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SCOUT SPORTS SCORES

14 July 1976

Place Troop Points

1.....8L(5).....34

2.....7L.....20

3.....8L(T).....11

4.....(1-3L).....10
(2L)

6.....5L.....4

7.....1A.....3

and consequently the
HOWES TROPHY (Just-
For-Fun League) now:

1.....8L.....2996

2.....CH.....2246 $\frac{1}{2}$

3.....1-3L.....1556 $\frac{1}{2}$

4.....1A.....1062

5.....7L.....997

6.....4L.....800

7.....5L.....736

8.....1B.....523 $\frac{1}{2}$

9.....(2B).....219

(2L).....

11.....10L.....161

DC

Peter Norton will be
away for the first
two weeks of this
month. Please refer
any section problems
to the appropriate
ADC, and any general
problems to ADC(G)
Ken Hart: Letchworth
6451.

ADC(S)

Jeff Robson's address
from 9 August onwards
will be 67 Howard
Drive, Letchworth.
His phone number
remains the same:
4954.

LOST!

A Gaz lamp, marked
with a lavender paint
splodge, was mislaid
at the end of the
District Cub Camp.
Please check your
stores, and return
it to Judy Collins,
13 Kyrkeby, Letch-
worth.

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

Letters recently received by the DPRO from three well-known
Scouting characters are worth quoting.

CHRIS ANDERSON writes from 73 Ilru Street, Chingola, ZAMBIA:
"The Chingola Cub Scout Pack disbanded several years ago. Nat-
urally I was disappointed that I could not continue Scouting,
and therefore the next best thing was to try and form a new pack.
I have enlisted the help of the local Headmaster and with his
assistance the first meeting was held last Friday (16 July) at
the school. I had 19 boys turn up, all wanting to become Cubs,
only one having been a Cub previously. It is a new experience
trying to remember all the basics of Scouting, which you take
for granted in the UK but need to be applied differently here,
with all new recruits.

That is the good news. The not so encouraging news is the
difficulty because of no local organizations. There are problems
obtaining uniforms, badges, handbooks, etc. The uniforms can be
adapted to what is available, but as for the rest I do not know.
I am at present attempting to contact any other source of Scout-
ing in the Copper Belt, but communications are poor, with the
nearest large town, Kitwe, over 35 miles away, and the telephone
system chaotic.

Now for the cry for 'Help'. Would it be possible for the
Friends of Scouting or similar organization to help me start the
pack in Chingola? All I require are the basics, badges, test-
cards, handbooks. Because of Zambian currency regulations, it
is impossible for me to send money out of Zambia on behalf of the
Scout group. I would have to use my own funds. I appreciate the
difficulties with my request and should it prove inconvenient
please do not worry. They are only luxuries, and the Pack will
still survive.

As for the rest of life in Zambia, it is still a great experi-
ence. Things we take for granted in the UK are a different pro-
position in Zambia. We still miss home and all its comforts,
but are determined to complete our contract and return to the
UK in approximately two years. We are expecting an addition to
the family in August, therefore home life will soon become hec-
tic. If it is a boy we will have to put him on the First-Third
waiting list (still the best group in the District);

Regards to my many friends in the District. All the best and
good Scouting."

(NOTE, A parcel of 24 World badges, 12 cards, 12 record sheets
and 10 Cub Scout Handbooks is already on its way. If any group
wishes to join in, it might help to co-ordinate things if you
check with the District PRO and list-maker, Ken Johnson.)

ROGER KEENEY writes from 3303 Vanquill Trail, Dayton, Ohio,
45449, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

"Our troop just got back (17 June) from a Bicentennial Jamboree
that we had out at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. My living
room is still full of the troop kit that I haven't gotten to
undoing yet as is lined up as my next project when I finish here.
We had something like 9000 or so Scouts on about 530 acres of
ground on the one disused airfield composed of three essentially
equal length runways forming a triangle. Talk about a tent city,
that was it. A ham radio club that I also belong; to was in
charge of the emergency communications and they were busy that

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ROGER KEENEY continued weekend, too. We were in about our fifth or sixth day of stagnant air and smog alert and with a population of about 9 K or more kids, we had the asthmatics that had a problem which were being hauled out until the people running the show got wise to what was going on and that it was a lot simpler to haul in a few tanks of oxygen and treat these kids right there. Once doing this pretty well alleviated what was shaping up as a crisis situation.

I have a one year subscription to your 'Scouting' magazine which is fun to read, to keep current with happenings in Scouting in the UK.

Plans for me this August include a trip to Japan to visit a sister of mine and her husband and family (they both being teachers at an international school in Tokyo), then going south to Australia and then over to New Zealand, then Tahiti, Hawaii and back home, and all of this in about 18 calendar days as I have no more holiday time from work available than that.

We have a very active Alliance Française de Dayton, Inc. composed of probably about 30% 'gens d'origine française' and the rest spouses and other keen francophones. Not too far back took four of my competition winning Scouts up to a Canadian camporee just outside of Windsor, just across the river from Detroit, a total of some 5 hours driving time from Dayton and had good international fun there. That's about it to bring you up to date. As I mentioned have all that camping kit to sort out and put away and some other alligators to chase out of the house and hopefully to be caught up. Keep in touch. A bientôt."

GUY ALMAIRAC writes from Nevers, FRANCE "For us, nous sommes bien dispersés. Denis et sa femme sont professeurs au Cameroun. Eric est installé dans le Tarn et moi-même avec ma femme sommes à Cholet près d'Angers. Mes parents sont toujours à Nevers.

Si vous avez des projets pour venir en France cette année, n'hésitez pas à passer nous voir.

Avec nos très sincères amitiés."

GIO

Taking over as Group Information Officer for SEVENTH LETCHWORTH: PL Robert Williams, 53 Hawthorn Hill (Letchworth 6727).

STILL HOPING

Details of the names and addresses of all Group Scouters are still not available, so the promised list is held over for another month.

SCOUT SHOP

ERIC OLDHAM writes from 77 Wilbury Road, Letchworth, UK:

This is to remind you that the District Scout Shop will be closed throughout the month of August. We hope to be open again from Friday 3 September.

We have one or two spare belts for Guide camp dresses, which arrived without them. Guiders please contact me if any of your Guides has got a dress without a belt.

BALDOCK GUIDERS

BE PREPARED FOR SEPTEMBER -

Thursday 16: LA and Guiders' Meeting about Christmas Fair, Park Street School, 8 pm.

Thursday 23: Guiders' meeting: handcraft competition rules to be discussed, new classes etc. - ideas, please! Account books must be handed in by this date, please.

AND OCTOBER -

Saturday 16: "Guidelines" training, Hitchin.

CUB SCOUT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Mr Derek Munson of 9 Rookes Close, Letchworth, has taken on the administration of the new season's league, in succession to Nick Pouton. Rules and registration forms have been circulated to all packs, and the forms should be returned by 20 August.

POINTS OF CONTACT

There was disappointing support for the Joint Pack and Troop Scouters' Council on 15 July. This is now established as a regular contact which should be valuable to all sections in all groups - who are reminded that the next one is at DHQ on Thursday 18 November at 8 pm.

Too few Patrol Leaders turned up to form a quorum for the July District PLs' Council, so claims in the Jim Northover Trophy for patrol activities since 28 May will still be valid if entered at the next Council, Thursday 26 August, DHQ, 7.45 pm. With the retirement of John Miles, a new Secretary is needed, and nominations are invited from any Troop.

DATES IN AUGUST

- 4 8L Cubs visit Gilwell Adventure Day
 - 14 7L Scouts leave for Chamonix
 - 16 Ken Reader's birthday
 - 21 5L Scouts leave for Kingsdown
 - 26 DISTRICT PLs' COUNCIL, DHQ, 1945
 - 27 Last items in for CO-ORDINATOR 208
 - 28 7L Scouts return from Chamonix; 1-3L leave for Youlbury
 - 31 CO-ORDINATOR 208: please collect your Group bundle from Letchworth Library!
- AND SEPTEMBER.....
- 4-6 Operation Survival (Whalebone Trophy)