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\* THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Local Association is on Wednesday 18 May at 7.30 at DHQ, Old Wolves are here and now finally reminded that the sideshow this year is an exhibition of CUB HANDCRAFTS. Two items are required from each pack, and those present will help to judge the district's winning entry. Items previously submitted for badge or star work will be eligible.

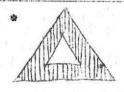
\* BOB-A-JOB MONEY should be handed to Mr Fletcher, district treasurer, on THURSDAY of THIS WEEK, between 8 and 8.30 in the evening, when it will be all over for another year ... OR IS SOME TROOP OR PACK GOING TO SURPRISE EVERYBODY BY ACTUALLY GOING OUT AGAIN AND DOING THE "THANK YOU" JOBS FOR NOTHING? This is always suggested to us. But which Group has

\* LIEUT.-COL. GAVIN JONES, president of the Letchworth & District branch of the B-P Scout guild, is keen to learn at first hand what actually goes on at pack and troop meetings. If you have nothing to hide, how about a postcard to 62 Baldock Road, inviting him to drop in on you one evening? He wants no special arrangements: just a chance to drop in and observe the usual riot, or whatever is going on.

the gumption to DO it?

\* £3:8s.6d. was sent to the B-P memorial fund after the County CMs' Conference, as the Akelas' thanks to the District Cubs for their pageant, and from sale of copies of the words.

\* THE ROVERS AND THE RANGERS are hoping to see you at their May DANCE at St Paul's hall next Saturday evening. It's all very informal; old-time and modern; and excellent food - all for three bob from 7.30 till 11. Do come!



A PUBLIC MEETING is being held in the Letchworth Grammar School this THURSDAY at 7.30, on the theme of ROAD SAFETY.

Norfolk County Council's chief education officer, Dr F.Lincoln Ralphs, is guest speaker. His title: "PROTECTING THE CHILD". Scouters are urged to be present, and the DC suggests that one from each pack and each troop should really try to get there and help to ensure a large and representative audience.

\* UNIFORM EXCHANGE operating from 7
Campfield Way, Letchworth, offers Scouters the simple way to help the lads whose Mums and Dads find the cost of new uniform a little on the prohibitive side. Items received this month include: fawn corduroy shorts (32 waist), khaki drill shorts (35), ditto (33), Cub cap and green jersey complete with badges. All are in good condition with no prices attached. Further items of Cub or Scout uniform will be welcomed by Mrs Foster (UNEX) 7 Campfield Way, Letchworth. Call any time.

\* SECOND-CLASS FIRELIGHTING AND COOKING are awkward things to arrange for instruction and testing. So if the weather is not actually monsooning on SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 8 May, boys anxious to try their hand at the above-mentioned arts should come to Weston Woods near Baldock, where the District Rovers will give a hand and pass those who do the tests efficiently. This session is chiefly for Scouts in Scouterless troops, but none will be turned away who bring their own bangers, spuds, flour and tea. Billies, too, if possible. Meet the Rovers at 5 p.m. at the top end of Woodland Way (corner of Chiltern Road, near the hostel: map ref. 248528).

\* A LETCHWORTH RESIDENT, while terribly impressed by Cubs' Bob-a-Job week smartness, asked in all seriousness: "Do <u>Scouts</u> no longer do Bob-a-Job?"

## DATES, MATES!

MAY

5 Bob-a-Job money in to District treasurer, DHQ, 8-8.50 (den)

5 lL annual cneral meeting, DHQ, 7.45 (main hall)

- 7-8 PLs' weekend, WellCMs' preliminary nary training course, Stevenage
  - 7 LDRC an& Letchworth Rangers' grand May Dance, St Paul's hall, 7.30, 3/-
  - 8 Second-class firelighting and cooking: see page 1
  - 8 LDRC annual general meeting, DHQ, 8.0
  - 13 lB open evening and barbecue, 7-9
  - 14 Third Tour of Hertfordshire, if sufficient entries are received
  - 15 CMs' Wayfaring, from Church house, Hitchin, 12.0
- 18 LA <u>annual</u> eneral meeting DHQ, 7.30
- 21-22 Tracker badge testing, Well End
  - 24 5L annual general mooting
  - 28 2L annual general meeting
- 23-29 Technical course in pioneering for Scouters, Well End

\_\_\_ J U N E

- 4-6 Operation Kon-Tiki for Seniors, Radwell Mere
- 4-6 South East Counties Rover Moot, Bourley Camp, Aldershot, Hampshire
- 11-12 County Marathon
- 17-19 International weekend, Gilwell Park
  - 27 LA executive committee, 4L HQ, 8.0

J U L Y

16-17 CMs' Get-together (with a Commonwealth accent), Well End

\_\_ S E P T E M B E R

- 3-4 Gilwell Reunion
- 30-2 October: Senior Gathering, North Medburn Farm, Radlett

## BUT WHAT IS THIS WELL END?

Well End, in the parish of Shenley, lies about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles north-west of Barnet, in a quiet country lane. There is the Hertfordshire Scout Training Establishment: three big sturdy cabins set among trees, with a large camping meadow.

Well End is used for County activities such as those on the list above, under the appropriate ACC, and also for patrol, troop or PACK camping, under the direction of the Warden. His name is Bert Moreton, known as Skip by the regular service teams of Rovers from south and central Hertford shire who may be found there almost any weekend,.

"We don't sec so many from your part of the county," said the Warden to our representative who called recently. "Of course, it is a long way." But it isn't as far as all that. A train to Barnet and a short bus ride will get you there. You could cycle, or even walk it in a day. Whatever the tourney, a weekend at Well End would be worth while. If one of your patrols fancies the idea, write to Mr H.Moreton at 22 Liverpool Road, Watford, and arrange things, The camp fee is 6d. a head a night. Firewood, flush lavatories, and an incinerator are available on the site, and milk and groceries just down the road. A certain amount of pioneering and other equipment may be used by permission, and expert advice on any Scouting matter is never very far away.

Boys from 1A 1W and 2L will be there for the PLs' weekend next Saturday, and they will be full of tales of all there is to be done at our County training ground.

Well End's map reference is 203985 on sheet 160. The telephone number of the training ground is Elstree 2326, and of the Warden himself when at homo, Watford 23452.