

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

SCOUTMASTER'S SCRIBBLE. This monthly news sheet is intended to inform those interested, particularly in the Scout Troop section of the Leander Sea Scout Group of what has been, is, and will be going on, and to instruct and entertain the members.

First then, a warm welcome to all readers,

One of the things that has been concerning me quite a bit recently has been the poor attendance at our monthly Church Parades. For the record these are normally on the second Sunday of each month. I know several members are choristers and there are some whose denomination does not permit them to attend but I would like to impress on all the acceptance of the first and most important part of the Scout Promise.

I will close with a few words of thanks to the Scouts who erected and struck the tent at Kingston Parish Church for the Rotary Club Appeal at Christmas and to the Court of Honour for organising such a successful party on January 7th.

'Till next time then,

B.

PATROL LEADERS' NEWS.

HERONS. During the last month the patrol has not been all that busy, but at least (or should I say 'at last') Alan Martin has acquired his Tenderfoot Badge. One thing I must say though is that attendance has improved but perhaps this is explained by the fact that we have another "full time" member in "Tiddles" which makes all the difference. Another thing that has surprised me is that we have gone up in the Patrol Competition but, through the lack of tests passed, we are still nowhere near the top. (To think that I have been asked to propose that they should be made harder at the next County Court of Honour.)

KEAF.

OTTERS. P.L. in distress. You may remember me in an article concerning the lock-keeper's daughter. I would like to take this opportunity to say that it was not true. However, if you don't follow the Water Rat, I will inform you that I am G. Hockham, P.L. of the Otters. So that you will know us better, I will name the patrol with the nicknames in brackets:- G. Hockham (Noggin), B. Martin (we could not pin one on him so we call him 'Brian'), M. Lorenzini (Lorry), C. Edwards (Ted), S. Frith (Frothy).

The Otter patrol say 'Hello' and may you enjoy reading the articles to come in "Lash-up".

NOGGIN.

SEAGULLS. During the last month, we went to see the Circus and Fair at Olympia. It was enjoyed by all (I hope) but, alas! that oaf Robert (with respects to Lorry) lost his cap and eye patch, a feat which only he (or Nutty) could do. We all enjoyed the party, especially Robert with a certain 'jeune fille'. A rather poor effort from Robert in the cross country who, with the annual cold excuse, didn't compete. Bloggs was unable to attend owing to illness. I am not satisfied with the rate of tests and attendance.

DAISY

BEAVERS. On the 6th January three members of the patrol went to the Boat Show at Earls Court. There were some very interesting types of boats like the new Catamaran cruisers with four berths and the new Turbo craft which is propelled by sucking water in with a powerful engine and pumping it out at a fast rate. The stands at the top of the Hall were mainly for outboards and small boats. There were also some very interesting stands showing electrical accessories, rope and small gadgets for boats. After seeing these, we had a look at the Frogman display in the harbour and went home after a very enjoyable day.

PIP.

STORKS. Unfortunately, the Patrol Leader has been too lazy to contribute but, if his Patrol give him a kick in the pants, he may do do next month.

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AND OVERLEAF AND ASKS YOUR INDULGENCE FOR ANY GRAMMATICAL ERRORS.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

CROSS COUNTRY.

The dreaded day had been fixed - for Jan. 21st. The usual annual epidemic of coughs, colds and other allied diseases, which always occur concurrently with the Cross-country, had broken out. Of course, Somebody HAD to forget!!!!

A certain 'purple-people-eating' Patrol Leader, who had had a cough in the morning, had forgotten all about it in the afternoon, having been threatened with a scandal.

There was a grand turn-out of 59 idiots, who, I'm sure, enjoyed their weekend ramble. M. Reddington of 2N. came first; our first man coming 13th (unlucky?). The team prize was won by K.S.S.G. Woden.

MITT.

SCOUT CHRISTMAS PARTY, 1961. P.L. Maund organised the games, all the P.L.'s organised the grub and Mitt controlled the music from the chartroom. Moira (a Sea Ranger) came down on Saturday morning with Hazel and her sister, Marion, to help with the food. A Ladies Powder Room was established in the office and most boys who invaded this room were met with a "Kleer Off" or "Git out of it." The party started at 3 o'clock and the visitors were the 3rd and 4th Kingston Guides and some Sea Rangers. The first game was Musical Chairs in which some lads thought the object of the game was to wreck the chairs. After the afore-mentioned game, Keith organised a game in which the object was to tie a nappy on to a balloon. Mac got a charming photo of Lorry attempting this. During the proceedings Mrs. Pett of 3rd Kingston arrived to make sure her guides weren't too rough on our little scouts. After more games, tea and films (which were very funny) the party was rounded off by some games in the dark, accompanied by screams and giggles. Mac took one photo during Oranges and Lemons which was aimed at Keith but it missed. After the party, P.L.s and Seconds, Hazel and Moira helped to clear the debris.

ROBERT PECK.

TWITTERINGS FROM THE UNDERGROWTH by BIG EARS.

S..g..ll Patrol. Is black speckled scrambled egg in fashion now? Overheard during Postman's Knock at the party: Girl Guide: "What are we out here for?" Boy Scout: "I'll show you!" See R...r. .n..h for the sequel. Ro..rt W.sh.o..ne should ask his geography mistress how to read a map.

I hear that H.g. R.ck..d joined the cubs for a day. By a strange co-incidence this was the day of the cub party and the Scout Cross Country.....

I notice your watch is 10 minutes behind G.M.T. Mi.h.el Lo....i.i.

Ask Ke..h M.u.d what happened when the lights went out. (How much did he pay you Ch..s H..t?).

H..... who was it..... on..... at..... behind the hedge..... nightdress.....!!! (This item has unfortunately had to be censored as the writer has been threatened with violence if it is published in full. - Ed.)

There will be a collection for R..e.t Ra.n...y after the meeting. He is living in the garage as his house has been taken over by 12 dogs. Congratulations N.g..r. P.S. Big Ears is EVERYWHERE.....

THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION. Make a Turks Head in any material other than Rope, Cordage or Leather. Entries to the Scoutmaster before February 14th. A prize will be given for the most constructive and original entry. The Scoutmaster's decision is final.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS.

- 3rd Feb. Kingston Youth Leaders "Good Evening" Supper. (See next month's issue for report).
- 8th Feb. M. Webb's Birthday.
- 12th Feb. CHURCH PARADE.
- 13th Feb. B. Donnans Birthday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

We will print in this space letters sent in by any reader of the "Lash-up." These may be comments, complaints, criticisms etc.

NOTE: There are only 276 shopping days left to Christmas.