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BUILDING

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I find it quite exciting going round Chester these days. All sorts of development is going on. Tall blocks of flats and what a view from the top ones too. Tall blocks of offices. New shopping centres, multi-storied with badly needed car parks to attract the motorist shoppers to Chester. All these features, together with the ring road, are Chester's contribution of the twentieth century, to its already rich heritage of building through the ages. I wonder how posterity will judge us.

Were it not for the fact that architecture has already a period named the Perpendicular, that is what I would dub our modern developments, for certainly the tendency nowadays, because of the lack of land of course, is to build upwards. Mind you, that's not new either, for you have only to look at man's most noble edifices, the churches, to see that trend. Walk round the countryside of East Anglia and count the spires reaching to the sky to see what I mean.

And always, when talking about building, one automatically associates the word upwards with it—one always builds up—never sideways—or down.

In Scouting we go in for quite a bit of building too. No, I don't mean headquarters, although we do our share of that. What I mean is our building of the boy himself. We start with the boy of cub age somewhere round the 4 foot mark. Physically we do quite a bit to help nature make him taller by our activities. Spiritually we start him off fairly small with the Cub Promise, I promise to do my best, to do my duty to God, and the Queen, to obey the Law of the Wolf Cub Pack and to do a Good Turn to somebody every day. Mentally, we set him moderately easy tests, but all calculated to build him up into a physically, spiritually and mentally "taller" person.

Then he goes on into the Scouts at 11 years old and about five foot tall. Then he takes the more advanced Promise, still to "do his duty to God and the Queen," but then "to help other people at all times" (not just once a day) and "to obey the Scout Law." That Promise stays good for the rest of his scouting days. Scouters make the same Promise, whether they are eighteen or eighty.

But that building up process goes on and on. Perhaps that's why they call Scouting a Movement! The tests are harder and more technical. The spiritual demands lift him up further towards God. The mental demands make him a more complete person. And so he goes on to Senior Scouting at 15 and Rovering at 18, or maybe he takes out a Warrant as a Scouter then. But all the time there is that sense of building up of body soul and spirit until, please God, we turn out another good citizen through that planned progress of building up in Scouting.

How does the old hymn run?

These things shall be, a loftier race	Nation with nation, land with land
Than e'er the world hath known shall rise,	Inarmed shall live as comrades free,
With flame of freedom in their souls	In every heart and brain shall throb
And light of knowledge in their eyes.	The pulse of one fraternity.

Scouting, spread all over the world as it is, aims at something like that.

V. E. STONEBRIDGE.

SCOUTABOUT 1965

One.....WE'RE ONLY YOUNG ONCE
Two SARAH
Three ALADDIN AND HIS WONDERFUL DIXIE
Four.....IF I WORE SANTY'S WHISKERS
Five.....HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Six.....THE ONE BESIDE YOU
Seven ANCIENT ROME
Eight SWISH
Nine.....COMING HOME
Ten....I DON'T THINK WE'LL SEE HER AGAIN
Eleven....WHEN THE BAND BEGINS TO PLAY

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One....IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THING TO GO
NOWHERE
Two.....ROUND THE TABLE
Three.....THE ROAD BUILDERS
Four.....DO AS THE ROMANS DO
Five MUMS
Six.....THE CHESTER GIRLS' CHOIR
Seven.....I SEE RED
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Nine.....THE PRODUCER'S NIGHTMARE
Ten.....THE FINALE



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DISTRICT NEWS

Lest it be thought that all our effort and time are taken up by the production of our Gang Show, we feel you will be interested to know something of our other activities over the past year.

A strong contingent attended the County Camp held at Whitsuntide in Eaton Park which was visited on Whit Monday by the Chief Scout. The Officers, Scouters and Rovers had much to do with the planning and organisation of this event at which some 1,500 Scouters and boys from Cheshire West were present.

In August a party of about 30 Seniors, under the leadership of Messrs. B. Kershaw and P. Slater, undertook an expedition of climbing and hiking in the Bernese Oberland.

The third annual District Senior Gathering was held from 24th to 26th September at Guilden Sutton, when approximately 200 Seniors and Rovers from this District, Cheshire West and neighbouring Counties had, despite appalling weather conditions, an exciting week-end. We were delighted to welcome in camp a contingent of the Boys' Brigade who voluntarily and successfully organised the Coffee Bar.

In June once again we provided the stewards and car park attendants during the week of the presentation of the Mystery Plays in Eaton Park. More recently we were honoured to be invited to provide the stewards at the Chester Cathedral for the Service of the Consecration of the new Bishops of Birkenhead and Stockport, and twelve Scouters readily volunteered their services.

Recently the District inaugurated a week-end Hike for teams of Scouts and Seniors during the course of which at each check point on the route they encountered "incidents" and had to overcome a tough Commando Course at the overnight camp.

In October the Association held an At Home for Badge Examiners, lay members of the Executive Committee and of Group Committees, etc., which was well attended and during the course of which the official film of the 11th World Jamboree at Marathon in Greece was shown.

The various sections have, of course, held their annual events and competitions—the Totem Pole Competition (for cubs), the Adventure Week-end, the Patrol Leaders' Week-end, the Camping/Cooking Competition, the Swimming Gala, badge training courses, etc. Groups have held their annual and week-end camps, and continued through their Scouters to provide for their 800 boys attractive programmes.

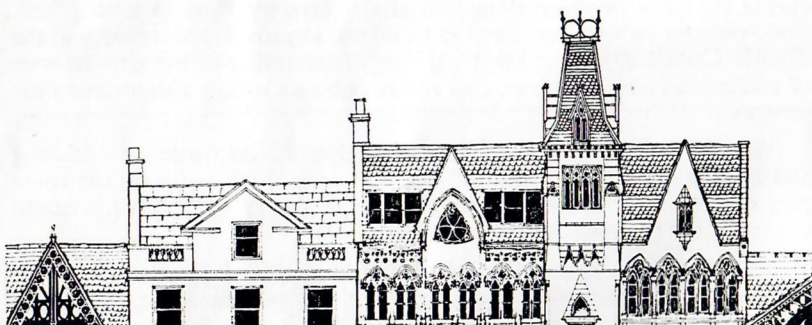
Space does not permit to write of the many meetings of the Executive Committee, and its Sub-Committees ; of Scouters ; of the District Team ; and of Group Committees which are so necessary to the planning and smooth organisation of the District.

As with all Scouts we look forward to 1966—the Wolf Cub Jubilee Year, for which a very full programme of National and local events are already being planned ; the World Friendship Year and the report of the Chief Scout's Advance Party (and (?) a new-look Scouting).

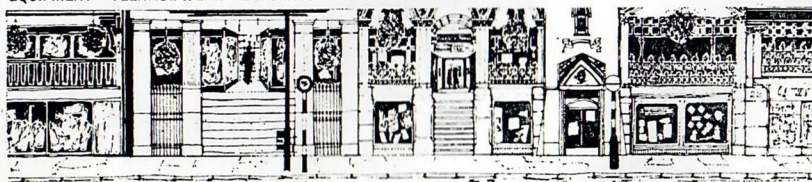
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On this occasion our guests will be received by our President, His Grace the Duke of Westminster, accompanied by the Duchess. We are honoured and pleased to welcome them and are grateful to them for their attendance and their gracious reception of our guests.

The Field Commissioner, Mr. H. Blore, is attending on the Thursday evening.

We welcome too our many subscribing Patrons who are named elsewhere in the Programme, and for whose generous support we are very grateful.

We welcome with the same sincerity each member of every audience whether attending individually or with a party. The solid support of so many friends has sustained our efforts over many years and has ensured the financial success of our Shows.

At the time of going to press the following parties of fifteen or more people had reserved blocks of seats :—

MONDAY

3rd Ellesmere Port Scout Group
1st Owlsey Wood Scout Group
1st Bickerton Scout Group
1st Upton-by-Chester Guide Company
Sealand House
Boughton Hall, Chester
Kenwyn, Chester
3rd and 12th St. Marks, Saltney, Guide Coy.

TUESDAY

1st Sutton (Wirral) Scout Group
Mrs. P. Williams' Party, Little Sutton
1st Sandiway Scout Group
Ince Scout Group
Chester Lions Club Party
Mr. C. T. Brown's Party, Southport
Mrs. Windass's Party, Boughton
W.V.S. Older People's Club
Capenhurst Girl Guides Company
Newton Park Older Folks Club
St. Paul's C.E. School, Boughton
Lache Older People's Club
Sealand House
Christleton Darby and Joan Club

WEDNESDAY

Ellesmere Port County Grammar School for Boys
1st Hawarden Scout Group
43rd Chester Scout Group
5th Chester Girl Guides
Mrs. Hough's Party
16th Crosby (St. Andrew's), Liverpool Scout Group
Handbridge Older Folks Club
1st Christleton Scout Group
1st Hanmer Scout Group
1st Winnington (Mid-Cheshire) Scout Group
Chester St. Michael's Sunday School
Mrs. Tatler's Party, Chester
1st Saltney Ferry Scout Group

Wednesday—contd.

1st Tarporley Scout Group
Hoole All Saints Guide Company
17th Church of Christ Guide Company

THURSDAY

11th Bebington (Christ Church) Scout Group
16th Chester Scout Group
Mrs. Upton's Party, Greasby
1st Connah's Quay Scout Group
35th Chester Scout Group
1st Blacon (Chester) Scout Group
Miss Redfern's Party
3rd Chester Lifeboys
Hoole County Secondary School
1st Oswestry Scout Group
1st and 4th Oswestry Guide Companies
Mrs. Woolrich's Party, Hawarden
1st Shotton Guide Company

SATURDAY—MATINEE

Rufford Scout Group
Croxtan and Boughton Scout Group
1st Upton Cub Pack
2nd Middlewich Guides and Scouts
2nd Blacon Brownies
Mrs. A. Ogden's Party, Saughall
Hoole Congregational Church
A. E. and R. Niddries Party, Middlewich
1st Shotton Scout Group
Mrs. Abram's Party, Saughall
42nd Chester Scout Group

SATURDAY EVENING

Wrexham Senior/Ranger Joint Activities Group
Newtown (Montgomeryshire) Scout Group
1st Whittington Scout Group
Burwardsley Scout Group and Tattenhall Girl Guides
Mr. Adam's Party, Blythe Bridge
St. Helen's Gang Show

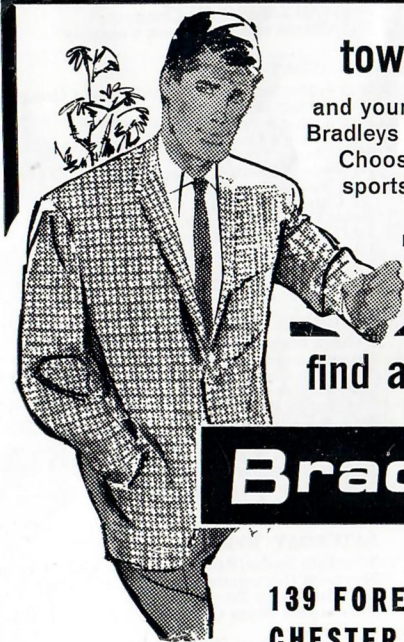
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