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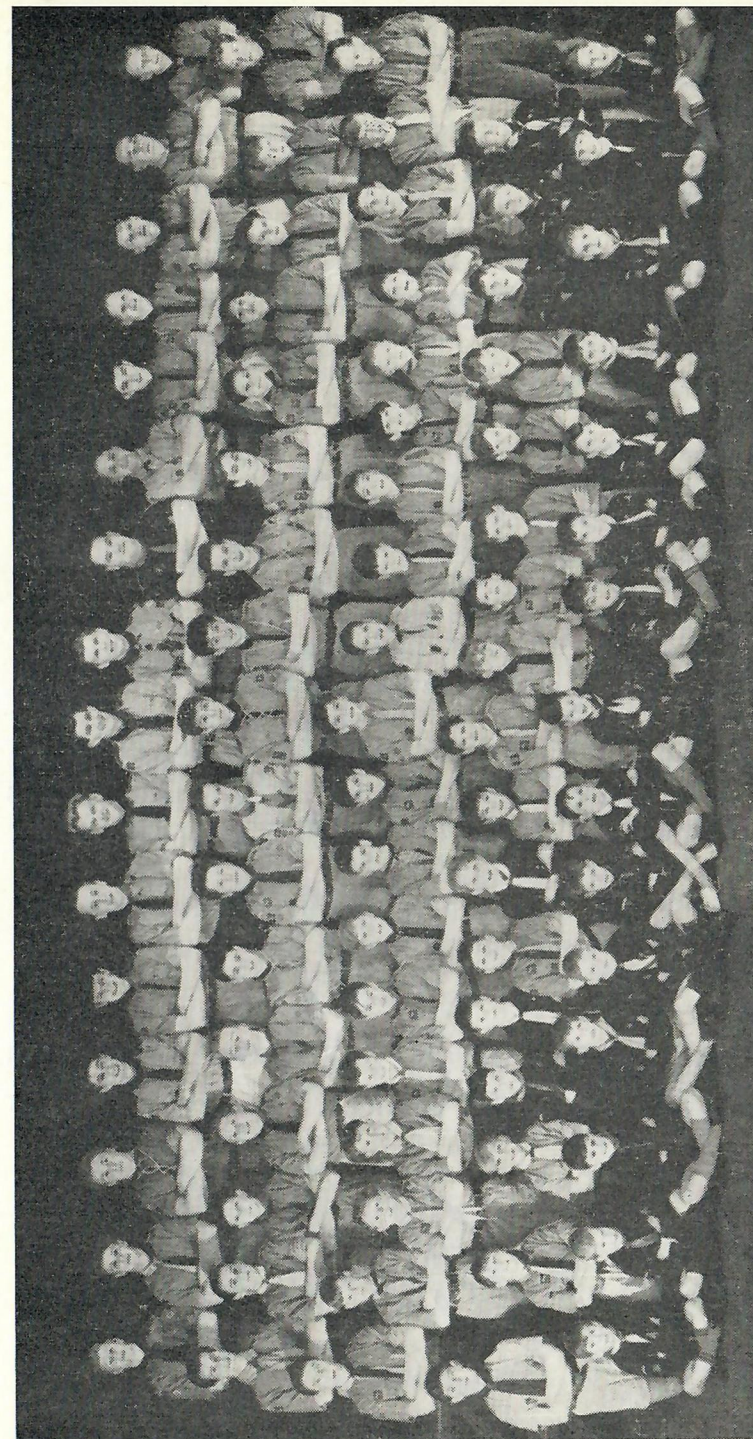


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Scouting opens many doors you know. It opens the door to every country in the world, although it hasn't managed to open iron curtains yet! But in all those other countries, the doors open and off go the boys to their scout meeting (not to mention cub pack meetings and Rover Crew meetings too).

And doors are open to Scouting too. Many Scout troops are sponsored by religious organisations, and we have our Methodist Groups, our Congregational Groups, our Roman Catholic and Anglican Groups in Chester, besides the open Groups. And all these denominations open their doors to Scouting because, through its ideals of 'Duty to God' it is acceptable to them as a suitable form of training for citizenship of their young people.

Very often, the doors of our Troop rooms are open to visitors, the mums and the dads and their friends. We like them to see what sort of training we are giving their boys—but often we are disappointed that more do not turn up. When you read this, remember that will you, and drop in on your local scout troop on its meeting night. You would be made very welcome. You might, of course, be given a job to do, particularly if you are skilled in some sort of craft or pastime, which is almost bound to be covered by our badge system.

Those doors that open to scouting lead to adventure too. This year three of our boys went to Greece to the World Jamboree at Marathon. Others went to visit Andora. All this world travel plus the Scout training, equip a boy for his working days, for they are education in the fullest sense of the word, and in this day of keen competition for jobs, most employers react favourably to the boy who can show a good record of Scouting.

I am often asked by people, is scouting growing, stationary, or fading out, and my answer is always emphatically "growing." There are over six-and-a-half hundred thousand scouts in Great Britain alone. There are over six million in the world. Even in our own City of Chester there are getting on for a thousand!

And from those Troop rooms emerge boys to open other doors too. The doors of old people at Christmas, to whom they take firewood, or Christmas parcels. The doors of the old people's homes, when they take a bus to give them an outing.

Lest what I have said before may lead you to believe that the Movement is a body of serious "do gooders," let me say right away that Scouting is fun—great fun. You will see some of it as you watch this show tonight as we open the door (or more properly we draw the curtain) on Scouting for you to see a bit of what it's like.

Some times the door of Scouting is closed to some boys. It's because they are on the waiting list of the Group they want to join. And they are on the waiting list because we have too few Scouters to do the responsible job of running or helping to run Scout troops. If you fancy the idea of helping, come and have a word with me, and I'll be glad to tell you what you could do. I often say that if I had twice the number of Scouters in Chester, I would have twice the number of Scouts, too, because there are boys anxious and willing to join our Movement. Will you help so that they find the door of Scouting open and don't have to stop and knock!

V. E. STONEBRIDGE, District Commissioner.

SCOUTABOUT 1963

One.....STAR MATERIAL
Two.....TEA FOR TWO
Three.....THOSE BOMBAY KNIGHTS
Four.....MR. BROWN & MISS SUSANNE
Five.....SANPAN
Six.....TRUMPETER
Seven.....PICNIC
Eight.....TENDERFEET
Nine.....THE JUMBLE SALE
Ten.....IN TROUBLE ALL THE TIME
Eleven.....SET IN A SILVER SEA

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Leader/Piano Frank Gordon
Trumpet..... Wes Morris
Trombone..... Dave Glazzard
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Orchestrations.... Billy Brickland

One.....YOU GOTTA GET IN
Two.....THE READING
Three.....RAIN
Four.....DREAM BOAT
Five.....TEN LITTLE ASTRONAUTS
Six.....DICK TURPIN
Seven.....THE DISC BUYERS
Eight.....SANTA CLAUS
Nine.....OH ! DR. BEECHING
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This spirit pervades through the wings and dressing rooms where the back stage gang—unseen but ever hard working—derive the same pleasure from the production as those you see on stage.

Billy Brickland, our Musical Director for the last ten years, is now in France, but is still very much a member of the Gang. He has once again orchestrated the entire show and played for all rehearsals right up to the eve of his departure a week ago. As a final gesture he recruited the newest member of Scoutabout, our Musical Director for the week, Frank Gordon.

If this Gang Spirit spreads over the footlights to you I know you will enjoy your evening and feel that you too are one of the Gang of Scoutabout 1963.

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Organisers : David Proffitt and Phil Turner.

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