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COMMISSIONER WANTED

In case anybody has not yet heard, the DC, Mr Harold Hodge, has been appointed by the Eastern Electricity Board as District Manager for North East Suffolk. He will take up these new duties next month, and will be moving to the neighbourhood of Beccles. His letter of resignation as DC was received by the LA Executive Committee - in a sort of numbed horror - on 20 February.

CUBMASTER WANTED

In case anybody has not yet heard, the husband of Mrs Eileen Hodge, Akela of 9L pack, has been appointed to a job in Suffolk....

COMMON COMMOTION

This is the name given by ADC Les Collins to the proposed Scout Day on Norton Common on Saturday 4 July. Plans are proceeding with the Cubs' display, Scout sports (to get that shield back from Ashwell!), campfire, barbecue and so on. Watch this space.

CALENDARS & BLOTTERS

Scouts and Cubs have been selling these in aid of Gang Show expenses. The final date for handing in the money to ADC(C) Hannah Shannon, Gang Show publicity manager, is Thursday 12 March, at DHQ at 7.50 pm.

Volunteers are also wanted to help with the Gang Show booking office, which will be at Green's in the Arcade. Please, anyone willing to do a shift on this invaluable job, report to Hannah on that same Thursday evening (12 March, 7.30, DHQ) so that a rota can be drawn up.

COOKING COMPETITION

Originally fixed for Sunday 21 June, this has not been changed despite the fact that the Boy Scout County Marathon is on the same weekend. Rules were published in CO-ORDINATOR 56, with slight amendments in 57. This means that patrols have nearly four months to learn how to make real soup, to braise beef, etc., in the safety of their own home kitchens, ready to astound the judges with their outdoor skill at midsummer. Start practising now

CATHOLIC SCOUTS

It is hoped to provide a separate service for RCs taking part in this year's St George's parade, which is on Sunday 26 April, with the established majority at St Mary's, Baldock.

CONGRATULATIONS

...to Mrs Lilly Brown and Miss Hannah Shannon on the award of the Medal of Merit.

This is awarded for "specially good work for the movement", "service of outstanding character" and "at least ten years' service". The award was confirmed by HQ last week.

("CO-ORDINATOR" EXCLUSIVE)

CHANGES ALL ROUND

From Monday 9 March, the task of District Badge Secretary is being relinquished by Mrs Brown, who will be leaving Letchworth for Ashwell in the near future: From that date, Mr and Mrs Pynches - Roy and Elaine - will act as joint Badge Secretaries, from 14 Lordship Lane, Letchworth. This is not so central, so they are hoping to set one night aside every week when they can "set up shop" at DHQ. Details will follow; and when this happens, they hope to widen the scope of the service to include some books and equipment from the Scout Shop, thus providing a more convenient source of supply for you, and a small discount for the LA funds.

In taking on this new Scouting job, Roy is relinquishing his warrant as SM of 4L. It will give him more time with his family, and he has every confidence in ASMs Fred Astridge and Robin Edmett.

CAMP IN STYLE!

North Hertfordshire Archaeological Society are sponsoring a dig at Ravensburgh Castle, Hexton, and invite Scouts and Guides over 14 to camp there between 26 July and 15 August. Everything will be provided, except your own personal kit, for £3. Help with washing-up, etc., will be expected, but the main work will help you get (for instance) the Archaeologist badge. Applications through Scouter or Guider to Mr John Moss, Deputy Curator, Letchworth Museum.

CAREFUL!

Gang Show rehearsals on 7 March and 21 March will be at St Paul's Hall, not DHQ.

CONFERENCE

It's on Sunday 8 March. It's at St Audrey's School, Hatfield. It starts at 9.45 and finishes at 4.15. It's for anyone interested or involved in the running of a Boy Scout troop. It's got O'Leary and Ascher. It will be very well worth while.

BARTON SHIELD : FULL CLASSIFIED RESULTS

"You will agree that the team test was not all that difficult this year", said Mr Barton afterwards. He pointed out that the contest is based on the St John Ambulance Association's "Preliminary Manual of First Aid" which is a little wider in scope than the bare minimum requirements of POR. Individual questions were: (1) acid burns and Holger-Nielsen for under-fives; (2) varicose vein bleeding and burns and scalds; (3) bee stings and shock; (4) cleaning a wound. Ties were decided by higher individual scores.

Position	Team	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Team	Total
	Max:20	20	20	10	40		110
1.....	3L	17	16	13	9	26	81
2.....	5L "B" ...	17	7	17	9	30	80
3.....	2L "A" ...	15	17	19	10	14	75
4.....	2L "D" ...	11	14	19	9	20	73
5.....	9L	11	12	13	10	27	73
6.....	5L "A" ...	11	12	11	7	23	64
7.....	2L "C" ...	14	9	14	7	20	64
8.....	1L	17	5	12	8	20	62
9.,...	2B	12	5	14	9	18	58
10....	1A	2	13	11	10	16	52
11....	7L	9	0	10	8	21	48

SENIORS

...should now be considering the proposed County Senior Expedition, August 1965, to be based on Interlaken. Mainly for the smaller Senior troops or those with no SSL, it will close with a four-day County Gathering of all Hertfordshire Senior Scouts within yodelling distance.

SCOUTERS

...are invited to the Guide Count- AGM at Welwyn Garden City. Details opposite.

SCOUT DATES

... MARCH 1964

- 5 2B AGM, Catholic Hall, 8 pm
- 7-8 Camp Fire Leaders' course, Gilwell
- 7 Gang Show rehearsal, St Paul's, 6 pm
- 8 County Conference of Boy Scout section Scouters, St Audrey's, Hatfield, 9.45
- 11 Cub first aid competition, DHQ, 6 pm
- 14 Gang Show rehearsal, DHQ, 6 pm
- 16 3L AGM, DHQ, 7.30 pm
- 21 - 4 April : Ski course, Kandersteg
- 21 Gang Show rehearsal, St Paul's, 6 pm
- 22 Tempest-Hicks contest (Seniors' first aid), St Audrey's, Hatfield.
- 27 - 4 April : Hike Leaders' training course, Lochearnhead
- 29 Easter Day
- 30 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 59
- 30 - 4 April : National Bob-a-job Week
- 30 Gang Show dress rehearsal, St Francis'
- 31 - 4 April : Tenth District Gang Show, St Francis' Theatre, 7.30

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- 7 Scouters' Council, DHQ, 7.45 pm
- 11 Cub football first round, Borg-Warner sports ground, 10 am
- 11 Rover-Ranger dance, St Paul's, 7.30
- 26 District St George's Day parade, St Mary's, Baldock

GUIDERS' GALLERY

THINKING DAY PARADE: One Guide beret was found afterwards, with no name but a fairly new (non-PL) badge. I will return the badge sticks to you, in case some dads want their garden canes back.

CAMP TRAINING: Saturday 7 March at Brand Street Methodist Church Schoolroom, Hitchin. I hope to see a good turnout of Guiders. The training will be taken by Miss Cobb of Bushey PLs' TRAINING: I thought we might try a local one ourselves, for the PLs who can't get to the County one. Would each Guide Guider please think of two or three items she could cope with for about ten minutes each, and we'll put them together into a balanced programme at next Guiders' meeting.

COUNTY A G M: Welwyn Garden City, The Cherry Tree, Wednesday 11 March, 3 pm. Tea 1/6. Please be there if you can: it makes a very interesting afternoon. The Guide training van will be there, and Miss J. Foster will speak on "Guiding Today".

PLs'. CONFERENCE: Hemel Hempstead, 14 March. A coach will leave Letchworth station at 9 am and bring the girls back afterwards, by about 6.30 pm.. Fares problem is not settled. yet, but we hope to be able to help considerably.

RANGER & GUIDE GUIDERS' COMMITTEE: Next meeting is 17 March, 7.30, Ranger Hut, Lieutenants and Cadets may come too. Ideas to consider beforehand: (1) Would Guides like a cycle rally or treasure hunt during Easter holidays? (2) For HQ Building Fund, should we issue cards with outline of building for girls to fill in bricks as they raise money? COFFEE MORNING: Saturday 21 March, 10 - 12, Church Rooms, Commerce Avenue, Letchworth. Hall open from 9 am for arranging stalls.

M.C.D:

GUIDE DATES

... MARCH 1964

- 7 Camp training, Hitchin, 11 am
- 11 County AGM, Welwyn Garden City, 3 pm
- 14 PLs' Conference, Hemel Hempstead, 10.30 am
- 17 Guide & Ranger Guiders' Committee, Ranger Hut, 7.30 pm
- 18 Trefoil Guild, Howard Hall, 8 pm
- 21 Coffee morning, Church Rooms, Commerce Avenue. 10 am

CUBMASTERS' CORNER

FIRST AID COMPETITION : WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH Will teams please be ready at the following times?

Six o'clock: 1L, 2L, 3L,
Six fifteen: 4L, 5L, 7L.
Six thirty: 8L, 9L, 1A.
Seven o'clock: 1B, 2B, 1W.

FOOTBALL CONTEST : FIRST ROUND : SATURDAY 11 APRIL: 10 am at Borg-Warner sports field. Full details next month.

COUNTY CAMP AT GORHAMBURY : WHIT MONDAY is Cub visiting day. All Packs should be going to meet the Chief, and we hope to hire a bus or two. Full details will be in the next CO-ORDINATOR, if CMs will let the ADC(C) know numbers, quickly!