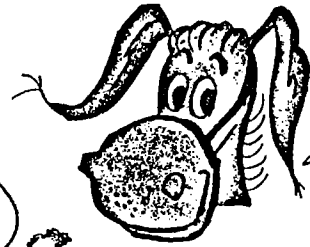


# PRACTICES AX-USE SKILLS



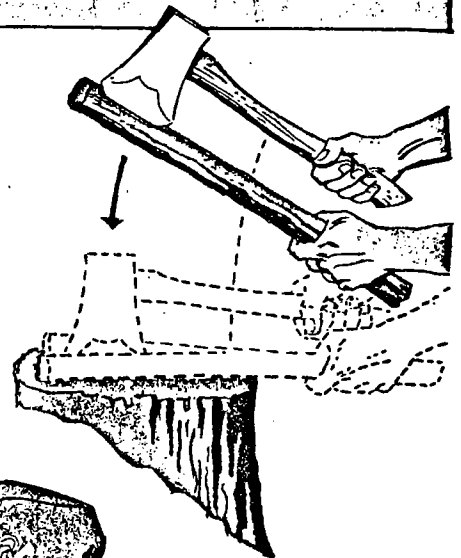
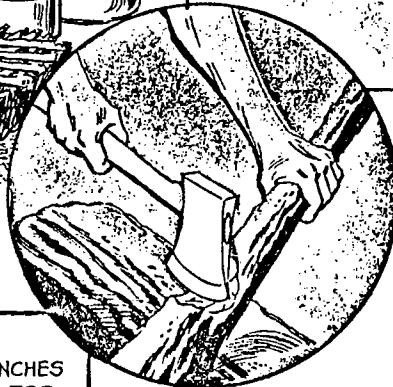
A TOOL IS ONLY AS GOOD AS ITS USER!

THE SCOUT HAND AX OR PACK AX IS USED FOR CAMP CHORES AND EASILY FITS IN YOUR PACK.

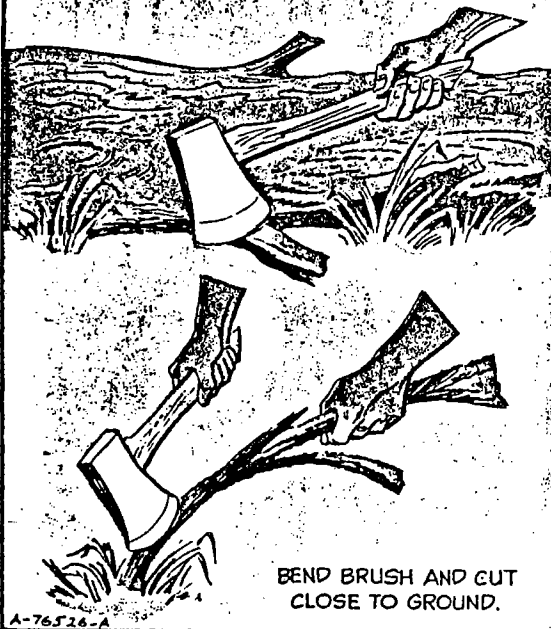
USE A TREE STUMP OR A THICK PIECE OF DOWNED WOOD FOR A CHOPPING BLOCK.



FOR CHOPPING AND SPLITTING STICKS, USE THE CONTACT METHOD. TO SPLIT, PUT THE AX BIT AT END OF STICK. LIFT STICK AND AX TOGETHER AND BRING DOWN TOGETHER ON CHOPPING BLOCK. DO THE SAME TO CHOP, EXCEPT PUT THE AX BIT ON THE STICK AT A 45° ANGLE WHERE YOU WANT TO CUT.



LOPPING OR LIMBING IS CUTTING BRANCHES FROM DOWNED TREES. CHOP TOWARD TOP OF TREE, NOT DOWN INTO CROTCH.



BEND BRUSH AND CUT CLOSE TO GROUND.

TO CUT A THICKER BRANCH, USE A V-SHAPED CUT, THE TOP OF THE V AS WIDE AS THE BRANCH IS THICK.



KEEP YOUR AX SHARP! MASK IT WHEN NOT IN USE!