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Our issue this month opens with a leader taken from the S.A.H.Q. Bulletin, No. 7. It is by Mr. R. Regnath, Acting Chief Scouts Commissioner of the Indian Boy Scouts Association of the Union of South Africa.

"It is a privilege and an honour to be asked to contribute the Editorial for this issue. At the outset it must be admitted that the institution of this monthly magazine is a boon to all who cherish the movement and more particularly to those who are in charge of its welfare amongst their own section; for it not only opens a new vista but also permits the expression of views and attitudes on the different aspects of the common brotherhood.

Scouting is emphasised as a means of all-round development of personality, which in turn brings to bear its tremendous influence on our daily lives. Scouting inculcates prayer to God, identity with all creation, corporate life, dignity of work, wholesome thoughts, words and deeds. In effect, it lays down the law of good living free from intrigue, whether of race, of religion, or of politics. Above all it underlines the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

One of the greatest things which the movement helps to promote is to my mind "character building in the individual". Once a boy has character, health and a sense of service, he is more reliable in his undertakings and has more chance of success in life. Character has always been necessary in the past, but with the dimness of the future before us, character with all its attributes and unselfish service is even more than ever necessary as a foundation in the make up of man.

In the scout movement we are dealing with the future, and that is we are training the next generation to make the best of life so as to be good and worthy citizens no matter where they be. It is therefore incumbent on every leader to regulate his conduct and character so as to be an example to his boys.

There is another aspect on which I wish to comment. We must not be content with living on past deeds, nor be content with giving the boys a second rate thing. Oft has it been said that the only real scout is a First Class Scout, and our objective should be that every member of our fold, whether he holds a Commissioner's rank or the humble rank of a Tenderfoot Scout, be first class in carrying out every activity that will help to create a spirit of toleration and goodwill, thus tying all peoples together in the common bondage of brotherhood.

In writing the foregoing I am not unmindful of the many problems and difficulties our members have to face in these days when there is so much turmoil in the world, but nevertheless is it not true that as scouts we must be prepared to face them, for to give way would not be becoming to a movement such as ours. And so I would ask you to remember that we have a duty to execute, and that is to serve with all our might and to strive with every effort to show that our endeavours are centered in the great ideal of Service for the good of our fellowmen."

SAFETY FIRST

Here are some figures (from the Press) about accidents on the roads. The National Road Safety Organization in Pretoria has stated that the most dangerous age for young cyclists is from 16 to 19 years. This age group has the worst casualty record. In this age group there were, during 1952, 421 cycling, compared with 231 pedestrian, accidents. This means that every day of the year someone is seriously hurt whilst cycling.

Now for hints on how to avoid accidents.

10. Keep your head UP. Many cyclists crack their skulls in forgetting to look up as they ride along.
11. Watch out for CHILDREN. Never trust small children: they are liable to dash into the road without thinking. If you see a ball in the road, prepare to avoid children who may be chasing it. Learn to look well ahead and anticipate trouble.
12. Beware of CAR DOORS. When a car stops or is parked ahead of you allow yourself a fair margin in passing it, in case the driver or a passenger suddenly opens a door in your face. Drivers and passengers should properly get out on the left, or the pavement side, but they cannot be trusted to do so.

## A JOINT CHURCH PARADE IN JOHANNESBURG

A joint church parade for all the Scouts and Wayfarers in the Troops and Detachments of the Methodist Mission Schools along the Reef was held in the Methodist Central Hall, Johannesburg, on Sunday, 10th May, 1953. Present were 464 Scouts, 204 Wolf Cubs, 586 Sunbeams, 705 Wayfarers and 67 Officers, making a grand total of 2,026 persons. The schools represented were Albert Street - Johannesburg, Alexandra, Alberton, Benoni, Boksburg, Comet, Crown Mines, Delmas, Eastern Native Township - George Coch, Germiston, Krugersdorp, Moroka, Newlands, Orlando East, Orlando West, Randfontein, Roodepoort, Sophiatown and Springs.

All the Troops and Wayfarer Detachments were smartly and correctly dressed and were a credit to their Movements. They assembled at the Albert Street School and, accompanied by the splendid music of several Scout Bands, they marched to the Central Hall where the service began at 3.00 p.m. The Superintendent of the Methodist Mission, the Rev. A. Cowgill, assisted by the Superintendent of Methodist Mission Schools, the Rev. N.S. Hudson, officiated. An inspiring address was given by Mr. Tabor whose theme was "The Eagle" from Dr. Aggrey's stories. The Albert Street School Choir, winners of the Transvaal Provincial Eisteddfod Trophy, led in the singing of hymns.

Among the honoured guests were Wayfarer Superintendent Miss F. Brown and Deputy Divisional Scout Commissioner Mr. J.R. Rathebe.

### H.Q. NOTES

#### 1. Census Returns

Census returns for this year are coming in from various troops. Have you sent in yours?

#### 2. Annual Charity Horse Show

You are invited to attend this show which will be held on the 9th and 10th October at Inanda, Johannesburg. The proceeds will go towards our funds. A small fee will be payable at the entrance to the Show. For more particulars enquire from: The Hon. Secretary, African Boy Scouts Association, P.O. Box 8356, Johannesburg. (Phone 34-2878).

#### 3. 4th Pilot Camp

This Camp will be held at Botshabelo, Middelburg (Transvaal) from Monday, 28th September, to Friday, 2nd October.

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### COMPETITIVE RALLY AT JANE FURSE, SEKHUKHUNILAND

A mammoth competitive scout rally of the troops in the Sekhukhuniland and Middelburg, Transvaal, districts was held on Saturday and Sunday, 16th and 17th May, 1953, at Jane Furse. The following troops arrived on the evening of Friday, 15th May:-

1st Arkona with 60 scouts, in charge of Scouters J.S. Mminele and S. Bapela.

1st Lobethal with 36 scouts, in charge of Scouters H.K. Mawela and A. Nkadimeng.

1st Uitkyk with 25 scouts, in charge of Scouter Ph. Mminele.

1st Gareagopola with 44 scouts and 6 cubs, in charge of Scouter N.S. Makgoale.

Apologies for absence were received from the Pokwani and Gembokspruit troops. The former, however, sent their Scoutmaster, Mr. J. Moloisi. The local group, 1st Jane Furse, attended in full force, numbering 54 scouts and 25 cubs under Scouters S. Lekota, A. Thembe, G. Pitje and P. Matlala. From Middelburg came D/C S.P. Mawela, A/D/C R.J.K. Mminele and S/M Tladi of 1st Vaalbank. The 1st Bothsabelo attached to the Training Institution arrived on Saturday morning with 36 scouts under Scouters C. Kutu and E. Seopela. Other troops from Middelburg were badly disappointed by chartered transport which failed to turn up. Among the honoured guests were the Deputy Divisional Commissioner, J.R. Rathebe, D/C G.A.P. Mphenyake (West Rand) and Scout Organizer N.S. Mokgako.

On Saturday morning the troops and officers were welcomed to Jane Furse by the Superintendent of the School, the Rev. Fr. Francis Blake, C.R., and the Principal, Mr. G.M. Pitje, M.A. They also welcomed the Wayfarers and their leaders who attended the rally under the superintendence of Mrs. Th. Matseba. The Wayfarers and Torchbearers in full uniform numbered 150, while the troops on parade numbered 255 scouts, 31 cubs and 12 officers, making a grand total of 451 persons including the honoured guests. After the welcome addresses, the troops marched to the Jane Furse Memorial Hospital led by the 1st Bothsabelo Scout Band, where the Medical Superintendent, Dr. W.L. Downing, and Sister Withers, leader of the local Girl Guides Detachment, welcomed them. The Matron of the Hospital, Sister Lugden, and Chief Sekwati of Mamone village, were presented to the rally. D/C S.P. Mawela replied suitably on behalf of the scouts. On returning from the hospital to Jane Furse School premises, scout tests were conducted by the Deputy Divisional Commissioner and his assistants till after lunch. The trophy, a flag presented to the District by the Honorary Divisional Secretary at Transvaal Divisional Headquarters, Mr. J.P. Rees, M.Sc., was won by the 1st Bothsabelo Troop, who obtained 55 points out of a total of 75, with 1st Jane Furse as the runners-up with 44 points. The remaining troops obtained

respectively 39, 37, 34 and 33 points, being 1st Lobethal, 1st Gareagopola, 1st Uitkyk and 1st Arkona. With tests over, the public which had come in large numbers to witness the day's activities were entertained to scout displays which they did not seem to tire of enjoying. There was to have been a campfire on Saturday night but this was cancelled owing to scarcity of wood. On Sunday morning, after physical training and breakfast, the troops assembled for the investiture of four new groups. Thereafter there was an open-air church parade, the service being conducted by the Rev. Fr. Francis Blake, C.R. After the service the Deputy Divisional Commissioner, Mr. J.R. Rathebe, addressed the Scouts, Cubs, Guides, Wayfarers, Torchbearers and Sunbeams and their parents. He stated, inter alia, that he was disappointed that there were no Second Class Scouts being trained in the troops present and announced that, to help right this state of affairs, plans were afoot for sending two suitable trainees to Gilwell. Mr. N.S. Makgoale, S/M, 1st Gareagopola, passed a vote of thanks.

After the church parade, the troops marched in procession to the Moshate (Seat) of Chief Frank Shikwane Maserumelo, surrounded by milling crowds. Here the Chief welcomed the gathering most warmly and made a generous donation of £3 to scout funds. Dr. Thema Mphahlele, M.B., Ch.B. (Rand) inspired by the example of the Chief also donated £1 and delivered a short address. A/D/C Middelburg, Mr. R.J.K. Mminele, replied suitably. From Moshate the procession returned to Jane Furse School where the rally was officially ended.

Special thanks go to Mr. S.P. Mawela (D/C Middelburg) who was largely responsible for the organization of the rally. To Mr. S. Lekota, the Local Scoutmaster at Jane Furse, who worked tirelessly to make everyone at home. With his name must be coupled those of Messrs. O. Thembe and P. Matlala. Last but not least, the Principal of Jane Furse Secondary School was the moving force to the success of all the plans for this rally. He spared himself no pains to see that everything went right and he deserves a really big "THANK YOU".

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HOW THE FIRST BLANSDOORN CELEBRATED THE  
CORONATION

The Native Commissioner, Mr. C.D. Nel, invited various tribes in his area to assemble at Klipkuil to celebrate the queen's coronation. People came from all over the district. There were many Europeans and, among the notable persons present, were many chiefs. Mr. Venter, the agricultural officer, and his wife were host and hostess.

Evang. A. Thonye (D.R.C.) opened with inspiring prayer. Chief Blane's brass band joined by the African Constables and Blansdoorn Scout Troop paraded and entertained the gathering.

The Native Commissioner then spoke eloquently and ably for the Government and also read a message from the Secretary for Native Affairs.

The 1st Blansdoorn Scout Troop was given a responsible job to assist arranging and feeding the people. The scouts executed their duties to the satisfaction of the public.

Seven fat beasts were slaughtered. People were served with meat over a thousand loaves of bread, pots full of porridge, soup, beans and boxes full of sweets.

Miss Mary Gidard of Witlanderskraal erected a special eating place where delicious foods and drinks were served. The Khayakhulu School Choir and the Ramokotstad School Choir held the people spellbound with their singing.

The day is too short for the occasion. The closing remarks were voiced by the Additional Native Commissioner, Mr. C.D. Nel. Evang. J. Sefera (D.R.C.) closed with a word of worthy prayer.

We all rose to sing:

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"

(Ras. T. Mokoka)

### CALLING ALL SCOUTS

Tune in now to A/S/M Tshetto of 1st Moiletsoane, Brits. He gives you a talk on handwork.

### Scouts and Handwork

In order to live we have to eat, and in order to eat we must work, so that without work there can be no life for us. Great writers like Booker Washington have tried to make us see that we can show our worth by what we do. The question now is what do we do to show our worth. Since by what we do people know what we are, let the Boy Scouts do what they are taught to do. We are taught different things which are all good, so let every Scout, wherever he is, play his part.

We promise "to do our best". This does not mean that we must do equal or similar kinds of work; on the contrary it means that when you do a piece of work do it so well that your equal cannot do it better than you have done it. If you are asked to clean shoes, for instance, do the work so well that there can be no need for one to improve upon the work. This advice applies to many little duties that may be assigned to you. Most of us are still school children who are, time and again, asked to draw maps, sketches and diagrams. We must put our hearts and souls into such seemingly small tasks if we wish to be able to do well in bigger jobs.

Boy Scouts need not wait to be given work to do. There is plenty of work to be done at our homes. Look at the fence, garden, stove or Dad's bicycle and see if you cannot make them look better. Attend to them and be steady and thorough in your work so that you may do good work. You will be praised by your parents and brother Scouts because everyone knows that you live if you work. Boy Scouts should know and tell other boys who are not Scouts that to avoid work is to dodge one's life. Some people who know that it is good to work prefer to talk or write about the value of work but do nothing themselves. Boy Scouts should not be like those people because such people are not honest. They say one thing and do another. Such people are like insincere Scouts who can recite the Scout laws and do practically nothing good.

During manual work at school we are taught to make certain articles such as wooden spoons, table mats, chairs, tin trunks, etc. A good Scout will try to make other articles at home like the ones he makes at school. A boy like that will become a useful man because he will repair his own furniture at home if he has been taught to do so. We must use tools properly and care for them if we want the tools to last long.

Since our bodies need exercise, work provides us with a profitable form of exercise. All boy Scouts should know that "brag is a good dog but holdfast is the best".

Yours brotherly

S.S. TSHETTO A/S/M



QUEEN'S SCOUTS

Last month you heard that a specimen certificate is now on view in our shop. Head quarters reports as follows:-

"In publishing our list of Queen's Scouts for this month, it makes us most happy to call attention to the fact that eight of the scouts in the list are African scouts from Basutoland. May this be an encouragement and an incentive to our African lads everywhere. As a general rule, badges have not been earned to any great extent in the past by African scouts, and indeed the majority of those one finds on any big parade are usually recruits, and many never get as far as passing the tenderfoot tests. Both the scouts and their scouters seem to have adopted an outlook based on the erroneous belief that the tests are too hard or that there are too many difficulties in the way of the African boy. Let us be frank and say that the African's biggest difficulty is a scouter with this defeatist attitude. Let us then, while congratulating Basutoland, thank the Division also for giving us a valuable lead, and giving the lie to the excuses which are holding our African scouts back. Scouting is essentially the overcoming of difficulties, and, if there are more difficulties for the African scout or scouter to overcome, there is more scope for him to be a better scout; and by being a better scout to progress towards Queen's Scout status. So let us take up the challenge made by Basutoland, and see if we cannot overtake that territory in the race for Good Scouting.

Certificates issued during the month went to:

Arnott, Charles Anthony  
Ferreira, Albertus  
Geard, Russel Alfred  
Klaleis, Alexis  
Holliday, Donald Malcolm  
Malefane, Benedict  
Manson, Vincent  
Metrowich, John  
Mokenola, Raphael

Molai, Baptista  
Piensar, Alexis  
Foncane, Simon  
Sekhomo, Peterose  
Sneddon, Alastair  
Taole, Baptista  
Taole, Michael  
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