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DAY!

TELL EVERYONE YOU KNOW! TURN UP AT NORTON ON THE TWENTY-SIXTH! IT'S THE
TWO TOWN TOURNAMENT

LETCHWORTH versus BALDOCK
from TWO TILL TWELVE (or nearly) TUG-OF-WAR TRACTOBSTACLES TERRITORIALS
TREATS * TEAS * TROPHIES

A Fantastic Free-For-All of Fun and Frolics For Fortunate Families Who Fancy Frivolity
There will also be demonstrations by Army Cadets and Girls' Venture Corps, pony rides,
vintage vehicles, side shows, grand piano bashing and other comical contests to decide
whether Baldock or Letchworth is the Tournament Top Town. Dancing in the marques goes
on into the night! Programmes will very shortly be on sale at 1/- each, giving admis-
sion to the Tournament.

A few more volunteers are needed - six from Letchworth, six from Baldock (with Ashwell
and Weston) : names, please, now, to Fred Eaves, 47 Norton Road, Letchworth (5564), with
offers of the use of two similar Scout-size bicycles for the marathon cycling competition.

Any amount of extra tentage could also be used. Offers, please?

TRAINING

The "Hertfordshire Scout News" which accom-
panies Scouters' copies of this CO-ORDINATOR
contains a summary of the new adult Leader
training courses that are about to begin in
the County. You are reminded that Leader
training will no longer be an optional extra
but an essential condition of holding a
warrant. Hertfordshire County Council, as
the local education authority, are able to
give financial grants to Scouters attending
such courses at Well End, Gilwell Park, or
elsewhere, but for this District the annual
limit on these grants is £73. This year's
allocation is still largely untouched, and
waiting for Scouters to ask for it. The DC
returns from holiday on 15 August, when he
may then be approached for the application
forms.

CONCORD

CONCORD CAMP II will be held from Friday
to Monday 1 to 4 September inclusive.
It is open to all Scouts over 15 years
and Guides over 14 years, and those
wishing to go should apply to Miss C.
Maddison, 94 Cowslip Hill, Letchworth,
by 17 August. No late applications will
be accepted. The site will be a local
one, and will be announced shortly; the
all-in cost is about 25/-.

FOUND

at the Cub Sports: a small chain with
St Christopher and Girl Guide badges.
Apply to Mrs J. Mealing, 1 Heathermere,
Letchworth.

EXAMINERS' VIEWPOINT 1

WHAT DOES A BADGE EXAMINER LOOK FOR WHEN TESTING A CUB OR SCOUT? We hope to print in CO-ORDINATOR over the next year or so a series of notes by the Examiners themselves, which will help Scouters in the training of their boys for the new-style badges. First, Miss Joan Ludford (Letchworth Children's Librarian) on the new Cub Scouts'

BOOK READER BADGE

1. List of books. Please make sure the boy understands that he must bring a list of books, giving authors and titles, and must be able to tell the examiner something about the story of three of the books - these to be chosen by the boy himself. It is no use the boy trying to read a few books the night before. If he doesn't produce a reasonable list he will fail, however well he may do the rest of the test. After all, the idea of the Book Reader badge is to encourage reading!

2. Care of books. Please make sure that the boy brings a book, neatly covered, with him. It is not necessary for him to make the jacket in front of the examiner. Points to stress on care of books are (i) Keep books upright and tidy on a shelf if possible; (ii) Keep clean, (a) by making dust jacket, and (b) with clean hands and no eating while reading; (iii) Always use a bookmark; (iv) Turn pages correctly.

3. Use of reference books. The Cub should be instructed in the use of encyclopedias, dictionaries, etc. If any help is needed, the examiner is willing to advise at any time.

4. Arrangement of books in a library etc.

It would be better if the Children's Librarian (the examiner) were to explain this, either to individual boys or to groups in library or at Pack meetings.

If any help is needed with this particular badge, there are three members of the Letchworth library staff who are also Scouters and who will be only too pleased to help. Please do not send boys for examination who are ill prepared: it's disheartening for them (and for the examiner!)

LETCWORTH GUIDERS

A REMINDER: Has your Company or Pack account book gone to Mrs Hemmings yet for the annual audit? And have you also enclosed the District Levy towards the rent of your hall? Packs send £1, Companies £3.

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER will be a special "Carling Gala" evening - a farewell party for the Division Commissioner. All active Guiders are invited, and Rangers, who may also like to help in serving refreshments. We shall need definite numbers nearer the date, so please keep the evening free. As you know from the last Guiders' Committee, we are giving Mrs Carling a "Memory Book", each Company and Pack contributing one page of news, pictures, stories or what you will. NEXT GUIDERS' COMMITTEE is on Tuesday 12 September at 7.30 pm in the Ranger Hut, One Guider from each unit, please!

PROFICIENCY BADGES: You will have seen in "The Guider" that Guiders can purchase Proficiency badges over the counter at HQ on

producing the completed certificates (but not by post). If you do buy any badges this way, please let the District Badge Secretary know, so that our lists can be kept correct. TESTING: If you find a likely person for a tester do please check with the DC before asking the person, as it is "the DC's responsibility for authorizing the appointment of testers" (POR 100) and although we are only too pleased to find all the extra help we can there are a few details we like to confirm beforehand.

GREEN SHIELD STAMPS: We still need a lot more stamps to complete our crockery needs. As well as getting groceries and petrol at the right places, do get the message over to parents of Guides and Brownies, many of whom still don't realize we are collecting. Loose or in bookfuls, stamps, please, to Mrs Drylie.

BALDOCK GUIDERS

DISTRICT ASSISTANT: Mrs Marshall (203 Baldock Road, Letchworth) is the first District Assistant to be appointed in the County, but there is no prize for this (shame!) She will be especially concerned with Brownie affairs in Baldock District.

GUIDES WISHING to take their first class hike test, please send a list of available dates and a stamped addressed postcard to Miss Brenchley.

DATES: 12-19 August 1B-3B camp.

19 August: Veteran car rally, Ashwell.

50 August: Visiting day for 3B Pack holiday.

9 September: Fete at Baldock Convent, for Cheshire Home appeal. Two or three Guides wanted from each company (in uniform) to help. Please contact DC for details.

7 September: Meeting of Guiders and LA Committee, 8 pm at 23 Letchworth Road, to discuss the annual Christmas sale on 4 November.

SCOUT DATES

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5 Barton Shield due to go from 2L to 1-3L

21 Venturer Badge incident course for Seniors: starting 1930 at 1B HQ

26 TWO TOWN TOURNAMENT, Norton, 1400 (see page 1)

28 Late Summer Bank Holiday

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1 Last items in to DIO, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 100 (publication, 4 September)

1-4 Concord Camp II (see page 1)

6 District Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000
9-10 ICKNIELD SHIELD Scout camping competition

24 TIPPETT TROPHY cooking competition, Norton Common

30 - 1 October: First Venture Scout Gathering, Hatfield Forest, Bishops Stortford

50 Jubilee evening at Weston, 1800-2230, including Tentraising Contest for the Weston Trophy open to all Scout troops: details and provisional entries NOW from John Watts, Wahroonga, Maiden Street.

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8 Operation Ugh for Venture Scouts

11-28 Scout Exhibition, Letchworth Museum

16 District Venture Scout Evening Moot

22 County Scouters' Conference, Watford

28 District Swimming Gala, Stevenage, 1800

29 British Summer Time ends, 0300