

Baden-Powell devoted to world brotherhood

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, more affectionately known as "B.P.", was born on February 22nd 1857, in London England.

At the age of 12, B.P. received a scholarship from Charterhouse School, one of Britain's most famous public schools. (A public school in England is a private school). The school was then in London, but shortly it moved to Godalming in Surrey. Just outside the school grounds, and out of bounds for the boys, were some woods, where B.P. practised stalking wildlife. He is said to have snared, killed and cooked rabbits over such a tiny fire that the smoke did not give him away—valuable training for later on.

Choosing a military career B.P. served 21 years with his regiment, rising ultimately to become its Colonel-in-Chief. He served in campaigns in India, Afghanistan and South Africa. The founder's greatest fame as a soldier

was in the Boer War, the siege of Mafeking, a small town in South Africa. Here, with 800 men, he was besieged by 9,000 Boer soldiers. For 217 days his small force held out against these immense odds until a relief column of British soldiers arrived.

Mafeking played a part in Scouting, too, for it was here that B.P. organized his Messenger Cadets and gave them many jobs to do. Trained in efficiency, obedience and smartness, they performed many tasks. After the war, Baden-Powell organized the South African Constabulary. Their uniform was the basic uniform upon which the Boy Scout uniform was designed.

While still in the army, B.P. had written a book called "Aids to Scouting." It was designed to assist in the training of soldiers as army scouts. Many youth organizations in Britain were using ideas from this training manual as adventures for their

boys. He discussed this matter with leading youth workers including Sir William Smith, the Founder of the Boys' Brigade, then the largest boys' organization in the country. As a result of these discussions, a boys' camp was organized in July-August 1907, and although it was not intended that way at the time, it did actually mark the birth of the Boy Scout movement. The camp was held from July 25 to August 9, and the Scoutmaster was the then Lieut.-Gen. Robert Baden-Powell; Assistant Scoutmasters were G. W. Green, H. Robson and P. W. (later Sir Percy) Everett. The site of the camp was Brownsea Island.

The camp was a tremendous success, and upon this experiment the Founder wrote his book "Scouting for Boys" has run into many editions which were revised from time to time by the founder. Today, 75 years later, it is still a best seller. By

the end of its first year it had been translated into five other languages. It was illustrated with sketches by B.P., most of them based on events from his own career.

In 1909, King Edward VII, who had taken a great interest in the new movement, made the founder a Knight in recognition of his work for boys. By this time, B.P. had become Inspector General of His Majesty's Cavalry. King Edward suggested to him that the Boy Scout movement was so important that B.P. would be doing his country a great service if he devoted his full time to it.

B.P. resigned from the army and gave all his time to Scouting which was growing by leaps and bounds all over the world. It was King Edward VII who inaugurated the rank "King's Scout," later changed at the request of Queen Elizabeth II to "Queen's Scout".

Scouting spread like wildfire throughout

Britain and the Empire and to other countries too. The first country outside the Empire in the Western Hemisphere to adopt Scouting was Chile. In Canada, troops were organized in 1908, and in the first few years all badges, books, etc. came directly from England.

The year 1912, was an eventful one for B.P.,

for Scouting and for Guiding,—it was the year in which the founder married Miss Olave Soames. Lady B.P. later became the Chief Guide of the world.

It was at the 1920 Jamboree that the International Conference of Scouting was formed. It was in this year that B.P. was acclaimed as Chief

Scout of the World; the only man to ever hold that title.

After the first World War, B.P. devoted the rest of his life to the promotion of a world brotherhood through the Scout Movement. He believed that no better way of world brotherhood could be found than enrolling future citizens (Continued on RE7)



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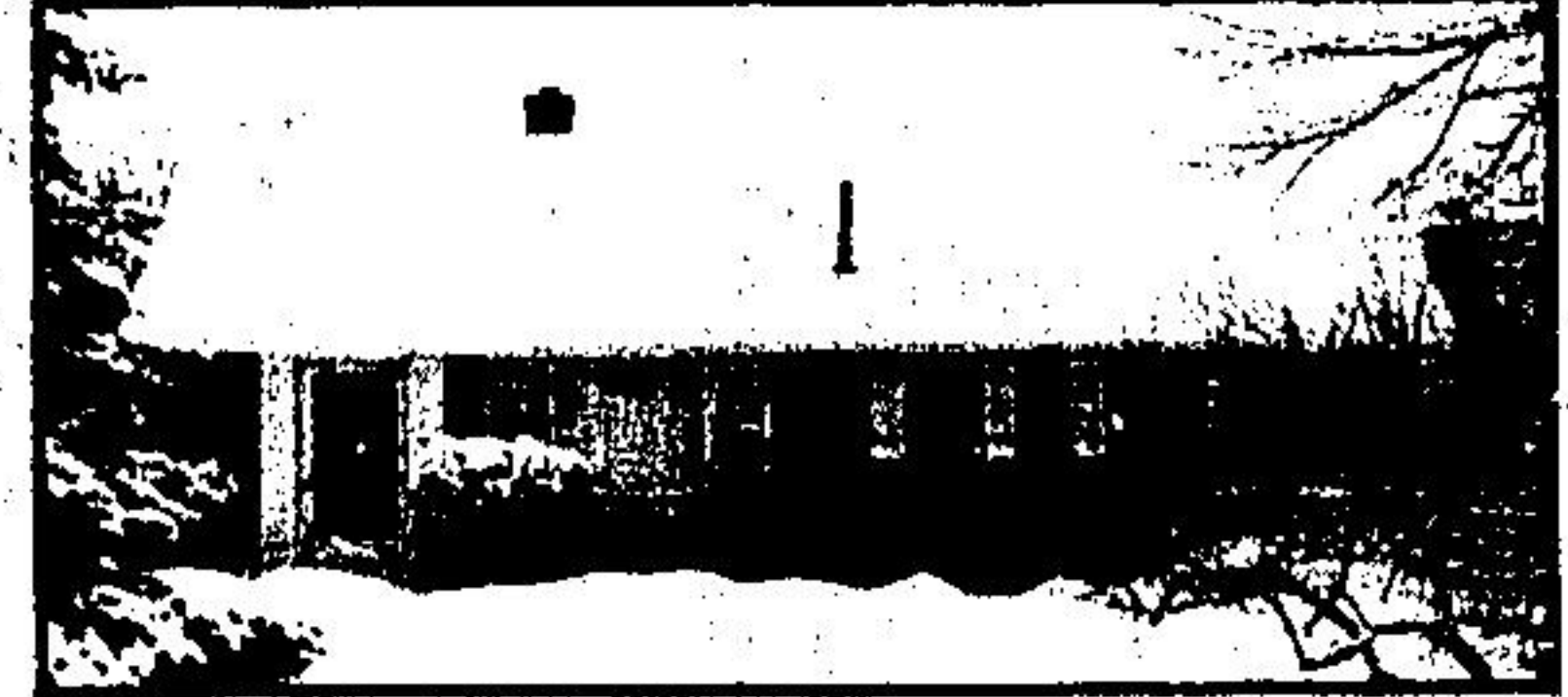
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