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ROMFORD AND DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS ASSOCN

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FOREWORD

DANBURY PARK.
CHELMSFORD.

It is with great pleasure that I send you these few lines as a foreword to the first issue of your Year Book, which I am sure will serve a useful purpose and be of benefit to your District. The record of your District is a good one and I am glad to say that on the whole steady and substantial progress has been and is being made with the Scout Movement in Essex, which at our last completed census showed a strength of about 12,000.

This great world-wide brotherhood which was founded by our Chief nearly 27 years ago is one of which we can be exceedingly proud. Our Empire depends on the character of future generations and there is no finer character training in the world than that of the principles of the Scout Movement. Remember the Scouts' promise. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing the Chief and Lady Baden Powell and their family a successful and happy world tour and a safe return.

Good wishes to you all.

J. T. WIGAN,
County Commissioner, Essex.

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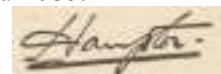
I am glad to have the opportunity of sending a message for your Association Year Book, particularly as I consider the publication of a Year Book is a useful thing for any Local Association. It sums up the activities of the past year, gives an opportunity to those outside the Movement, who are at the same time supporters of it, to see how their subscriptions or other support have been expended, and makes a useful background for future planning.

There are just two things I should like to mention in relation to possible future planning of your Association, upon which the Chief Scout is very keen:—

Firstly, the value of an Old Scouts' Branch. I do not know whether Romford has made any move in this direction, but I believe that if we can rope into a corporate body those who have been Scouts in years gone by, and who would like an opportunity of showing that they are still Scouts, at least in thought, it might help to solve the constant problem of leadership for the Movement. If well organised and thought out such a Branch should be self-running and self-supporting, and should not, therefore, add greatly to the work of the Local Association; and

Secondly, may I point out the need for doing all we can to improve the physical standard of our boys. I need say no more about this, except that it is a matter which Headquarters is investigating with the greatest care and shortly we hope to have an easily worked scheme to put before Scouters.

In conclusion may I wish your Association Good Scouting and a successful 1935.



Chief Commissioner

TWENTY SIX YEARS AGO

Two lone Scouters without much knowledge of Scouting, or its requirements, met one evening for a chat on the work and its possibilities, with the two Troops working without rules or regulations and doing very much as they pleased. The outcome of the chat was a visit to Headquarters and an interview with the Chief Scout's secretary, Mr. Eric Walker, and one of the Scouters coming back with a Warrant as one of the first Essex Scouters, and a week or two afterwards the Romford and District Boy Scouts' Association was born. The Executive consisted of two Scouters and four assistants. What stirring times—boys shouted at and ridiculed, and pelted with all kinds of things,—but what times we had! 1st Romford with 40 and 2nd Romford with 60, the two oldest Groups [thus formed have always had the closest friendship with each other even to this day. We thought it a great day when the third Group was formed and when the Association obtained its first Secretary. One of the first officers was the Rev. Charles Steer, who was afterwards our own District Commissioner. By this time six Groups had been formed and the District was going strong. Then came the War. What an appalling tragedy. Scouters and elder Scouts called to the Colours, and all hopes of keeping Troops together seemed an impossibility, the poor Commissioner at his wits end, every post bringing an S.O.S. for help. Two Associations in the County were joined together for mutual help, and a very hectic time followed, but gloriously the fellows rose to the occasion. Clergymen and others stepped into the breach; many Groups carrying on with Patrol Leaders in charge glorious fellows, we take off our hats to them. Very few officers returned to their Groups after the war. Many, alas, could not do so, but the work done by the senior lads was bearing fruit, an many of them stepped in and carried on as warranted officers and today are doing noble service. Other groups, were formed and the District grew. To-day, Scouting is easier and instead of insults, there are indications of approval and respect, but after all the foundations were laid in times of stress, and we Scouts to-day should pay homage to the pioneers who followed in the footsteps of our great Chief, and kept the old flag flying.

There is a great future before our Association and am sure every Scout will "Do his Best" to make it what we want it to be, an Association to be proud of. F.W.A.

BY "OLD SCOUTER"

What a glorious heritage we Scouts have to-day, with Scouters', Patrol Leaders', and Commissioners' Conferences, all working to the one end—the "making of the good Scout," and cementing the links in the chain of the great Brotherhood of Scouts the world over.

I wonder how many of us remember the slogan of a few years ago—"Catch My Pal " what a fine thing it would be if each one of us could adopt this as our motto for the New Year, that our Schoolmates, and workmates might taste the joys of Scouting, Camping, and Woodcraft that we enjoy so much, and find that the "joy of living" is intensified, as we try to lift the burdens of others, and by a smile and a Whistle cheer someone on the road of life.

GOOD CAMPING to you all and the brightest and best year you have ever had.

	Group	Cubs	S'cts	Rov's	Sctrs	Total	Group	Cubs	S'cts	Rov's	Sctrs	Total
1 st	Romford	30	15	8	7	50	14 th Romford	14	17	-	4	35
2 nd	"	31	58	5	12	106	1 st Gidea Park	36	51	5	11	103
7 th	"	-	14	-	2	16	2 nd Gidea Park	17	20	-	5	42
8 th	"	34	34	8	10	86	1 st Hornchurch	49	48	4	47	108
9 th	"	-	28	-	1	29	1 st Emerson park	48	24	2	7	83
10 th	"	24	14	-	6	44	1 st Harold Wood	49	27	-	7	83
11 th	"	-	25	-	2	27	1 st Collier Row	12	12	-	4	28
12 th	"	-	28	-	2	30	1 st Ardleigh Green	17	13	-	2	32
13 th	"	23	36	11	7	77	1 st Havering	10	-	-	2	12
1934		384	464	43	98	989						
1933		353	436	53	73	915						
District Officers not included in above						1934	50					
						1933	30					
Grand Total 1933 – 945						Grand Total 1934 - 1039						

1934 MARATHON RESULTS

Local Under 16 – 12 Romford "A"
Over 16 – 13th Romford "A"

Section 1 (a)

Position Team

15 1 GP "B"
18 12 R "B"
19 13 R "A"
20 1 GP "C"
21 12 R "A"
23 8 R "A"
32 1 GP "A"

Disqualified 9 R

Section 1 (b)

Position Team

6 13 R "B"
15 1 GP "F"
17 8 R "B"
21 13 R "C"
23 9 R "B"
24 "R" "A"
26 2 R "B"

Rovers and S. Scouts

Position Team

15 1 GP "A"
23 2 R "A"
26 13 R "B"
27 2 R "B"
28 2 R "D"
30 2 R "C"
31 8 R "A"
32 13 R "A"

"1934" SAYS OUR CHAIRMAN

has certainly been a record year for Scouting and also for the different clubs we run for Rovers, Scouts and Cubs so I shall take this opportunity of offering my sincerest thanks to all those who have assisted so admirably in bringing about this pronounced success. I should specially like to mention two of our friends—the Honorary Secretaries, L. Wolsey and S. Milbourne who are deserving of the highest praise we can offer. Wishing the Scouts the best of luck for future years.

GEORGE DE STE. CROIX. Chairman.

EDITORIAL

Imperial H.Q., County Organisation, your own District,—all have a chance to air their views in diverse ways, sometimes in no uncertain terms. Now each Group in Romford has an opportunity to tell the world just what they do. That is one good reason why our first venture into print should meet with a good reception; it also places a fund; of information at your disposal, will make friends (we hope) for the Association, and lastly, add a small sum to our funds.

We pay tribute to Epping for their excellent Year Book which has been, in a large measure, responsible for Romford's decision to adopt this new style of Annual Report and trust that it meets with as much approval as their own booklet does. The style of "The Pie;" in Printers' parlance -the "lay out"- is not conducive to lengthy reports and perhaps it is a good point to have them all abbreviated, but nothing of importance has been omitted. This year has seen many alterations in the personnel of the Association and it will be noted that in several cases, articles or letters bear references, signatures, etc., which are now out-of-date, but are so titled or signed: as the articles were written in that capacity. In the case of addresses, where the town is Romford, this has been omitted, resulting in considerable saving of space, and unnecessary work. Let me tell you that over 1,200 copies of "The Pie" are in existence, so it behoves every member of the Association, to either buy, or sell at least one copy and so make ends meet. Finally, I wonder if the reader who considers himself the most distant, (geographically), from Romford will "drop me a line" so that we shall know just where Romf0rd's boundary really is?

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HOW TO WIN THE NEXT MARATHON

The main idea of this event is to show Scouty spirit. Here is an outlet for what has been bottled up all the year, but you have to play your part as one of a team—not to be "the" team or a passenger also it is necessary to make full use of "commonsense." It was never my intention to enter for 1934's Marathon, but owing to a member of the Crew going sick, my R.L. asked me to act as substitute. I must confess that I was not altogether looking forward to having much of a time, but you will see that I did, when I tell you that, if allowed, I hope to enter again next year. If I am disappointed, there is nothing to stop you chaps from entering and getting a little higher in the list of results in 1935. I don't want your sympathy, but I do want you to avoid falling into some of the usual snags.

Don't put all your baggage on 'your back--the cycle has got to bear the weight, whether you distribute it or not, and it comes much easier on the carrier and frame. Look after the log book, keep it clean but well posted with interesting matter. Make careful choice of your "scribe," leave all the entering to him and let this be his only task, apart from personal cleanliness. If you have a separate draughtsman take a small "jotta,"—unruled—and a small tube or tin of solidified paste with you, so that sketches can be stuck in when there is an opportunity. Get your camp site early in the evening, and be away early next morning—don't dally about—it will save that "last minute rush." Leave behind your "thanks" and! a good name. If you combine these suggestions and polish up the practical side of your Scouting, the marking for Romford District will be somewhere near the top next year.

Late D.S.M.

THANKS !—to the legion working behind the scenes, and whose names are not mentioned—but where should we be without them!

DEAR SIR OR MADAM

I have great pleasure in submitting a report of the Association's activities for the year ending 30th September, last, and think you will agree it is one of the best we have had for many years.

THE CUBS.

During the year, we have had a change in Assistant District Commissioners. Miss Watkinson who succeeded Miss D. Reid Wilson has had to resign for health reasons and removing from the district, -we desire to place on record our appreciation of her services.

The District Commissioner has appointed Mr. C. Brown and Mrs. Shelford as Assistant District Commissioners. Mr. Brown has had considerable experience at Colchester and Mrs. Shelford's experience (22 years with this Association) need no mention here.

The number of Packs shows an increase of three, the additions being 1st Collier Row, 14th Romford (St. Edward's School) and 1st Havering (restarted). The various inter-pack Competitions were not so well supported this year, exceptions being Sports and Swimming.

The results were as follows:-

St. George's Day Competition,
Annual Sports

1st Emerson Park.
1st Emerson Park and 1st Romford.
(tied for first place).

Tug-of-War,
Football
Swimming

1st Harold Wood.
10th Romford.
1st Romford.

A week-end camp for Cub Officers was again held by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Platford at the Manor House, Great Nelves. This was enjoyed by those present but it is hoped that next year, the attendance will be larger. Several Cub Officers attended the County Cub Conference at Colchester where they had a very pleasant and instructive week-end.

The District Pack meet regularly and have been visited by the Travelling Commissioner when an interesting discussion took place. The Annual District Church Parade was held at Trinity Methodist Church and was well attended. Numbers have increased as will be seen from the figures published elsewhere, and is a good sign. The Cub Section is a very important branch of the Movement inasmuch as we get them "while young" and by this

means, hope to get the right "spirit" which will make their lives so much happier and useful than may otherwise be.

Cubbing is most interesting and those who give up their time as Officers well deserve praise.

SCOUTS.

The Scout Sub Committee - was founded in June 1933, with the object of dealing with Scout business on similar lines to those on which the Cub and Rover Sections have been working. At the first meeting it was decided to form a District Troop consisting of all Warranted Officers, the sub-committee meeting forming part of its programme. Unfortunately the business side of the Troop soon grew to such dimensions that there was no time left for other activities, but at a recent meeting it was resolved that a limit should be fixed for business and it is now hoped! that the Troop will be able to resume its normal programme.

During the year the sub-committee have dealt with quite a wide range of subjects including a very successful Field Day in September 1933, a visit from the Travelling Commissioner, the Franklin Shield, a Scout Church Parade on St. George's Day, a Scout Parade at Holy Cross in June, 1934. The District week-end camp at Havering during the Whitsun week-end was well supported and it is up to those who missed the good time that was had, not to do so in future. A Local Marathon was organised in preparation for the County Marathon, finishing at the Priory, Noak Hill, and we are much indebted to Sir Montague Turner for so kindly allowing us to finish at this delightful spot in Noak Hill.

A special effort is being made to increase the number of First Class Badges gained in this District and a special board of examiners has been set up in this connection. Patrol Leaders' Conferences have been held once a quarter and have been keenly supported. They have now become a regular fixture and it is hoped that continued support will be given. Plans for next year are already in hand and? among other things we hope to have a Scout Officers' Conference and an Open-Air Rally. Although the supply of Scouters does not yet keep pace with the demand, nearly twenty applications for Warrants have been approved during the year.

The results of Scout Competitions were as follows : -

St. George's Day Competition	8th Romford.
District Camp	1st Hornchurch.
Swimming	11th Romford.
Local Marathon	1st Gidea Park.

In regard to the Scout Section, the Association desire to place on record their appreciation of the services that Mr. W. A. Ross Armstrong has performed during his period of office as Secretary, and regret that he has had to leave the District for business reasons. We take this opportunity of wishing him all the success he so well deserves in his new appointment.

ROVERS.

The Rovers as a District still meet regularly once a quarter either at a Social or week-end camp; and the committee meet once a month. Quite a number attended the County Conference and County Camp. It is noticed that a number of Rovers hold Warrants (a good sign) and those not holding Warrants perform valuable work both inside and outside the Movement. We have great expectations of this section and will, it is hoped, be fulfilled within the years to come. The 2nd Romford Crew were the winners of the "Commissioners Trophy" for the best All-round Crew in the District. The Trophy incidentally takes the form of the picture "A Gallant Gentleman," Captain Oates braving a snowstorm hoping that by so doing, he would save the lives of others regardless of his own. Such a picture must make us all feel, that more now than ever, we should endeavour to think of others and not always of ourselves first.

SWIMMING.

The Swimming Section this year has seen many drastic changes. After trying for many years we have at long last managed, with the kind co-operation of the Local Authority, to obtain the sole use of the Bath for one hour every week. We have made good use of this opportunity and formed a Club with a low subscription to cover the cost of hire. The Club Membership was higher than expected and about 75 Scouts, 20 Rovers and 32 Cubs have joined. The keen spirit of these members may be realised by noting the average attendance at the Baths on Wednesday evenings—well over fifty, this average not including Cubs, who quite rightly think that 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. is too late for boys of ten years old. Next season we are going to try and get two hours in the Bath, or alternatively get the one hour from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Club were successful at the County Championships at Chelmsford and obtained first place in both the Scout and Rover Sections. It is gratifying to know that twelve Cubs were able to swim round the Bath this year who were unable to swim at the commencement of the season. Mr. G. de Ste. Croix, the President of the Club kindly presented each Cub with a medal in recognition of their achievement in learning to swim. The general style has improved considerably as was proved at our very successful Gala held in October. The attendance was good and all present had a very pleasant evening. Swimming is a very important part of the Scout Training and keeps Scouts fit. It is healthy and we shall not be satisfied until we can report that all members of the Association can swim, apart of course from those who cannot take part for physical reasons.

The Staff attended well and the success of the Club is undoubtedly due to Mr. Eley, (Chairman); Messrs. I. H. Button, H. E. Kelsey, H. Burrus and Q. Stamotopoulos who acted as instructors, also our very keen and energetic Secretary Mr. Jim Aylett. We must also thank the Bath Superintendent and his assistants for their help in many ways.

BOXING CLUB.

The Association have revived the Boxing Club, and up to the time of writing, the attendance has been good and the Secretary and instructors very efficient. We hope to give a more detailed report next year when the Club has got properly on its feet.

CAMPING.

A large number of week-end camps and Annual Camps have been held this season, which is most pleasing, being an essential part of Scouting. We have been loaned a camping site for the District by the Romford Urban District Council at Bedford's Park, which has been used very well. We have now under consideration the advisability of taking over a small estate at Great Nelves for a training centre, and hope to have everything ready for the camping season of 1935.

In connection with camping, may the Association remind Scouts and Scouters that it is most important that we should camp "as Scouts" and not forget our obligations to the Farmers and other kind people who loan us sites. They should be left in a "cleaner and better condition than when found" and only "our thanks" left. Litter is bad, and it is up to the Movement to set a very high standard to avoid criticism that certain members of the public are only too pleased to throw at us.

FINANCE.

Although the Financial Statement shows a deficit of 4/ 8d. on the year's working, we still have a considerable balance at the Bank. The administrative expenses are low in proportion to the size and work of the District, and it is the desire of the Association to keep such expenditure down to the minimum. Unfortunately, Groups do not pay up their Annual Subscriptions as promptly as desired, and owing to some not paying at all this deficiency has occurred.

CONCLUSION.

The Association desire to express their keen appreciation for the work that is being done by all members, Vice~Presidents, Examiners, Lay~helpers, etc., throughout the past year. We must also place on record the excellent services rendered by Mr. L. Wolsey who has acted as Secretary for the last six years, and have accepted his resignation with many regrets. He has been a most efficient and hard working Officer and the Association will miss him in many ways. We cannot pay him a higher compliment than to say that his work has been distinguished in this great Movement for International Peace and better understanding.

A. M. TURNER, Lt. Col.
District Commissioner, 1934.
STANLEY T. MILBOURNE,
Secretary.

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There is nothing I know in the way of work
That a Scout may not achieve;
If he does not falter, or shrink, or shirk,
But sticks to his Work and believes.

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TO ROVERS

Cubs and Scouts are part of a well established Movement in which they play an essential but not an executive part. The Troop will stand or fall, principally, by the enthusiasm and capability of its Scoutmaster, on whom the ultimate responsibility must rest. Rovering, in many cases, is still young and lacks the momentum of a Crew tradition. The success of a Crew will depend to a greater extent on the personal keenness and steadiness of its individual members. A Rover should maintain in his mind, therefore, a clear conception of his part in the great organisation which embraces him.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

You will, no doubt, print elsewhere a report from the Secretary of the Swimming Club, but since this last season has seen such an enormous increase in the Club's activities I hope you will allow me to stress one or two points. We are greatly indebted to our President, Geo. Ste. Croix, Esq., for the stimulus he has given to the juniors by offering a silver medal to each Cub who swam round the bath. Due to this and the coaching of Mr. S. T. Milbourne who has managed to get to the Baths at 5.30 for the Cubs and again at 9 o'clock, Cub swimming has improved greatly. The Gala this year was intended to give every boy an opportunity of swimming in a suitable age group. This meant an increase in the number of events and resulted in an increase in the number of competitors and, as we had hoped, the standard of swimming was higher than I have known it and can be directly attributed to the excellent work put in by Messrs. Milbourne, Button, Kelsey and Burrus.

Finally, I should like to thank our Secretary, Mr. Aylett for managing the affairs of the club in a capable and happy way, and at a time when so many innovations have caused a great deal of difficult work.

Yours truly,

A. I. ELEY, R.S.S.C. Chairman.

BADGES 1933-4

Scout Proficiency Badges-

1st Romford	1	1st Harold Wood	4
2nd Romford	17	1st Hornchurch	<u>3</u>
7th Romford	6		94
9th Romford	3	Cub Badges-	
11th Romford	8	8th Romford	6
12th Romford	7	1st Emerson Park	50
13th Romford	27	1st Harold Wood	15
1st Collier Row	3	1st Hornchurch	<u>23</u>
1st Emerson Park	2		94
1st Gidea Park	13		

In addition, Green and Yellow Cords were gained by the 9th and 13th Romford, one King's Scout and one First Class each to 13th Romford and 1st Gidea Park. The number of First Class and King's Scout Badges gained is lamentably small. More proficiency Badges have been gained than last year but several Groups still neglect this side of Scouting.

Mrs. M. McCULLOCH, Badge Secretary.

PACK! PACK! PACK!

"We be of one blood, thou and I." These are the words that Baloo took such great trouble to teach Mowgli in every tongue used in the jungle. By their use Mowgli gained the help of Chil when he was captured by the Banderlog and saved himself from harm when they threw him among the snakes. This great cry of Brotherhood has been given to all of us who are Cubs and we should use it to all the people of "our jungle." To a Cub or a Scout we give it with a salute and a smile and to all others by our daily good turn. Now Cubs, off you go and each become a "Little Friend to all the World" by means of our wonderful secret sign.

THE TWO GREY WOLVES.

AU REVOIR.

Brook Herford says -

"Go forth into the busy world and love it, interest yourself in its life; mingle kindly with its joys and sorrows, try what you can do for men, rather than what you can make them do for you, and you will know what it is to have men yours, better than if you were king or master."

The words fit our Commissioner more than any words of ours, and our advantage has been in having him as our Scout Leader for so long. His keen insight into "Human Nature," his great thoroughness and sense of humour have endeared him to the heart of everyone in the district from Cub to Scouter.

Coming into the Movement when Romford was in the melting pot, he has so moulded and fashioned it that the foundations have been laid for a great and extensive expansion in the future. Whether judging campers or our yearly events his judgment has always been well considered and practical, his wide experience as a leader of men has been a great asset, and his approachableness at all times has engendered that deep feeling of comradeship that we all appreciate so much. His work for the Association can never be expressed in words and has been an inspiration to us all, our loss is a very heavy one, tempered by the fact that our loss is another Districts gain, and as good Scouts we wish Col. Turner "God Speed" and as happy a time in his new District as we trust he has had in the Romford one.



ROVER SIDE OF SCOUTING

It is often stated and with a good deal of justice, that the modern educational system fails in its task of fitting us to face the complications of life to-day. The curriculum, the school leaving age, and, of course, the teachers are in turn blamed for this.

There is no doubt that the scope of our teaching is too much hampered by tradition and the limits of an examination. Just at the moment, too, when a boy is beginning to think for himself, and becoming sufficiently interested to work without being forced to, he has to leave school; though unfortunately the majority have to go even before this stage. And at school he has been too much accustomed to being guided. Too much is done for him; even his so-called leisure moments are provided for until he reaches the point of finding it difficult to amuse himself when his supervision is suddenly removed. It is in these circumstances that Scouting can provide a sensible and sufficient background for a boy's development. The Rover Movement became necessary so that this development could be continued when the Scout grew too old for normal Troop activities. Rovering is more than ever important in an age of violent political organisations which inevitably lead to class hatred and intolerance. It is significant that in both Italy and Germany Scouting has been banned. The Rover Movement offers freedom of political, economic and religious expression. It is an international movement which aims at a better understanding between men of all walks of life and all creeds and races. It is one of the finest antidotes to dictatorship of any colour because it does insist on a friendly spirit among its members and, beyond the general principles of the Scout Law does not demand adherence to any creed. And this is the essential heritage of the Englishman - freedom to express his own opinions.

It is not to be expected that all Scouts will be able to find time for Rovering when they reach Rover age. There are many who are busy with evening classes or find ample scope for their activities in the work of the church and organisations allied to the church. But for the many others who are not so occupied, the Rover Movement can provide a stimulus to the adventurous and courageous in them and a sensible attitude to life. Senior Scouts can look to Rovering as a more mature branch of the Scouting game which is awaiting to welcome them.

Rovers can help by interesting in Rovering any whom they think would benefit by joining the Movement - and they can do this best by showing by their personal keenness that they are part of a real live organisation.

A. I. ELEY,

Deputy Commissioner and A.D.C. Rovers.

FRANK OPINION (after six years of Romford)

Now that I have had to leave Romford - for the time being at least - and so am for practical purposes out of harm's way, I can perhaps afford to set down one or two of the impressions that Scouting in Romford has made upon me since I became acquainted with it six years ago.

The first thing that struck me was the lack of coordination between the various Troops in the District, and the independence and almost complete isolation that they managed to achieve! There were of course the Annual Events such as the Franklin Shield Competition and the Whitsun Camp, but even these did not seem to draw the various Troops much closer together. One disadvantage of this was that Scouting received little publicity in the area. Scouting has always been able to make way on its merits but it seemed that if the general public knew more about the Movement it would be better both for those inside and those outside the Association. After all, we had got on to a good thing and it was, and is, a bit greedy to keep it too much to ourselves. In the last few years much has been done to draw the Troops in the District closer together and to encourage the brotherliness of the 4th Scout Law. Most of this has been done, however, from the Executive side and much more could certainly be done if everybody realised the importance of getting together as a District and pooling ideas and experiences. Far be it from me to suggest that centralisation should proceed further than it has done, or that the distinct activities of the individual Groups should be restricted, but

I think that it would be a benefit to everyone concerned if each unit made an effort to become better acquainted with others in the District. Great efforts have recently been made to put more of the "out" into Scouting. During the first year or so of my acquaintance with Romford Scouting I was greatly struck with the small amount of outdoor work that was going on. Great improvement is being shown in this respect but even now I think that a lot more could be done, not only in the quantity but in the quality. Too often, camps - both Troop and Patrol seem to have no definite programme, and surely the great advantage of camping as a Scout is lost if none of our principles are given a practical try-out. One might as well leave the uniform at home and merely go for a good time if no forethought has been given to the programme, but personally I have found that practical Scouting has proved more entertaining than mere hanging about in camp.

Perhaps after reading these impressions you may say that my acquaintance with the work of the District and my knowledge of what Scouting does and what it stands for must be very small. You are probably right, and the only excuse that I have to offer for having given a few personal opinions an airing is that the Editor himself suggested it and accordingly I think it only fair that he should accept a little of the responsibility - and also any brickbats that may be going.

W.A.R.A.

(The Editor does not necessarily associate himself with the views of contributors)!

*To the Weak an obstacle is a stumbling block
to the strong—a stepping stone.*

Lincoln,

1st ROMFORD

It is difficult to write about 1934. If not exactly a year of disaster it came very near it! A terribly sudden shock - the loss of our Headquarters and all equipment by fire on June 10th, - followed by a period of drawn-out anxiety, and now, the prospect of new life and hope.

A fire may be something to joke about afterwards, but not at the time. Anyway that is past and re~building and re~equipping are the jobs on hand. Our new colours were dedicated by our Chaplain at St. Edwards on November 7th. By the New Year we hope to be back in our own Headquarters again, and the Spring, all being well, will see us fully equipped for camp and Scouting generally. As regards the Sections—the Pack has maintained its usual leading position in the District, tying with the 1st Emerson Park Pack for the Sports Cup, winning the Swimming Cup and taking third place in the St. George's Day Competition. The Troop, though smaller in numbers is “alive” and has shown a steady loyalty in times of stress. A contingent took part in the District Camp at Whitsun. The Crew, temporarily deprived of a regular meeting place is following its rule of service in the Group. It is hoped that with a Den of their own once more the “getting together” will result in an increased interest in District Rovering. The Pack and Troop are loyally served by keen officers, but oh! for a R.S.L.

Meetings—Mondays, Cubs at 6.30 and Rovers at 8 p.m.: Thursdays, Scouts, 7.30 p.m.

G.S.M. - C. PACE, 2, Glenwood Drive.	A.S.M. - E. COOK.
C.M. - W. GOULD, 33, Park Lane.	Hon. Treas.—C. S. PRITCHARD
S.M. - E. CLEAVER, 5, Olive Street.	Chaplain.—Rev. P. S. ABRAHAM.
A.C.M.s, - Miss D, CORNELL, A, GAGE, A, BARRETT, Headquarters. - Brownsea Hall, Waterloo Road.	

2nd ROMFORD

Started when the Chief first advertised his ideas the Group has continued plodding along, but not without setbacks. During the last three years the Group has had five different places in which to meet, but despite this we still maintain our usual strength. We hope to have a permanent Headquarters very shortly and shall then feel much more settled. This year we attended our 25th Annual Camp at Minehead - successful except for the weather which did not play the game! Many week-end camps have been held throughout the year and all District Competitions and Events have been loyally supported. The Cubs, under Mr. E. Barton and 11 assistants are very active and good training (with firm discipline) is maintained. They held a week-end camp during the summer and all Cubs are looking forward to more next year.

Rover Neale looks after the Cub football eleven very efficiently. The Scouts have been very fortunate this year in many ways but received a great blow when the senior A.S.M. and Group Secretary (Mr. W. A. Armstrong) had to resign. He was keen and efficient and the present state of organisation in the Troop is due to his many efforts. The Patrol Leaders are all exceptionally keen and the Troop have decided that all P.L's must be First Class Scouts.

The Seconds have to pass a good percentage of their First Class also before they are considered, this method creating keen competition among aspirants to those ranks. The P.L's. are recognised as the back-bone of the Troop and play up to their reputation in this respect.

The Rover Crew, under R.S.L. Feldwick, ably supported by his deputy, Jack Button continue to work the Crew very successfully, backed by the fact that we have eliminated leakage between Troop and Crew - a sore point with many Groups. The Crew are always devising new means of interest, in addition to seeing that each Rover does his full share of service within the Movement. All Officers are Rovers and this helps greatly to keep the three sections well together.

During the summer, with few exceptions there was "something on" each week-end. A display was held in September and created great interest among the Parents and other supporters. Thanks must be paid to the staff for their efforts in keeping the interest very much alive and for the splendid loyalty of all ranks. We must not forget the Parents and those other people who work behind the scenes in many ways. Although their names are not mentioned we do thank them for what they are continually doing, and feel sure that they get satisfaction by knowing that the Group is doing well. Our Home section meets at London Road School on Tuesdays, Cubs at 6.30 and Scouts at 7.45 p.m., and the Newbury Park section at N. Park School on Thursdays, Cubs at 6.30 and Scouts at 7.45 p.m. No permanent Den is available for our Rovers but they may be visited by arrangement.

G.S.M. - S. MILBOURNE, Albyn Cottage, 1 St. Andrews Road.
C.M. - E. BARTON, 1, Mawneys Lane.

Deputy R.S.L. - J. BUTTON.
A.C.M's. - H. DUBOCK, H. BALL
and A. NEALE.

S.M. - Mrs. N. SHELFORD, 7, Buntingbridge Road,
Newbury Park.

A.S.M's. - E. BUCK, H. GREEN,
J. MILBOURN, R. NEWLING
and C. MILTON.

R.S.L. - S. FELDWICK, 18, Oaks Avenue.

Hon. Treas.—H. H. GREEN.

7th ROMFORD

The 7th Romford Troop is not large but the members of it are showing considerable keenness, and it is hoped that in a short time the Troop will be larger in numbers. We meet each Friday from 4.5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

S. M.—S. B. HARTLEY, M.A., Royal Liberty School.

A.S.M.—S. CLARK.

8th ROM FORD

The year 1934 may be said to have been a fairly successful one in the annals of the St. John's Group, who occupy the Scout Hut situated behind St. John's Hall, Willow Street. - acknowledged as the most Scouty H.Q. in the District. The Troop managed to win the Franklin Shield early in the year after having been beaten by the narrow margin of 6 ½ points in 1933.

The Rover Crew did not meet with the same success in the District Rover Competition, and the Troop did not enter the Camping Competition nor the Pack the St. George's Day event, both these competitions clashing with Group events and were accordingly shelved in favour of the latter. Two very successful affairs were organised and run by the Group during the year. The first was a Gymnastic and Physical Training Display and: the proceeds amounting to £4 were handed over to the Permanent Church Building Fund. The second was the Annual Display and was another financial success: the proceeds enabled the Group to purchase a marquee for camp use. The Annual Summer Camp was held at Walberswick, near Southwold, Suffolk, and was greatly enjoyed by all in spite of the rough weather which prevailed. The Pack Camp was attended by 26 Cubs and 10 Scouters and helpers, and was of one week's duration from the 4th August. The Troop took over the camp on 11th August and; was attended by 23 members including Scouters. A Scout was left behind in the Cottage Hospital where he remained for some ten weeks, having fallen ill at the end of the last week. We are glad to report that he has now fully recovered.

The membership of the Group has kept a steady level during the year and although, on the whole, not many badges have been gained, the discipline and Scouty spirit of the Group is well above the average. In addition to the usual Pack, Troop and Crew meetings, the Group runs Physical Training and Boxing classes under the direction of a competent instructor. The weekly parades are, Cubs, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Scouts, Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Rovers, Friday, 8.30 p.m.

G.S.M. -

A.C.M - Miss E. ARCHER, E. DAVIS.

C.M. -

A.S.M. - H. SHARPE.

9th ROMFORD

The 9th Romford Troop, although it has not attained higher than second place in Association competitions since winning the Franklin Shield in 1929, continues as a live organisation. Meetings are held at School every Friday at 4.15 p.m., when useful work is done with the younger members in Tenderfoot and Second Class activities, while older members co-operate with some of the 7th Romford in preparing for the Ambulance Badge. The meetings close with Physical Training and games in the winter and swimming in the summer. Occasional meetings are also held later in the evenings on Wednesdays, when patrol work and volley ball are the chief parts of the programme. The number of badges held by the Troop is not so great as it was a few years ago, but we have two First Class Scouts and several who should reach this standard in a few months. During the last year two camps have been held. One, during the Whitsun holidays at Little Baddow, and a fortnight's trek in Belgium during August. These were much enjoyed and showed a good standard of practical Scouting.

S.M. - S. G. GRAHAM, Royal Liberty School.

10th ROMFORD

Owing to internal difficulties the 10th did very little during the past year and numbers dwindled to three or four regular Scouts, though the Cub section maintained its strength of 24 and were by no means disgraced in the District affairs in which they took part. In an effort to revive the Scouts and make them a force to be contended with, a Scout section was started at St. Albans end of St. Andrew's Parish. This section commenced meeting at the latter end of September, in Wembley Hall, Princes Road, and promises success. The Rover section has worked hard and indeed, had it not been for their perseverance against the many difficulties with which the Troop was faced, I feel certain that it would have had to be closed down. Congratulations then to the 10th Rovers. We are hopeful in looking forward to 1935. Meetings are held at Jutsums Lane Mission Hall on Monday, at 7.30, and Cubs on Wednesday, at 6.30.

Actg. G.S.M. C. MORRIS, "Taquah," Grey Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

C.M.- Miss M. BUTTLER, 21, Links Avenue, Gidea Park

A.C.M. L. TODD.

11th ROMFORD

The Troop has been continuing its usual activities during the past year and these have met with good success. Once more the Troop won the Swimming Gala and in addition one of its members, Wade, must be congratulated on winning the Kingswood Cup. Several members had the honour of representing the District at the County Gala from which they brought the Cup back to Romford again. In the Franklin Shield Competition the Troop did better than ever before, finishing up in the second position. The main feature of the year was a summer camp for a fortnight in Belgium. The camp was in the nature of a tour so that we had plenty of practice in pitching and packing tents, while at the same time we were able to appreciate visits to Brussels, Bruges, Antwerp and Zeebrugge. Thus, the camp was excellent practice in Scouting and gave us the opportunity of seeing a foreign country in some detail.

Incidentally, the Troop's zeal for swimming enabled it to carry off still another trophy in a local Gala in the R. Meuse at Dinant. The only flaw in the camp was the rough passage back from Zeebrugge!

S.M. - W. MAY, Royal Liberty School. A.S.M.—W. PLACKETT.

12th ROMFORD

The Troop has had a fairly successful year; we started with three patrols—Elephants, Tigers and Cobras, and with a few seniors the average attendance was about 20. An inter-patrol competition was held and was won by the Elephants by a wide margin. During the year we arranged several outings, including a ramble round Hainault Forest and a day on Tylers Common. We have also entertained other Troops in volley-ball and swimming matches.

In August we held a fortnight's camp at Pontfadog, Denbighshire, and had a very enjoyable time; the attendance at this camp was 16. In September, the Patrol system was re-organised; the Elephants and Tigers became Senior Patrols, meeting monthly, while three new Patrols - Beavers, Bulldogs and Cuckoos were formed out of the remainder. Our Troop parade is held on Tuesdays, at 7.15 p.m., part of which is spent in Patrol corners, part in an inter-patrol game or competition, usually concluding with a game of volley-ball. At the time of writing we have one First Class, twelve Second Class, eleven Tenderfoot Scouts and four recruits.

S.M. - J. MORLEY, 13, Seymer Road.

13th ROMFORD

We have had a very successful year with a steady improvement apparent in all sections of the Group. The Pack is comprised of 23 Cubs and they have passed 8 boys into the Troop during the past year. The Troop now numbers 35 and has enjoyed a year of progress. Several badges have been earned including one All Round Cords. The Rover Crew has maintained its keenness and is still "questing" after the best forms of service. In March last we held a very interesting Parents' evening in which all sections of the Group contributed to the programme in an effort to outline some of the aims and ideals of our Movement. We have put the "out" into Scouting by many and varied outdoor activities. The Cubs have had their treasure hunts, cricket matches and hikes. The Scouts have utilised most week-ends for camping, rambles and competitions. The Cubs had their Annual Camp at Walberswick, near Southwold, and the Scouts, theirs at Boyton, in Suffolk. The Rover Crew have been ready with their service and have given concerts to assist worthy causes. They have arranged a most interesting winter programme which includes discussions, talks and visits to places of interest. We face the future with great optimism and are "Doing Our Best" to "Be Prepared" for "Service." Meetings are held at the Trinity Wesleyan Hall in Mawneys Road, on Mondays-Cubs 6.30, Scouts 7.30, and Wednesday, the Rovers meet at 8.30 p.m.

C.S.M.-A, TAYLOR, 232, Collier Row Lane. A.C.M.—S, GUSTARD.
C.M. - Miss P. KING, 16, Albert Road. A.S.M's.-H. DUNBALL, A. JONES
S.M. - A. CHEETHAM, 142, Victoria Road.

14th ROMFORD

An open Group but getting most of its recruits from present or past scholars of St. Edward's School. First meeting in April, attached to 1st Romford's; working under Mr. C. Newling, proposed G.S.M., D. Walmsley, proposed S.M. and B. Johnson, proposed A.S.M.

June 7th; G.S.M. Pace invested eleven boys who had passed the Tenderfoot tests. These were formed into three patrols, - Otters, Seals and Stags. In August, H. Booth (C.M. on probation) assisted by Troop Scouters started with two Sixes of Cubs. Two small socials have been held in School Hall to raise funds for equipment. We meet in the School Hall as follows:- Cubs, Friday, 6.30 p.m., Scouts, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Rovers, 2nd Wednesday each month, 8.30 p.m.

S.M. - C.P. NEWLING St Edwards School A.S.M's. - B. JOHNSON, D. WALMSLEY
Actg. C.M. - H. BOOTH, 19, Woodlands Road.

15th ROMFORD

Originally a section of the 10th Romford Group, the 15th are now a separate unit. Parades are held at Wembley Hall, Princes Road, on Mondays - Cubs at 5.45 and Scouts at 7.30 p.m.

G.S.M.- L. FOULGER, 216, Brentwood Road. A.S.M - L. PARSONS.

1st HORNCHURCH

It is very gratifying to report that during the past year the Group has made steady progress, in spite of many difficulties which have had to be overcome. Each Section has held its own and increased their numbers which has greatly helped towards making the success of the Group, and here I feel that a word of thanks is due to the Officers for the efficient manner in which they have carried out their duties.

Sports, Camping, Swimming, Inter-Patrol and Inter-Six Competitions have all been keenly contested, thereby encouraging all to play their part in the life of the Group—by so doing it not only helps us to Be Prepared during the coming year, but should greatly assist in bringing out the true spirit of our great Brotherhood.

It is with pleasure we congratulate the following on their successes:—

1. Cubs Finch, Steel and Briggs who obtained the Silver Medals for Swimming.
2. The Troop, for winning the Sir John Smith's Challenge Cup for Camping efficiency.
3. The Rovers, on being awarded St. John's Ambulance Certificates.

Kim's Hall is on the corner of Vicarage Road, Romford, and our meetings are held as follows :-
Tuesdays—Cubs, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., Rovers, 8 - 9.30 p.m.
Wednesdays—Troop, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

and we extend a cordial invitation to all our friends who may care to come along.

G.S.M. A.PALMER, 37 Grovsnor Gdns, Upminster. R.S.L. - C. JUDD, 49, Acacia Avenue, Hornchurch.
C.M. - A. CHEALE, 108, Harrow Drive. A.C.M. - R. Gamage.
S.M. - E BOWLES, 70 Southdown Road. A.S.M. - D Laws.

1st GIDEA PARK

The most important features of our year of campaign have been (i.) The growth of the Headquarters Fund, and (ii.) The growth in our numbers due to the formation of St. Michael's section. The Headquarters Fund has been brought up to a total of £330, and with the Bazaar at All Saints Parochial Hall on December 1st, and other functions, we hope to raise it to over £400 before the end of the year.

The St. Michael's section is progressing very well indeed under the care of A.S.M. (in charge) R. Tilston and A.S.M. F. Rowswell, who is taking charge of the Cubs.

This Group is exceptional in the District in that it has a very keen and live Parents' Committee which has been of inestimable value in our efforts to buy our own Hall. Our Scouting activities have been handicapped through lack of sufficient accommodation but we believe that the Scout spirit is as strong here as in any other part of the District.

The Cub Pack. Numbers show an increase, due, partly to the new section. Greater progress has been made this year in badge work. Discipline is better and the boys are keener. We finished 5th in the Cub Sports, an improvement on previous years.

The Scout Troop. Our numbers are now well over the 50 mark. Once again, after a lapse of four years, we have a First Class badge in the Troop and more on the way. In the Franklin Shield we finished 3rd after having won it for four years in succession. We were 4th in the Swimming Gala, as last year, being beaten by three Royal Liberty School Troops.

Camping. The Annual Camp was at Botley, in Hants, and was as successful as ever. A large number of week-end camps have been run by the P.L's. this year. These have all been inspected by officers of the Group and the boys are developing independence and are learning to shift for themselves without supervision. This is probably one of the best signs to which we can point as proof that we are achieving some definite object in the Group. The other is the fairly high level of efficiency that we are maintaining, rather than a mere specialisation in one particular subject.

The Rover Crew. It should be noted that our team in the County Marathon put up the best show from this District, With A.S.M. W. Nicholass taking charge of the Crew in addition to his other work, there seem prospects of infusing some of his enthusiasm into his men. It is a thing we have been wanting for years. Group parades are as follows—Monday, Cubs, 7 p.m. Scouts, 8 p.m., at Salisbury Road Schools, Wednesday, Rovers, 8 p.m., at Pettits Lane, St. Michaels Section—Tuesday, Cubs, 6.30 and Scouts at 8 p.m., at Church Hall, (St. M's Gidea Park.

G.S.M. – J. R. POEL, 47, Ingrebourne Gdns., Upminster.	A.C.M. - C. GIRLING, A. WILKINS.
C.M. - E. MORGAN, 6, Fairholme Avenue, Gidea Park	A.S.M. J. SHARMAN. A. TILSTON, F.
WEMBOURNE, F. ROWSWELL, W. PARKER, W. NICHOLASS.	
S.M. -R. ELTHAM, 42, Carlisle Road.	

2nd GIDEA PARK

At Easter a camp was held for the Scouts at Pyrgo Park, at which 16 were under canvas. A week-end camp was run at Whitsun for the Cubs, eight of whom attended. A Church Parade is held on the second Sunday in each month at the Gidea Park Methodist Church. The Cubs meet from 6.30 to 7.45 p.m. and the Scouts, from 8 until 9.45 p.m. on Mondays at the Methodist Church, Manor Gardens, Squirrel's Heath.

G.S.M. - D. MARTIN, 29, Pemberton Avenue, Gidea Park. A.C.M's - Miss A. WRIGHT, R. COURSE.

C.M. - P. MANN, 27, Hazlemere Gardens. A.S.M. - A. McKEARS.

1st EMERSON PARK

This Group continues to show steady progress both numerically and in its activities. There has been particularly noticeable, an increase in the Troop, from 17 to 24 members. On the other hand we miss the help of two of our Scouters, Alan Foster and Reg. Knightbridge, the former being transferred to a post at Norwich, and the latter having other duties which prevent him from taking active part for several months. A.S.M. Albert Corben, during the year received his Warrant as Scoutmaster, and is now settled down to his new post. We have in addition to our week-night meetings endeavoured to run a regular Saturday afternoon programme for both the Cub and Scout sections, and this has met with success, particularly with the Pack. The Crew has met fortnightly during the summer, and during the winter meets regularly at Nelmes Hall on Tuesdays, at 8 p.m. On the second and fourth Sundays of each month we hold a combined parade with the Guides and Brownies, and a Scouts' Own, alternately.

The Pack during the year has been successful in bringing back the St. George's Day Shield, and shares the Sports Cup with the 1st Romford's. We did not reach the same position in the Swimming Gala as last year, but one of the Cubs was able to win a "de Ste. Croix" medal for beginners. We competed in the Ninth Scout Musical Festival but did not get a place—this year, however, the Pack took first place for Singing. The Troop took part in the Franklin Shield Competition, and except for the fact that they stood first place for signalling, did nothing else of outstanding merit. In the Ninth Musical Festival two of the Scouts were placed fairly high for solo singing, and in the Tenth, P.L. John Hilton beat all comers with his pianoforte solo. Both the Pack and Troop went to Ventnor for their annual camps, and although unmarked with anything of outstanding note, we found the place ideal for camping, and a wonderful spot for walks.

The Group Committee, which comprises representatives from the Church, Parents and Scouters, has been of considerable help in the arranging of Birthday Celebrations, Parents' Socials etc., in fact all sections are working together very well, for a thriving child of four and a half years. The Cubs meet on Tuesdays, at 6 p.m. and Saturdays, at 2.30 p.m., while the Scouts parade on Wednesday, at 7.30 and again on Saturday, at 3 p.m.

G.S.M. - E. CRISP, St. Mawes, Ernest Road, Emerson Pk.

R.S.L - L. JONES, Aldersyde, Wingletye Lane, Emerson Pk.

C.M. Miss V. CRISP, St. Mawes, etc.

A.C.M's - A. FOSTER. L. MARTIN.

S.M. - A. - CORBEN, 12, Herbert Road, Emerson Pk. A.S.M. - L. KNIGHTBRIDGE.

1st HAROLD WOOD

During the past eighteen months nearly £100 has been raised for our H.Q. Fund. Part of this amount will shortly be expended on the land, and! the balance will be augmented by further efforts arranged for the near future. Scouts in Harold Wood prove their usefulness by taking three or four crippled boys to camp with them each year—acting as orderlies for the British Legion on Poppy Day - assisting old people to and from the Old Folks' Tea which is provided annually - carol singing, resulting in £3. 3s. 1d. being collected last Christmas, in - conjunction with the Guides, which provided coal and other Christmas cheer for 18 needy families.

In addition to our usual Cub and Scout activities we are now running a Scouts' Own once a fortnight. We meet at the Institute on Monday evenings.

G.S.M. F. FREEMAN, 3, AVENUE Road, HAROLD WOOD.
J. LOMAX

A.C.M's Miss WHYMAN, B. BOOTH,

C.M. - R. VICKERS, 45, Parkside Avenue.

S.M. - J. DAVIS, "St. Chads," Avenue Road, Harold wood.

Treasurer - H. MANNING, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood

1st ARDLEIGH GREEN

Although not a large Group we played our part in showing our particular District that we are Scouts, by nature as well as by name. Last autumn, seven Scouts and the A.S.M. hiked to Theydon Bois, covering 28 miles during the day. In December, we provided the guard on three successive nights for the Bazaar goods at the Mission Hall, and also proudly formed a Guard of Honour for the Mayor of Shoreditch, who paid a visit. The bookstall was manned by Scouts. For camp we decided to spend a long week-end at Shoebury, and ten Scouts attended but were eventually washed out and the camp had to be abandoned. The surplus food was salvaged and we had a "spread" on the next parade night. At the Sunday School Prize-giving we were again in evidence and a realistic Camp Fire persuaded the large audience to remain until the end and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Cubs. G.S.M. Coker called the first Pack meeting in September, 1933, and Miss M. Broodbank, then a 13th Romford A.C.M. eventually took charge. The Totem was presented to the Pack by Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Bayless, and the six-strong Pack sallied forth into the jungle in high spirits. From the first night recruits have applied until at the present time, owing to lack of space we are restricting our strength to 18. Until quite recently we have had no definite assistants but welcome help came from Mr. Peter Grise, A.C.M. 4th Dagenham: a 4th Romford Ranger is also now assisting and will, in due course, apply for a Warrant. Enjoyable outings were arranged for the summer although camp was found impossible. Already the Pack is feeding the Troop and the Cubs work hard and keenly. The A.D.C. Cubs, Mr. W. Brown reported very favourably after a recent visit. In spite of the fact that we did not enter for the St. George's Day Competition, we are more than satisfied to know that we are well up to the standard of other Packs. We are now working on a "good turn" to The Mission, to whose officers the sincere thanks of the whole Group are due, for allowing us the use of a warm and comfortable hall "rent free." The Pack meets on Thursdays, at 7 p.m., and visitors are welcomed; the Troop meet on Friday at the same time.

C.M. - Miss M. BROODBANK, 14a, Cecil Avenue, Hornchurch.

A.S.M. - L. BAYLESS, Plemont, Haynes Road, Hornchurch.

1st HAVERING

A We are pleased to say that the 1st Havering Pack have made a fresh start. The Pack had to close down owing to the fact that the late Cubmaster could not find time in a "crowded" life to fit in Cubs.

Mr. Brown, A.D.C., came along on the 24th October, and gave us an official start. "The visit was thoroughly enjoyed both by boys and officers. We are not very strong in number but are working hard for "quality" so that when our A.D.C. comes along again he will see a smart Pack.

The Cubmaster regrets that he has not a lot of time to spare (busy folk Havering way) so hopes the Local Association will forgive him for slackness in attending official and other meetings.

C.M. - F. WADLEY, Campelford, Risebridge Chase, Lower Bedfords Road.

A.C.M. - Mrs. F. WADLEY.

1st COLLIER ROW

No report received.

G.S.M. - A. TOWERS, 27, Riversdale Road, Collier Row.

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Balance 1933	...	17	7	10
Excess payments over receipts	...	2	17	0
Boxing Club	...		14	10
Rifle Club	...		9	3
Wolf Cub Fund	...	18	7	10
Profit on Sports	...	3	19	0
Scouts General Fund			22	6
Balance 1933	...	88	12	9
Excess payments over receipts	...		19	6
Office Equipment	...		87	13
Balance due to the Secretary of the Rifle Club 1932	...		19	10
			1	8
		£153	5	10

ASSETS		£	s.	d.
£100 War Stock 3½%	...			
Cash at Bank	...	100	0	0
Cash With Secretaries	...	50	3	11
Boxing	...		3	4
Badge	...		18	7
Swimming	...	2	0	0
		£153	5	10

H. L. MURIEL, Hon. Treasurer. 8/10/34.

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Lt. Col. A. M. TURNER, D.S.O., D.L.	...	£	s.	d.
Miss E. A. PEMBERTON-BARNES	...	2	2	0
W. T. BILL, (2 years)	...	2	2	0
A. J. ELEY	...	1	1	0
T. ENGLAND	...	1	0	0
R. HARRIS, (2 years)	...	2	2	0
A. J. MILLS	...	1	1	0
Sir. Thos. NEAVE, Bart., J.P.	...	1	1	0
A. PORTER, J.P., C.C.	...	1	1	0
Major RAPHAEL, (2 years)	...	2	2	0
Geo. de STE. CROIX	...	2	2	0
L. F. STONE	...	1	1	0
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2nd ROMFORD	...	15	0	
8th ROMFORD	...	15	0	
3rd ROMFORD, (2 years)	...	1	10	0
1st EMERSON PARK	...	15	0	
1st HAROLD WOOD	...	10	0	
1st COLLIER ROW	...	6	0	
		£132	4	6

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RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions	...	32	4	6
War Loan 3½%	...	3	10	0
Profit on Dance	...		4	9
Profit on Cub Sports	...	3	19	0
Swimming Club 1933				
Donations	...		10	0
Entrance Fees	...		1	14
Sale of Tickets	...		9	14
Sale of Programmes	...		16	4
Sale of Chocolates	...		12	0
		13	7	2
Collections	...	8	13	10
Deficit for year	...		4	8
		£62	3	11

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.
Rent of Association Office	...	6	0	0
Hire of Room	...		7	6
Insurance	...		6	6
Essex Scouts' Association	...		5	0
Stationery, Printing, etc.	...	10	4	3
			21	18
Secretarial Expenses				
Executive	...	4	13	3
Rover	...	2	2	4
Scout	...	2	16	10
Cub	...	4	5	0
Badge	...	1	1	5
Boxing	...		1	8
			15	0
Swimming Club				
Gala Expenses, local	...	11	2	5
Gala Expenses, county	...	1	15	9
Affiliation Fees	...		18	6
Sundries	...	2	14	8
			16	11
Collections to				
Rosemary Home	...	4	6	11
Roland House	...	4	6	11
			8	13
		£62	3	11

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