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DISTRICT OUTLOOK : : : : : : : : : :by the DC

This month I would like to pay a tribute to the Scouters and the Scouts, I have had a further two letters from organizations the Scouts have helped, and they were very complimentary. The reports on annual camps are now being received: I have three so far, and all very good. Here's an extract from one: "One of the best-run camps I have seen....Scouting at its best in every way..." This, from an area where 50 to 100 troops camp every year, makes one feel very proud of our District.

This brings me to District trophies. These were often decided between two groups, and one boy after a recent camping competition felt disappointed. Believe me, it is not their standard that's fallen, but the improvement in other groups, and it was very hard indeed to judge.

L.R.B.

COME, SING AND BE MERRY!

The District' Campfire of Scouts and Guides will blaze away on the evening of FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER. Every troop will provide a stunt, please. All available Scouters, Rovers and Guiders are on the special sub-committee, which will meet at 7.45 on Monday 5 October at DHQ. Probable movements are: Thursday, DC and LDRC prepare the site (Norton Common by the pudding-basin, as last year) and erect the marquee. Friday: 6.30, Scouts start shifting chairs from bandstand; 7.30, public arrives and The Campfire starts. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Rover Restaurant. Clearing; up will be done on Friday night, turf re placed on Saturday morning. Campfire leader? The sub-committee will be appointing a team of three or four.

NEWS IN BRIEF. Operation Kon-Tiki has been postponed till Spring 1960. Roy Pynches has taken over 4L Boy Scouts, leaving Brian Watkins to concentrate on Seniors. All Scouters and Seniors are invited to meet WPC Adams, who is giving; an illustrated talk on all aspects of road safety at the LDRC meeting, 25 October, 8 p.m.

YOUR REPORTER APOLOGIZES for his error in Friday's "Citizen" Scout notes.

1L, not 1B, were third in Icknield Shield results. The full scores were 3L (131) : 7L (130) : 1L "A" (129) : 1B "A" (127) : 1B "B" (125) : 1L "B" (124) : 2L (118½) : 4L (116½).

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

Surely a Scouter a denies himself or her self many things in his endeavour to help the boy, and if smoking soothes his nerves, stops his hair falling out and turning grey, there are still 999 rules he hasn't broken, so they can still be a credit to the movement, with out having to hide behind hedges and going to the toilets for a whiff like a guilty schoolboy Signed VERY THIN ON TOP AND GOING GREY

NON SMOKING D.S.M.

Brian Watkins' letter said 'Surely it's not expected that an S.M. should set an example to the boys.!.I am almost as surprised at this as I am nauseated when I see (for example) an S.M. in uniform tread out a dog end on a Scout Hall floor before an audience of boys and parents, I have seen this, and I have seen Scouters offer cigarettes to Boy Scouts, which strikes me as somehow being the wrong approach. But then I am only an idiot. (Signed) K.J.

NEW NAMES

Please add to your previous CO-ORDINATOR lists of LRDC members; Guy Randle, Gernon Elms, Letchworth Lane (RS) and Jack Foster, 7 Campfield. Way (Rover Squire)

THE DATE BOX Note these NOW You may not get postcard reminders

- SEPTEMBER
- 30 Letchworth Civil Defence exercise; messengers report at Centre 7.0.
- OCTOBER
- 2 4L open evening and pageant 4L . New Hall 7.0.
- 2-4 Senior Gathering Knebworth Park
- 5 Camp Fire Sub Committee DHQ den 7.45.
- 10-11 County Scouters Conference, Harpenden
- 16 Scout and Guide District Camp Fire Norton Common
- 17 (postponed from previos week) 4L Jumble Sale 4L HQ 2-30 .
- 21 B. P. Guild. meeting at Letchworth Museum 7-45
- 22 Rock Council DHQ 8.15
- 24-25 Cubmasters' preliminary training course, Hertford
- 26 Scouters Council DHQ 8-30
- 31 1L Jumble Sale DHQ 3.0
- 31 2L Jumble Sale 2L HQ 3.0
- NOVEMBER
- 1 Distribution of CO-ORDINATOR 6
- 14 Winter Patrol Competition (BP Guild Cup) 4L HQ
- 13 District Cub Quiz DHQ 6-30
- DECEMBER
- 12 4L Cub Party (Surely other groups have arranged these by now ?)
- JANUARY 1960
- 2 Gang Show First rehearsal DHQ 6-0
- 29 B.P Guild Dinner Wilbury Hotel
- APRIL
- 22-23 Gang Show Baldock Secondary School
- 28-30 Gang Show, St Francis' Theatre.