

CO-ORDINATOR

MONTHLY MEWS SERVICE FOR LETCHWORTH AND
BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUTERS, ASSISTANTS,
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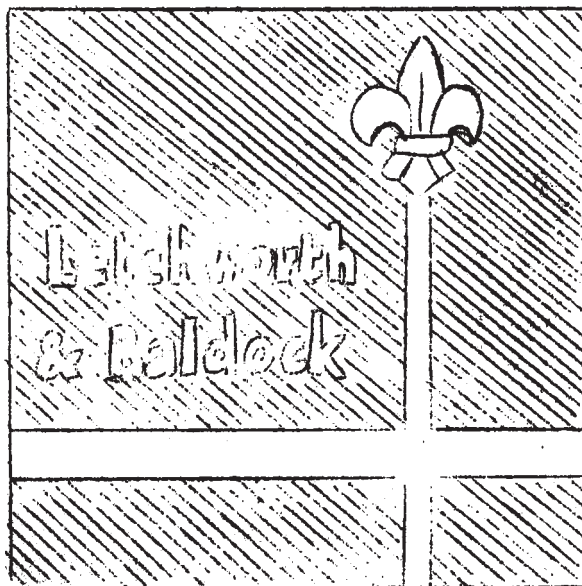
GUIDES' ANNUAL CENSUS

The census just completed for the Guide District shows a total of 518 members of the movement, made up of 23 Rangers, 226 Guides, 255 Brownies and 34 Guiders.

FIRST-CLASS TESTING DAYS

Letchworth District Rover Crew will be standing by in DHQ from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on SATURDAY and SUNDAY, 11 and 12 November, to give all possible help to second-class Scouts of any troop in the District who wish to pass some of their first-class tests.

It is hoped to provide facilities for all the practical tests. Scouts wishing to stay through a whole day should bring a packed lunch. Hot drinks will be provided.



A DISTRICT BADGE?

This idea has been suggested quite often. Now CO-ORDINATOR proposes an actual design. We suggest a dark green badge with the lettering in white as above. Also in white is the vertical line ending in the traditional north-point of the compass - which happens to resemble a Scout badge! This shows that our District includes the northernmost point in Hertfordshire (see map in CO-ORDINATOR 28). Crossing the badge from east to west is the broader line representing the Icknield Way, the ancient chalk road which crosses our District, and still links Letchworth and Baldock, both together and with other parts of the county.

What do you think of the idea? No District badge may be worn by Scouts without Headquarters approval; but meanwhile, please let us know your views.

YAC

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

Duke of Edinburgh's Award for boys and girls: A film show has been arranged on Wednesday 6 December at 7.30 p.m. in Pixmore School (the old school, not Willian School) Scouters and Guiders should inform their units. All are welcome.

Carol Service It is planned to hold a joint Youth Carol Service in the Town Square on Friday 22 December at 7 p.m. The Salvation Army Youth Band will provide music to keep us all in tune and sheets of words will be circulated, so there is no excuse of not knowing the words. Big turnout, please.

Youth Sunday: is now planned for early March next year, possibly at St Mary's Church, Baldock.

Sports Day 1962: No date is fixed yet. It will be arranged not to clash with county or division youth athletics meetings. Probably at Baldock Secondary Modern School.

Swimming gala A further development from last year's sports will be to hold a swimming gala one Friday evening in July at Letchworth pool LUDC permitting).

HERTFORDSHIRE SCOUTERS' CONFERENCE

This was a jolly good effort, and much was discussed, but there was a very poor attendance from the District. In fact, only three groups were represented, and a Rover detachment.

The Boy Scout section is holding a conference at Hatfield in April, when we hope for a much better attendance when the District will get up-to-date information at first hand.

L. COLLINS
DSM

PATROL LEADERS TRAINING WEEKEND

Once again, by popular demand, LDRC are running a 43 hour course for PLs and PSs, from 9.30 p.m. Friday 8 December to 4.30 p.m. on Sunday 10 December. The cost: 10s. per head. The place: DHQ. Bring: equipment as for a weekend camp, except tentage and cooking. All meals are provided. Eating irons MUST be clearly marked.

Now, we must know as near as possible how many to expect. SCOUTERS! Will you PLEASE let us have the coupon below, duly filled in, before the end of this month?

TROOP -----

NUMBER OF BOYS EXPECTED TO ATTEND ON:

FRIDAY EVENING	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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(Please total each period separately)

(Signed) -----

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DEAR CO-ORDINATOR

On Sunday 17 September our County Commissioner and his wife held a reception at Well End.

I was very disappointed to find that, apart from our own DC and his wife, and my own family, there was only one other Scout and his wife from our LA. True, the weather was rather grim, but it did manage to keep fine long enough for the visitors to look around, and to watch the various pioneering projects being carried out by Seniors, and a really excellent exhibition of craft work put on by Cubs from all over the county. Two cars, due to compete in the Soap Box Derby, were on view, their owners proudly indicating their finer points. Indeed I was privileged; among many others, to see Melville Balsillie pedalling round the field in one of these vehicles. A party of handicapped Scouts and Guides were to have, given a demonstration, but unfortunately the weather prevented this.

The County Commissioner and his wife found time to chat to each and every one of us. Tea and cakes were provided by the Well End Committee, and were much appreciated.

Altogether, a most enjoyable afternoon, which I am sorry that most of you missed.

SYD. F. BLAXLAND

55 Bedford Road, Chairman, LA
Letchworth

FOR SALE: 1956 Black's Good Companion, fly-sheet, A-poles, groundsheet, £10 or nearest offer. Roland Millbank, Flat 4, Corner Shops, Henlow Camp, HENLOW, Beds.

WITH REGRET we learn of Mr John Tippet's desire to resign from First Letchworth parents' committee, and we thank him for all his efforts in the past ten years.

L. COLLINS, GSM, 1L.

MILK BOTTLE TOPS. The Trefoil Guild are collecting silver foil and milk bottle tops in aid of children with incurable diseases. Any help with this collection would be greatly appreciated. (Please keep foil and tops in separate bags and make sure it is all clean and free from paper backing.)

AMENDMENTS TO P O R. Various changes in the rules came into force last month. One amendment which hasn't had much publicity is the addition to POR 241 (i), on the appointment of PLs. The rule now adds: "Although the first point to look for is qualities of leadership, it is desirable that the Scout should hold the First Class Badge". Similarly, on the appointment of Seconds, rule 242 (i) now says "it is desirable that the Scout should hold at least the Second Class Badge".

How long will it be before further amendments change the word "desirable" to "essential"? And if this change did take place, would the troops in this District be prepared or otherwise?

GUIDERS' NOTICE BOARD

Wool Collection. Owing to the poor response in collecting old woollens for salvage we are extending our drive till the next time the Wirral Wool Company are collecting in this area (i.e, January). Will you please make every effort to make it worth while this time? Our depot will be 21 Newlands, and if you have a fairly large bundle I can arrange to call for it if you can't get it to me.

Reports for AGM. If you wish your company/pack to be mentioned in the annual report, please send your news to me immediately.

Proficiency Badges. A course of instruction lasting about ten-weeks is to be arranged for Emergency Helper, First Aid and Sick Nurse badges. The instructor will be Mrs Squires, and it's most likely to be on Thursday evenings. Names of Guides wishing to take the course, to me as soon as possible, please.

M.C.D.

PANTOMIME TIME

Once again, St Paul's Amateur Dramatic Society (SPADS) are offering all our packs, troops and companies seats at 2s. each for their pantomime at St Francis' Theatre,

This time it's "Aladdin", from 2 to 6 January 1962, at 7 p.m. It is suggested that Cubs and Brownies could fill the place on Tuesday, Scouts and Guides on Wednesday. Enquiries will be co-ordinated by DSM Les Collins (96 Bedford Road: Letchworth 2776) and DGC Mrs Margaret Drylie (21 Newlands: Letchworth 2500)

SQUASHED DATES

* * NOVEMBER 1961*****

_6 LA Executive, DHQ, 8.0
9 Trefoil Guild talk, Ranger Hut, 7.45
9 Gang Show Committee, DHQ, 8.0
11-12 First Class test days (see p.1)
13 Guide LA AGM, Church Rooms, L, 7.30
14 5L open night (Newsreel), Westbury School hall, 7.30
19 Scout Wood Badge PTC, day 1, DHQ
24 8L open night (Newsreel), Southfields School hall, 7.0
25 Rover-Ranger dance, St Paul's, 7.30
25-26 Cub Wood Badge PTC, St Albans
26 Scout Wood Badge PTC, day 2, DHQ
27-9 Dec. London Gang Show, Golders Grn.
29 Last items in for CO-ORDINATOR 31!

*** DECEMBER 1961*****

5 Distribution of CO-ORDINATOR 31
5 Scout Wood Badge PTC, day 3, DHQ
8-10 PLs' & PSs' weekend, DHQ (see p.1)
26-4 Jan. County Senior winter expedition
28 5L outing to Bertram Mills Circus
*** JANUARY 1962*****

2 1L party, DHQ
6 Rover-Ranger party
12 1A outing to Arts Theatre pantomime, Cambridge
(ANY MORE PARTY DATES READY, PLEASE?)