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July's CO-ORDINATOR invited all District and Group Scouters to give us their observations on the Advance Party Report and its immediate impact on District organization. One ADC replied to this invitation last month, but no further comment has been received from anyone in the District.

This is presumably a good thing, since it can only indicate complete agreement among all Scouters in the District that we are all ready to apply the recommendations without any further argy-bargy.

A meeting of ADCs this Monday (5 September) is expected to decide on dates and methods of implementation of some of the major changes recommended by the Report. Watch October's CO-ORDINATOR for details!

NEXT SUMMER?

9L Scout troop would be interested in getting together with another troop to make plans for a joint summer camp 1967. Anyone interested please see John Ferguson, 30 Hillbrow.

LAST MONTH

The CO-ORDINATOR typist mislaid a note to inform everyone that the Badge Secretaries would be away for the last two weeks of August. He realizes it is now too late, and offers his apologies and resignation, if required.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs R.W.Turner, CL 1W, has moved to Park Lodge, Weston, Hitchin. Telephone number when connected: Weston 359.

DISTRICT SCOUT COMPETITIONS

The Subcommittee appointed by the Scouters' Council to review the rules of all District Scout competitions held its first meeting on 25 August, and its results appear in this edition. Further instalments will appear later, and when all rules have been newly approved by the Scouters' Council, these will be incorporated into a small booklet to be issued to all Scouters.

PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING CAMP

This is fixed for 7-9 October, at Weston Park, and is restricted to Scout Patrol Leaders of minimum age 13 years and minimum proficiency of second class badge. The cost will be 12/6 each, including all catering. Applications should be made by the Scouter on the form attached, enclosing the 12/6 fee with the application, to DSL Jeff Robson NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER.

If you do not wish to cut your copy of CO-ORDINATOR, please copy out the form on a piece of paper the same size as the form.

ICKNIELD SHIELD

THE ANNUAL CAMPING CONTEST TAKES PLACE IN WESTON PARK NEXT WEEKEND, 10-11 SEPTEMBER, under the following revised rules which were approved by the Scouters' Council on 1 September 1966.

1. The object of the competition is to promote a healthy competitive spirit of camping between the Scout troops of Letchworth & Baldock District, the winners to hold the shield for the ensuing twelve months.
2. Teams shall consist of six Scouts who have not reached their sixteenth birthday on the first day of the competition (SEE NOTE A). Teams of five are permissible. No team shall include more than one Patrol Leader and one Assistant Patrol Leader, or alternatively two Assistant PLs in the absence of a PL. A composite team may be entered from two troops with the prior permission of the DC.
3. The competition will take the form of a patrol camp for 24 hours. The arrangements will be as if the patrol were at a troop standing camp. Wood fires will be used.
4. Judges will be selected from outside Letchworth & Baldock District, with the DC as referee. Judging will be based on the following: Arrival; Making camp; Evening meal; Night inspection; Morning inspection; Special tasks; Midday meal; Striking camp.
5. The Scouters' Council will appoint a Camp Warden (SEE NOTE B) who will have the authority to select a team of helpers to assist him in running the camp. The Camp Warden will be responsible for organizing all activities and equipment pertaining to the competition, including the provision of latrines for all competitors.
6. Visitors may attend the Saturday evening camp fire and the Sunday afternoon Scouts Own, but must not enter the competition area until the result is declared.
7. An entry fee of 5/- per team will be paid to the Camp Warden with the entry at least 14 days before the competition (SEE NOTE C).

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PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING CAMP 1966

APPLICATION FROM _____ TROOP

The following Patrol Leaders wish to attend the Training Camp,

NAME	AGE	PROFICIENCY

I enclose 12/6 for each of the above.
SIGNED:

ICKNIELD SHIELD RULES CONTINUED

8. The rules of this competition are subject to annual review by the District Scouters' Council.

NOTES FOR THE 1966 COMPETITION:

A. Senior Scouts, or those who have gone up from the Boy Scout troop to the Senior Scout troop, are not eligible to take part.

B. Camp Warden for this year is DSL Jeff Robson, 67 High Avenue, Letchworth (phone 4954).

C. As there are less than 14 days before this year's competition, rule 7 cannot be observed this year; but entries, with the camp fee of 5/- for each team, must reach the Camp Warden no later than WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER.

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NOTES for Letchworth GUIDERS

by DC Margaret Drylie

Did YOU read the August CO-ORDINATOR? I've had no replies to my questions!

***Saturday 10 September - coffee morning, Civil Defence hall, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Your support is wanted and that of all parents of your Guides and Brownies.

***Tuesday 13 September - Guiders' Committee, 7.30 p.m., Norton Secondary School.

***Wednesday 19 October - the County AGM is coming to north Hertfordshire this year. As the hostess Division we shall have to provide the teas and man the bookstall, provide ushers and doorkeepers, etc. Can you make some cakes for the occasion? Will you be available on the day to help? Answers please at the committee meeting on 13 September.

***Saturday 22 October - Captains; Have you any Guides over 14 years? Do they know that this is their Conference Day? Full details will be available soon. Keep this date free.

***Queen's Guides. It has been proposed to hold a service next year for all past and present holders of this award in the south-east area of England who are still actively engaged in Guiding. Are there any more holders I haven't got on my list? Barbara Crumbie, Susan Deere, Carole Greer, Judith Squires, Susan Furlong and myself.

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LOST

A toffee tin containing Chi-Rho badges and 2B group name tapes was mislaid last month by SL Mick Dilley. Any information will be welcome at 6 Croft Lane, Letchworth (phone 5061).

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FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATES

Scouters are reminded that the County's own certificate, personally signed by the CC, is available for all who qualify. DIO Ken Johnson holds the stock, and will supply completed certificates ready for presentation, if informed of names and proposed dates of awards.



COOKING COMPETITION

THE ANNUAL COOKING COMPETITION TAKES PLACE IN NORTON COMMON ON SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, under the following revised rules which were approved by the Scouters' Council on 1 September 1966

(Guide patrols are cordially invited to take part on equal terms, substituting only the word "Guides" for "Scouts" in rule 1, and on the understanding that the newly presented trophy can only be awarded to the Scout patrol with the highest score.)

1. Teams are composed of four or five Scouts under 16, who will report in uniform at 10 a.m., and may have access to the site from 8 a.m. Five extra points will be given to teams all from the same patrol.

2. A panel of judges will be appointed by the Scouters' Council. They will be permitted to examine and sample the meals at any stage of preparation, and award points independently for the following: (i) Preliminary inspection of raw materials and preparation. (ii) Hygiene. (iii) Cooking and presentation of each course. (iv) Punctuality of serving. (v) Final inspection of washing up and disposal. The patrol with the highest score will receive certificates, and a trophy to be held for 12 months

3. Cooking will be done on wood fires of any practical design. (SEE NOTE A). Firewood must be brought to the site. Biscuit tins or oil drums may be used to construct ovens. All normal cooking utensils may be used, and proper racks will be made to hold them. Dining shelters, tables and adequate seating will be expected.

4. Three courses will be prepared and served in the correct order, at an hour to be agreed between the patrol and the judges on arrival at the site (SEE NOTE B). Tinned, frozen, dehydrated, ready-mixed or pre-cooked foods may not be used.

5. The rules of this competition are subject to review at the first Scouters' Council of each year, when the competition menus will be decided, a date set, and an organizer appointed, who must be informed of all entries at least 14 days before the competition (SEE NOTE C).

NOTES FOR THE 1966 COMPETITION:

A. On Norton Common, turf fires are not practical, therefore some form of altar fire must be used.

B. Competition menu for this year is: Soup - any variety. Lamb chops, potatoes and one other vegetable. Stewed fruit and custard. (The use of custard powder does not infringe rule 4.)

C. The organizer appointed by the Scouters' Council is DSL Jeff Robson, 67 High Avenue, Letchworth (phone 4954), and in view of the limited time before this year's competition, entries may be submitted to him up to SUNDAY evening, 11 SEPTEMBER.



B-P GUILD CUP

THESE REVISED RULES HAVE BEEN PROPOSED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, AND ARE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT AND RATIFICATION BY THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER,

1. The competition will consist of a hike of not more than 10 miles, during the months of November or December, on a specified circular route between a number of checkpoints, at each of which a task will be carried out. Points will be awarded by checkpoint staff for these tasks and for correct timekeeping.
2. Teams are composed of five Scouts who should be a genuine standing Patrol but may if necessary borrow from another Patrol one Scout who is not a Patrol Leader or Assistant PL.
3. Entries must be submitted to the organizer appointed by the Scouters' Council, at least 14 days before the competition, together with the entry fee of 2/6 per patrol.

SCOUTERS' COUNCIL

Full discussion of the proposed new rules for the B-P Guild Cup competition, and various other matters, will be on the agenda for the Scouters' Council on THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER, at 1B HQ, Park Drive, at 7.45 promptly. It is respectfully pointed out that Scouters not attending or sending a representative to this meeting will not be expected to complain about any decisions made at that meeting.

"THE SCOUT"

Regular readers will know with regret of the decision of the Committee of the Council to cease publication of "The Scout" at the end of this month.

The magazine has been a direct link with the very root of the Scout movement, since it was started in the month of January 1908. In casting it adrift, we may feel we are really on our own in the voyage into the space-age Advance Scouting of the future.

Our District can feel some pride in the fact that the last issue but three (the one dated 3 September 1966) has as its front cover a photograph of First Weston Scout Anthony Bolton and his rabbit. The photographer, of course, was our Roger.

FIREFIGHTER BADGE COURSE

Names of Scouts under 15 for whom places will be available on the Firefighter badge course beginning on 19 October:

Allan Sibley, 8L	Alan Wilson, 5L
Gary Green, 7L	Kevin Christie, 7L
Mark Richardson, 7L	Trevor Hart, 7L
Tim Whitfield, 7L	Richard Biggs, 5L
Peter Campbell, 7L	John Lewis, 5L
David Mitchell, 7L	Paul Brazier, 5L

These were selected from the names submitted, purely on the basis of age. Each will be informed personally, and if any are unable to take the course after all, the next oldest on the reserve list will be informed.

TRAINING COURSES

Is your Troop planning a training course? First aid, perhaps? Cooking? Cyclist badge stuff? Even a recreational refresher course in tromboning or taxidermy?

If so, have you room for one or two blokes from another troop?

The Scouters' Council strongly urges all those planning such courses to let other people know about them, through the medium of CO-ORDINATOR. Just a postcard or phone call to Ken Johnson (80 Spring Road, Letchworth 3920) with details of what you are hoping to do and when, and how many spare places you may have - and through this newsletter we have the makings of a properly CO-ORDINATED District training scheme for the benefit of Scouts in all the troops.

There is no reason why this same scheme should not work equally well for the Senior and junior sections. CO-ORDINATOR is posted each month to all Scouters in the District, and is the nearest we can get to making sure that everybody is at least told about what is going on. Try it yourself:

C 4

The County Commissioner's Camping Challenge pennant is available for all Scouts who have camped 20 nights since 1 January 1966. SLs should send names and details to ACC Ken Seaman, 1 Vigors Croft, Hatfield, Hertfordshire. The District Information Officer would be glad to know about any C4 awards, for possible use in local newspaper publicity.

JAM3OREE ON THE AIR

Stevenage Radio Club are again offering us facilities to share in the international Scouting exchange by radio, which this year takes place from 0001 GMT Saturday 22 October to 2359 GMT Sunday 23 October. Those who took part last year had a great time. Anyone interested should get in touch as soon as possible with Mr Peter Shepperd, 83 Spring Road, Letchworth (phone 2127).

CUB SIXERS' DAY

A District Cub Sixers' Day was announced in CO-ORDINATOR in July and August, but we regret that we have no further information on this event, due next Saturday (10 September).

COUNTY CONFERENCE 1966

All Scouters, non-warranted ranks, Rovers, Seniors and lay members are reminded that this year's County Conference takes place at East Hertfordshire College of Further Education on Sunday 16 October. Programmes are going out with this edition of CO-ORDINATOR, and an application form appears in the current edition of "Hertfordshire Scout News". We trust that this District will be very strongly represented indeed at this most important meeting. This means YOU!

LOCAL ASSOCIATION : HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

The full constitution of this extremely important subcommittee for the preservation of the ancient monument known as DHQ, is not yet known. The LA Executive Committee decided in June this year that the House Subcommittee should consist of three lay members appointed by the Lay Council, and three Scouters appointed by the DC.

Scouter members so far are John Baker, ADC(R), and Stephen Page, ASL 5L, with one vacancy. Two other lay members are awaited, to join Mr Ray Hilditch.

It is firmly hoped that these gaps will be filled, on the Scouter side by the ADCs meeting on 5 September, and on the Lay side by the Lay Council meeting on 21 September. All six members will be required to attend the first regular meeting of the House Subcommittee, which will be held at DHQ on Monday 26 September, promptly at 8.30 p.m., and end at 9.30.

LAY COUNCIL

All members of the Lay Council are urgently reminded of the meeting at DHQ on Wednesday 21 September at 8 p.m. Will they please make every effort to give this priority, and help to avoid the fiasco of the last meeting.

GANG ACTION!

The Action Committee of the District Gang Show is also alerted. Their next meeting, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 5 October, has a lot of important decisions to make.

COUNTY ROVERS COMING TO LETCHWORTH

On the first of November, Rover Scouts from all over Hertfordshire are expected at the "Evening Moot" which is being arranged at St Paul's Hall by Letchworth District Rover Crew. All Senior Scouts over 16 will also be very welcome.

While there will naturally be some discussion on the coming change to Venture Scouting, and the establishment of District Service Crews, much of the programme will be of more general interest. Films on motoring will be shown and the guest speaker will be the world-famous rally driver, Mr Peter Harper. Refreshments will also be available - the whole for a shilling or two Moot fee. Times: 8 p.m. to 10.30.

FOR THE RECORD : COMMISSIONERS AND LOCAL ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS AT 5 SEPTEMBER 1966

County Commissioner: Melville Balsillie, Blue Hills Dueketts Wood, Thundridge, WARE 3537

Divisional Commissioner: Arthur Martin, 21, Wardenhill Road, Luton (phone Icknield 398)

District Commissioner: Edward Smith, 6 Highfield, LETCHWORTH 3124

Assistant District Commissioners: Leslie Brown, Over Springs, High Street, ASHWELL 453;

Kenneth Hart, 38 Campfield Way, LETCHWORTH 6451; (Rovers) John Baker, 47 Highfield, LETCHWORTH 4782; (Seniors) Peter Blott, 61 Howard Drive, Letchworth; (Boy Scouts) Leslie Collins, 96 Bedford Road, LETCHWORTH 6487; (Cubs) Mrs Hannah Moules, Bleak Cottage, Station Road; Steeple Morden, Royston.

LA Chairman: Sydney Blaxland, 55 Bedford Road, LETCHWORTH 2622

LA Secretary: Arthur Wood, 25 Cloisters Road, LETCHWORTH 5948

LA Treasurer: George Fletcher, 13 Broadtwater Avenue, LETCHWORTH 5494

SEPTEMBER 1966

- 7 LA Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000
- 10 Letchworth Guides' Coffee Morning; Civil Defence hall, 1000-1200
- 10 Cub Sixers' Day (see page 3)
- 10 5L jumble sale, DHQ
- 10-11 ICKNIELD SHIELD CAMPING COMPETITION, Weston Park (see page 1)
- 16-18 DISTRICT SENIOR SCOUT AND GUIDE CAMP, Ashwell (not Astwick as erroneously given in the local press)
- 18 DISTRICT COOKING COMPETITION, Norton Common, 1000 (see page 2)
- 21 Lay Council, DHQ, 2000
- 24 8L Group Autumn Fair, Grange Community Centre, Middlefields
- 26 LA House Subcommittee first quarterly meeting, DHQ, 2030 prompt, till 2130
- 29 SCOUTPRS' COUNCIL, 1B HQ, Park Drive, 1945 prompt.
- 30 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 89
- 30 - 2 October : XVI and last Senior Scout Gathering, Ward's Hurst Farm, Ivinghoe

OCTOBER 1966

- 1 INTRODUCTION OF NEW SCOUT AND CUB LAW AND PROMISE
- 3 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 89
- 5 District Gang Show Action Committee, DHQ, 2000
- 7-9 Patrol Leaders' training camp, Weston Park (see page 1)
- 9 DISTRICT CUBS' JUBILEE THANKSGIVING SERVICE, St Paul's, Letchworth
- 15 5L Group Autumn Fair, Church Rooms, Commerce Avenue
- 16 COUNTY SCOUTERS' CONFERENCE, East Hertfordshire College of Further Education, Turnford (see page 3)
- 17-29 London Gang Show, Golders Green Hippodrome
- 19 Firefighter badge course starts, Letchworth Fire Station, 1930 (see page 3)
- 22-23 INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE ON THE AIR (see page 3)
- 23 British Summer Time ends, 0300
- 30 County Cubs' Jubilee Thanksgiving Services, St Albans.

NOVEMBER 1966

- 1 Hertfordshire Rover Evening Moot, St Paul's Church Hall, Letchworth, 2000 (see column 1)
- 12 Commissioners' and LA Officials' County conference and dinner
- 12-13 OPERATION NIGHTJAR for Senior Scout and Scouts over 15 (Full details will be in the October CO-ORDINATOR)