

Boy Scouts of World Mobilizing for 'Coming-of-Age' Anniversary in England

U. S. BOY SCOUTS TO CELEBRATE 21ST BIRTHDAY

Movement Is All the Time Making Great Progress—Has Many Activities

NEW YORK—While 1566 of their younger scouts are sailing for Europe this month to take part in the World Scout Jamboree at Birkenhead, Eng., the nearly 825,000 Boy Scouts of America and their leaders are staying at home and are planning to celebrate the twenty-first birthday of the Boy Scout movement by making the year 1929 the most outstanding in point of progress. In the history of Scouting in the United States.

To make possible a still more rapid growth of the Boy Scout movement and to make the Scouting program available to every boy in the nation, Scout officials say that special emphasis will be put this year during the next five years in the development and training of volunteer leaders.

These leaders, most of them from the ranks of Scouting, will be trained to further the activities of the three main branches of Scouting: troop Scouting for the city boy, rural and lone scouting for the country boy, and sea scouting for the older boy, who is still seeking adventure.

Younger Boy Program
In addition to the expansion of these three programs, preliminary work has been started on a Younger Boy Program, to bring under the character building and citizenship training influences of the movement, boys ranging in age from 8 to 12 years. Already experimental groups of boys of this age have been started in different parts of the country and the program is being developed under the auspices of a large committee of prominent educators.

It is H. H. Hurt, editor of the Boy Scout Handbook, is the director of Younger Boy Research. The training of volunteer leaders under the auspices of the educational and camping departments of the Boy Scouts will, it is hoped, in a period of two years, bring to the movement enough leaders to give every boy of Scout age an opportunity to be a Scout. The educational department is sponsoring the training of Scout masters and other Scout volunteer leaders. The camping department is training men in the specialized activities having to do with Scout camping—swimming, life-saving,

camp sanitation and every other phase of outdoor activities. The work of training volunteer leaders has made marked progress, especially in the number of volunteer leaders enrolled throughout the United States. Figures from the statistical department of the Boy Scouts of America show that where last year there were 192,350 volunteer leaders, there are at present 224,122 enrolled. The increase of volunteer leaders, says Scout officials, is rapidly making it possible to put every section of the United States under Scout Council sponsorship, and is making the expansion of the Scout movement into the rural field possible.

The selection of Paul A. Siple, Sea Scout of Erie, Pa., to participate in the first Antarctic Expedition because of his Sea Scout training, and the splendid record of achievement that he has made as one of the outstanding members of the Byrd party, has had a marked effect on the growth of the Sea Scout movement. Last year there were only 2900 Sea Scouts enrolled.

Increase of Sea Scouts
At present there are more than 5000. The Sea Scout movement is open only to those boys over 15 years of age, who have had previous Scout training and who are especially adapted, both physically and mentally, to take part in seamanship activities. Through the Rural Scout program, Boy Scouts of the farming areas of the country are given an opportunity to participate in Scouting activities, both recreational and vocational, under the leadership of adult Lone Scout guides.

These Rural Scouts, living in portions of the country where it is impossible to organize a Boy Scout troop of 25 members because of the working hours of the boys, can, at their own convenience carry on a program of Scouting under the leadership of their Lone Scout guides. These Lone Scout Guides are outstanding men of the rural communities in which the Scouts live, who are familiar with the Scout program and can direct the boy in his activities.

Boy Scout Literature
In talking of the growth of the Boy Scout movement in America, it is essential to point out the influence that the movement has had on the boyhood of the life of the Nation in general through its vast field of literature. Nine hundred thousand copies of the new Handbook for Boys, published by the Boy Scouts of America, have already been distributed, and this book, coming off the presses at the rate of 500,000 a year, is reputed to have a larger circulation than any other book, with the exception of the Bible. Leading educators and scholars have said that it is the greatest book in the world for boys.

More than a score of other handbooks in various subjects in which boys are interested have also been put out by the editorial department in the Boy Scout Service Library. Of special significance is the new "Patrol Leaders' Handbook," which will be put out in the near future. This book, a companion book to the "Handbook for Boys," and written by Scout Master William Hillecourt, with the aid of writers, educators and outdoorsmen from all over the world, is said to be an outstanding piece of Scout literature. It contains a score of other handbooks in various subjects in which boys are interested have also been put out by the editorial department in the Boy Scout Service Library.

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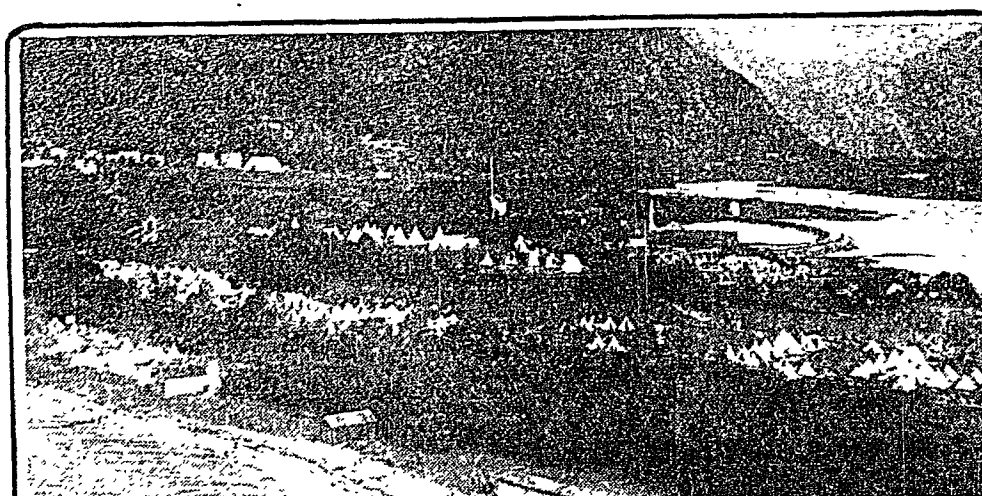
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influence of the Scout movement is well shown by the report in which an instance is given of a patrol which counted on its strength a European planter, an Indian vakil (lawyer), a Kandyan chief, an inspector of schools, schoolmaster, an agricultural instructor and a Government clerk.

The list of scouters and patrol leader's courses held throughout the year testifies to the fact that Scouting is very much alive in Ceylon. In 1928 a body of 150 Ceylon Scouts attended the Madras Jamboree and created a great impression by the excellence of their work and displays.

Boy Scout Camps Attracting Many Youths in Sweden

Scoutforbund Reports 11,200 Members—Organization Has 1000 Wolf Cubs

STOCKHOLM—In 1909, the first Swedish Boy Scout troop was formed in Gothenburg by the present Swedish Chief Scout, Maj. Ebbe Lieberhart, who also made a Swedish translation of "Scouting for Boys."

During 1910 and 1911, scout troops were formed in nearly all towns. To get uniformly in training, troops of Stockholm and Gothenburg invited all troops to send representatives to a joint meeting here in 1912, where the Swedish Scoutforbund was formed.

In June, 1912, the first national camp was held in Stockholm, attended by 900 Scouts, including Norwegian, Danish and German, and in 1914, the second was held at Malmö. During the war no national camps were arranged.

In 1923, the first real big camp was held near Gothenburg, with 1800 participants from six nations, and in 1927, the fifteenth anniversary, a real "Jamboree" took place at Beate-lund, near Stockholm, with 1000 Scouts from 16 nations, and visited by the Chief Scout of the world and Hubert Martin.

The present strength of the association is approximately 11,200 members, including 1200 officers, 9000 Scouts and 1000 wolf cubs.

Austrian Youths Get Fine Training

Many Camps Established in the Loveliest Regions of the Alps

VIENNA—The Oesterreichische Pfadfinder-Bund (Austrian Boy Scouts Association) is the first and oldest Scout organization in Austria. It was developed from the beginnings of Scout activities in diverse places in the former Austrian Empire through the endeavors of the founder, Capt. E. Teuber. Scouting was started in 1912. During the war the association increased greatly. The Boy Scouts served the Red Cross and this help was mutual, and after the war gained the field of work was decidedly limited in the new Republic of German-Austria.

These circumstances had in consequence a number of initiators. Many of the movements for youth were politically inclined, but the Austrian Boy Scouts Association and the Roman Catholic Scout Association (St. George's Scout M.) were the only ones without any political activities and who strictly adhered to the rules laid down by Sir Robert Baden-Powell.

During the last years the association has been very busy. Many camps in the loveliest regions of the Alps have been means to train the boys in an ideal way. Two thousand boys are now fully trained. At the last Jamboree at Copenhagen only 28 Scouts could attend, and after they got gained such a good position was greatly to their credit and increased the public recognition.

The Austrian Boy Scouts Association is under the presidency of Count Hans Gregor Wilczek.

Yorkshire Erects Manual School
SHEFFIELD—Education in the West Riding of Yorkshire makes a notable advance in the opening of a new Manual School at Conisburgh, the village in which the action of Sir Walter Scott's "Ivanhoe" so largely takes place. The school has been erected at a cost of about £25,000, and according to the chairman of the West Riding Education Committee, it

"is the last word in education and building."
It is said that the difference between a secondary school and a middle school is that the former is for those who write, and the latter for those who do manual work. The experiment of the Sheffield Education Committee in establishing middle schools has fully justified itself, for, notwithstanding their special aptitude for manual dexterity, the pupils of these schools have held their own with their secondary school rivals even in purely academic examinations.

Scout Movement Well Grounded on Polish Chivalry

Two Great Ideals Served by the Organization. Whose Motto Is 'Watch!'

WARSAW—The Scouting movement in Poland breathes in its development the great Christian ideal with which the Polish nation has been imbued for centuries.

Gen. Sir Robert Baden-Powell's method of education has found in Poland ground prepared by Polish chivalry and national traditions. Polish Scouting works above all things to realize two great ideals, to serve God and the fatherland. Their motto is "Czuwaj" (Watch).

The first Scout troops were formed in Lwow in 1911, and in 1913 a troop of Polish Scouts was presented to General Baden-Powell during the first Jamboree in Birmingham. It was not without difficulty that the Scouts were made to understand in spite of different parts of Poland being under Austrian, Russian or Prussian domination, they were neither Austrian, nor Russian, nor even Prussian. It was insisted that there was only one historic appellation for them, and that was Polish. They finally obtained satisfaction in the name of the international brotherhood of Scouts.

Belgian Scouts Report Growth

Federation of Nine Counties Has 164 Units Totalling 6000 Members

BRUSSELS—The first Roman Catholic Scouts of Belgium amalgamated into a regular association at the beginning of 1912, owing largely to the endeavors of Jean Corbisier, Chief Scout. They were settling into their stride when the Great War rolled up and put a stop to all but clandestine scout activity.

After a good deal of work and a few years the outlook seems bright. The association has enrolled practically all Roman Catholic Scouts. The association federates the nine county associations, subdivided into 26 districts, numbering together 161 units—154 troops of Boy Scouts, 61 Rover clubs, 49 Cubpacks, 5 troops of sea Scouts and just over 600 active members. The special branch of the "Catholic Scouts of Belgium Congo" counts 23 troops, 1 Rover club, 2 Cubpacks with about 800 boys.

Official magazines are Bestuurlijk Berichtblad, Bulletin administratif. Magazines for leaders: Leadersblad; Bulletin des Chefs, Magazines for Scouts: De Scout; Le Boy-Scout Belge.

SCOUT IDEA WANES SLIGHTLY IN BURMA

RANGOON, Burma—At the end of June, 1928, the Burma Scout roll numbered 3130. The experiment is being made of extending scouting into the villages.

The number of Scouts is actually less than in the three preceding years but the report states that scouting in Burma has been undergoing a change as the initial enthusiasm has waned somewhat, but it is hoped that a deeper and truer Scout idea is growing up, which will give a surer foundation.

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JAPAN'S SCOUTS MAKING BIG HIT BY THEIR WORK

Public Recognizes Their Resourcefulness and Ability—Honored by Emperor

TOKYO—In 1921, when the present Emperor, as Crown Prince, was in England, he had the opportunity of seeing the Boy Scouts in various guises. His interest in the movement was aroused and he endeavored to study the training methods.

As a consequence of the Crown Prince's European tour, the Scout movement in Japan received a great impetus, and on April 13, 1923, when the Prince of Wales was coming to visit Japan, a conference was held at Shizuoka, resulting in the forming of the Association of Boy Scouts in Japan.

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Every time that the International Conference or Jamboree was held in Europe the delegates and the contingents of Japanese Boy Scouts were represented to co-operate in promoting the idea of a world-wide brotherhood.

And so His Majesty the Emperor was pleased just after his enthronement ceremony to inspect 213 troops and 4211 Scouters and Scouts representing the present strength of 44,843 on Dec. 6, 1928. The Scout movement in Japan is very prosperous.

Luxembourg Boys Did Post-War Work

Formed in 1914, It Has Grown Consistently—Helped Prisoners After the War

LUXEMBOURG—Federation Nationale des Eclaireurs Luxembourgeois has been, from its creation in 1916 up to the present day, to a great extent the work of the Chief Commissioner, Leon Collart, whose memory will ever be sacred to his faithful Scouts. Hardly back from the university, with the degree of an "ingenieur diplomé," M. Collart joined in 1915 the Scout movement whose beginnings in Luxembourg go back to July, 1914. In 1916 we see him as captain of the "Boy Scouts du Sporting," and, in the same year,

all the troops of the Grand Duchy having formed themselves into a federation, he became its honorary treasurer, as head of a Luxembourg troop. The federation took their oath of allegiance to the Scout law from the first national president, Emile Bian.

After the armistice the Scouts of the federation did splendid relief work for the released French, Belgian, English and Russian prisoners that came from German prisons. It was M. Collart who started the yearbook of the federation and the periodical Le Scout, which still appears. He attended the first Jamboree in London, as head of a Luxembourg troop. The federation became on this occasion a member of the Boy Scouts' International Bureau and M. Collart its chief commissioner. As such, he also attended the Paris International Scout Conference and, with a delegation of Luxembourg Scouts, the Jamboree at Copenhagen. The powers of the federation are generally attended by French, Belgian and English troops.

Siamese Schools Aid Scout Work

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