

Lines from the laughs and learnings of lots of lazy
loafing Leander layabouts.

SCOUTMASTER'S SCRIBBLE

First this month a few words about tests. The position has gone from bad to terrible, and we must pull our socks up and get something done. Winning competitions with the attendant glamour is all very well, but it is the test position which reveals the true state of the Troop.

Secondly Uniform. To quote the Admiralty Inspection Officer "It leaves something to be desired". Because we wear black scarves does not mean they don't benefit from a wash and pressing wouldn't hurt most of them either. The triangles should be 6-7 inches from collar to tip. Too many lanyards are washed in "Brand X" when they are washed at all. Shorts don't seem to rate even a brush, much less a press. Caps also seem to spend most of their time being used as floor wipers. There seems also to be a few people who don't realise that the Court of Honour have passed a resolution regarding what is worn over uniform. Navy Blue or Black only should be worn. There are too many browns, khaki or multi check coats.

Having got this off my chest, a little action please.

Following last month's Scribble there was a slight increase in the attendance at Church Parade, but we can do better so let's try. Next month's is on March 12th.

Congratulations to Morrie Buer on his marriage to Margaret Fennell on March 18th. Morrie did a lot for the troop in his period as A.S.M. and still continues to do a great deal as a member of the B. P. Guild. Margaret, sister of "Flan", is also a staunch supporter of the Group. I should like to wish them both lots of happiness in the years to come.

Till the tests are passed,

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PATROL LEADERS' NEWS

HERONS If this is not up to standard, I must apologise, but perhaps it is because I have only had one cup of tea this morning. Nevertheless, I am not as nice (wrongly used in this sense) as the rest of them, according to a certain Girl Guide.

During the last month the patrol has passed very few tests, in fact one! Strangely enough though, the patrol having been slacking (abl. abs.) we still won the patrol competition. The patrol seems to attend well, all being present at most meetings. Still running out of my allocation of words, I must finish, so, until next month, orayveoir.

KEAFIE

OTTERS I start off on an unhappy note, that the following people have not passed a test for at least 5 months. B. Martin - 6 months; M. Lorenzini - 7 months; C. Edwards - 5 months. I very much hope this situation will get better quickly. However I can say that the attendance is not too bad. In the programme lately there has been a craze for wide games as the scouts enjoy them very much. P.L.'s sometimes get very strange things to do such as on Thursday night when Keith, Daisy, Robert, and I helped Mac and Muff teach Girl Guides knots.

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SEAGULLS In the past month (it's a change from the usual "during the past month") the patrol, or rather Robert, has passed two tests, his cooking and fire lighting, a great feat as it was up the back. On Saturday 18th February we had a wide game in the boats. Chris defeated our side miserably when it was our go. He boarded us by Turks in sight of mad muttering fishermen. After the bundle I had to scull back as our oars had been taken. The last month has been fairly exciting.

DAISY

STORKS With so many parties and school exams taking place within the last few months, the Storks have not been devoting their time much to Scouting, although they have only slipped down to 2nd place in the monthly competition, having previously held it for two months. However with the longer days, and weekend camps approaching, plus the prospect of more boating we can hope to see the Storks back at the top again.

CHRIS

BEAVERS The latest bod in the great Beaver Patrol is our very good friend Mr. J. Griffin. John has a very great liking for girls and books whose titles I cannot mention. I am sorry that we came fourth in the monthly patrol competition because of lack of attendance and tests passed. I hope next time we will come higher. This is your old M. C. namely Pip signing off till next time.

P. R. BEVAN

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

GUIDE ST. VALENTINES PARTY

On the 11th February the 4th Kingston Guide Company held a party at Leander H. Q. It started at 4 p.m. with a game in which the teams each had a straw and a polo was passed down the straw. After this things livened up a bit because we had a game of P...n...s K...k.

After tea we had films which everyone enjoyed. R...t P... took a couple of photographs at the most inconvenient moment in the middle of the films.

Later on in the evening Ro... Ra...s...y and a girl called V...ie went for a walk unnoticed (except for the hidden eye). When most of the younger boys had gone the rest had a lovely game of ? and ? .

On Sunday morning Mac, Keith, Daisy and ? went to clear up the H. Q.

R. SMUT

P. S. I regret to say that some of the names are not in full due to circumstances beyond my control.

KINGSTON YOUTH COMMITTEE GOOD EVENING

This was held at the Kingston Hotel on Friday February 3rd. The Group and District were well represented. After an excellent dinner there followed the Speeches and Presentations.

The Mayor delivered one of his usual witty and amusing speeches which contained certain references to Leander Jungle Sales.

The Bayer Winthrop Trophy (which the Group won this year) was collected on behalf of the Group by S. Day and R. Bevan. This trophy is presented each year by the Kingston Youth Committee to the youth organisation making the most progress in the year.

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TWITTERINGS FROM THE UNDERGROWTH - by BIG EARS

Did I hear that K..t. M..d is going to join Surrey Ladies Swinning Club ? Want some cash ? See D..y, he had a bucket full of it.

From now on the Scout Troop will meet three times a week. The new meeting is in Washington Road at 8.45 p.m. on Fridays.

Is it true that next month Br..n. is buying a Rolls Royce Silver Cloud.

REVOLT AGAINST ROADS! If you come to Scouts cross country, along ditches, through hedges, you too can arrive looking like J..n L....-l...e and N.t.y.

When you fibreglass the boats, M.c and M.f. you should fill up the holes, then they might float.

D..d O..n is so proud of his new haircut that he comes to Scouts without his cap so that we can all admire it.

Where does R...t Ra...l.y go when he practices his First Class Hike for 1½ hours after midnight ? I have heard this is in connection with another First Class test - bird recognition.

£1 will be paid for any useful information for this column. Send the information to:-

Big Ears,
Blacknail Dept.,
Narksville,
Outer Mongolia.

together with 30/- Postal Order for postage of your prize.

THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION

Write an essay entitled "My Patrol Leader". This should be about 100 words and need not be complimentary but should be publishable!

Last month the competition to make a novel Turks Head was won by Mitten who made one of pastry and baked it (it was delicious). He has received his prize, as will be the winner of this month's competition.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

MARCH

- 4th Cub Going-Up Ceremony.
- 5th Working Day at Polyapes for P.L.s and Seconds.
- 6th Meeting at H.Q. at 8.30 p.m. for any Scouts over 14½ in connection with starting a Scout and Guide Club in Kingston.
- 9th A. Martin's Birthday.
- 11th Jumble Sale at St. Luke's Social Centre Elm Road at 5 p.m.
- 12th Church Parade
- 18th One Day Camp at Polyapes.
- 19th R. Elles's Birthday.
- 25th Copy for next Lash-Up.
- 31st Easter Camp at Longridge for P.L.s and Seconds.

APRIL

- 2nd Start of BOB-A-JOB WEEK.
- 8th Another lively Dance and Social organised by the Kingston Rovers to raise money to send a Rover to the Moot in Australia. Everyone Welcome. Admission 2/6 d.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Editor,

Being a lazy lofing Leander layabout I wood like too thank yoo for yor ferst edishun.

i enjoyed reeding it verry much. But wot abowt the title ?
Koodn't yoo think ov a better wun ? Wot abowt a competishun on it ?
Enehow yor awl doin a verry important job. so. kepe it up.

An anonomos LLLL

(wEe haf diskufferd this Kaan frun that edjukatd feloh, nettim)

Dear Editor,

Having been a member of the Troop for a short time I would like to write in praise of our Scouters, Bruno, Muff and Mac. I feel that they are doing a difficult and thankless job splendidly. These three stalwarts never cease working for the good of the Troop, and their honesty, truthfulness, helpfulness and kindness are very well known to all of us. Without then this troop would be in a very bad state indeed and so I think to show our gratitude to these great and well respected gentlemen a collection should be made to give them a holiday in the South of France.

Yours faithfully,

Phred

(Well if you readers don't write letters we have to fill up the space somehow - Ed)

Note: Don't light fires with this - read it and remember it.

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