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### FOREWORD.

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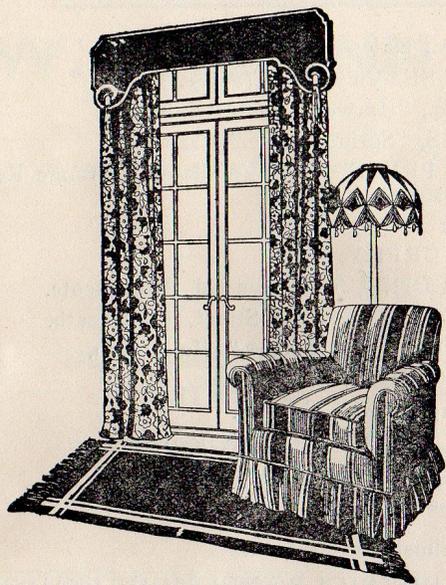
### BY THE ORGANIZER.

This first Sports Day of the local Boy Scouts' Association has been made possible by the help, given and promised, of many people.

The first question was where to obtain a suitable site, and the Association is very much indebted to S. S. Somers, Esq., and to T. Cooksey, Esq., for answering this question.

The last question will not be asked until July 9th. The Public will give the answer, and the Halesowen and District Boy Scouts' Association feels confident that the answer will be all that is hoped for. S.S.

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Vote of Thanks to Chairman.

### 3.15 p.m. (approx)

### SPORTS



Judges: F. Palmer-Cook, Esq., Capt. H. C. Stone,  
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ITEM.

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5. CUBS' DRESSING RACE	...	...	...	150 "
6. SCOUTS' BACK TO BACK RACE	...	...	...	150 "
7. ROVERS' BACK TO BACK RACE	...	...	...	200 "
8. CUBS' SKIPPING RACE	...	...	...	150 "
9. CYCLE OBSTACLE RACE (over 14 years)	...	...	...	200 "
10. GROUPS' CHARIOT RACE	...	...	...	150 "
11. OBSTACLE RACE (up to 14 years)	...	...	...	200 "
12. CUBS' POTATO RACE	...	...	...	

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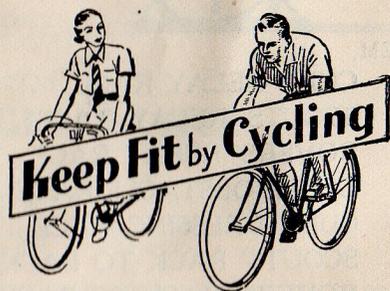
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SPORTS (continued)

ITEM.

13. ROVERS' TREACLE BUN RACE	...	...	200 yards
14. SCOUTS' LONG JUMP			
15. CUBS' LONG JUMP			
16. ROVERS' LONG JUMP			
17. CUBS' BACK TO BACK RACE	...	...	100 yards
18. GROUPS' CHARIOT RACE, final	...	...	150 "
19. SCOUTS' TREACLE BUN RACE	...	...	200 "
20. CUBS' HURDLE RACE	...	...	100 "
21. SCOUTS' HURDLE RACE	...	...	150 "
22. OBSTACLE RACE (over 14 years)	...	...	200 "
23. AMBULANCE RACE	...	...	200 "
24. CUBS' TREACLE BUN RACE	...	...	150 "
25. ROVERS' HURDLE RACE	...	...	200 "
26. CUBS' DRESSING RACE, final	...	...	150 "

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SPORTS (continued)

### 27. TENT PITCHING CONTEST

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**6.40 p.m.** (approx) **GYMNASTIC DISPLAY BY SCOUTS**

**7.15 p.m.** (approx) **MARCH PAST**

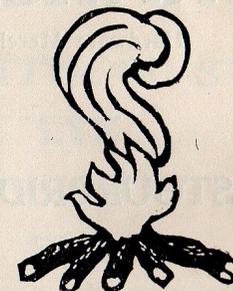
**7.25—7.40 p.m.** (approx)

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While up above the moon rides high,  
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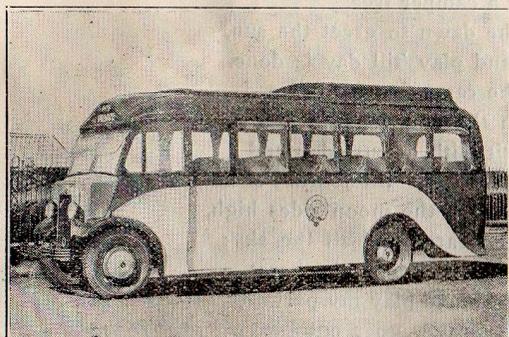
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the Fourteen Groups comprising the Halesowen and District  
Association, and record some of their doings.

— A SCOUT IS A FRIEND TO ANIMALS —



## 1ST CRADLEY

THE 1st Cradley Scout Troop came into being at the birth of the Scout Movement on January 1st, 1908, when a few boys, together with Mr. J. Jaquiss (our present District Commissioner) quickly followed the lead of the Chief Scout. The first camp was held at Easter in the same year, on Walton Hill, and since that time the troop has never been out of action, but has carried on steadily, doing its best for any scouting events that have come along. Until June, 1937, an old stable (kept in repair by the scouts) served as Headquarters, but recently they have transferred their quarters to the Old Chapel, in Windmill Hill. The present G/S/M., Mr. Harry Wyer, was one of the original boys when the Troop first started in 1908 and has an unbroken service with it.

## LYE METHODIST (LYE P.M.)

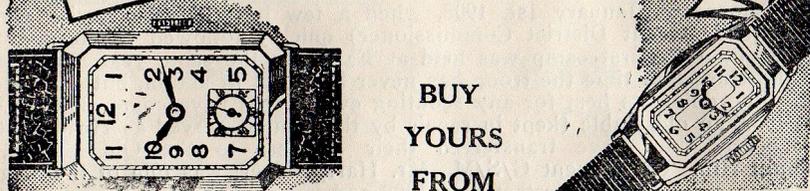
EARLY in 1918, this Group was formed from boys who had previously belonged to a Company of Boys' Brigade. Right from the start the Troop has gone forward with its work. From the first they have been enthusiastic entertainers, and apart from Shows for the benefit of the Group, they have given well over a hundred entertainments for charity in various hospitals, homes and schools, etc. Meetings were held originally in a small schoolroom belonging to the Sunday School, until about 1922, when Headquarters were found in a disused Carpenter's Shop. Good use was made of this until 1929 when the room had to be demolished, and the Group returned to its old quarters in the school. Troop members have done work by acting as "patients" for St. John's Ambulance Brigade, and on a number of occasions have assisted the Fire Brigade at fires, and have also been enthusiastic workers for Hospital Carnivals. At the first Carnival their tableau of St. George and the Dragon, gained them First Prize, which was returned to the Carnival Fund. The Group holds a reputation for general handiwork, and most of their equipment was designed and made by members. Notable years in badge work were 1928 (38 Proficiency Badges, 1 King's Scout and a First Class with Cords); 1937, (32 Badges gained). Camps have been held near and far, including Irish Free State several times.

## 1ST OLD HILL

THIS Scout Troop was formed in 1915 by Mr. B. J. Pearson, the present G/S/M., and at that time formed part of the old Stourbridge Association. At the commencement the scouts were helped greatly by Old Hill Special Constables under Inspector Myatt, who provided a Silk Union Jack and also Instruments for their band. Incidentally their band has always been well to the front and of great assistance in Parades. Since its inception the Group has added sections for Cubs and Rovers, and has been carried on without a break from the beginning. Although what is termed an "open" one, this Group is closely allied to and under the patronage of Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill. The scouts have given repeated help to the Friendly Societies, and have given service in many other varied ways. During the Great War many of the officers and older members gave their services. Generally speaking, when in need of additional or new officers, there has been no difficulty in choosing these from the older scouts. Quite a number of former boys have distinguished themselves in later life, and are to-day occupying important positions, which to some extent may be attributed to their association and training in the scout movement.

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**OFFICERS:** G/S/M. A. G. Pound, M.A., A/S/M. B. Whitehouse, R/L. J. Stevens. Headquarters: Senior School, Valley Road, Lye. This Group has had a continuous existence since January, 1930, when it developed out of a Camping Club formed in the previous year. The Rover Crew was formed in 1936. The Group has camped every Easter, Whitsuntide and August week, and also has regularly used the County Ground at Kinver for week-ends. Both at camp and in the Troop room the Group aims at the ideals of "Scouting for Boys"; with the result that up to the present four members have qualified as First Class Scouts. In September, 1933, five junior members accompanied the G/S/M. on a hundred-mile trek from Lye to Gloucester and back; camping by night at the side of the road, etc., and cooking all meals on wood fires. Three members of the Group attended the World Jamboree in Hungary in 1933, and last year five other members attended the Jamboree in Holland. The Group aims in the near future at erecting a hut and then completing its organization with the formation of a Cub Pack.

## GRADLEY WINDMILL HILL

**REGISTERED** on March 6th, 1931, with Mr. Eric Holloway as G/S/M., and Mr. Frank Dunn as A/S/M., this Group was originally comprised of members of the Cradley Methodist Church. The Group is now an "open" one, with Headquarters in the Old Methodist Church, Colley Gate. Present officers: G/S/M. and S/M. J. H. L. Morgan, M.P.S., A/S/M. E. Dunn, A/C/M. L. Whitworth. Summer camps have been held at Breen Downs, near Weston, Martley, Worcs., and Stone, Kidderminster. This Group gave its help in the inauguration of our Inter-Crew Meetings, assisted with other Groups in the Jubilee Bonfire, and attended Eastnor Rally.

## 1ST HALESOWEN

**FOUNDED** September, 1908, by S/M. John Chancellor, under the Birmingham and District Association, the present Group is an amalgamation of three Troops. In 1911 it was re-registered under Stourbridge and District Association. Scouts won Silver Medals, Warley Park, 1912, and Silver Cup for Tent Pitching same year. In competition for Scoutwork at Stourbridge won Association Challenge Trophy (Silver Bugle). This was handed back to Stourbridge Association upon the formation of Halesowen and District Association. About 20 of the older scouts joined the Forces for War Service, and others followed as they came of age. It is sorrowful to recall that about 25 made the supreme sacrifice. The scouts gained War Service Badges for their work in guarding Frankley Viaduct and Birmingham Waterworks Pipeline. Continuous good work is done by the Cub Pack formed in 1936. Many important Rallies have been attended, including Warley Park and Windsor, 1912, Alexandra Palace, 1921, and Eastnor, 1937. An extensive Log Book, Photographs and other Items of Interest are on record, and may be inspected upon application.

## 1ST HASBURY (ST. MARGARET'S)

**THIS** Group was formed in July, 1936, with Headquarters at Hasbury C. of E. Schools, about 12 boys attending. Since that time a Cub Pack has been added. Activities have been varied, and at present the Troop numbers 18 (including two First Class Scouts), while the Cub Pack has 14 boys. At the first camp held at Kinver County Ground in August, 1938, a "Camping Standards" certificate was obtained. Numerous week-end camps have been well attended, and no effort is being spared to bring home to the boys the value of scouting. It is expected that this year all will camp at Bridgnorth.

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## LYE RAMBLERS

THIS Group (with Mr. F. Jones as G/S/M.) commenced with Cub Pack and Scout Troop in December, 1931, when meetings were held in the Ambulance Hall, Lye. The scouts made their own tents for their first camp held during Whitsuntide, 1932, and these are still in very good order and in use to-day. A strong Rover Crew was added to the Group in 1932. This Crew has taken a prominent part in the North Worcestershire Inter-Crew Meetings and also in our own local Inter-Crew Meetings, as well as in the Worcestershire Rover Hike Competition of 1936. The Troop and Crew have held a seaside camp every year since their formation, and their first August camp was held in Ireland in 1932. The Group felt a need for its own Headquarters, and in December, 1936, leased an old workshop. By a large amount of very fine work all carried out by the members of the Group, this has been converted into an excellent Scoutroom and Rover Den, which was opened on November 6th, 1937, by the then Mayor of Stourbridge, Alderman G. H. Eveson, among those present being Col. A. O. Needham, Assistant County Commissioner for Rovers. The Cubs are doing well, and taking part in all District Cub Activities. Eastnor Park Rally was attended by the Group, and the Crew was represented at the last Jamboree held in Holland. The Troop has two First Class Scouts, and several Proficiency badges have been gained during the past year.

## ST. KENELM'S (ROMSLEY & HUNNINGTON)

GROUP was started on December 4th, 1936. Officers: G/S/M. and S/M. S. Shaw, C/M. Mrs. S. Shaw, R/L. J. Cooper, Chaplain Rev. George Crofts, B.Sc. Outstanding events in 1937, were: Helping in the organization of Village Carnival Celebrations; Assisting with Bonfire, Procession, Sports, Dance and Old Folks' Dinner; Group Camp at Eastnor; First Birthday Party and Concert; Two successful Dances and a Social; and last but not least, Providing Guard of Honour for Lord Cobham at the opening of the Great Britain and Ireland Camping Club's local site.

## STAMBERMILL (ST. MARK'S)

THIS Group was founded on March 23rd, 1914, with H.Q. in Hay Green, by Messrs. A. E. Morris and C. J. Aston, and has been fortunate in maintaining an unbroken record. Within a few months of its existence the Great War broke out and members volunteered to perform War Duties. The task of guarding the local reservoir fell upon them, and many proud possessors of "War Service Badges" resulted. Very soon the officers and older boys were on military service, and the work of carrying on the troop devolved on the Patrol Leaders, who held on valiantly. On the appointment of the S/M. to the Chair of Hebrew and Theology at Lampeter the troop was taken over by its present G/S/M. A Cub Pack was established in 1920, and has served as a useful feeder for the troop, whilst the Rover Crew started in 1933 has retained the older fellows and furnished a reserve of man-power at the disposal of the G/S/M. In 1920 an Army Hut was purchased as H.Q., and has been the focus of Stambermill Scouting ever since. The Rover Crew is at the present time actively engaged in building its own hut for use as a "Den." Steady, persistent, character-building has been the main motif of the "Millers'" activities, and it is pleasing to recall that a number of its members have acquitted themselves in their like-work to suggest that this is the only *raison d'être* of a Scout Group. The record of the "Millers" may be epitomised as follows: "A happy group, like a happy country, has no history."

— A SCOUT IS THRIFTY —

## CRADLEY PARISH CHURCH

THIS Group may be taken as being typical of the Movement generally, as it began in a very hap-hazard and typically English manner. About 1900 the present District Commissioner, then Headmaster of Cradley Church Schools, was stirred by the sketches of B.P.'s Mafeking Orderlies, and having mounted them told his scholars that whatever South African boys could do, English boys could equal. "Capturing De Wet" was a favourite game. In 1908 a regular Troop (called 1st Cradley) was started and is still in existence under G/S/M. Wyer. When the S/M became D/S/M he handed over this Troop, but afterwards started a new Troop called Cradley Church School Troop, which was re-registered as Cradley Parish Church in May, 1928, with Mr. Bloomer as G/S/M. "Hard times" followed after an accident to the G/S/M., but the present G/S/M. revived it in 1934, and re-registration proved unique in the annals of scouting—there being three generations of the Jacquiss family connected with it. The Group has the use of the C. of E. Infant School as Headquarters, and at the present time is showing a great interest in Poison Gas and the work of A.R.P.

## 1ST COOMBS WOOD

THIS Group is a section of Stewarts and Lloyd's Social and Recreational Club. It had previously been in existence for many years and was revived in 1931 under G/S/M. A. Darby. Membership is limited to employees of the Company, except where boys have come up from the Wolf Cub Pack. Numerous letters of thanks are held by the Group from various Public Bodies for services rendered. Three of the officers hold the Wood Badge, and a very good scouting standard is expected of members. At Eastnor Park Rally a member of the Rover Crew was honoured with a place in the Chief Scout's bodyguard, and also the Group's handicapped scout, Henry Barnsley, was introduced both to the Chief Scout and to Crown Prince Michael of Roumania. Besides week-end camps, the Group holds three holiday camps each year. Its Headquarters are at Coombs Holloway, Halesowen, and visitors are always welcome.

## BLACKHEATH PARISH CHURCH

MR. David Kee, at that time Church Army Captain, started the above Group with Scouts and Cubs in July, 1931, and a Rover Crew was formed very shortly afterwards. The present Officers are: G/S/M. N. B. Priest, S/M. J. Parkes, A/S/M. B. Barker, C/M. Miss A. E. Gaden. Headquarters: Blackheath Church Schools. Have now taken over a piece of land with a view to erecting their own Headquarters. Mr. Kee, the founder, is at present in New Zealand serving in the capacity of Children's Missionary. The Group have specialised in Amateur Theatricals and Shows, and earned special praise for their rendering of "One Blood," which they have given on a number of occasions. They have also given ready assistance in Church Bazaars, Hospital Carnivals, etc.

## HALESOWEN TENTER STREET SCHOOLS

THIS is our youngest Group, having been formed in March, 1937, with the following as Officers: G/S/M. D. G. Askew. S/M. W. Sawyer, C/M. Miss C. M. Hackett. It comprises 12 Scouts and 6 Cubs and gives promise of an important future

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