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## NOW BOOKING!

-- That's our District Gang Show, coming into the last stages of the count-down before take-off on Wednesday 25 April.

Two more big rehearsals are on the launching pad at DHQ on the next two Saturdays, 6 to 9.30 pm. Countless smaller checks are being carried out daily, with a small army of technicians hammering, painting, stitching, to provide our star players with a really reliable vehicle.

Easter Monday evening sees a full dress rehearsal in St Francis' Theatre, and a special performance before an invited audience goes on stage at 7.30 on Tuesday.

Then you have three days (WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, 25, 26 and 27 APRIL) to choose from. If you haven't got those tickets yet, go and see Hannah Shannon at Richardson's the Chemists in Eastcheap.

### OPERATION TARZAN '62

Details are not yet fixed, but we gather that two mad weekends are in the air - or at least up in the trees. The tough Senior one will be at Whitsun, with a trailer (Tarzan Minor) for PLs of Boy Scout troops at Easter, plans for which will be circulated direct to those invited.

## BOOKED UP!

-- That's what's happened to the new HQ film "Accent on Adventure". It won't be available for months, so it's not on the programme for this coming Thursday.

Nevertheless, a challenging evening is planned at DHQ, starting at 8 pm.

ALL BOYS OVER THIRTEEN are asked to come along to a session of "Any Questions?" - especially those who say they can't stand the thought of Senior Scouts!

This won't be an advertising stunt for Senior Scouting, but a chance for arguing and answering back. The four in the team don't always agree on details: they're DSSL Jim Bruce, 4L SSL Brian Watkins, and the two Leslie's, DSM Collins and DC Brown. Trying to keep order and make notes at the same time is question master SA Ken Johnson. He'd welcome any written questions beforehand, but you may still get up and ask 'em on Thursday evening.



### NORTON CAMP '62

IS DUE NEXT MONTH! Dates: Friday evening 18 May to Sunday afternoon 20 May. It's open to all troops in Letchworth & Baldock District, with no limit on numbers. RS John Foster is Camp Warden, and RS Richard Watson his deputy. The annual Scout sports will be one feature, with 7L GSM Ken Hart as District Sportmaster. A providore will sell light refreshments, 4L SM Roy Pynches being in charge as District Squashmaster. Saturday evening brings (a) the Cub pageant, (b) the barbecue, with the B-P Guild making all arrangements as District Sausagemasters, and (c)

the campfire, led by DSSL Jim Bruce as District Songmaster. What perilous pioneering project the Seniors are doing exactly, may be known but not published after next Thursday (see above), Camp brands and badges will be on sale most of the time, and parents and friends are naturally invited to come along and see us at our best.

### DIRT!

We are sorry to have to keep on about the state of DHQ, but we are reminded by DSM Les Collins that it is the duty of those using the hall to see that it is left in a reasonable state afterwards. It seems that last month, the place was used on five consecutive evenings by five different assemblies, not one of which even swept the floor before leaving.

Please remember also that the kitchen and Rover Den are out of bounds to Scouts or Cubs.

### SEVENTH HITCHIN SCOUT TROOP

presents

"SWEET V A R L E T S"

An Original Musical

Friday 13 and Saturday 14 April : 7.30  
in St Michael's College hall, Hitchin  
(enter from Baliol Road or Grove Road)  
Adults 2/- Children, and

Scouts in uniform 1/-  
Tickets may be had in advance from any  
7H Scout, or from Terry Payne, 39-40  
Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin (phone 3197).

## GUIDERS' OWN ...

DISTRICT HIKE - FOR DIVISION COMPETITION

We offer the following points on the competition in the hope that they may be of some use to Guiders and Guides preparing for First Class or Hiker Badge.

M.Cook & M.Drylie.

Equipment - in many places was still far too bulky, could be improved by e.g., single siter groundsheets instead of one large one, smaller bottles of washing-up liquid (even a sample bottle is too big), smaller tins for first aid kits, don't fill them up with unnecessary items - why did every patrol carry triangular bandages in their first aid kits? None of the containers of Dettol, Bicarb. etc. had instructions on them of what to use them for and quantities to dilute with water. We know the P.L's have done some First Aid but supposing the recruit has to cope with an accident to the others. One patrol had no needle to remove splinters, a very frequent hike accident. No patrols had shoe cleaning kit or clothes brush; for shoes - get a minute tin and fill with shoe polish (the Nivea Creme sample tins are ideal if you still have them) and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an ordinary duster, a slim pocket clothes brush is necessary, grass seeds do cling so, especially in the summer. We approved of two patrols who changed into plimsolls on the site - it kept their shoes clean and were less bulky to carry than wellingtons.

Tidyness of site - fairly good all round - some of you were able to get your kit off the ground, either in a tree or on a gadget.

Turfing - not big enough - at least two patrols fires reached to the edge of their turfing.

Cooking - good, a nice variety of dishes (no sausages and beans - Hurray), the homemade billies were good, also the tinfoil cooking.

Clearing up - all the sites were well cleared. Dirty billies were wrapped up to take home but could you make cotton bags to slip them in and not use newspaper. Don't use polythene bags - if your billies are still warm the bags will melt.

Uniforms - on the whole good BUT berets were not being worn correctly!! I hope in warmer weather you will wear your camp shorts under your skirts and take your skirts off when you arrive on the site. On First Class hikes please leave those brightly coloured jumpers at home or wear them under your blouses.

Result - 5th Letchworth Orchid Patrol will represent the District in the Division Competition. We wish them Good Luck.

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Extract of letter from Gill Bonfield, nee Cross, Senior Girl Scout Leader, Minneapolis, formerly Captain, 2nd Letchworth Guides.

".... Scouting here is very different to Guiding in England and I must admit I didn't enjoy it very much at first. Very few companies have the patrol system and instead elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer etc, and run the meeting more like a business meeting. This happens from Brownies up and at first I just couldn't become used to it; but now everything is falling into place, even the green uniforms instead of the blue. We thought of you on Thinking Day, and you might be interested to hear what we did. The Saturday before the 22nd, all the Senior Girl Scouts in this area (about 400) met at a local school at 9.0a.m. for a Thinking Day breakfast. We all wore uniform and when we arrived we made out names on paper to pin to ourselves, and then we sat down. The ceremonies started off by the Colours being brought on, and we all sang "America, the beautiful" except me, who didn't know the words! We then ate breakfast which consisted of fruit juice, cereals and cream in individual packs, coffee buns and milk, with the leaders being treated to a cup of steaming black coffee. Unfortunately my troop had been asked to "volunteer" to help clear up which we did as quickly as we could and then went back to the festivities. The next part was great fun and we sang many international songs, including "Music alone shall live" in three parts, and at the same time in three different languages!

Following this came an international panel discussing Guiding in their own parts of the world, consisting of a German girl guide, a Phillipino girl scout, an Australian guide - all in their middle teens brought over here to study. Also on the panel were two American girl scouts, one who had been to the World Camp at Windsor a few years ago, and another who had camped in Holland and this year will be going to Greece.

We finished up by pledging our allegiance to the flag, and singing "Taps" but instead of 'from the hills, from the sea etc. they sang 'from the hills, from the lakes'. Perhaps its because Minnesota is known as the Land of Lakes and has 10,000 of them scattered all over."

# ...PAGE-AND-A-BIT

Guide L.A. Easter Fair.

Competitions for Guides and Brownies:  
Decorated hard-boiled eggs; a) single egg,  
b) pair or group of eggs.  
Easter Bonnets - not to have cost more than  
1/- to make.

Gifts for any of the following stalls  
would be appreciated, either before or on  
the day:  
L.A. & Trefoil Guild - Cakestall & Plants  
Brownies - Sweets  
Rangers - Groceries  
1 L G - Toys & Pennies in the Bucket  
2 L G - Books  
4 L G - Candlelighting & Tombola  
5 L G - Bottlestall & Pegs on the line

Any extra offers to man stalls will be  
appreciated.

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SCOUT NOTES

have named 705 local Scouts since start-  
ing in "The Citizen" in 1957. Number 700  
happened to be 1A Cub Brian Collins. He  
doesn't get any special badge for this.

MAP REFERENCE

of Lochearnhead Scout Station is now to  
hand. It is NN 587238. The NN is fairly  
important, as it indicates which part of the  
country you are in to start with. If you  
used a local 1" sheet instead of sheet 54,  
you'd land up on the main road outside  
Bicester, or in the middle of the airfield  
near Great Dunmow.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE by Robin Edmett (4L Rover)

ACROSS

- 1. Do it to this one.
- 5. So be it.
- 9. Nice in one direction.
- 10. Useless for blood transfusions. (1,5)
- 12. You dash away with this.
- 13. Soapless.
- 16. If young can travel far.
- 19. Hardly a knockout blow. (6,3)
- 21. The more you have the bigger your  
expense account.
- 22. Essential at the start of a race, but  
probably acts as a brake.
- 24. Go on where you left off.
- 28. 3 sheep fit in this.
- 29. Social occasion to which dogs are  
welcome.
- 30. You do this at 3 down.

DOWN

- 1. Makes a spear better and a gun worse.
- 2. Is this equivalent to a lobster pot.
- 3. Where buns are served at feeding time,  
at the corner. (5,5)
- 4. East Asia.
- 5. Not away (from home).
- 6. Tom cats. (5,5)
- 7. Lays heggs.
- 8. You are in this without 9 across.
- 11. Belonging to Spiro.
- 13. Buy back.
- 14. The last of 16 points.

Patrol Leaders' Training.

A special training has been arranged to  
take place in St. Paul's Church Hall on  
Wednesday, 18th April. Starting at 11 a.m.  
and continuing until 4 p.m. Each company is  
allotted one place per patrol, i.e. each  
P.L. can come, a Second can come only if  
her P.L. is unable to. Tea will be 1/-.  
Bring packed lunches, drinks will be provid-  
ed.

Guides' Coffee Evening.

At the Grange Junior School on Thursday,  
10th May, 7 p.m. Each company must be ready  
to take a stall, Guiders please come to next  
committee meeting with all plans laid.

Guide Committee - Next meeting will be  
May 1st, 7.30 p.m. Ranger Hut. One Guider  
from each Ranger, Guide and Brownie unit  
to be there please.

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STILL WANTED!

Thanks to all those who answered last  
month's appeal for jingle bells for some  
of the Gang Show costumes. But still more  
would be appreciated. Would you please  
ask all your aunts and cousins and mothers-  
in-law, and forward any results to Mrs K.  
Tippett, 48 High Avenue?

"THE MAROON" is the County magazine for  
Senior Scouts. Send 2/6 for a year's sub-  
scription to PL(S) Tony Doubleday, 15 Oak-  
wood Avenue, Boreham Wood, Hertfordshire.

DOWN (continued)

- 15. Age.
- 17. Burn this and you still have it left.
- 18. Improves palefaces.
- 20. Puts 18 down on your back.
- 21. Men and women waste money on this.
- 23. Obtain.
- 25. Early English.
- 26. Utah Territory.
- 27. English Telegraph.

(SOLUTION NEXT MONTH, IF WE CAN DO IT)

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## AGMS

NOTIFIED SO FAR :-

District....10 May  
 1L.....13 April  
 2L.....26 May  
 3L...  
 4L.....6 April  
 5L...  
 7L.....12 April  
 (postponed from Mar.)  
 8L...  
 1B...  
 2B.....8 February  
 1A .....16 May  
 1W...  
 LDRC.....15 April  
 BP Guild..29 March

## APRIL 1962

- 5 "Any Questions?" for over-thirteens, DHQ, 8 pm (see page 1)
- 6 4L annual general meeting, 7 pm
- 7-8 Rover Wood Badge preliminary training course, Stevenage
- 9-14 Hertford Gang Show
- 12 7L annual general meeting, St Thomas's hall, 7.30 pm, with District Newsreel 1961 about 8.50 (postponed from March)
- 13 1L annual general meeting, DHQ, 7.45 pm
- 13-14 7 Hitchin presents "Sweet Varlets", St Michael's College hall, 7.30 pm (see page 1)
- 14 Guide LA Easter fair, St Paul's hall, 2-6 pm (see page 3)
- 14 Intercounty Seniors' cross-country race, Bromley, Kent
- 15 Tempest-Hicks first aid competition (Seniors), Howe Dell School, Hatfield
- 15 LDRC annual general meeting, DHQ, 8 pm
- 16 Scouters' council, DHQ, 8 pm : let's have somebody from each Group, please!
- 18 Guide PLs' training day, St Paul's hall, 11-4 (see page 3)
- 22 Easter Sunday

- 23-28 National Bob-a-job week
- 25-27 District eighth annual Gang Show, St Francis' Theatre, 7.30 pm (see posters)
- 28 Rover-Ranger dance, St Paul's hall, 7.30 pm, 37- including refreshments
- 28-29 Cub Wood Badge Part 2 Course, Well End : first of three weekends
- 29 National Scout service and St George's parade, Windsor, Berkshire
- 29 District Scout Service and St George's parade, Ashwell

## MAY 1962

- 1 Guide committee, Ranger hut, 7.30 pm
- 2 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 36
- 3 YAC annual general meeting
- 5-6 Ki-Ro course for first class grade only (camp), Hitchin
- 5-6 Cub Wood Badge Part 2 course, Well End : second weekend.
- 6 Distribution of CO-ORDINATOR 36
- 8 Bob-a-job money received by District treasurer, DHQ, 7.30 - 8.15 pm
- 10 LA annual general meeting, DHQ, 7.45 pm (District Newsreel 1961 will be shown)
- 10 Guides' coffee evening, Grange Junior School, 7 pm
- 12 Fifth annual Tour of Hertfordshire (Seniors), from 8 am
- 12-13 PLs' weekend, Well End, 4 pm Saturday to 4.30 pm Sunday : application forms, which SMs now have, must be sent in by 1 May!
- 12-13 Chief Scout's reception for Queen's Scouts, Gilwell Park
- 13 County motor rally (Rovers), starting Bishop's Stortford, 10 am
- 16 1A annual general meeting and open night, Primary School
- 18-20 Norton Camp '62 (see page 1)
- 18-20 County Rover-Ranger camp, Barnes Wood, Welwyn
- 18-20 Cub Wood Badge preliminary training course : third and final weekend
- 20 Ki-Ro course (see 5 May)
- 26 2L annual general meeting, St George's hall
- 26-27 County Marathon, Gorhambury

## JUNE 1962

- 1-3 International weekend, Gilwell Park
- 2 County Rover gathering, Well End
- 8-11 Combined Whitsun camp for Scouts of Roman Catholic groups, Well End
- 9-11 Operation Tarzan '62
- 10 Whit Sunday
- 16-17 and 23-24 Senior Wood Badge preliminary training course, Sandridge : forms are now out to groups, and must be in by 9 June

## JULY 1962

- 7 Cubs' open afternoon, Gilwell Park
- 7-8 County CMs' Get-together, Well End
- 7-8 National Rover Moot, Walesby Forest, Nottinghamshire
- 14-15 National cooking competition finals, Gilwell Park
- 17-18 Scottish International Philia, Blair Atholl, Perthshire
- 28-8 August 7L Scout camp near Lyndhurst, Hampshire

## AUGUST 1962

- 3-18 Explorer Belt expedition, Germany, Austria and Liechtenstein
- 4 Opening of Hertfordshire Highland Headquarters by Chief Scout
- 4-11 Berkshire International Camp, Windsor Great Park
- 20-30 1B Scout camp, Shalfleet, Isle of Wight
- 25-1 September National Scout canoe cruise, Avon and Severn

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TO ALL CO-ORDINATOR READERS

Would those of you who have posters advertising the Gang Show and who have not yet put them up, please make a great effort to display them prominently by Monday 2 April.

If you have had a poster which has become 'tatty' please see me next Saturday at the DHQ between 6 and 8 pm and I will issue you with a new one. If you have been unfortunate enough not to have had one please see me at the same time and place and I will see you get one.

The more publicity the better so -

not only display the posters but TALK and SELL 'Gang Show' to all your friends and acquaintances so that we may have as many in the 3 audiences this year as we have had in 4 in the past.

R E M E M B E R      EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON YOU

D Y B    D Y B    D Y B

John Baker  
the Music Man.