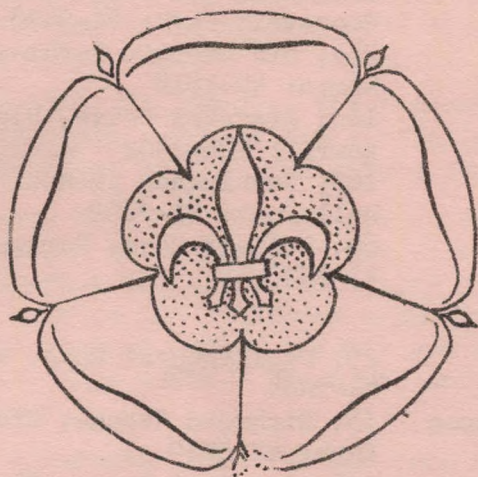


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THE MAMMAS AND THE PAPPAS

DURING August, parents played a great part in the life of the troop.

First of all, the mothers of the patrol leaders excelled themselves in their catering for the patrol leaders' dinner. What a wonderful spread they provided, as will be seen from the menu on page 4. Rouser takes this opportunity of thanking them again for all their hard work and also of thanking Dr Samson and Mr Marshall for their assistance behind the scenes.

The cries of the Lions for furniture to complete their den struck a sympathetic chord and we would like to thank Mrs Elms most sincerely for coming to the rescue.

Thank you also, Mr. Rundle, for replenishing the troop first aid box so adequately. We are now virtually equipped to do a successful transplant in the bush should the occasion arise.

What it must be to be the wife of a Scoutmaster, though! Keeping the troop's meat ration in her refrigerator, taking it to "Kloof" camp when required, and acting as guide, navigator, communications centre and transport organiser was only a small part of the job carried out so quietly and efficiently by Mrs. (Falcon) Hopkins last month. Thank you Edith for doing such a lot for the troop.

When the equipment truck for the camp broke down, parents mounted a very successful rescue operation. Many thanks to you also from the troop.

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THE COURT OF HONOUR

By Falcon

THIS is the nerve-centre of the troop because, like the human brain, it makes all parts of the body 'do' things.

This nerve-centre consists of the P.Ls and the S.M. A chairman, usually one of the P.Ls, directs the meeting in the same way as other 'adult' meetings are conducted. We have our jokes, but quite often serious talks take place.

The scribe sends out notices convening the meeting and agenda are prepared to cover all the important points which require attention. We usually meet once a month, in rotation, at the various P.Ls' houses.

We discuss your progress, or lack of it, your behaviour and other factors which are important for the well-being of the troop. At these executive meetings we also discuss programmes and games, camps and training. Your views are conveyed to the Court of Honour via the Patrol Leader through the 'Patrol-in-Council', so even your small voice is heard.

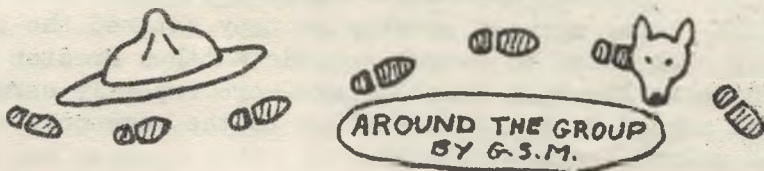
Without the nerve-centre the troop could not function successfully and, as you can see, the patrol leaders are the ones to look to. Although our P.Ls are young, their experience is growing daily and I am sure that in a short while we shall have P.Ls second to none, and with them, a Court of Honour of which we can be proud* * *

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Remember this, "If you are in the right there is no need to lose your temper; if you are in the wrong you can't afford to."

B-P in "Rovering to Success"

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OVER the long week-end the troop went to camp at Kloof and from all accounts it was a tremendous success. Congratulations to Falcon and his ASMs Buster and Malanga for running this great camp. Now you boys, don't let it stop there - run your own patrol camp as often as you can. You know the standard expected of you. Patrol camps are where you can really shine and enjoy the best in Scouting.

Akela has been away on leave for a while but the Pack continued to run well, thanks to our wonderful ACMS, Raksha, Kaa and Bagheera.

Right now, we are turning our thoughts to "bob-a-job" week which this year will be from 5th to 12th October, 1968. The Group made a really splendid effort last year. Let's try and do even better this year. * * *

"CHALKY"

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First Class Scout: What is a good knot for tying tent ropes to tent pegs?

Tenderfoot: A whole hitch.

First Class Scout: Waddayamean?

Tenderfoot: Two half-hitches, what else!

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PATROL LEADERS' DINNER :
SATURDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1968.

AFTER being saluted smartly as they entered the gate, guests were escorted by Patrol Seconds Matthew Preston and Terry White to the hall where drinks were expertly served by patrol second Martin Veller prior to the commencement of the 1968 patrol leaders' dinner.

Patrol Leaders Dennis Samson, who did a fine job printing the menus, Ian Samson who, besides making the amusing cards with the place names, thanked the mothers and the Seconds on behalf of all of us, Kevin White, who said Grace, Richard Hopkins, Jimmy Snow, Andy Reinecke, the Master of Ceremonies, and David Marshall will, we are sure, always remember the fabulous food their mothers prepared for the occasion. Just look at this MENU:

Kingfisher Soup with roll and butter, Chicken a la Crane, Eagle Rice, Kestrel Peas, Seagull Salad, Lion Apple Tart and Bataleur Ice Cream, Falcon Coffee and Appletiser, Sweets and Nuts.

During his speech, our chairman, Mr. George Martin, said that it was thanks to the mothers of the patrol leaders that it was possible to hold the dinner and he suggested that as from that night a tradition should be started at 1st Rosebank whereby every boy in the group should make a special point of doing at least ONE GOOD TURN FOR HIS MOTHER EVERY DAY.

Patrol seconds Anthony Hambleton-Jones, Matthew Preston, Chris Seymour, Martin Veller and Terry White made first class waiters. Pity there isn't a waiters badge which can be awarded to them.

In his address to the patrol leaders, Divisional Secretary Ron Wakeling, whom we were so pleased to have with us, told the story of the man who, in a dream, stood outside a hall from which there issued horrible sounds of moaning and lamentation.

On looking inside, he saw that the tables were weighed down with good food and that each guest had his left hand tied behind his back. Large wooden spoons were strapped along the full length of each of their right arms in such a way that they were unable to feed themselves. They were getting hungry. Hence the moans and groans. After closing the door quietly the man walked down the passage until he heard sounds of merriment coming from another hall. He peeped in and saw the same scene as before, only on this occasion those on opposite sides of the tables were feeding each other and generally having a whale of a time, which only goes to show what happens when there is friendly co-operation between people.

Ron warned the patrol leaders of the danger of taking all the kudos for themselves instead of letting their seconds participate to the fullest possible extent in the running of the patrols and preparing for the day when they would be patrol leaders. This was illustrated by the story of the famous organist in the days when the bellows had to be operated by someone else. On one occasion, after a very successful performance, the organist sat down to play an encore but not a sound would come from the organ. On looking up he was surprised to hear the little man who operated the bellows whispering, "What about me?". After telling the little chap several times to get on with the pumping and, in turn, being asked "What about me?" the organist finally got up and led the little man by the hand to the footlights to receive his share of the applause. Only after this ~~was~~ the great man able to proceed with the programme.

After a short interval the tables were cleared and Falcon introduced Mr Anthony Bannister who showed us slides of insects found in our gardens. Never did we suspect that we had such beauty right under our very noses. We certainly hope that Falcon will find an opportunity of bringing Mr. Bannister along to speak to us again.

Falcon's Feature



TROOP camping always gives me pleasure, even when things don't go to plan.

A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties and even if the lorry didn't turn up to collect the camping gear, we discovered that we had friends who unselfishly came to our rescue. Thank you Dads. The "Kloof" camp convinced me that parents play an important part in the troop. Without Dads' interest and help, not much can be achieved. I somehow feel that Dads enjoy scouting just as much as the boys by discussing with their sons the little details of games, badgework, and so on.

The Kloof camp was good. The camping shield was again won by Kevin White and his patrol, strengthened by remnants of Bataleurs. The site and organization of their camp was one of the best I've seen. Good show!

Now that each patrol has its own camping gear, I should like to see some good camp furniture and portable gateways. All you require is wood, rope, planning and effort. Why sit on a tree stump while eating, when you can all sit together at a table? A good camp is a comfortable camp. Only amateurs rough it! The next camp will be judged solely on camp furniture and other "comforts".

The 'point-to-point' compass hike was not easy. Only Kestrels completed it as required. In this regard, hiking and logwork is on top of the training programme this year.

Progress. Time and effort are the greatest asset a troop can have, especially if it comes from adults who, like Ed and Marion Creedy, spend their time and talents working at home for the boys.

Soon, one of the biggest, brightest and best progress charts I have ever seen will adorn the one blank wall at troop headquarters.

The chart depicts the scout trail - from the investiture to the Chief Scout's award - and every Scout in the troop will be able to pinpoint his position on the trail and plan for his future.

This chart will be a valuable asset to the Scouters and the benefits will be great. Actually to see one's progress on a chart is enough to excite one's ambition to further heights.

Thank you Marion and Ed for the masterpiece. Copyright is reserved to Rosebank Group!

Firefighters. At the request of the Court of Honour, arrangements have been made for firefighters instruction at the fire station. The instructor, who is the fire chief, gives up one free night a week to help us. This night varies - one week it may be on a Wednesday, the next on a Tuesday, and so on. If you want to qualify for this badge be sure to attend the course regularly. * * *

BOB-A-JOB

Bob-a-job week starts on Saturday, 5th October, 1968. Think up ideas NOW and ask your friends and neighbours in advance. Your PATROL or SIX may even wish to tackle a project together.

GOOD LUCK

THREE CHEERS!!!

JOHN MILLER and Richard Rundle have been invested as Scouts. Welcome, chaps!

Anthony Hambleton-Jones and Mark Johnson have been awarded their Second Class Badges and Anthony has been made acting Second of Bataleurs patrol. Well done!

We now have no less than six new Trekker Scouts : Andrew Beck, Kevin Green, Charles Hopkins, Paul Johnson, John Knoop and Tim Snow. Keep it up!

Mike Marsh has two more badges - those of mechanic and electrician. Nice work, Mike!

Three rousing cheers also for GSM "Chalky" White on his having successfully completed Part II (Practical) of the Wood-badge Course for Scouters at Gilwell!

Last but by no means least, the four patrol leaders who represented Rosebank in the Bert Franz Hiking Competition are congratulated on their fine effort in bitterly cold weather.

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B A D G E W O R K

Backwoodsman -
(Master grade : Pioneer)

FOR the Backwoodsman badge you must be able to

- (1) make a weatherproof shelter for two people, using natural materials (overhanging rocks and cliffs excluded) and sleep in it alone or with another Scout for at least one night;

- (2) cook meat and potatoes, without utensils, in the open;
- (3) demonstrate three of the following:
 - (a) improvised methods of moving injured persons having due regard for their safety and comfort;
 - (b) climbing a tree to a height of at least 20 feet from the ground and lashing on the foundation spars of a look-out post;
 - (c) rowing a boat, paddling a canoe, or poling a punt for at least half a mile;
 - (d) the construction of a sundial or a gadget to find the True North;
 - (e) any method of purifying contaminated water and of straining muddy water;
 - (f) the care of a pack donkey, and loading it.
- (4) Know the dangers of bilharzia, enteric and malaria.

The Pioneer badge is awarded to holders of the backwoodsman badge who, in addition, can take charge in the making up of structures of different types, make a patrol kitchen for a standing camp and find their way across unknown country, without using roads, maps or making enquiries, to a point invisible from the starting point,

- (a) by compass for a distance of at least two miles by day, and
- (b) by the stars for at least one mile at night.***

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THEN there's the tenderfoot who, when asked where he would put eggs in his pack, replied, "At the bottom - so they won't mess up everything else when they break."

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LIONS PATROL :
THE INSIDE STORY.

By PL Dennis Samson

LIONS patrol was formed in October, 1967, because the patrol leaders at the time were hankering after more active scouting. The formation of the patrol was the only alternative, apart from leaving the movement which none of us were prepared to do. With the Troop Leader as our PL, we were seven strong. Paul Marshall took over as PL when Lennie Durham went to the army and I was appointed patrol second. Our numbers have become somewhat depleted since then, and the patrol now consists of four keen Scouts, including Mike Marsh, a "recruit" from Craighall who has his Scout Cord. We have been allowed to take over the old PLs' den, which we are furnishing at the moment.

So much for the formation. Now for our part in troop activities. On Friday nights we follow a different programme to the troop. Our activities include pioneering, other active projects and items of service such as packing Kupugani food about once a month.

Our contributions to troop activities comprise those hard, but necessary jobs, which we enjoy doing, although we usually end up exhausted. At Camp Harty II, we were in charge of the kitchen, thus enabling other members of the troop to devote all their time to instruction and testing. Those who were there will tell you that the "graze was power" (translation: food was good!).

We have just completed the job of sorting all the rope in the store and cutting it into lengths convenient for lashing, as well as re-whipping the ends. The troop now has twelve 24-foot ropes for lashing.

In conclusion I would like to say that we shall attempt any task asked of us in order to make Rosebank the best troop in the country. * * *



THE annual district soccer competition for Scouts was held at Wanderers on Saturday, 10th August, 1968. It was bitterly cold but the chaps were kept warm by playing eleven games in the morning. We were placed joint 7th out of the 12 teams competing. The winners were 1st Melrose who won all their games except one which was drawn with none other than 1st Rosebank!

While all our chaps played well, some deserve special mention. Mark Johnson, in goal, pulled off several spectacular saves. The full backs, Andy Reinecke and Gary Butler provided a solid defence and up forward Paul Johnson, Terry White, Peter Tippett and John Miller had a touch of class.

On Saturday, 17th August, the patrol leaders' dinner was held. A big thank you to their Mothers for the lovely "Graze" and to the Seconds who did the serving.

Over the week-end of 24th and 25th August, 1968, four patrol leaders, Richard Hopkins, Ian Samson, Jimmy Snow and Kevin White participated in the Bert Franz Hiking Competition. The team came fifth out of eight entries.

During the Settlers' Day long week-end the troop camped at Kloof and had a wonderful time. * * *

(A)PS Matthew Preston

THE RULES OF THE GAME

LAST month we promised to go through the "Policy, Organization and Rules" (POR) of "how to play the game of Scouting for Boys" so, without further ado, here goes:

- | <u>Rule No.</u> | <u>Wording</u> |
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| 10(a)(ii) | It is expected that every Scout shall belong to a Religious Body and attend its services. |
| 13. | The Boy Scouts Association is not connected with any political body. Members of the Association, in uniform, or acting as representatives of the Movement, must not take part in political meetings or activities. |
| 226. | Age Limits: A boy may be admitted to the Wolf Cub Pack at the discretion of the Cubmaster and in accordance with Group Council Policy at the age of not less than seven years and six months. He may "go up" to the Troop at the age of ten years and six months, after consultation between Cubmaster and Scoutmaster, and in accordance with Group Council Policy. Each Cub must be assessed on individual circumstances. He may not remain in the Pack after his eleventh birthday. |
| 220. | The Pack is divided into Sixes, each consisting of six Cubs, including the Sixer and Second. |
| 221(i) | A Sixer is a Cub appointed by the C.M. to lead a Six of Cubs. |
| 221(ii) | One of the Sixers may be called "Senior Sixer" if desired. |
| 222(i) | A Second is a Cub appointed by the C.M. in consultation with the Sixer concerned, to assist the Sixer and to take his place when absent. |

(To be continued)



PACK-PACK-PACK

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By Chil

Three of our cubs excelled themselves during the cycle reliability trials and were awarded their cyclist badge. Congratulations Craig Stavely, Pierre de Villiers and Charles Marais.

Robin Tippit received his collectors badge. Trevor Ryan has been made a second. John McArthur has obtained his second star. Congratulations all three on your achievements!

Although we did not come anywhere in Jones' Bone, I would like to call for three cheers for those boys who so bravely turned out on such a bitterly cold and miserable day to play with such good spirit. Well done!

As my matriculation examinations are just around the corner, I shall not be able to attend Cubs for quite some time but I look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

MR L. J. GELDENHUYS

It is with deep regret that we report the death on Sunday, 14th September, 1968, of Mr L. J. Geldenhuys, father of Cub Laurie Geldenhuys and husband of our assistant honorary secretary, Mrs. C. Geldenhuys. To her and her young family we extend our sincere sympathy.

"Be strong and of good courage, fear not : for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."



Deuteronomy 31:6

PATROL IN COUNCIL

By Falcon

A PATROL-in-Council consists of the PL, his Second and members of the patrol.

They meet specially, usually before a Court of Honour meeting, to discuss problems relating to the patrol in particular and the troop in general. The views of all the members should be heard and discussed and the patrol leader, representing his patrol, should then tell the Court of Honour what his patrol's views are.

The Court of Honour is attended only by the PLs, and the views expressed there should not only be those of the PL but, in the accepted democratic manner, those of the whole patrol as well.

If you wish the Court of Honour to suggest a night hike, a week-end camp, a particular training programme, or something like that, get your PL to call a 'Patrol in Council'. Decisions should be written into the patrol logbook for record purposes. The SM can then see what the patrol is doing towards the proper functioning of the Court of Honour.

If your own views are aired through the correct channel you will be doing a service to the troop.* * *

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What is commonly called "luck" is really largely the power to spot your opportunity and to jump at it and seize it. Too many fellows sit down and wait for luck to come to them and then complain because it never does so.

B-P in "Rovering to Success".

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ROUSER HEARS THAT

Mrs. C. Geldenhuys had a scare with her younger daughter. Fortunately the suspected appendicitis turned out to be a false alarm.

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On Saturday, 24th August, Falcon, Buster, Malanga, Matthew Preston, Anthony Hambleton-Jones and Bernard Veller excelled themselves in manufacturing graze boxes and numerous gadgets for the "Kloof" camp.

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"Lucky" recently went on a commando-type (Wood Badge) training course. They tried to make him climb through tyres hanging from trees. Well, they tried!

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The ironstone deposits on the "Kloof" point-to-point did strange things to the compasses.

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Lions patrol are looking for a chance to prove they can camp "backwoods" style.

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One prospector to another: "I got ~~one~~ of them there cookery books, but I never could do anything with it."

"Too much fancy stuff in it, huh?" said his friend.

"No, that ain't it," replied the first chap, "but every one of them recipes begins the same way - 'Take a clean dish' - and that always stops me."

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"THE first idea of such training came to me a very long time ago when training soldiers. When I was adjutant of my regiment in 1883 I wrote my first handbook on training soldiers by means which were attractive to them, developing their character for campaigning as much as their drillability. This was followed by another, and yet a third in 1898. This latter, 'Aids to Scouting', came somehow to be used in a good many schools and by captains of Boys' Brigades and other organizations for boys, in spite of the fact that it had been written entirely for soldiers. I therefore rewrote it for developing character in boys by attractions which appealed more directly to them.

The uniform, in every detail, was taken from a sketch of myself in the kit which I wore in South Africa in 1887 and 1896, and in Kashmir in 1897. Our badge was taken from the "North Point" used on maps for orientating them with the north. It was sanctioned for use for Trained Scouts in the Army in 1898. Our motto, "Be Prepared", was the motto of the South African Constabulary, in which I served.

Many of our ideas were taken from the customs of the Zulus, Red Indians, Japanese, the code of the Knights of the Middle Ages and many were cribbed from other people, and some were of my own invention!"

LORD BADEN-POWELL in "B-P's OUTLOOK"
January, 1914

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Each boy knows more than his father,
Each girl much more than her mum.
Then why is the world so crowded
With folks so outstandingly dumb.

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