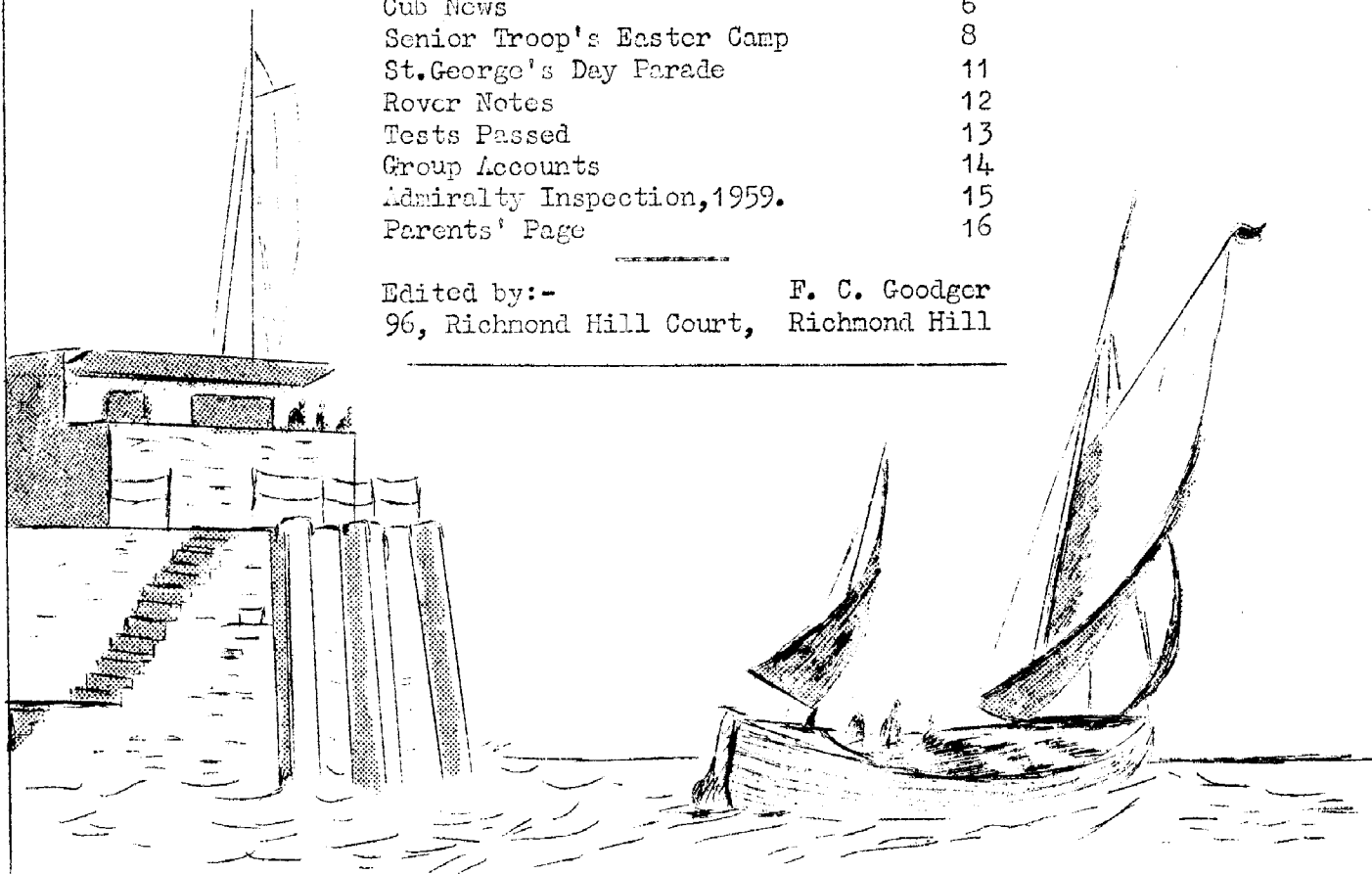


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SKIPPER'S SCRAWL.

On Sunday, 10th July, Mrs. B. Myers was "Called to Higher Service". Mrs. Myers was Akela of "Leander" Pack from about 1923 to about 1935, and over these many years she devoted her life to Cubbing. A very large number of old "Leanders" look back with affection to the happy and useful time they spent in the Pack, under her leadership. We extend our deepest sympathy to "Bill" and his family in their great loss.

Although rather ancient history, it is worthy of record that the Group was again awarded the Bayer-Winthrop Trophy for the most outstanding performance of the various Youth organisations in Kingston. On this occasion we tied for 1st place with S.R.S. "Victor", and I am sure there is no one else with whom we would rather share this honour.

In March, "Leanders" joined with other Scouts all over the country in assisting with the collection of clothing, organised by the W.V.S. in connection with World Refugee Year. This was a Group effort, which involved parents as well, in sorting and bundling the great volume of clothes which the boys collected in the area allotted to us.

The Group Swimming Gala on 28th May, organised by "Leander" Branch of the B.P. Guild, was again a most enjoyable affair, and reflected great credit on all concerned with the arrangements, and on the competitors who showed a high standard of swimming. There can be very few Groups able to stage such an excellent programme on their own.

In the District Camping Competition on 25th/26th June, the four Patrols of the Scout Troop broke all records by gaining 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places. As a result, we were able to represent Kingston in the Surrey County Competition, against 31 other Associations, and gained 1st place. Well done! On their return to Kingston, Keith Maund and his merry men were entertained to tea by His Worship the Mayor, who told them how pleased he was at the honour which they had achieved for Kingston.

As will be seen from other pages of this magazine, all sections of the Group are extremely active, and I congratulate everyone concerned on what has been

achieved. There is, however, one thing about which I am rather worried, and that is the attendances at our monthly Church Parades. These have dropped considerably during the past few months, and I look for a marked improvement, especially on the part of the Senior Scouts, to whom the younger boys look for an example.

This year's Garden Fete came at the end of a week of heavy rain storms of which two were experienced on the Saturday itself. This unfortunately kept many people away, and the labours of the organisers did not reap the full reward which they deserved. In spite of the weather, many of our staunchest supporters turned up and played their part nobly, so that, including the receipts from Refreshments, the profit on the afternoon's undertaking was approximately £49. Among our helpers on this occasion, was the father of Arthur Hall, who told us that Arthur's wife had presented him with another daughter on 4th July. Congratulations to Arthur and Dawn!

In order to keep pace with the achievements of the various sections of the Group, and as an encouragement to even greater efforts, it was felt by the Scouters and the Group Committee that the Headquarters premises should be restored to a condition more worthy of the Group's reputation. A major part of the renovation has now been completed, and I am sure that everyone will take an even greater pride in his membership of the Group.

It will be common knowledge that much of the property adjoining H.Q. is changing hands. As a result it is quite possible that the Group may have to give up some of the facilities which it has enjoyed for many years. On the other hand we have been very fortunate, thanks to the help of the Mayor and Kingston Corporation, in being able to purchase the boathouse adjoining the Boat Deck. This will have to be entirely reconstructed and extended, but when this work has been done, we may find ourselves very little worse off than before except for the expenditure of much energy and a considerable sum of money which at present we can only guess.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those who have so kindly congratulated me on the Chief Scout's award of the Silver Wolf. This was, I feel very largely in recognition of what has been achieved by "Leanders" over many years, and this has been possible only by the help which I have received from Mrs. Ebbage and all members and supporters of the Group.

TROOP NEWS - "GETTING UP TO DATE"

The Troop suffered a great loss when the four P/L's (Dave, Chris, Whiskey and Shrimp) went up to Seniors, there was no one aged 14 to take their places. Chris, Mick, Malcolm and Keith were made the new P/L's and Pip, Noggin, Daisy, and Brian their Seconds. For the first few weeks things were pretty hectic and the newly appointed P/L's and Seconds found out just how hard their job was to be. To help them, and finish off the camping season, one more camp was held which proved very useful to all.

Most of our Scouts were present at the Swimming Gala to support our representatives. The Troop did very well and came 1st. Noggin took part in a diving demonstration, as he had won the diving earlier in the week. Following the Gala came the Admiralty Inspection. Storks and Seagulls gave a demonstration of pulling in the gigs, and Herons and Otters did P.T. Whilst the Seniors were doing sailing the P/L's prepared to give their lectures. Mick did artificial respiration - Malcolm - bends and hitches - Chris - weather, and Keith - "Rule of the Road at Sea." At the end of the evening we were told how well we had done, and as soon as the Inspection was over, the Party seemed to loom ahead.

Attendance was very good through the past few months, and at the Party, all but one were present. Malcolm was M/C and Keith organised the games. Although everyone was in high spirits, table manners proved to be quite good. To round off the Party, Mr. Ted Boddy gave a film show; he showed a "Western" with lots of shooting in it, and by the cheers that came every time someone was shot, all appeared to enjoy it. A "Jamboree Film" was also shown.

In the annual Cross Country Race, the Troop gained 1st place. Brian ran very well, and came in 1st, whilst Lori (as he predicted,) did not come last again. The reason we won was probably because of the large number of competitors from our Troop (at least 20) After the Cross Country Race, Mick left the Troop and Noggin was made P/L in his place which led to a good bit of changing about of Patrols.

Noggin arranged a football match against 2nd Norbiton, who eventually beat us by 3 goals - still, we can't win everything!

One Tuesday when we arrived at H.Q. we were given leaflets to deliver about "World Refugee Year". Then we had to collect clothes from where the leaflets had been delivered.

A good effort was made and as a result of Patrols out collecting each night of the week, we made a big collection. After being taken to the W.V.S. the clothes were sent to the Refugees. The W.V.S. were afraid the floor would cave in as a result of the weight of clothing collected.

The camping season seemed to spring upon us, and after a day camp, the week-end camps began. These have been arranged so that each Patrol goes once a month, and are being enjoyed by all. At Easter a camp for P/L's was held at Longridge, Marlow. Malcolm, Noggin, Daisy and Keith set off on the Thursday before Good Friday by bike. The journey was long and tiring, but at last we arrived and had no need to mention who we were, the Purser already knew! Noggin and Daisy pitched camp whilst Malcolm and Keith went off to buy provisions in Marlow. After tea, and getting the site cleared up, we proceeded to see what this I.H.Q. Camp Site was like and came to the conclusion it was very good. We then retired to our tent and after a tiring day, we were soon asleep. On awaking in the morning we were surprised to see nearly everything, with the exception of ourselves, had been pushed out of the tent. This should really have been expected though, for it is a bit difficult to sleep four in a tent made for two! We got up and after trudging to the galley ankle deep in frost, prepared breakfast. After we had finished all our small jobs and were just about to have a rest, a small grey van arrived, crammed full by the three S/M's and their kit. They walked over to us, and when they came near, one of the A/S/M's was surprised to find himself hurtling to the ground under the impact of Noggin, Daisy and Keith. Whilst in this predicament, Malcolm took a snap to show that even A/S/M's can be on the receiving end sometimes! Still, we unloaded the kit and set up camp. Having more tents now, we slept in a Patrol tent, not a hike one. By the end of the day we knew our way around the site and exactly which places were "out of bounds" We turned in for the night but were rudely awakened from our blissful sleep by many deep, gruff, voices: the Rover Crew had arrived in force to wait for two of their fellows who were in a canoe race. About an hour later (when they had finished pitching their tents) we were able to go back to sleep, and peace and quiet reigned.

In the morning, after breakfast, we had a row in one of the site's gigs. It was hard going, but after passing through many locks (and Noggin falling for one of the Lockkeeper's daughters) we eventually arrived at Henley. We stayed for light refreshments but whilst everyone else was content to have tea, Noggin had to have frothy coffee, and it sure was
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CUB NEWS.

Having returned home as brown as berries from a very happy and enjoyable summer camp, it seems a great effort to cast one's mind back to some of the events which have taken place since writing the Cub News in the last "Water Rate". Our Hallow'een Party (when the Main Deck was transformed into an enchanted Forest full of witches, goblins, skeletons and giant spiders) our Carol Singing "Good Turn" in aid of the World Refugees, followed by our Pack Christmas Party (complete with a very generous Santa Claus) are now things past.

In the New Year we were all very pleased to welcome Mrs. L. Grigg as a warranted Member of the Group. Bagheera has attended a Cub Scouters' Training Course and officially received her warrant as A/C/M "Leander" in April when Mrs. Batson our A/D/C (Cubs) made the presentation on behalf of the Chief Scout. Bagheera has been a source of great help in the Pack, particularly in arranging badge tests and helping with swimming coaching.

In February we received a long interesting letter from Mrs. Millest, "Leander's" very first Akela, who now lives in Yorkshire, wishing us the very best of Good Hunting with the Pack.

While we were hard at work preparing for our Cub exhibits for the Kingston District Scoutcraft Exhibition, we received a request from a Cub Pack in Delft, Holland, in connection with their own exhibition in Delft held to celebrate Holland's Jubilee of Scouting. The Dutch Pack wished to hold an "English Cub Day", which the boys would spend as English Cubs, and they required details of our food and camp menus, camp-fire songs, customs, games etc. They also asked for photos of our Pack in action (some excellent shots were taken by Mr. Frith for this purpose) pictures and photos of our town and country, a scrap book made by the Cubs themselves and an exchange of badges, and other items of uniform. These were duly despatched and we have since received a most interesting parcel in return.

In April the Pack and Troop met for a "Going-Up" Ceremony when the Pack bade farewell to Richard Andrews and Martin Webb on their way up into the Troop (where they are now well on the road to becoming Second Class Scouts). After this Ceremony we set off on a ramble into Richmond Park where we all had a wonderful time. Some Cubs collected frogs-pawn which they brought back to the Headquarters. After an excellent tea, to which they were invited by the Troop, the Cubs departed happily home, leaving Akela the unwilling

possessor of a jar full of frogspawn.

At the St. George's Day Parade, Bagheera lead a very smart turn out (in Akela's absence) and we are told the Cubs kept in step most of the way. At the Group Swimming Gala it was encouraging to note that Cubs are coming along to take the place of the swimmers who have now gone up into the Troop, but with fourteen non-swimmers in the Pack, it is clearly evident that there is a colossal amount of work to be done on Saturday mornings if we are to achieve our aim - that every Cub will have his Swimmer's Badge before he goes up into the Troop. May I make an appeal to all parents and friends for help in swimming coaching for an hour on Sat. mornings 10.30 to 11.30. Please 'phone Akela (KINGston 9002) if you can help occasionally.

14 Cubs had a wonderful time at Polyapes as previously mentioned. Thanks to S/M Burton and the A/S/M's for looking after the tents, Mr. Leyshon and Mr. Grigg for cooking.

We have welcomed six New Chums into the Pack since the last issue of the "Water Rat" Peter Bamford, Brian Evans, Crispin Hodges, Leslie Rainsley, Nicholas Roberts and David White. Star and Badge Work has been going along steadily, three Cubs having gained their Leaping Wolf Badges and nearly all Cubs with one or more stars have gained at least one badge since Christmas. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking all Cub Parents who have helped the Pack or Group in any way, especially with providing cakes etc. for our parties and social occasions.

AKELA.

TROOP NEWS (Contd. from page 5).

frothy. We set off back to camp; Daisy, who must have been feeling tired, decided to fill his hand with splinters, and therefore had to cox the gig all the way back. We arrived on time, and found both S/M and tea waiting!

On Sunday morning, the Rovers left, and Chris arrived. We went to the Scouts' Own and then the working party from our site (which comprised Muff, Stick, and Bruno!) left to do their jobs. After dinner we again invaded the site's boats, and did just about everything we shouldn't have done in them. Returning to camp, we consumed the remainder of the 7lbs of fruit cake during our tea. After supper we retired to rest for the last night of the camp. Eventually we arrived home, tired, but very happy, after a most enjoyable camp.

KEITH MAUND.

SENIOR TROOP - EASTER CAMP, 1960.

The Troop had decided to see what the Upper Medway looked like at Easter, and as it was a long distance, we took our new fibreglass gig (No.3), equipped with terylene sails, down the Thames to the mouth of the Medway, and then up the Medway itself during the week-end before Easter. Because of the tides, we had to leave at 23.30, and a quarter of an hour later we arrived at Toddington Lock, much to the Lock-keeper's disgust! After a stop of about 20 minutes, we were off again at great speed as we wanted to reach Greenhithe in one tide, if possible. Very little happened until just before Hammersmith Bridge when a small tanker just astern started ringing bells and doing odd things. Those of the Crew who were not asleep, immediately had rosy dreams of a tow, and sleep! The person in the bows was not fully conscious and had to be shaken into life to be told to get our light on the forestay lit. When this had been done we hopefully sat looking at the small ship, which callously ignored us and went past doing a fabulous eight or so knots. The light on the forestay was not one of our smoky old hurricane lamps, but one of the modern luxury items worked by electricity! It was Nye's idea and either blinded the helmsman or tried to be clever and send nose! I think everyone was quite relieved when it was drowned off Fords at Dagenham. I should imagine we passed Big Ben around 3 a.m., but I can't remember. Just below Wapping a Police Launch came and shone their searchlight in our faces, as usual, and must have decided we were relatively harmless because they soon shot off again. It was rather chilly by then, and everyone was dressed in full ceremonial uniform with lifejacket, oilskins and sou'westers. Nothing of note happened except the monotonous $\frac{1}{2}$ hour rowing, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour sleeping, until we arrived at Ford's around seven o'clock when we moored to a barge and rigged the boat, then continued on our way sailing. It soon began to rain but our oilskins kept us dry for the two hours until we arrived at Greenhithe to find a Sea Scout waiting for us at the town landing-stage. We cooked a meal in the village hall, and when Bob arrived with his van, we left under sail. Mac took Bob's van back to Kingston, so there were still seven of us in the crew. By now the wind and tide were both going downstream pretty fast, and we managed to average seven knots to Tilbury Docks. A mile or two below Tilbury, Whiskey took the helm and after a quarter of an hour he succeeded in his fight with the tiller by breaking it. The trouble now began as we were not far off the shore, which at that point did not look at all inviting. After quite a struggle rowing against the tide and wind (during which we broke an oar, almost lost a boathook, and Bob was walking about in the

river up to his knees) we moored to a buoy. We were just about to try sailing down the river when a Police Launch stopped near and asked if we wanted a tow. Pluto said "no", but Bob frenziedly shouted "Yes", so we took the sails down and took the tow to just off Sheerness. We sailed up the Medway to the "Arethusa", where we slept the night and then went home. The next week-end (Easter), Shrimp, Mac, Whiskey, Chris, Pidgeon and Bob went down to the "Arethusa" on Thursday evening. During the weekend the ship was being used by 164 Westminster Sea Scouts and Cadets, and when Shrimp, Mac and Whiskey went into the galley to heat up soup, someone shouted up the hand-operated food lift from the boat deck below, "Send down the buns". Shrimp obliged and went to the lift and pulled a rope. First of all three buns came up, so he pulled the other rope and a large dixie half-full of kye appeared. As no one seemed to want it, we made full use of it. On Friday morning we left "Arethusa", sailed up the river, hoping to get to Tonbridge. On passing Chatham Dockyard we saw a fine selection of blunt-nosed battle-ships, described by Chris. Just above Rochester Bridge we discovered the river was not as deep as we had hoped, so it was necessary to perfect our system of bouncing along the river bed on the centre plate, without tipping over in the meantime. After a rather uneventful journey, except for the passing of that delightfully-named town Snodland, where we broke another tiller (it was Mac this time) we arrived at the first lock on the Medway. We went through it with a four, which had also come up from Rochester, and a mile further up river found a suitable place to camp, not far from Maidstone. Bob went home that evening to work next day, and the rest of us went to Maidstone to the Cinema. On Saturday we left the campsite quite early to return to the "Arethusa". We were rather short on food, so we stopped at Aylesford to buy some. As the river was pretty low, we found it difficult to get from the river to the town. We eventually managed to walk through the mud to a garden, and on to the road. After an hour we left Aylesford, continuing downstream, the only thing of interest which happened took place about 6 miles below Aylesford. We were happily rowing along when we were all horrified to see a waterfall stretching right across the river ahead. We had to take off our socks and step into the freezing cold water (amid screams of anguish from those in the rushing river). We carried the gig across the waterfall, leapt back into the boat, and had a rest while we once again passed the Snodland paper mill, infested by millions of Snods. We got back to the Ship, retrieved our camp beds and went to sleep. On Sunday, after breakfast from the cook, a friend of ours, we left for Greenhithe at

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10.00. After 3 hours sailing we reached the Thames, and off Sheerness were taking in a lot of water over the bows each time we went on to the port tack. At one time it was about six inches deep, and Mac and Shrimp in the bows, were getting hit in the back by every wave, while Whiskey and Pidgeon in the stern were completely dry. We reached Greenhithe at 7.30 p.m., but were unable to stay at the village hall as planned. The S/M of Greenhithe Troop, who works for a shipping firm, said a tanker moored off the town would probably let us stay a few hours. We went out to the "Astrality", and they gave us the Officers' mess and a galley. The mess was extremely warm, a great contrast to conditions outside. We left about midnight, and set off rowing to Lambeth, got a tow for a few miles from a Police Launch near Ford's, and arriving at London Bridge about 5.30 When we got to Lambeth we went to sleep in the M.L. there, and after dinner we left for Kingston, getting a tow at Battersea to Richmond Lock. Rowing on towards H.Q. through the usual Easter traffic, we arrived at 7.30 p.m. The camp had been a most enjoyable one, although the gig was by now covered with a thick layer of oil, petrol, and of course Snods, which had escaped from the paper mill!

A. DOW (Whiskey).

QUOTATIONS.

"Help the weak if you are strong,
Love the old if you are young,
Own a fault if you see wrong,
If you're angry hold your tongue". EMERSON.

HAVE YOU a favourite quotation, and if so, would you care to let me have it so that we can compile a CALENDAR FOR 1961 containing quotations etc, from Members of the "Leander" Group, parents and friends.

The finished Calendar will be on sale at the BAZAAR in November, providing we get sufficient "material" from you.

Will you think it over, and then contact Mrs.E.Ebbage, 82a Eden Street, Kingston.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE, WINDSOR, 1960.

R. Day and I were chosen by Mr. L. E. Stringer (H. Q. Commissioner for Senior Scouts) together with three other Sea Scouts, to be the colour party at the Parade. We went to the Royal Mews, Windsor, on Saturday 23rd April in the afternoon to practice for the actual day. After rehearsing in detail everything we had to do, each of us went to the home of a Windsor Scout for the night. Next morning we went to the Mews for a final practice until lunch time, after which we changed into our "best" uniforms and assembled for the parade. The band marched on parade and halted. Then, with colours flying, the band played us on parade and we halted. Mr. Stringer took up his position between the band and us, and on his command we marched out of the Mews, through the town, up Castle Hill, and halted outside the Quadrangle to await the Queen. While there, Brian Johnstone interviewed some Queen Scouts. On the Queen's arrival we marched round the Quadrangle. I felt very proud and honoured to be carrying a flag in the Colour Party at such an important parade. After passing her Majesty, and the Chief Scout, Sir Charles Maclean, we marched down to St. George's Chapel and as we ascended the steps the other "Leander" colour bearer and I split up so that when we reached the top we were standing either side of the door with half the escort behind us. When the rest of the parade had passed in, we followed. As the Dean appeared, the other bearer and I marched slowly down the aisle and knelt before him. He took our colours and laid them on the altar, we stood up, turned about, and marched off to our reserved seats in the front pew. Then followed a St. George's Day Service I will never forget. During the singing of the last hymn, we two bearers got up and knelt before the altar. The singing stopped, and the Dean blessed the colours and handed them to us. We stood up, turned round, changed sides of the aisle, before marching slowly down it. Just inside the main door we halted and waited for the congregation to form up in their sections on the green at the foot of the steps. Then we marched out of the door, turned outwards along the top of the steps and faced down them. The Sea Scouter in charge of us carried the St. George's Flag out and stood between us. The Chief Scout addressed the assembled Queen Scouts, then we marched down the steps and converged at the bottom. The escorts took up their position behind us and we joined the waiting band. On the command of the First Section Leader, the whole parade moved off through the castle grounds and back to the Mews, and marched off the colours. So ended the parade, which I will never forget as long as I live!

CHRIS. YOUNG

ROVER NOTES.

Since the last "Water Rat", the Rover Crew has increased in numbers, although unfortunately (due to National Service, higher education, apprenticeships, and the Royal and Merchant Navies) half of the total membership are very much part-timers. However, we heartily welcome Allan Hockham, Arthur Butcher, Ian Sims, Bob Shackleton, Barry Wilson, Keith Sutherland and Ian Dow as Rover Squires. Our programme has been rather varied, one item which caused much interest was the Barker Cup Road Event. In this we entered five teams, and gained 3rd, 5th, 6th and two 7th places, out of a total entry of 27 teams. At Easter, Bob Shackleton and Keith Sutherland entered for the "Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race". This required much work beforehand on the canoe training, and a practice run to obtain local knowledge of the canal, its depth, locks, portages, etc. On Good Friday they were transported to Devizes from where they planned to leave at 03.30 Saturday. Unfortunately the canoe was holed, and they had to retire from the race at Reading on Saturday night. The Rovers programme for Easter consisted of following the canoe race, and to do this we made our base camp at Marlow, where two of our members were doing their jobs as A/S/Ms attempting to keep some of the Troop in order.

Another of our activities, with the help of the diving members of the B.P. Guild, T.& S. "Willing" Sea Cadets, and others, consisted in relaying the moorings on the Twickenham side of the river opposite the H.Q.

At the moment we are having Navigation Classes, very kindly given by Mr. John Davison, so that the Rovers will be able to gain Charge Certificates, and eventually take charge of "Sandling". Mr. Davison owns an "Atalanta" and over Whitsun took two Rovers, Allan Hockham and Graham Braye as members of his crew to Cherbourg for the weekend.

"Sandling" has been used for several weekends - luckily the weather has been kind to us so far, and the crew have gained much valuable experience in handling the vessel, reading charts, working out courses, etc. Our future programme - mainly centres around "Sandling". A few small jobs need doing on board, but with these completed, she will be ready for what we hope will be a first class season. Other activities include the Barker Cup Events, and some sailing and rowing experience in the new H.C. gig. R.SPENCER.

TESTS PASSED.BADGES GAINED:-

Queen Scout	C. Young
Venturer	D. Dove
Boatswain's Mate	S. Day K. Maund
Firefighter	M. Dyer, S. Day, G. Hockham, C. Hunt, K. Maund
Master-at-Arms	B. Martin
Oarsman	S. Day, G. Hockham
Starman	C. Hunt
Swimmer	N. Duffin, G. Hockham
Weatherman	K. Maund

TESTS:-Tenderfoot.

R. Andrews	G. Bulleid	B. Donnan	R. Elles
D. Grigg	H. Henley	H. Rickard	R. Smith
R. Washbourne (completed)	K. Rhodes (4)	C. Tanner (5)	W. Freshwater (1)

Second Class

R. Peck	P. Hunter	M. Evans (comp.)	R. Elles (1)
G. Dunn (2)	D. Grigg (3)	B. Donnan (2)	C. Edward (3)
M. Lorenzini (2)	H. Henley (6)	H. Rickard (2)	F. Hawley (1)

First Class.

P. Hunter (3)	R. Peck (4)	P. Bevan (1)	N. Duffin (6)
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1960.

<u>INCOME.</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	
Subscriptions - Cubs	10. 9. 9	By Association Dues	1. 6. 4
Scouts	31.15. -	Bank Interest	17.10.10
Seniors	16. 8. 6	Insurances	33. 3. 3
Rovers	6.15. -	Rent	2. -. -
Donations - Supporters Ass.	44. 1. -	Rates	25.14. 6
6d.a Week	11. 3. 6	Water Rate	6. 3. 2
Others	10.10. 6	Electricity & Gas	41.10. 9
Use of premises and gear	36.13. -	Boat Registration	3. -. -
Canoe Storage	5.17. -	Boat Maintenance	77.11. 8
"Bob-a-Job" 71.15.1		Maintenance of Premises	44.13.11
<u>Less: Assocn. 19.15.-</u>	52. -. 1	Fibreglass Gig purchd.	310. -. -
Other work done	1. 7. -	Boat Gear	51.10.10
Garden Fete, 1959	32.11. 7	Instruct.and other gear	9. 0. 7
Bazaar, 1959	54.18. 8	Badges	11.15.11
Christmas Draw	22.12. 7	"Thanks" Badge	17. 6
Tombolas	7.12. 9	Books, Stat.etc.etc.	3. 6. 3
Jumble Sale, 1960	51. 3. 9	Entrance Fees & Fares	8.11. -
Catering	46. 3. 7	Socials	10. 5. -
Sale of Surplus Gear	1.10. 6	"Water Rat" - less Sales	4. 2. -
Sale of Firewood	3.10. -	"Sandling" - nett exps.	15. 8. 3
Surplus on Camps	21.11. 6	10th Jamboree - 2nd inst.	15. -. -
	468.15. 3	Golden Jubilee Exps.	29. 5. 9
Excess of Exp.over Income	266.10. 3	First Aid Gear	1. 8. -
	<u>£735. 5. 6</u>	Baden-Powell Memorial	12. -. -
Cash in hand & Bank, 1959	2.11.10		<u>£735. 5. 6</u>
Hq.Building Fund, 1959	86.19. 6	Outstanding Loan -1959,	329. 6. 4
Recd.during year	122.14. -	Excess of Exp.over Inc.	266.10. 3
Outstanding Loan - 1960	400. -. -	Cash in Hand, 1960	16. 8. 9
	<u>£612. 5. 4</u>		<u>£612. 5. 4</u>

ADMIRALTY INSPECTION - NOVEMBER, 1959.

The inspection took place at the Troop's Headquarters, Lower Ham Road, Kingston, at 1930 on November 24, 1959.

2. On arrival I was greeted by Mr. Burton, the Scoutmaster, as Mr. Ebbage is unfortunately on the sick list. After being introduced to the Commissioners, I inspected the Troop, who were already fallen in by Patrols on the main deck. The dress was good, all badges being correctly worn; the drill was excellent.
3. Following the parade I watched Scouts pulling, and Seniors sailing on the river. All boats were handled well, though the lack of wind limited the sailing.
4. The remainder of the evening consisted of a tour of the Headquarters watching the changing instructional classes. The instruction was entirely run and given by the Patrol Leaders, and a very good job they made of it.
5. I was also able to see a certain amount of boat maintenance and repair, which was being done by Scouters and Seniors. This included the fibre-glassing of one of the Troop's 12-ft. dinghies, which should prolong its life for many years to come. The condition of all the Troop's boats reflects highly on the activities of the maintenance team.
6. In the eighteen months since the last inspection a total of two 2nd class, four 1st class, two Seamans and one Queen's Scout badge has been gained. One scout has entered the Britannia Royal Naval College, and one the Royal Navy as an Artificer Apprentice.
7. The inspection was kindly attended by R.G. Busbridge, Esq., the District Commissioner
8. Kingston (Leander) once again displayed their very high standard, I hope that next year Mr. Ebbage will be able to be present to see the fruits of his labours. Continuance of Admiralty Qualification is recommended.

P. WAREHAM
Inspecting Officer.

PARENTS' PAGE.

We would like to thank all those parents who have given of their time and materials in making cakes, etc., for our various functions, and also to those who have done so much in organising and running side shows and stalls at Bazaars and Garden Fetes over the years. We would assure them all, that we really do appreciate what they are doing for the boys.

The foregoing is, of course, the "sugar", and so now for the "pill".

St. Peter's Church Hall has already been booked for the Group's Annual BAZAAR and FUN FAIR on Saturday 19th November, and in order to make a grand go of it this year, we are asking all parents to come forward with some NEW, BRIGHT IDEAS and SUGGESTIONS for getting in the "lolly", which, you all realise, is so important in the running of a Sea Scout Group.

There will be a meeting of the Group Committee shortly after the summer holiday and it would be of tremendous help if we have some new suggestions to put before the Committee.

It would be particularly helpful, if YOU have a bright idea, if you are willing to carry the idea out, i.e. supposing your suggestion is a new kind of Side Show - would you be willing to organise it on the day, and also to suggest the kind of prizes to be given, the cost per "go", etc. You have no idea what a great help this sort of thing is to the Committee.

If you know of any new items to have on sale on the various Stalls, would YOU be willing to make, or provide one such item, and would you also very kindly give us an indication of the price to be charged for same? All these things will be one item less for the Agenda of the forthcoming meeting.

If you are one of the parents who are unable, through work or other reasons, to be present on the 19th, will you undertake to send one or two items along which can be sold to our customers? In this way you will feel that you are really helping, even if you are unable to take an ACTIVE part in the Bazaar this year. Please send your suggestions and offers of help to the Chairman, Mr. D. C. Dow, 124 Lower Ham Road, Kingston.