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MESSAGE FROM THE BOY SCOUTS OF PORTUGAL

The following letter was received from the Department of External Affairs, Pretoria:

"I have the honour to inform you that I have been asked to convey to you the greetings and good wishes of the Boy Scouts of Portugal.

This message of goodwill was announced at a ceremony organised by the 2nd (Lisbon) Troop of the Portuguese Boy Scouts held on Sunday, 26th February, 1956, to which, amongst others, diplomatic representatives from Great Britain, the United States of America, Canada, Brazil, the Federal Republic of Germany and South Africa were invited. The occasion was the 90th anniversary of the birth of the late Lord Baden-Powell, and the purpose of the meeting to unveil two plaques commemorating respectively Lord Baden-Powell's services as the founder of Scouting and those of the newspaper "O Seculo" which was responsible for introducing the movement into Portugal in 1912.

It would be appreciated if you could convey the above message to the Boy Scouts of the Union of South Africa."

A. Sliep
Assistant to the General Secretary

TROOP INFORMATION SHEET

TENTS

Tent Care

Your tents should be the object of constant care and attention. When you buy a new tent notice carefully how it is packed, as it should always be folded in the same way. Note that the guy-lines are all rolled up and that the pegs are packed separately. (Always scrape the earth from the pegs when repacking.) Never pitch a tent absolutely taut, particularly when new, as shrinkage of canvas and of ropes must be allowed for. With a bell tent it is a good idea to make a small hole by the base of the pole into which it can be shifted in the event of a sudden shower, so immediately slackening all the ropes.

If you have to pack a tent while wet, unpack as soon as possible and hang it up. Hanging is, at all times, better than folding, as it keeps the tent aired and so prevents rot.
Erecting a Bell Tent

In erecting a bell tent first peg out the 4th, 9th, 14th and 19th guys, counting to the left from the central door guy. It is a good idea to paint the runners of these guys red, if this has not already been done by the makers.

Cleaning a Tent

Generally speaking it is a risky business to attempt to clean a tent that has become soiled by hard wear, as the fabric may easily be damaged. It is usually safest to treat the grime as an honourable scar.

If, however, you are prepared to face the risk, wash with a solution of a teaspoonful of alum to half a pint of lukewarm water. Scrub gently in doing this. The tent will have to be water-proofed afterwards.


DID YOU HEAR?

The total strength of World Scouting is now 6,431,649. This shows an increase of 70,000 since the last census in 1954.

It was announced recently in London that a film will be made of the life of B.-P. The film will be made in England and in South Africa, and its tentative title is "The Baden-Powell Story". It will be in colour.


ZANZIBAR

Recently the Overseas Department of the Boy Scouts Association (Great Britain) received the following letter from a stranger:

"The ship docked and a party of us went ashore about 8 p.m. We were searching for the Hotel Zanzibar, not an easy task as anyone will know who has visited that island. A party of boys, seeing that we were strangers, offered to assist us. We accepted their help and were speedily led to the hotel. We expected to be asked for money in view of the way the lads had taken us; we were quite willing to give them something. I therefore held out a few shillings to them but they refused to take it saying that they were Boy Scouts. I was taken aback and again went to give them the money. They were, however, adamant and insisted that they were Boy Scouts and, therefore, did not want any payment."
This experience has convinced me (if further conviction was necessary) of the excellence of your movement and I do think it is a tribute to the leaders in Zanzibar."


NEWS FROM UGANDA

Prime Minister Runs Training Course

On 30th September, 1955, Mr. Kesi Nganwa was elected Enganzi (Prime Minister) of Ankole, Uganda. He has been in the Scout Movement for many years and his election to this high office is a source of great pride to his brother Scouts.

Despite the great responsibility that has come to him, he ran a Training Course from 30th December, 1955, to 6th January, 1956, as he had agreed to do this before his election.

Mr. Nganwa came to England in 1951 and visited many Groups as well as joining one at their annual summer camp.

Mr. Nganwa joined the 1st Pack in Uganda nearly forty years ago and one of his sons is a 1st Class Scout in his old Group.


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REV. FR. F.C.V. JENKINS, C.R.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of the Rev. Fr. F.C.V. Jenkins, C.R. He had an honourable career in Scouting. He was a most active District Commissioner in the Johannesburg Western Area for many years before he got his transfer to Orlando in 1952. He was also a prominent member of the Council of the African Boy Scouts Association (Transvaal Division).

At the time of his sudden death, which occurred on the 20th April, he was serving the Orlando-Pimville-Kliptown-Moroka district as the Group Scoutmaster and also running a Rover crew.

He was a Wood Badge holder, which he became in 1947. He was also a member of our Training Committee.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, 26th April, at St. Mary's, Orlando, at 8.30 a.m., at which we were represented by our Divisional, Mr. C.N. Wallace, Deputy Divisional, Mr. J.R. Rathebe, Assistant Divisional (Training), Mr. D.C. Marivate, Assistant Divisional Camp Chief, Mr. Neb. S. Mokgako and by the District Commissioner for Orlando, Mr. Lot A.H. Sikwane, and a Guard of Honour of Scouts.

His body was taken to Sekhukhuniland, to the burial ground of the Community of the Resurrection, in which ground persons of all races are buried side by side.

DADDY HART

Many Scouters will remember Deputy Camp Chief B.A. Hart and will regret to learn that he has gone to his rest after 48 years of service to the Scout Movement. Hundreds of Scouters, and through them Scouts and Cubs, owe much to the Chief. Indeed the whole Scout Movement is forever in his debt. The Scout Movement itself will be his monument and he would not ask for more than that it continue to serve the youth of South Africa and of the World.
HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

REGISTRATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

The following registrations and appointments have been recommended to Head Quarters:

Registrations
1st Duiwelskloof Troop
1st Kalkspruit Troop

Appointments
- Ramothwala Erastus, M. S.M. 1st Duiwelskloof
- Mugari, Alfred S.M. 1st Elim
- Mamabolo, Michael Z. S.M. 2nd Mokopane
- Magatoes, Matthews S.M. 1st Naboomspruit
- Makhubela, Nathaniel S.M. 2nd Hammanskraal
- Duba, Ambrose S.M. 1st Saron
- Pooe, David A.S.M. 6th Orlando
- Moloto, Henry Molefe C.M. 10th Lady Selborne

COMING EVENTS

The Committee has arranged the following programme of courses and camps in 1956.

Pretoria District
Patrol Leaders Course 11th - 13th May
Cub Masters Course 18th - 20th May
Scoutmasters Course 25th - 27th May

6th Wood Badge Course (Scouts)
30th September to 7th October at our Gilwell Grounds, Roodepoort West.

Training Camps for Patrol Leaders
Rustenburg 10th - 13th May
Evaton 18th - 20th May

Preliminary Training Course for Scouters
At Gilwell grounds, Roodepoort West, from 25th to 29th June.

INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE, 1957

The Transvaal has paid a deposit of £240 to cover the entries of two Scouters and ten Scouts to attend the Jamboree at Birmingham, England. The fortunate members of this contingent will be chosen on merit later on.