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CODE PRACTICE

Learning the Morse Code is simple if you get a good system. You can do it alone or with your buddies; however, it is best to have at least someone sending to you. You don't need a lot of fancy equipment. Use any device that makes a sound—buzzer, whistle, hugh, horn, or just say the word equivalents for a long sound, "dah," and a short sound, "dit."

Morse Code Instruction Records are available through your local Boy Scout distributor. These are valuable learning aids, similar to the type used to train signal men in World War II. The album's Order Number is 1214. It costs \$3.95. If you already

has them, be sure to take advantage of this help.

When you start learning the code, break it up into groups of five or six characters and learn those, one group at a time. Then juggle them around so that you don't learn them in any set pattern. The idea is to be able to recognize a letter immediately on hearing its sound. Suppose you hear Dahditdahdit. Get so that you know automatically that this is "C," without having to think about it.

Practice sending to yourself, silently, the letters on signs you pass on the street, or from passages in your text books. Repeat, repeat, repeat. Nothing works

better in learning the code than practice. You will be surprised how fast it comes, and one morning you will wake up knowing the entire code.

Code Chant

A. DiDah
E. Dit
I. DiDi
O. DahDahDah
U. DiDiDah
B. DahDiDiDi
C. DahDiDahDi
D. DahDiDi
F. DiDiDahDi
G. DahDahDi
H. DiDiDiDi
J. DiDahDahDah
K. DahDiDah
L. DiDahDiDi
M. DahDah
N. DahDi

P. DiDahDahDi
Q. DahDahDiDah
R. DiDahDi
S. DiDiDi
T. Dah
V. DiDiDiDah
W. DiDahDah
X. DahDiDiDah
Y. DahDiDahDah
Z. DahDahDiDi
1. DiDahDahDahDah
2. DiDiDahDahDah
3. DiDiDiDahDah
4. DiDiDiDiDah
5. DiDiDiDiDi
6. DahDiDiDiDi
7. DahDahDiDiDi
8. DahDahDahDiDi
9. DahDahDahDahDi
0. DahDahDahDahDah
Period. DiDahDiDahDiDah
Comma. DahDahDiDiDahDah
Question Mark. DiDiDahDahDiDi

BOYS' LIFE ABOUT STAMPS

By W. ARTHUR McKINNEY

The Fourth World Jamboree Stamp. The leaping stag which is pictured on the set of five stamps issued by Hungary to honor the Fourth World Jamboree in 1933 is the central figure in a legend about the beginning of the Hungarian nation. It is the story of two young men, Hunor and Magor who, while on a hunting expedition, flushed a beautiful white deer. The deer led them on a day-long chase over mountains, across valleys and rivers until darkness caused them to give up. As it was too late to return home, they made camp on the spot.

The next morning they were greeted with the most beautiful

sight they had ever seen. During the chase they had crossed over the boundaries of their own country, and the deer had led them into an unknown land with beautiful forests, rich soil, abundant fruit and game. They were so impressed that they wanted to stay there. Returning to their homeland, they received the blessings of their father and moved to the new land with their families. Here their people prospered through the ages and became known as the Huns and the Magyars, and from these tribes grew the Hungarian nation.

It is with this beautiful story shown on stamps that Hungary

became the first country to so honor a World Jamboree, a practice which has been followed by other countries for each successive jamboree. This set of five stamps is not too hard to get and makes an interesting start for the World Jamboree series.

When Buying Stamps. When you answer an ad for stamps, take your time and be sure that you have given your full name and address, be sure the right amount of money is enclosed (change loose in an envelope is never safe), and above all be sure that you have read the ad carefully and fully understand it. Dealers are not mind readers, and it is especially important that they know who you are.

Stamp Schedule for 1958. Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced a list of nine commemorative stamps and one stamp of the Famous American series to be issued during

1958. These commemoratives will honor (1) The Garden and Horticultural Clubs of America on March 15; (2) The Brussels Universal and International Exposition on April 15; (3) The Two-Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of President James Monroe on April 28; (4) The Hundredth Anniversary of Minnesota Statehood on May 11; (5) The Hundredth Anniversary of the Completion of the Atlantic Cable on August 15; (6) The Opening of the Mackinac Straits Bridge in June; (7) the Centennial of the Overland Mail on September 16; (8) Freedom of the Press in September; (9) IGY on Dec. 31.

Boy Scout Stamp List. Now that the Jubilee Year of Scouting is over, the new up-to-date list of these stamps has been prepared. It can be secured by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Stamp Editor, BOYS' LIFE, New Brunswick, N. J.

SLIDE OF THE MONTH

BRASS PIPE TOMAHAWK

This one is tops. I'm showing how I made mine, but I do think a good one could be made of hard wood if carefully done, and the head painted with bronze paint.

FILE PIPE BOWL BEFORE CUTTING IT OFF.

USE 5/8" BRASS TUBING.

FILE TO FIT TOP.

WIRE THE PIPE BOWL FOR SOLDERING. IF YOU HAVE A GOOD FIT THE SOLDER WON'T SHOW. FILE AWAY ANY SURPLUS AND BUFF IT CAREFULLY. SET HANDLE WITH A SMALL WEDGE.

TIE WITH STOVE PIPE WIRE.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THIS IS MOUSE FUR, WRAPPED WITH RED THREAD. HANDLE, OF COURSE, IS MADE OF WOOD.

CUT THE BLANK OUT OF 1/4" GAUGE (3/16") BRASS AN' HAMMER THIS END TO A LONG TAPER.

FILE TO AN EVEN TAPER AFTER SOLDERING.

SHARPEN AN' WIRE IT FOR SOLDERING. I USED SILVER SOLDER AN' A BLOW TORCH FOR BOTH BLADE AN' BOWL. IT CAN BE DONE WITH TINNERS SOLDER ALSO IF THE WORK IS DONE CAREFULLY.

IF BRASS IS HARD, HEAT IT RED HOT AN' DUNK IT IN COLD WATER TO ANNEAL IT.

COPPER WIRE LOOP SOLDERED WITH 55-50 SOLDER.

DRAWINGS ARE FULL SIZE.

BACK