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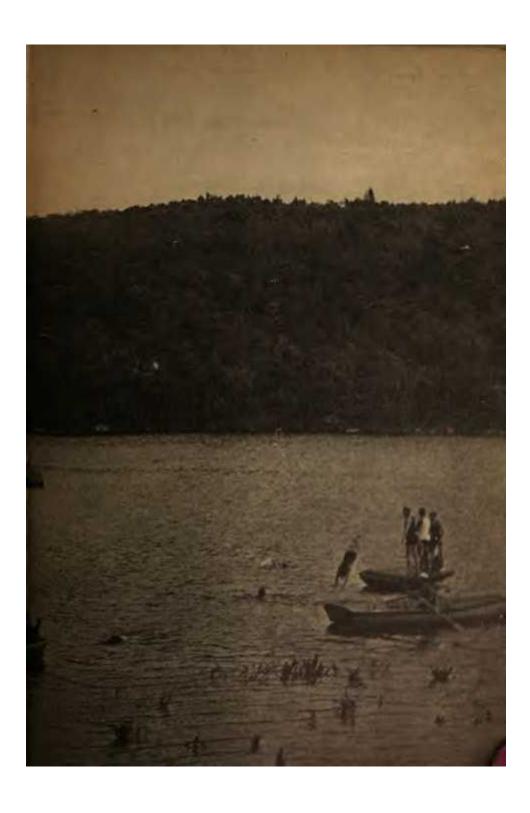
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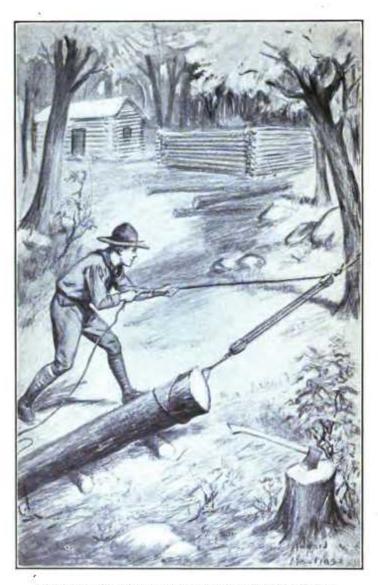




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TOM HAULED THE LOGS BY MEANS OF A BLOCK AND FALL.

Tom Stade at Black Lake. Frontispiece—(Page 96)

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PREFACE.

Several persons have asked me when Toma Slade was ever going to grow up and cease to be a Scout. The answer is that he is already grown up and that he is never going to cease to be a Scout. Once a Scout, always a Scout. To hear some people talk one would think that scouting is like the measles; that you get over it and never have it any more.

Scouting is not a thing to play with, like a tin steam-engine, and then to throw aside.

If you once get caught in the net of scouting, you will never disentangle yourself. A fellow may grow up and put on long trousers and go and call on a girl and all that sort of thing, but if he was a Scout, he will continue to be a Scout, and it will stick out all over him. You'll find him back in the troop as assistant or scout-master or something or other.

I think Tom Slade is a very good example. He left the troop to go and work on a trans-