

The Official News Sheet of the Leander Sea Scout Troop incorporating lines from the laughs and learnings of lots of lazy loafing Leander layabouts.

SCOUTMASTERS SCRIBBLE

This month sees the start of Volume 2 of the Lash-Up and also another edition by our mad typist from Southampton so let me apologise in advance if you see more mistakes (four already) than usual, we have to give him something to do when he comes home. I always believe that February is the worst month of the year, not only because the mad typist and myself were born in it, but it always seems such a long time ago when it was summer and a long time before it will be summer again. This brings me to the date of Summer Camp which will be AUG 11th - 25th. The site has yet to be finally agreed, but it seems likely to be in the Solent area. It is also usually the worst month for attendance probably mostly due to illness, but it is surprising how homework seems to virtually disappear as the weather improves only to return as soon as dark nights are with us again. February will have to be pretty poor for attendances to beat January with 82 recorded attendances out of 208 possible, and a Church Parade attendance of 11. I know it's nice and warm at home and it's a pity to leave for the cold outdoors, but it's not very loyal to the person who has spent a lot of time organising a programme. There was only one person last month who had a 100% attendance record.

Finally a word of congratulation to Peter and Daisy for doing so well at the Bosuns Badge course. To be considered ready to be tested for the badge at 14 is some achievement.

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Patrol Leader's News

BEAVERS

It would make a pleasant change if someone passed a test. In fact it would be quite unusual if someone came. (Nobody in the Beavers came to more than half the number of meetings in January) in fact one person, who shall remain nameless, never came. Soon after I arrived back from Longridge a few of us invaded the Boat Show where we saw a Coypu which is very good. Many thanks to Mr. Andrews for taking us there. Just to finish on the subject of tests again, I am going to get my Scout Cord by Easter - what are you going to do?

PETER

HERONS

Dear Readers,

You may or may not know that Colin (Sputnik) has moved to another troop nearer his home. GOOD LUCK Sputnik.

The test passing situation is decidedly weak. Hugh pass a test. David (my Second) has decided to start Patrol meetings at H.Q. so if you want to come see David for times.

I must close now but I hope the tests that should be passed are.

Yours in Tests,
Lori

SEAGULLS

During this New Year I shall expect a lot more tests passed than in the last year. A lot more Second Class badges by Summer Camp.

The attendance this month hasn't been particularly good, and please let me know when you aren't going to be present. On the 20th there was the usual Cross-Country. There were the usual excuses for not turning up, but all this is reported elsewhere. I have just received the result of the patrol competition, we were third. That is due to no tests being passed except by Clive.

Ah well, that's the lot,

DAISY

STORKS

As I write this, I see that we are bottom in the Patrol Competition this month again. This will just not do!

The first thing that loses us points is attendance: out of 49 possible attendances there have been about 20, that is under half. The next thing is lateness; if you arrive on time and in uniform you will probably get about 7 marks if you arrive only a minute late you will only get 2. So make sure you are here

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at 6.55 p.m. on Tuesdays and 2.25 p.m. on Saturdays (N.B. I see that our second has only honoured us with his presence once!) The final thing is tests! I am glad to say that Chris has finished his tenderfoot (not at all prematurely though), but Tommy has not passed a single test since he rejoined us. And do not think that because you have passed a test you can sit back for another month or two, this is just not so!

EVERYONE make a point of passing at least one test this month and arriving at every meeting on time (if you cannot come, let someone know), and next month we will not be bottom of the Patrol Competition.

MITTEN

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY RUN.

I have been asked to write for the District Cross Country again. I have not copied out last year's Lash-Up, however, and any resemblance is purely coincidental.

Apparently the yearly epidemic of colds and Flu was not so serious this year, because John and Puffkin actually managed to come (Rah. Rah. Rah. and all that) Nutty, however, had his usual spell of amnesia (it happens every time) and duly arrived at Headquarters at 2.30 p.m. Luckily this time, there was no party taking place, so he could not join that.

After everyone had changed and assembled at Richmond Park, by various modes of transport (including cars) the race was started by Mr. Sydney Wooderson, the famous runner who is now Secretary of the Kingston Boy Scouts Association. The first person to come in from our Troop was Peter who was 12th. When all the runners had finished Mr. Sydney Wooderson presented the prizes. There was tea and a film show afterwards.

The winners were R. Reddington of 2nd Norbiton Troop and the team prize went to Kingston School Scout Group, Woden Troop.

MITTEN

BOSUN'S BADGE COURSE.

Peter and I went on a Bosun's Badge course held between 1st and 6th January, I have been asked to write about what happened during that week.

On the Monday morning (1st January) we set out to try to get to Longridge, I say try as there was a large amount of snow on the ground. Anyhow we managed to arrive there by about 3.45 p.m. and were put into Patrols.

The bailiff wasn't able to give his opening talk as half of the course hadn't arrived. So to keep us occupied we started to clear away the snow.

After tea we had a knotting film made by one of the instructors. After which we had a film called 'Antartic Crossing' when this finished we had supper.

To see whether we had been awake during the knotting film they tested and taught us those shown together with some other new ones.

Before we went to bed it was announced that there was going to be a patrol competition held during the course and that points would be deducted for slowness in doing something. After which we had about 3 minutes to climb into bed.

At 7 a.m. on Tuesday morning we were rudely awakened by the quartermaster who gave us five minutes to get up. We were then despatched to different jobs such as cleaning out the hut, washing out the heads, etc.

After breakfast, we went to our different instructional classes which were wire, canvas, boathouse and ropework. In the middle of the morning we had a tea-break.

This succession of events went on during the week except instead of getting us up by shouting at us on Wednesday they let off bangers and had one of those football rattles.

On Thursday afternoon they let us loose in Marlow for about an hour and a half. In the evening they organised a camp fire which went down very well.

On Friday evening we had a wide game in which our side had to defend the main field against an attacking side who had to light a fire in the middle of it. It went well except that afterwards there was a snowball fight in which the window got broken.

One thing that I have omitted is that we had a toboggan race on Tuesday evening part of the race was to make your own toboggan and also in the mornings we went on runs and did some P.T.

On Saturday morning we had until 11 o'clock to finish off our knots and splices that had to be done to pass the course. After this we scrubbed the hut out and had dinner after which we were dismissed.

DAISY

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed! (Sir or Madam)

I would like to put forward a suggestion that I hope will be printed in your glossy covered paper.

As we all no Sea Cadets like you like adventure, so, so, I have set an inturence test for your lot only. I have a mouse in my house and I would like some hand Picket boys to catch it

Description of Mouse

Light brown in colour with a scar over the left eye.

Hieght 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " with a tail 1"

Reward for Capture.

The Mouse.

Yours faithfully,

A. L. L. L.

P. S.

It is also invisible.

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FROM OUR LITERARY CORRESPONDENT

The Butcher stood at the Golden Gate,
His head was bended low,
He neckly asked the man from Yate,
The way that he must go.
What have you done ? St. Peter said
To seek admission here
I kept a butcher's shop on earth
For many and many a year.
St. Peter opened wide the Gate
And gently pushed the bell.
Come inside and choose your harp,
You've had your share of Hell.

And he is an A.S.M. too !!!

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TWITTERINGS FROM THE UNDERGROWTH by BIG EARS.

The private life of P. H. will shortly be filmed with an 'X' Certificate.
D. O.'s local barber is closing through lack of custom as also is R. A.'s.
Long Trousers are for Seniors only D. G.
I hear D. was offered two match sticks to keep his eyes open on Sunday mornir
Keep 'Death off the Roads' - 2 New Scooter addicts - 1 Female are now at larg
If only . R. was as keen to get to meetings as he is to miss the Cross Count
Cancel the order for Coypus and use L.'s old shoes.
Who was the wit who said the S.M. was "Exhausted".
News Flash P....k... is now paid up with his subs.

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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS.

February

- 8th Martin Webb's Birthday.
- 10th John Evans' Birthday.
- 11th Church Parade.
- 13th Brian Donnan's Birthday.
- 14th St. Valentine's Day.
- 22nd Founder's Day.
- 24th B's Birthday.