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SCOUTING *magazine field reporter*

Couple being welcomed at door by hosts as the dinner with a difference gets under way. Many more greetings will be exchanged before this eventful evening is over.

DINNER WITH A DIFFERENCE

WOULD THE TRADITIONAL DINNER PARTY, in which people sit gravely at a given table and eat, seem a little "square" to today's high-octane teen-agers? Possibly it would, so Post 88 of Highland Park, New Jersey, staged a dinner with a difference. The difference? Each course was served at a different home—and diners moved from soup to nuts via station wagon and stop-watch schedule.

How, precisely, did it operate?

The post's event committee, well in advance, asked four mothers—one for each course—to serve as hostesses. Chief requirement for hostesses, besides a kindly disposition, was to own a house big enough to accommodate fifteen Explorers and their dates—and stout enough to withstand the shock wave of their coming and going.

On the appointed evening the crowd gathered at the home of the first course—tomato juice—and spent the rest of the evening working their way happily through noodle soup, meat loaf, and ice-cream-in-a-tall-glass-with-whipped-cream-and-nuts. Stuffed and in carnival mood the group made its final stop at The American Legion hall (the post is sponsored by the Legion), for games, square dancing, and—refreshments.

If you are a teen-ager, the necessity for refreshments after all that food doesn't need to be explained to you. If you aren't a teen-ager, no explanation will help.

In any case, a wonderful time was had by all, and they'd like to do it again someday. The cost? It was shared by the Explorers—and proved to be mighty small for such a big evening. *END*

Drinking tomato juice and munching crackers — trying to be completely nonchalant and at ease.

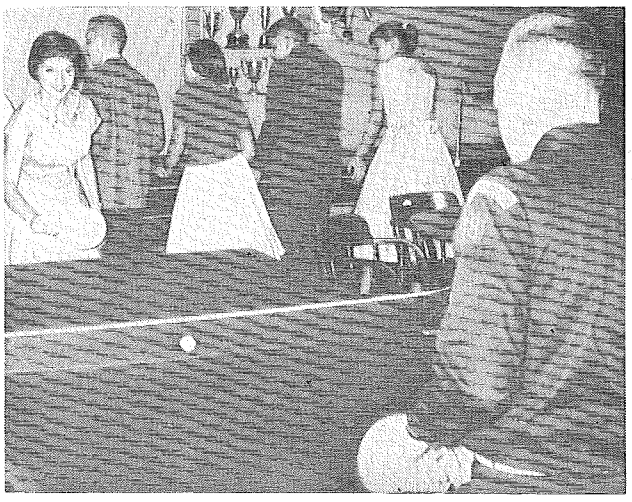
Another stop. This was getting to be fun. Here there will be delicious homemade noodle soup.

The main course. Here at family-size tables Explorers get good practice in niceties of table etiquette.

At assistant Advisor's home dessert course — ice-cream-with-whipped-cream-and-nuts.

The last stop, at the Legion hall, for games and square dancing, a new experience for some.

They played ping-pong and threw darts and of course had refreshments, pretzels, and soda pop.



Scout Shorts

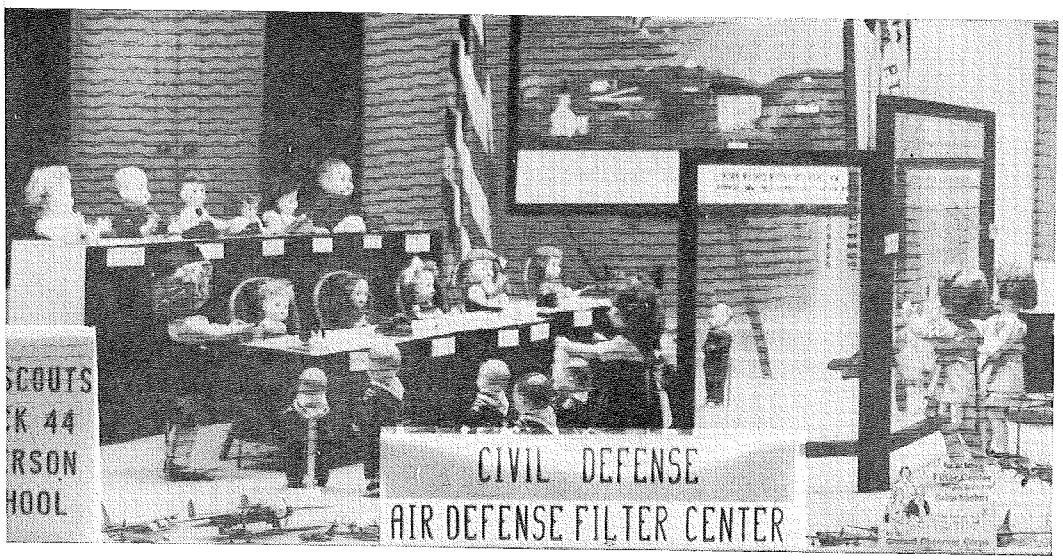
SCOUTING IN ACTION. These Scout Shorts pages are a cross section of our program in action. Announcements, information, healthy examples of good Scouting. We welcome good items and pictures.

WE'RE SORRY. The article "Operation Patrick Henry" on page 8 of our January issue should have carried the name of Fred Maise, the author. Fred is the member of the Capitol Area Council staff who worked with the project. Congratulations on a good job, Fred, and our apologies for the unintentional omission.

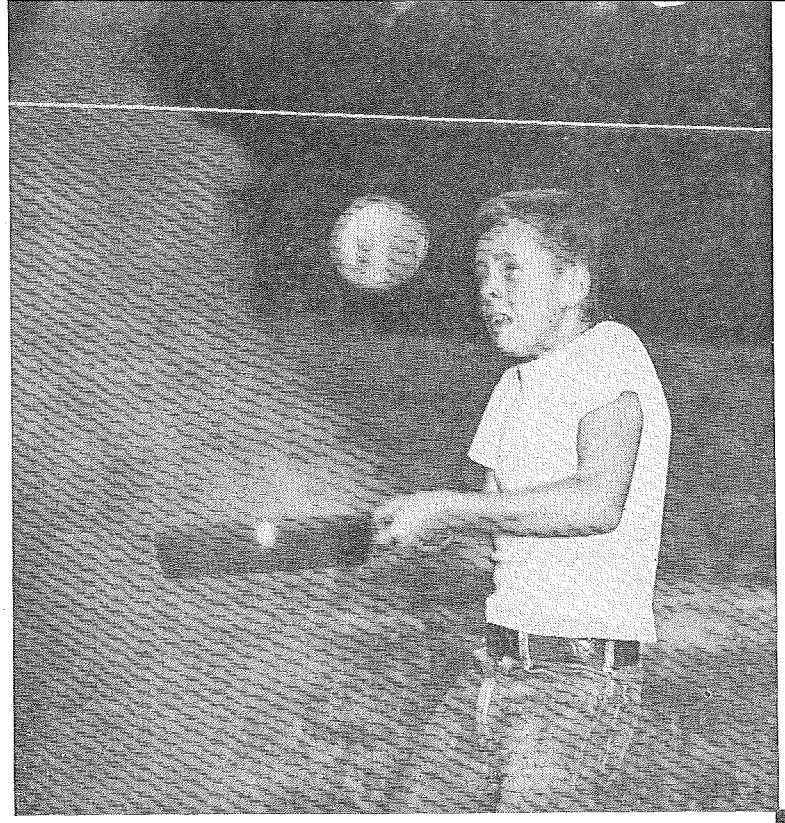
BEATING THE BOUNDS. If you were to travel around the boundary line of the city of Minneapolis you would travel forty miles. And if you were a member of Troop and Post 96, sponsored by the Minneapolis Calvary Presbyterian Church, you would know exactly how it feels to walk—we said walk—these forty miles of boundary. For on a frosty weekend last fall these units did just that, "beating the bounds" of their city as the old Scots used to do centuries ago. They hiked all day Saturday, camped at the opposite end of the city that night, moved on Sunday, and returned to their starting point by 2:30 in the afternoon.

Chief discovery—pavement and sidewalk are harder on the feet than hiking in the woods. Chief resolution—"We'd like to do it again—someday."

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, March 16-22. The power of good books to influence the lives of boys and girls is a matter of common observation. Character, personality, ideals, attitudes, intelligent citizenship,



DEFENSE WINDOW. ***This prize-winning model of an air defense filter center, put together by Cub Scouts of Pack 44 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, drew fascinated crowds to the downtown store window in which it was displayed during Boy Scout Week. Plotting boards come from the Sioux Falls Filter Center, small phones from the telephone company, and the dolls —from cooperative kid sisters.***



FLIP-FLOP. Flapjack flipping is fun, as anyone knows who has tried to flip a flapjack over the line and catch it again in the frying pan. If you miss, your flapjack becomes a flopjack. This boy, giving his all at a Scout field day in Akron, Ohio, isn't about to miss—it says here.

SAFETY FIRST. Explorer in Dan Beard Council (Cincinnati, Ohio) finds hazard-filled stairway during a safety checkup—one of many ways units are taking part in 1958 National Safety Good Turn.

choice of vocation, may all be colored by the world of literature in which a child has lived.

Libraries are windows opening out on broad vistas of human experience. We do any child a Good Turn when we encourage him to delve into that gold mine of adventure and wisdom, the library. National Library Week, March 16-22, affords a natural opportunity for all of us to cooperate with local efforts to stimulate good reading habits.

NEW V.F.W. SCHOLARSHIP. The Veterans of Foreign Wars has announced a new scholarship of $1,000 to be awarded annually to a member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Applicants must be Explorers actively enrolled in a unit sponsored by a V.F.W. post. The winner must be prepared to attend a recognized college, university, or prep school in the fall of the year that the award is made. The basis of the award will be the Explorer's conspicuous and unselfish service denoting initiative, perseverance, and self-sacrifice. There must also be evidence of practice in his daily life of the ideals and principles of the Scout Oath and Law.

Leaders of V.F.W.-sponsored units can secure applications for this award by writing to John Mathieson, national director of Youth Activities, Veterans of Foreign Wars Building, Broadway at 34th Street, Kansas City 11, Missouri.

AND A BROTHER TO EVERY OTHER SCOUT

By **WILLIAM D. CAMPBELL**
International Commissioner
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I often recall a chat I had with some Austrian Scouts at the Jubilee Jamboree in England last summer. We exchanged a great deal of information as we batted questions back and forth about our respective countries. As we receive the answers to my questions, I found myself better able to understand the conditions and problems of the Austrian people.

Just as we were about to part, one of the Austrian Scouts spoke up and said, "I have become much interested in the geography of your country and have been studying about your lakes. I have been able to find on the map your Superior See (*See* is the German word for lake), your Huron See, the Michigan See, Erie See, and the Ontario See, but can you tell me where I can find the Tennes See?" After a good laugh, I explained that in Tennessee the "see" had nothing to do with lakes. From this little story one can see how a different interpretation of a simple little word can cause confusion and lack of understanding of another country or some fact about it.

While the jamboree was going on, fifty other Explorers and leaders representing all twelve of our regions carried on exchange visits with eleven European and Far Eastern countries. Here again great benefits come to the participants and the units they came from.

Scouting's outreach today encircles the whole free world and is no longer confined to the relatively small districts, towns, or countries in which our Scouts live. The present-day Scout has the opportunity of spreading out his activities to practically unlimited horizons. Any Scout, yes, and any leader, can be an ambassador of Scouting if he so desires.

The function of an ambassador has been described as "the representative of one people to those of another country to bring about better understanding of each other and to develop an exchange of ideas and products for the mutual benefit of the citizens of both nations." This statement suggests the whole idea of exchange or as a Scout would say, "swapping," and on a basis where both parties really benefit by the transaction. Here is the idea in a nutshell. If you have a dollar and I have a dollar and we exchange them, neither of us has gained anything; but if you have an idea and I have an idea and we make an exchange, then each of us has doubled his resources without any loss to himself.

Activities in the fields of world friendship do much to inject new high lights into the experiences of a Scout and his unit. They make possible good-will ambassadorship experiences for Scouts and Scouters on all levels of our movement and bring new attractiveness to our program.

Opportunities for such experiences range from personal "Scout to Scout" contacts to those made possible by exchanges of letters, literature, and other things. This past summer the 1,700 members of our Jubilee Jamboree contingent who went to England had the thrilling experiences of direct contacts first with the English people, then with the Scouts of more than eighty countries, and finally with the peoples of the countries they visited on their postjamboree tours. It would be impossible to estimate the amount of new good will, understanding, and knowledge generated by this great jamboree trip alone.

Several thousand other Scouts and Scouters visited and toured foreign countries incidental to Scouting or other reasons. Direct Scouting contacts were made easier and pleasanter by the use of official international letters of introduction issued to them by our Relationships Division.

Hundreds of our Scouts and leaders, even though it was not possible for them to travel abroad, enriched

The Jubilee Jamboree in England last summer was a notable demonstration of world brotherhood as Scouts from 84 countries lived, worked, and dreamed together of building a warless world.

their world-wide Scouting experiences through the use of unit link-up or pen pal projects.

So whether by travel or by mail, literally by the thousands, our boys and their leaders were able to reach out into faraway places to new Scout friends and experiences. Scout brotherhood was reflected by new adventures and interests for everyone concerned.

Such projects as these along with an annual World Friendship Good Turn activity will do much to develop new interest and adventure in the program of any Scout unit. Here are a few guideposts to help put these activities into the program of your Scout units.

World Friendship Good Turn

The basic purpose of the World Friendship Fund project is to give every Scout and leader in America an opportunity to have a part in the sharing of our literature, training, publications, and equipment with Scouts of countries where such things are in desperate need.

Carrying out world friendship projects such as have been suggested in our program quarterlies will add a stimulating pack, troop, or post experience and will nake possible a greater sharing of our "tools of Scouting." If projects such as have been suggested in our program quarterlies are properly developed and your Scouts are told that their contributions will send Scout handbooks to Scouts in such countries as Finland, Ghana, Italy, Australia, Borneo, the Philippines, China,

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Cub Scouts catch the spirit of world understanding and friendship as they work on craft projects for a Cub Scout pack overseas with which their pack has a close link-up.

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Germany, South Africa, and Brazil, your boys will really get enthusiastic when they realize that their nickels, dimes, or quarters can actually provide Scout belts or other parts of a uniform to troops in Ceylon; patrol leaders' handbooks to a troop in Scotland; BOYS' LIFE subscriptions to units in Iran, Sweden, or Indonesia; or a tent to be used as a pattern for the making of other tents in the Belgian Congo.

For example, some time ago the home office received a request from a troop in Ceylon for some pieces of uniforms and camping equipment. After studying the request we found that it would be either improper or impractical to send all of the items requested. However, we sent them sample pieces of uniforms, neckerchiefs, a tent, and some BOYS' LIFE reprints giving instructions on the making of tents and other camping equipment. The ensuing correspondence with this troop has brought us accounts of their "do it yourself" projects along with pictures showing a really well-uniformed and equipped troop. It was the ideas and know-how that they needed. They now have the equipment and their pride in having acquired it by their own efforts.

The whole Scout program in such countries at Burma, Afghanistan, the Philippines, Japan, Korea, and others has been enriched and enlarged for hundreds and thousands of boys as a result of World Friendship Training scholarships given to leaders from those countries. Cub Scout packs in Liberia, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, and the leper colonies in the Philippines are using Cub Scout handbooks sent as world friendship gifts.

Every handbook, every copy of BOYS' LIFE, SCOUTING magazine, or program quarterly sent to these fellow Scouts abroad is an ambassador of good will from an American Scout to a brother Scout in a faraway land. The World Friendship Fund project is a continuing annual project which will give inspiration and practice in the principles of world friendship to our units and at the same time reach out with a helping hand to our friends overseas. This is one of the best ways for every Scout and leader to share in an "ambassador of good will" project.

"Can my Pop sit in on a couple of our sessions? My homework is killing him. . . . !"

Pack, Troop, and Explorer Unit Link-Ups

An excellent unit project is the establishment of a link-up with a similar unit in another country. This is done by first establishing a correspondence contact between the leaders of the units involved. The content of the letter should center on a description of the leader's unit, activities, and interests. The contact letter should then be sent to World Friendship, Boy Scouts of America, National Council, New Brunswick, New Jersey, with a letter indicating country and type of unit wanted for link-up. A suitable link-up contact will then be made. After the leaders have started their exchange of letters, they can then arrange for the members of their units to start exchanges of letters, stamps, etc. If this activity is guided and woven into the regular meeting programs, the results are usually very stimulating. The link-up plan can be used by Cub Scout packs with the pack leaders and Den Mothers making the initial contacts and guiding the exchanges between the boys. Through proper use of the pen pal and link-up projects any

Scout or leader can have the fun and adventure of being an ambassador of good will for American Scouting.

Pen Pal Letter Writing

Pen pal letter writing by Scouts, Explorers, and leaders is one of the most popular and stimulating world friendship type of projects. It can even be used by Cub Scouts if the pack link-up plan is used.

The success of a pen pal exchange depends largely on the preparation and content of the first letter. The letter should be neatly written in ink or typed (never with pencil). It should be friendly, telling something of the activities of the Scout, his unit, school, and community. If the writer has any hobbies or special interests, he should tell about them. The letter does not have to be long, but like the cat's tail, long enough to be interesting.

The correspondent's name and address should be very clearly printed, spelling out name of state and ending with U.S.A.

Attached to the letter should be a small slip or card on which the following information is given: full name and address, age, Scout rank, hobbies or special interests, and first and second choice of countries to which the pen pal letter should go.

The pen pal letter and information card should then be sent to World Friendship, Boy Scouts of America, National Council, New Brunswick, New Jersey, where the initial contact will be established.

Pen pal letter writing, when properly done and followed up, usually results in an excellent exchange of ideas, information, literature, stamps, Scout items, nature objects, etc. When these things are displayed and described at unit meetings they add new interest to the troop program.

Scout Exchanges and International Events

The ultimate in a good will ambassadorship is, of course, participation in a Scout exchange to a foreign country or participation in some type of an international event, such as a world jamboree, a foreign national jamboree or similar event.

Unit leaders can and should inform their local council office that there are Explorers and leaders in their unit who are interested in, and qualified to, participate in this type of project. Exchanges and international events of various types are increasing in number each year, but the number of those who can participate will always have some limitations.

The program of any Scout unit can be materially enriched if its members, Scouts, or leaders will make the best possible use of whichever of these world friendship projects best suits them. New horizons of thinking or experience can be created, greater understanding of the problems, needs, and aspirations of other peoples can be developed, practical demonstrations of the ideals of world friendship and Scout brotherhood can be practiced. A finer and deeper appreciation of the blessings and opportunities of being an American can be generated in every Scout who has some direct or indirect contacts with these projects.

Finally, we have here a field of activities that definitely can help toward the fulfillment of the major objectives of Scouting, the development of good character habits, and training for citizenship. World friendship projects, therefore, not only provide pleasure and enjoyment to the participants but also give practice and experience toward meeting our most important responsibility to our Scouts.

So let's widen our horizons, heighten our knowledge and understanding of the peoples of our world, and deepen the effectiveness of the program and ideals of Scouting to which each Scouter has dedicated himself. *END*

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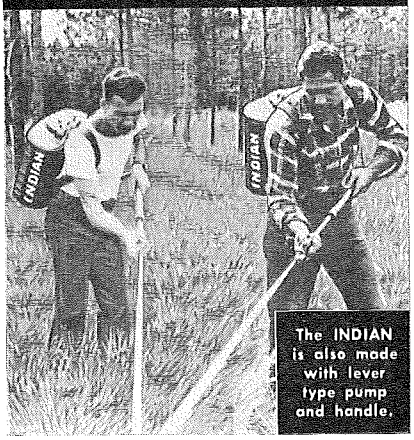

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