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GUIDING FOR HANDICAPPED

The Chief Commissioner (Guides), India, Srimathi Lakshmi Mazumdar's visit to Madras State during February 1962 is a happy augury promising a new vista of useful activity for the Handicapped children in this State. Shrimathi Mazumdar met the officers of the State Association and detailed them the scheme formulated to take the game of Scouting and Guiding to the foreborn handicapped children. The services of a special trainer will be available for training workers in this field and it is hoped that number of Guiders will take this opportunity by the forelock.

ADVANCED TRAINING

Three important training courses are to be held in April and May 1962, in our State. The first is the Himalaya Cub Wood Badge¹ Course to be held at the Mannathampalayam, on the banks of the Cauvery, the Second the Course for A.D.C.Cs. and the third course for Scout Commissioners being held at Stanley Park, Coonoor. Details regarding the Courses are published elsewhere in this issue. Scouters and Commissioners who are qualified to take these courses will spare no pains in taking advantage of these courses rarely held in this State.

SCOUTING GROWS

Census figures of the membership in this great international movement have been published for the year 1958 & 1960. The total membership in the world stood at 83,71,285 in 1958 and has risen up to 88,76,707 in 1960. And so, those of us in the organisation should feel proud that we belong to a world movement which continues to grow at this fast pace.



THE PATROL SYSTEM AND THE TRAINING OF PATROL LEADERS

[By Kumari G. R. Samuel,
Headquarters Commissioner for Training (Guides)]

At every training we hear of the importance of the Patrol System and its value to the Guides and Guiders and yet we are so slow in implementing this valuable system in our own companies. Our Founder that great lover of youth and prophet of Peace, said in his First Edition of "Scouting for Boys," "In all cases I would strongly commend the Patrol System, that is, small permanent groups, each under the charge of a leading boy as a great step to success." The idea of the Patrol was one of the Founder's greatest discoveries, and is the basis of his whole scheme. This "revolutionary" system was to make Scouting and Guiding unique in comparison with other youth groups of the day. In the early days, it was the Patrol which was really active and alive, and more important than the company, which had a rather shadowy existence. Now, however, in most cases the position is quite reversed, so that the Patrol is merely a convenient group for games or other Company activities.

It is a little strange, but positive proof, of the value of the Patrol System that Education has borrowed this idea in using the squad system in schools. In the continent the Patrol System is used as intended by the Founder, because in many instances the company meets as a whole only once a month with Patrol meetings occupying the intervening weeks.

The advantages of the Patrol System are varied and many. It develops a healthy team spirit and fosters group co-operation. The Guide gets a sense of belonging and security in being part of a small group and the innate desire to be of account and significance is satisfied. It allows for acceptance of responsibility and provides for enormous opportunities for character training. What our country needs today is men and women of character, able and willing to take responsibility in the many tasks that lie ahead of us. Patrol System is the beginning of democracy and uses the talents of all for the good of the whole. It channels the natural instincts of the child into useful interests and purposes

It is a tremendous responsibility at the out-set, for a young Patrol Leader to lead a group of six to eight girls—but given the opportunity and guidance she will rise to the occasion. It has been said that “the Company is only as happy and efficient as its Leaders will let it be;” and how true this is! They are the pulse of the Company, and the Captain is the only one who really knows the leaders and their difficulties. To her is entrusted the privilege of helping and training them

At every point the Guider should keep in mind the training of the Patrol Leaders. Using the Patrol System may involve more trouble and take up more time, but it is most worthwhile and lasting.

It is far easier to explain a game to the whole Company and know that your meaning is clear, than to call the Patrol Leaders, explain to them and send them back to their Patrols to pass on the instructions. It takes longer and more than likely one or other of the Leaders will forget something or get one of the instructions wrong; and anyway it is far easier to do it yourself than it is to delegate to someone else what is to be done.

Thus indirectly and in little ways we teach our Patrol Leaders, to lead. The next is to help her to organize and for this she must begin to see an activity or Patrol Time as a whole and all the things that need doing to make it complete. She must in fact learn to look ahead. Take as an example a Patrol test work activity on a theme, which may include knotting, first aid, map-making, fire-lighting etc. The average Guide will be thrilled and want to attempt the lot especially if she has got her second class and knows the work ; but this is a PATROL activity, possibly with a time limit on it and so the Patrol Leader, who is itching to do it all herself must learn (even as we, as Guiders to learn) to delegate ; she must be helped to see all that needs doing and so apportion out the knots and the first aid to the Guides who can get on with it ; and in addition she must continue to supervise, as a good leader should, and see that they can and are all doing their little part to make the Patrol effort complete. This will mean she may have to encourage, to show how a knot is tied or a large arm sling goes, how one lays and lights a fire out of doors or, if she herself is not certain, to find out if any other Guide in her Patrol can do it instead. Does she know how ? If she is a good second class Guide she will be able to cope with most of it but even a good second class Guide can forget and so we can help her the week before by taking a short Patrol Leaders training in or after Company meeting time, to revise with her the technical details of the test work she will need, with suggestions as to who in her Patrol can do what, when the patrol activity time comes. This is a two-way system of training for much of it is actually an integral part of the life of the Company and through it the Guider can, in friendly chat with her Patrol Leaders, get to know a little more of each Guide in the Company, her capabilities and how far on she is with her test work. During the activity, the friendly "How are you getting on?" from the Guider is the opening for the Patrol Leader to say if she finds herself stuck.

To lead, to organise, to teach, they are very closely related and yet each is different : finally, to represent - Now this is more difficult for the Guide to do, but perhaps in a way it is most important. The Chief Guide once said, "When you are a girl, of

course, "I" is the most important letter, but when you become a Guide, "U" comes before "I". How true that is. It is this putting of the other person first that lies, behind the Good Turn in Guiding and is the start of turning from selfishness to unselfishness. Putting the other person's or the patrol's point of view is not always easy for the Patrol Leader, especially when it differs from her own; and that is just what we must try and help our Patrol Leaders to do, or we shall have no Company run on democratic lines but a dictatorship of leaders. Now when does the Patrol Leader, find out her Patrol's point of view? In Patrol-in-Council time. When is it held? Before the Court of Honour. What does it do? Discusses the agenda for the Court of Honour, Who make that out? The Guiders with suggestions from the Patrol Leaders. What is an agenda? A typical agenda would run something like:

1. Apologies for absence (You cannot start a meeting until you know if you are all present or not coming.)
2. Minutes of the last meeting. (These are read out by the Secretary.)
3. Business arising from the Minutes. (Either discussing events that are past and reporting on them or leading to future happenings.)
4. Treasurer's Report. (A proper account of income and expenditure should be given here and decisions made as to how funds are to be spent in future)
5. Patrol Leaders' Reports. (This can be confidential and a great deal of help to both Captain and the Patrol Leaders. It can also be used to bring up things the Patrols want to do and anything else concerning the welfare and proper running of the Patrols.)
6. Correspondence,
7. Future events.
8. Camps or enrolment or District Church Parade etc.
9. Any other business. (Anything that may have been forgotten under any other heading.)

10. Date of next meeting.

How often should a Court of Honour be held? Frequently, at least once a month, or if the Company meets fortnightly once in six weeks. It will then be short and deal with current matters. Should it be formal? Yes, for this is the beginning of Training the Guide in Committee procedure. Minutes should be kept and read, and motions proposed and seconded and, after discussion, voted on. Who attends the Court of Honour? The Guiders and Patrol Leaders, Secretary and Treasurer (if they are not one of the former) and by invitation, when there is something on the agenda linking Bulbul and Ranger work, Guiders from the Flock and the Ranger Captain. At the Court of Honour give each Patrol Leader time to air her own views as well as those of her Patrol and be quick enough to spot the difference. Also after Court of Honour given her time to report back to her Patrol-in-Council what affects them. How does this help to train the Patrol Leader? By leading her to express her views as well as those of her Patrol, and so showing her that she as an individual can still speak for a group, even if she doesn't always hold their views; we can also help her by giving her an idea of what is confidential and what can be reported back to the Patrol; we can let her make decisions as to the policy and running of the Company and further by giving her opportunities later on of implementing those decisions.

Seeing that the Patrol Leader has to take on so much responsibility, it is most essential that she should be trained. I can almost hear the Guiders groan "Where is the time?" My answer is where there is a will there is a way. We must realise that it isn't just a matter of a few minutes extra training a week, though that is important and must be done, but that Patrol Leader training must run in and through the whole of the Company meeting time as well, for however much we have her on her own for individual coaching and training we must still give her opportunities and time to put that knowledge gained into practice, not only in her own Patrol Corner or in the taking of games, but as a Leader in the Company, and possibly, as a representative of the Company at outside functions, camps etc.

Patrol training can be fitted in by letting the leaders arrive a little earlier before or stay a little longer after the company meeting. If necessary the leaders could be trained at the expense of the company meeting periodically. When the District or State Organises Patrol Leaders' trainings, the Guider should not miss the chance of sending the leaders. Training should include games test work, new methods of teaching, ideas on Patrol corners and equipment. New ideas and inspiration for making a keener Patrol spirit and tradition and an understanding of the fundamentals of Guiding are essential in any Patrol training.

Just a final thought. A Patrol Leader should not be a leader for life in her Company. This is neither good for her nor for the Company. It is much better to have the tradition in the Company that a Leader is elected for a period of, say, six months, that she can be re-elected for a further six months but that after that she stands down for the next six months to let someone else have a chance. It will not be an easy thing for her, but she'll be a better Guide if she can both learn to lead and to follow, and the Company will benefit.

MADURAI SCOUTS HONOURED THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER (G), INDIA

Srimathi Lakshmi Mazumdar, Chief Commissioner (Guides), India, reached Madurai on Saturday February 3, 1962. Sri V. S. Ramasubramaniam, District Commissioner (Scouts), Madurai, Sri K. Rajagopal, Honorary District Secretary, Sri S. Theertham Joint Secretary of Madurai, Dr. Mrs. S. Santosham, District Commissioner (Guides), Madurai, Mrs. Gowri Rajagopalan A.D.C.C., (Guides), Madurai and Sri T. N. Bhuminathan, District Scout Organiser, Madurai received her at the Station. Scouts and Guides of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Association, Madurai District and Scouts and Guides of the Southern Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides Association, Madurai Division gave her a posse of welcome

at Madurai Junction. She was then taken to Alagarkoil where she enjoyed the natural surroundings in and around Alagar Hills. She then visited the Southern Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides Association in the Railway Colony at Madurai and addressed the Scouts and Guides on "Scouting and Guiding." Mr. Mackay, Managing Director of the Madurai Mills Co. Ltd., Madurai entertained her to lunch. She met the various important persons in Madurai City and enlisted their support and co-operation for the movement.

A Special meeting of Scouters and Guiders of Madurai District Bharat Scouts and Guides Association, Madurai, was arranged in the Sourashtra Secondary School, Main Guard Square, Madurai. After Tea Mrs. Gowri Rajagopalan, sang the prayer. Sri R. Nagaraj, Vice-President of the Association presided. Dr. (Mrs.) S. Santosham, District Commissioner (G) Madurai welcomed the distinguished guest and the audience.

The Chief Commissioner (Guides), India, gave an inspiring talk on "Guiding in India." In the course of her talk, she dealt with the construction of the Guide Bhavan at Pachmarhi, the various training camps conducted by National Headquarters so far and about the future plan of work, undertaken by the Scout and Guide Association in India. She further promised that she would arrange for a contribution of Rs. 500/- to the District Commissioner (Guides), Madurai towards the appointment of a District Guide Organiser, to look after the development of Guide activities in the District. Sri V. S. Ramasubramaniam, District Commissioner (Scouts), Madurai, proposed a vote of thanks. With the singing of National Anthem, the function concluded.

SCOUT SERVICE AT KUMBHA MELA.

Full Kumbha Mela is to take place during the months of March and April 1962 at Hardwar and the authorities of the Kumbha Mela have approached the Bharat Scouts and Guides for deputing Rover Scouts to render service from April 3, 1962 to April 16, 1962. The Rover Scouts who are interested to render service at Hardwar have to meet their to and fro travel and food expenses during the

period of their service at Hardwar. The Rover Scouts must be over 18 years of age and must be of good physique and must be proficient either in fire-fighting, first-aid, rescue work, or traffic control.

The Rover Scouts should report to Shri P. L. Chooramani, State Organising Commissioner of the Bharat Scouts and Guides of Uttar Pradesh. His address is :

C/o. State Headquarters,
Bharat Scouts and Guides,
Balarampur House,
17, Katra Road, ALLAHABAD (U. P.)

Those Rover Scouts who are willing to render service at Hardwar should write to the Honorary State Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, through their District Commissioners as early as possible.

**Mrs. LAKSHMI MAZUMDAR, CHIEF
COMMISSIONER (GUIDES), INDIA.**

During a whirl-wind tour in Madras State, Mrs. LAKSHMI MAZUMDAR met the Officers of the State Headquarters and Commissioners and Scout and Guide workers in the State and gave them an idea of the achievements of the Bharat Scouts and Guides so far and also of the future plan of the movement.

Almost the first engagement of the Chief Commissioner (G), India, was participation at a meeting at the State Headquarters for the starting of Guiding among handicapped children. The State Commissioner (G), Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, welcomed the Chief Commissioner (Guides), India, and others present at the meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting and also referred to the previous handicapped units that existed in the composite state of Madras, namely the Leper, Blind, Deaf and Dumb Units. She also said it is a great privilege that Madras has been selected as the Zonal Headquarters, where the training will be conducted for Mysore, Andhra, Kerala, Southern Railways and Our State. She requested the co-operation of the Commissioners and the authorities of the handicapped institutions concerned.

Mrs. Mazumdar spoke about guiding for the handicapped children and how to start guiding in handicapped institutions.

She said, in India, it is not difficult, since there are many established institutions for the handicapped children. While Scouting and Guiding are making a great progress for the normal children, she wondered why it should not be extended to the handicapped children also. With this aim training should be given to the Commissioners and Guiders and others interested in this work, so that units may be started in handicapped institutions. She said that the aim of the extension section had always been to help handicapped girl to take her rightful place among those of her own age. In England she saw some of the handicapped children in the Camp doing test work as normal children. It at once struck her to introduce the same in India also, so that these unfortunate children can be benefited by this training. Through Extension Section a handicapped girl not only gains personal skill, but she finds adventure, fun, friendship and opportunities for service to others as her sisters in the Guide Movement. Accordingly, she moved the matter with the Chief Commissioner of England and arranged to send a specialist to India to train the Guiders, Commissioners and others interested in this work to start Handicapped Units. She has arranged for a specialist to come to India. Miss Simmons will be leaving London on Friday, 28th September 1962 and will arrive Bombay on 29th September. She will be in Madras from 18th October to 4th November 1962 and the Training Camp for the South Zone is from 19th October to 2nd November. She will then go to Calcutta, Banaras, Agra and Delhi.

FIRE

That was the cry that went up when flames started licking round a living-room and kitchen in Great Harwood, Lancs, recently and everybody concerned was pleased. The rooms were built in the Town Hall Square and were fired as part of a Fire Prevention Week demonstration given by local Senior Scouts. With more than 120 people watching the Seniors rushed forward and within minutes had the fire out.

An advance Training Course for Guiders and Flock Leaders will be held in the first fortnight of May 1962. For details of exact place and dates kindly write to : Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides), Madras State.

A Guiders and Commissioners meet was held on Thursday the 22nd February 1962 at 8 A.M. at the St. Christopher's Training College, Vepery, Madras, to celebrate the "Thinking Day" of the Founders of the Scout and Guide Movement, Lord and Lady BadenPowell. Smt. Ammu Swaminathan, President, Bharat Scouts and Guides, India, presided,

Smt. Ammu Swaminathan, was received by our Honorary State Secretary, Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay and Smt. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides).

Kumari G. R. Samuel, Headquarters Commissioner (Training-Guides) welcomed the gathering and exhorted the Bulbuls, Guides and Guiders assembled to remember the importance of the day and reminded everyone to think of the 3 hundred million Guides of the world. The Rangers of the Balar Kalvi Nilayam displayed kolattam by singing a song composed for the occasion. There were interesting displays by Bulbuls, Guides and Guiders. The Guides of the Bentick High School repeated the Guide laws explaining what Guides are expected to practise and lighted a candle for each law.

Srimathi Swaminathan exhorted the Guiders to observe the Guide laws and requested everyone to be happy and to make others happy at home and outside.

Smt. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (G) read the message of our State Chief Commissioner, Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, and explained the significance of the "Thinking Day", the Birth-day of Lord and Lady Baden Powell and of our National Camping Centre at Pachmarhi. She then cut the Birth-day Cake for distribution to those assembled there.

Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay, Honorary State Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

Refreshments were served to all before the function terminated.

Visit of Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer, Chairman, Hindu Religious Endowment Commission, Government of India, and Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, to Madurai on January 28, 1962.

A Scout and Guide Rally in honour of the visit of Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer, Chairman, Hindu Religious Endowment Commission, Government of India and former Chief Scout Commissioner and Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, to Madurai, on Sunday the 28th January 1962 at Madurai College High School Grounds. Sri T. E. Sivasubramaniam, Manager, A. & F. Harvey Ltd., Madurai, presided over the function. About 400 Scouts and Guides participated. Sri M. Rajagopalan hoisted the Flag. Sri V. S. Ramasubramaniam, District Commissioner (S) welcomed the guests and the audience. Sri K. Rajagopal, Honorary District Secretary read the message.

Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer unveiled the portrait of Sri T. S. Rajam, Patron of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Association, Madurai District. Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu unveiled the portrait of Sri R. Krishna Iyer former District Commissioner of Madurai District. Sri S. Theertham, Joint Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks. With the singing of National Anthem, the function came to an end.

SCOUT MASTERS TRAINING CAMP

ALAGARKOIL, MADURAI DISTRICT.

A Preliminary training camp for Scoutmasters was inaugurated by the Honorary District Secretary, Sri K. Rajagopal on December 21, 1961. Teachers from Trichy, Madurai, Ramnad and Tinnevely Districts numbering 35 took the training. Sri M. Rajagopalan, D.C.C., Head Quarters Commissioner for Training and State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), Madras State, assisted by Dr. Kathi Chinnakaruppan of Kothamangalam, Sri T. S. Chandrasekaran of Tanjore and Sri N. V. Ramaswamy of Chidambaram, A.D.C.C., was in charge of the Camp. Sri K. Rajagopal was the Camp Secretary. Sri L. Alagusundaram Chettiar, President of the District Association, presided on the closing day function on December 31, 1961.

PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING CAMP, ALAGARKOIL, MADURAI DISTRICT.

A training camp for Patrol Leaders was conducted at Alagarkoil from December 27, 1961 to January 1, 1962. 51 Patrol Leaders selected from various Scout troops underwent this training. Sri V. S. Ramasubramaniam, District Commissioner (Scouts), Madurai organised this camp. Sri K. Rajagopalan of Bombay, and Sri V.S. Srinivasan of Prathap Scout Group, Mylapore, Madras-4, helped the District Commissioner in the successful conduct of this course. Sri K. Rajagopal, Honorary District Secretary, made arrangement for the camp.

Sri L. Alagusundaram Chettiar, President, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madurai District, entertained them at dinner. on the visitors' day, December 31, 1961. He also visited the camp, inspected the activities, and congratulated the campers on their excellent performance. Sri M. Arunachalam, M.A., L.T., Headmaster of the P. K. Nadar's High School, Tirumangalam, and Sri M. V. M. S. Rajamanickam, Secretary, Local Association, Tirumangalam, organised this course.

DISTRICT NEWS

MADRAS CORPORATION

The Madras Corporation Bharat Scouts and Guides District Association celebrated the "Republic Day Parade" in a fitting manner on January 26, 1962. Sri G. Kuchelar, Mayor of Madras, presided over the function. Sri M. K. Nagendiran, Councillor and Honorary Treasurer, welcomed the Mayor and other guests. After the Review of Scouts and Guides and March Past, the National Flag was hoisted by Sri S. G. Vinayagamoorthy, M.A., District Commissioner.

About 800 Cubs, Bulbuls, Scouts and Guides attended the function. Refreshments were served to them.

After a vote of thanks by the Organising Secretary, the function terminated with the singing of the National Anthem by the Corporation Scout Band.

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A dozen Scouters of Madras Corporation Bharat Scouts and Guides rendered service at the time of Harijan Week Celebration held from January 24 to 31, 1962 at the Congress Grounds, Teynampet. Sri Dasarathan, couter C.H.E. School, Goya Tope was in-charge of the service.

MADRAS NORTH

A Guides and Bulbuls Camp of the North Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides was held on Saturday, February 17, 1962 at the State Headquarters, "Wenlock Park", South Beach Road, Triplicane, Madras-5. Nearly 350 Guides and Bulbuls participated and had the privilege of spending a day in the open air. Taking advantage of this, a THINKING DAY RALLY was held on the same evening under the Presidentship of Smt. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides) and Sri K. Venkataswamy Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, and Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay, Honorary State Secretary, were also present in the evening. Smt. Gopal Ratnam delivered the THINKING DAY message to the Guides and Bulubuls assembled on the occasion. After an interesting Guide display, the rally and the camp came to a close. The camp and the rally was conducted by the District Commissioner (Guides) Smt. Andrew Jivaratnam.

MADRAS SOUTH

The Annual Camp of the I Mylapore (Subrahmanya) Scout Group was held from the 25th to the 28th January 1962 in a spacious mango grove on the banks of the Kortalayar river at Jannavaram, near Tiruvellore. The programme of activities was quite interesting and thoroughly was enjoyed by the Cubs and Scouts.

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"The Annual Inter Unit Competitions for the Scouts and Cubs" took place on Feb. 11, 1962 at the P. S. High School, Mylapore. In all, 16 Units participated. Messrs. John J. Jayaraj, A.D.C.C., Mir Hadi Kirmani, A.D.C.C., S. B. Hussainy, District Secretary, and Martin Thiagarajan acted as judges. The Prathap Scout Troop and Rajah Muthiah Pack were adjudged the best units. Fifteen units participated in the competitions.

Sri J. I. Muthiah, former National Camp Chief, inaugurating the camp observed that the District was setting up a fine traditions in conducting the annual competitions, consistently and with great fervour and exhorted the Scouts and Cubs to observe always their laws and promises.

Sri H. Ramanathan, District Commissioner, also addressed the participants and said that the scouts and cubs should develop a balanced outlook treating success and failure alike.

The annual day of the Rajah Muthiah High School Scout Group was celebrated on January 27, 1962 at the School premises. Sri S. K. Gurunathan, Sports Editor of the 'Hindu', presided.

Sri Sri Ram, Secretary of the Madras Cricket Association, declared the the Sports open.

The annual report was presented by Sri V. Subramanian, Assistant Scout Master. Sri T. V. Krishnamoorthy, Group Leader, proposed a vote of thanks.

NORTH ARCOT

The Republic Day was celebrated by Scouts and Cubs in a fitting manner at Vellore.

All the boy scouts and cubs assembled on January 26, 1962 at the school in their uniform. The Headmaster Sri K. S. Arunachalam, B.A., L.T., hoisted the National Flag. Sri K. S. Janakiraman, the Group Leader, read the pledge and all those assembled took the oath. After a short speech they all marched to the Municipal Office and attended the flag salute. Then the cubs gave their cheers and yells. Municipal Vice-Chairman, Sri D. Venugopal Naidu, presided over the grand function. Sri Sambandan, B.E., Assistant Engineer, spoke about the importance of the day.

The Municipal Commissioner, Sri Shajahan, M. A., gave a vote of thanks to one and all.

With singing of National Anthem the celebration came to an end.

SOUTH ARCOT

52 Scouts from Board High Schools, Udamalpet and Komaralingam camped for two days at Ivar Hills on January 27 & 28, 1962. Scouts arrived at Ivar Hills in the evening on 27th and prepared camp site and camp-fire items. On 28th they were trained for various tests. They enjoyed the camp very much and learned many new things. The camp was conducted by Scout Masters Sri M. Subramaniam, Sri U. R. Sundara Rajan and Sri K. Muthukrishnan. This is the first night camp conducted outside the town area.

NILGIRIS

Republic Day was celebrated by the Cubs, Scouts, Bulbuls and Guides of the Tea Estates in the Nilgiri District at Craigmere, Woodlands, Colocombai, Glencarnie, Parkside, Bhavani, Muttinadu, Sutton, Bengorm (Hullical) Biryarley, Adderley, Mailoor, Nonsuch, Terramiah, Glendale, Erinkadu, Attikumna, Pandalur, Dunsandle and Prospect Tea Estates. Sports were organised in Tea Estates during the day. Sweets, plantains were distributed by the Estate Managers. Prizes were given to the winners in the sports. The Panchayat Union members took part in the functions.

SALEM

The Bharat Scouts & Guides, Salem District organized between January 23 and 29, 1962 a Cub Masters Training Camp (Preliminary) at Seshanchavadi Camping Centre.

The Camp was inaugurated on Friday, January 23, 1962. Sri. A. Muthukumaraswami, Panchayat Union Commissioner, presided. Sri S. V. Lakshmanan, District Commissioner (Scouts), inaugurated the course. Sri V. P. Ramaswami A.D.C.C., Camp Officer, explained the aims and objects of the Scout movement. Sri Narasimah Raj, Extension Officer Education, spoke about the usefulness of the Cub Training. Sri R. Kuppuswami, Quartermaster proposed a vote of thanks. Sri M. Vadivelu, Assistant District Commissioner, acted as an Assistant Camp Officer. 30 Teachers underwent Training. The trainees stayed in Tents.

The Valedictory Session of the Training Camp was held on Sunday January 28, under the president-ship of Sri A. K. Vijayababu, M. A., B L., Personal Assistant to the Collector, Planning and Development, Salem District. Sri S. V. Lakshmanan, District Commissioner (Scouts), welcomed the audience. Large number of visitors from surrounding villages including Teachers were present. Trainees gave a good display of Folk Dance, Jungle Dance, Action Song etc. The President spoke about Scouting and Education and appealed to the Trainees to start Cub Packs in their Schools. Sri Ramaswami, Camp Officer, proposed a vote of thanks.

THANJAVUR DISTRICT

A contingent of Scouts and Scouters numbering 125 collected from the Board High Schools viz. Tiruvarur, Koradacheri, Koothanallur, Orthanad, Ammayappan, Arantangi, Peralam, Ayakkarambalam, Madukkur, and Vedaranyam rendered useful service to the pilgrims who gathered at Kodiakarai (Point Calimere) and Vedaranyam for the Ardhodayam Festival on February 3 & 4, 1962 under the Leadership of Sri H. Krishnamurthi, District Scout Organiser, Thanjavur. The Commissioner, Panchayat Union, Vedaranyam, rendered all help to the contingent for boarding and lodging.

The Annual Scout and Guide Rally of the Local Association, Board High School, Arantangi, was held on January 22, 1962 under the presidentship of Janab M. Sultan Mohideen, B.A., L.T., District Educational Officer, Thanjavur West, Thanjavur. Sri K. Varadarajan, B.A., B.T., Headmaster and Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts), Arantangi, welcomed the Chief Guest and the public. Cubs, Bulbuls and Scouts from the Board High Schools, Arantangi, Silattur and Arasarkulam and Panchayat Union Elementary Schools, Arantangi East, Arantangi West and Avadayar-koil, demonstrated a number of scout craft items through games. Sri H. Krishnamoorthy, District Scout Organiser, gave a yarn about "Scouting, its future in villages under Panchayat Raj." The President in the course of his remarks expressed his appreciation of the deep interest the boys and girls have been taking in the game of scouting and wished them all good scouting. Sri R. Venkatachari, Assistant Scout Master Board High School, Arantangi, proposed a vote of thanks.

THE NEED FOR PLAN

by

(H. RAMANATHAN)

During my early days, Scouting had a great hold on me. As years rolled on, its charm gradually wore out. If the existing state of affairs is allowed to continue, it looks as though Scouting will soon fade out. We must try to stem this rot by laying out a phased programme for the future.

The world to-day is full of attractive features and the boys' mind is drawn towards many things which are showy and spectacular. The organisations which have recently sprung, cannot, however, claim the same merits as scouting which is but a self-contained Scheme aiding the growth of the boy's mind and his character and which inculcates in him a keen sense of discipline, alacrity, awareness to the good values of life and promotes a proper perspective in life. Should we not strive to popularise the scheme in an attractive and telling way? If we simply put on boards the activities, in a routine and unimaginative manner, the boys cannot but feel a sense of boredom and leave the field sooner than later.

The Scoutmaster has a tremendous responsibility in the matter. Before he comes to the class or presides over a council, he must ponder for long and hit upon a planned activity, full of newness and thrill based on the aptitude of the boy and the fast changing trends in current life. He must hold out concrete proposals and make them acceptable to the boy.

A kim's game, a test in first Aid or some pioneering practice should not be conducted in a dull and drab manner. Instead of spreading out so many objects on the floor and asking the boys to note them afterwards, you can ask one of your scouters to perch himself on the top of a tree hidden from view or station himself in some corner at the top of a building and ask him to drop the objects one by one and ask the boys to watch them carefully. Instead of asking the boys to treat straightaway a case of a fracture, you can tell a story and create a make-believe situation

which calls for First Aid treatment. In pioneering as well as signalling practices it is advisable to get the boys to a way side stream or canal and teach them to construct miniature bridges or to flash out messages in a practical manner. Perhaps you have tried them. My advice will be that you should continue to keep on the trail with renewed vigour and energy. The need of the hour is that we must ceaselessly be at the job and put the basic ideas in newer forms every now and then. You must judge the success of your class by the interest the boy evinces. Always have a keen eye on the smart turn out and punctuality in attendance and have with you sufficient number of scouters to help you to carry out your programme in a thorough manner.

Recently, I had the good fortune to have a frank and refreshing discussion on 'Scouting' with Sri J. I. Muthiah, our former National Camp Chief and a Scout Leader of rare merit. He deplored the present day tendency among Scoutmasters to take things easy and to project the activities before the boys in an insipid and prosaic manner. He apprised me of the many experiments he has made while at Pachmari and pleaded that scouters must think considerably and then act. I would like to emphasise the same point and plead for deep consideration and good planning at every level. The watchword with every Scoutmaster should be "Think deeply, Plan out a worthwhile Programme and introduce it" so that the boys may react to it in an encouraging way.

REWARD AND PUNISHMENT.

S. R. RAMACHANDRAN.

The Scout Organisation stands unique among the very many other youth organisations in the World in that the overall development and advancement of the children is contemplated and attempted. This movement caters to the different age groups i.e. the child, the youth and the adult and is so comprehensively planned as to suit the requirements of the individual both mental and physical, during his or her growth from a child to an adult. A close study of the APRO will reveal that these 3 stages are not dealt with as water tight compartments but only as integral parts of the whole. It is really the movement or growth of the child into an adult as a homogeneous entity that is being attended to, toned, refined, moulded or shaped etc. The responsibility of the Scouters who man the organisation and run it, is far too great and it is imperative that the training given to them (the Scouters) is full and adequate. A mere

training camp for a few days and a series of theoretical lectures on the movement during this training period cannot and will not make a Scouter of the trainee. It is essential that a Scouter to whom the care and training of individuals is entrusted has or tends to possess the following essential qualities.

1. Active, Above board and All rounder.
2. Energetic, Enthusiastic and Entertaining.
3. Interested, Ingenuous and Intelligent.
4. Optimistic, Obliging and Observant.
5. Unassuming, Understanding and Upright.

The embodiment of all these qualities makes a full fledged Scouter well qualified to handle the children and infuse confidence in others.

The title of this article comprises two subjects the former being sought after always by almost everybody and the latter is a deterrent which checks and prevents to some extent persons doing certain things. Reward is something which is awarded to a person in recognition of certain act of his or hers and may be in cash or kind. This is used as a motive force for making certain people act in a particular way. This is being used as the "Carrot before horse" and people are made to compete with one another to get it. In fact this aspect is exploited in every walk of life by the cleverer sections. The desire for a reward is inherent in every person and it is rare to find a person not having it. Even from the childhood a taste for a reward is being cultivated by the elders and it is a wonder that the children grow up intelligently in spite of the elders' vagaries. The children are always tossed about between reward and punishment or threat of punishment and their ways, behaviour, conduct, work, outlook etc., are beaten up by the environmental circumstances and persons and out of this-ordeal comes out the youth and then the adult takes shape. Normally in order to make the children do certain things and make the children not do certain things the elders make maximum use of the reward and punishment for they have neither the patience nor the interest to explain and educate the children as to the causes or reasons for their commandments. In the present days the structure of society and life in general has so formed that even adults and elderly persons are being tempted by rewards and the fear of punishment is the real check on them. In effect the guiding factors for them in their thought speech and action are reward and punishment. Of course this statement will not be agreeable and relishing to many but there is no escaping the fact and one will be convinced of the part played by Reward and Punishment if one is vigilant about oneself and others in action.

A person can be said to be virtuous if his actions are not guided by these 2 factors. He is not after Reward and he does not bother himself and others about Punishment. He takes both as they come with an equanimity of mind since he has really understood that they are purely incidental and consequential.

The training and the scheme of Scouting has been so formulated that the children by the time they grow as adults are kept fully informed about themselves and the outside World and the quality of virtue is injected unnoticed. The spirit of service and sacrifice, the dynamic quality of being adventurous, the greatness of humility, the idea of being brotherly, to all only few of the very many things which the children take in during their active association with the movement and it is then that they realise that Reward and Punishment cannot and shall not be the guiding factors for their actions and that the motivating force generated from a developed heart and mature mind is not tainted by these.

SCOUTS FROM PAKISTAN

A contingent of 6 Scouts and 2 Scouters from Pakistan arrived from Lahore on Tuesday, the 20th February 1962 by Janatha Express under the Leadership of Mr. S. M. Mobeen. They were received by Sri K. Madhavan and brought to the State Headquarters. During their stay at our Guest House, the Leader of the Contingent Mr. Mobeen and his assistant Mr. N.V. Chaudhri met our Honorary State Secretary and Assistant State Commissioner (Scouts), Madras State, Sri T. R. Kethandaram Mudaliar. The Contingent left for Ceylon on 22nd February 1962 to attend the Golden Jubilee Jamboree of the Ceylon Boy Scouts Association at Colombo.

SCOUTS FROM SINGAPORE

A contingent of 11 Scouts from the Malayan Boy Scouts Association came to Madras on 2-2-1962. They were taken round to the important places by Sri D. Subramaniam, Scouter of the Madras Corporation. They stayed for a day at the State Headquarters. They left for Delhi on 3-2-62 from where they will leave for England.

THE HIMALAYA CUB WOOD BADGE COURSE PRACTICAL—PART TWO

1. DATES & DURATION : The Course will commence at 3 p.m. on 23rd April and will conclude round about 9 a. m. on 2nd May '62. The Course will be for TEN DAYS including the days of arrival and departure.

2. PLACE : The Course will be conducted in a camp specially erected for the purpose at Mannathampalayam, on the banks of the river Cauvery, 12 miles away from Erode, on the Karur road in Coimbatore District.

3. WHO ARE ELIGIBLE ? To attend the above Course a candidate should fulfil any one of the following conditions :—

- a. Should have completed THREE YEARS WARRANTED SERVICE after attending the PRELIMINARY TRAINING COURSE FOR CUBMASTERS.

OR

- b. Should have completed six months service after completing Part ONE of the HIMALAYA CUB WOOD BADGE Course.

OR

- c. Should have completed One Year service after attending an advance Training Course for cubmasters.

4. CAMP FEES : Every one attending the Course should pay a Camp Fee of Rs. 30/- (Rupees thirty only), to cover the mess and other organisational expenses. The Fees should be remitted in advance to the Hon. State Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, State Headquarters, South Beach Road, Triplicane, Madras 5. (Those attending the course should also pay in camp the cost of special note book, scarf etc. costing about Rs. 3/-).

5. APPLICATIONS—LAST DATE : All applications should be in the SPECIAL APPLICATION FORMS to be obtained free from the State or Joint State Organising Commissioners of the areas concerned or from the Hon. State Secretary at Madras. These applications after completion should be countersigned and recommended by the District Commissioners concerned and should be sent to the State or Joint State Organising Commissioner of the area concerned so as to reach him on or before the 20th March 1962.

The State or Joint State Organising Commissioners will scrutinise the applications and forward them with their remarks to the Headquarters Commissioner for Training-Scouts, at 41, North Avani Street, Madurai before the 2nd April 1962 for final selection and thereafter all applications to the State Head Quarters before 5th April '62.

The selected candidates will be informed about their selection by about the tenth of April 1962. All unselected candidates will also be informed and the amounts paid by them will be refunded less M.O. commission.

Selected candidates who fail to turn up by about 3 p.m. at the Camp at Mannathampalayam by about 3 p.m. on 23rd April 1962 will not be admitted to the Camp and they will have no claim on the Camp fees already paid by them.

6. PAYMENT OF CAMP FEES: The Camp Fees of Rs. 30/- should be sent either by M.O. or Bank Draft-crossed direct to the Hon. State Secretary Bharat Scouts and Guides, State Headquarters, South Beach Road, Triplicane, Madras 5., with clear indication that the amount is towards the Camp Fees of the HIMALAYA CUB WOOD BADGE COURSE. The Camp fees should be sent so as to reach the Hon. State Secretary before the 20th March 1962. POSTAL ORDERS MAY BE SENT, UNCROSSED.

7. ACCOMMODATION : Camp will be accommodated in tents.

8. FOOD : Food will be strictly VEGETARIAN and the campers will cook their own food by SIXES. Rations and cooking vessels will be provided in Camp.

9 INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT : Separate instructions will be sent in advance to all the selected candidates ; but they should get ready their Uniforms, Books on Cubbing, A.P.R.O. copies part one and two etc. Such requisites as Plates for taking food, Mug or tumbler for drinking water, hurricane light and other camp accessories may be got ready. (Special Note books and scarfs will be supplied in camp and cost collected.)

10 SCOUTERS IN CHARGE OF THE COURSE :

Sri. M. Rajagopalan, Deputy Camp Chief (C.S.R.) & Headquarters Commissioner for Training & State Organising Commissioner.

Sri. R. Messiah Doss, Deputy Camp Chief (S) & Jt. State Organising Commissioner.

Sri. M. Rammohan, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief (C) and Jt. State Organising Commissioner.

Sri J. I. Muthiah, Retired Camp Chief (Scouts) India.

II. RAILWAY CONCESSION ORDERS: The selected candidates will be sent the required Railway Concession orders direct by the Hon. State Secretary at Madras.

N.B.:—Government Aid for the conduct of this Courses being sought and if approved, a portion of the Camp fees will be refunded ; as soon as the grant is received.

Assistant District Commissioners, Secretaries, Scout Organisers and other Scouters who are interested in Cub Work and are actively assisting in the programme, may also apply subject to therecom mendations of the S.O.C.'s concerned and approval of the State Headquarters Commissioner for training.



THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES, MADRAS STATE

HIMALAYA CUB WOOD BADGE (Part 2)

Practical Course

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APPLICATION FORM

1. Name (in Block Letters).....
2. Full & Correct Postal Address.....
3. Date of Birth.....
4. Education.....
5. Name of Group to which attached.....
Reg. No..... Renewed Registration or not
for 1961-62.....
6. Present Rank in the movement.....
Warrant Number.....Date.....
Warrant renewed or not for the year 1961-62....
7. Have you completed THREE YEARS WARRANTED
SERVICE AS A SCOUTER ? Give details of Warrants and
Groups in which worked.....
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8. Where and when did you undergo CUBMASTERS PRELIMINARY TRAINING? Place.....Dates
..... Name of Officer.....Training
Certificate Number.....with date.....
9. Himalaya Cub Wood Badge Part ONE THEORY —
Number of Certificate and date.....
10. Himalaya CUB Wood Badge Part 2 Practical. Attempted
before.....when and where and with what
results.....
11. Railway Concession required from what station to what
station and Back ?
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12. How did you remit your Camp Fees to the Hon. State
Secretary at Madras and when ?

Place..... Signature of applicant
Date.....

RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE D.C. SCOUTS.

Place and Date..... Signature of D.C. Scouts.

ENDORSEMENT BY THE STATE OR JT. State Org. Com- missioner.

Place and Date..... Signature of the State or
Jt. State Org. Commissioner.



ASSISTANT DEPUTY CAMP CHIEFS (CUB) TRAINING COURSE

Along with the Himalaya Cub Wood Badge Part TWO Course, the above Course will also be run in the same place and on the same dates.

This course is open only to those who have COMPLETED THE HIMALAYA CUB WOOD BADGE HAVING OBTAINED THE PARCHMENT AND WHO HAVE COMPLETED ONE YEAR AFTER THE ISSUE OF PARCHMENT.

Previous experience of assisting at the Preliminary Training Courses for Cubmasters will also be taken into consideration and preference will be given.

All details as given in the circular including camp fees etc. hold good for this course too.

N. B.—Special Application forms to be obtained from the State or Jt. State Organising Commissioners or from the Hon. State Secretary at Madras.

CAMP SECRETARY

Sri M. Rammohan, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief and Joint State Organising Commissioner will be the Secretary incharge of the Courses and will specially look after the various arrangements, accounts etc connected with the camps.

M. RAJAGOPALAN, D.C.C. **P. R. GANAPATHY PILLAY**
Headquarters Commissioner Hon. State Secretary.
for Training (Scouts)

28th February 1962.

ADDRESSES FOR REFERENCE

Sri M. Rajagopalan, D.C.C., Headquarters Commissioner for Training and State Organising Commissioner, 41, North Avani Street, MADURAI.

Sri M. Rammohan, A.D.C.C., Joint State Organising Commissioner, 41, C. K. S. Lay Out, Siddapudur, COIMBATORE, 1.

Sri R. Messiah Doss, D.C.C., Joint State Organising Commissioner, Scout Headquarters, Fort RoundVELLORE, (N. Arcot Dt.)



THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES, MADRAS STATE

Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs (Cubs) Course

APPLICATION FORM

(N. B. Camp Fees should be remitted direct to the Hon. State Secretary at Madras.)

1. Name (in Block Letters).....
2. Full and correct postal address.....
3. Date of Birth..... Education.....
4. Group attached to..... or Area.....
5. Present Rank in the movement..... Warrant No. & date.....
6. Details of Himalaya CUB WOOD BADGE. Part 1. Certificate No..... & Date.....
Part 2. Certificate No..... Date.....
Cub Parchment No..... and Date.....

- (c) All prospective Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners who are nominated by the State Commissioner(s) and by the District Commissioner(s) in the districts.

A CAMP FEE OF Rs. 35/- (Rupees thirty five only) per head is charged for the whole course.

All applications together with the camp fee of Rs. 35/- per head should be sent to the Hon. State Secretary, Bharat Scouts & Guides, State Headquarters, South Beach Road, Triplicane, Madras 5, on or before 20th April 1962.

Further details will be communicated to those who apply.

State Headquarters, }
Madras, 28th Feb. 1962. }

P. R. Ganapathy Pillay.
Hon. State Secretary.

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APPLICATION FOR COMMISSIONER'S COURSE

Name in Block Letters

Full and Correct address

Date of Birth Educational Standard

Present rank in Scouting Warrant No

Date Previous Scout experience if any

Place

Date Signature of the Candidate.

Nominated and recommended for Training :

Place

Date

D. C. Scouts.
District.



Our Patron, Sri Bismuram Medhi, Governor of Madras, pinning the award on the shirt of Sri R. Kuppuswamy (Treasurer of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Salem District) at Rajaji Hall on 1-3-1962 when the State Awards were distributed.