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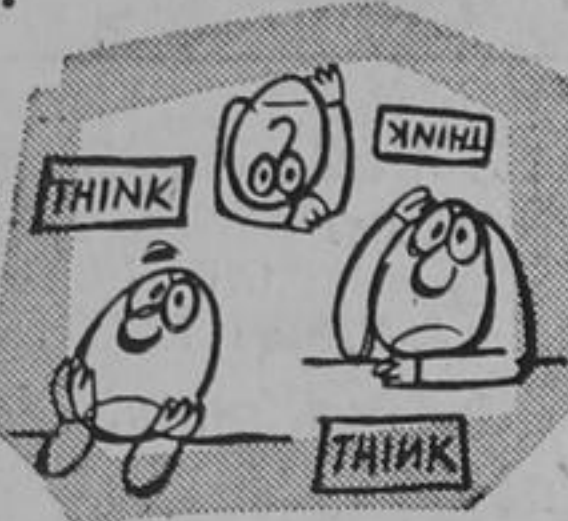
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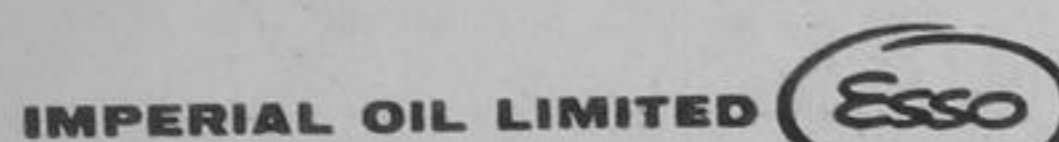
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The World Scout Jubilee Jamboree In Retrospect

by Mrs. F. Gardner
Two years ago a brief announcement appeared to the effect that "A Scout Jamboree-Indaba-Moot will be held in England in August, 1957, for the purpose of commemorating the founding of Scouting in 1907, and the anniversary of the birth of its founder, Lord Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell of Gilwell." To misquote that master of the English language, never in the field of Scouting endeavour have so few words meant so much to so many Scouts, Scouters and friends of Scouting.

When asked "why Jamboree?" B.P. is reported to have replied "What else could you call it?" "Indaba" means "The gathering of the chiefs" and "Moot" means "The meeting of young men in conference on community interests", thus the synonym of the 1957 Jubilee Jamboree became "J.I.M." and from August first to twelfth of this year, the beautiful and historic Sutton Coldfield Park of some 2400 acres was the common meeting ground for Scouts, Rovers and Scouters from all corners of the world, the most distant possibly from the Cook Islands about sixteen thousand miles via New Zealand, and large contingents from far off Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China, Africa, South America, to name but a few. Six countries, Hungary, Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and the Ukraine were represented by limited groups of Scouts in exile whose flags flew proudly from a single mast. Our own large Canadian contingent of approximately 1500 were much in evidence, proud of the large crimson maple leaf on the point of their dark green neckerchiefs, which item incidentally represented high value in the shopping market.

Millions of words have and will be written about this outstanding event, and thousands of pictures, radio and T.V. coverage have tried to give to readers an impression of the days but the most skilful pens and photographic artistry would find the task almost impossible to record its complete story. This writer was one of those who were fortunate in attending the Indaba and armed with high hopes and resolution to "get the whole story" found herself taken back to many many years ago when as a small girl on a first visit to the circus, cried out in frustration "make them stop until I can see." This, of necessity, can cover only the impressions seen through the eyes and etched on the memory of one individual.

This story should throughout convey a tribute, not only to the spirit of Scouting which inspired its creation but to those whose organization and sheer hard work made it possible. Sutton Park, a gem of English natural parkland of woods and moor, streams and small lakes, in pre-Jamboree days presented a haven of peace and relaxation for the villagers whose homes surround it; in the short space of two years with spoiling the natural beauty for posterity, it had to be converted into the locations for three separate tented villages whose temporary tenants must find the necessary conveniences for complete living; water available at the touch everywhere; wash, shower and toilet tents installed and serviced; space allocated for sleeping, eating and cooking tents; arena space with covered and open

stands for thousands of spectators; an extensive shopping center of solid buildings to house many banks, post office, Scout supply shops, drug stores, etc.; a telephone exchange "Jubilee" to connect with the outside world as well as throughout the Park; facilities for the daily publication of the special twelve page newspaper "Jubilee Journal" with its extensive picture coverage; a huge tent used as a museum to house the Baden-Powell collection and awards depicting a complete review of the first fifty years of Scouting; acres of space set aside to accommodate the cars of Jamboree personnel as well as those of visitors; many refreshment and supply tents, ice cream and soft drink stands; these examples are but a few of the things that made up the 35,000 Scouting personnel as well as more than half a million visitors who thronged the park each day between noon and ten o'clock in the evening. The problems attendant upon an undertaking of this size would be enough to daunt the most resolute heart, but without a doubt the challenge was magnificently met and successfully carried out by the tenacity, persistence and patience of determined Scouters from Imperial Headquarters, Midland Headquarters, B. P. Guild, and Commissioners assisted by Rovers and Senior Scouts who for many long and weary months devoted their holidays and weekends to this project.

What of the contribution of time and effort made by such bodies as the Warwickshire police and firemen who stood duty at the Jamboree in their off duty hours and holidays? and what of the contribution made by the people of Sutton Coldfield in welcoming and encouraging this invasion with the inevitable "wear and tear" that must result to their royal gift?

This then was the giant canvas upon which Scouting was to paint such an impressive picture. The first colours in the flags of all nations which flew from their lofty poles lining avenues of approach and exit; in the hundreds of artistic and skilfully executed gateways to the spacious camps, troop sites, and patrol tents; in the blue-eyed, fair skinned, figures of the Scandinavians and Swiss; the soft tans and browns of the Asiatic and West Indies; the rich black of the African; and the neutral shades of the American, British, Canadian and like contingents; in the many and varied uniforms, the bright crimson jackets of the American Rovers, the soft heather shades of the Irish and Scottish tartan kilts (positively the highest value on the swap market), the white and pale blue caps and neckerchiefs of the Finnish and the deep Sherwood green of the Canadian shirts.

But this picture was also drawn in sound - grand, glorious and thrilling sound made by thousands and thousands of voices singing under every imaginable circumstance - which was the most unforgettable? was it heard at the religious services as Scouts one and all, each in his own way, re-affirmed that important portion of the Scout Promise; was it heard on the many occasions when marching to and from the arena singing the now famous Jubilee Jamboree song, the chorus of which is:

Jamboree (clap, clap) Jamboree (clap, clap)
Come give three hearty cheers,
And we'll march along together
Another fifty years.

Did it come from the bands? The small national groups from which was heard the soft bass notes of the African animal horn instruments, the rhythmic sharp notes of the steel drums, the haunting stirring wail of the bagpipes rising through the musical range to the full expression of the visiting regimental bands? Was it in the Indaba discussion periods when Cub and Scout leaders gathered to express themselves freely on problems which all understood and shared? Was it in the clear notes of the bugles calling that day had begun, calling for flag break, calling for flag down at evening? Or was it heard in the prevailing undertone of voices, voices everywhere, voices that shouted and cheered, chattered and whispered, in twos, threes and dozens for which, when silenced by language barriers, hands and eyes substituted?

The third important element put into this picture by Scouting was action. The action of thousands of patrols of Scouts and leaders going about doing neat, cutting firewood, building essay mundane chores of camping, cutting firewood, building fires, getting rations, preparing meals, cleaning up. Action shown in spectacular displays performed each afternoon in the extensive arena by the various national groups dancing, singing, Scoutcraft and drama; who will ever forget the amazing achievement of the British Scouts in dramatizing the life of our founder, in which the part of B.P. as a boy was played by his nephew Michael King, and as a man by his eldest son, the present Lord Baden-Powell, now Guildmaster of the B.P. Guild. The tale of this great dramatization was one of the unforgettable moments, B.P. stood on a circular dais ringed by thousands of Scouts with their colours and symbols of previous jamborees, quietly he called to him a Scout and an Air Scout to join him on the dais; stood before them, saluted, and in an awesome silence broken only by the beat of a muffled drum, he walked slowly down through the throng of Scouts and out of the arena while, through the miracle of recording, the voice of the revered B.P. Guild, the finale of this age, "I want to send you a parting word of goodbye."
It would not be too much to say there was not a dry eye among the thousands who watched this scene.

(To Be Continued Next Week)

ELGIN MILLS-JEFFERSON NEWS

Correspondent: The Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's Anglican Church
TU. 4-2708 TU. 4-1534

Ladies' Night
Highgoblins, tramps, cigarette girl, chinaman, grandma (wrapped to the eyebrows), giant pussy cat, even Red Riding Hood and goodies too! All these and many more were to be seen on Wednesday evening, October 30, at the home of Mrs. A. McFee. It was the regular monthly meeting of the Jefferson Community Club Ladies with a Halloween motif. In all, 21 ladies had themselves a small ball. Mrs. McFee had her home decorated with bats, skeletons, pumpkins, black cats, and even an odd ghost fitted through the rooms from time to time.

Carman Miranda ran out of fruit and had to substitute flowers and tinker toys. Marg. Petersen "had a secret". A new place to hide her "mad money." That cute cigarette girl was our own Vi Gamble. Did you see the saucy little chick on Jessie's hat? That tramp over there looking so relaxed - golly! It's Margie Brown. Wonder who the giant puss can be. Well, what do you know! It's Kay McDowell. If there had been a prize surely Kay would have taken it.

The big hit of the evening was the reading of "Meet Mr. Smith," by Mrs. Elsie Morris, ably assisted by Hazel Hall. The hilarity was really something out of this world.

On to quieter things. There was a preview of some of the aprons to be sold at the apron and bake sale. "Say Dad! You better go along and help Mom pick out an apron. They are really something!" To crown the evening the hostess served tea and cake.

On behalf of all those present, "Thank you" for a wonderful evening.

Halloween Dance
Friday evening, November 1, saw the basement of Jefferson School overflowing with pirates, gypsies, ghosts and other Halloween personalities. The occasion was the annual Halloween Dance of the Jefferson School Community Club when three sets of dancers enjoyed square dancing under the able direction of caller Carson Whalen.

First part of the evening was spent trying to guess who was behind each "face". When the time came for awarding the prizes, we certainly didn't envy the judges. Picking winners from so many wonderful costumes was quite a task. The ladies' first prize went to Mrs. Al Moses who had even her husband guessing. Second prize was awarded to Mrs. D. Gray for her Red Riding Hood costume. Carson Whalen, who was as real as any scarecrow won prize for the gentlemen. Dick Miller as "Sputnik" took second prize. The prize for the best couple went to Vi Gamble and Ella Barry.

Afternoon W. A.
The afternoon branch of St. John's Women's Auxiliary are very busy these days preparing for the annual bazaar and bake sale held again this year through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Grant McCachen, at the Ridge Inn, Oak Ridges on Thursday afternoon, November 14 (See Coming Events). This has become a feature of this season much looked forward to.

A rummage sale is included in the afternoon's activities. W. A. members are canvassing their friends for good used clothing, etc. and expect to have an attractive display.

Evening W. A.
John's W.A. will hold their regular monthly meeting tonight, November 7, at the home of Mrs. Colin Crawford, Richmond Hill. Bake and Apron Sale

The Jefferson School Community Club will hold its annual tea bake sale and apron sale on Saturday, November 9. Also a school bazaar. See Coming Events for time and place.

School News
The pupils of Jefferson School celebrated Halloween on Thursday afternoon, October 31. A party was held in each room with games and refreshments enjoyed by all.

Posters advertising the Community Club's bake sale were

made by the pupils of the senior room. Prizes were awarded for these as follows: 1st Anthony Crack, 2nd Mabel Robertson, 3rd Peter Terry.

Teachers' Meeting
On Tuesday afternoon, October 29, the Vaughan Township Teachers' Association held its regular monthly meeting at Jefferson School. An official of the Ontario Hospital Assoc. spoke to the teachers about the Blue Cross Hospital plan.

At this meeting the annual Oratorical Elimination Contest was held. Fourteen contestants from township schools took part. The judges were Rev. D.C.H. Michell, Mrs. A. Morrison and Mr. Rose, supervising principal of Richmond Hill. Prizes were awarded to pupils from the following schools: 1st Carrville, 2nd Kleinberg, 3rd Concord. Jefferson pupils taking part were Sharon Gillam and Mabel Robertson. The judges felt that the standard in this contest was very high and credit goes to all those taking part in the contest and to their teachers.

At the close of the meeting, delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Jack Passmore, Mrs. Jack Hall and Mrs. Al Morrison.

Parents' Night
Parents' Night will be held at Jefferson School on Thursday evening, November 14. We hope all parents will make use of this opportunity to visit the school and see the work that is being done by the children.

News Notes
Mrs. J. W. Boughner, Sarnia, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Giles Kerswill. Congratulations to one of our correspondents, Chris, Ratchford who celebrated her birthday on November 3. Also to the following who celebrate birthdays this week: Jim Judd, Bruce Miller, Murray Wilson, Darrell Richards, Victor Follot, Jackie Hall, Billy Powell, Beverley Wragg, Judy Knappett and David Hanson.

We were sorry to hear that little Robert Halgren had a badly burned hand but are happy to report that it is now improving.

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— and —
IN THE MATTER OF an application of the Corporation of the Township of Markham for:

(a) Authority to dispense with a vote of the ratepayers with respect to the construction of roads as follows:

1. Granular base and drains as set out in Certificate 57-A-580 of Ontario Water Resources Commission on Bayview Avenue, from north boundary of Steele's Avenue to north boundary of Lot 2, Concession Two \$33,000.00
2. Granular base and drains as set out in Certificate 57-A-580 of Ontario Water Resources Commission on portion of road allowance between Eighth and Ninth Concessions, between the south boundary of Lot 6 and north boundary of Lot 9 \$14,000.00
3. Asphalt pavement on portion of road allowance between Concessions Five and Six, between south boundary of Lot 26 and the south boundary of the road allowance on the north boundary of the township \$25,000.00

A total amount of \$72,000.00, of which \$36,000.00 may be debentured.

(b) Approval of the undertaking and capital expenditure.

TAKE NOTICE that the Ontario Municipal Board has appointed Thursday, the 21st day of November, 1957, at the hour of half-past nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Council Chambers in Buttonville for the hearing of all parties interested in support of or in opposition to the said application.

Dated at Markham Township this 5th day of November, 1957.

J. D. LUCAS, Q.C.
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