

PAN-PACIFIC SCOUT JAMBOREE (Cont.)

The Jamboree was, in itself, a complete city, with administrative offices, police, fire-brigade and ambulance services, medical and dental facilities, banks, a market square (staffed by Scouters), chapels for every denomination, whilst each day we had our own Newspaper—"Jamboree News." This was keenly sought after, containing as it did many photographs and highlights of the camp's doings.

A number of radio programmes was broadcast from Greystanes, namely, "Rumpus Room," a popular teenage session, several of the camp fires, and the first half of a recital by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Another entertainment feature was a grand performance by the National Opera Company one evening.

As was to be expected in a camp of this nature, many incidents, both humorous and otherwise, were encountered. Indeed, so much occurred in the ten days of the Jamboree's duration that to try and relate all the happenings would, I am afraid, necessitate very many volumes. However, a couple of the pranks might bear repetition.

On the second day in camp while I was on duty as a dental nurse, three Scouts arrived at the Surgery, two of them supporting their less fortunate companion who was suffering from severe toothache. We were greatly impressed by the solicitude shown to the patient, until it was discovered that the "friends" were more interested in souveniring the two extracted teeth to adorn the entrance to their camp than in the welfare of their brother Scout!

Like everywhere else at the time, we had our share of rain, and during one particularly heavy downpour, the Scouts from the United Kingdom were practically washed out. But typical English humour came to the fore when the lads quickly placed signs in their "little lake," reading: "English Channel," "The Thames Estuary," and "Puppa Banks."

A huge campfire was held on the concluding night, forming a fitting finale to a wonderful fortnight when 11,000 boys from sixteen countries worked and lived together in perfect harmony, making the Greystanes Jamboree the magnificent success that it was.

I shall never forget the fortnight I was at Greystanes. It was one of those all too few experiences which come to us but once in a lifetime.

To walk along any one of the specially made roads running through the camp sites and to meet lads strolling along arm-in-arm no matter what their race or class, or to see them squatting outside their tents swapping yarns, was something to be marvelled at, and which is not often encountered anywhere.

My foremost impression was the complete lack of prejudice shown between the lads, and the way in which they accepted each other regardless of colour or creed. In this, I feel that the 1952-53 Pan-Pacific Jamboree should be cited as a shining example of fraternity and the democratic way of life at its very best.

—JUDITH LAYTON,
Drawing Office.

Accident Report

For the Four Weeks Ending 23rd February, 1953.

Number of Accidents—21, including 4 Lost Time
Frequency Rate—5.25 (previous 5.47). Target Nil.
Severity Rate—3.71 (previous 4.81). Target Nil.

Sectional Accident Report.

	Roasters	Acid	Super.	Cement	Yard	Engrs.	Coll.	Dredge
Total No. Accidents	—	—	2	1	1	16	1	—
Lost Time Accidents	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	—

STEVE BELL, Secretary,
Accident Prevention Committee.