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WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT?

Why this jaundiced appearance?
Never fear: it isn't catching. In fact, we thought it would be appropriate to have a little gayer colour this time, for CO-ORDINATOR is twenty-one today- and what is more, this is the first edition to be produced on the brand new Gestetner'duplicator owned and operated by Letchworth District Rover Crew

Profits from LDRC enterprises such as a few years of popular dances (see page 5) are now being ploughed back into the Movement. For this machine is at your service, At the most moderate cost, to cover running expenses, LDRC is now able to accept orders for duplicating letters; cards, leaflets, tickets and so on. Enquiries, please, to our scribe, RM Max Vines, 18 Norton Way North, Letchworth, or to any member of LDRC

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKING...

...why, When St George's Day falls on a Sunday, this District is leaving its celebration parade till 30 April, a whole week later

The reason, allowed for in the officially recognized dates for the celebration of our patron saint, is that on the day itself, the national Scout service is held at St George's Chapel in Windsor. Our LA felt that the television broadcast of this event would be of such interest to Scouts and Scouters that it would be better for our local parade to be left until the following Sunday.

DIDN'T YOU HAVE THE HEART. . .

...to cut the bottom off page 1 of CO-ORDINATOR 19 in December? All Scouters and members of the LA Executive Committee were asked by the DC to use the nomination form which we printed, to make recommendations for new District officers. As the response was very poor, we ask you to go and find it, fill it in, cut it off, and send it to the DC this week - today - NOW!

NEW CAMPING REGULATIONS

Completely revised camping permit forms, both for Scouts and Cubs, are now in use. Scouters in charge of camps must complete these and obtain approval of their DC. The forms must then be sent to the County Secretary of the county in which the camp is to be held, together with a camp registration fee of five shillings.

There is also a new camp permit card, for short camps, hike camps or expeditions using different sites, and these may be issued. by CSMs

Full details, of course, from the DC.

FIRST AID COMPETITIONS

Teams of four Boy Scouts (under 15) are required for the annual Barton Shield competition, which takes place at DHQ on the afternoon of SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY.

This may be short notice - but first aid has a habit of being needed with no notice at all! And what was that about a Scout motto...?

The really good teams - and the ones who find out their mistakes at the Barton Shield contest - will then have a month to prepare for taping on all comers from the county. The Kent Cup competition, despite its name, is a Hertfordshire event, again solely for Boy Scout first aid. It is being, held at Howe Dell School, French Horn Lane, Hatfield, on Saturday and Sunday 18 and 19 march.

All necessary equipment is provided, and all the team has to do (apart from first aid) is to get the form from the DC, fill it in and get it back to him with a two-shilling entry fee by WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH, saying whether they want to compete on the Saturday or the Sunday.



LETCHWORTH AND
BALDOCK DISTRICT

GIRL GUIDES DIRECTORY

North Hertfordshire Division Commissioner: Mrs G.Carling, 27 The Avenue, HITCHIN(2645)
District Commissioner; none

District Secretary: Miss V.Exton, 5 Meadow Way, LETCHWORTH

Distriot Captain (1961): Mrs M.Drylie, 21 Newlands, LETCHWORTH (2500)

Local Association President: Mrs V.Plinston; 27 Sollershott West, LETCHWORTH (1511)

LA Secretary: Mrs J.Wills, 31 Norton Way North, LETCHWORTH (567)

LA Treasurer: Mrs Hemmings, 20 Pix Road, LETCHWORTH (1059)

Baldock Branch President Mrs Brenchley, The Rectory, Hitchin Street (2201)

Baldock Branch Secretary: Mrs Hancock, 6 Whitehorse Street.

> RANGERS

Warrant held

Letchworth & Baldock District Rangers

Mrs M.Hester, 54 Common View, LETCHWORTH

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> GUIDES

1 Letchworth Mrs M.Cook, 22 Hillshott

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2 Letchworth Mrs Kelly, 7 Lammas Way (560)

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Mrs Dabinett, 59 Maycroft (2611)

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4 Letchworth Mrs M.Drylie, 21 Newlands (2500)

Captain

(St Paul s)

5 Letchworth Mrs E. Phillips, 126 Western Way

Captain

(StThomas/Canter) Miss F.Day, 53 Mullway

Lieutenant

7 Letolworth Sister Una, St. Francis' College, Broadway (450)

Captain

(St Francis)

9 Letchworth Miss D.Burrell, 12 Souberie Avenue

Captain

10 Letchworth Miss D.Crow, 16 West View (1257)

Captain

(Salvation Army)

1 Baldock Miss M.Brenchley, The Rectory, Hitchin Street (2201)

Captain

Mrs A.Clowes, 9 Park Drive

Lieutenant

3 Baldock Mrs E.Armitage, 506 Weedon W&y, BYGRAVE

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Mrs Page, 53 Weston Way: Mrs Wood, 47 Chilvers Bank

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> BROWNIES

1 Letchworth Mrs C.Taylor, 1 Burnell Rise (70)

Brown Owl

2 Letchworth Mrs M.Yates, 30 Cashio Lane

Brown Owl

4 Letchworth Miss P.Wilson, 31 The Crescent

Tawny Owl

(St Paul's) Miss H.Armstrong, 36A Broadwater Avenue

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5 Letchworth Mrs W.Deere, 9 Haselfoot

Brown Owl

(StThomas/Canter)

7 Letchworth Sister Rosalia, St Francis College, Broadway (450)

Brown Owl

(St Francis)

9 Letchworth Mrs C.Bywaters, 132 Icknield Way (1785)

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11 Letchworth Mrs B.Hooper, 63 Lammas Way

Brown Owl

1 Baldock Mrs J.Knight 11 West Avenue

Brown Owl

3 Baldock. Mrs C.Keech, 40 The Leas; Miss J.Stone

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(Figures in brackets are telephone numbers.) The annual census in October 1960 showed 12 Rangers, 237 Guides, 210 Brownies and 26 Guiders: 485 active members of the movement in this District.

ALL THE ABOVE PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Guides' Thinking Day Parade at St Mary's, Hitchin, Sunday 19 February.

Assemble at. St Andrew School & 2.20 p.m. After service, tea and slides of Jubilee events. Take Your own food and a mug; drinks will be provided.

Brownies: Older Brownies and Sixers may come to the service at 3 p.m., but we are sorry there just won't be room for them to stop for tea. M.C.D.

NOW ASKING - ACTION, PLEASE!

The Action Committee of our District Gang Show consider that it would help the public if the ushers at the theatre this year were Boy Scouts or Seniors, in uniform. Will you please find out if any of your boys (not already in the show) are willing to do this job on one or two evenings? If you can, please send at least two names from each troop, to secretary Mrs Zara Hyde, 89 Monllands, Letchworth, before Monday 13 February. Duties will only be directing the customers to their places; it is hoped that Rangers will be selling the . programmes.

DISTRICT CUB QUIZ : FULL RESULTS

Maximum score: 64

1, 4L (54). 2, 2L Thursday (52). 3, 1L (50½). 4, 5L (48). 5, 2L Friday (47½). 6, 3L (45). 7, 7L Tuesday (44). 8, 1B (38½). 9, 7L Wednesday (36½). 10, 1A (35). 11, 2B (20).

CUB INSTRUCTORS

There is a Chance that a short training course for Cub Instructors can be arranged in Stevenage in March. Will anyone interested please enquire of the DC pretty soon?

SCOUT WOOD BADGE

Preliminary Training Course

This is being held at 6 Stevenage HQ, Broadwater Crescent, on three Sundays, 26 February, 5 and 12 March, from 10 a.m. to about 5 p.m.. It's open to all of warrant age, and costs 4s.6d. The DC has the application forms; and several entries are in from this District already. If you're coming, see Mr Brown: about it today!

SCOUT NOTES

Now these appear in the local press every week, there is more room to include names from your Pack and Troop. Please telephone SA Ken Johnson with any items, at the Public Library (Letchworth 459) or at 80 Spring Road. (Letchworth 1989).

The four hundredth name to appear in the Scout Notes, last month, happened to be David Mills, prospective 8L Cub.

DO YOU CARE ABOUT SENIOR SCOUTS?

If you consider the 15 to-18 age group is worth any bother at all, then you really ought to get over to Hertford on 18 and 19 March. At Morgans Walk School they are having what is officially called the "Annual conference of Scouters (Senior)", but there is more to it than just sitting listening to other people talking. The programme includes items such as films, slides, discussions of problems peculiar to the age-group in question, a trampoline display, a sing-song, and something called "Action"! Important questions like standardization of badge tests will be considered, and among those present will be the CC, the headmaster of Boreham Wood Grammar School, and Laurence Stringer (HQ Commissioner for Senior Scouts). You don't have to be a Scouter (S) to attend: Rovers and "senior" Seniors are very welcome. Meals will be cooked and washed up for you; mattresses will be provided if you want to stay the night. All this for 12s.6d.: what an investment - if you do care about Senior Scouts!

UNEX (UNiform EXChange)
(7 Compfield Way)

Mrs Foster will be pleased -to have any unwanted items of Scout uniform, to fit boys of 11 or 12.

There are a few pairs of shorts in stock now, 1 shirt and 5 Cub caps for the asking also 1 Guide beret and a green neckerchief.

Lost Property Department: A Westbury School scarf (with the name Sherwood in mature wool) and a pair of leather mitts have been found at DHQ. Will the owners call at 7 Campfield Way to collect them?

R - E - L - A - X - !

Enjoy yourself! Know that d-e-e-p s-m-o-o-th contentment that only a ROVER-RANGER DANCE can bring! Music, companionship, and that special brand of gaiety that is the secret ingredient of a genuine ROVER-RANGER DANCE. All this can be yours for only three shillings! Come along on Saturday week, 11. February, to St Paul's hall, 7.30 to 11.30, and bring your friends.

Three shillings including refreshments

"S. & G." at the Varsity

MOST UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES have among their many societies a Scout and Guide Club. It is subject to the constitution laid down by the university's union, and all clubs are affiliated to the Universities Association.

OUR CLUB AT NOTTINGHAM is open to past, present and would-be members of the two movements. At the moment we have thirty members, of which 23 are freshers (started at the university last autumn) and 20 are female. The majority are Rovers or Rangers, but ASMs and ACMs (including one lady) are represented. Programmes are arranged by a chairman, secretary and committee of two

THE MAIN IDEA BEHIND the club is to enable students to keep in touch with Scouting during term time. No active training is done at all. About a third of the meetings are social activities - campfires, pancake evenings, coffee parties and the like - and the rest involve a serious consideration of Scouting techniques. For example, an intervarsity rally was very well supported last term, at which the place of Scouting in large cities was discussed; and in our own meeting next week, Professor Haycocks (a member of the Boy Scouts Association) is speaking on youth work and the Crowther report.

INTERVARSITY RALLIES ARE HELD all over the country, during a weekend in each of the autumn and spring terms, and during a week in the summer vacation. Much fun is had at these rallies, but there is usually a serious theme - though this term's theme, "Let's be apathetic" might not seem very serious on the face of it.

ALTHOUGH MANY MEMBERS ARE giving active service to troops and packs in the districts near their lodgings, the club has never yet as a whole been approached to give such service, despite our offers. We are limited, we know, but the odd weekend camp or training session could be enhanced by our presence. We feel that our district does not attempt to get to know us, and this is a loss to both parties.

IF THERE WERE A University Scout and Guide Club in your district, would you attempt to get to know its purposes and ideals? Would you use it, and let it use you? I hope so. Or would you ignore it as another students' way of wasting time and drinking coffee?

Hugh Stewart Hall, University Park, Nottingham.

BOB DAY
RS, ASM (7L)

* LET'S MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO *
* CELEBRATE B.-P's BIRTHDAY *

As a Scouter, I owed more than I can ever say to my Group Committees, mostly enthusiastic Mums and Dads of Scouts and Cubs present and past.

I wonder if the Group Committees have had an opportunity of making their own, special, by-themselves, contribution to Baden-Powell House? Here is my suggestion. I invite all Group Committees to put on a little effort during the week of B.-P's birthday, that is the week surrounding February 22nd, and to send the results to me. It might be a coffee morning or a whist-drive or a jumble sale or a barbecue or a beetle drive or a bring-and-buy sale or a dads' v. mums' effort. This would be a special "Mum's and Dad's" Thank-you to B.-P. Will you pass this idea on to your Group Committee?

The results of their effort should be sent to The Editor, 25, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, marked "B.-P's Birthday Celebration" as soon after February 22nd as possible. The House needs quite a lot of money yet. Please do your best to see that your Group Committee joins in this family effort.

Thank you

R.H.

(from "The Scouter", January 1961)

Group Committees acting on this suggestion - will you mention that you read about the scheme in CO-ORDINATOR?

Looking Back ..

YAC THE FACTS

IS SCOUTING STILL AS NEW, FRESH AND EXCITING TO THE BOYS OF 1961, AS IT WAS TO THE PIONEERS OVER 40 YEARS AGO?

That was one of the questions put by Guildsman. Arthur Jump at Thursday's meeting of Letchworth & District B-P Guild. He was looking back to the days when he joined the First South West Hertfordshire (Lady Hyde's Own) in the exciting days of 1915,

Things were different then in many ways. A pole or staff was always part of a Boy Scout's uniform - and one of the reasons was that the movement had not then won its way into full approval by the general public, and that pole could really come in useful in awkward situations!

They were made of ash, sought out by the boys themselves, trimmed, marked out, oiled and polished with endless care. For in those days there was no Scout Shop to provide practically everything ready made. Equipment was difficult to obtain, and uniform was not always very uniform. (Have things changed so much?)

Young Scout Arthur Jump's PL, a chap named Collins, had a very fertile imagination, and his patrol were never at a loss for something, to do. They helped local natural history societies to collect live specimens; they made surveys and maps of all the field paths round Watford; they made no end of gadgets: That trek-cart must still exist. It was a marvellous affair, all home-made, of seasoned oak, and it took everything... though it needed three patrols to pull it when it was loaded:

Then there was the cycle-stretcher, formed of three poles lashed to bikes - two ends to the saddle of the leading machine, with a crossbar joining their other ends to the crossbars of the two bikes that followed in line abreast. It worked, too, Wonderful for camping gear, it was safer if nothing was tied down,

Wartime messenger service; building their own canoes; converting a derelict cottage into a Troop HQ: these were just a few more memories in a fascinating talk.

IN CASE ANYBODY SHOULD ASK YOU, IT MIGHT BE AS WELL TO KNOW WHAT THE YAC IS ALL ABOUT.

It's the Youth Advisory Council, which is in process of formation for the Letchworth and Baldock district. And for our purposes, that includes Ashwell and Weston.

We refer you to last Friday's (3 February) "Letchworth Baldock and District Pictorial", page 26, for a report on the inaugural meeting of YAC. You will see that a steering committee has been formed with representatives of Letchworth Youth Club, St Paul's Young People's Fellowship, the Boys' Brigade and Covenantors, the Grange Fellowship, Baldock Congregational Youth - and the Scouts.

Our member on this exploratory committee is Frank Marshall, GSM of 4L.

This committee is purely to work out a constitution and rules for YAC, and to make recommendations when it reports back to another open meeting in about three months' time,

Why do we have to get mixed up in this? Haven't Scouters got enough jobs to get on with already?

"If the Scout movement doesn't take up this challenge," says Frank Marshall, "it will fall seriously behind the other youth organizations in the area."

YAC, when established, will aim to recommend cash grants from Hertfordshire County Council for Outward Bound courses - Duke of Edinburgh Award courses - training for youth club wardens - grants for buildings - equipment,...already the ATC is interested in the provision, through YAC, of poles and ropes for Senior-Scout-type pioneering work.

Co-ordinated training is just one small possibility that YAC will be considering, Nothing has definitely been decided yet; but it certainly seems that this will be something BIG - something that can help Scouting - something that Scouting can and must help from its half century of experience. Frank Marshall will give up-to-the-minute news to the LA Executive Committee on 6 March.

LOTS OF LOVELY DATES

+++++++ and LOOK! Some of these will affect every reader of CO-ORDINATOR.

Will you, PLEASE, check this list now and MAKE A NOTE of those that will be concerning YOU?

+++++ F E B R U A R Y 1 9 6 1

- 11 Rover-Ranger-dance, St Paul's church hall, 7.30 : 3s. including refreshments
- 15 Letchworth & District B-P Guild annual dinner, Wilbury Hotel : enquiries are still possible ; contact Mr Doug James, 49 Norton Road, Letchworth 1726.
- 18 Preliminary training course for CMs is cancelled
- 19 BARTON SHIELD first-aid competition : see page. 1
- 22 Founder's Day
- 24-26 PLs' and Seconds' TRAINING WEEKEND, 9 p.m Friday to 4 p.m. Sunday, This is being organized by LDRC for PLs and. PSs in any troop in this District. All troops' Scouters have been informed by letter. Boys bring equipment as for a weekend camp, except tentage and cooking, for they sleep in DHQ and all meals are provided at 10s. a head. Please let us have probable numbers this week.
- 25-26, and 4-5 March and 8-9 April : Seniors' pioneer badge. training and testing, Well End
- 26, and 5 and 12 March Preliminary training course for SMs, Stevenage. see p.3

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- 1 Coffee evening for Guide tent funds; Church hall, Whitehorse Street, Baldock
- 1 All items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 22
- 1 Kent Cup entries in, please, to the DC
- 1 Old Wolves' Palaver entry forms in, please, to the DC
- 5 Distribution of CO-ORDINATOR 22 by Rovers and Rangers
- 6 LA Executive committee, DHQ, 8.0
- 9 Scouters' Council, DHQ, 8.15 : ALL SMs, ASMs and acting dittoes, please
- 10 Coffee evening for Guide tent fund, Church rooms, Commerce Avenue, Letchworth,
- 11 County Rover Get-together
- 11-12 County Old Wolves' Palaver, 4 St Albans HQ, 4 p.m. Saturday to 5.30 p.m. Sunday. Theme: "Let's make a Cubmaster!" Cost including meals, 10s. Without meals 1s.6d. Applications must be in by 1 March.
- 13 1L Group committee, DHQ, 8.0
- 18 7L Scouts & 5L Guides Jumble sale, DHQ, 3.0
- 18-19 KENT CUP first-aid competition ; see page 1
- 18-19 Scouters (S) conference, Hertford : see page 3
- 19 Roman Catholic Scout Guild Ki-Ro Halfway, St Albans
- 24 Letchworth District B-P Guild visit to House. of Commons
- 25-26 Preliminary training course for Rover Scouters, Sandridge
- 31 Annual census and re-registratiion of Scout groups

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- 5-8 National Bob-a- job week.
- 5-8 Our Gang Show, St Francis' Theatre
- 6 (provisional) visit of Guide HQ mobile training van
- 8 Inter-county cross-country (Seniors)
- 9 LDRC Group annual general meeting, DHQ, 8.0
- 25 National St George's Day parade, Windsor
- 28 1L Group annual general meeting, DHQ, 7.45
- 30 District St George's Day parade, Baldock

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- 17 Local Association annual general meeting, DHQ, 7.45