small doses, and separately to avoid noisy diversion, a sound grounding in the LAW AND PROMISE must be instilled, and how long this should take must depend on the boy - and on Akela. Meanwhile, the recruit is joining in GAMES and beginning to make himself feel at home. He finds that he can't join in games connected with Star work, or, of course, in the Howl. Nor is he in uniform, which is probably the height of his ambition at the moment. It is as well that he should feel something of an outsider until the Tenderpad Test is achieved, nor must he be allowed to think that the delay is only due to mother and the price of jerseys.

The bare qualifications of the Tenderpad Test can mean so little - or so much. Besides "knowing the Law and Promise and their meanings" - and what a lot that ought to mean - he should be given a clear idea that Cubbing is the beginning of SCOUTING. Incidentally, this point should also be explained to the parents on that initial visit from Akela. The Group should be stressed.

At this stage the main story of MOWGLI should be told, and this, too, must be done separately from the older boys who would be bored with too much repetition. More stories with fuller descriptions of the jungle animals will follow from time to time, and all the principal stories, with some of their dramatizations in the form of jungle dances, should be told during the first year. If Akela can manage a different approach to these, and a variety in presentation, most of them can be told and retold to the whole Pack; indeed it is necessary to re-create the atmosphere before a dance or jungle play is attempted.

In the early pre-Investiture days, too, it is important to instill an idea of PACK TRADITIONS, the response to "Pack" and to "Pack, Pack, Pack", and a certain discipline at games. A high standard of Inspection can be established; even though the recruit is not in uniform he can be clean and tidy, and can stand at "Alert" and "At Ease" and salute at the right moments.

And so we come to the INVESTITURE, by when the boy will have:

- Some real understanding of the Law and Promise and an idea of DOING them;
- A first appreciation of the fact that Cubbing is not confined to his own Pack;
- A basic knowledge of "The Jungle Book";
- A keenness, which is augmented rather than spoiled by the Pack discipline.

The Investiture Ceremony emphasizes the importance of the Promise and of Scouting, and does not confuse them with any jungle colouring.

As an enrolled member of the Pack the foundations already laid can be built upon, our aim being DEVELOPMENT of them all: development of his understanding of the Law and Promise, coupled with the habit of reverence at Pack Prayers, of respect for the Flag and the regular practice of Good Turns, though it will be necessary to suggest suitable ones to the Tenderpad and to give him a good example in all these respects. The habit of not giving in to himself should also grow, in matters of punctuality, cleanliness, obedience and courtesy.

FUN will predominate, and he will get full enjoyment in working and playing with the Pack as a family and with his Six as a team. His keenness will need no goad. The thrill of wearing uniform and belonging to a gang, with secret signs and peculiar Ceremonial, will hold him enthralled for a while. Presently more fuel must be added to those quick-devouring flames; the fuel of fresh experience and ever-opening possibilities. His abundant energy needs constant outlet in physical, mental and imaginative exercise. All three qualities need equal opportunity for self-expression which can be provided by games, work, acting, yarning and other activities.

JUNGLE LORE will grow as he hears more stories, acts them and accustoms himself to the background of the Den, Six Lairs and their decorations, Council Rock, Totem Pole and Jungle Names.

SCOUTING must also grow bigger on his horizon, and he must learn that he has joined a world-wide Brotherhood.

YARNS will play an important part in teaching such subjects and will also develop his imagination, encourage the art of sitting still and listening and also forge an irreplaceable link with the story-teller.

ACTION must follow immediately on talk. Yarning will lead naturally to acting and dressing up and fresh fields of self-expression and self-control.

WORK will begin in earnest immediately after the investiture, and, again, directly a thing is mastered it must be put into action. There should be a slow but steady introduction to general test work, with particular attention to the One Star Tests, but not to the exclusion of general subjects like Nature Study, the laws of health and hygiene, the highway code, observation, sense-training and handcraft, each in its simplest form. The first attempts at making things must also show immediate results.

VARIETY is all-important at this stage, with each new subject offering fresh possibilities and leaving him temporarily satisfied but with a growing appetite for more.

OUTINGS, which may seem like an interruption in the continuity of programmes to the Old Wolf, are a valuable contribution to the fun and to physical fitness, as well as starting a love for the out-of-doors by introducing the boy to fresh outdoor activities; simple tracking, stalking, observation, lair-building and wide games. It is the right background, too, for imaginative stunts, and it will make the boy realize that Cubbing is not only an indoor den activity but can be applied to his whole life.

And so, by slow degrees, the boy comes to the ONE STAR achievement. The minimum time for this accomplishment is three months, but it is seldom that a boy gets it in under six months; the latter allows time for more than the bare letter of the test. But it should most certainly be won before the first year's Service Star is gained.

One of the tests is that he can re-pass his Tenderpad Test, but I think we can expect a great deal more of him than that. If we have really been developing those same foundations, the Tenderpad Test will have grown as the boy grows and will have become stronger in understanding and in capability of DOING.

The One Star will, therefore, be a milestone somewhere in the latter part of the first year, but not a stopping place. By this time he should be too much interested to be tempted to "pull in here", and the rest of the year will not be idle.

A GOOD AXE

How about putting on a sharpening demonstration in your Unit; tell the story of how a good axe reminds us of a good Scout. Here's the story:

1. A good axe never loses its head; neither does a good Scout.
2. A good axe has a sharp bit; a good Scout has a sharp wit (alert).
3. A good axe never flies off the handle; nor does a good Scout.
4. A good axe keeps cutting away at the job at hand; and a good Scout doesn't quit either.
5. The slogan of the axe is: "Let the chips fall where they may, but be sure that some are falling". A good saying for any Scout, and good for a Scouter, too.

Every camper and woodsman is responsible for his own axe. His axe responsibility is: (1) Keep it sharp; (2) Use it right.

NIGERIA

During the tour of Her Majesty the Queen in Nigeria, the Scouts were well to the fore. They carried out the great variety of tasks allotted to them with smartness and efficiency and they have further enhanced their reputation of service to the public. One small party of Scouts were able to signal a message, when other forms of communication became difficult, at a Youth Rally in Lagos.

"World Scouting", June, 1956.

NORTHERN RHODESIA

At a recent meeting the Chief Scout 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.

So far the highest rank held by an African is Assistant District Commissioner.

Presenting his annual report, the Chief Commissioner for the African branch (the Rev. H.H. Morley Wright) said that the African branch must develop the use of Africans in the senior ranks.

"World Scouting", July, 1956.

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

WOOD BADGE TRAINING COURSE

To all Officers,
African Boy Scouts Movement,
Transvaal Division.

I have pleasure in announcing that the Wood Badge Training Course for Scout Masters will be held this year at the African Boy Scouts Gilwell, Roodepoort West, during the ten days holidays of the schools. All officers who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of taking the course should apply as soon as possible to:

The Secretary,
African Boy Scouts Association,
P.O. Box 8356, Johannesburg.

Entries close on the 19th September, 1956. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Apply as soon as possible. (Application Form on p. 11.)

Fees are 30/- (one pound ten shillings) of which 10/- must be sent with the application form.

Date: Sunday, 30th September, 1956, at 4 p.m. to Sunday, 7th October, 1956, at 4 p.m.

Railway destination: Roodepoort West.

All candidates are expected to be in proper uniform. In addition each candidate must provide himself with enough blankets and a thick jersey as protection against cold weather. No candidate will be allowed to leave for home before the official closing of the Course which he has chosen to attend.

If an applicant fails to come to the Course there will be no refund of fees.

D.C. Marivate, D.C.C.
Assistant Divisional Commissioner
for Training, African Scouts

CONFERENCES FOR SCOUTMASTERS AND CUBMASTERS

To all Officers,
African Boy Scouts Movement,
Transvaal Division.

The Headquarters Council of the African Boy Scouts, Transvaal Division, is calling Conferences for Scout-Masters and Cub Masters to be held this year, one at Khaiso Secondary School, Pietersburg, and the other at the Bantu Men's Social Centre, Eloff Street South, Johannesburg.

The Pietersburg Conference will be held on Saturday, 24th November, 1956, at 10.30 a.m.

The Johannesburg Conference will be held on Saturday, 1st December, 1956, at 9.30 a.m.

OUR LITTLE SHOP

Stationery

First Steps in Scouting	1/3d
First Class Tests	1/3d
Scout membership cards	3d
Progress cards	2/6d per doz.

Equipment Depot

Shorts: 27" @ 13/-
28" @ 16/3
30" upwards @ 21/3

Shirts: 12" up to 14" neck @ 17/6
14½" upwards @ 24/6

Badges: Tenderfoot and Tenderpad badges
all one price - 8d each.

White Lanyards: 1/3d each.

APPLICATION TO ATTEND WOOD BADGE COURSE:
30TH SEPTEMBER TO 7TH OCTOBER, 1956

Full Name Age

Address

.....

Rank District

District Commissioner

His Address

.....

Railway Station from where candidate wishes to commence
journey to the Course

Travelling First, Second or Third Class

Date of commencement of journey from candidate's
station

Signature of applicant

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