NEW HORIZONS JAMBOREE

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THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA have been invited to send 1,500 representative Explorers to the Eighth World Jamboree, the Jamboree of New Horizons, at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada, August 18-28, 1955. About 12,000 Scouts and leaders from all free nations will camp together—a great assembly of the free youth of the world.

The Boy Scouts of America contingent will be organized on a Regional basis. The number from each Region will be determined by the Explorer membership since a representative must be an Explorer between the ages of 14 and 17½ by August 1, 1955, and have attained his First Class Rank, Bronze Award, or Ordinary Sea Award.

The American boys will occupy parts of ten subcamps, and will live side by side with Scouts of other nations, making it easy for the campers to build friendships, and gain a better understanding of other nations, races, and creeds. This world Scout event affords our representatives with opportunities to meet Scouts from many lands, eat their national dishes, and to demonstrate and exchange Scouting skills.

As our "ambassadors of good will," the American delegates, representing the finest traditions of Scouting in the United States, will bring back to their own Units, chartered institutions, and communities, the values gained from the World Jamboree.

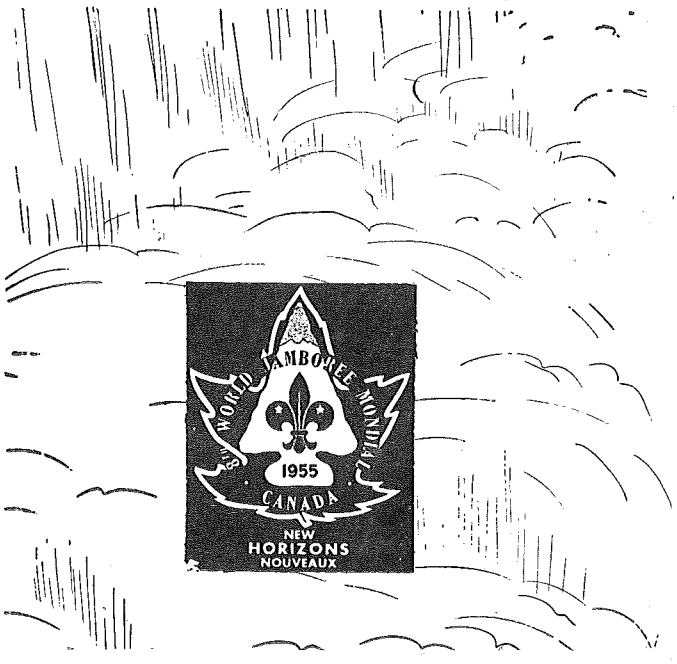
The site is on the outskirts of a very small town. Niagara-On-the-Lake, with practically no restaurant or hotel facilities. Niagara Falls is only 14 miles away, but at this season of the year, it normally is packed to its limits with the normal tourist trade. Individuals, Units, and councils, no doubt will wish to visit the Jamboree. Some will wish to camp nearby, others will wish to visit nearby council camps, a number will have even more extensive plans. In addition to these, thousands of adults will want to drive from nearby communities. If this should happen, the Jamboree authorities will have a serious problem due not only to lack of space on the Jamboree site, but also to the shortage of eating places, toilet facilities, and sleeping accommodations.

Therefore, to be fair to visitors and campers, the following procedure has been developed by the Jamboree authorities:

A. The Boy Scouts of America or the Canadian Association will not issue any overnight tour or camping permits for the period of August 1 to September 7, 1955, within an 80-mile radius of the Jamboree site. Nearby local councils will not entertain transient visitors to the Jamboree.

B. Due to the size of the area, it will be necessary to limit the number on the grounds at any one time to a maximum of 15,000. More than this number will interfere with the general camp operation. The cooperation of the public is requested in insuring for the visitors a happy camp.

The Jamboree is historical because it is the first time such a world-wide event has been held in the Western Hemisphere. With it comes the obligation of the Jamboree Contingent of the Boy Scouts of America to represent the finest Scouting in America, trained in campcraft, as well as scout spirit, and to be our ambassadors of good will.



NOW WE'RE A YEAR OLD!

WE ARE NOW BEGINNING the second year of SCOUTING Magazine under the new plan. It is perhaps timely to review what the plan is, and what its advantages are.

Prior to the change the magazine was devoted largely to program material for Unit leaders. After much consultation a new pattern was adopted last fall providing a double service. Program material is now published in three magazines, known as PROGRAM QUARTERLIES, shipped without charge four times a year direct to Local Councils for distribution to the proper Unit leaders. SCOUTING Magazine continues to come by mail, ten issues a year, to all registered Scouters.

Here are a few of the major advantages:

1. Program helps are promptly available to Unit leaders. The new leader use to wait until he registered, (frequently several weeks); then wait until his magazine subscription started, (several more weeks); and would finally receive his first issue of the magazine with program helps for the following month. Now PROGRAM QUARTERLIES are in the hands of the local council sixty days ahead of the quarter. A new leader can be supplied with the proper helps the day he agrees to take the job.

2. The monthly magazine, freed from the specifics of program content, can now serve the entire Scouter family with a range of important Scouting material for which the old plan left little room. Stories on the "why" of Scouting can now supplement and give meaning and purpose to the "what" and the "how." All of us can share a deeper understanding of our movement, of how it operates and why. Each of the three basic programs can get a clearer picture of the other two and of how all three fit together in one unified whole. Unit leaders will find, in the "new" magazine, continuous help in understanding more accurately the work they are doing. It should give all of us a deeper appreciation of the true meaning of Scouting and make us more effective in our jobs.

3. The magazine can now serve a valuable purpose in telling the many thrilling stories of successful Scouting, at unit, district, council and national levels. The record of what Scouting is actually accomplishing will make us increasingly proud of our program and will encourage and inspire all of us.

4. Articles by outstanding leaders, famous in fields outside of Scouting, presenting some of the wider aspects of youth work, will broaden our horizons and help us to chart our own course more surely. Recent articles by J. Edgar Hoover, Dr. Wm. C. Menninger and Dr. Harold A. Delp are good examples.

5. We can now undertake to carry articles which will meet the needs of commissioners, advancement men, finance people, district chairmen, and all the other highly important council and district Scouters.

In short, the PROGRAM QUARTERLIES, now in the hands of local councils two months in advance of their use, provide unit leaders with the specifics of program content, the "what" and "how" of unit program. Meanwhile SCOUTING Magazine undertakes to serve the needs of all Scouters with timely material on the broader aspects of Scouting interest; setting forth the "why" of the program; interpreting its meaning and purpose and giving information and inspiration. Scouters related to units will find valuable help both in SCOUTING Magazine and in the QUARTERLIES.

PROGRAM QUARTERLIES are supplied free as follows: Two for each unit, plus CUB SCOUT QUARTERLIES for registered Den Mothers, plus EXPLORER QUARTERLIES for Scoutmasters and Advisors in troops. Extra copies are available at nominal cost through local council offices for units which desire to enlarge their distribution. DO NOT order direct from the home office.

This is *your* magazine. Its sole purpose is to help *you* do a better job in Scouting. It will be most effective if *you* have a hand in providing good material. We solicit your help. Send us your suggestions as to what you like and don't like; suggestions on articles you would like to have us publish; name and address of someone who could give us an outstanding story; facts and pictures about some unusual Scouting event; choice bits for the Scout Shorts and Worth Retelling pages.

Help us help you do the job. *END.*

the trail

The dramatic moment when one group, having completed its leg of the trail, turns over the Log Book to the group which carries on.

REMEMBER THE SCOUTING magazine article last May that predicted the coverage of the entire Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia, (pahdon Suh!) Georgia to Maine? Well, it happened. Scouts and Explorers and their leaders managed to leave footprints (nothing else) on the entire Appalachian wilderness trail last summer, all 2,025 miles of it. How did they do it?

Here's how! They hiked on a prearranged schedule. First, the whole East Coast Trail was divided into four blocks of about 500 miles each; then each 500 mile segment was divided into Expeditions of from 40 to 70 miles, taking from 4 to 7 days each. An official Log Book was carried over each 500 mile area, being passed along relay fashion and on schedule from group to group; thus four Log Books were used. What a grand display of inter-Council and inter-Unit cooperation and team work.

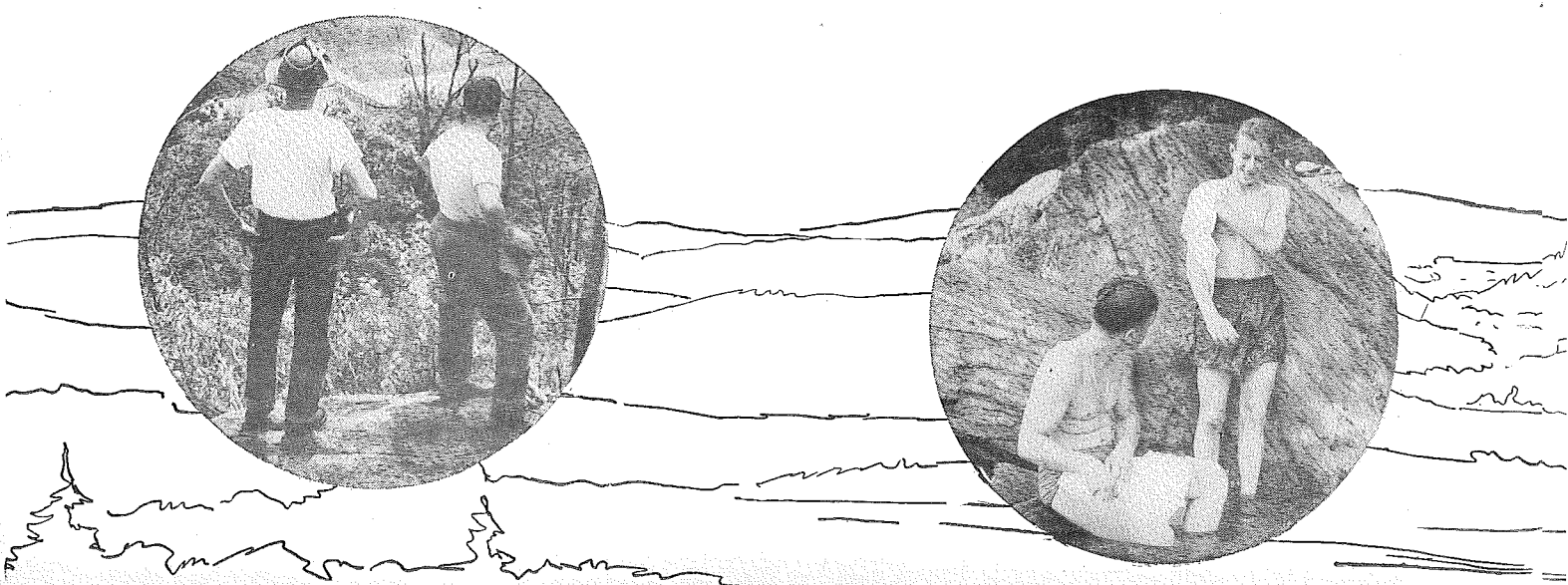
Herein lies part of the genius of organized Scouting. We seem to have the manpower and the will to do a job and see it through, come what may, but, enough of that. It sounds glamorous and kind of easy. "Just breeze over 500 miles of rough mountain country and there you are, but 'taint so." Wait till you hear some of the stories they tell of the trips. "They went prepared."

Explorers all up and down the Coast tried out various types of packs, cooking gear, light weight tents and most of all, hiking boots. They went on Shakedown hikes that really shook. They planned menus, strictly for MEN. They studied maps and charts. They learned the tricks of trail first aid. They learned to purify water. Finally, they were Ready and they were Prepared!

Let's look at the official Log Book that started June 13th from Mt. Oglethorpe, Georgia. This first group, Sea Explorer Ship 56 of East Georgia Council, writes weather warm and cloudy, trail rocky and hilly. Had to climb over logs across trail and yarded several creeks. Met a hiker who was traveling from Georgia to Canada. Spent the night in Hawk Mountain Ranger Cabin. Another group moving the Log Book through North Carolina saw thousands of ladybugs on top of Tray Mountain. They saw deer, grouse, terrapins, elk, many poisonous snakes and lots of stray pigs.

This next group brought along carrier pigeons and released one every day to take back a report to civilization and to the newspaper. Moving farther North, the group observed two bears, some wild turkeys, and a grand view of Fontana Gap and village—a spectacular pay-off for some rather hard up-and-down hiking.

Moving up and into Tennessee one Crew saw three



hits back

By DAVID DUNBAR

bears (note—no Goldilocks). Then there was a group that had a nice cool watermelon on their first day in camp and —Whoops! There she goes down the mountain side. Oh well! Not much energy in watermelon anyway.

Then up and down and over the Log Book goes. Explorers facing bears, bulls, black ants, bugs and bold mountains. Up from Tennessee and into Virginia and the 500 mile segment is covered.

Moving out of Central Pennsylvania on June 27th another hardy group of explorers headed South, trailing along the ridges, observing the valleys and meadows below, rich in fertile soil and filled with historic significance of the past. America's destiny was shaped by incidents which took place in these very valleys in yesteryear.

The Trail is tough, up over racks, wind falls and cliffs too tough for Explorers? Not at all !This is man building stuff. Following the Appalachian Trail signs and white paint Trail blazes passing the Log Book on to the next group. A fellowship Campfire with the new incoming group and they're off again tomorrow morning southward.

One Explorer group quoted General Sherman who said, "War is hell," that was before the Appalachian Trail, however. Never will these groups forget the views from Mount Marshall and Hog Back Mountain, the swim in a cool mountain pool, the hospitality and friendliness of the Forest Ranger, the coolness of the Mountain breeze, the smell of bubbling camp stew, the soft pine carpet and the shelter of the lean-to in a driving thunderstorm. Yes, the Trail was a proving ground for men and equipment. It especially proved that Scouting, Exploring and adult leadership is equal to any situation or occasion. These men really gave leadership to boys!

Two months and two days later the Log Book covers this 500 mile segment and arrives (a bit Trail worn) at Damascus, Virginia. Thus, three-fourths of the Trail is conquered.

The adventure of the Trail at Mount Katadhin, Maine, presented a lesson in Scout and Explorer determination. On the first attempt to carry the Log Book southward in July, the Trail was jammed, all but impassable, a tangle of logs, trees, and heavy undergrowth was encountered. No time schedule could be maintained at the slow pace required. The Log was passed on around this

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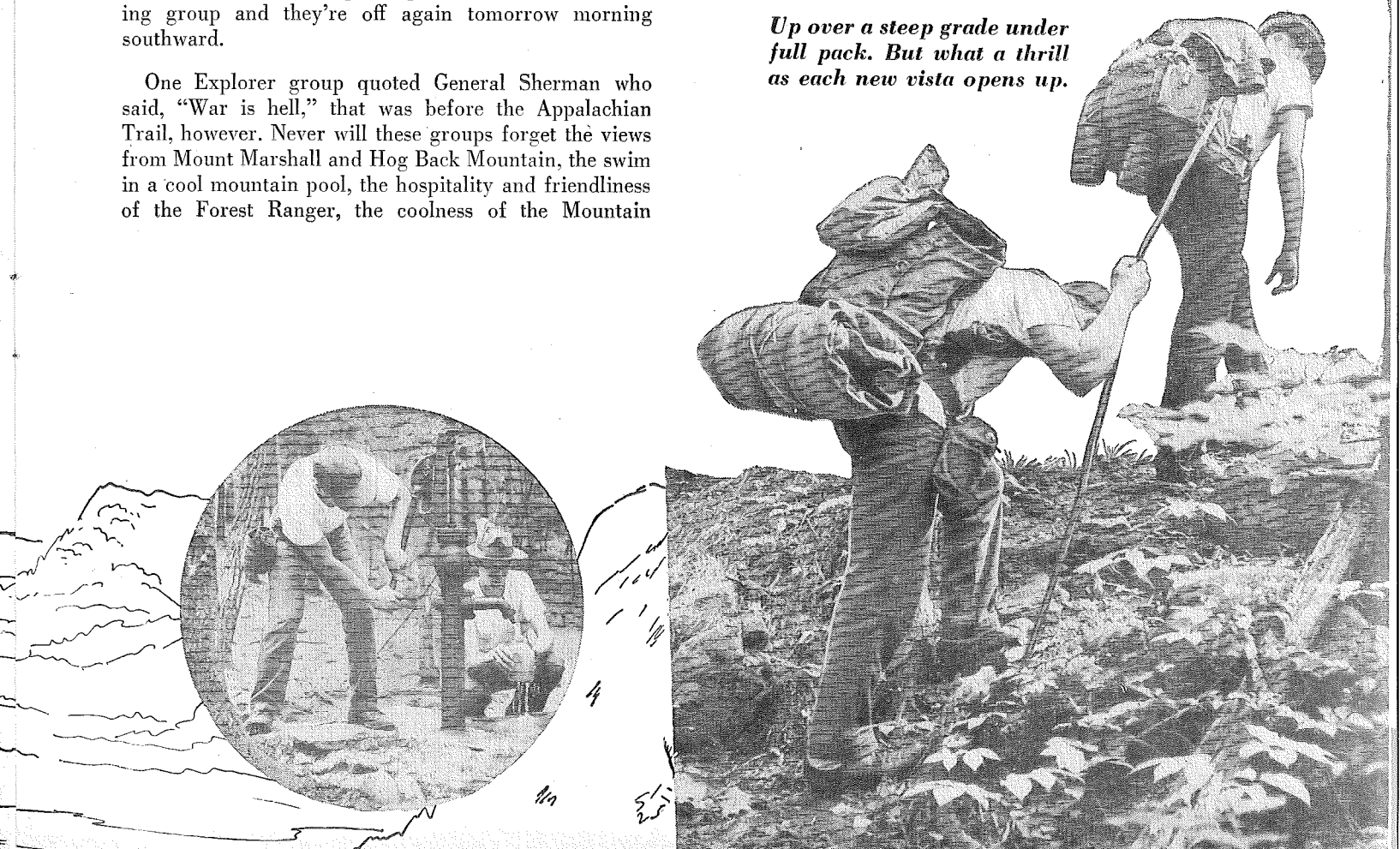


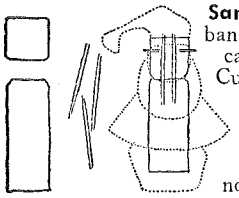
Up over a steep grade under full pack. But what a thrill as each new vista opens up.

SANTA REFRESHMENTS

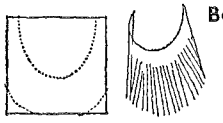
An idea we hope proves useful

to make this Santa Cup Cake!

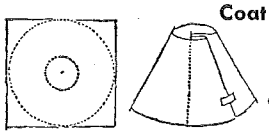
Santa is a banana. Base is a chocolate cup cake with top of snow-white frosting



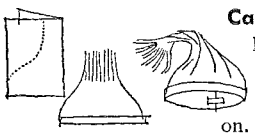
Santa: cut 3½" off banana. Stand in cup cake. Put on coat. Cut another length of banana 1½" (head). Affix. Beard; cap. Eyes are cloves, nose, lips—cherry.



Beard: 2½" square of white tissue. Cut bib shape. Fringe for the whiskers.



Coat: 5½" square fast-color red paper. Cut it circular. Cut center hole to fit Santa.



Cap: 5 x 3½" red paper. Cut bell shape. Fringe top for tassel. Twist. Shape, on. *Put with picks.*

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TRAIL

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area, but Explorers went back later and covered this segment and reported on it separately. This segment was successfully completed.

As the Log Book moved up through Vermont, a United States Air Force helicopter from Fort Ethan Allan brought in food supplies for the second lap of the Explorers trip. This was prearranged and proved a highlight of the trip.

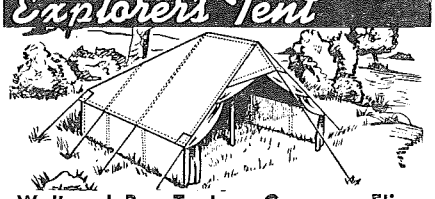
The Appalachian Trail Project marks a "first" in the history of Scouting and in the history of the Appalachian Trail Conference, in that this marks the first time that any organized group has covered the entire Trail, relay fashion, in one season.

This entire project can be summed up in the words of one Explorer Advisor who said at the end of the bus trip, "No serious injuries or damage; some minor bumps and a few blisters. All Explorers had a wonderful time, if a little rough. I'm proud of all of them."

Who said "American boys are soft?" Explorers can take it!

Editorial Note: Thanks is extended to Miss Jean Stephenson, Secretary Appalachian Trail Conference since 1916, Sunderland Place, N.W., Washington, D. C., who assisted in making up the routes and schedules for the 1954 Trail Log Expeditions. *END.*

Explorer's Tent



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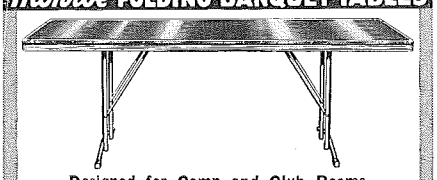

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