

MPUMALANGA S C O U T I N G



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B.-P. in "Scouting for Boys"

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FROM OUR AREA COMMISSIONER, ELVIS.

Life has been quite hectic for me both at work and Scouting. But while this was going on I thought to myself, where would I be without the support of my wife? I then thought about my fellow Colleagues. I said to myself, "Hang on a bit. Have we as a Scout Area, recognised the role that the spouses play in the running of the Association?"

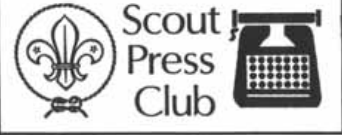
It felt like I had been hit with a brick and that scared the daylight out of me. So I decided that I would base my message

to all the families and the spouses for their support.

We want to thank you, our Wives, our Husbands, for holding our hands in all the ups and downs. You have sacrificed your time with your loved ones and actually allowed them to attend all those Training Courses and camps without any complaint. We really appreciate your support and we value and respect your love for your partners. I can't imagine what you all go through in order to fill in your spouses' shoes in his or her

absence.

For all the agony that you have gone through and the sense of loneliness—I want to tell you that it was not in vain, because Mpumalanga Scouting has grown stronger and bigger through the efforts of each one of You. You see You are part of the Team, just as much as your Spouse in Uniform. Look at the way Lady B.-P. looked after and supported our Founder B.-P. We also kindly request that you continue supporting our bid to create better citizens



Member

for our country. In time of trouble please remember that we are all in this movement for our children and nothing else.

Remember Mpumalanga Scouts love and appreciate you and will always depend on you to carry us forward.

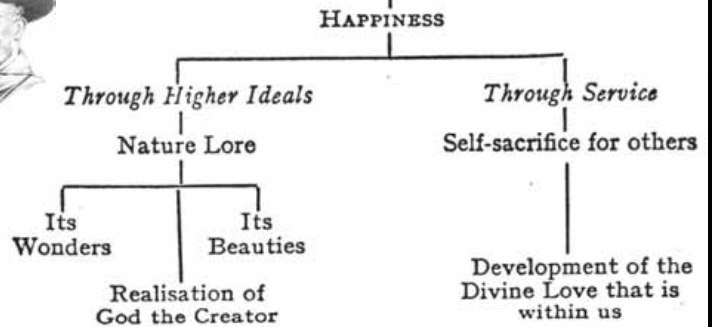
With Sincere Thanks,
Elvis MdaKa
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HOW TO PREPARE FOR A

CAREER. Baden Powell writes, "A scheme was once made out of what a young man should go in for when educating himself for his career in life. The main points that he should aim at were put in diagram form (See page 6). I was asked to criticise this: so I added another diagram, "How to Live" as Part II to it.



HOW TO LIVE



DC Rodney Wandtag presenting the Senior trophy to Sibusiso Mbuyane of 1st Mataffin.

EAST SIX-A-SIDE SOCCER!

Saturday the 10th July East district had it's first six a side soccer tournament. There were two teams from Mataffin, one from Nelspruit and a three quarter team from White River. Everybody got to play and really enjoyed the day. Thanks to Pixie, Jimmy Smith and his wife for the food and organizing this event for us. We

all enjoyed it immensely. Jimmy and his wife donated the floating trophy's. Plans are already being made for this event next year.

All the games were closely matched and the teams did very well. The winner of the Junior series was Mataffin who also carried off the Senior Trophy.

Congratulations to 1st Mataffin!



Monde Zulu receiving the Junior trophy. Jimmy Smith looks on.

TAIL PIECE: Minnie Mouse was feeding her baby mice in the garden, when suddenly a huge cat emerged from the shrubbery, trapping them against the wall. The cat crouched menacingly and was about to pounce when Minnie stood on her hind legs and barked: "Woof, aaargh, grrrooff!"

The cat took fright and fled. Minnie turned to her babies and said, "There now. You see how important it is to learn a second language."

By kind permission of Jon Pern who writes the informative and humorous "Idler" column in the KZN Mercury Newspaper.

AT THE 1948 OLYMPIC GAMES,

A HUGE SIGN ABOVE THE ENTRANCE READ:-

"The important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part. The essential thing in Life is not conquering, but fighting well" *Baron deCoubertin.*

This poem was found in the White River Cub Pack Scrap Book in one of the first editions of the Bundu Broadcast dating back to December 1965 and is re-printed here and is

DEDICATED TO OUR SCOUTERS, GUIDERS, AND THEIR SPOUSES.

There isn't any pay for you, you serve without reward,
The boys that tramp the field with you, but little can afford—
And yet your pay is richer far than those who toil for gold,
For in a dozen different ways your service shall be told :-
You'll read it in the faces of a Troop of growing boys,
You'll read it in the pleasure of so many manly joys,
And down the distant future—you will surely read it then . . .
Emblazoned through the service of a band of loyal men.
Years of willing labour and of brothering a Troop,

Years of trudging highways, with the Indian cry and whoop,
Years of camp fires burning, not alone for pleasures sake—
But the future generation which the boys are soon to make.
They have no gold to give you, but when age comes on to you
They'll give you back the splendid things you taught them how
to do.

They'll give you rich contentment and a thrill of honest pride—
And you'll see your Nation prosper, and you'll be satisfied !!



THE WONDERFUL WIFE OF B.-P.—WORLD CHIEF GUIDE,

OLAVE, LADY BADEN POWELL G.B.E.—

We've mentioned the example of our Founder, B.-P. in a previous magazine, but what of the lady who cared and supported him through the 30 years of their married life? She too, is a wonderful example to us all! In 1930 she accepted the title of Chief Guide. She said at the time, "I will do my best to help everyone everywhere", and she did just that! For over 60 years of her life she served the Youth of the World—the Girl Guide and Boy Scout Movements. Even when B.-P. "Went Home" in 1941, Lady B.-P. continued the work they shared together, not only serving the 6 million Girl Guides as World Chief Guide, but she did a tremendous amount of work amongst the Scouts.

She was duly recognised for this when the World Scout Committee awarded her the Bronze Wolf for outstanding service to the World Scout Movement. Her example was supreme, confirmed by the fact that so many countries honoured her as "Mother of

Guiding and Scouting".

In 1932 she was named Dame of the Grand Cross Order of the British Empire (that's why she has the letters G.B.E. after her name!). Her other Honours include the World War I Medal, King George V Jubilee medal, King George VI Coronation medal, Queen Elizabeth II Coronation medal, Order of the White Rose of Finland, Order of Merit of Poland, Grand Cross of the Order of Phoenix of Greece, Medal of Honour of the Republic of Haiti, Order of Vasco Nunez de Balboa from Panama, Order of Bernard O'Higgins of Chile, Order of the Sun of Peru, Order of the Cedars of Lebanon, Order of the Sacred Treasure of Japan, and Order of the Grand Ducal Crown of Oak of Luxembourg.



Lady B.-P. recorded more than 654 flights to every Continent, travelled over 500 000 air miles and only in the last few years of her life under doctor's orders to stop travelling, did she miss jamborees or Conferences. She was once asked by a reporter what her job in Guiding actually was. She replied, "My job is to bring the Movement extra zeal and oomph.

Really, I should be called the Chief Oompher!"

She passed on Home on 25th June, 1977 and the media carried the message, "The World has lost a great woman, but her influence and Spirit will live on, as has her husband's, through Scouting and Guiding" - and it has! For today we have 10 million Guides and Girl Scouts in 144 countries in the World.



1st Revival Cubs having fun at Casterbridge Farm.

1st REVIVAL AT CASTERBRIDGE~

Well, it certainly was a Revival at Casterbridge (just outside White River where the Numbi Gate road joins the main Hazyview road.) All the shop owners, assistants and visitors were so surprised to see a happy bunch of Cubs with their Akela, Lucy Magagula. Some said "What a smart group of young people!", others, "We didn't know that Cubs and Scouts were still going." Others just watched! - Watched as Akela got all her Cubs organised so easily; - watched as the Cubs played, learnt and showed what it takes to be part of a great

Cub & Scout Movement. They had a wonderful time on the Jungle Jim, the Obstacle Course and the See-Saw where they learnt when you are up you SEE and when you are down you remember what you SAW! - That's life too, isn't it? The Animal Farm was the best! Rides on the lovely ponies, many for the first time! Feeding all the animals— the goats, sheep, pigs, and what a thrill to have Guinea Pigs on their laps to pet and feed. Pillow fights on the slippery pole, a ride on a 4-wheeler, the Jumping Castle—it was great! Then it was lunch in a big blue and white tent. The visit to the Old Cars was wonderful. They had been looked after so well. "We had our photo taken in front of a very shiny old

Ford." "Oh yes, and we had a visit from Aunty Wendy Brown who came especially to give us a couple of games." "And then we had a Smartie Quiz when Akela asked us questions on what we had learnt and seen. If we answered correctly we could have a Smartie!"

Akela Lucy worked very hard in her planning. She said everyone at Casterbridge was so cooperative and helpful. They all played their parts in making it a real Cub Day to Remember!



Khulekane Msiba riding a Pony

INVESTITURE

When a DPSG Contingent of Scouters from the Passau Area in Germany, stopped off in Mpumalanga West with 2nd Coalfields, 1st Sibukosethu and 1st Sonquoba Scouts, and did the Community Centre Tent Project, little did they know that they had been such an encouragement to local Scouting. Little did they know that within the



Peter Mashiane with newly Invested Cubs, Thoko, Bongani and Musa

year there would be a new community Scout Group established in Extension 14, Witbank, who would hold their meetings in the "Big Tent". And the name of that Scout Group? 1st Passau!!



THE TWO "OLDIES" TAKE MICHAEL ON FOX'S ADVENTURE!

Grandad Fox and Grandpa Charlie once again put their old hiking boots on and took our Volunteer DPSG Scouter, Michael Heiden over the Barberton Mountains on Fox's Adventure. The original route has been abandoned due to very poor maintenance, so the trail now begins from the vicinity of the Agnes Gold Mine. Winding up those steep valleys past the Tiger Trap section with the little railway of cocopans, past the old Mine shafts and Diggings, through pristine indigenous bush with streams and waterfalls to come out eventually on "top" with



spectacular views—Halfway destination was reached by lunchtime. The rest of the journey was just as challenging and exciting. Although we did a lot more than the basic Fox's Adventure requires, we were happily tired at the end of the trail. Michael, on receiving his Fox's Adventure Badge, asked, "When is the next one?"



Jane Sulter pinning the Badge on for Thoko.



NEWS FROM THE GUIDES ~ ~



1ST NELSPRUIT PATROL CAMP:

The 1st Nelspruit Guides went on a patrol camp at Primkop Dam from 21st-23rd May. Seven of our senior Guides were tested for their Campers' Badges and most of the programme was run by the PLs and Seconds. Sadly, there was not enough time to complete 2 of the planned activities— Semaphore and Conservation Cooking. But a great time was had by all.

~ Weaver and Badger (Nikki Clark & Brenda James).



a few exciting games then prepared ourselves for the first freezing night. We were up bright and early in woolly hats and scarves. During Saturday we made patrol flags & prepared skits for campfire. Unfortunately we were unable to do all the activities that we planned for. The Campfire was a huge success

with all sorts of cool songs and skits. Then very tired, we all went to bed. The next morning brought us the Guides' Own, great games, striking camp and finally the enrolment of 2 brand new Guides. We all had a supa-

dupa weekend and thank everybody who helped to organise it.

Disa Patrol:

We arrived at the dam at about 3pm. We got together and pitched our tents. We had a theme of Earth, Fire, Air and Water, so for supper we had "Spicy water and baked earth" (which is vegetable soup and pies). It started to get cold and dark when we played our night game : Glow Worms. On Saturday we were woken too early by Plumbago Patrol! We cooked our own breakfast, then we had to make our own patrol flag that turned out beautifully. We had lunch and started planning our skits for the campfire. The campfire was very interesting. The older Guides initiated the new guides. We also sang many songs and had a lot of fun.

On Sunday the PLs and Seconds planned water games for everyone to enjoy!

Arum Lily Patrol:

When we first arrived, with great effort we put up our smelly old tents, arranged baggage and went to shower. After pies and soup (and much too little trifle!) we proceeded to fight off the cold in a game called "The Glow-worm" which consisted of attacking each other violently and running into thorn bushes. On the second day we did some arts & crafts, exercises, games and much tidying up. Our meals were quite interestingly named— dirty water, muddy pig, rainbow submarines and more. That evening we cooked our own meals—burnt but delicious! We had a more relaxing day on Sunday: Guides' Own and running around in the sun playing water games. We were glad to go home but would love to go back.

Plumbago Patrol:

Almost the whole company was able to come with 2 Dads for protection. On Friday we got to our campsite and pitched our tents. After supper we played

GIRL GUIDE CHIEF'S CHALLENGE—Promise and Law.

As part of the Girl Guide Chief's Challenge, the Guide needs to make a presentation of what the Promise and Law mean to her. She can do this in the form of a display, a speech, a drama or even a poem. Shanel Edwards wrote the following 2 poems, which she read out to the 1st Nelspruit Company.

I promise that I will do my best through school, work and all the rest. To do my duty to my country and my God helping & thanking through soft and hard. To help other people through good, bad, happy and sad, and lastly, to keep the Guide Law through rough and tough forever more.

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A Guide is to be trusted by all mankind
A Guide is loyal to everyone's heart and mind
A Guide is helpful and does what is asked
A Guide is friendly and completes her tasks.

A Guide is polite and considerate going through life quite tough.
A Guide cares for earth and living things when handling with nature she's never rough
A Guide is obedient



She "hopefully" does what she's told
A Guide is brave and cheerful and holds her head high and bold.

A Guide is thrifty
She handles things well.
A Guide respects herself and others and spreads good news to tell.

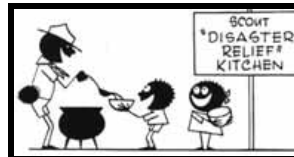
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GIVING IS TO MAKE ONESELF FAMOUS Ukuphan' ukuzidumisa

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(write the proverb in your own language on this line) When one gives freely, his praises are sung. People are usually eager to help such a person should the need arise. In Scouting we do Community Service without reward, to help train the boy in his responsibilities as a citizen. However, we should not turn a blind eye to the Public Relations value of Community Service. Service to the community by Cubs and Scouts sings Scouting's praises. Giving helps make the Movement fa-

mous—helps win the approval and support you need. There are many ways in which the Community Good Turn can win friends, win support. Here are a few:

- > Clearing away litter.
- > Helping old people— repairing their homes, planting their vegetables etc.
- > Helping the crippled, the handicapped.
- > Repairing broken roads, paths, rural bridges etc.



With acknowledgements, for this 4th article in the series., to the late Vic Clapham and the late Mack Shange who wrote the articles for "Scouting Digest.."

- > Helping illiterate people to read and write.
- > Clearing wild land for cultivation.
- > Planting trees for firewood, wind breaks, etc.
- > Helping people in emergencies such as floods, fires, earthquakes and accidents.
- > Fighting bush and grass fires.

Remember: You often need the permission of local authorities before you do a Community Good Turn.



THE OLYMPIC GAMES



Hercules, most famous of all Greek heroes, as a role model of fitness, strength and bravery, initiated the Olympic Games of ancient Greece to find the fittest, strongest and fastest men of his time. The Olympics were held on the Plains of Olympia and it is said that Hercules brought and planted the Olive trees from the source of the Danube river, from which they wove the leaves into crowns for crowning the victors of the

Games. The ancient Olympics Festival also included competitions in literature, art, drama, rhetoric, music and gymnastics.

The modern Olympics, following on Hercules' speciality of Athletics, was revived in Athens, Greece, in 1896 and with the exception of the War Years, have taken place in a different country every 4 years, the 2004 Games being held in the country of origin, Greece itself. The

most famous link between the Ancient and Modern Olympics is the carrying of the Olympic Torch, which, through modern transport and technology, was this year carried on a journey around the world.

The most famous event in the Olympic Games, ancient and modern, is the Marathon—the long distance road race which takes its name from Marathon in Greece.



meeting.

The programme may begin in the ordinary way. Akela, welcomes the Mums and Dads and other guests, and announces the theme of the

OLYMPICS CUB PROGRAMME and ENTERTAINMENT FOR MUMS AND DADS.

THE PACK should then sit on the perimeter of the Arena, and the lights may be lowered. A few trumpeters appear and blow a fanfare on their trumpets (rolled newspapers).

THE TORCH-BEARER then races in to the Arena with his Torch, which need only be a large electric torch. He is in white running kit and runs round the Arena, in good style, while the Pack cheer. Then he "lights" a candle, with the aid of a match, on a stand at one end of the room. As he does so the lights go up, and all Cubs spring up with a final cheer.

Parade of the Nations. Each Six has chosen and made a National Flag of another country on paper, mounted on a stick, for the Sixer to carry; each Cub has made and wears a typical head-dress, for a march round the Arena. Martial music would help.

(A variety of short games and competitions follow. No item should be allowed to go on too long, Relay races and other activities alternated, each item following up in quick succession without delays. When only a few contestants are engaged, the rest of the Pack must remain sitting in order that the guests' view may not be impeded.)

1. **Torch Race.** Relay. Each Six has a lighted candle (in a holder to save grease), each Cub in turn running round a point and back. If the light is blown out he must go and relight it at the Olympic Flag.
2. **Marathon.** Each Cub has a paper bag which he must blow up until he can pop it between his hands. First pop wins. Alternately balloons might be blown up until they bang.
3. **Crab Race.** Relay. Outward journey on hands and toes, sideways; return journey on hands and feet but back down, face up.

4. **Walking Race.** Relay. Foot by foot, the heel always touching the toe of the other shoe. This might be combined with balancing an object on the head.

5. **Tug O' War.** In two simultaneous heats, one from each Nation. A length of string has a peanut tied in the middle; contestants start with one end in their mouths and have to chew their way to the peanut.

6. **Hop, Skip and jump.** Relay. Each Cub in the Six in turn, to do one hop, one skip, one jump and a marker is placed on the final position.

7. **Boxing.** Quick rounds, one contestant from each Nation, in couples, or three at once if desired. Blindfold Whack'em, with folded newspaper.

8. **Relay Race.** Whole Six run at once, with hands on each others' shoulders.

9. **Shot Put.** Toeing a line, each Cub tries to "put" a beanbag into a chalk circle some distance away.

10. **Hopping Relay.** The Cubs can change feet half way.

11. **Football.** Very short matches, played with a tennis ball, but each player must grip one ankle with one hand while in play.

Some method of points and prizes should be evolved, preferably gold, silver and bronze, but beans will serve; three for first, two for second, one for third, in order that the evening may conclude with:

Ceremony of Prize Giving, with three stands of varying heights.

National Anthem of the winning country. This, if not known, may be entirely imaginary, and played on imaginary instruments.

Final Parade of the Nations.

ANOTHER HAPPY PACK GETS THEIR STARTER KIT



1st Sibukosethu Pack with their Kit.

New Cub Packs and Scout Troops in Mpumalanga can apply for a Starter Kit containing a collection of items essential for the effective running of their Pack or Troop. Sibukosethu Pack was one of these when a sponsor in Germany wanted to support Scouting Mpumalanga by supplying a Starter Kit. A number of these kits have been sponsored through the Nangu Thina Starter Kit Project. Sometimes there's quite a wait before a sponsor is found but it always happens and it means the new Group gets a good start, and the Scout friend in Germany knows he has done a Good Turn!

INYAMAZANE DISTRICT'S FUNd-raising DAY.

76 Scouts and Cubs, together with 18 Scouters spent a full Fun day of activity at Chakaza. Inyamazane's Development Scouter, Sampson Lufhondo reports that the most popular activities were the Orange Game, Kims Game, Tug-o-war and How to Camp. A good day was had by all and some funds raised for the District.



11th WORLD JAMBOREE IN GREECE, HOME OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES.



Emblem of the World Jamboree held at Marathon, Greece from 1st—11th August, 1963.

The plains of Marathon was the site of the 1963 World Jamboree, where 14,000 Scouts from 86 countries camped together. The 5 main activities were the Trials of Hercules, the Pentathlon (which is the ancient contest in 5 exercises—wrestling, disc throwing, spear throwing, leaping and running). The International evening, the "Talent o' Rama" and the Marathon. On the huge Jamboree Gateway, the Jamboree slogan "Look Higher and Wider" was depicted. The Jamboree was noted as the first to introduce International Staff. 220 Leaders from 18 different Countries accepted the invitation to join the Jamboree Staff.

The opening Parade was a grand event. The Salute was taken by King Paul of Greece and the opening speech

made by Crown Prince Constantine. Over 20,000 guests visited the Camp, which experienced fine weather throughout. Each country had the opportunity to make a National Presentation, the best of which were repeated at the Athens Olympic Stadium at the International Scout Rally event, attended by a crowd of 85,000. Lady B.-P. gave the closing address, saying, "Work well, Play well, Think well, Act well and spread the ideal of Scouting as far as you possibly can." Crown Prince Constantine handed the Torch with the Flame of Friendship over to an American Scout to carry it to the 12th World Jamboree in Idaho, U.S.A. in 1967.

Foot note: There is at least one Scout in Mpumalanga who attended that Jamboree. He was Andrew Pappas of 1st Nelspruit Scouts, now a well known resident of the Area.



TROOP PROGRAMME— MINI OLYMPIC GAMES

10 mins. OPENING—FLAG BREAK—INSPECTION

10 mins. ORIGINS OF THE OLYMPICS AND LIGHTING OF THE OLYMPIC FLAME. Read/Tell the story of origins. (Use the article in this magazine as a last resort!) Patrols in relay formation. PL with box of matches, 2nd with candle in candle holder or paper plate. On "go" PL lights candle, passes it back down the Patrol to 2nd who runs to front, passes candle to back of patrol and so on until PL is at the back of the Patrol and receives the candle. Runs forward to LARGE CANDLE (Olympic Flame) placed at far end of hall/room/meeting place and lights it. First Patrol to light it wins. (If candle blows out at any stage Scout must run back to PL with matches, re-light it and continue.

10 mins. PARADE OF NATIONS. Have pictures of 10 Flags of 10 different countries, pinned or stuck on board. (Must have flag of Greece, this year's Olympic Host country). In Patrols, identify the flag and write down their country. Check answers all together - pass list to next PL who marks it and hands it back.

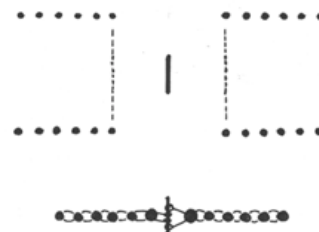
LET THE OLYMPICS BEGIN!

50 mins. PENTATHLON, the Ancient Greek Competition of 5 (10 events.—Can be done as 5 bases all at once, or in mins. Patrols relay formation,, sitting, with competitor going each) up each time.

1. WRESTLING— in pairs. Contestants sit on chair or on stomach on floor (use black plastic rubbish bag or mat to lie on). Right elbows on table, or ground. Push opponent's arm over.
2. DISC THROWING—Paper plate thrown from start line. Where it lands first time mark with tag/matchbox.
3. SPEAR THROWING—Drinking Straws.
4. LEAPING—Standing jump, feet together, from Alert to Alert.
5. RUNNING—Toe to heel from start line to finish line. Must be toe/heel all the way.

10 mins. OLYMPIC TUG-O-WAR. (Inter Patrol). Patrols in line facing each other and sitting cross legged down each

side of the room / meeting place. A piece of broom handle or smooth strong stick ± 50 cm. long in centre with 2 lines marked an equal distance on either side of the stick. TS calls names of 2 Patrols. PLs run and grab hold on the stick with both hands. The rest of the Patrol link hands round waist of Scout in front and pull. First Patrol over their line wins.



10 mins. OLYMPIC CHALLENGE. 1 Matchbox per Patrol. Start line drawn or marked with string. PL comes up, places heels on line with legs open and places the matchbox as far as possible from the line between his legs. The position is marked by the TS or ATS, then PL must retrieve it again, all without falling over! Bending legs is permissible. Farthest from line wins. (Best of all, also best of Patrol.)



5 mins. A TASTE OF GREECE.— Traditional Greek foods: Olives, Figs, Halva, Yoghurt, Fetta Cheese with plain (Marie) biscuits, to eat together at the end.

5 mins. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS—"Chocolate money" wrapped in gold foil and taped to string or ribbon.

10 mins. FINAL CLOSING:-
EXTINGUISHING OF OLYMPIC FLAME
FLAG DOWN.

PRAYERS—for good sportsmanship and good health in the Olympics and all sport.
DISMISS.



Opportunity is a bus
which has very few
stopping places.
B.-P. in "Scouting for Boys"

THE SEQUEL TO "GET SMART! BE A SCOUT! BE NOTICED!"

When you are tempted not to wear your Scout or Guide uniform to any Scouting occasion, THINK AGAIN. You show the greatest respect for your fellows and for Scouting by turning up neat and smart in Uniform. When you are tempted to take your uniform to your Troop or Company meeting and change for the duration of the meeting, THINK AGAIN! You are the advert for Scouting and Guiding.

How will your Community will support you if they do not see any young people ACTIVE and SMART in their Uniforms? How much are you worth to the Movement if you are not man enough to stand up and be counted as one of the millions of Scouts and Guides Worldwide? How much are you worth to your Scouts / Guides / Cubs or Brownies, if you do not wear your uniform regularly to your Meetings?

Our visiting Scottish Scout Contingents over the years have been, and are, a perfect example of eye-catching smartness in uniform and behaviour. In their report on Overseas Expeditions, (including South Africa,) "Expedition Rules—Scouts Scottish, and Proud of it", Expedition leader, Dr. Graham Patrick, writes:-

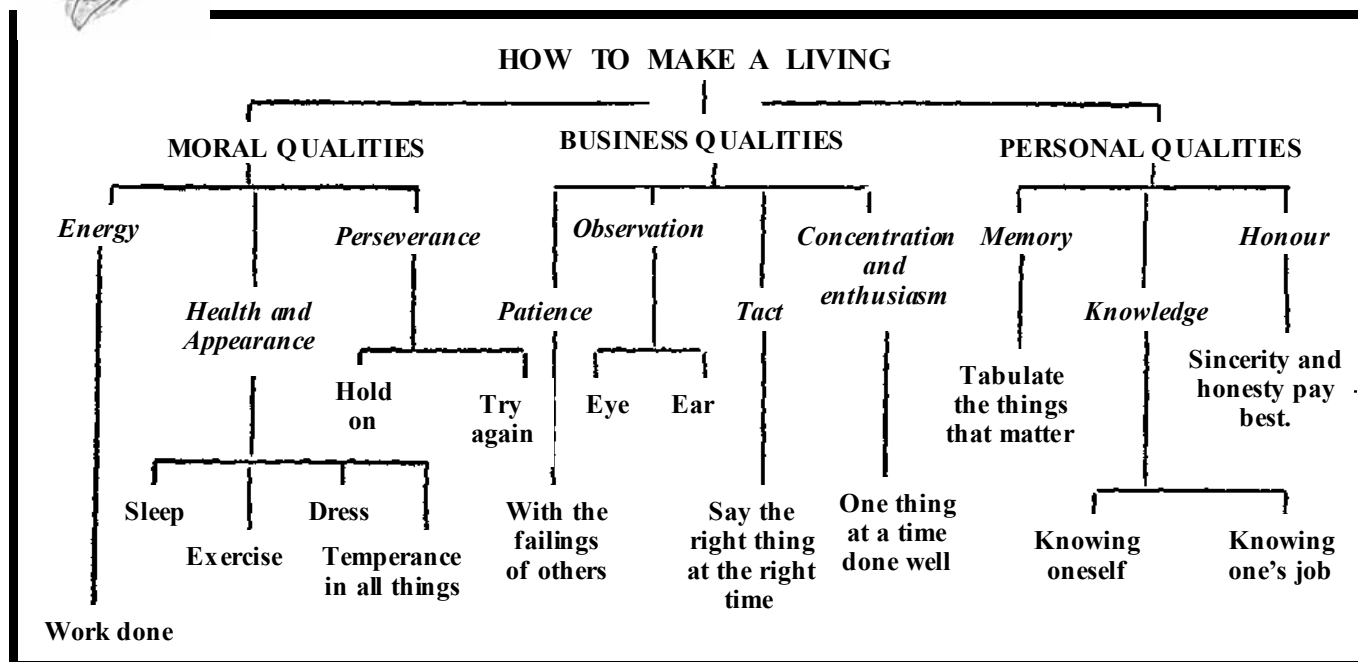
"We're going abroad as Scottish Scouts and we want to advertise the fact as much as possible. We want you to come on the Expedition with the attitude that you are proud to be Scottish, proud to be a Scout and you're not afraid to declare the fact." He continues, "If the idea of wearing your uniform abroad makes you cringe, THINK AGAIN! You'll find it is the exact opposite—People will go out of their way to be friendly and you'll be made to feel like a V.I.P. The emphasis on Scout Uniform or activity wear is important for other reasons, apart from publicising ourselves as Scouts. On previous trips abroad we have often found doors being opened for us which would normally be closed to anyone else, and that is because we are Scouts. For example, on a previous trip to Canada we were offered a free afternoon's water skiing and canoeing by a Canadian who was impressed at how smart and polite our Group was. In Australia, an Adventure Company took a third off the price for an afternoon's Jet skiing, Bumper Tubes and Parasailing, because we were Scouts! In South Africa, the Scouts were offered huge discounts on South African Rugby shirts. These are not isolated cases. Speak to any Scottish Scout who has gone abroad on a Scouting trip and you will hear of many examples of hospitality and friendship. It's good being a Scottish Scout abroad."

GET SMART! BE A SCOUT! BE NOTICED! You will be upholding South African Scouting's record for Smartness and you will also say, "It's good being a South African Scout—at home and abroad!" (Thanks so much, Graham, for sharing those very positive consequences with us.)



HOW TO PREPARE FOR A CAREER (Part I)

Baden Powell continues, "With regard to Part I the qualities shown in italics all go to form what is known as *Character*; and it is Character, as much as efficiency or skill, that will help you to succeed in your career. But I would specially draw attention to *energy* on the one hand and *patience* on the other."



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR YOUR DIARY:

AUGUST

4th Mobile Shop
28th First Aid Course, Witbank.,

SEPTEMBER

1st Mobile Shop
4th GILWELL REUNION
11th-12th Cub Jungle Background and Handcraft- Witbank.
24th-26th CUB SUMMER CAMP
27th SCOUT SUMMER CAMP to

OCTOBER

2nd Oct. SCOUT SUMMER CAMP
9th First Aid Course, White River.
15th-17th East/West JOTA camps
16th Training Team Planning meeting.
30th Area AGM

NOVEMBER

27th Final Area Meeting.
** NATIONAL SCOUT CHALLENGE and
** NATIONAL CUB CHALLENGE to be
completed by 30th September! **

Please submit articles of YOUR Troop, Company, Cub or Brownie Pack activities to: PO Box 3629, White River 1240, or e-mail to daty@mweb.co.za, or hand in to the Area Manager, Nikki Clark.
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