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We wish our Readers a most Scouty Easter! (THE EDITORS)

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The Editor's Chat

A BANEFUL BUG: No, we are not speaking of the unwelcome inhabitant of the creases of mattresses. The Bug to which we refer lurks in the streets of our towns and even in the classrooms of our schools. He has bitten many of our European friends, too many also of our African people are made restless by his attacks - he is the Bug of Materialism.

WHOSE FAULT? Who brought him here? Yes, the Europeans are not without blame, but he is found all over the world. In fact wherever people seek (rightly) to improve their material lot, there this Bug waits to bite them, for he is bred in the very bed of Satan himself, and Satan is in most places.

THE BANTU GET BITTEN. We are thinking now of the African people and we would like to write a word of warning to those who are seeking (again rightly) to attain to a fuller and freer way of life through the gates of secondary and University Education; for it seems that it is mostly the educated Bantu - those from whose ranks the Scout Movement naturally expects to draw its leaders - who have fallen victims to this most insidious pest.

TWO SYMPTOMS. The poison injected by the bites of this Bug has two effects.

The first is forgetfulness. The patient gets into a very queer state. It is as if a man should start out in a borrowed car and get so interested in the accelerator and the speedometer and whatnot, that he forgets who the car belongs to, and where he is supposed to be going! For the victim of our horrid Bug forgets the Maker and Giver of all the good the good material things that he is learning about and striving to possess.

The School-boy or University Student who lets himself be bitten begins to forget that all the interesting things he learns about were made by God, and that the good things he hopes one day to buy - through the money he will earn - all come from God, and are given him to use: not merely for his own pleasure, but for the good of his people. And the second effect is restlessness. As the poison of Materialism spreads through his mind, making him forget that he was only sent here to serve God and his people, the victim begins to serve instead the god of Money-and-Ambition.

This god is an awful old tyrant who whips him from place to place, and whispering to him as he lies tossing in bed at night, "Your job is not good enough for you, you will only be better off if you go for another." And so the poor chap rushes here and there, never satisfied; and in ~~his~~ ~~findings~~ ~~rest~~ ~~Balance~~, but still forgetful. Perhaps, even when he may arrive at the stage when he is satisfied; satisfied with his Bank Balance, but still forgetful of his growing overdraft in the Bank of Heaven.

This might be called, The Triumph of the Bug.

SCOUTS CAN BAFFLE THE BUG. When this baneful Bug begins to bite us, it is good to remember that we are Scouts. For haven't we promised to try to do our duty to God? If we are serving God in the way our Church teaches us, if we are taking real interest in the Scouts who follow us, and if we are teaching them to do likewise then we can turn round and say;

"Poor old Bug, you are wasting your time. I'm going to strive a good job, but I'm not going to be fool enough to verbally job

for a good job, but I'm not going to be fool enough to worship my job or the money it brings me; I'm Scout, and I'm going to try to worship God, and to work for His children."

THE THREE R'S Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic! The Three R's are supposed to be the basis of all school work. We do not know if those who receive the Gazette are any good at R. No 3. Speaking for ourselves (or some of us), on being confronted with a long column of £.s.d to add up, our head starts to spin with ever increasing speed.

With regard to R. No 1, presumably the recipients of this paper at least know its rudiments.

But as for No; 2 - well what is the matter with you? Is paper scarce Or has the drought dried up all your ink? Surely some of you have managed to recover the pens you lent to your friends taking the recent Public Examinations. Anyhow, some of you might try to borrow a pencil. Your MOTHER will lend you a wet towel to wrap around your noble forehead. You could make use of one of the empty spaces to be found in this Gazette if paper is so hard to obtain.

Anyhow, send us something. In any language (if we cannot find anyone to translate it at H.Q. we will print it on trust).

-News of your Troop - your latest joke (or even the one your friend told you) - or why not poem? or story? Surely you do not want the Gazette to die of malnutrition.

Well, it's up to you.

V.C. JENNINGS, C.R.

From the Divisional to the Division.

"A BRAVE ACT" Under this heading in the January issue of "THE SOUTH AFRICAN OUTLOOK" appears the story of how a first year student in the Secondary School at Blythswood, Laurence Zolile Bomela, had rescued a fellow-student from drowning in a 15 foot deep dam. "Bomela had to dive in several times in order to locate the other boy and had considerable difficulty in bringing him first to the surface and then to the bank. Even then the accident might have had a tragic ending if it had not been for Bomela's presence of mind and perseverance; for although himself exhausted he applied artificial respiration until Ntsumo showed signs of life and finally recovered consciousness. Bomela, who is nineteen years of age, comes from Duff Mission in the Idutywa District. He learned to swim in the Ngabara river; and his knowledge of artificial respiration was derived from hygiene Lessons in school and FROM INSTRUCTIONS AS A PATHFINDER SCOUT." One more proof were needed, of the importance of first-aid work and of other parts of our Scout training. Together with our congratulations to Bomela there should be pride in the fact that he is one of us!

D/C FEED OLIPHANT: Few Pathfinder Scouters are better known than is Mr. F.J. Oliphant of the 1st Pietersburg Troop. He was one of the original members of the first Pathfinder Troop in the country and has remained in the Movement as an active member ever since. For the last twelve years he has been D/C of the Northern Transvaal, and he was one of the three chosen to represent the movement at the Jamboree in Hungary in 1933 - although through no fault of ours they never got there! For years he has cycled about the Pietersburg district visiting and encouraging troops and wherever he went he inspired people with new vigour and cheerfulness. For some months he has been on the sick list and for a good deal of that time he has been in hospital - but his cheerfulness has not abated and he has continued to keep in touch with his scout friends by letters which contain no word of complaint but are full of hope and joy

Now the doctor has ordered him to give up all work - a decision which must come hard to one who has never spared himself. I know that all Scouts and Scouters will extend their heartiest sympathy to him and wish to assure him that they will do their best to keep alive that spirit of youth and happiness which has always marked his own work. We hope, too, that the enforced rest may help to restore him.

AN ACCEPTABLE PRESENT:

A friend of mine has formed the very welcome habit of getting in touch with me a week or so before Christmas and telling me to go to the local book shop and buy any book I like at his expense. This time I found the choice rather difficult for the selection of books was poor, and then I saw just one copy of "BADEN POWELL" by E.E. Reynolds. I had often told myself that when I could afford it I would buy that book (It costs 15/-) and here was my chance! I knew it would be good, but I didn't know that it was going to be as good as it is. It is most interesting to read and gives one an insight as to how, why and when B-P. gradually evolved his ideas for Scouting. It makes us realise, too, that he was a great soldier before he ever started Scouting for boys at all, and that he took up that work when many men are thinking of retiring from active life. I don't suppose that many of you can afford to pay 15/- for a book but I believe that a cheaper edition is to be obtained at the Scout shop for 5/- and it ought to be possible to get some friend to provide a copy for the Troop library. I'm not sure that one copy will be enough, for everyone will want to read it, but make sure of one copy at any rate and then make more friends if you want more copies! Incidentally, the story is told in this book of the difficulties through which our own Pathfinder movement went before it was definitely recognised as part of the Boy Scouts' Association in 1936. I shall always remember that eventual meeting at Durban, when the Revd. E.W. Grant (until recently Head of the Bible School at Lovedale), Mr. J.R. Rathebe (too well known to need any introduction) and I put forward the claims of the Pathfinders. I shall remember it apart from other reasons, for it was then that I caught the only attack of malaria I have ever had - and a pretty bad one it was, too!

DEMOBILISATION: Although the war is not yet over, there is a gradual return to civil life of many Africans who have given good service in the Army. They have learned the value of discipline, of co-operation, of service for the benefit of others, and a good many other good things, and they are just the men we need to come and help in the Movement. How are we to get them? It has been suggested that leaflets should be distributed in the demobilisation camps, but I'm not sure that that is going to help. When a man has got as far as that his thoughts are on getting out of uniform and getting home to his wife and family. It is only later, when the excitement of his return has worn off a bit, that he begins to realise that after all he had some good times when he was on Active Service and there comes a sort of longing to get some of those good times over again. Then is the time for him to be approached - best of all by a gang of youngsters - and asked to come and take over the troop. It is good for him to feel that he is wanted, to feel that in the army he has learnt something which he can now pass on to others, and that here is the chance to do something to keep some promising young fellows (perhaps including his own boys) out of mischief and to teach them some useful things. So keep your eyes open, all of you, and do a spot of recruiting on your own! Our need is, and always has been, more and more Officers. The boys are there waiting - but the Officers are lacking. The time has gone by when we can rely solely upon the services of the teachers. When the Movement started there were no other outlets for their energy, but today we enter into competition with countless other claims upon their time and energy - examinations, Refresher Courses, societies, committees, conferences, commissions, etc. etc. ad lib and until there are more than twenty-four hours in a day, we shall have to accept the fact that only keen and enthusiastic teachers will be prepared to

to officer their local troops. But European troops have never depended upon teachers for their officers - I should think that the proportion of teachers who are officers is quite a small one - so let us take a leaf out of their book and look elsewhere to fill the gaps that exist.

TRANSFERS: While we congratulate the Revd. D.F. Sibeko upon his appointment to be Priest-in-Charge of the Randfontein Anglican Mission, we must express our great regret at his departure from Potchefstroom where he was entirely responsible for the revival of Scout interest in the district. We owe him a great debt of gratitude for all he did there and hope that someone will be found to succeed him who will have similar enthusiasm and energy. We also hope that his new duties will not debar him from lending a hand at Randfontein. We also have to congratulate Mr. H.A. Fynes-Clinton his appointment as Principal of Khaiso Secondary School at Pietersburg. Grace Dieu will miss him much but we hope that scouting will now be revived at Khaiso where was the second troop to be formed in the Union (1923).

My greetings and all good wishes to you !

Your old friend,

THE DIVISIONAL

Headquar's Notices.

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

Badges. On our September issue of the Gazette you were informed that Cloth Tenderfoot, Pathfinder and Proficiency badges were sold to shop customers at 6d each. I now regret to announce that the manufacturers have raised the price and that they are now 7d each, and not 6d as before. For the same reason Hats are now 7/6 each.

We also wish to inform you that Patrol Leaders' hat badges and Patrol shoulder knots all colours are altogether out of stock. Remember nothing will be charged a penny extra if it has no business to be.

GOOD SCOUTING TO YOU ALL.

Your Friend
J.G. Modiselle
ASST. DIVISIONAL SECRETARY.



Come in your Thousands!!!

And support a Good Cause.

See the 5th JHS TROOP (ST PETERS)

Revealing HOLLYWOOD'S Film Stars

at the

HALL DELUXE GEORGE GOUGH

on the 21ST APRIL 1945. VISAKA!

A TENDERFOOT IN ZULULAND (with Acknowledgement to K. Marshall)

When the sun sat on top of the bush like a ball of fire Fagazi halted and Obit saw his nostrils quiver as if, he was sniffing. Obit remembered Fagazi's instructions so he stood easily and thought of nothing. In his imagination he seemed to see smoke.

"I smell fire, Fagazi"; he said "yes, Fagazi also smells fire"; within five minutes the buffalo's tracks led them into a clearing with a small muzi in the centre. There was one old man squatting by the fire in the muzi. He was pressing his mouth against the open end of a cow's horn and drawing his breath. Obit stood watching him as he lifted his head and puffed out smoke, then said "Sakubona", but the old man only took another draw at the horn and said nothing.

"What's he doing, and why doesn't he answer?" Obit asked. "He is smoking" said Fagazi. "But it is a very bad plant which grows by the river. He smokes and it makes his head silly. Come I see our buffalos has been doing strange things here."

He inspected the muzi and found that two huts had been smashed in and the cattle kraal broken to pieces. While they were still looking at the damage and the enormous foot-prints, three men came out of the bush carrying dry logs which they dumped in a heap in the muzi; then they greeted Fagazi. The headman told them how an enormous buffalo had come early in the morning, smashed the cattle kraal, killed two oxen, dashed through the muzi destroying everything that came in its way and then with a horrible hellow, raced into the bush. They had seen by the light of the moon that it was nearly white and quite hairless not black and hoiry like an ordinary buffalo. "It was Mtakati" he finished in an awed voice. "We have sent for the witch-doctor, but he will not be here until tomorrow. Tonight we build a big fire."

"My son, you lie!" someone said in a high pitched voice behind them and they turned round to see the old man who had been smoking staring over their heads with glassy eyes. "I say you lie," he continued. "I knew this buffalo when he was young and I was young. His hair was brown, not black, and he was the king of a big herd with many wives. Now like me he has lost his hair and his wives. He went mad in his head, as I do when I smoke too much, and walks alone because he can't be bothered with his people. When he was young, he broke the hoof of his left foreleg: it should still be misshapen." Then he went back to his queer pipe multering "A monster! A king amongst the buffalos." "He is old and mad with his smoking" said the headman, "This buffalo is not good. It is Mtakati."

But the younger men and Fagazi went and examined the foot-prints, and when they came back Fagazi looked very happy.

"It is good; the old man was right," he said. "Our buffalo is wicked but first as real as I am. If only we could kill him --"

That night as Obit lay and watched an enormous fire send sparks shooting in the air when the men threw logs on to it, he felt very pleased that he had not been tempted to turn back. All night he took turns with Fagazi to sleep and watch.

INTER-DISTRICT COMPETITIVE RALLY (by XYZ)

For some years before and after gaining Pathfinder Scout status in December, 1936, Pathfinder Scout competitions were taboo on the Reef and Pretoria, but District Commissioners fortunately realised the folly of this step recently and three years back it was agreed to revive these competitions. Not only did

Not only did District Competitions come into being again, but even higher stage was reached in the inauguration of the Inter-District Rally. So far two such rallies have been held, the last being on 18th November last.

Our veteran Scouter, Capt. W.E. Barber, now Location Superintendent, Eastern Native Township, Johannesburg, donated no less than five District Flags and the Inter-District Flag Trophy. Suffice it to say that to him we owe a great deal in various directions for the advancement of Pathfinder Scouting generally in the Transvaal and particularly along the Reef.

With the cessation of hostilities in view in the very near future it is hoped that winners this year of District Flags in the East-Rand, Far East Rand West Rand and Evaton-Vereeniging Districts will take part in the Inter-District Competitive Rally which has hitherto been limited to the Johannesburg magisterial Area on account of our cooperative effort with the Government in the solution of its War-time transport difficulties.

By kind permission of Mr. D.R. Twala - Manager, Bantu Sports Club and Mr. L.I. Venables - Manager, Non-European Affairs Department the free use of their respective grounds was obtained. The morning programme which consisted of marching and purely Scout Tests was run off on the Bantu Sports Grounds and the Afternoon programme which embodied speeches by highly ranked officers of the Movement, displays, yells and singsongs with a GRAND MARCH through Johannesburg at the end of the proceedings, was held on the Wemmer Grounds. Strict conditions to qualify for the competition were laid down for the four contestants, 1st Sophiatown, 2nd Joh'burg, 2nd Orlando and 1st Modderfontein Groups. It is very complimentary that despite the above requirements, the following marks were obtained:- 1st Sophiatown who, incidentally, are the winners of the Inter-District Flag Trophy for the 2nd year in succession scored 81.5%. 2nd Orlando 74.5%; 2nd Joh'burg 69% and 1st Modderfontein 55%. Capt. K.W. Fleischer - Secretary, Boy Scouts Association (Transvaal Division) is a reputed judge on Uniform and Scouting in general, and that he commented very favourably on the smart turn out of the parade and the high standard of the Competition which he had great pleasure to witness, is something the Pathfinder Scout Movement can boast about, though we must remember that "brag" is not, never was and never will be, a good dog.

The Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner, The Ven. Archdeacon S.P. Woodfield, was stopped at the eleventh hour from attending the occasion by the Doctor's orders. His apology for absence was noted with much regret. Among other guests of honour were Mr. J.P. Rees Hon. Secty. P/S Association, Mr. J.G. Modiselle - Asst. Div. Secretary, Mr. D.C. Mogotsi, Mr. S.H. Mbanbo, A/D/P/S/C Far East Rand and Mr. H.H. Musgrove - Div. H.Q. Commissioner, Boy Scouts Association. In conclusion let me draw the attention of the District Commissioners of the areas that competed and the Headquarters Organisers to a pleasant surprise which the writer noted. In the elimination contests for admission to the Inter-District Rally, all four troops which qualified are attached to the Wesleyan Methodist Church of South Africa! Was this accidental or will it happen again? It is up to the troops, open and closed, the attached to the answer and those detached from School or Church to supply the answer.

// FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT (1943/4) by N.S. MOKGAKO //

A Bad Leap Year:- At the beginning of the year under review, I had to go on four months' sick leave. When I returned to take up work again, then my colleague, Mr. D.C. Marivate took ill and had also to be away on sick leave for several weeks. It cannot be disputed that these mishaps were a great handicap to the Association's progress, but we are grateful that in our greater efforts to make up for lost ground that our numbers were nonetheless soaring higher and higher still - 106 groups comprising 2 crews, 103 Troops, and 62 Packs with a personal of 1 Divisional, 23 District Scouters, 212 Group Scouters, 30 Rovers, 4065 Scouts and 2338 Cubs making a total membership of 6645.

The Year's Activities.

There was a generous variety of these camps, rallies, fellowship days, a week's National Conference on the Postwar. Planning of Social Welfare Work, visits to new troops etc., but special mention should be made of the following four items:-

Scouting in Swaziland For a long time, a very long time indeed, scouting was completely forbidden in Swaziland and only after strenuous efforts by people of the calibre of Miss M. Warner Anglican Lady Missionary at Mbabane, Mr. W.W. Khayiyana - Principal Nazarene Mission High School, Bremersdorp and Dr. Hynd - Governor and Superintendent Nazarene Mission Hospital, Bremersdorp, was a visit made possible for me to run Scouters' Training Course at Bremersdorp from 2nd to 6th October. There were five trainees present; all teachers drawn from widely scattered districts - Mhlashoni, Esinceni, Mbabane and Bremersdorp. This was history in the making and Mr Khayiyana, now appointed A/D/P/S/C writes as follows:-

" I am now in a position to inform you that the seeds you sowed are starting to bear fruit. I think I can now safely and confidently register the two troops and apply for cards to registregister more." There is a possibility of nine other troops in the making.

Children's Day. This anniversary was held on the Wanderers Grounds Johannesburg, on Saturday, 4th November from 10 A.M. - 4 p.m., and competitive athletic Sports were held for the Children of all races to celebrate the day. A new feature this year was a separate "Band Competition" for all Non-European Youth Organisations and the Scouts (viz:- 1st Brakpan Troop under P/S/M E.R.B. Maseko) won the floating trophy - a beautiful cup presented by the Director of Native Labour, Johannesburg.

In the other events we scored very badly just because of a new scheme of spreading our entries over the Reef. The best Scheme remains what we did before - selection of entries from one or two of our nearest and best troops, which thing minimised selection expenses and gave us good results.

Inter-District Competition. On another page in this issue I have given a full account of this event. Catering for the boys and officers is always a problem and this time Mr. J.P. Rees very kindly gave a generous donation to defray all expenses. Yisoka !

National Conference on the Post-war Planning of Social Welfare Work
25th - 29th September, 1944. A number of group discussions were held

at this conference and the main thing I gleaned, as far as our work is concern, is that boys who do not go to school and probably belong to the "I won't work Organisation" were practically not catered for as far as Social Welfare is concerned. The question what can Pathfinder Scouting do in this matter has to be answered.

General. It is noteworthy that we are nearing the end of World war 2 and in thanking God for the success of our fighting forces for safe protection at home, we ought to seriously meditate on what Scouting is. When we can have a right perspective to this matter and join the ranks of the movement in great numbers, than Scouting which purports to supplement the training of the school, church and other social agencies, will have contributed a great deal in the obliteration of a resurrance of another war, which is man's inhumanity to man, making countless thousands mourn.

The Mendi Memorial Service

(BY J.G. MODISELLE ASST. DIV. W/F SCOUT SECRETARY)

On SUNDAY 25th February, 1945 a memorial Service was held at the Bantu Sports Ground, Von Weilligh Street South, Johannesburg at 2 p.m. to celebrate "Mendi Day". This was planned by the Mendi Memorial Scholarship committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Kinsley Morgen, Chairman and Native Commissioner, Johannesburg.

Present were the 2nd Pinville Troop under the leadership of P/S/M Mr. Qapa of the 6th Orlando GROUP and the visiting troops and wayfarers from the 1st Brakpan and 1st Alberton Troops to whom we are indebted for their two scout bands which led the procession. The Mayor of Johannesburg took the Salute and inspected the Native Military Corps Band. There were about 4,000 people odd on the ground and there was a good attendance from our European friends. Among the honoured guests were his Worship The Mayor of Johannesburg? Councillor A. Immink, who took the Inspection of the Guard of Honour, Mr. Kingsley, Chairman and Native Commissioner of Johannesburg, His Lordship The Bishop of Johannesburg who gave the scripture Lesson and a short Address, Mr. S.H. Elliott Ex-Chief Magistrate of Johannesburg, Chief Shadrack F. Zibi of Khayakulu, Rustenburg and the Military Officials from various camps along the Reef. The Headquarters Officials present were Messrs N.S. Mokgako and J.G. Modiselle.

A fine display was given by the Native Military Detachment from the 4th Battalion, MODDERFONTEIN Military Camp. The Mayor in his speech emphasised that there has been a great improvement financially since 1940 in the Mendi Fund and the total collection to date was £1261. He was very pleased to see Africans gathered together to pay respect to their noble dead who gave their lives in the world War 1 for freedom, not serfdom, Right and not might.

"BETTER LATE THAN NEVER AT ALL".

It is not proposed to make a long discussion under this heading. A thrilling scout service was held recently in the Saron Church (Phokeng) by the 1st and 2nd Phokeng Troops combined with the Wayfarers. People flocked from all near places to honour the occasion. The Service was held through the kindness of the Revd F. Dohnke and the singing of "ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS" and MORENA BOLOKA SECHABA SA HESO" was most inspiring.

After the Service, many encouraging speeches were made by several teachers and the leaders of our Sister movements. These greatly inspired the hearts of our youth to pitch their standard of life up to the stars.

Monotony was broken by songs and yells, most of which were taught by the Organiser Mr. D.C. Marivate when he visited these troops in 1942. His name and actions still remain imprinted in the mind of every body over here. A grand march brought this to the end. The singing and moving upward down the wide streets of Phokeng roused the blind, the lame, the invalids and even the patients could hardly keep their beds because of excitement.

The most profound loyalty by tribe was shown with the going up to the chief's Palace to give him his due respect.

Many more yells and yisaka's brought the spectators more closer. Here three National Anthems were sung.

In conclusion, an appeal is being made to the Headquarters and Organisers to visit the area to encourage us and help us cooperatively with the district Commissioner to keep us up and alive.

Reports from W. Tvl & Annual Report Dec 1944.

TROOPS: The following troops are in the Western Transvaal District:-
1st and 2nd Potchefstroom, 1st and 2nd & 3rd Klerksdorp; 1st Leeuwdoornstad; 1st Wolmaranstad; 1st Bloemhof; 1st Schiozier Reneko; 1st Delareyville; 1st Lichtenburg; 1st Ventersdorp; 1st Zeerust; 1st Venterspost

CUB PACKS: 1st & 2nd Potchefstroom; 1st Klerksdorp; 1st Leeuwdoornstad; 1st Wolmaranstad, 1st Bloemhof; 1st Schiozier Reneko, 1st Delareyville and 1st Ventersdorp.

VISITS: I was able to visit all the troops during the month of May and spent two days with each troop, the Report on this has already been sent. Some troops were beginning to realize that Scouting was not just marching the Boys and beating Drums but teaching the boys some badge work.

OFFICERS: Many Officers have left the District for work in other parts of the Country without themselves and cannot be traced

NEW TROOPS: One troop has written from Zeerust which I believe has been registered, but owing to Transport difficulties, I have been unable to visit it this year.

RALLY: The Annual Rally was held at Potchefstroom on Saturday 9th December but was poorly attended, three troops attending. This of course is due to Transport and the distance some troops have to travel. 2nd Potchefstroom with narrow margin again won the Competition followed closely by 1st Venterspost. The work showed some improvement from last year.

RE-REGISTRATION: As it will be noticed in the Census Returns, some of my promising troops have not yet send in their Return and Fees. I have sveral lotters to the Officers concerned with no replies up to now. I have not had the time to visit them and find the cause.

PERSONAL: It is with the greatest regret that I have to report to the Council of my departure from the District. The Bishop has appointed me the Priest-in-charge of the Randfontein Mission District, and I have to leave Potchefstroom at the end of January 1945. There is only one troop that will be in the new District I am taking over, and that is 1st Venterspost.

D. F. Sibeko
D/P/S/C December, 1944.

Report by F.M. Maboko, A/D/I/S/C Louis Trichardt.
1st and 2nd Lemana Troops 1944.

The 2nd Lemana Troop was under J. Mkhabela with the aid of Z. Mogashoa A/P/S/M. Secretary of the Troop Ch. Makgakga, we met regularly on Saturday mornings. Church Parades were held three times during the year 1944. (1) At Elin.

(2) At Lemana.

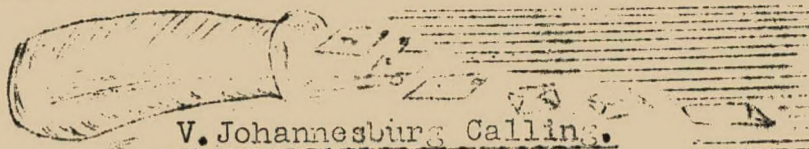
(3) At Lemana on the Scout day.

Camp Training:-

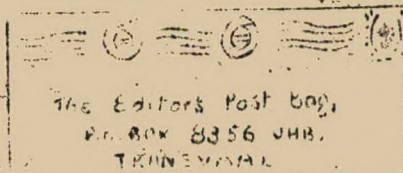
Camp training, was held in May 1944 under the leadership of Organiser Mr. D.C. Marivate. Eight Pathfinders from Elin attended the Camp - the number of Scouts was raised to 71 this year. Recommendations were made to the Office.

(Mr. Van der West Huizen recommended for G/P/S/M. Z. Mogashoa was recommended for P/S/M.

Donations:- Dr. Milkowitz donated £1 to the Troops. The College donated 10/- to the Troops. The Council sent goods to me at the amount of £11. 5. 1d to be sold to the District.



V. Johannesburg Calling.



It is with great pleasure that the Troop as a whole presents itself to the outer world. We started the troop this year with a personal of thirty five, it has approved great progress within the few instances it has met. We have in the end achieved what we had been caving for; News! from St. Peter's Troop. The Troop has decided to stage a Concert This will take place at the Hall Deluxe, George Goch on the 21st April 1945. Come along boys support us in one effort to pervade the scout gospel, make it a success, remember your support is very necessary and we entirely depend on you; "Its a Can, its a can", Why! not a Lorry? I shall now try to give a brief summary of the history of our troop.

During the past five years, steady progress was taking place in the history of our troop. Many of our ex-member, I believe have achieved much from the troop. I, myself, feel an achieving something from it. In 1943 we were greatly honoured, our troop was then joined by Fr. Jenkins who is at present our Scoutmaster with efficient Assistant Mr. Molapo. We thank both for having being so good to us and having managed us with efficiency. They are at present doing their best to improve the troop. In conclusion, we say "Support us in our effort to satge a successful Concert."

St. Peter's 5th Johannesburg Hoorah!!!

Reginald Tomnyson Rathebe.

P/S. Lest it be forgotten.

A notice will be sent by the St. Peter's Troop to all local Scoutmasters early in April to remind them about, THE CONCERT

Bethesda Training Inst.,
P.O. Kalkbank,
via Pietersburg
9th Feb. 1945

The P/S Assn.,
P.O. Box 8356,
Johannesburg
Dear Scouters,

This is to inform the Headquarters that the Assistant District Scout Commissioner has left the field for a time for his further studies. He is at Bethesda for his N.P.H. The Scouters in the District are left on as Orphans, Mr. Mongalo request the Headquarters to put an eye on the District. But nevertheless Mr. Mongalo will soon be in the field again. So he wishes that scouting be quite fruitful. The writer lays a stress on the rural troops to pluck up courage under all hardships. He hopes to learn more and more from the Headquarters through the Scout Gazette

Yesika ! Yesika! Yesika! for 1945 farewell
for a time!

B.D. Mongalo Esq.



CENSUS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1944.

Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner	1	
Dist.P/S Coms and Asst.Dist.P/S Commissioners	20	
District Pathfinder Scoutmasters	3	24 Dist. Scouters
P/R/Leaders and Asst.P/R/Leaders	2	
P/S/Ms and A/P/S/Ms	147	
P/C/Ms and A/P/C/MS	39	188 Group Scouters
		212 all Scouters
Pathfinder Rover Scouts	30	
Pathfinder Boy Scouts	4065	
Pathfinder Wolf Cubs	2338	6433 Boys
	<u>Total</u>	<u>6645</u>

PATHFINDER SCOUT GROUPS.

There are 106 Groups composed of :- 2 Pathfinder Rover Crews
 103 Pathfinder Scout Troops
 62 Pathfinder Wolf Cub Packs

Total No: of Branches 167

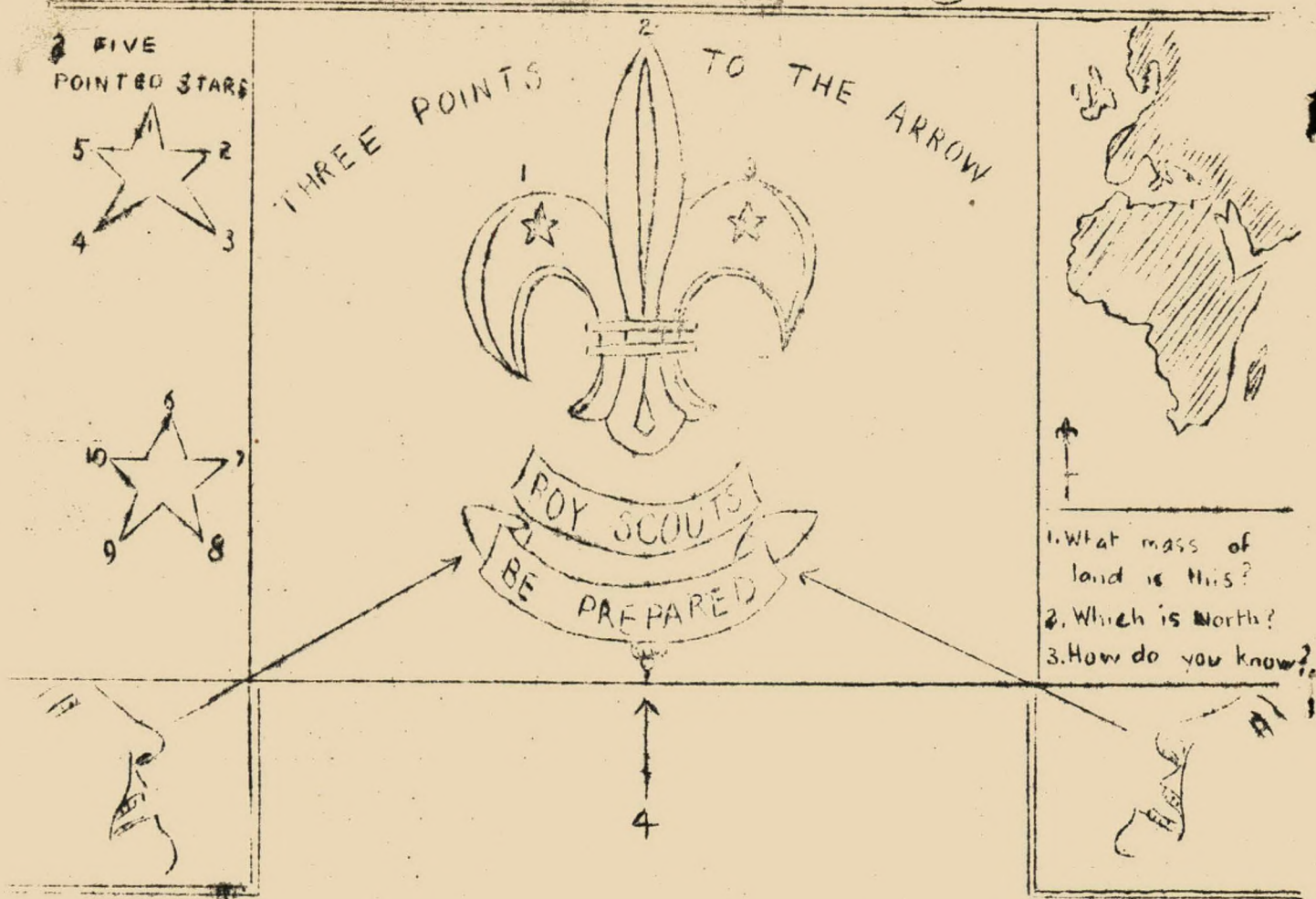
COMPARISON WITH PAST FOUR YEARS.

Year	Crews Troops and Packs	Scouters (all ranks)	Rovers	Scouts	Cubs	Total	Reef and Pretoria
1940	82	139	102	1685	1285	3211	
1941	97	161	23	2837	1322	4348	
1942	120	97	25	3490	1818	5430	
1943	153	189	34	3471	2497	6191	4592
1944	167	212	30	4065	2338	6645	4431

ANALYSIS OF FIGURES ON PAGE 11

Dist.	R.	S/Ms.	C/Ms.	R	P/S/M	Total	Total	Total					
								1944	1943.				
Div.	Troop	Beavers	Groups	Offs.	Offs.	Scouts	Scouts	1944	1943.				
Tvl. Division-----The Divisional P/S Commissioner-----								1	1				
Alexa.	8	7	8	2	9	5		269	335	620	500		
Boksburg											466		
Cononi													
Bushbuck- ridge	1		1	1	-	-	6	32	-	33	-----		
Evaton													
Vereens	5	3	51	11		9	3	186	105	304	262		
Far East Rand	15	11	15	1	-	24	6	975	560	1566	827		
Germiston											113		
Jo'burg Central 1	3	2	4	2	1	6	2	20	108	51	190	182	
Jo'burg W. Central	4	4	4	1		4	4		114	180	283	333	
Letaba	2	1	2	1		2	1		45	20	69	-----	
L. Trichardt	11	3	11	3		15	2		309	93	422	122	
Middelburg	4	2	4	1		4	1		103	48	157	-	
Orlando	1	12	6	15	2	1	17	-	10	327	151	508	466
P. Burg	9	2	9	2	-	13	-		215	80	310	-	
P. Stroom	7	6	7	2	-	11	7		364	222	606	803	
Pretoria													
Rustenburg	13	10	13	2	-	22	7		575	354	960	1443	
Sekukuni- land	6	3	6	1	-	8	-		288	102	399	419	
Swaziland	-	1	1	-	-	-	1		-	12	13	-	
Warmbaths	3	1	3	1	1	3	-		155	45	204	254	
Divisions Total	2	103	62	106	24	22	147	39	30	4065	2338	6645	6191

Do you know your Scout Badge?



- I. As the ARROW-HEAD SHOWS DIRECTION, SO SHOULD A P/F SCOUT.
 - II. THE POINTS 1 2 & 3 REMIND ^{OF YOU} YOUR 3 FOLD PROMISES.
 - III. AS A CUB YOU WERE AWARDED YOUR 1ST & 2ND STAR i.e. 2 EYES WITH 5 LASHES EACH - TO ENABLE YOU TO SEE THE JUNGLE OF LIFE WELL-AIDED BY YOUR 10 LASHES i.e. YOUR 10 SCOUT LAWS.
 - IV. THE MOTTO - BEARING SCROLL ENDS IN 2 OPENINGS ON EITHER SIDE WHICH ARE INDICATIVE OF A SCOUT - SMILE ON SUNNY OR RAINY DAYS.
 - V. 4 POINTS AT A KNOT WHICH REMINDS A SCOUT TO DO A GOOD TURN TO SOMEBODY EVERY DAY.
 - VI. THE 3 BENTS OF YOUR HAT ARE THE 3 PROMISES.
- I HOPE THE ABOVE EXPLANATION WILL HELP THE PATROL-LEADERS WITH THEIR RECRUITS.

Good Hunting to all. SOL N. MAQAMBALALA.

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