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and each afternoon he left again for the pool for the Troop's free swim so he could practice what he learned that morning.

Towards the end of the week he returned to the site and seemed disappointed, after talking with him I found that he was just about completed with the actual swimming part of the Merit Badge. His problem was he had to recite the "Safe Swim Defence Plan", he and I went over this about a dozen times before supper and as I walked through the Patrol Sites that evening I could hear him going over and over the plan to himself as he fell asleep. And again in the morning as he was getting up he continued to go over the safe swim defence plan to himself.

As he headed to the pool that morning, I went for that morning cup of coffee

at the Leader's gathering spot and talked with the Program Director and explained how much this Scout has been working for this Merit Badge and the situation with his ability to recite the safe swim defence plan as the water front staff expected. Thank God, we had an understanding Program Director who made a fast trip to the pool.

Saturday morning, going through the almost 200 completed Merit Badge applications from the Provisional Troop, I found one for the Swimming Merit Badge for this Scout and I felt good, all over, for this one single completed Merit Badge meant as much to this Scout as for some of the others in the troop who completed four or five Merit Badges.

When the sarcastic question rises this year, "Why spend a week of your vacation, at Scout Camp?" this one illustration leaves the questioner with much to think about and leaves me with many pleasureable and joyous thoughts from one of the best vacations which I have had.

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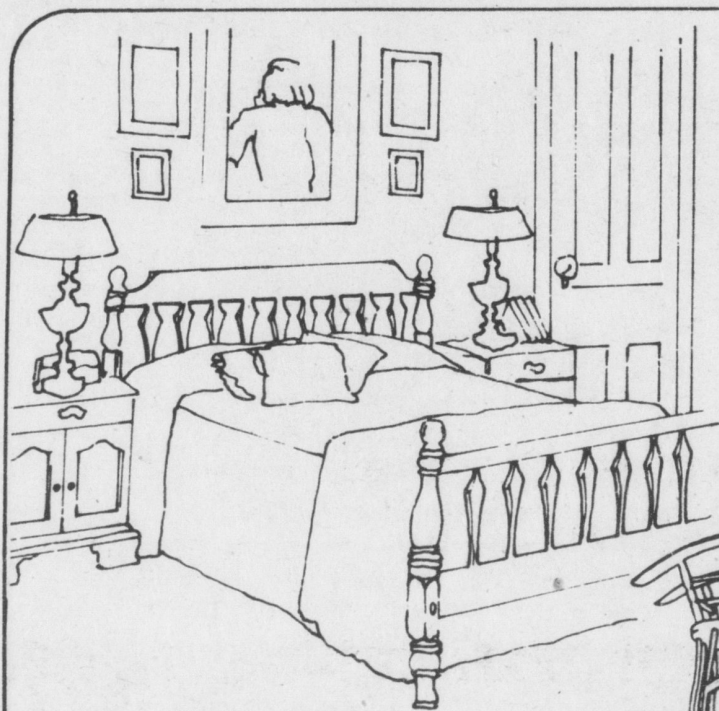
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