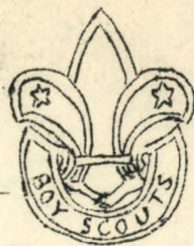


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## NEWS

### SHEET.



MAY THIS EASTER-TIDE BRING RE-NEWED STRENGTH TO SCOUTING....THAT WE MAY SING, "He is risen, we are risen."

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OUR AIM

The South African Constitution has been amended, and first drafts should soon be in circulation. The changes have been made because they are expected to add to the power of S.A.H.Q., to speed up its business and to increase the extent of Scouting in South Africa. Yet, although a more powerful head office might build up the movement numerically, extend it territorially, strengthen it financially, and increase its efficiency, the real power lies in the intangible thing we call scout spirit: that development in the boy of a three-fold idealism - of spiritual, mental and physical aspirations.

No legislation will produce this; no talking can explain it; no illustrations can picture it; no demonstrations can convey it; and no example is perfect enough to transmit it fully. It is something that grows in a boy by his own effort because of the seed sown. It becomes part of a boy's life because of all these things; because the practices of scouting are used to the full in the programmes of a scouter who knows boys, practices scouting in every aspect, gives romance and adventure in doing so, and through it all, has ever before him a clear vision of the aims and methods of Scouting.

It is of paramount importance, therefore, that there must be nothing doubtful or misleading in the statement of those aims and that statement has been amplified and the emphasis directed spiritual development by placing that first instead of last. Each change of P.O. and R. (which is also article 2(a) of the Constitution) should interest everybody. That is why we quote it now, and ask Divisions to make it as widely known as possible.

"The aim of the Association is to develop good citizenship among boys by promoting their spiritual, mental and physical development; by forming their character on lines of honour, cleanliness and cheerfulness; by training them in habits of observation and obedience, self-reliance and thrift; by inculcating loyalty, thoughtfulness for others, courtesy for all and kindness to animals; by teaching them services useful to the public and handicrafts useful to themselves; and by encouraging them to serve without considering personal reward."

From S.A.H.Q. BULLETIN, February, 1954.

THE KIMBERLEY JAMBORALLY

The Coloured Boy Scouts Association held their Jamborally at Kimberley from the 29th December, to the 5th January, 1954. That camp brought to fruition an experiment it was decided to undertake to test the feasibility of a still greater Jamborally when the fiftieth anniversary of scouting arrives in 1957. There are a large number of items to be arranged in a large-camp, and most of them can be successfully undertaken only as a result of previous experience. The Staff who ran the Kimberley camp declare that they learnt a lot, but let us not take that the wrong way, for the camp was well run, and the boys all want another. That is the test of a successful camp.

There was an attendance of 243 in four sub-camps. They came from Natal, Transvaal, Cape Western Province, Northern Cape, and Border. The preparations necessitated having a sub-committee and here some ingenuity was needed, for though a national sub-committee, it had to meet frequently. It was therefore arranged to have enough representatives receiving minutes, and taking part by correspondence. In addition, assistance was

obtained from Kimberley where the decisions of the sub-committee could be converted in action.

The camp was opened by His Worship, the Mayor of Kimberley and there were many distinguished visitors. One afternoon was given to demonstrations to which the public were invited, and there were two camp fires open to visitors. Arrangements were made for religious services, some being held in camp, while for others boys were allowed to visit churches in Kimberley. There was also a Scouts' Own in camp. The sightseeing was that peculiar to Kimberley, including a visit to the big hole, and a demonstration by the famous "De Beers Dogs".

The report of the camp staff naturally throws emphasis on the unsatisfactory points, for these are the things to be improved on next time. One such item is the sticking and throwing knives into living trees, a practice that seems to continue however much it is frowned upon. The camping standard was satisfactory on the whole, but again, and in spite of all that has been said about it, there were raw campers present, and in some cases it was quite obvious that boys had been enrolled so that they could attend. Another difficulty which is very common in big camps was the shortage of staff. This made the work of the camp headquarters very heavy, and robbed the staff of a good deal of the joy of camping.

We feel we must, however, congratulate the staff on their camp and wish them all success in their next one.

From S.A.H.Q. BULLETIN, February, 1954.

#### QUEEN'S SCOUTS

Our congratulations go to the following Coloured Scouts who have received their Royal Certificates as Queen's Scouts:

Fred Engel	1st Wynberg
Ernest Dymond	1st Wynberg

There are NO Queen's Scouts in our Transvaal Division, but some are ON THE ROAD. Below is the notice of a Patrol Leaders Training course which is being held at Modder East.

#### PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING COURSE

To all Scout groups in the following districts:- Far East Rand (including Delmas, Heidelberg and Nigel), Evaton-Vereeniging and Johannesburg Central - Benoni inclusive.

VENUE: A camp for the training of Patrol Leaders and Seconds in the abovementioned areas will be held at MODDER EAST from 2.00 p.m. on Sat., 17th April, 1954 to 2.00 p.m. on Easter Monday.

To get to Modder East, everybody must get to Springs from where a special bus direct to the camp will leave at 12 noon. The fare is 6d. each way.

IN CHARGE: Mr. S.H. Mbambo, D.C. Far East Rand, P.O. Box 29, Brakpan, will be in charge, and all applications to attend should reach him not later than 10th April, 1954.

STAFF: The Training Staff will be provided by Transvaal African Scouts Headquarters, and the programme will be based on the road to the "Queen's Scout Badge".

FEES: Camp fees of 2/6 per boy for the duration should accompany the application. In addition boys are expected to meet their own travelling expenses.

KIT: Each boy must be in full Scout uniform and bring with him the following minimum equipment:- 2 blankets, spare shirt and shorts, soap, towel, comb, toothpaste, toothbrush, boot polish and boot brushes; jacket and mending materials; enamelled plate, mug and spoon; groundsheet or empty bag; notebook and pencil; a stave, a rope 15-18 feet long and "A BROAD SMILE".

(Sgd.) Neb. S. Mokgako  
SCOUT ORGANISER

### NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS

#### Pretoria:

A course for scouters was held at Atteridgville Location on Thursday, 25th February, 1954. The following attended:-

E. Masuina  
P. Ramasodi  
R. Mamabalo  
W. Nwela  
D. Moroe  
H. Huma

There was a demonstration on "How to Deal with Scouts" by D.C. Marivate - games and speeches.

#### Witbank:

A meeting of Scouters was held on 27th February, 1954. The following attended:-

E.J. Phago (Chairman)  
Amos Jiyane, P.O. Box 33, OOGIES.  
Frank Dikelide, 1st Blackhill Troop.  
Thomas Kumalo, 2nd Witbank Troop, P.O. Box 196, WITBANK.  
James Matabela, " " " P.O. Box 210, "  
Louis Kulu, 4th Witbank Troop, P.O. Box 343, WITBANK.  
Sam. Khoza, 1st " " " P.O. Box 15, "  
Jeremiah Makuse, 3rd " " " P.O. Box 504, "  
E.S. Matcheka, 2nd " " " P.O. Box 196, "

The programme included an introduction by E. Phago, B.A., and an address by D.C. Marivate on the following subjects:-

- (i) Pilot camp of Middelburg
- (ii) Bob-a-Job
- (iii) The Training of Scouts
- (iv) How to revive the district
- (v) Formation of Scouters' Committee
- (vi) Camping on 9th - 11th April.

#### Rustenburg:

A camp for training of officers will be held from Monday, 28th June - Friday, 2nd July, 1954, inclusive. IN CHARGE will be the Training Team of our Transvaal Divisional African Scouts Headquarters. The fee for the course is 10/-.

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Learn from your mistakes; it's good fun.

SAFETY FIRST

Here are three more hints for cyclists:-

28. Adjust your machine

Check up on your lights, brakes, tyres, chain, and height of saddle and handlebars. Your riding will then be safer AND more comfortable.

29. Bell position

Have your bell in a position where you can ring it and at the same time apply your brakes.

30. Foot position on pedals

Keep the ball of the foot on the pedals. If you pedal flat-foot (with the pedal up against your heel) your toe sticks out and may touch the front mudguard when you proceed at slow speeds or make a sharp turn, causing a spill or a bad swerve.

IF

If you can light a fire with soggy matches  
While standing in a steady stream of rain  
And see it fizzle out before it catches  
And hold your tongue and light the thing again;  
If you can fix a brew for all your brothers  
When they are in their blankets, warm and dry  
And rather you got wet than all the others,  
And laugh when you are tired enough to cry;  
If you can tie a knot that never fails you  
And trust it if the worst comes to the worst,  
To save your life when nothing else avails you  
But put the other fellow's safety first;  
If you can give first aid to those who need it  
And treat for shock when you are shaken too  
And though you suffer badly, never heed it,  
Until you've done the best that you can do;  
If you can go on working when you're weary  
And go on singing till your throat is dry  
If you can meet with sadness, and be cheery  
And when you fail just have another try;  
If you can trust your friends and those about you  
And yet forgive them if they should forget  
And though the whole world sometimes seems to doubt you  
Be loyal to the task which you are set;  
If you don't put yourself before the others  
And never your Patrol before your Troop  
If you salute all races as your brothers  
In one united, universal Group;  
If you can see the aim, and help to win it,  
And never falter till the job is done  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it  
And, what is more, you'll be a Scout, my Son!

M. Hill

From "NOTES AND NEWS", Transkei.

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

Warrant

Some 14 troops were registered in March and 45 warrants issued.

Divisional Emblem

It is the wish of your Council that you send in your suggestions for this new badge, as you ought to know that the "P" Emblem (pocket badge) has been abolished.

Visits by the Organisers

As you might know, there are only 2 Scout Organisers in the Transvaal. Applications for visits to Camps, Rallies, etc., should be made to us in good time, to enable them to fit in your item in their general programme.

D.C. Marivate

Mr. Marivate is touring the Northern Transvaal and he is due back at the end of April.

Cub Caps

Newly arrived - sizes  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $6\frac{5}{8}$ ,  $6\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $6\frac{7}{8}$  and 7 @ 5/9 each.

PERSONAL

Engagement

We congratulate Jesse Harry Maaka, G.P.S.M., 1st Warmbaths, on his engagement to Suzan M. Maseneke of 29, Mbolekwa Street, Atteridgville, Pretoria. We hope to hear more from him.

Change of Address

Mr. D.C. Mogotsi, A.D.C. Pretoria, should be addressed at P.O. Box 27, Olifantsfontein.

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