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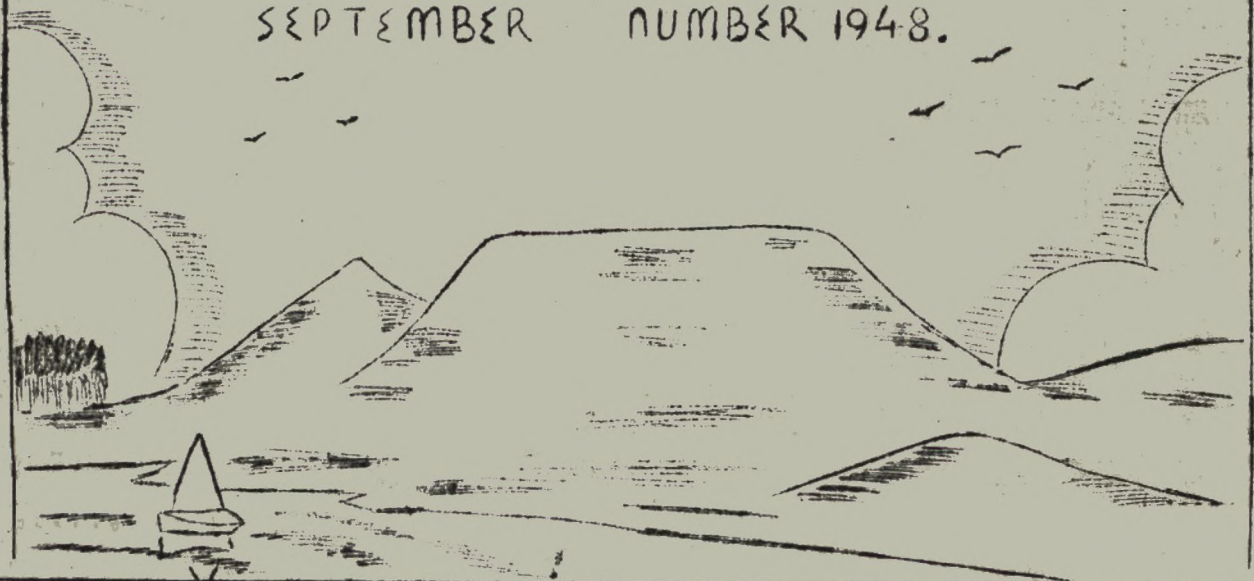
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The Editor's Chat.

BLACK AND GOLD. The Editor's Page of this issue of the Gazette should be decorated with black and gold. Black because we have had to say farewell to Mr. Keen. Gold in rejoicing for the coming of Mr. Mogotsi.

In our last issue we reported Mr. Keen's appointment as Principal of a new School in Bechuanaland, and we are glad to hear that he has made a happy start in his new sphere. May God prosper his way.

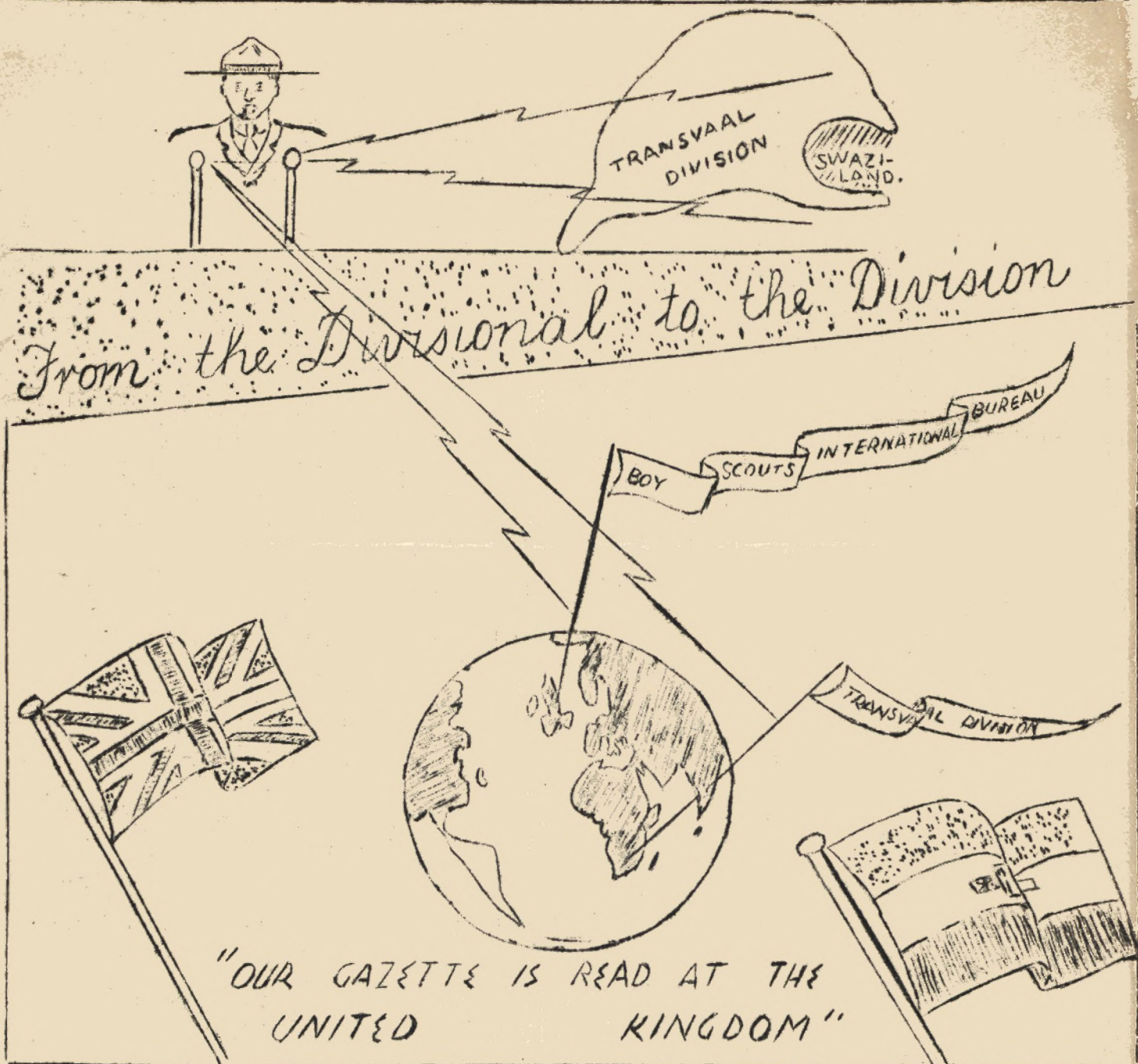
And in this issue we welcome Mr. Mogotsi as our new Assistant Editor. It is very good that a District outside Johannesburg should be represented on the Editorial Staff. With all three of us living in Johannesburg there has probably been a tendency to over-emphasise the importance of Johannesburg Scout affairs on this page. Now that the balance has been altered, any such tendency may in future be countered.

Mr. Mogotsi has not in the past often contributed to the Gazette, but in this issue he will begin to rectify that omission, and an article will be found by him somewhere in these pages. There are too few Wood Badge holders in our Division. The fact that Mr. Mogotsi holds this Badge ensures that when he writes on Scouting matters, his words will be weighty. When he opens his lips, let Tenderfoots "tulang". When he puts pen to paper, let Patrol Leaders polish their spectacles and read.

NEW CONTRIBUTORS. The Gazette is in need of new contributors. You will say "But the pages are always well filled." Yes, but several things are always written by the same writer. He does not always use the same name. Perhaps if he is writing about knots he may call himself "Harry the Hangman" and if he writes about cooking he may call himself "Cinders", and so on! It would be much better if more Scouters would come along with articles, or poems, jokes or complaints - Why not? - Have you no typewriter? Then pen and ink will do, and if you have already emptied your ink-pot over your P/L's head, then use pencil.

Never mind if you cannot spell (we find too that our type-

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DEAD COMMISSIONERS!

In spite of what I wrote in the last "GAZETTE" on this subject I have received hardly any Reports on activities in the various Districts. This is the month for the collection of Census Returns, and I hope that with these Returns will be sent a Report by each Commissioner on the work going on in his District. Also, may I express a hope that this year the Returns will be sent in promptly, accurately and fully! Our usual experience is to find that nearly half the Returns do not come in at all and we have to estimate the remainder. In this matter the Transvaal Division always shows up very badly compared with other Divisions and our brother Scouts outside the Division begin to wonder if we are half as good Scouts as we think we are! So, incidentally, do I!

AND OTHERS!

Two Commissioners who have served the Movement faithfully and well over a long period have recently resigned from office for various reasons but have expressed their intention of backing us up and returning to activity as soon as possible. Father Winter has given up his work as D/C. of the Evaton and Vereeniging district since he

no longer has occasion to go to those parts, but I am hoping to hear of his appointment very shortly to another District which it will be more convenient for him to work. Fr. Winter was present at the meeting held in Johannesburg in 1922 between the Transvaal Scout Council and Missionaries and others when, by the Chairman's casting vote it was agreed to allow Non-Europeans to become Pathfinders. Ever since then he has worked heart and soul for the cause and I, personally, cannot speak too highly of all that he has done for us. Mr. Douglas Nduna joined the Movement in 1923 and now only relinquishes his rank as D/C. owing to pressure of other work. I hope that he, too, will soon return to Active Service.

LONG SERVICE. The Scouters just mentioned are only two of a large number of Africans and Europeans who have given many years of faithful and valuable service to the Movement in the Division. They are the backbone of the whole thing and I rejoice to know there are so many who, in spite of other calls on their time and energy, remain loyal to their first love. I am glad to think that such long and devoted service is now to be recognised officially. At the last meeting of the Headquarters Council it was agreed to adopt the award of the Long Service Medal into the Pathfinder Scout P.O. & R. as has already been in force in the European one. The conditions of the Award are as follows:-

"The Long Service Medal is an award for long and meritorious service. It may be awarded by S.A.H.Q. to:-

- (a) All ranks who have completed 20 years' service in any capacity in the Scout Movement, or
- (b) To Scouters after 15 years' service, 10 of which must have been as a warrant holder.

Any Scouter may make application on the prescribed form, which must be supported and endorsed by the D/C. and the Divisional Commissioner under whose jurisdiction the applicant is working."

So there you are! Those of you who have given the requisite number of years' service send to Divisional H.Q. and ask for the form of application; fill it in - giving full details of all your years of service - and return it to H.Q. after your D/C. has signed it. You will notice that the award of the Medal is not a "right" but a privilege and the decision lies with S.A.H.Q.

PROFICIENCY BADGES. The Chief Scout has inaugurated a new system of Proficiency Badges to replace the original ones, and the H.Q. Council has agreed to adopt these as from July 1st. 1949. It is, therefore, necessary that Scouters should acquaint themselves with the new conditions as soon as possible so that they are ready for the change over when it comes next year. The new system provides for two kinds of Badges - for Seniors and Juniors, the dividing mark being fifteen years of age. It was felt that such provision would not be easily made under present conditions for African scholars, and so it was agreed that there should be no hard and fast rule in Primary Schools, that is, a scholar in a Primary School over the age of 15 years could work for either a senior or junior badge, but that in Secondary Schools and Training Colleges the rule would be obligatory. Copies of the new Regulations for these badges may be obtained from Divisional H.Q. on payment of 1/3d plus postage.

THE CHIEF SCOUT IN SOUTH AFRICA. His Excellency, the Governor-General in his capacity as Chief Scout in this country has sent the following appreciative message of our work:-

"It is gratifying to note that the Pathfinder Movement, since its recognition as a Scout organisation for Non-Europeans in 1937, has done much for the youth of these classes, in fostering the spirit of helpfulness, service and comradeship."

He goes on to add his best wishes for the success of the Headquarters Council meeting (held in June) and hopes that its "deliberations will be inspired by foresight and wisdom and that its decisions will promote the interests of the organisation and help to further its growth and expansion in the spirit of Scouting."

VISIT OF THE CHIEF SCOUT. It is hoped that Lord Rowallan, the Chief Scout will be visiting this country in January, 1950, for about a month, and a meeting between the Divisional Commissioners of the Transvaal for European, Coloured and African Scouts has already been held to discuss possible plans for his visit to the Transvaal. As we do not know exactly how long he will be here we cannot fix details, but anyhow, we are getting ideas on the subject.

Greetings to you all,

Your old friend

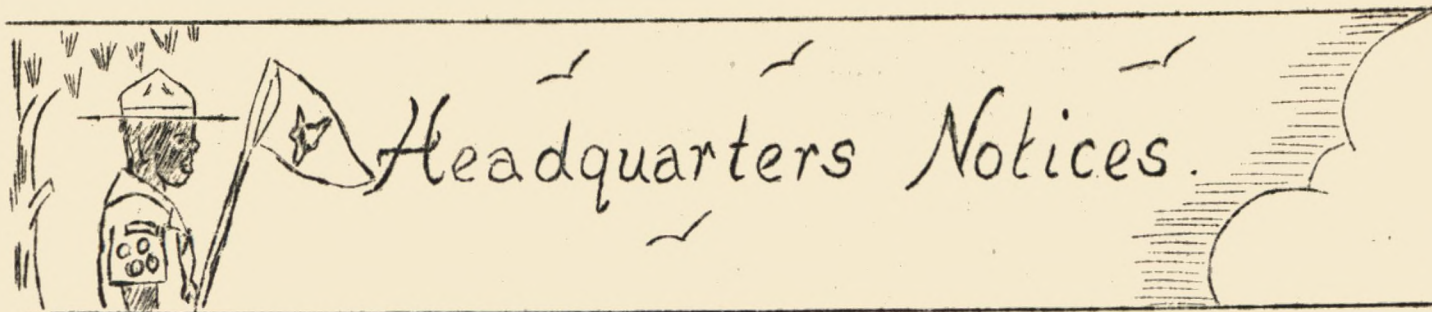
THE DIVISIONAL.

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CAMPING GROUND (Continued)

Provision will be made for Lavatory accommodation and supply of wood free of charge by the Modderfontein Company.

To make necessary arrangements at least one month's notice must be given to H.Q. who will issue the necessary Camp Permit. Any further information required please communicate with Capt. W. E. Barber, P. O. Box 8356, Johannesburg.



Ref. P.S.26

To: All Divisions (P.S.)

S.A.H.Q.
P.O. Box 4074,
Cape Town.

17th September, 1948.

Pathfinder Scout Sunday - 26th September, 1948.

By direction of His Excellency Chief Scout South Africa, I have the honour to attach hereto a message from His Excellency for the occasion of Pathfinder Scout Sunday, September 26th, 1948.

I am sending you a small supply of these messages so that they may be distributed to any centre in your division in which a Pathfinder Scouts Own Service is being held, with the request that you will be kind enough to have this message read at all Pathfinder Scouts Own Services in your division.

KENNETH FLEISCHER
General Secretary.

As Chief Scout in South Africa, it gives me great pleasure to send to all Pathfinder Scouts a message on the occasion of Pathfinder Scout Sunday, which takes place on the 26th September, 1948.

The idea of a Scout Sunday is one which strongly appeals to me, as it must to all good Pathfinders, for a day for universal worship and contemplation is an occasion which must surely be welcomed by those of you who are faithful to the Scout promise and have the interests of your organisation at heart.

Such a day will afford you an opportunity of remembering your creed of goodwill, comradeship, and self-sacrifice, and remembering also that stability and nobility of character are youth's greatest asset.

Make good use of this day: Give yourself to serious thought and meditation. By this, you will achieve much to develop in yourself the qualities of strength and courage, which will equip you personally for the future, and assist in promoting the grand things for which Scouting stands for.

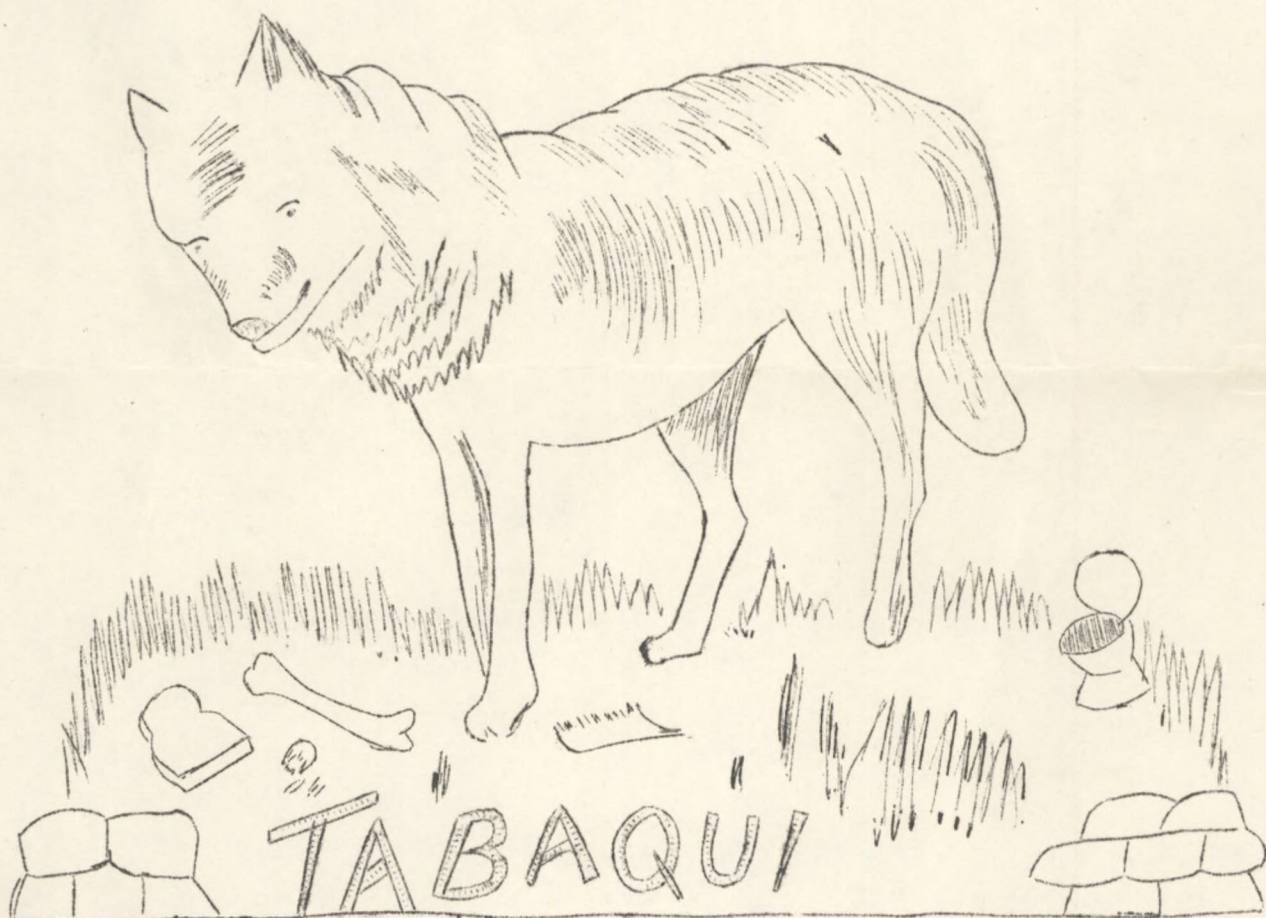
(Signed) G. Brand van Zyl

CHIEF SCOUT SOUTH AFRICA.

CAPE TOWN.

16th September, 1948.

JUNGLE CHARACTERS
FOR
CUB PACKS.



"It wasn't me, teacher, it was THAT boy!"

We all know the boy who says that. He doesn't mind getting other boys into trouble if he thinks that he can get out of punishment. He is not a Wolf Cub. His proper name is TABAQUI, the Jackal.

Tabaqui is the jackal, a sneaking sort of fellow. He is afraid to go about alone, so he always keeps near his fellow jackals; although he tries to look like a Wolf, he never hunts or earns his food like one, but sneaks about trying to steal or beg it from others. Then when he has got it he is not a bit grateful, but runs about yapping and yelling, disturbing the other animals and making a regular nuisance of himself.

We hope that no Cub will ever deserve to be called Tabaqui.
(From the Wolf Cub Handbook.)

APPLICATION FORM.

(To be sent with 2/6 to the Honorary Secretary, Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association, P.O. Box 8356, Johannesburg.)

NAME AND SURNAME _____

POSTAL ADDRESS _____

PATHFINDER SCOUT RANK _____ AGE _____

STATION AT WHICH ENTRAINING _____

WHETHER TRAVELLING 2ND. or 3RD. CLASS _____

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF JOURNEY _____

I agree with all the terms laid down for the "Explanatory Training Course" for Cubmasters in January 1949, and shall be glad if you will accept my application to attend.

(Sgd) _____

Headquarters Notices (Continued)

S.A.H.Q.,
150, St. George's Street,
Cape Town.

Ref: 324.

10th August, 1948.

To: All Divisions (E. PS. & I)

Inter-American Conference.

The sub-joined message sent by the Pope to the Inter-American Scouters Conference is sent to you primarily for the information of Roman Catholic Scouts, but it will be appreciated by all as evidence of the Pope's continued interest in, and approbation of, the Scout Movement.

Kenneth Fleischer.
GENERAL SECRETARY.

Vatican City,

Quotation :-

17th April, 1948.

"To the Apostolic Delegate and Archbishop of Mexico.

MOST EXCELLENT AND MOST REVEREND SIR:

The august Pontiff has had the satisfaction of knowing that, in the coming month of May, the Second Inter-American Scout conference will be celebrated in that City.

Your Excellency knows very well that on various memorable occasions His Holiness has manifested the particular sympathy and deep interest which he feels for the Scout Movement, an original training system that, based solidly on the Gospel, gradually develops the personality of the boy taking advantage of his noblest inclinations.

The Holy Father, for this reason, from the bottom of his heart offers fervent prayers that the results of this important assembly may correspond with the zeal with which its worthy leaders have promoted it. He has faith that it will contribute strongly to confirm more and more in all Scout Associations of that continent the fundamental principle of Scouting and one of its most beautiful characteristics: the profound knowledge, and the open and conscientious practice of, one's own faith.

In this religious education of the Scout he will have as a teacher and guide to help him in the achievement of his Christian maturity the Scout Chaplain, in whom the prestige of the priestly sanctity will always constitute, and everywhere will be, the best guarantee for his precious and indispensable work.

The Pontiff does not want the youth of the nations of America to lack his enlightened word of encouragement so as to strengthen the ranks of those who, following a generous impulse, and gathering under the chivalrous flags of the Movement, commit themselves to observe loyally its principles, and so train themselves as to serve better every day their God, their country and their fellow men. This august exhortation is addressed, in the first place, to the leaders and Scouters so that they, with true apostolic spirit, notwithstanding sacrifices which the responsibility of their mission entail, may look after the formation of the Scouts according to the high ideals by which true and genuine Scouting is inspired.

Your Excellency shall be the interpreter before the directors and members of the Conference of these sentiments of the Vicar of Christ who invokes on them and their work the blessings of Heaven.

I gladly take the advantage of the opportunity to repeat myself

Your Excellency's devoted servant,

J. B. MONTINI, Subst."

EDITOR'S CHAT. (Continued from Page 2)

writer often makes spelling mistakes), don't be shy, we will polish up your spelling (we have a good dictionary and we won't give you away) or translate your vernacular.

DON'T be backward in coming forward,

BUT WRITE TO US.

Your friend,

V. JENKINS C.R.

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES. (Continued from Page 7.)CENSUS.

Those who were fortunate to attend the "SCOUTS OWN" in commemoration of PATHFINDER SUNDAY at the Bantu Men's Social Centre, Johannesburg, on 26th September, 1948 or to read the account of this anniversary in the BANTU WORLD edition of Saturday, 2nd October, 1948, will have appreciated, perhaps, better than before, what a Great Brotherhood Scouting is. Now, OUR CENSUS, due each year on 30th September, is the unmistakable manner in which each of us - Cub, Scout, Rover and Scouter - links himself with this Great Federation; B U T, sadly enough, some of us always get omitted on this IMPORTANT OCCASION.

This year, Headquarters specially appeals that henceforth this omission of members in the Census should GET OUT OF FASHION. So, will all Scouters-in-charge, who have not yet done so, please fill in their Census forms AT ONCE and send them to their respective District Officers or to Divisional Headquarters, P. O. Box 8356, Johannesburg. If you have no forms, write to Headquarters to send you some.

A timely warning is again sounded that all Groups whose Census Forms have not been received at Headquarters will not be supplied with any Scout equipment nor be allowed to hold camps and parades.

PATHFINDER SCOUT APPEAL.

Pathfinder Scouts Headquarters is shortly to release a printed brochure in a desperate effort to appeal for funds to help keep pace with the vast expansion of the work of the Association. Groups interested in helping in this campaign, are kindly asked to contact Headquarters regarding the sanction of the plans they may have in mind in this regard.

PRICE LIST.

Owing to the unstable prices of Scout equipment, we regret that we are yet unable to issue a dependable Price List. So today we announce the following changes in prices :-

Shirts are Size 12 @ 13/-; 12½ @ 13/6; 13 @ 14/-; 13½ @ 14/6
 Sizes 14 and 14½ @ 18/-; Sizes 15, 15½ and 16 @ 19/6.

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SEND US YOUR PROBLEMS
BY D. C. MOGOTSI



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As a new member of the Editorial Staff I first before I can have any news to write about, wish to express my greetings to you all: Scouts, Scouters and Cubs.

Perhaps some of you wonder why I have accepted to assist in the staff. Some of you may think I must have done some Journalism or a Secretarial Course of some kind, and as such may rightfully expect much from me. People are likely to think so especially when the post filled has been vacated of so capable a man such as Mr. D.T. Keen was, more so that he was a European; a man also very difficult to substitute.

I can only assure such people that they are quite mistaken. It is because I am firmly convinced that (as it has been said of old) experience is the best teacher. It is not until a man fiddles about with an engine of a car that he will have some idea in regard to its mechanism or dabbles about the piano key-board that he will know, which side of the board the light and the heavy notes are; and I have accepted because I want to learn and after gaining some knowledge may be of some use later. The advantage is that the experienced horses will pull the younger one until it will eventually follow the way.

Meanwhile I would rather like that you, especially Scouters, make our job lighter by sending us some news or suggestions on matters you would like us to write about, that is subjects that will be of some real interest to you and your troops, packs and crews, matters which will help popularise our Gazette.

Some of you might have seen in "The Scouter" a monthly Gazette published by the I.M.Q. in London that in nearly every number there appears a problem or something arising from troop management and Scouters being invited to give solutions to the problem, the best of which gets published in the following number, and this I found to be very helpful.

Our Scout Masters are ever grappling and confronted with many difficulties and problems that tend to bog up the machinery of their work and solutions to such problems would be highly appreciated. I do not by any means suggest that problems are the same everywhere, but we definitely have our own problems under varying circumstances and these can be gone about in one way or the other. I, therefore, appeal to you in my first article to bring up such problems, then I or someone with more experience, will try to answer them.

REMEMBER - The reward of a thing well done is to have done it. (R.W. Emerson)

YISAKHAR ! ! !

D. C. MOGOTSI.
20.9.48.

"Be Prepared."

ROY'S PROMISE. CHAPTER V.

It was hardly surprising that a boy of Roy's nature would not be ready to bring his disobedience before his father's notice and take the risk of the punishment that might follow. As we know, Mr. Ross was not in any way a hard, or even unkind man where his son was concerned. Indeed, in many ways we might almost say that he was really too kind, for Roy had his own way in most things. But he could be very angry sometimes. He had not been very angry about his son going alone to the river. The excitement of the accident and his happiness at the rescue from danger had forced all anger out of his mind. But now that this matter was over, Roy dreaded what would be the result when his father was told about the breaking of the rod. He had often heard Mr. Ross say that he would rather lose anything else that he possessed than have anything happen to this only treasure he had to remind him of his dead friend whom he had known through school and college days, and who had given his life for his country on the battlefield.

"It will be better to hide the pieces of the rod and say nothing about them," he had said in answer to Cyril's suggestion for restoration. But, of course, this was the kind of mean trick that no Scout could lend himself to, and he refused to agree.

"You must tell your father," he said. "Of course he will be angry; but he will be much more angry if you tell lies to him and then leave him to find out the truth afterwards."



"I WILL PROMISE ANYTHING YOU LIKE

father use it. But I should be afraid to tell him that I had broken it."

But Roy was too cowardly to agree to this.

"I couldn't do it. No, I couldn't! Father would be ever so angry," was all that the boy could say. He paused for a moment or two, and then he continued sulkily, "Of course I am really very sorry about it all, and I would never have taken the rod at all if I had known that it would break so easily. It seemed strong enough when I have seen

strong enough when I have seen be afraid to tell him that I had broken it."

Then there was silence for a time between the boys, during which the young Scout sat with wrinkled brows. He was thinking very deeply. He was determined that Mr. Ross must be told. He did not want to "sneak" on Roy, for whose weak and cowardly nature he was very sorry. Most other fellows, under such circumstances, would have simply given up talking about the matter as being none of their business, or because they had contempt for the coward who would not "own up." But Cyril had a different way of looking at things. He knew

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that Roy was not altogether to blame. It was the way he had been brought up that made him so weak. A boy who had lived in the open air would have been more strong for right and wrong. So, instead of forsaking his companion in his need, his every thought was how he should help him to do better.

Suddenly his face lit up with the light that comes when one has solved some difficult problem, and he turned to Roy, speaking in rapid, persuasive tones.

"See here, Ross! I suppose in one way it is none of my business, but in another way, since I know everything, it does not seem that I should be doing right if I kept a wrong thing secret. If - if you don't like to tell your father, will you let me do it? I think I know a way that it could be done without making him very angry with you."

In an instant Roy was full of delight. He had no objection to his father knowing the truth so long as he did not have to do the telling, and so long as he was not likely to have to bear any punishment for it.

"Oh, will you? You will be a brick if you do!" he exclaimed excitedly.

"Yes, I'll do it, and I think I can promise that Mr. Ross will say nothing to you about it if - if you'll make me a promise to do something for me in return," added Cyril.

Roy was quite reckless, now that he saw the possibility of punishment taken away from him.

"I will promise anything that you like," he agreed at once.

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HEADQUARTERS NOTICES: (Continued from Page 8.)

FRESH STOCKS.

The following articles are now available :- A/C/M & C/M Hat Badges @ 4/-; A/R/S/L, A/S/M, S/M, D/S/M and Commissioner Hat Badges @ 5/- each. (Please note that we have excluded R/S/L & G/S/M Hat badges as they are still out of stock) White Braid (For Patrol Leader Stripes) 6d. yard, Green Garters (Braid) 1/6 pair; Green (Woollen) & Red (Woollen) Garters 2/6 pair; White and Khaki Lanyards 9d. Whistles 1/9; Scouting for Boys (Boys Ed.) 2/6; (Please note that the Full Edition of Scouting for Boys is at present being reprinted.) There is also a large variety of Scout Literature in stock, as well as Washable Cub Patches @ 3d.

CAMPING GROUND.

There is very good camping ground available for properly organised P/F Scout Troops at Modderfontein Dynamite Factory. Intending Campers must notify H.O. of date of Camp, Scouter-in-Charge, and number likely to attend.

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ABOUT 55 SCOUTERS AND SCOUTS from the JHB West-Central District held a happy and profitable four-day Camp at Rustenburg during July. The routine of the camp followed the usual pattern. The training was elementary, mostly Tenderfoot and Second Class work. Only 3 or 4 boys already possessed the latter badge and so were able to proceed to First Class work.

GRASS HUT. Kim (Mr. Stephen Molapo) was in charge of all the training, the highlight of this was the building of a grass hut. There was a shortage of tents and this hut not only gave some of the Scouts a real piece of pioneering work, but accommodated a whole Patrol.

TWO TROOPS. The usual method was adopted of forming Camp Patrols with the "Marivate Disc System" of awards, but a new feature was tried out of dividing the six Patrols so formed, into two Troops. They were called the East Troop and the West Troop. So not only did the patrols compete against one another, but on occasions (such as Wide Games) the two troops became rivals.

Among the Scouters in camp were two young Scoutmasters, and each was given charge of one of these troops, and so had opportunity of practising troop management under the eyes of senior Scouters.

I think this system of two troops should be adopted in any District Camps where there are more than about 30 Scouts. It worked quite well in this case, and I commend the idea to the authorities of the Division, and to other D/P/S/C's.

GUESTS. Besides the various benefactors who called on us, Mr. Rees for instance visited us and gave a lecture on birds; Mr. Rametsi a School Teacher from Rustenburg brought three boys whom he hoped would form the nucleus of the new troop he hoped to start in the Location. They slept in Camp. We were very glad to be able to give this stimulus to Scouting in the area. He and his boys seemed very keen. We hope to hear that they have benefited by their first experience of Camp.

THANKS. Several pages could be filled with words of thanks to the many kind folk who helped us on our way. I will only mention two. The first is Mr. Ngema, proprietor of the Bantu Bus Service, who supplied a bus at a very generous rate. His bus had to travel to Rustenburg and back, twice, a total of 320 miles; yet he only charged us 5/- each! The other person is Miss Edwards, who allowed us to camp on her magnificent farm. Only last year her farm was nearly burnt out by careless fire-makers, so it was very trustful of her to take the risk of allowing boys to come making

WHO'S WHO

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IN SCOUTING

BY BRA SOLLY



Father V. Jenkins C.R. whose Jungle or Scout name is Rikki (the Mongoose who kills the snakes) joined the Scouts when he was 12. It was a School Troop in Bath. He managed to struggle through his Second Class in 18 months (he could tie knots and never could remember the Law, and the fire he lighted in his test was a poor smoky affair), and then went to another School, where there were no Scouts.

He joined the Oxford University Rover Crew when he was 25 and had to learn everything afresh. He continued Scouting in Nottingham after he was ordained, but when he joined the Community of the Resurrection he thought (how mistakenly) that he would nevermore wear a Scout badge! However while a Chaplain in the R.A.F. he joined a Rover Crew in Iraq (of all places) and even camped with that Crew near Baghdad.

During his six years in this country he has been mixed up in various Camps, Rallies and so on. He was an Akela in Sophiatown, and a Scoutmaster in Rosettenville, now he is again in Sophiatown as Commissioner. Also he is responsible for a good deal of the spelling and grammatical mistakes that are perpetrated quarterly in the Gazette, and regularly makes a nuisance of himself in the monthly meetings of the Divisional Council.

He holds the Akela Wood Badge, but hopes no Tenderpad will ask him to demonstrate the somersault, he is much too stiff! Although he holds no singing diploma, his most successful achievement is the teaching of the song "One finger, one thumb keep moving."

MOTAUNG P/S/M joined the Pathfinder Movement in 1933, when he was attending the WEST SPRINGS FULL GOSPEL SCHOOL. He was then a small fellow and thus a TREKKER. In 1934 he became a PATHFINDER of the 5th BRAKPAN TROOP. He was one of those fellows who were influenced with the love of PATHFINDING by CAPT. W.E. BARBER, MESSRS. MBAMBO, MASHABANE, MOLEKO, MOTLANG etc. etc. Joined the KILNERTON TRAINING INSTITUTION TROOP and held the rank of Troop Leader. When he left the Training Institution in 1944 he took over as A/P/S/M of the 2nd JOHANNESBURG TROOP. He was one of the Officers who took a Contingent of Pathfinder Scouts to East London via Alice, Fort Hare, Cradock (and there saw Divisional Commissioner Rev. Jas Calata) and finally St. Patrick's Priory Bloemfontein. He has taken his Troop on a sight-seeing tour of Pretoria. His Troop won the District Flag 2 years in succession, 1944 and 1945. He has quite recently camped at Meyerton, and intends taking the Troop to the STERK FONTEIN CAVES. Do you know why he does so well with boys? Let me tell you. He has a wonderful vocabulary of the Boys Language e.g. "KOMS TORCH" "Let's go", the language which in my opinion, should be known and studied by every Urban Scoutmaster, in order to go on well with his boys.

Mr. H.A. FYNES-CLINTON M.A. who was Scoutmaster and teacher of Bra Solly !! became a Scout when he went to a Boarding School at WORKSHOP COLLEGE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE - ENGLAND. He passed through all the tests, and at last became a First Class Scout with the much coveted ALL-ROUND CORDS. He held the rank of P/L and later T/L. After 7 years he had become a Rover, and used to go to annual Camps every summer. The most memorable time in his Scouting Life, it was when he and about 20 others from his Troop were selected to attend the World Jamboree at Arrowe Park Birkenhead, in 1929. It was there where he met about 50,000 Scouts from all over the World.

When he left school and went to the University, he joined the Cambridge University Rover Crew. In 1935 he attended a Scouters Training Course at Gilwell Park, near London. He was in the Cuckoo Patrol. His patrol was composed of fine fellows, who were winners in many competitions. He came to South Africa in 1937 and worked as A/S/M with the St. Andrew's School Troop in Bloemfontein.

In 1941 took over the Troop at Grace DIEU. That was his first introduction to PATHFINDER SCOUTS.

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cooking-fires etc. She gave us wood and water and further made us a present of two guineas to help towards refreshments at our final Camp Fire.

I will gladly write to her on behalf of any Troop or District wishing to camp at Rustenburg, and I will also give information about other helpful folk; shopkeepers and so on in the town.

MANY BOYS passed tests in the Second Class Badge, and on the last morning about 12 boys who had completed their Tenderfoot Tests in Camp were enrolled as Scouts.

We would dearly like to organise camps for more advanced Scouting, where Scouts may do mainly First Class and Badge work, but until more real scouting is done by Troops in their weekly meetings at home, and until Scouters improve their own proficiency this cannot be done.

V. JENKINS. C.R. D/P/S/C JHB West Central.

WHO'S WHO IN SCOUTING. Continued from Page 13.

Mr. H.A. FYNES-CLINTON

Camped with his Troop at KALKSPRUIT, MOLETSI and MASHASHANE. It was then that he completed the requirements for the WOODBADGE THEORY.

In 1945 went to KHAISO and took the rank of D/P/S/M after the death of TEACHER FRED. He also is Deputy Camp Chief.

Pack! Pack!! PACK!!! A call heard at all meetings of Wolf Cubs. And heard many times on Saturday morning 11th September on the Coronation Sports Ground, Pretoria.

Nearly 270 Cubs belonging to 9 Packs met for a Rally on this day to compete for a flag.

Such a competition should be regarded as a test of Cub Masters as well as a test of the boys. Normal small boys will always respond when they are properly led; so when one sees a particular Pack obedient, keen and with smart uniform, one concludes that they have a good Akela, and it is the Akela who must be congratulated.

In almost every respect these Pretoria Packs gave evidence of good leadership. Uniform was mostly good, and record books were excellent, proving that regular, well-attended meetings were being held. Various games showed that First and Second Star work was well up to standard.

ANY CRITICISMS?

Yes, Akela's do not always realise that their Packs must be divided into Sixes; each Six has a colour; there are White Cubs, also Red, Tawny, Black, Brown and Blue. Every Cub should wear a patch of the colour of his Six on his arm.

But what seemed most to be lacking was the JUNGLE ATMOSPHERE. Only two Packs attempted Jungle Dances, and few Akela's were able to tell Jungle stories. We must remember that Cubs need Romance, and for a Cub, ROMANCE BEGINS WITH THE JUNGLE.

FORGIVE ME PLEASE,

Pretoria Akela's, for telling the world about your faults. I also wish to tell the world that I was very pleased with what I saw, and that I believe that other Districts will profit if they read what I have written. I believe that your District is fairly representative of the Division, and that your excellences and failings are to be found elsewhere. I would be glad if other Districts would invite me to their Rallies, but I doubt if they could do better than you!

A SUPER GOOD TURN.

And that reminds me, I also want to tell the world of the deeds of some Cubs of the I Lady Selbourne Pack (the winning Pack of the Pretoria Rally). A few weeks ago preparations were being made at their Mission for a wedding. A large room had to be whitewashed. Three Cubs offered to do the work, and day after day they DID THEIR BEST, using all their spare time until the job was done. They were only Cubs, but we will say to them WOLF! WOLF!! WOLF!!!

FINALLY.

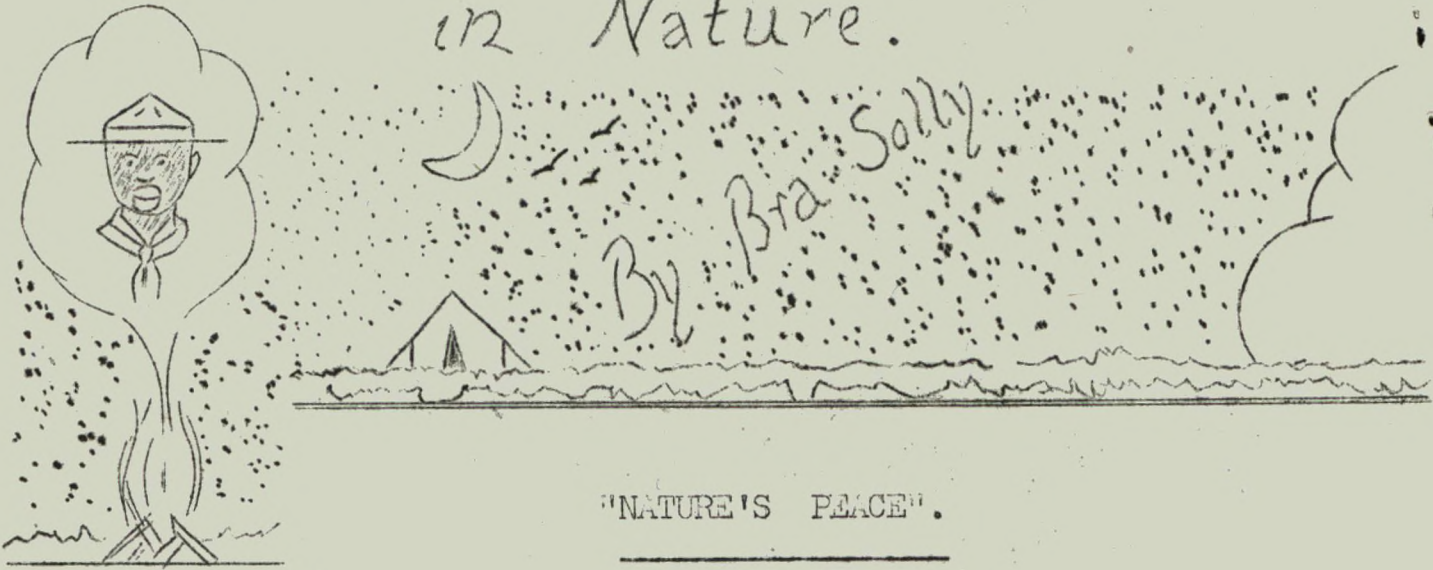
I promised in the last issue to describe Useful Articles that Cubs could make in the Second Star Test. I'm sorry, but I must leave that matter over to the next issue of the Gazette.

Good hunting to all.

RIKKI.

TENDERFOOT TETWAYO

finds Inspiration and "Life abundant"
in Nature.

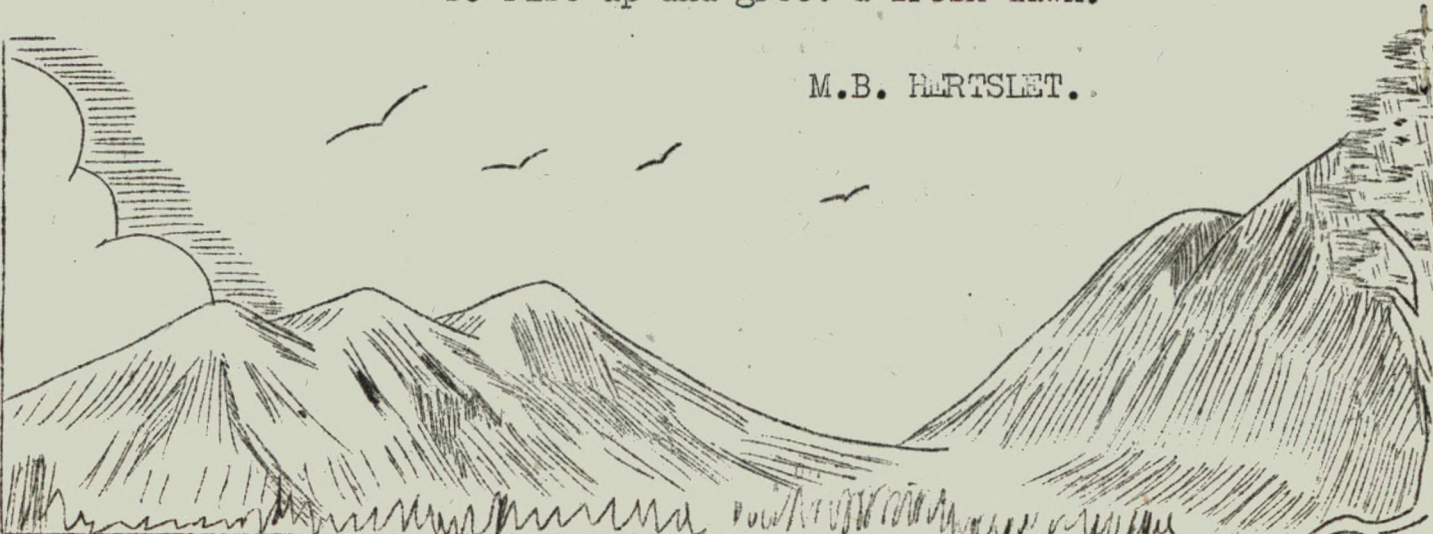


"NATURE'S PLACE".

In all the earth so wide and fair
if you should hope to find,
a kindred spirit, free from care,
just bear one thing in mind.
Whatever you do, wherever you go,
drink deep of Nature's fount,
roam over her hills, and valleys low,
partake of her glorious bounty.
A squirrel's frisk, a raindrop's patter,
a weaving brooklet's childish pratter,
a yellow, dew-filled buttercup;
the sheen on purple heliotrope:
Green fields in swaying motion,
the turtle-dove's tireless devotion,
a puff of cloud slowly drifting by,
a handful of stardust from the sky.

Drink deep of all these things,
'till life in you wells and springs;
and your heart is bursting with joy.
Leave man to his gold,
let Nature unfold her secrets to you;
Then return home refreshed in body and mind,
and shout to all who are bitter or blind;
Empty bubbles burst soon, in the heat of the
noon,
but a new life to-day is reborn,
so rise up and greet a fresh dawn.

M.B. HERTSLET..



BADEN POWELL'S GUILD OF OLD P/F SCOUTS

BY CAPT. W. E. BARBER.

At the last Transvaal Pathfinder Council Meeting the matter of how to form a Guild of Old Pathfinder Scouts was discussed.

For information of our readers I would like to bring to the notice of all officers of the movement that the objects of the Guild of Old Scouters are:-

- (a) To keep alive among its members the spirit of Scout Promise and Law.
- (b) To carry that spirit into the communities in which they live and work.
- (c) To give active support to the Pathfinder Scout movement as far as their other responsibilities will allow.

During the twentytwo years of Pathfinder Scouting no less than 20,000 people have received some Pathfinder Scout training and no doubt many look back on the Pathfinder days with thankfulness and happiness. Many no doubt have yearned to help, in some way, this movement, but up to date there has been no recognised way in which they might be employed.

Now there is a possibility of roping in many old Scouts under this new scheme. May I suggest that all officers of the movement try and find out the old Scouts in their vicinity, with their age and length of service with a troop. Whether they would be prepared to form a local group to discuss old times and if possible to help in some way to forward the movement.

I am prepared to open a register of all names submitted to me for a start. A quarterly letter will be issued in the Gazette giving numbers registered to date, also further information as to how to go ahead in organising a Guild.

The matter will be on the Agenda for the Scouters' Meeting to be held in Johannesburg on 20th November, 1948.

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