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HELP!

IS THE THEME OF MOST OF THE ITEMS IN THIS MONTH'S EDITION.

HELP is being asked for by the county and the district on page 3.

Will everyone Who sees CO-ORDINATOR please read those two requests and see what can be done as soon as possible? The DC's phone number is Letchworth 563; the DCM can be got in business hours at Letchworth 552.

HELP will soon be asked for in the Good Turn Corner on page 2. Please read that too and stand by.

HELP is also offered to all packs, troops and Senior troops who need advice or training. Read the Bit for Seniors on page 2, and take advantage of that offer. Remember what was said at the meeting about the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme: any badge courses can be arranged, if you will say what is wanted. Bear in mind that we in LDRC are ready at any time to lay on weekend training schemes for parts of first or second class work. Look at page 4 and see the number of training courses for Scouts and. Scouters offered by the county ti is spring.

HELP is what CO-ORDINATOR offers you in letting you know of all official (and unofficial) arrangements, and letting you say whatever you want to say to all the Scouters and helpers in the district. Just see John Collins, Bob Day, Jack Foster, Ken Johnson, David Northover, Guy Randle, Jeff Robson, David Turner, Max Vines or Peter Wey.

HELP!

A SUGGESTION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

are beginning to loom ahead. Our representatives will attempt to call at most of them. But just to make sure, may we ask COMMITTEE SECRETARIES to make sure they let us know of any changes in the offices of Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary of Group Committees? These officers are on the list to receive CO-ORDINATOR, and we should hate to go on delivering to the wrong people

THE LIST OF BADGE EXAMINERS

is still in preparation, but we fully anticipate to publish a complete list of all examiners for Cub proficiency badges in the March CO-ORDINATOR, together with most of the likely ones for Scouts.

PLEASE, if you know of anybody who is ready to go on the list as an examiner in any subject, and is of course reasonably qualified to do so, put him or her down in writing and tell a District Scouter or LDRC.

YOU OFTEN HEAR

of a boy coming into Cubs or Scouts who isn't able to get all his uniform for quite a long time. Any parent will tell you that the full outfit runs into quite a lot of money.

At the same time, these boys keep growing bigger, and there somehow gets to be quite a load of used caps, jerseys, shirts and so on, widely scattered round the district.

We know that many parents pass on second-hand items of uniform to a younger boy, or the lad down the road. Group Scouters do quite a bit of second-hand dealing, too.

It has:been suggested that these enterprises might be co-ordinated. Will a parent, or a Guildsman or his lady, undertake to take charge of a scheme for the rapid redistribution of parts of uniform that have fallen into disuse? You might run a points system like the WVS, or just keep lists of what's available. Any offers? Please tell CO-ORDINATOR and we'll spread the good news

GOOD TURN CORNER

LETCWORTH REFUGEE WEEK

This is to be held from 20 to 26 March, and the local secretary, Mr Max Davison, has written to the DC to know if the Scouts will be willing to give a hand where and when required. We feel sure that every support Will be given to the appeal, and details. of what is wanted will appear in the March CO-ORDINATOR.



A bit for Seniors

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

With the recent introduction of the new badges, there seems to be a crying need for district co operation in the arranging of two or three specialized courses. So said BRIAN WATKINS, SM(S) 4L, talking to a CO-ORDINATOR representative last week. As an example, the Fourth have three candidates interested in the new Civics badge, which requires expert advice on local government, local history, law and so on. Are any other Senior troops interested in this badge?

We asked JIM BRUCE, DSM(S), who heartily agreed with Brian. It is the Public Service and Queen's Scout badges that are particularly important he thinks, and he mentioned also the Public Health and Despatch Rider.

So how about a bit of co-ordination at Scouters(S) level? The last such meeting was at the 1959 Gathering, and another is now fixed for SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY, from 1.50 to 2 p.m., directly before the open session in the North Hertfordshire area Senior gathering.

If each SM(S), or his appointed representative, will make sure of being there, something really useful and constructive can be done.

Remember, too, the Saturday evening session with Joe Westwood, to which all Scouts over 13½ or thereabouts will be more than welcome! Please tell them.

ROVER in the District

***IN the last issue, a list of patrol names was published which are in use in the District. Well, here are a few others: Alligator, Cornorack, Dove, Widgeon, Seal, Cobra, Woodcock, Woodpecker, Snipe, Jackal, Cat, Bittern, Buffalo, Antelope, Bull, Walrus, Starling, Hyena, Grouse, Kangaroo, Heron, Cuckoo, Bat, Stag, Hippo and Nightjar!

***DURING the month I have attended some troop meetings, and to my disgust I've seen some PLs (and others) in long trousers. Their only comment was: "It's cold outside!" Why don't they change into shorts when they get there?

***ALSO, echoing the Chief's "Outlook" in the January "Scouter" -- Don't leave too far behind our motto, BE PREPARED - for anything!"

***I DO wish to congratulate John Pugh and Richard Clements, who have built the First Weston troop up out of nothing. I wish some other people who may be in the same position would show the same enthusiasm ...(including some Crew members!)

***WELCOME to our sisters the Rangers, who re-started on 8 January with a membership of eight under the leadership of Mrs Hester. They meet every Friday in the Ranger Hut in Baldock Road.

ROVER

FREE to anyone who wants-it: heavy brown canvas about 2'6" by 6', double: could be made into a sleeping bag, bivvy or something by clever Scout. Apply 80 Spring Road.

footnote

As we go to press, 1B Seniors long distance walking record still stands unchallenged. We hear that 2B (Mick Dilley, Clio Knight and some friends) are going to have a try at beating them, some time during February. But already Bill Bruco and his bouncing band are plotting something frightful, for, they say, that figure of 110 miles still taunts them, and they are determined to march up to Marble Arch somehow. Letchworth Seniors are either keeping their plans dark or not interested.

CRISIS AT WELL END!

A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, Dr LESLIE R. PEARS

"There is a crisis at Well End: Firewood supplies are exhausted and urgent action is required. Will you help?

Good quantities of timber are available through the kindness of Mr Gordon Meynell of Northaw, so in order that it may be cut and collected for loading, OPERATION TIMER is being organized by Ron Freeman and Charles Booth. Have you got in your District at least two Scouters with cars, each to take three tough Seniors or Rovers to Northaw at 9 a.m. on SUNDAY 13 MARCH, to do a hard day's work? Tools and hot drinks will be provided, but other food should be brought. Address: Springfield, Northaw. Map reference 272026.

Please get in touch with your DC as soon as you can, so that he can let us know how many Scouters, Seniors and Rovers will be turning up. Many thanks for your help."

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OLD WOLVES' PALAVER

THIS IMPORTANT COUNTY EVENT will be held in Letchworth this year, on 19 and 20 March in St Paul's church hall. The reasons why it is not at DHQ are the large numbers of Cubmasters who are expected to attend., and the better cooking facilities. We would appreciate the help of all Scouters in three main ways:-

(A) ACCOMMODATION for the Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday, for those Scouters coming from a distance. All offers will be gratefully received by DCM Hannah Shannon. Please state how many you can take, men or women.

(B) Each Group has been asked to elect two members of its parents' committee to help us with catering arrangements.

(C) We want all Old Wolves from every Pack, warranted or unwarranted, to attend as much of the Palaver as possible. This is the first time we have had the opportunity to offer our hospitality to the county, and we are specially honoured by Mrs Melville-Smith, a former HQ Commissioner for Cubs and one of the Gilwell training staff for many years, who is coming from Gloucestershire to talk to us. Please help to make this weekend a real success!

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RALPH READER

is taking his professional presentation of the Gong Show to Finsbury Park Empire this month. I have obtained 33 tickets for the 8.40 p.m. performance on Wednesday 17 February. The full cost (coach and theatre) will be 10s.9d. There are still some seats available, so will those people wishing to go please contact me as soon as possible at R.G.Richardson, Chemist, Eastcheap. HANNAH SHANNON

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SOMEONE

picked up the wrong pair of gloves on the coach from the Harpenden Gang Show. Would that person kindly get in touch with SS John Davies at 44 Chiltern Road, Baldock?

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GANG SHOW

rehearsals are going fine!
Every Saturday from 6 to 8, the joint* is really jumping. There's still room in the chorus for a few more strong-lunged youngsters. Work is also proceeding on costumes and scenery. It will be our best yet!

*DHQ

DASHING WHITE SERGEANTS

AND SMASHING HOT DOGS!

You know where you can find a combination of these, with other dances and refreshments, all for 3s. inclusive: That's right!
Another ROVER DANCE on Saturday 20 February: the ideal way to relax after a strenuous rehearsal!

Look! These dates concern you!

FEBRUARY

- 1 LA. meeting : ALL MEMBERS OF THE L A PLEASE NOTE : 4L HQ (St Paul's old church rooms)
- 5 7L Coliseum pantomime outing with 5L Guides
- 6 County Executive Committee, Well End
- 6-7 North Hertfordshire Senior gathering, DHQ, 2.0 Saturday to 4.0 Sunday
- 11 Rock Council, DHQ, 8.15 : ALL CUBMASTERS PLEASE NOTE
- 13-14 Cubmasters' preliminary training course. Barnet
- 17 Coach to Gang Show at Finsbury Park (see page 3)
- 20 LDRC dance, St Paul's hall, 7.30: tickets 5s. including refreshments
- 20 All news in to Ken Johnson for "Citizen" Scout notes, please;
- 20-21 and 5-6 March : Troop Scouters' preliminary training course, SW Hertfordshire
- 27-28 and 5-6 March : Senior Pioneer badge testing, Well End

MARCH

- 2 All news, dates and correspondence to LDRC for CO-ORDINATOR 10, please!
- 6 Distribution of CO-ORDINATOR 10
- 13 Tempest-Hicks Cup (Senior first aid), Hatfield; Operation Timber (see page 3)
- 19-20 County Old Wolves' palaver, St Paul's hall (see page 3); County conference of Scouters (S), Hertford
- 20-26 Letchworth Refugee Week (see page 2)
- 23 3L AGM, DHQ, 8.0 25 : 7L AGM, 7.30
- 31 Census and re-registration of Groups

APRIL

- 2 Seniors' inter-county cross-country in Buckinghamshire
- 2-3 County Troop Scouters' conference, Hatfield
- 6 (provisional date) District Cub first aid competition, DHQ, 6.30
- 9-10 Tracker badge training, Well End
- 16 Census figures to reach County Secretary by this date
- 18-23 Bob-a-job Week
- 22-23 Our Gang Show at Baldock Secondary School
- 28-30 Our Gang Show at St Francis' Theatre, Letchworth

MAY

- 1 Cubmasters' Wayfaring, Hitchin
- 7-8 Patrol Leaders' weekend, Well End
- 14 Third Tour of Hertfordshire (Seniors) organized by LDRC
- 21-22 Tracker badge testing, Well End

JUNE

- 11-12 County Marathon

SEPTEMBER

- 5-4 Gilwell Reunion 30-2 October : County Senior gathering

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HELP!

We are assured by a very reliable authority that this story is perfectly true.

A tenderfoot Scout, being examined on his Union Flag, stated that when in distress the Union Jack is flown INSIDE OUT

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