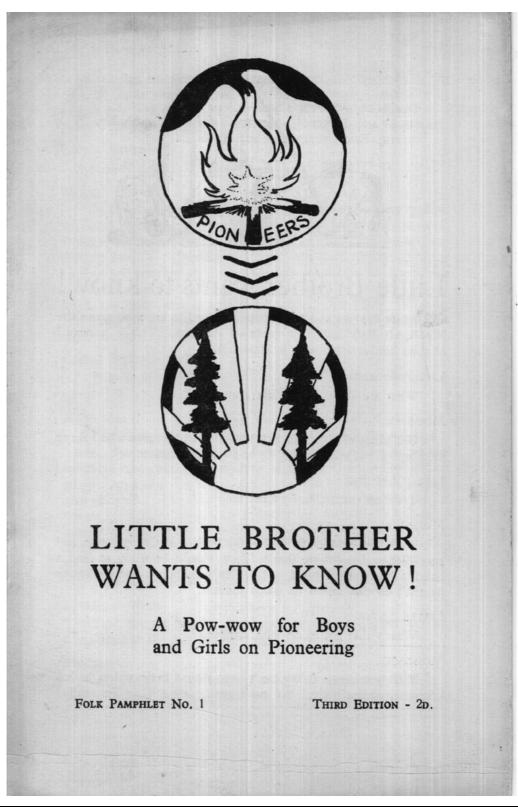


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fellows who are content to be weak and mollycoddled and who n the city all the time-so we live the lives of vagabonds in the We haven't much patience with naven't the grit to make themselves as healthy as young savages open to make ourselves fit.

but what d'ye do?

MOSSBACK.

birds and trees and flowers. We camp. We hike. We sing. We dance . . . and play games, and learn to love to be alive woodcarving, tentmaking, and so on. The girls make the leatherhistory and making of the world and of prehistoric man. We become friends with all the Little People of the Woods and the We tackle all sorts of crafts, beadwork, leatherwork, metal work, We learn something of the Oh, thousands of stunts! We learn how to make things fringed Robin Hood jerkins we wear. and kicking.

LITTLE SISTER.

jolly fine, doesn't it? But what d'ye do This sounds camp?

at

MOSSBACK.

watching birds, and every evening we have a Council Fire and we The Fire with its simple ceremony is the event of the day. And, of course, by camping out we learn to look after fires, and we know how to make ourselves "comfy" on the old Oh, we play games, of course. Have a try at the Woodcraft Do savage dances and folk dances, or go exploring and earth even in the worst of weather. Just like backwoodsmen! all sit round and sing songs, tell yarns and legends, and perhaps ourselves quite on our own, and we cook our own grub and light give our yells. Tests.

Then of course we swim and sunbathe and climb trees.

just suit me That sounds ripping, it'd anything like the Boy Scouts?

but are

irst. You see we don't kow-tow to the Union Jack or salute Not really, Little Brother, though it might MOSSBACK.

like it at

look

LITTLE BROTHER.

Sounds good

Little Brother and Little Sister wanted to know all about the ittle Brother wants to know Woodcraft Folk and their gangs of Pioneers. of their conversation with a Mossback.

LITTLE BROTHER.

What are these woodcrafters anyway?

MOSSBACK.

Oh, gangs of boys and girls and men and women who believe in camping out and keeping fit and training themselves.

LITTLE BROTHER.

Training themselves. What for?

MOSSBACK.

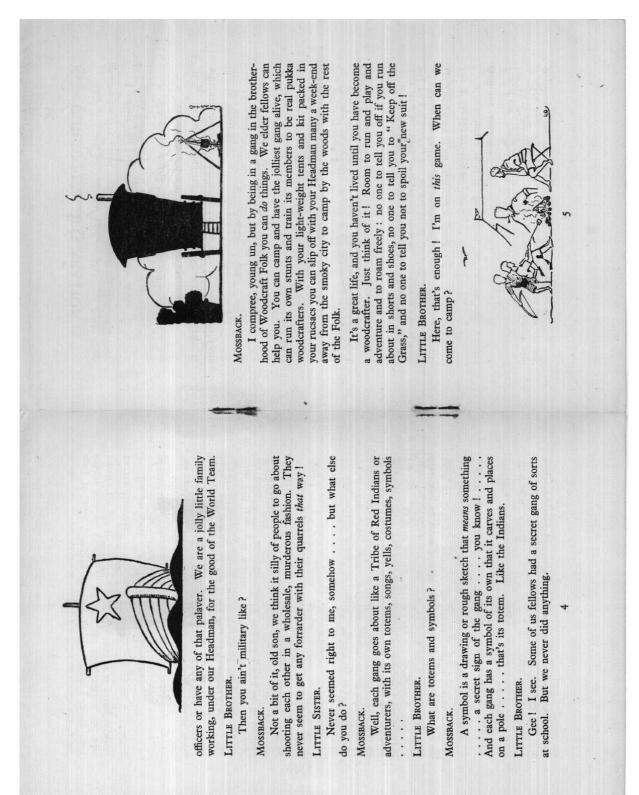
good Fellowship—think that a fellow should be ready to lend a hand, a heart and a brain to help his neighbours, and he knows Well, the Woodcraft Folk-who believe in Co-operation and he can't do that unless he trains himself.

LITTLE SISTER.

What's that got to do with camping?

Well, you see, a fellow can't have a good brain unless he has a supple, strong body. We can't grow strong if we are stuffed







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In the Canadian axe the handle and ends in the stop, which p slipping out of the hand in use.

When buying a new ace or using an axe for the first time, see that the handle is true with the bit. To test that its hold the axe with the beit pointing upwards, and sight along it with one eye. The bit should be in a straight line with the centre of the stop. If the bit does not line up with the estop reject the axe, as it is dangerous, because one cannot aim rute with it, and may easily get a cut from such an axe.

Never use an axe with a loose head.

When taking an axe to camp carry it in an axe-case or mask, or wap the edge with sacking.

If you are laying an axe aside temporarily, "whate," it in a dead log or stump—never a living tree.

Never chop sitks by leaning them against a log. Always lay sitcks on a Set that onlookers are 6 to 8 feet away. Clear the ground around the place where you are going to start work, cut off branches or anything else likely to impede the swing of the axe overtiead.

the Hand Axe

OW we will get down to the actual use of sex, a kindighte hand are first, which is used with one hand only. This type of ace is only intended for light work, cutting branches up or 4 inches in channers, or small trees of similar dimensions. Always cut light wood on a chopping look, tree sump or big log. Never lay the stick you are cutting on the ground, and soft wood lets the axe into the ground, where the edge is likely to be spoil to hidden stores. You can hold the and of a stick you are cutting with one hold the and of a stick you are cutting with one hold the and of a stick you are cutting with one hold the and of a stick you are cutting with one hold the and of a stick you are cutting with one hold the and of a stick you are cutting with one cutting for an and deliver the blow at an angle of 45 degrees to the gram, cutting from right and left alternately to make a visinged cut.

Felling

The felling-axe is used with two hands. First learn to swing the axe properly by practicing slowly. The left hand guides the axe and is kept at the end of the stop, the right hand impairs most of the power by throung the head down. Raise the axe above the right shoulder by sliding the right hand up the handle, you will then be in the position shown in Figure A. Then make the stroke downwards, the left hand guiding and the right sliding loosely down the handle until the two hands are nearly together at the end of the stroke (B).

All edged tools are dangerous in the hands of amateurs and chungs. Remember when you hold an ase in your hand you hold three lives, your own life, the life of any spectator, and the life of a ree. So the first rule of the axeman is "Think before you act." Memorise the following safety rules and avoid accidents.

Don't Cut Leaning Sticks









Use a Tree Stum as a Chopping Bloc

resting Axe for True Ali

The lightest felling ace weighs just under 3lb. This will be found for handler are are are called hand the heavier sizes. Smaller axes are called hand the heavier sizes. Smaller axes are called hand to the heavier of the thing of the area of the handle axes with guards which pull out of the handle and cover the cutting edge when not in use. I have seen them advertised as used by Accide explorers, who presumably would not nece with much timber after passing the Land-of-Little explorers, who presumably would not nece with much timber and I imagine that they used these axes mainly for carving the Sunday joint of frozen polar bear. Anythou, I cannot recommend the use of these axes to attack an 8 inch log of English Oals, as they afford a poor grip, raise blisters like intushorms, and have no natural spring to take the shock.

ВҰ ILLUSTRATIONS ∞

Every Fellowship should possess at least one good are. The Candiant felling are is the best type, of which there are several reputable makers in this country. The English woodman's are is not so well shaped as the Candian, and is harder to use in incapert hands. Carpenters' area are quite usels in the woods, as they are not heavy enough in the head, being designed to do another job, that is splitting wood along the grain, rather than cutting at an angle like a felling ase.

Never buy one of those "comic-opera" contraptions known as boy soon axes, with a pick, hall extractor, corkserew, and whar-not at the back. In addition to being now sea an axe, they are a positive danger by reason of the pick, with which the user is apt to dig a bigger hole in the back of his head or back than in the tree.

TATONKA-WAMBLEE

HE axe is truly the symbol of the Pioneer, for the Pioneer and Deboters and Deboters and Desperation were all expert axemen. In addition to building log cabins, the old-times of Dord America very often manufactured all their furniture, tables, chairs, stellers and bunks, entirely with the aid of a single axe. No harmers, chiecks, saws, or mals were used by the really competent axeman, who inerally "carved a home our of the widerness." So adroit were they with the use of axes that or Saturday nights they would sharpen up an axe to give themselves a weekly shave, so the Gend runs.

A rick that Canadian lumberiacks will sometimes do is to partly cut through ten or elevan pine trees may now, and then fell the weith so that it falls against its nearest neighbour, sand it coppling, and the rest go down in rotation like murepius.

Another stunt is to up at a tent-peg in the ground and fell a tree so that the falling trunk drives the peg right into the ground.

rp cutting edge of the axe is called the opposite end containing the eye or slot handle or haft fits is called the head.

NEW PIONEER



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THE PLONEER

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CO-OPERATION

How MANY of you have been asked: "Do the Woodcraft Folk teach Cooperation?" or "What is the connection between the Woodcraft Folk and the
Co-operative Movement?" This article tries to answer these questions.

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Co-operation means "working together." The group of workers in Rochdale who were the pioneers of the Co-operative Movement, spent their money co-operatively. As Little Otter explains in the Green Company (page 140), they bought goods in bulk and sold them among themselves and shared the profits. They realised the truth of what Robert Owen and others have taught, that all men are of one brotherhood, and if they like to combine to serve each

other poverty and war can be overcome.

The Woodcraft Folk teach this "working together" in a practical way—firstly, at camp. A Woodcraft Folk camp is a small co-operative commonwealth where the principle of "to each according to his needs, from each according to his ability" works smoothly and naturally. The Pioneers take their part in the camp moot which governs the camp, as well as such work as preparing the meals, and when they are capable they are put in charge of camp cleanliness, calling announcements, or some other camp routine. Pioneer boys and girls, Kinsmen and Kinswomen, all work harmoniously together for the good of the camp, and the result is the nearest approach to a perfect co-operative commonwealth that can be reached in a capitalist society. How much better would the Co-operative Movement be to-day if some of the professing co-operators we know had had some such practical co-operative experience as this.

Then in our handicraft work we again practise co-operation in a very true sense. We agree to make, say, a banner. One of us provides the idea, another works out the design, others cut out or make the different parts, others embroider it, then it is put together. No one is expected to do what he or she

can't do, but each is encouraged to have a good try.

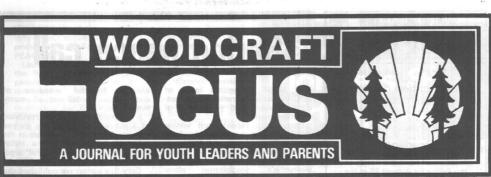
When we have learned about the "mysteries of nature and the history of the world," we start to study modern life and problems, and with this comes the study of the history of the Co-operative Movement, its position in the world to-day, and how it might help in bringing about a co-operative commonwealth.

Now as to our connection with the Co-operative Movement. We are recognised by the Co-operative Union. In most areas our groups run as part of the local Co-operative Society's education scheme. The guilds have helped us considerably. Some Societies pay for our meeting places, others give grants; some give both and more besides to the local groups, but they do not exercise any direct control. The Folk is self-governing. Its leaders have worked out the woodcraft method and rightly feel that the Folk can best control the workings of that method. Besides this, the Folk does not wish to tie itself to any particular working class organisation, but is willing to run groups under the auspices of any sympathetic socialist or pacifist movement. In this way, the Folk's growth depends on how far we can convince people of the value of our method, and in this we have done well so far.

We take our part in local Co-operative activities and support the Stores; but our chief part in the Co-operative Movement is the providing of a growing body of young people, trained and keen in body and mind, who will strive for the building up of the Co-operative Commonwealth. Fineers, this is your goal!



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300 Folk members turned out to commemorate the Mass Trespass on Kinder Scout, which marked a significant advance in the battle for access to our country's mountains and moorlands

Trespass celebrated



Benny Rothman addresses the thousands gathered in the quarry for the opening of the celebrations before retracing the steps he took, in 1932, up the steep ascent to Kinder Plateau.



Artist's drawing of the memorial Plaque, which now graces the quarry at Hayfield.

AT DERBY Assizes, in 1932, five men tivated land. AT DEMBY Assizes, in 1932, five men were sentenced to prison for a total of seventeen months, for a crime they, along with hundreds of others, had committed some weeks earlier. Their offence: Trespass.

A few of them gathered again, this time with thousands of other ramblers, at the scene of their crime, to celebrate its 50th anniversary this April

its 50th anniversary this April.
Amongst the original party, who defied the landowners and game-keepers in their fight for the right to walk freely on our open countryside and moorlands, were several

Woodcraft Folk members.
And at the recent celebration the Folk was well represented again with a sea of green shirts in the quarry where the original ramblers had met on the first Mass Trespass.
For many years, rambling clubs, up and down the country, had campaigned for the right of access to uncul-

tivated land. Bills had been sponsored, unsuccessfully, in Parliament and the Ramblers Association had tried to negotiate with the landowners.

To many, the only solution was to ignore the 'No Road' and 'Private' signs and altercations with keepers on the moors were common. In 1932 the Workers Sports Federation called a 'Mass Trespass' on the grouse moors of Kinder Scout, in the Peak district.

The 600 or so ramblers who turned up were met by a barrage of policemen but Continued on page 2...

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1932 Trespassers, posing for photographs before the climb past Kinder Reservoir. Amongst them is Basil Rawson, former National President of the Woodcraft Folks



Peter West takes the opportunity of a bit of publicity for the Folk.



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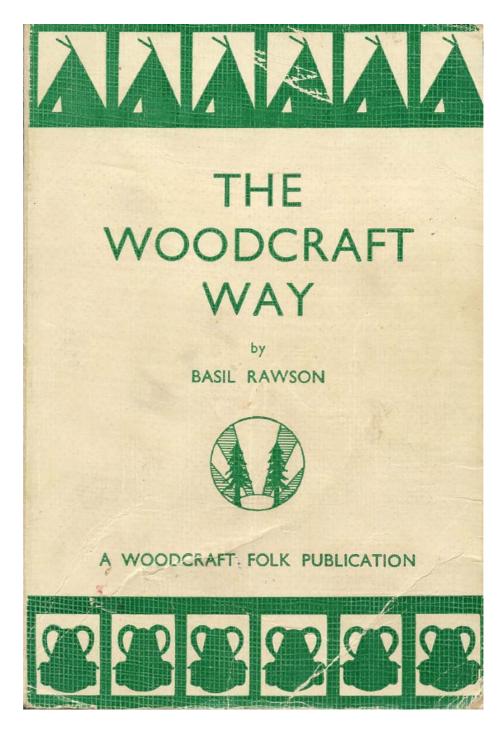














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iii) FIRES.

test of your ability to lay and light a fire in Woodcraft paper and a bundle of sticks) and of style (not with a wad of paper and a bundle of your knowledge of types of fires and their uses. FIRST GRADE. V

(a) "Lay and light a fire Woodcraft fashion."

(b) "Build (without lighting) or make models at camp of TWO kinds of fires and explain uses, from the following: Star.' 'Hunter,' Pagoda.""

Chief, etc., devolve upon senior or more experienced members

and are settled prior to the camp, there are many responsibilities (each important) which can be shared between all members, young and old, skilled and unskilled, boy and girl.

Whilst main responsibilities such as Headman, Camp

accomplishing this—each member must make a contribution

according to his skill and capacity.

The ideal is to ensure that EACH member in the camp has a

esponsibility-some part of the community's life for which

This is possible in a normal group

camp because from 20 to 30 responsibilities can be devised,

Here I can only mention a few.

the list.

they are responsible.

at the right time), "Warden of Utensils" (checks they have been properly cleaned by rota and kept in place), "Postman" or "Postgirl," "Warden of the Kitchen Area," "Warden of

"Warden of the Milk Supply" (ensures collection

I am sure you can add to

(a) "Woodcraft fashion"? Here is the way.

Remove turf and store (1) Prepare the fireplace. replacement.

for

(2) Lay a foundation of thin branches if the bare earth

(3) Have the right kind of kindling and twigs ready sufficient quantity to keep the fire going after it is lit.

(4) Push a little forked twig into the centre of the fireplace (so that it sticks up three or four inches above surface).

(5) Curl a strip of birch bark round the fork and stem.

Such are responsi-

the Folk-house" (marquee) and so on.

bilities, but what of the work?

(6) Build a "tent" of thinnest dry twigs round the fork, leaving an "opening" or "door" facing the wind (to your flame in the right direction).

(7) A second layer to your "tent" of slightly thicker

fire is now ready for lighting.

fire with one match,

Your

the campers into "rotas." each rota being balanced by including a due proportion of young and old, skilled and unskilled, boys and girls. The senior pioneer or helper may

are several ways of doing it. The common way is to divide

etc. As for responsibilities—work should be shared.

The work of the camp usually centres on meal preparation, cooking and serving, washing up, wood for fuel, water carrying, (morning to morning) or alternatively all duties connected with one main meal. My own choice is for a rota to deal with a

meal (counting tea and supper as one evening meal) and for wood supplies to be dealt with by all members not on rota

In this way members share the weather as

when required.

arranging that each rota deals with a different meal each time

it comes on so as to give members the experience of as the programme more effectively.

Rotas may take a day's kitchen duties

be Rota Leader.

even in the wind, and then keep the

Aim to light your

fire going, feeding carefully and gradually with fresh kindling using thicker and thicker twigs as the fire grows until it is as big as you need it.

(b) Build (without lighting) or make models, at camp, of TWO kinds of fires from the following, and explain uses: "Star," "Hunter," "Trench," "Galley," "Lean-to," " Pagoda.

The list is on page 51 together with the particular uses of each fires have other names. the above-mentioned Jo

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as fairly as possible.

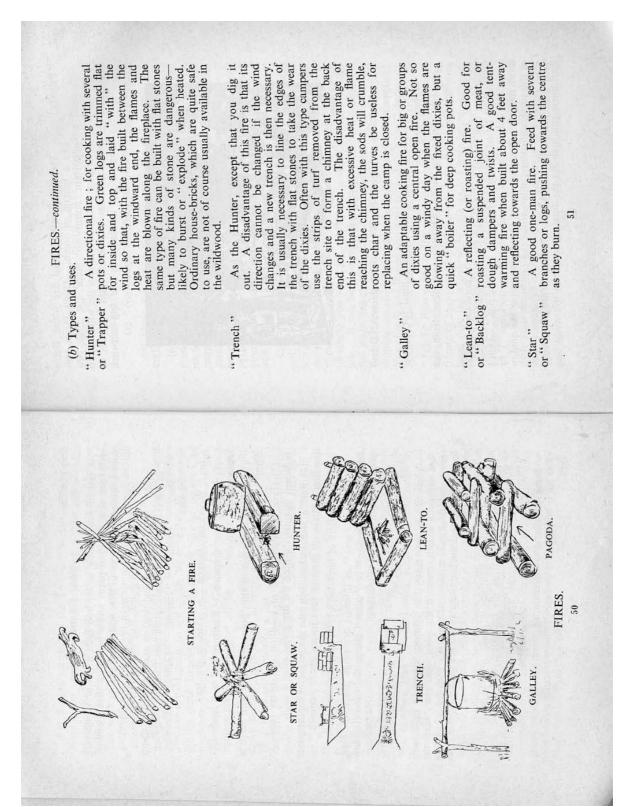
The essential thing about any method is to share

all types

oility" the operative word is SHARE. The old socialist each according to his ability-to each according to his need." The work of the camp is to meet first essential needs and in

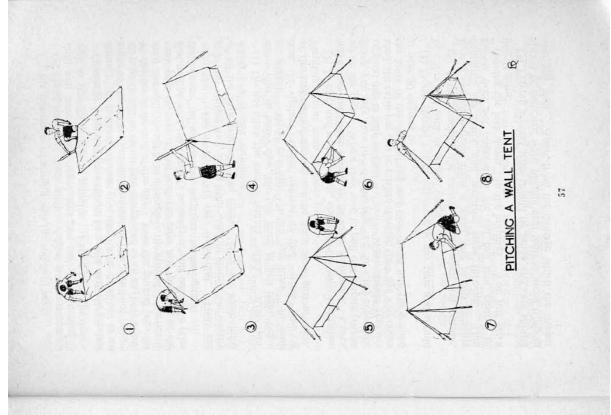
For the second part of the Test re "Work and Responsipioneers had a fine slogan which paired two aims-" From







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themselves so they will be all the keener to reach 100% cleanliness and tidiness when you are an "inspector."

Accompany the "K.G," or the Camp Chief at morning

help to make sure there is not a spot of litter anywhere. Besides members do not like being caught out by one of

Wapenshaw (inspection) of tents and site.

Your eagle eye

If your Camp K.G. or the Camp Chief says "good show" at the end of the test-you have passed.

THIRD GRADE.

construction of each unit, with attention to detail such as provision of earth trowels, toilet paper containers, hand washing bowls for latrines, soakage filters, besoms and ments for a group camp, showing knowledge of sizes and " Plan for campsite, or model, the sanitation arrangelitter bags, etc."

This test explains itself and if you have already taken your "Site" test you will remember the importance of positioning This is a "planning" test with the need to remember details. latrines, etc., in relation to the camp and the prevailing wind

(v) TENTS.

FIRST GRADE.

(a) "Pitch a light-weight wall tent in correct order," (b) "Show knowledge of care of tents in use and

(a) For "pitching a tent in the correct order" of pitching : A test of your ability to pitch a tent unaided and your knowledge of the care needed in use, wrapping and storing. packing.

(1) Unfold your tent and spread the base so that you have a rectangle (or whatever shape your tent "floor" may be) in the right position and with door facing in the required direction.

(2) Peg down the door centre and the corners, stand back (3) Put in the back pole (butt end first) and fix main back and check up the "shape.

(4) Front pole next (again butt end first) and fix front guys. Main guy pegs should be roughly in line with tent side walls. Now fix corner wall guy lines. Then middle wall guys.



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which were covered by skins or bark and had a smoke hole at the apex, often with smoke flaps to control the draught. Modern applications in the lightweight class are such as the "Itisa." The main advantage of conical tents is their stability in wind as they offer little resistance.

Some i.e. where the roof is close to the ground) but it is easy to mountaineers for instance) have side parrels, i.e. guy lines on to loops or rings sewn on to a central seam of the roof or to a built in ground sheets, outside snow flaps, etc., all designed to hike-camping and tents without walls some of its ground area is unusable One disadvantage is that any sag or slackness in the ridge causes an inward These have the effect of room and better use of ground but causing a dip in the ridge. Side parrels prevent the flap of the roof in wind. Some mountain A tents have been developed with sleeve entrances, The A tent is really an It is a simple ent to make and maintain and light for mobile camping. tents (as used by pulling out the centre portion of each side giving more lateral The "A" or Wedge type has roof and ridge but no walls. Normally with two poles, one at each end. on the bivouac, suitable for erect and has no eaves to trap side winds. Many modern "A keep out the wind and the snow. reinforced strip on each side. sag of the roof. advance

" tent is popular with Woodcrafters because it is good enough for standing camps (with perhaps a extremes of cold and heat and certainly against rain but needs this type of tent include shaped extensions at back suitable for "Wall" or "Cottage" tents are, like A tents, rectangular or square ground area ridged tents but have "walls" and the The additional guy most popular type with campers in groups or families. hysheet addition) and is still light enough for mobile camps. The flysheet addition insulates the roof to some extent against rucsacs, etc.. ridge pole to ensure stability and to permit of lines needed for this type of tent provide firmer attachment to the ground and so size is not limited as in the A tent. mountaineering but not so good for standing camps. " eaves. firm guying against the wind roofs are continued to form The "two or three man

door extensions, and hoods.

"Frame" tents are tents without centre or end poles but supported from the perimeter on a frame or suspended from outside supports. The teepee of the Red Indians was built

