

Co-ordinator 87

LETCWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Free to warranted Scouters, LA-Executive Committee, and Group secretaries. Other subscribers: 3/6 a year, payable to Letchworth District Rover Crew: Treasurer, David Ringrow, 83 Wilbury Hills Road, Letchworth.

August 1966

Last month's CO-ORDINATOR invited all District and Group Scouters to give us their observations on the Advance Party Report and its immediate effect on District organization. So far only one reader has responded to this!

from this DISTRICT

Re: Scouter Critic, July CO-ORDINATOR, I agree that the meeting was somewhat patchy and it would have been better had an ADC meeting been held first. However, I would enlighten Scouter Critic on a number of matters.

I knew nothing of this meeting until the Saturday afternoon and was not requested to give my opinion on how it would affect my side of the movement.

For our colleague to take it for granted that everybody had read the report is utter nonsense; at our Rock Council on 4 July some of our Scouters had not even seen it! Furthermore I may add that many Scouters have not even read POR and that has been out much longer!

However, the Cub Section are not sitting on their backsides waiting to be led. At our last meeting every Cub helper was invited and we had an attendance of 25 Scouters. The majority of the meeting was given over to the APR, everybody was put in the picture and decisions were made as to how and when we are to put this report into action.

A date has already been fixed for a training day for all Cub helpers, to enable us to get ourselves up to date before attempting to teach our Cub Scouts.

From now on our meetings will be devoted mainly to training.

Letchworth and District have always been with it where Scouting is concerned.

In this new world of Scouting we will indeed be leaders. We have a grand bunch of lads, and a grand bunch of Scouters who will I am sure be prepared to be Cub and Scout LEADERS.

HANNAH MOULES

A D C (Cubs)

In the DIVISION

Writing on the Advance Party Report's implementation, CC Melville Balsillie in this month's Hertfordshire Scout News announces the renaming of the old post of "Regional Commissioner" as Divisional Commissioner. Letchworth & Baldock have the pleasure of sharing with Royston, Stevenage; Hitchin and Welwyn Districts the company of Arthur Martin as Divisional Commissioner. At the same time, Mr Martin remains Field Commissioner for the whole of Hertfordshire, with Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. His address is 21 Wardenhill Road, Luton. Bedfordshire: phone Icknield 398.

In the COUNTY

Other County appointments announced include ACC(Organization) - Mr Jack Vincent; ACC (Training) from 31 December 1966 - Mr Ron Crockett. County Activities Secretary - Mr John Bennett. Warden of Well End - Mr Ralph Wheeler.

Mrs Phyllis Robertson and Mr James Kingham are to become ACCs respectively for Cub Scouts and Venture Scouts "in due course".

NATIONAL

Effective from 1 July 1966 are these appointments announced in "The Scouter".

Chief Commissioner (Programme and Training) - Henry J.G. Collis, TD, MA.

HQ Commissioner for Cub Scouts and Chairman of the National Cub Scout Board - W.B.Moule
Assistant HQ Commissioner for Cub Scouts - Miss Evelyn H. Slarke.

HQ Commissioner for Scouts and Chairman of the National Scout Board - L.E.Stringer, TD, JP.

HQ Commissioner for Venture Scouts and Chairman of the National Venture Scout Board - J.W. Beresford, BA.
HQ Commissioner for Extension Activities and Chairman of the National Activities Board - L.A. Robinson.
Assistant HQ Commissioner for Extension Activities Mrs G.A. Drew.
HQ Commissioner for Air Activities and Chairman of the National Air Activities Board - Air Vice-Marshal B.A. Chacksfield, CB, OBE, AFRAeS, RAF.

INTERNATIONAL

Last year, 1B, 3L and 5L Scouts took the opportunity offered by Stevenage Radio Club to share in the international "Jamboree on the Air". Messages were exchanged with Scout stations in many countries in America, Africa, Asia and Europe.

This year's Jamboree on the Air will be held from 0001 GMT Saturday 22 October to 2359 GMT Sunday 23 October, and once again the Stevenage Club offer us their invitation to join in.

All members of the movement who are interested in this weekend should get in touch with Mr Peter Shepperd, 83 Spring Road, Letchworth (telephone 2127).

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TROOP SCOUTERS are reminded that the County Commissioner's Camping Challenge pennant is ready for any Scouts completing 20 nights this year. Send names and details to Ken Seaman, I Vigors Croft, Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

LETCHWORTH GUIDERS

Guiders, please remember to get your accounts in for auditing and to pay your District Rent levy. All the details are on the yellow sheet you had in mid-July.

Camp Equipment. Please let Miss Brenchley know (in writing) when you are collecting it and when you expect to return it. Also try to have some cash left over after camp to put in the fund to replenish the stock. (We need a new store tent.)

Next Guiders' Meeting. Tuesday 13 September at 7.30, Norton Secondary School. Lieutenants and Tawny Owls can come to this meeting if they like as we shall have plenty of room.

Coffee Mornings. I have booked the Civil Defence Hall for 10 September; 8 October; 12 November; and 10 December. I should like offers from companies and packs to run these events or to have a stall at them. If your company or pack hasn't done one for six months or more you are due for another. I would particularly like to get the September one fixed quickly - what offers?

County AGM. Wednesday 19 October, 3 pm. Since it is being held in our Division this year we shall have to supply some Guiders for ushers, doorkeepers etc. Can you help from about 2 pm onwards? Please let me know soon.

Conference for the Older Guide. Please make sure all Guides over 14 years know that this will be held on Saturday 22 October so that they can keep the date free.

Chief Guide. Did you hear her in "Let's find out" on the radio on 5 July? I've got a tape recording of it and thought we might listen to it at the September committee meeting.

M.C. DRYLIE

FIREFIGHTER BADGE COURSE

At the time of going to press, 22 names have been received, from three troops, for the course at Letchworth Fire Station from 19 October to 23 November. Unless more urgent names are received of older boys, the twelve oldest will be personally informed towards the end of the month that they have been selected for the course; the rest will be asked to wait until the next opportunity.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION : HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

We hoped to have the names of the three Scouters and three lay members comprising the new House Subcommittee, for publication in this month's CO-ORDINATOR. Holidays and other contingencies have prevented this, however, and we can only hope for better luck in September.

AUGUST 1966

29 Bank Holiday

SEPTEMBER 1966

- 1 SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, DHQ, 1945
- 2 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 88
- 3-4 Gilwell Reunion
- 5 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 88
- 7 LA Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000
- 10 CUB SIXERS' DAY
- 10-11 ICKNIELD SHIELD CAMPING COMPETITION
- 16-18 SENIOR SCOUT AND GUIDE CAMP
- 18 DISTRICT COOKING COMPETITION
- 30 - 2 October: XVI Senior Scout Gathering, near Ivinghoe

OCTOBER 1966

- 1 Introduction of new Scout and Cub Law and Promise
- 9 DISTRICT CUBS' JUBILEE THANKSGIVING, St Paul's, Letchworth
- 15 5L Group Fair, Church Rooms
- 16 County Scouters' Conference, East Hertfordshire College of Further Education, Turnford : application forms are in the August edition of "Hertfordshire Scout News"
- 17-29 London Gang Show, Golders Green
- 19 Firefighter badge course starts, Letchworth Fire Station, 1930
- 22-23 Jamboree-on-the-Air (see page 1)
- 23 British Summer Time ends. 0300
- 30 County Cubs' Jubilee Thanksgiving services, St Albans

NOVEMBER 1966

- 12 Conference and Dinner for Commissioners and LA Officials

FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATES

We again remind Scouters that a First Class Certificate, personally signed by the County Commissioner, is available for presentation to all qualifying Scouts. District stocks are held by DIO Ken Johnson, who will see to the proper filling in and decoration of the certificates, on receipt of the Scout's name and the proposed date of the presentation.

THE MOD TROPHY

As far as is known, 1W are still the holders of the Mod Trophy, and have been challenged to seven-a-side rugby by 7L Scouts. The game must be played before 1 October. Further prospective challengers please submit details to the District Information Officer for the official record book.

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