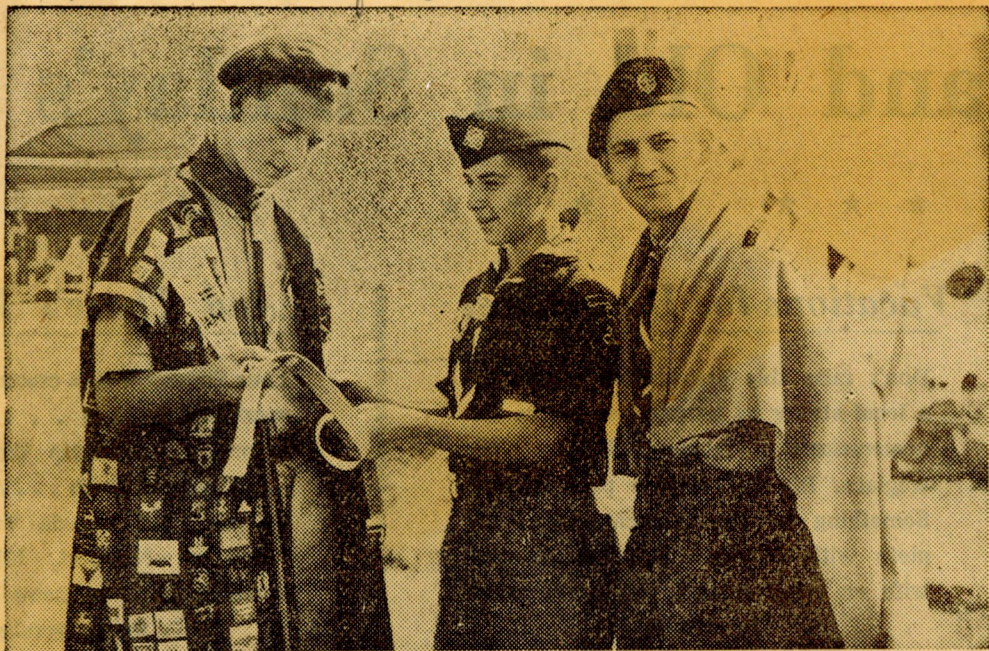


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YANKEE TRADER—Eagle Scout James Diamond, center, is shown with two English Boy Scouts, talking "swap" during period of International Exchange of souvenirs at overseas jamboree.

A Boy Scout Abroad (2)

First Sight of Foreign Land Thrilling; The English Offer Lesson in Generosity

(Second in a Series)

Utica's representative at the International Scout Jamboree in England, Eagle Scout James C. Diamond, has sent his second report of his experiences. His first letter related his experiences on shipboard. This message concerns his first impressions of the British Isles.

James, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Diamond, went from Valley Forge National Jamboree overseas.



J. C. Diamond

He titles his second letter "Report on the Jubilee Jamboree in England." Let him tell it:

"With the rising of the sun on July 30, 1957, some 1,750 boys and men looked with eagerness for the first sight of a foreign continent." (He was recalling his last day on shipboard.)

"Before the sun had been up an hour, their wish had come true. From every port-hole and space on deck, a hilly land with a clean blanket of mist covering it, was seen.

"As the tension on board arose, we were put through

a passport check and were next put aboard a tender headed toward Plymouth.

"From Plymouth, we took a train and after six hours arrived at Sutton Park. The journey was very pleasant.

"The countrysides were different from ours. Every bit of possible growing-land is productive. The homes are very plain and small. The roads are extremely narrow. One of my new English friends, Mike 'Nipper' Prise, told me they measure about 16 feet.

"Upon our arrival at Sutton Park station, we marched to the Jubilee Grounds and were shown to our site at Arrow Park, a subdivision. Since we had no shelter, because we had arrived late, and because we had no food (the ship had not yet been unloaded), a very generous English troop provided for our wants. They rushed to our every need and made us most welcome to their country.

"The hospitality of our English neighbors is remarkable. They prize very much that which they have, but they are by no means selfish. They give for the sake of giving, not for the sake of return.

"Our equipment finally filtered into our camp and was quickly erected. The foreign boys were happy to help us

and to supply what we were missing.

"This jamboree is just the greatest on anyone's scale. I have met and made more new friends in the two short days that I have been here than I have in my own city of Utica.

"Today, Aug. 1, we had our official opening of the Jamboree by the Duke of Gloucester. I have done a little research on Sutton Park and this is what I have found:

"This lovely, enclosed park of more than 2,400 acres can truly be said to be in the very heart of England. The people of Sutton Coldfield take great pride in it, not merely because of its historic associations.

"Words cannot describe the glories of this vast park, with its rolling moorland, its lovely woods and placid pools that at all times of the year and in all weathers, give shades of color and scents of earth and heather to gladden the heart of any who may choose to wander through it. It is and has been a favorite resort for nature lovers. Although adjacent to a large industrial and residential district, the park is quite a favored locality for insect life—particularly moths and to a lesser extent butterflies.

"Most of the American Scouts have light green Baker tents. The distinguishing feature of this tent is that one sidewall lifts up to form a canopy. This provides maximum use of interior space and permits use of reflector fire for warmth in cold weather.

"We are scheduled to put on a show in the Arena Aug. 2. It will feature a band that was trained on the voyage to England, and colorful Indian dances. Rope twirlers and a fire-fighting demonstration are on the program. The finale will highlight world friendship.

"In the American contingent are Scouts from all parts of the U.S.A., including Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska. Three troops are from 'Trans-Atlantic Council,' which serves American Scouts residing in Europe.

"Please say hello to every one because it is hard to send many cards and letters."