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OUR CHIEF SCOUT COMMISSIONER
IN RUSTENBURG

On the 3rd July Archdeacon S.P. Woodfield, our Chief Scout Commissioner for African Scouts was given a rousing and hearty welcome by the Rustenburg Location Scout Troops. A grand guard of honour gave him the dignified entry into the Location school yard. The pomp of the bugles and drums with colourful flags soon brought the parents to the spot of parade.

Apart from a welcome a demonstration was made as display of a model full parade. Mr. D.C. Mogotsi and Archdeacon Woodfield addressed the gathering and parade; assisted by Mr. Edwin Mabiletsa, S/M 1st Rhenosterkraal, as Tswana interpreter. At the Investiture Simon Molife was enrolled in the Tenderfoots by Mr. Mogotsi and Abram Letlole presented by Ramakenjane as a Rover Scout. Parade was opened with hymns and prayers.

Sidney L. Rametsi,
G.S. Master.

BOB-A-JOB

Bob-a-Job Week, 1954: First Report

The receipts from our Bob-a-Job Week held from 27th March to 3rd April now total £1,254. 4. ld. It is expected that the final figure will be a little more than this. Several troops have still not returned blank cards or paid in what they earned. Some groups have sent in cash but no cards, or only a few cards.

Will defaulters please get square with Divisional Headquarters at once. The matter is now considerably overdue and it is no empty threat that those who do not heed this request will be exposed through this Newsletter and have severe disciplinary measures taken against them. We also hope to give a report of the individual three boys who raised the highest amount in their respective groups.

Here follows an analysis of the job cards as far as it is available:-

Group	Cards	Used	Blank	Cards	Missing	Group Strength	Amount		
	ex H.Q.	Cards	Cards	with no Cash	Cards		£	s	d
1st Alexandra (Anglican)	1	42		4	1	32	32	0	3
2nd Alexandra (Lutheran)	650 for whole district	53	4	-	256 for whole district	32	57	13	0
3rd Alexandra (Methodist)		80	-	-		32	50	0	3
4th Alexandra (Swiss Mission)		24	22	2		60	6	17	6
5th Alexandra (Central Senior School)		40	-	1		115	24	7	6
8th Alexandra (Catholic)		59	-	2		22	46	13	3
10th Alexandra (Presbyterian)	1	60	1	-	1	32	51	10	0
1st Alberton (Methodist)	50	43	-	3	4	68	12	14	3
1st Germiston (Anglican)	60	8	40	9	3	32	1	3	0
2nd Boksburg (Community School)	25	15	-	5	5	32	8	2	7
4th Boksburg (Public School)	115	86	-	-	29	80	10	6	7
1st Brakpan (Amalgamated School)	50	24	9	13	4	32	4	16	0
1st Geduld (Anglican)	30	18	-	7	5	30	4	10	9
1st Springs (Anglican)	60	23	10	16	11	38	9	8	3
2nd Springs (Methodist)	110	12	52	6	40	62	1	15	9
4th Springs (Catholic)	60	12	38	1	9	70	5	1	6
1st Delmas (Methodist)	55	15	32	1	7	30	8	0	0
1st Nigel (Amalgamated)	70	52	5	4	9	84	11	2	0
2nd Heidelberg (Anglican)	3	3	-	-	-	12		3	0
3rd Heidelberg (Catholic)	20	12	2	3	3	18	3	4	0
1st J'burg Troop (Anglican)	155	67	8	3	19	32	58	16	6
1st J'burg Pack (Anglican)		48	-	10		32	25	0	2
2nd J'burg (Methodist)		60	9	7		88	42	13	7
1st Crown Reef (Anglican)	210	37	55	1	41	44	30	4	10

Group	Cards	Used	Blank	Cards	Missing	Group	Amount		
	ex H.Q.	Cards	Cards	with no Cash	Cards		Strength	£	s
1st W. Native Township (American Board)	65	38	13	-	14	36	16	9	7
2nd W. Native Township (Methodist)	100	24	-	1	75	40	17	16	9
2nd Sophiatown (Lutheran)	55	33	1	-	21	36	7	0	7
1st Pilansberg (Amalgamated)	20	15	4	-	1	26	2	2	0
1st Bophelong (Public School)	40	31	-	5	4	80	21	17	7
2nd Vereeniging (Anglican)	164	113	22	23	6	94	33	16	3
3rd Vereeniging (Public School)	80	68	-	9	3	150	8	3	6
7th Vereeniging (Presbyterian)	86	70	8	8	-	40	8	17	4
3rd Evaton (Anglican)	50	40	8	-	2	70	4	7	0
1st New Ermelo (Amalgamated)	50	26	11	7	6	30	5	4	0
1st Davel (Donation)	-	-	-	-	-	-		11	0
1st Wolmaransstad (D.R.C.)	30	20	-	8	2	54	5	3	0
1st Potchefstroom (Catholic)	50	16	23	9	2	100	3	12	6
1st Klerksdorp (Amalgamated)	60	59	-	-	1	92	27	9	3
1st Orkney	10	10	-	-	-	38	7	6	4
2nd Orlando (Methodist)	28	26	-	-	2	32	11	4	10
3rd Orlando (Bantu Methodist)	60	37	20	-	3	88	6	10	5
7th Orlando (Anglican)	40	40	-	-	-	32	4	3	0
8th Orlando (American Board)	40	37	-	-	3	32	7	2	0
9th Orlando (Anglican)	24	20	-	-	4	40	7	2	0
12th Orlando Troop (Anglican)	28	14	14	-	-	24	6	12	0
12th Orlando Pack (Anglican)	28	7	18	-	3	20	1	14	10
13th Orlando (Anglican)	13	11	1	-	1	13	9	0	0
1st Moroka (Methodist)	40	39	-	-	1	32	13	4	10

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2nd Pimville (Catholic)	40	40	-	-	-	32	6	4	0
3rd Pimville (Public School)	40	40	-	-	-	48	1	16	5
1st Kliptown (Public School)	25	21	-	-	4	22	6	13	1
1st Robinson (Anglican)	40	36	-	-	4	43	13	1	6
1st Lewisham (Anglican)	30	30	-	-	-	30	3	18	0
4th Roodepoort (Catholic)	40	19	-	-	21	70	4	2	6
5th Roodepoort (Swedish Mission)	3	3	-	-	-	31	1	1	0
2nd Randfontein (Methodist)	40	39	-	-	1	60	8	10	0

The following groups have sent cash but no cards. These cards must be sent to Headquarters.

6th Alexandra (Bantu Skeen)	District share					32	18	10	3
4th Benoni (Catholic)	}	340				24	27	0	0
5th Benoni (Apex Shelters)						16	4	15	0
3rd J'burg (Methodist)		40				26	10	16	8
1st Sophiatown (Methodist)		120				80	32	2	0
1st Rustenburg (Amalgamated)		100				96	8	5	4

The 3rd Johannesburg Group reports that all cards have been lost. This matter will be investigated further.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"The best form of instruction of all for a scoutmaster to give is by force of example".

B.P.

THE DIVISIONAL VISITS

As the title suggests, the Divisional Commissioner, Mr. C.N. Wallace, M.B.E., is very keen to attend district affairs. Last May he motored some 150 miles to Rustenburg from Johannesburg to introduce the new District Commissioner for Rustenburg, Mr. J. Wratten, to the scouters and to encourage them to keep on keeping on at the noble game of scouting.

The meeting, which had been well advertised, would have been well attended but, unfortunately, many teachers, most of whom are our scouters, had to attend another meeting at the same venue and time which had been called by the Circuit Inspector of Native Schools. However, like true scouts, this factor did not dampen enthusiasm. The day's business was tackled with gusto in the open air behind the spot where the Divisional's and the District Commissioner's cars were parked. Mr. Wratten was warmly welcomed to his office and given the assured support and loyalty of every scouter.

Present were the following: Mr. G.A.P. Mphenyeke, D/C West Rand, and Neb. S. Mokgako, who accompanied the Divisional from Johannesburg; Mr. A.M.I. Rabaji, Principal at Silverkrans School; Mr. D.W. Nthathe, Principal, Lekgatle II School, and his Assistant Teacher, Mr. P.H.M. Mahlaela; Messrs. E. Tshupe, R. Molotsi and B. Mokoka of Tweelaagte School at Tumaskop; Mr. E.L.E. Sedumedi of Platinum Native School, Rustenburg and Mr. K.J. Segoe of Chaneng School, Rustenburg.

1ST PIETERSBURG ANNUAL TROOP CAMP

The 1st Pietersburg Troop, which is sponsored by the Diocesan Training College, Pietersburg, held its annual camp in the Moloto Central School at Moletsie Village, 12 miles north of the College, from 27th to 31st May, 1954.

Scout Organizer Neb. S. Mokgako, who had been asked to organize the camp, struck some good buck in the postponement of the Preliminary Course for Troop Officers to have been held at the same time at Roodepoort West where, amongst others, Messrs. G.A.P. Mphenyeke and E.J. Montwedi, were to be on the training staff. These two officers decided to join the Pietersburg Camp and accompanied the Scout Organizer by car from Johannesburg and shared petrol expenses with him. This "true scout" gesture has been highly appreciated by Divisional Headquarters, the Chief Scout's Commissioner, the Venerable Archdeacon S.P. Woodfield, M.A., who is Principal of the College, the troop itself and, of course, the Organizer himself.

There were 24 trainees in camp drawn from the students in the secondary school and teacher training institution and boys in the practising school, which three departments are contained in the college. When one remembers that the first troop of African Scouts was established here in 1922 by the present head of the College, it is gratifying that its fine tradition should have been kept up so continuously, resulting in the present growth of the movement in South Africa. Consequently it is axiomatic

that the trainees were a grand lot - cheery, keen, able and smart, and there is every hope that career completers here will start strong troops wherever they are posted. A nucleus of Queen's Scouts is expected this year from the 1st Pietersburg Troop.

The Camp staff was as follows:

Mr. G.A.P. Mphenyeka, D/C West Rand, as Camp Chief;
Mr. E.J. Montwedi, S/M 3rd Alexandra, as Camp Scoutmaster;
Neb. S. Mokgako as Camp Assistant Scoutmaster;
Mr. S. Edom, S/M 1st Pietersburg, as Quartermaster;
Mr. W.N.M. Phalane, A/S/M 1st Pietersburg, as Assistant Quartermaster.

The two last named officers also took charge of morning physical training exercises alternately. The other three are all wood badge scouters which was sufficient guarantee for the proper running of the camp.

Three equal patrols named Eagles, Lions and Springboks were formed with the Patrol System being strictly adhered to. Discs were issued for inter-patrol tests including inspections of kit, site, tents, kitchens and uniforms. Campfire turns had to be held indoors owing to scarcity of wood for outdoor campfires but these were nonetheless very lively. The final results were Lions and Springboks gained 71% each and the Eagles 70%.

The general camp programme was as follows:

Thursday, 27th May

4.00 p.m. "What is Scouting?" (A/S/M)
5.00 p.m. Gadgets (C/C)
6.00 p.m. Supper
7.00 p.m. Preliminary arrangements (C/C)
7.30 p.m. Yarn on Bob-a-Job (S/M)
8.00 p.m. Campfire
9.00 p.m. Prayers
9.30 p.m. Lights out

Daily Routine

6.30 a.m. Cooks roused
6.45 Reveille
6.50 Physical training
7.00 Air blankets, wash, clean surroundings, tidy kit, sleeping places and kitchens
8.00 Breakfast (Patrol Leaders responsible for prayers before and after meals; complete duties specified at 7 a.m. after breakfast)
9.00 Inspection, flagbreak, prayers
9.30 Scouting activities
1.00 p.m. Lunch
2.00 Compulsory rest
2.30 Scouting activities
6.00 Supper
7.00 Patrol practices
7.30 Yarn
8.00 Campfire
9.00 Prayers
9.30 Lights out

In conclusion the camping group wishes to express its thanks to Chief Moloto of Moletsie who, in appreciation of the Scouts' courtesy call on him at his kraal, donated 10/- to the troop for its funds, and to the Venerable Archdeacon S.P. Woodfield who, despite the very heavy duties arising from the several offices he holds, was only too glad to make the time to devote a whole Sunday morning to the camp to conduct the service of the Holy Eucharist and, in that special jocular and inspiring form of his, give an account of the history of our 32 years old movement. He commended the camp for its standard of training and general cleanliness. Bravo, Ramankentjana, says the camp.

RUSTENBURG OFFICERS' PRELIMINARY
TRAINING COURSE

This course was held at Waterkloof No. 4 on the southern bank of the Heks River, about 8 miles south of Rustenburg town, just a little way from Rustenburg-Johannesburg main road, from 28th June to 2nd July, 1954.

Campers arrived at 2 p.m. on Monday, 28th June, and immediately settled down to pitching tents, digging fireplaces, latrines, etc. At 4 p.m. tea was served and the official opening of the course took place.

Among many camp orders given it was brought home to all campers that:

- (a) The law of the camp was the Scout Law;
- (b) All campers must remain for the duration of the camp;
- (c) A cheerful scout spirit and hard work was required;
- (d) Strict attendance to the different whistle calls was required;
- (e) The camp was to be kept clean and bush fires avoided by all means;
- (f) Pulling up to real smartness, proper camp discipline and saluting each other throughout the course was required;
- (g) Patrol system to be strictly followed.

There were 14 trainees who were divided into three patrols as follows:

1. Jackals

Ephraim Tshupe P/L,	31 years	I Tweelaagte Rustenburg
Hesiah Mphaka	28 years	I Sedumedi Rustenburg
Quebec Magodiello	19 years	I Mabieskraal "
Temple Modisane	31 years	I Saulspoort "

2. Hawks

Sidney Motlogeloa	22 years	I De Wildt or Makau
P/L		
Joseph Mogale	25 years	I Silverkrans
Paul Makgala	25 years	I Phokeng Rustenburg
Peter Tshele	21 years	Lady Selborne Pretoria
John Nkosi	18 years	Rustenburg

3. Foxes

Abram Letlole P/L	19 years	I Rustenburg
Abisai Katane	19 years	I Rustenburg
John Madonzela	19 years	I Rustenburg
Simon Molefe	18 years	I Rustenburg
Patrick Setsumo	18 years	Majaeng Rustenburg

The training staff was as follows:-

D.C. Mogotsi, representing the H.Q. (Transvaal Division)
S. Rametsi, S/M, I Rustenburg, Q.M.

Co-opted:

E. Tshupe, Wood Badge Part II holder
H. Mphaka, Preliminary Certificate holder (Roodepoort)

Three of our trainees were students from the Diocesan Training College.

Programme

Tuesday, 29th June, 1954

6.30 a.m.	Reveille
7.00	Physical jerks
7.15	Washing up
8.00	Breakfast
9.00	Flagbreak and Prayers
9.20	Inspection
10.00	Session - Aims and methods of Scouting (D.C. Mogotsi)
11.00	Break
11.15	Session - gadgets
12.00 noon	Session - hand axe and knife
12.30 p.m.	Session - signs and salute
1.00	Lunch
2.00	Rest
3.00	Session - How to organize a Troop (Patrol system)
4.00	Session - Flags (how to fly and hoist)
4.30	Tea
5.00	Games
6.30	Supper
7.30	Camp fire
8.50	Prayers
9.00	Lights out

The programme for the following days was the same as for Tuesday, except that sessions were spread out to cover about 80% of the syllabus for preliminary courses.

Cooks were roused much earlier than 6 a.m. and duty patrols changed daily at 12 noon.

Clean water was obtainable from the river and wood from the surrounding bush - an ideal spot for camping.

On Thursday, 1st July, the camp was honoured by a visit from Mr. Piet Masike, Acting S/M, I Phokeng Troop, Rustenburg, who has recently been awarded the Bronze Cross (The V.C. of Scouts) for gallantry, presented to him by His Excellency the Governor General on behalf of the Association at Pretoria. He related the story of his bravery to us all and proudly put out his chest for us to examine his medal, plus military ones, which together nearly covered his chest. Also we had a visit from Mrs. Wratten, wife of the D/C, who brought us a First Aid outfit and bread and meat. Among all those who helped make our camp a success we wish to mention Mr. J. Wratten, D/C and his friend who undertook transport of our food and camp gear to and from the camp site. The D/C is also to be thanked for his very kind message from Holy Scriptures at the closing of the camp. This brought our hearts very near to our Master and was a fitting final talk.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Morgrable, the owner of the farm in which camp was held, and was able to say how thankful we were to him for allowing Scouts the use of his farm.

Our thanks are also due to Messrs. Rametsi, Tshupe and Mphaka for their valuable assistance in the training part of our programme. Also to a large group of spectators from the neighbourhood who attended our camp fires every evening and brought gifts of oranges.

The campers showed remarkable enthusiasm and, when the camp closed, notwithstanding the "little trot", did not wish to go home. We hope to have many more such training courses in future.

D.C. Mogotsi

JOHANNESBURG CENTRAL LOCAL ASSOCIATION

The third quarterly meeting of the Johannesburg Central District Local Association was held on 5th August at Albert Street Methodist School, Johannesburg. Those present were:

Mr. T. Marawu, Principal, Albert Street School,
Mr. R.R. Motaung, D.C., Johannesburg Central
Chairman,
Mr. P.R. Warhurst, L.A. Secretary,
Mr. A.B. Malinga, S.M., 1st Crown Reef,
Mr. E.P. Moabi, S.M., 2nd Johannesburg,
Mr. Tsele, Fordsburg Methodist School.

The Chairman complimented troops in the district on their Bob-a-Job returns. The District had exceeded its target of £80 and this was no mean feat for three groups taking part. The resignation of Mr. P.R. Warhurst as S.M., 3rd Johannesburg (George Goch) was announced.

It was reported that a new group had recently been formed in the District at the Fordsburg Methodist School, Crown Mines, and the necessary L.A. Registration Forms were given to Mr. Tsele of that group. Mr. Tsele was welcomed to the District by the District Commissioner.

A District competition as part of a Divisional competition and the Divisional Scout Gang Show at the University were discussed. Arrangements were also concluded for the Second Annual General Meeting to be held in September.

P.R. Warhurst,
Secretary.

COMING EVENTS

4th September, 1954

Special Scouts Rally at Alexandra Township to be visited by Chief Scout of South Africa, Mr. E. Percy Fowle, M.P.C. of Natal.

25th September - 3rd October

5th Scout Wood Badge Course at the Swedish Mission, Roodepoort West. Full particulars contained in special article in these pages.

16th October

Inter-District Scout Competitive Rally at Johannesburg for the Reef including Alexandra, Vereeniging-Evaton and Delmas-Nigel-Heidelberg. Standard to be based on 2nd Class Tests. Credit will be given for holding at least one successful Troop Camp this year as well as keeping a first-class set of troop records. The competition will commence at 9.30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. at a venue to be advised later.

5th November

A Scout musical review under the aegis of the African Boy Scouts Association in Johannesburg. Commence 8 p.m. and close at 10.30 p.m. Prices of admission to be advised later.

5TH SCOUT WOOD BADGE COURSE

The above Course, to which trainees from other Divisions will be admitted by special request, will be held for all Troop Scouters in the Transvaal on Saturday, 25th September, to Sunday, 3rd October, 1954, at Gilwell, Roodepoort West. Please apply early as under no circumstances will late applications be accepted - those which reach the Honorary Secretary, Transvaal African Scouts Headquarters, P.O. Box 8356, Johannesburg, after 11th September.

The fees are 30/- per Scouter excluding fares to and back from Roodepoort West. Each application must be sent with a deposit of 10/- and the balance of £1 will be paid on arrival at the camp. Any application without the deposit will not be considered.

Each applicant is expected to provide himself with the following articles, preferably marked with the owner's initials:-

2 blankets, a pair of pyjamas, a spare shirt and spare shorts, a jersey, a jacket and mackintosh or overcoat, soap, towel, comb, toothbrush and paste, boot polish and boot brushes, handkerchiefs, mending materials, enamelled plate and mug, knife, fork and spoon, a hemp rope about one inch in circumference and 15 to 18 feet long, a pen or pencil, a Gilwell Notebook and a hike report book (obtainable at 3/9 at camp), a groundsheet or some form of protection against dampness when sleeping on the ground.

Conditions of the camp are:

1. The deposit fee is not returnable except where the application has been refused.
2. All trainees are to be in full Scout uniform and attend for the duration of the course.
3. All trainees must report at Roodepoort West and not later than 5 p.m. on 25th September. The only excepted cases will be when attendants have come from far and when suitable train connections have been difficult.
4. There is no room for the sick Scouter who cannot wear "A BROAD SMILE".

CORRESPONDENCE

Ngwana Molmbe Secondary School,
P.O. Molgat,
Pietersburg,
4th August, 1954.

The Editor,
Transvaal News Sheet.

It is very encouraging to read from the Transvaal News Sheet how scouting is practised. There are many training camps held where boys learn what Scouting is and how to run it. The Rand and its neighbouring places are quite awake.

We hear of many camps held in the south but very little or nothing is heard about the Northern Transvaal. This is quite touching.

Would it not be better if the Northern Transvaal officials could organize some training camps at which Scouts and Scouters would be inspired? If this fails I appeal to the Headquarters officials to help in stopping this downfall of scouting in the Northern Transvaal. Scouting is almost dormant in this zone. Scouts and Scouters would attend with less difficulty camps held nearby.

Yissaka!!

G. Mothoa
Ex-Scoutmaster, 2nd Zebediela.

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