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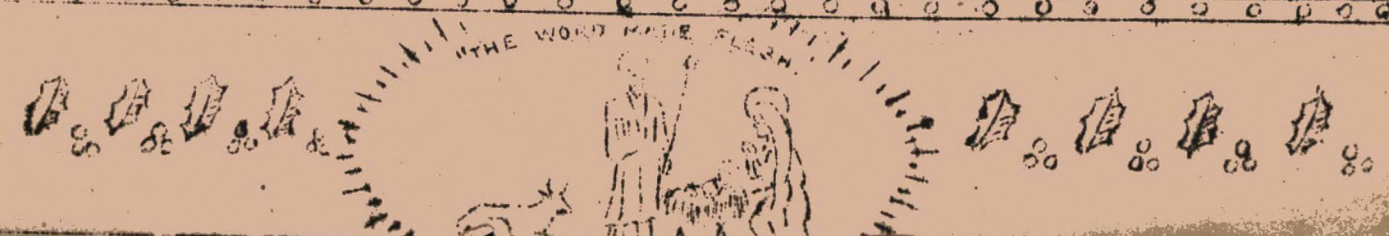


Sgt. H. M. ...

THE CAPTAIN W. E. BARBER.
Try the Scout's Xmas Smile.

Wishing you a Scouty Xmas & a
Prosperous New Year. (THE EDITORS)

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The Editors' Chat -

This is our motto and the Editorial Staff is today prompted to write briefly on this. Before doing so, however, we realise that this will be our last issue this year and the next, as you know, will be due at Easter 1945. So as Xmas is close at hand, we wish you all a really Happy Xmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Now one of the Joint editors and the Art editor made an arrangement over the present editorial and at the eleventh hour, unforeseen circumstances arose such that the man who least expected to write this editorial, found himself faced with this job; but, anyway, there are no excuses for a scout. The writer is here "prepared" to do his best and is also mindful of our Divisional's tip that he that excuseth himself accusedth himself. So in my present state of preparedness I have decided to write and challenge you to brace up yourselves a bit more.

(1) Looking through our back numbers, how many of us tried to contest in the competitions published in the Gazette? The Editors regret that the number of contestants as against our movement's membership in this Division, was negligible.

(2) How many appeals have been made through the Gazette for more contributions in the form of manuscripts for publication? What has been the response? The Editors regret that they cannot report favourably on this matter.

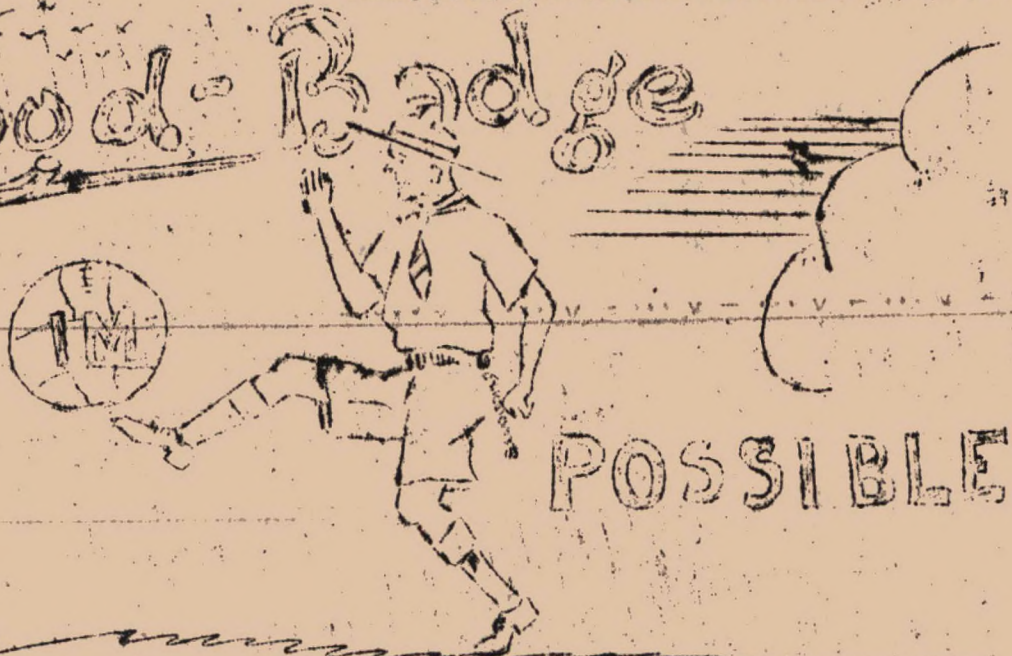
(3) Finally, when is the Students Page coming into being? These few illustrations, I hope, will make us feel - Cub, Scouts, Rover, Scouter and interested friend - we can do better than in the past and will definitely do better in the New Year.

Let us strive that our periodical on youth work should not only be as good as, or better than, but also be the best of any other.

So good Scouting and Good Hunting in the New Year.

XYZ.....

Wood-Badge



Scouter kick away "IM" and pass it.

FROM THE DIVISIONAL TO THE DIVISION.

THE HOLIDAYS. Most of you who read this will be looking forward to or already enjoying the Christmas holidays, for I suppose it is still true to say that the great majority of our Scouts and Scouters are in school either as teachers or scholars. I suppose that is inevitable but I wish it were possible for us to be able to get troops started that have nothing whatever to do with school-boys but rather with that great mass of Bantu youth which has no connection with any sort of organisation whatever, and which parades our streets at the week-ends in large gangs and carries out a great number of our Scout activities without knowing that that are Scout activities. They have all the making of keen Scout Troops if only the people to organise and train them were forthcoming. I know that many people in authority feel the same about this, but the beginning of it calls for men of character, courage and enthusiasm. What a fine thing it would be if some of our returned soldiers could be induced to tackle the problem. Those of us who are here already have as much as we had some twenty years or more ago.

What has all this got to do with holidays? Nothing, so far as I can see! I'm afraid I got carried away from what I was going to say by the reflection that we are doing so little work amongst those Africans who are not actually in school. Now to return to the subject of this paragraph as set out at the beginning of it! Circumstances seem to make it necessary that Scouting as such practically closes down during the holidays, unless some camp is being held. This is generally due to the absence of the officers, or their feeling perhaps that a holiday from school should also include a holiday from meeting any of the scholars as far as possible. But there is no reason why a patrol should not meet under its Patrol leader and carry on its good work - either at home or on some sort of expedition. For instance a patrol might make up its mind that every member should qualify for the same Proficiency Badge during the holiday so that it could be attached to the Patrol flag, or as a patrol some piece of work might be carried out, either for the Troop or for War funds or for some other purposes.

But however you spend your holiday I hope you will not forget the real reason for our observing Christmas as a holiday. You will always find some people who will think only of its secular side - who will tell you that Christmas customs are the remains of heathen rites dating long back before the time of Our Lord. That may be so, but I can't see that it makes the slightest difference to us who are Christmas and who are keeping the Birthday, not of a very good man, but of the Son of God who, on Christmas Day, out of love for us, "was born of the Virgin Mary". God's Christmas present to mankind was His Only Son, Jesus Christ. "God so loved..... that He gave." The expression of love must always show itself by a gift, a sacrifice, and so our love for God must also show itself in sacrifice - "by giving up ourselves to His service" as the Book of Common Prayer expresses it. It always seems to me that to keep Christmas Day without any act of religious worship, without any thought of Him Whose Birthday it is, is like observing somebody's Birthday at home by going to a party in someone else's house and carefully keeping away from the person whose birthday it is. A good Scout is not only good at tying knots, and lighting fires, he is also good at his religion - at his prayers, his Church services, his Bible

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

Many people think that God has betrayed the world by not keeping His promises, but the fact is that people have not really known what His promise were. It is true that the Christmas message talks about "Peace on earth and goodwill amongst men" and that it is difficult to see those things in the world today. But that is only part of the message - and not the first part either. First of all, men must give "Glory to God in the Highest". That is they must put God first in their lives, God's glory, God's will, God's standards; as far as possible they must have "the Mind of Christ". And they have given God His due, the rest follows automatically - When I have God's love in my heart there will be peace and goodwill there too.

When mankind has learned to live in God's way the world, too, will be living in God's way. But God must come first.

There lies the danger in all the Plans for "Post-war planning" and suchlike conferences, committees, discussions, conventions, and whatnot. Very few of them take any cognizance at all of spiritual values and therein is their weakness. "Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it." Good houses, sufficient wages, plenty of recreation and leisure, freedom from want and fear are all very desirable but of themselves they do not make good men and women. They have not done so in the past and there is no reason to suppose that they will do so in the future. Indeed, there is a very strong probability that comfort and ease will make it easier for man to turn away from God and so from good. Our Lord did not say that it was impossible for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he did say it was difficult. This does not mean that we should be content to let people live poverty, sickness and want, but rather that we should not only concentrate upon their physical and mental needs but should give first place to the spiritual. "Seek ye, first, His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." It is not often that I write in this strain and I make no apology for doing so now. We believe that we are standing upon the threshold of the year of Peace - certainly so far as the European conflict is concerned - and we, as members of a Youth Movement which in the past has had great influence throughout the civilised world, must be clear in our thinking so that as opportunity affords we may pull our weight in the tug-of-war between the secular and spiritual forces. The Christmas message is as apt today as it was when first uttered by the Holy Angels but it needs to be repeated over and over again if this great country of ours is not to lose its opportunity of becoming part of the Kingdom of God on earth. There is so much in it that is wrong and unjust and un-Christian and we cannot stand by and just leave it to others to put right.

CAPTAIN FLEISCHER. We welcome back to the Scout Office (European section)

Capt. Kenneth Fleischer, who for the past three years has been serving in the Union Defence Forces. He showed that he had not lost his interest in our Movement by very kindly deputising for me at very short notice when the Final Competitions for the Reef Trophy were being held on the Dantu Sports Ground on November 18th. It was a great disappointment to me that I could not be present. I had intended to be there and was actually in uniform ready to start but my doctor came upon the scene and sent me to bed instead! And that was that! I do not know who won the Trophy but no doubt that information will appear in another part of the "GAZETTE". Whichever Troop it was I should like to offer my warm congratulations for I am sure that it must have been a keen struggle. I hope that the Troops who ought to have won the Trophy and unfortunately did not do so will not be too discouraged but will do their best to make sure of the Trophy next year.

MR. MARIVATE. I am glad to say that Mr. Marivate has now quite recovered from his illness and soon got down to hard work again on his return from the Hospital. During his absence Mr. Holgado carried a double load, and from all accounts he did so as ably as did Mr. Marivate that both will keep well for 1945!

It is the Editors' hope that this "GAZETTE" will be published in good time for Christmas and so I should take this opportunity of expressing my very sincere thanks to our H.Q. staff and all our Scouters in the Division for another year's fine and encouraging work, and may you all have a really good holiday in the best sense of the term, with a New Year full of happiness, Peace Celebrations and the best of all possible years for Scouting. That goes for all the Pathfinder Scouts, too, of course!

Your old friend

THE DIVISIONAL.

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

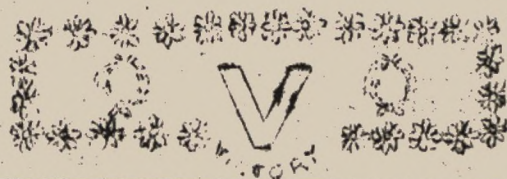
It has been our custom to see during the year that the prices charged for goods supplied to you are as reasonable as possible you can rest assured that, nothing will be charged a penny extra if it has no business to be.

I would like to express on behalf of the Headquarters my sincere thanks to all Scouters and Scouts for having been so patient and hope they will be as patient next year, since I cannot reply to letters the day they are received and often you have to wait a long time.

Wishing you all happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Yours fraternally,

J.G. MODIESELLE.



JACK AND JOHN.

"The end of term is drawing nigh,"

Said Jack to John with drooping sigh.

"This maths, my friend, may seek the moon;

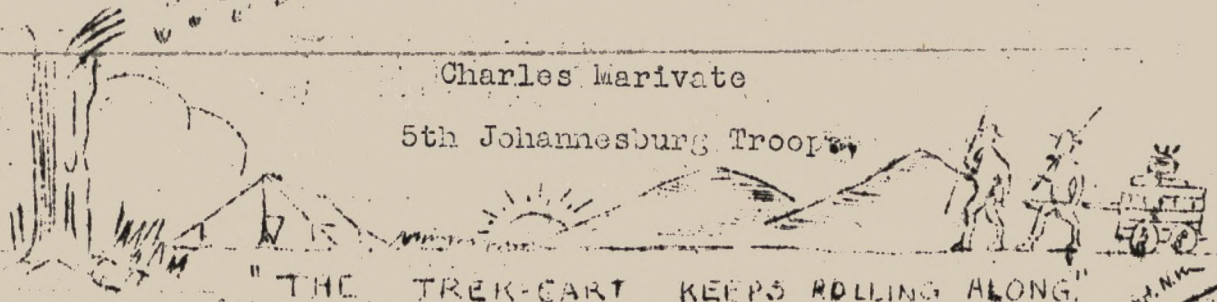
I'm glad we shall be closing soon."

Perhaps Jack's anticipations have by now materialised, and no doubt many of us find the holidays very pleasant and refreshing. Yet, however, there are a few who may be finding life not so pleasant owing, perhaps, to their anxiety over the past external examinations. To them my advice is: that we should endeavour to forget, for brooding over the matter only aggravates the situation and does not make the results any better. If the results should turn out to be against us, we should remember the eighth Scout Law and bear our fate like brave men. We should not falsely blame scouting (as many have been known to do) for this destroys the scouting spirit and boys who come after are apt to regard scouting as something that wastes time, and not as something instructive and affording recreation. This spirit is particularly apparent in Colleges and Secondary Schools and much should be done to eradicate out of the boy's minds.

Let us all join hands in building of the Scout Movement and help to bring about a better African Youth.

Charles Marivate

5th Johannesburg Troop



"THE TREK-CART KEEPS ROLLING ALONG."

THE PATHFINDER SCOUTS DEMONSTRATION AT MESSINA.

Messrs O.I. Miyen and D.S. Mpapele spent a very busy weekend giving a Demonstration at Messina. They took with them Mr Mpapele's boys of the 1st and 2nd Elim troops, on Friday 5th August. At Messina we were received by many cheering school boys and girls who were at the station to meet and who had brought with them all their teachers, and many of their parents, who also came to meet us.

The next day they were received at the Compound Office by Major John, who expressed a wish that Pathfinder Scouting be started in his location.

The Native Commissioner and the S.A.P at Messina lent me one of their South African flags to use for the duration of the camp.

A Wayfarer Leader.

Mr. Miyen describes how Mr. Rulet said that Wayfaring was also needed there. In replying, it seems that Miyen made what promises he could about providing for the girls in the way - anyhow it appears that the girls at once concluded that Mr. Miyen himself was to be their leader. We hope he will not find himself unfilled for the task, if he did at the time he thought better off if afterwards for we learn that on arriving home he at once to interview his local Wayfarer Superintendent. We think he was wise! I invited Mr. Rulet the European Scoutmaster, to come and assist me in talking to the people in the location with the teachers and school boys and girls. He and Mr. Mpapele dropped many encouraging bombs on Pathfinder Scouting, and fittingly endorsed my speech. Mr Rulet promised before the people that because of my keenness to help Messina boys, he would try and do all I should ask him to do to help me at this work at Messina.

Help from Europeans: We are glad to note that Europeans as well as Africans contributed towards the demonstration camp. The former expressed themselves eager to sponsor a Pathfinder Troop.

So encouraged was Mr. Miyen with his experiences that he re-visited Messina in September.

"I shall not stop" he says "until I can get Messina on the move." BROVO! Mr. Miyen we hope other Scoutmasters will follow your example and run demonstrations to foster Scouting in their neighbourhoods. The following morning was Monday 6th August 1944 the day we took our train for Louis Trichardt, and Mr. D.C. Marivate witnessed our grand arrival at Elim. Messina is a town like all others, then, it is very difficult to start, even if the teachers like to do so. The Poor boys are very keen and eager to start, but they have no leader yet, and yet some of these teachers were trained as Pathfinder Scouts when they were students.

THE ROVER MANAGES HIS BOAT.



A Tenderfoot in Zululand.

(With Acknowledgement to K. Marshall)

"Only one what?" asked Obit who could see that Fagazi was uneasy and almost frightened. "One buffalo, all by himself, child," said Fagazi, as if it was as extraordinary a thing as a flying hippo. "Only one and his feet are nearly twice as big as they should be!" Buffalo never walk by themselves - they are too clever. They travel like a small band of warriors with scouts on every side. No child, Fagazi Boutelizi is afraid of no animal, but this is a magic buffalo and magic is to be respected.

For a moment, OBIT felt something of Fagazi's fear of the "Mtakati".

"Obit will you go with me or shall I go alone?"

Poor Obit did not answer for a moment and his face turned from black to grey. "Obit won't leave you," he said at last in a shaky whisper, then licked his lips as if they were dry and said: "Please let us turn back, please".

"Then I must go alone" said Fagazi, shouldering his rifle.

"It is good, Fagazi, Obit will go with you".

When Obit made up his mind to stick to Fagazi, he seemed to have overcome most of his fear. He ran like a little black animal through the bush and soon found a foot-print. When he knelt down to inspect it his eyes were big, and he touched it with one finger as if to make sure it was real. Once again he felt creepy as he gazed at a clearly cut foot-print that, although the shape of a cow's hoof, was the size of a very large soup-plate.

"He must be a fine beast, we must shoot him and take his horns", said Fagazi in a calm voice to show Obit he was not afraid.

They easily followed the blundering trail. In places the raving beast had split small trees with its horns, and wantonly smashed bushes. Obit knew from the state of the broken bushes and other signs that it had passed there the previous evening.

As the sun got low, they came to a circular patch in the bush, ten paces across, where the ground was churned up and scarcely a stick was unbroken. Fagazi examined the place carefully.

"He was very cross" he said "and smashed everything up; then he rested till after the middle of the night. Let us go on; I now want to see this mad buffalo".

By Miranda Rustica

THE WOLF CUB

Abstracted in deep thoughts.

"Man se Broer !! Angazi
 come Ku Doly ukuthi
 umuntu abatho ama-Chandi
 ayakubona u-Akela igandaba
 YE SECOND-STAR - Ngathi
 mina kUMMOT" Doly !!!



A Tale from Zululand by K. Marshall

REPORT ON CENTRAL JOHANNESBURG DISTRICT RALLY.
HELD ON 28TH OCTOBER 1944.

When I got to George Goch in the morning on the 28th of October 1944 I did not think that there was anything doing. There were about two or three groups of very few boys with nothing to do, as I thought, but when I came nearer I noticed that they were being examined by Mr. Mokgako Father Winter and Mr. Rees I joined in the examination of some of the boys also.

I discovered later on that some of the boys had gone out on a trail set by P/S/M Legae of Alberton I understood afterwards that this trail was laid with riddles and transcription of messages written in Semaphore characters - a bit too difficult for the boys - but well attempted.

The results on the First Aid Work, conducted by Mr. J.P. Rees showed a great improvement on last years rally, the standard was high.

Mr. Mokgako who tested signalling reported that the standard was good - George Goch especially, was excelling in this tests. Fr. Winter reported that the boys were good at law but very poor in Compass work. Nearly all the boys I tested in pioneering knew the square lashing but were poor in diagonal lashing.

Capt. Barber reported that all the boys were very neat in their uniforms with the exception of George Goch Troop which did not appear too tidy. Albert Street Troop was excelling save that the Scoutmaster had no hat on while on parade.

The following were the members:- St. Peter's 9, George Goch 22, Albert Street 30 and Alberton 16. Total 77.

Officers present were:- Capt. W.E. Barber, Mr. J.P. Rees, Fr. A Winter, C.R., Fr. Jenkins, C.R., P/S/Ms, Theo Marawu and P. Legae. AP.S.Ms, Tshabalala and R. Motaung Messrs J. Modiselle, N.S. Mokgako, and D.C. Marivate. Total 12.

After all the tests were over and Mrs Barber provided lunch for all the boys, which consisted of bread, buns, scones, Jam, oranges and tea in such quantities that, however, much the boys ate they could not finish.

The Officers were entertained at Capt. Barber's house for lunch and at tea. Everything was excellent and all in large quantities. In Zulu we say "Sa dlha sayi buka!" We ate until we looked on. Having no room to eat any more.

After lunch we marched round the location with the Alberton troop Band leading the procession. This of course was the climax of the Rally. There was plenty of joy in the whole location. The band was excellent thanks to Mr. Legae who agreed to come over to crown this rally. Thanks also to Capt. Barber who paid for all the 16 boys plus their master the trainfare from Alberton to George Goch and back.

The procession then marched into the hall to hear the speeches given by Fr. Winter the D/P/S/C and Capt. Barber the Superintendent of the location.

Each troop gave a yell and a song after which Capt. Barber presented the Trophy to the winning troop namely the 2nd Johannesburg. After a vote of thanks by Mr. Mokgako the Rally closed with the singing of the African National Anthem.

Remarks: I think that this year the Central Johannesburg Rally put up a much better show than the previous one, as I remarked somewhere in this report the standard of the work was high, the appearance of the boys was creditable, the parents were interested and the weather was favourable although we had a bit of a shower during lunch time.

The Officers of these three troops must be congratulated for the trouble they took in preparing their boys. Above all we thank Mr Rees, Capt. Barber and Fr. Winter who, in spite of the many duties they have at their own homes, still found time to give to come and take part in testing the boys. To them we say in Sesotho "Le ka Moso" which means "Even tomorrow do the same."

D.C. Marivate.
 Organiser.

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"I SHALL DO MY ^{BEST,} I SHALL BE PREPARED AND
I SHALL SERVE" (An extract from Capt.
W.E. Barber's speech delivered in Evaton
when the Evaton-Vereeniging District had
its Competitive Rally.)

By the Late D/P/S/M. Sol. N. Magambalala.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE POST-WAR PLANNING OF SOCIAL WELFARE WORK.

A big title indeed, but then, a big task was undertaken by this conference which was held at the Witwatersrand University from the 25th to the 29th September, 1944.

It was attended by about 15,00 delegates representing Universities and Social Welfare bodies of all kinds.

Among these were Mr. Mokgako and myself, representing the Pathfinder Scouts Association.

A several distinguished men were present including the Prime Minister; whose presence gave us the hope that since the countries leaders were taking interest in the matter we had come to discuss, our findings would not merely end in talk. What then did we discuss? Many things.

DISCUSSIONS:

"Some Special Problems of Non-European Welfare Work in Rural Areas"

Chairman G.H. Randall, and opening speaker Revd. T.C. Esterhuisen speaking alternately in English and Afrikaans. Revd. Esterhuisen said natives and coloured should be allowed to enjoy privilege and our European population should not be irritated. He continued by saying wages, housing, education should be provided, so as to acquire better life amongst our Non-European in the Rural Areas.

The second speaker Dr. Wollheim, Principal, W.T. Welsh High School for Natives, Esat London stressed that something should be done to uplift the Non-European in the Rural Areas. Food, Clothes Education and better provision of housing should be made as well as better living wages be paid. He said the moving of non-European from the Reserves is due to lack of proper living and they are forced to live in Urban Areas so as to secure better living. In the afternoon visits were made to Western Native Township Child Welfare Clinic, Talitha Home and at Ekutuleni Sophiatown.

Treatment of Non-European Delinquency and Crime.

Speakers on this subject were Mr. Paton, Principal, Diepkloof Reformatory who emphasized that 80 per cent or more of the available funds should be allocated to "indirect preventive" measures - education family Allowances housing, Community centres and recreational facilities, and also said that to this should be added the removal of some of the restrictions on native labours with consequent higher wages and expanded market. Direct preventive measures should include the appointment of Non-European police and probationer officers and direct curative measures should comprise a prison and reformatories training Institutions, compulsory labour centres, experimental prisons for amonables, hostels and reformatories.

And the second the speaker Mr. Lewin Lectured in Native Law and administration at the University of the Witwatersrand and the University Lawyer in his speech said that better-trained men were needed for for dealing with criminals. The police had notoriously failed to attract to their ordinary ranks such men as would enjoy the respect and confidence of the public as the Hoal Report had expressed it. He also said that the police relations with non-Europeans were deeply embittered. They had antagonised the whole native community and, consequently received no help when they tried to enforce the criminal law.

Mr. Lewin said that the same observations applied to most probation Officers, Prison Warders were ill chosen, poorly paid and untrained for the daily exercise of their terrible power over defenceless men. The first steps in a plan of research would be to organise crime surveys of such areas as the Rand and the Cape Peninsula. No University in South Africa had yet given organised attention to the study of criminal Justice.

On the fifth day of the Social Conference, a message was read from the Officer Administering the Government, the Rt. Hon. N.J. de Wit, K.C. who expressed his great regret that he was unable to open the conference.

"My good wishes and interest have, however, been with you throughout its duration" he said.

"The enthusiastic response with which the calling of this conference was met bears testimony to the fact that our peoples are sharing in that world-wide experience - awakening of a social conscience. No longer do we ask "Am I my brother's keeper?" vast numbers now feel a personal responsibility for the discussions which must shape our Post - War plans for social Welfare."

The Group discussions covered a very wide range and explored almost every aspect of this subject. It was inevitable that what involved would affect future policy in welfare work and that it would therefore be given shape and direction.

"I wish to congratulate those responsible on the public spirit which inspired them to call this this conference, and on the efficiency with which they have organised it.

The conference then terminated, but visits were made after lunch to Ezenzeloni, Magret Ballinger Home and Kutloanong Deaf and Dumb Institutions where we were all shown very interesting things that were made by the Blind African Students such as provision baskets. They were so wonderfully done that I had to buy one for my wife.

I must say in conclusion that we all enjoyed the conference and trips that we took with great happiness.

Your friend,

J.G. MODISELLE
ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL SECRETARY.

***** A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS *****

A man who had been away from our little Village came to us the other day. He left in 1959 for Egypt when he went off to war; he even reached Palestine and finally Crete "on service" all the time. He has now been demobilised out of the Army, and has come back to live in peace in his old home again at Grootvlei.

He said that after a few days there he found that a great change had come over the boys of the neighbourhood. Whenever they met him they looked him in the face - with a smile and said, "Good morning".

Well that seems a very small matter but before the war they had behaved differently. Generally they sneaked past looking afraid of him, and probably if there were two or three together they would after having got a safe distance away, mock him with senseless laughter or shout "Where did you get that hat and stick?" or something equally silly or worse. He was really surprised at the improvement he saw. He felt that possibly it was because he had been fighting at the front. But though it was partly that, he soon found out that the real reason was because they had now become boy scouts. They not only honoured a man who had fought for them, but they were men themselves in their ideas: a manly fellow is courteous where a "silly ass" is only rude.

This particular soldier who used to hate boys, now sees that there is real jolly good stuff in them when they are given the chance to show it - and he wants to join the movement but unluckily the School has closed down and the Scoutmaster has left the place.

I hope that all the Scouts will remain courteous.

Phil - E.D. Mashinini
P.L. Lions Grace Dieu.

C H I L D R E N ' S D A Y

Anniversary 1944.

Fortunately the weather clock behaved itself on the occasion of this anniversary which took place on 4th November, 1944 at the Wanderers Grounds, Johannesburg from 10 A.M.. The day was bright and clear. A quota of 200 Pathfinder Scouts and cubs was drawn from our Association. Among the other youth organisations present were the Boys Clubs, Salvation Army, St. John's Ambulance, Red Cross, Girls Clubs, Wayfarer-Guides and Girl Wayfarers.

There were separate competitive contests held on the same day on separate portions of the grounds for European and Non-European children, and although this may not be ideal yet it is a much welcome small approach to the spirit of the scout Law on Friendliness.

The programme was very interesting. Representing us in the competitive items were 12 cubs in the 100 yards flat race, Potato race and Three Legged race for the "under 12 years age" group. In the "12 - 15 years age" group were 24 Scouts taking part in the 80 yards flat race, Three Legged race, Wheelbarrow race, 220 yards Shuttle Relay race and Tug of War (800 lb weight). In the "15 - 18 years age" group were also 24 Scouts contesting the 100 yards flat race, Potato race, Wheelbarrow race 220 yards Shuttle Relay race and Tug of War (1200 lb weight).

A separate "band Competition" for the non-European children was a novelty this year. We entered three bands in this section from Boksburg Brakpan and Alberton. Their inspection by Inspector Bradley, Bandmaster South African Police Band, was most impressive. Their turn out was exemplary and our parade in general was smart. The sight of the clean, tidy uniforms and wavering flags in the march past was praise-worthy of our Association. The day's highlight, however, was a display of Physical Training by 60 details of the P.T. Battalion. These boys displayed a very enviable standard of healthiness, and I think the Scouts who were there must have learned more what it means when it is said that camp is no place for a sick boy.

Before closing this article I suppose I should mention how we did in the competitions. I am afraid, this year, unlike last year, we lost badly due, to my mind, to no fault of the boys, but the selectors of the teams. Anyway, the Brakpan Band won a beautiful trophy and that is all we earned this year. Hope for better luck next time. We must extend a "Big Thank you" to the Children's Day Organising Committee for providing each child free of charge with a doughnut, 1 ice cream, 1 meat pie and an orange for lunch. Insufficient though this may have been, we have nonetheless to be thankful for half a loaf of bread than none.

The day ended happily at 4.15 P.M. to the beating of drums and the music of the bugles, with the flags wavering in the air in a spirit of great cheerfulness and a long procession of Scouts Cubs etc., following at a smart step. Many african parents also attended which spoke very well for the interest of our people have in their Youth activities.

N.S. Mokgako.
ORGANISER.

SCOUTS PUT ON UNIFORM TO WELCOME THE ARMIES OF
LIBERATION.

An American Soldier somewhere in France, when talking to a young French-man, noticed that he wore an English Scout belt, and was told that he got it as a swap at the World Jamboree in Holland in 1937.

The Scout uniform was, of course, forbidden by the Nazis, but the American noticed that as soon as the Germans were chased out of a place, the boys put on their Scout uniforms to welcome them. Although many of its leaders were arrested, the Scout Movement carried on, with uniform, during the four years of German occupation.

THE BOY SCOUT TAKES THREE GERMAN PRISONERS.

When a certain town in Belgium had been purged of the Germans a Troop of Boy Scouts was invited to help with the work of cleaning up.

One Scout, armed with a big broom, set vigorously to work. In a dark recess of a room in a building that had been occupied by Germans he wielded his broom, banking against the door-posts and doors in his enthusiasm. In the process he banked noisily on the door of a cupboard - which opened cautiously - and through the aperture appeared an arm offering a revolver, held by the muzzle, and presenting the butt for acceptance. Calling loudly for support, the Scout tore open the door, and out stepped three German Soldiers, hands in air.

Thus the Scout had secured three prisoners. His "great feat of arms" had been brought about through the blows of his broom which had been taken for a summons to surrender.

13 year old Scout Saves Two Lives.

Sea Scout Anthony Keenan is 13, and he has just been awarded the highest decoration for gallantry - the Scout Bronze Cross.

Sea Scout Keenan was in camp with his Troop - the 5th Lancaster Sea Scout Troop - at Grange-over-Sands, Lancs. Whilst tea was being prepared a scream was heard from the direction of the river.

Sea Scout Keenan, rushing to the bank of the river, which is tidal, saw a girl in difficulties. The water at the spot is 17 feet deep. The boy dived in and swam to her aid. Turning her on to her back, Keenan began swimming back to shore, but the girl's frantic struggles several times took the Scout under water. To add to the confusion the girl's friend swam out to their assistance, but she, too, began struggling and made things more difficult for Keenan. In spite of this the young Scout held up both of them and was close enough to the shore by the time the Scoutmaster arrived to pull all three out of the water. Artificial respiration and first Aid were then successfully applied.

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While boating on the canal at Cabus, Lancs., Sea Scouts of the 2nd Garstang Troop heard the moaning of a cow which had got into difficulties at a watering hole. With ropes they dragged the cow to firmer ground.

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