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LETTER FROM NOTTINGHAM (somewhat condensed)

Ken Stevens, Assistant HQ Commissioner, was guest of honour at the Nottingham Biennial Conference, and his talk was a new look at the weekend's theme: "The Group".

He said the Scout Group must give the boy the family atmosphere, as often home life provides an incomplete set of values. Scouting replaces these deficiencies, so our success measure is how many boys go right through the Group family.

As father of the group, the GSM must be SKLLFD, must maintain contact with those who leave, must be the PL of the Group Committee, support the DC whatever! and maintain the patrol system in all sections - even the BP Guild.

Group Committees, said Mr Stevens, are not elected, but appointed by the GSM (see POR). He appointed 4 men and 4 women for his committee and NO-ONE stayed more than 2 years. There is a separate parents' supporters association. The committee need not be parents, but rather "professionals". Though a GSM may be a section leader, he must fight against this, and should not have time - though some people felt he could be RSL quite reasonably,

J.F.Colquhoun (Koko) spoke on Sponsored Groups. His main points: Vicar is the sponsor of a Church Group, but may delegate responsibility (20 rules in POR about this!) He should choose his Scouters, but the DC may veto on Scouting suitability. There should be no difficulties: religious training is the sponsor's responsibility, Scout training the Scouter's. Use of the patrol system won't take away whole choir for a weekend. Sponsors must not alter or chop up aims) of the Boy Scouts Association. With Group property, the owner must be identified in writing. With rules known, and goodwill, the Group Committee links Scouts and congregation and everything in the garden should be lovely.

Dr Sumner spoke on The Boy, and B-P's remarkable understanding of the boy's mind. Man is a trinity of body, mind and soul, which must grow side by side. Boys have three natural tendencies (co-operation, acquisitiveness, creation) which are easily frustrated if they are sat on (leading to rebellion and approved school) or if the child is let loose on occasions (leading to nervousness etc.) Much better is to channel these instincts to useful pursuits.

B-P realized that "education is the training of people to occupy their leisure time". And he insisted that spiritual growth be looked after by finding God in Nature, and by belonging to a religious movement.

After this, all of us had a greater respect for the true greatness of our founder. Best wishes to the District: BOB DAY.

LETTER FROM BEDFORD ROAD

I welcome this opportunity to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year full of good Scouting, Cubbing and Guiding, to all connected with our two great movements

S.F. BLAXLAND  
Chairman, LA

OPERATION NIGHTJAR : ACTUAL SCORES

After each task, teams were graded 1,2,3, etc., then these figures totalled. Thus lowest total was best most often.

1: 1/3L....11	7: 4L(b)...38
2: 1A(a)...23	8: 4L(d)...39
3: 4L(c)...28	9: 2/3L...40
4: 1B.....31	10: 1A(b)...46
( 4L(a))	
5 ( 2B )..34	

BAKER'S DOZEN

All thirteen Scout Groups in this District are invited to send delegates to the inaugural meeting of the Ninth Gang' Show Group, at DHQ (Icknield Way, Letchworth) on Saturday 29 December at 6 pm., Older lads are specially wanted, as the show is being designed more with them in mind. Co-producer John Baker also invites anyone in the movement who fancies solo singing to have a private audition. Please, Skip, pass this on to your likely lads, and see JB at 47 Highfield or the EEB Showrooms, Station Place, And if anyone has a book of Negro Spirituals they would lend, please let him know.

REMINDER I

B-P Guild Cup (winter patrol) Competition next Saturday (8 December), 2.30, Westbury School. Genuine patrols of 5, but they may borrow 1 without rank. Plimsolls or sandals MUST be worn indoors.

REMINDER II

Working Party for cleaning, repairing, painting DHQ, 10-1 Saturday, 10-1, 2-5 Sunday next. All Rovers, Seniors, Scouters, capable friends welcome. Tea available.

REMINDER III

Old Wolves' Palaver, Baden-Powell House, 9-10 February: application forms are now available. Get one quickly, as accomodation is strictly limited.

REMINDER IV

Two more days to see Mr Cadwallader about seats for the Spads pantomime. 1A Group have booked a block of 120. What about you?

REMINDER V

The B-P Guild wants more members. Tell likely blokes to call at 25 Cloisters Road.

## BALDOCK\* SENIORS

invite all District Seniors, Rovers, Scouters, Guides, Rangers and friends to their Christmas Dance and Party at 1B.HQ, Park Drive, on Monday 17 December, 7.30-10.30. Tickets are 2/6, and refreshments are included. \* United.

## CO-ORDINATOR APOLOGIZES

to "Tomorrow" for saying that the first edition was on 20 November. This new magazine of all local forthcoming-events will be in the newsagents on Thursday 20 December, at 6d. We trust that every reader of CO-ORDINATOR will order at least one copy immediately.

## HERTFORDSHIRE

has been invited to provide a colour party at Windsor on 28 April 1963. Five Queen's Scouts, two resorvoe, and one young Scouter are required, with "excellent bearing and appearance". Districts may nominate these this month, stating full name, address, date of birth, height and Troop.

## HAVE A DATE!

\* \* \* D E C E M B E R 1 9 6 2 \* \* \*

- 8 B-P Guild Cup Competition, Westbury School, 2.30
- 8 Rover-Ranger Fancy Dress Dance, St Paul's Hall, 7.30: 3/- including refreshments
- 8-9 Working Party, DMQ 10-1 Saturday, 10-1 and 2-5 Sunday; all very welcome indeed
- 12 1L Committee Christmas Whist Drive, DHQ
- 17 Baldock Seniors Christmas Dance and Party, 1B HQ, 7.30: 2/6 including refreshments
- 19 1A open night, Village Hall, 7 pm
- 20 First edition of "Tomorrow" on sale at newsagents, 6d.
- 26 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 44
- 27 - 5 January : Mountain Rescue course, Lochearnhead Scout Station
- 28 - 6 January : County Rovers' and Seniors' winter expedition, Yr Hafod
- 28 - 6 January : County Scouters', Rovers' and Seniors' ski course, Grindelwald
- 29 Ninth District Gang Show first rehearsal, DHQ, 6 pm
- 30 Distribution of CO-ORDINATOR 44 : help from more Rovers should not have to be asked for

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- 1 5L Group outing to "Peter Pan on Ice", Wembley
- 1-2 Scout and Guide nights at Spads' "Babes in the Wood", St Francis' Theatre, 7 pm
- 4 1L Group party, DHQ, 6 pm
- 10 Scouters' Council (to discuss Barton Shield competition, etc.), DHQ, 8 pm
- 11-19 Fifth National Camping Expedition, Olympia, London
- 14 LA Executive Committee, DHQ; 8 pm
- 16 District Cub Quiz, DHQ, 6.30
- 19 4L Cub party, St Paul's Hall
- 19 2L Group party, St George's Hall, 5 pm
- 22 Scout firefighter badge course starts, Letchworth Fire Station: names of those taking this course will appear in next CO-ORDINATOR to make sure
- 26 3L sausage-and-mash bash, DHQ
- 26-27 Cub Wood Badge preliminary training course, Hertford
- 26-27 and 2-3 February : Leadership training course, Stevenage
- 31 Closing date for Part 1 of County Rover competition

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- 2-3 and 16-17 Boy Scout Scouter Wood Badge preliminary training course, SWHertfordshire
- 9-10 County Old Wolves' Palaver, Baden-Powell House
- 16 County Rover competition, tough Part 2 begins, Chalfont Heights, 3 pm
- 16-17 Senior Scout Scouters' Conference
- 21 Rock Council, DHQ, 8.15
- 23-24 Kent Cup competition (Boy Scouts first aid), St Audrey's School, Hatfield

## DATES WANTED!

District Press Secretary has been asked to do a historical review of Scouting in Letchworth for the New Year Supplement of "The Citizen". Much fascinating history is already to hand, but more facts, names and dates especially, are needed from the Groups. Will Group Scouters please offer any documents they may have about the origins of their Groups for a rapid perusal by KJ? Any anecdotes of Letchworth Scouts post-war, inter-war, pre-war or during either war, will be most welcome.

## MAPS WANTED!

SS Michel Burnett is librarian of the District Map Library at 41 Bowershott, Letchworth. Donations of second-hand OS maps(for the use of future expeditions by any Group in this District) will be most welcome. We hope to publish a list soon of what is already available..

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Mrs I.J.Foster, 7 Campfield Way  
Good Condltion second-hand Scout or Cub uniform always welcome, always available