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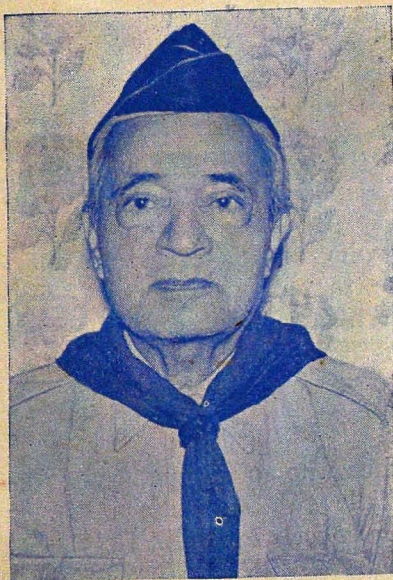
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SHRI MANGALDAS M. PAKVASA,

President

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WOOD BADGE

(R. MESSIAH DOSS, D.C.C , S.O.C. Scouts)

What is a Wood Badge ?

Firstly the Wood Badge offers to the Scout Leaders a broadening of vision and almost intangible spiritual strength that comes from knowing you are doing something the same way as your brother Scouts in other lands.

Secondly, the technique of Wood Badge training is so effective that the leader who experiences it, is given something that is at once practical and personal and yet universal.

But the WOOD BADGE—two wooden beads on a leather thong worn round the neck—is given not as a reward for services rendered or efforts put in, not for achievement, but as a sign that the recipient accepts without question the need to go on fitting himself for LEADERSHIP in Scouting wherever he may be and however long he is at it.

Those who are privileged to attend the course, must realise that it is a privilege. Because you have had it, it places upon you the responsibility of passing on the knowledge gained and the experience gathered to an evergrowing circle of Scout Leader acquaintances.

Most men who go through the Wood Badge training feel a little tired in body at the end of the trail, but they never feel tired in SPIRIT.

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EDITORIAL

Conference

The Conference of Scouters and Guiders of South Arcot District which was held on April 5, 1959 at the Town Hall, Cuddalore N.T., is a happy sign for the progress of our Scout and Guide Movement. The Scouting and Guiding was dormant in South Arcot District for well over two years. However, individual groups were carrying on their activities as much as possible although there was no proper guidance. Now we look forward, especially after this Conference, to a well planned activities of Scouting and Guiding in that area with the guidance of Srimathi T. Krishnaraj, District Commissioner (Guides); Dr. V. Krishnamurthi, District Commissioner (Scouts); and Sri

S. A. Soundararajan, I A.S., President of the District Association and the District Collector.

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Training Courses

The Himalaya Scout Wood Badge Course and Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs Course commences on 23rd April 1959 and will end on 4th May 1959. These are the highest courses we have in our Association for our experienced Scouters. About 30 trainees will have the benefit of these training under the leadership of Sri M. Rajagopalan, D.C.C., Headquarters Commissioner for Training, and Sri R. Messiah Doss, D.C.C., State Organising Commissioner (Scouts). These Courses will be officially inaugurated by our President, Sri C. Subramaniam, (Minister for

Finance and Education, Government of Madras) on the morning of 24th April 1959.

The trainees after the completion of these courses will go back to various parts of South India and give the benefit of their Training to other Scouters in their respective areas.

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17th International Scout Conference

The representatives of Scout Associations of various countries will assemble at the 17th International Scout Conference, at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, in July 1959.

Representatives from our Association will also participate in the Conference. They will have an opportunity of meeting brother Scouters of various Nationalities and of exchanging ideas with them. It is possible that some of the representatives to the Conference will visit South India. It will be a good sign of brotherhood if members of our Association will act as hosts when they are in our State. If each one of us can take one visiting Scouter into his home and

accommodate him for a day or two it will go a long way in making their stay in South India pleasant and useful for the reason that they will have the benefit of having lived in Indian families and tasted Indian food and lived in an Indian atmosphere.

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Our Commissioner honoured

Sri K. S. Seshadry, Assistant State Commissioner (Scouts), Kumbakonam, has been honoured by the National Headquarters, Bharat Scouts and Guides, by an award of a 'Silver Star' for the good services rendered by him to the Bharat Scouts and Guides. I congratulate him on this distinction.

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The President honoured

Our All-India President, Shri Mangaldas Pakwasa, has been honoured by the Government of India by appointing him as the acting Governor of Mysore State. I congratulate Sri Pakwasa on this appointment on behalf of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State.

— 'Editor'

Celebration of Thinking Day

22-2-1959—The Birthday of the Chiefs

TIRUNELVELI

On Saturday 21st the Nazareth and Megnanapuram Rangers and Guides numbering over 160, celebrated "Thinking Day" by having a joint picnic at Thamarai-kulam, a village about half-way, where there are shady mango and tamarind trees. After arriving at the shady site near a tank-bed, the Guides cleared an open space under the trees.

The Flag was then hoisted by the District Commissioner (Miss P. Walsh). A march past followed, after which a "Thinking Day" message was read. Various items were then given by the Guides. Guides were shown some lovely pictures of the U.S.A. Guides which had arrived that morning from Miss Getzie Samuel, from California. After coffee there was a Treasure Hunt—Four Guiders who had gone to lay the treasure, saw a big fat snake, and followed it up when it suddenly disappeared down a deep hole! The happy evening under natural surroundings closed with a Sing Song and "TAPS! So ended "A Perfect Day!"

On "Thinking Day" Sunday 22nd the Megnanapuram Guides attended a service, in uniform and special Hymns were sung.

Tuticorin: Held a joint celebration of Scouts and

Guides on Saturday 21st—Bishop Jebaraj of Tirunelveli kindly presided. Mrs. A. Raja Pandian, A.D.C. was in charge of the Guide Section, and Mr. G. George of the arrangements. A large number attended the Rally. On Monday 23rd Palayamkottai Rangers and Guides held their "Thinking Day" Celebrations at "The School for the Deaf" which has one of the oldest Cos. in Palayamkottai.

After the March Past, Miss P. Walsh, District Commissioner gave a "Thinking Day" message about the "W. A. Y.," "World Alliance of Youth" which recently was held at New Delhi when Mr. Nehru received two Guider Delegates, one from Scotland, Miss Laird, and one from Ireland, Miss Helen Dale, who are taking an active part on behalf of the Guide Movement. Miss Dale is the Secretary General of "The W. A. Y." Over 300 Delegates from different countries attended this gathering of the 3rd Assembly of Youth Workers.

This stresses how important the work of Scouts and Guides Movement is, where the young "Cubs" and "Bulbuls" are taught to be "Useful—and to help others" and later as Scouts and Guides, "to do their duty to

God and their Country". As Rovers and Rangers to live up to this promise and serve the wider world.

At the Rally of the Deaf School, training on finding the direction by the Compass was given by Miss Wilkinson, and Miss James - by magnetic needles to find the North by the Compass and the Sun. The evening ended with a Jolly Campfire, and well known songs ending with "TAPS".

TANJORE DISTRICT

There was a Scout Rally on 21-3 1959 at Marakkadai. Sri C. Padmanaban, B.A.L.T., District Educational Officer, Tanjore East, Nagapattanam, presided. Scouts, Cubs, and Scouters numbering about 200 gathered from Schools surrounding Koothanallur centre Sri K. Varadarajan, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief and Secretary of the Association was in charge of the Rally. The Scout Flag was hoisted by Sri K. Thulasiyiah, Vice-President of the above Association. Balasubramaniam, a Scout of the Board High School led the March Past. Janab J. M. Mohidin, B.A. (Alig) of Koothanallur inaugurated the Rally and spoke about the importance of Scouting. The Scout Rally, which lasted for more than one hour, consisted of Scout Craft items and the principles demonstrated through games, dialogues,

competitions and yells. Most of the activities were performed under the leadership of Scouts and Cubs. The president in his concluding remarks stressed the importance of Scouting and its practical utility and illustrated examples from his personal experience in rendering help to those who are in need. He appreciated the talents of the Scouts and Cubs participated in the rally. The Secretary of the Association gave a vote of thanks and the rally came to an end with the National Anthem.

CHINGLEPUT

Twenty two Scouts of Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar High School Scout Troop, Ambattur were taken on Camp to Pakkam, a village near Tinnanur 15 miles away from this place.

Sri V. Radhakrishna was in charge of the Camp assisted by Sri T. E. Arunachalam and Sri R. Jayaraman, B.A., B.Ed. The Headmaster who is also the controlling authority of the Troop sent his sincere greetings wishing the Camp a grand success. Srimathi V. Choodamani, B.Sc., B.T., was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the Camp.

Local authorities evinced keen interest by visiting the Camp Site.

Star gazing, signalling, poineering, hiking, cooking and tent pitching were the special features of the Camp.

Commissioners' and Secretaries' Conference

A Conference of State Chief Commissioners, State Commissioners (Scouts), State Organising Commissioners and State Secretaries was held at the Delhi State Bharat Scouts and Guides camping Centre on Saturday the 14th and Sunday the 15th February 1959. Attendance was encouraging and quite an amount of fruitful work was done.

Sri Vivian Bose, National Commissioner, inaugurating the Conference, dwelt on the responsibility of the Commissioners inside the movement. He also spoke on the utility of the Patrol System and appealed to the Commissioners to see that the Patrol system was followed in the Groups during their periodical visits to their various Groups.

Shri Madhan Mohan, Chief Commissioner (Scouts), presided over the conference. After a general discussion with regard to the programme and business, the conference divided itself into four groups and took over the consideration of various subjects.

The conference had the privilege of being addressed by Dr. H. N. Kunzru, the former National Commissioner, who in his characteristic way, gave an inspiring talk to the Commissioners to continue the delightful work of helping the young generation to grow up to be the right type of citizens.

Dr. Mohan Sinha Mehta, who had been connected with the movement for years, pointed out some of the problems which the Movement had to encounter. He placed his own opinion as to how to overcome these difficulties.

Dr. K. L. Shrimali, Union Education Minister, while addressing the conference, stated that he felt that the movement had great possibilities in the work of building up character of youth. Mentioning about the other existing Youth Organisations in the country which were doing their best to be of assistance including the N.C.C. A.C.C. which had become popular and had also done good work, he said, this training had been found to be useful in the behaviour of the boys in their everyday life. He felt that Scout Movement was the only movement which was of educational nature. After the independence there had been plenty of opportunities for building up a nation and tremendous efforts were required to yoke up the energies of youths. In spite of A.C.C., N.C.C and National Discipline Movement, it appeared, there were gaps which had to be filled in by educationists. The restlessness among children and youths were still there and it would be necessary to give outlets for their restlessness. Scout move-

ment had an opportunity to catch boys when they were entering into adolescence and when they would have plenty of energies with their red hot enthusiasm and wield them into right channels. Teachers had been doing splendid work in this regard, but a much larger number of leaders would be welcome to tackle this great problem.

The Union Education Minister praised the good work which the Scouts did at Kumbha Mela and the enthusiasm which they showed in their work.

He always felt that Scout movement inspired the Youth for work and gave plenty of scope for their creative energies and the movement would be able to give greater assistance if it could find ways and means for popularising the movement. He was keen to hand over the young people to Scouts. He was an admirer of the Scout movement and he wanted the movement to prosper, but he thought that it was his duty to warn the scout workers to think seriously as to how they could expand the movement and make it more dynamic.

In the great task of country's re-construction, Scout movement which fostered a spirit of service, courage and initiative had great tasks to perform.

The Scout movement was largely confined to urban areas, but his opinion was

that the movement should go gradually into villages where there were not enough opportunities for organised camps, where the children were keen and hungry to get ideas. And he appealed to the commissioners to find out ways and means to expand Scout movement in the villages increasingly.

He thought the spirit of service should be instilled in the minds of the young generation. This movement made progress because there were leaders who could set an example of service. The Scout movement is a world movement and it has great possibilities.

The various committees set up at the conference arrived at important decisions, which would have far reaching effects on the consolidation and expansion of the movement.

The recommendations are now being placed before the National Executive Committee for consideration and further action and it is expected, as a result of this conference which is the first ever of this type, quite helpful result will follow.

The Chief Commissioner (Scouts) conveyed the grateful thanks of the Bharat Scouts and Guides for the good work accomplished and for the helpful results which were to follow.

Srimati Lakshmi Mazumdar, Chairman of the 17th International Scout conference,

informed the commissioners about the various arrangements, which were well under way to make the conference, the first ever to be held in this part of the world, a great success. She also appealed to the commissioners for their support and help in this great undertaking.

The following attended the conference :

Shri S. S. Kochak, Shri R. M. Roy, Shri E. H. Luther (NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY), Shri L. Mehra, Sardar Hardial Singh Shri Vir Dev Vir (PUNJAB). Shri L. L. Joshi, Shri Ram Swarup Dhiman (RAJASTHAN). Shri Satta Bose (WEST BENGAL). Shri Saroj Ghosh, Mrs. Sneha Patwardhan, Shri Justice

Vivian Bose, Shri Madan Mohan, Shri D. P. Joshi, Mrs. A. Wahabuddin Ahmed, Mrs. C. Mohini, Shri C. N. Mathur (Andhra Pradesh) Shri Badam S Pavri, Sardar Laxman Singh (BOMBAY) Shri Radha Raman, Shri A. S. Sakshena, Shri R. P. Goel. Shri R. Dayal (DELHI) Shri A. R. Roy Choudhury, Shri P. K. Ghosh (EASTERN RAILWAY) Shri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay (MADRAS) Shri Radha Raman Dube, Shri S. S. Pande (MADHYA PRADESH) Shri Gopalan Pillai (KERALA) Shri L. N. Choudhari, Shri Mahabir Das (BIHAR) Shri Surya Prakash (U.P.) Shri A. C. Chakravarti (S. E. Rly.)

(B. S & G. India)

TENTH WORLD JAMBOREE SONG*

Awit Ng Ika-to Pandaigdig Dyamburi, Chorus.

From every clime region
 We crossed mount, vale and sea ;
 We're in the Philippines now
 For our World Jamboree.
 Here East and West are meeting
 As Heaven so decrees :
 We live and work and play
 In true fellowship and peace.
 "Ma bu hay" to all ! Scouts who are here
 Let the message of B,-P.
 Now resound loud, long and clear.
 I am your brother and friend,
 So take my hand,
 For God and country, mankind and Scouting.
 We shall stand, for ever stand !

*This song will be sung at the 10th World Jamboree to be held at Philippines.

London Centre for World's Boy Scouts

The Committee of the Council of the Boy Scouts Association decided to commence work on "Baden-Powell House", the permanent memorial to the Founder of the world-wide Boy Scout Movement. "Baden-Powell House", will serve as a centre of Scouting in London for visiting Scouts from the United Kingdom provinces and overseas. It is hoped that the Foundation Stone will be laid in the summer of 1959.

The Boy Scouts International Bureau is happy to announce the appointment of Mr. Ali-el Dandachi of Syria, U.A.R., as the Regional Executive Commissioner for the Arab region.

Mr. Dandachi is well known throughout the Scouting world. He was one of the founders of Scouting in Syria and Lebanon and has for some years been the Vice-President of the Boy Scouts de Syria. He has been a member of the Arab Scout Committee since 1954 and was one of the main organisers of the Pan-Arab Jamborees of 1954 and 1958. 1951 to 1957 he served as a member of the International Committee and he has thus acquired a wide outlook on Scouting which will be very useful in his new capacity. During this period he visited, on behalf of the International Committee, almost every

Scout Association in the Arab world. Mr. Dandachi has attended numerous international Scout gatherings and has been awarded Scout decorations of many countries.

For some years Mr. Dandachi was a non-party member of parliament in Syria, representing nomadic areas.

With Mr. Dandachi's appointment, the International Bureau has taken an important step forward towards the fulfilment of Operation Jubilee—the plan for the advancement of Scouting which was adopted at the 16th International Conference at Cambridge, England, in 1957.

Like the Bureau's other Regional Commissioners, Ing. Salvador Fernandez, of Latin America and stationed in Havana, Cuba, and Mr. Guillermo R. Padolina, of Manila and the Far East Region, Mr. Dandachi will be responsible for the co-ordination and promotion of Scouting in his region. He will travel extensively in order to keep in close contact with the member countries, co-ordinate training and give National Headquarters advice and information. Countries where Scouting is still in its early stages will profit greatly from Mr. Dandachi's wide experience.

(*Boy Scouts International Bureau*)

News from the State Headquarters

Himalaya Wood Badge Parchments issued

1. Sri M. Gopalakrishnan, Scouter,
Christian College School, Madras-31. No. 19/18-2-1959 (Scout)
2. Sri P. S. Venkatesan, M. Ct.
Muthiah Chettiar High School, Madras-7. No. 24/18-2-1959 (Cub)
3. Sri R. P. Joseph, Scouter,
Wesley College High School, Royapettah, Madras-14. No. 25/9-3-1959 (Scout)

The Camp Chief (Scouts) India, has been pleased to award the Himalaya Wood Badge Cub Part II (Practical) Certificates for the following who have successfully gone through the Course at Pachmarhi.

Name	Certificate No. and date
1. Sri S. G. Ranganathan, Scouter, Madras.	10/59 19-2-1959
2. Sri K. S. Sampath, Asst. District Commissioner, Madurai.	12/59 19-2-1959
3. Sri S. R. Srinivasachari, Asst. District Commissioner, Kumbakonam.	14/59 19-2-1959
4. Sri K. S. Balasubramaniam, Asst. District Commissioner, Madras West.	16/59 19-2-1959

OUR PRESIDENT HONOURED

Our President, Shri Mangaldas M. Pakvasa, has been appointed Vice-Chairman of the State Bank of India by the Government of India. Shri Mangaldas is a very active Scout and it is creditable to him that he has taken up the onerous duties of this high post. The Bharat Scouts and Guides congratulate him on the occasion and pray that he may be spared long so that he can continue to render useful and valuable services to the cause of the Movement and the country.

FOR U PLEASE

Bharat Scouts and Guides,
Madras, India.

Dear Scouts and Guides,

I am writing to you in regard to finding Pen Pals for my Girl Scout Troop.

They have taken this as their project this year. They need to learn the ways of Girl Guides in your country and also learn all they can about India.

I have eleven Girl Guides age between ten and eleven. We thought you could help us to get names of some Guides and then addresses also of one of the leaders as I myself would like to correspond.

I shall be waiting to hear from you on this matter. Thank you very much.

MRS. WILLIAM E. GERTH

350, Parker Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan U.S.A.

To All Groups, Local and District Associations

**Sub: Issue of Renewal Cards for the Renewal of
Group Registrations and Warrants of Scouters—
Stoppage from 1st April 1959**

The State Headquarters has decided to drop the procedure of issuing Renewal Cards and instead will publish in the Bharat Scouts and Guides Bulletin of the State Headquarters the names of Groups registered and renewed, and the names of Scouters and Guiders whose warrants have been renewed and issued. This will serve as official records for all purposes.

Madras-5,
11-4-1959.

P. R. GANAPATHY PILLAY
Honorary State Secretary.

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We congratulate Sri R. Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), on his having been authorised by the Boy Scouts International Bureau to act as Deputy Camp Chief for Scouts in Madras State from 28th October 1958.

We wish him all the best in Scouting.

— 'Editor' —

MADRAS STATE

Thinking Day Fund Collections

	Rs. nP.
1. Sri D. S. Mathias, Central Madras	12 00
2. Mrs. V. J. Davis, Tanjore District	8 00
3. Guide Captain, Ewart School, Vepery* (West Madras)	5 00
4. Group Leader, Sarada Vidyalaya, T. Nagar (South Madras)	10 50
5. Guide Captain, K. T. C. T. High School, Madras-1 (North Madras)	5 00
6. Guide Captain, Northwick Girls School, Royapuram, Madras-15 (North Madras)	2 50
7. Guide Captain, Anderson Day High School, Madras-1 (North Madras)	2 50
8. Mrs. T. S. Kunjitham, District Commissioner (Guides), Corporation District	25 63
9. Miss L. Vedanayagam, District Commissioner (Guides), (West Madras)	5 00
10. Miss G. Pakenham Walsh, District Commis- sioner (Guides), Tirunelveli District	85 31
11. Mrs. R. E. Maclaine Clarke, District Com- missioner (Guides), Nilgiris District	100 00
12. Miss A. H. Daniel, District Commissioner (Guides), Kanyakumari District	7 25
13. Mrs. Kamala Samuel, Assistant District Com- missioner (Guides), Batlagundu, Madurai District	13 00
Total Rs.	281 69

P. R. GANAPATHY PILLAY,
Honorary State Secretary.

District News

NILGIRIS

Scouting in Villages

Sri R. Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner, Madras, Mrs. R. E. MacLaine Clarke, District Commissioner (Guides), Sri V. P. Ramaswami, District Organising Commissioner, attended the Rally at Kattabettu Village on 23-3-59 at 11 a. m., where about 75 Cubs, and 18 Rover Scouts from neighbouring villages were present. They were treated to Folk dances, and Folk songs. The State Organising Commissioner was pleased to see that the Scouting was started in villages very efficiently. He spoke about the Good turns and the service a Cub or a Rover ought to do in his village.

Then the party visited the Stanley Park, Coonoor. They attended the Rally at 2-30 p. m. at Cordite Factory Middle School, Aruvankadu, where about 32 Scouts and 18 Guides were present. They gave display of Mass Drill, Games, Peacock Dance, Lazium Drill etc. Sri Messiah Doss spoke about the efficiency of Scouting and Guiding. Sri Yegneswaran proposed a vote of thanks. Sri J. Samuel, Headmaster, gave a welcome speech. Sri Mamood, Scoutmaster, was in charge of the display.

The same day after finishing the Rally, the party went to Ootacamund, where a conference of District Commissioners

and District Scouters, was arranged at 5 p. m. at Dasaprakash, when Sri C. Govindan, District Commissioner. (Scouts) presided. Tea was served to every one. Sri Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner addressed the meeting on the future of Scouting and Guiding in the District.

A Scout Rally was held at the Municipal High School, Coonoor at 11-30 a. m. on 24-2-1959. Sri Messiah Doss gave several suggestions to the Scouters as to how to run the Scout Troops. He also spoke to the Headmaster and informed him as to how the money can be spent for the Scouts under various heads of expenditure.

Mrs. R. E. MacLaine Clarke, President, Stanley Park Managing Committee, took Sri Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner, to the Stanley Park, Coonoor, to see the improvement and arrangements made for conducting the Himalaya Scout Wood Badge Course in April '59. Then they met the District Collector at Coonoor Taluk Office at 4 p. m. and discussed about the progress of Scouting in the District.

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A Rally and Scouters and Guiders Conference was held at 11 A.M. on 25-3-1959 at Craigmere Estate under the Presidentship of Mrs. R. E. MacLaine Clarke, District

Commissioner (Guides), when Sri R. Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner visited. He taught action songs to the Cubs and spoke on good turns. He addressed the Scouters about the efficiency of Cubs and Scouters.

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Development of Scouting and Guiding in the Estates

Sri R. Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner, Madras State, interviewed the Welfare Liaison Officer (South) Tea Board, Coonoor on 25-3-59 at 2-30 P.M. at his office with a view to expanding the work already started by Mrs. R. E. Maclaine Clarke, District Commissioner (Guides), who first introduced Scouting and Guiding in Estate Schools in the year 1953. Now the Tea Board has come forward to contribute money towards the maintenance of a full time organiser, who would not only supervise the existing groups, but also try to expand the Scouting and Guiding activities in the other Estate Schools.

A Teachers meeting of the Kunda (Nilgiris) Centre was held on Saturday the 4th April 1959 at the Board Elementary School, Manjoor-Kil Kudah Bridge, Nilgiris, when about 75 men and women Teachers were present, when Sri V. P. Ramaswamy, District Organising Commissioner,

(Scouts) Nilgiris, stressed the aims and objects of the Scout and Guide movement and exhorted the Teachers to expand the Scouting and Guiding in the villages in particular.

Later, a special meeting was held for Estate School teachers comprising, Chamraj, Korakund, Thaishola Estates, when Sri V. P. Ramaswamy, District Organising Commissioner, appealed to the teachers to start Cubbing and Guiding in their Schools and take advantage of facilities offered by the Tea Board, Calcutta, for the Estate workers' children, who were studying in the Schools. Six Men and Women teachers were enlisted to undergo the training before starting Scouting and Guiding in their Schools.

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A meeting was held on 3-4-1959 at the District Board High School Manjoor, when Sri Krishna Rao, Headmaster, presided. Mrs. R. E. Maclaine Clarke, District Commissioner (Guides), and Vice-President, All India S.P.C.A., Calcutta, addressed the students on the aims and objects of the Scout and Guide movement and emphasized that a Guide or a Scout is friend to animals and explained how she or he should treat the animals etc.

Thirty two girls joined in the Guide Company. Miss Rose Mary was appointed as a

Guide Captain. The Guide Commissioner inaugurated the company. Later Sri V P. Ramaswamy, addressed the Scouts and teachers on "Smartness in Scouting". The teachers are anxious to become Rover Scouts. Sri E. V. Krishna Rao, Headmaster, proposed a vote of thanks, and after singing the National Anthem, the meeting came to a close.

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Mr. MacLaine Clarke, Dt. Commissioner, Guides, visited District Board Elementary School, Manjoor, where Mrs. Jabamalai, Flock Leader received the Commissioner. The Commissioner, inaugurated the Bulbul Flock and she was entertained by Kummi, Kolattam and Folk Dance. The Headmaster, proposed a vote of thanks.

After the function, Girl Guide Commissioner visited Kundah Dam, School, where she was met by the correspondent and teachers of the school. She exhorted them to start a Cub Pack and a Bulbul Flock and asked the management to depute teachers for training. The correspondent agreed to start Scouting in School and promised to send the teachers for training.

NORTH MADRAS

The North Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides celebrated their Silver Jubilee on Saturday 4th April 1959 at M.U.C.

Grounds, G. T. Madras. His Excellency Sri Bishnuram. Medhi, Governor of Madras, presiding.

On arrival, the Governor was received by Sri S. Lalchand Dadha (President), Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner Sri M. Nooruddin, District Commissioner, Sri A. Kandaswami (Hon'y. Secretary) and the Vice-Presidents. Scouts and Guides presented a Posse of Welcome from the gate to the pandal, especially erected for the purpose. After a group Photo with all office-bearers and District Officers, the Governor proceeded to the Rally Ground where the Cubs greeted him with a Grand Howl. He then unfurled the Scout Flag and accompanied by S.C.C. and D.C. went round and inspected all Units comprising Bulbuls, Guides, Cubs, Scouts and Rovers, numbering over 1300.

The meeting began with a prayer sung by the Northwick Guides. Sri S. Lalchand Dadha, President of the Association, welcomed the Governor and Sri M. Nooruddin, D.C., read messages wishing the function success received from the President and Vice-President of India, Field Commissioner Far East, Boy Scouts International Bureau, Officers of National and State Bharat Scouts and Guides Associations and others,

Sri A. Kandaswami, Honorary Secretary, presented the

Silver Jubilee and 25th Annual Reports.

A programme of demonstrations was then gone through. The Scouts demonstrated how the *Left-hand-shake* was introduced in the Scout Movement.

The Governor then presented a Long Service Medal to Sri M. Nooruddin, District Commissioner (Scouts). Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay, Honorary State Secretary, read the Citation narrating Sri Nooruddin's achievements as a Scouter and the service he had rendered for the cause of Scout Movement for well-nigh over 27 years.

Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, briefly referred to the brilliant record of activities of the North Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides for over 25 years. He presented the Special Silver Jubilee Cups to the winners at the Inter-District Competitions for Bulbuls Guides, Cubs and Scouts. He also gave away Trophies and Certificates to the winners and Runners-up at the Annual District Competitions.

Sri T. Chengalvaroya Pillai, one of the Vice Presidents, presented the Silver Jubilee Souvenir.

Delivering his presidential address, the Governor said that in the context of the present set up and requirements of the country, the Scout and Guide movement could pay an effective part in

nation-building activities and a valuable role in building up the character of the youth with the co-operation of parents and heads of institutions. The Movement possessed in abundance the qualities of promoting unity, developing a sense of co-operation, transcending all barriers of caste, creed, class or community and promoting a cosmopolitan outlook. An International Movement and a non-political and non-communal organisation, it provided the spirit of adventure and helped to develop health so essential for a happy and useful life and good citizenship. It taught the youth to put service before self and developed in them leadership and readiness to help others in times of need and distress. It helped the youth to build up character and self-discipline so necessary to make them full-fledged citizens and to develop qualities of selflessness, self reliance and true courtesy. These qualities counted much in public life. While they might talk of economic factors and political and international problems, ultimately it was national character which really decided whether and how far they could tackle these problems successfully or not. National character came out of the training they gave to the youth and the ideals they instilled in them. The spirit of unity, discipline, service and sacrifice, which the Scout

Movement inculcated in the youth, was the great need of the hour for the well being of humanity.

The Governor praised the good record of work of the North Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides and congratulated them on the *very fine show* they had put up.

With a vote of thanks proposed by Sri A Kandaswami, Honorary Secretary, and the playing of the National Anthem by the Madras Corporation Scout Band, which was in attendance from the very beginning, the function came to a close.

Earlier in the morning, an Exhibition of Scout-Craft was declared open at 9 a.m. at Pachaiyappa's College School, George Town by Smt. Sabitaben Kamdar. In the afternoon at 3 p.m. refreshments and drinks were served to all *Scouts and Guides* who participated in the Rally.

The following day there was "Silver Jubilee Tea" at M. U. C Grounds at 5-30 p.m. when the President, Vice-Presidents, Scouters, Guiders and members of the Association, State Chief Commissioner, Honorary State Secretary, Ex-Officers of North Madras, Scouters and Guiders from other District Associations and others were present. It was a happy *Get-Together*. With a film show on Scouting by U.S.I.S. and British Council after Tea, the Silver Jubilee Celebrations came to an end.

SOUTH ARCOT DISTRICT

A Conference of Scouters and Guiders of South Arcot District was held on 5th April 1959 at the Town Hall, Cuddalore N. T. The Conference was inaugurated at 9 a.m. by Srimathi D. L. Gopal Ratnam, the State Commissioner (Guides) with Sri S. A. Soundararajan, I.A.S., the Collector of the District, presiding.

Over a hundred Scouters and Guiders were present from all parts of the District along with a large number of prominent men and women of the locality. At the outset Srimathi T. Krishnaraj the District Commissioner (Guides) and the convener of the Conference welcomed all those present. Sri K. S. Seshadri, the Assistant State Commissioner of the area addressed the gathering after the inaugural speech of Srimathi D. L. Gopal Ratnam and Sri Soundarajan and paid a tribute to the good work done by the Scout and Guide movement, and wished the Conference all success. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. V. Krishnamurthy; Dt. Commissioner (Scouts). After the inaugural function the Scouters met under the Chairmanship of Sri K. S. Seshadri and the Guiders under the Chairmanship of Srimathi D. L. Gopal Ratnam and discussed various problems connected with Scouting and Guiding in the District and drew up a plan of work for

the District as a whole for the coming academic year.

At 12-30 p.m. a lunch was kindly provided by Srimathi T. Krishnaraj to all the Scouters and Guiders to which the Collector and other prominent men and women were specially invited.

The Conference met again at 3 p. m. under the Chairmanship of Sri K. S. Seshadri, the Assistant State Commissioner, when a new representative District Association for the District was formed with Sri S. A. Soundararajan as President. The Conference concluded after singing the National Anthem.

At 4-30 p.m. Tea was kindly provided by Dr. V. Krishnamurthy the District Commissioner (Scouts) to all the Scouters and Guiders and other prominent people of the locality.

EAST MADRAS (The Dhanvantri Scout Group)

37th Annual Day

The thirtyseventh Annual Day of the above group was celebrated on Sunday, the 1st March, 1959 at "Wenlock Park" Triplicane, Madras-5, when Mr. V. A. Chandran, President, Y. M. C. A. Boys Town, presided and Mrs. Chandran distributed the prizes. The function started at 4 p.m. with a lively garden games for visitors and sports for children.

After the review of units and Flag break, Sri R. N. Vadivelu, welcomed the President and those who were present.

The Scouts and Rovers gave demonstrations of Tent pitching and Cycle stretcher much to the enjoyment of the audience.

Sri S. Venkatraman, Group Leader, presented the Annual Report for the year 1958 covering activities and events of the group was then presented. This was followed by an interesting Fancy Dress competitions for Cubs, Scouts and Rovers.

After prize distribution for the winners in the various competitions conducted by the group and also for the visitors who won in the garden games, the president of the evening in his speech recalled his young days and said that the pleasant evening brought to his memory his olden days, when he was a King Scout and how he earned the 18 proficiency badges. He said that the observance of 9th law, in his younger days by opening a Savings Bank Account is still in continuance and this has helped him always, whenever he is in need and hence he stressed the importance of the 9th law. He further observed that it was the Training as he had when he was a Scout, that paved the way for his career as Engineer. He requested the parents who were present, to

enrol their boys in this great movement and thus be benefited by the good training that it offers. He also gave an account of what Camping is and how it helps young boys in their life at a later stage.

The Camp-fire was declared open by Sri H. Ramanathan, District Commissioner (Scouts) South Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides, who spoke on the importance of Camp-fire. The lively programme of songs, mimicry and a drama (phrase), was much appreciated by the audience.

The pleasant function came to an end with the singing of Jana Gana Mana.

CENTRAL MADRAS

The 29th Annual Rally and Public meeting were held on 7-3-1959 at 4 p.m. at Wesley High School, Royapettah, Madras. Sri K. M. Cherian, the President of the Association presided over the meeting and took the salute at the March past of about 600 Children which included Bulbuls, Guides, Cubs, Scouts, Rovers, Sea-Scouts, Air-Scouts and Officers. Sri D. S. Mathias, Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts) welcomed the gathering and Sri O. T. Rajangam, Secretary presented the 29th Annual Report and the audited statement of Accounts. Mrs Kamalam Dorairaj, Vice-President of the Association, presented, the Trophies and Certificates.

The President in his address pointed out that it would help them greatly if they could find out what they have failed to do rather than to glory on their achievements. He advised the Scouts and Guides not to fritter away their time and energy in taking part in political activities but to concentrate on the job at hand—their studies and good Scout activities.

Sri K. M. Koshy, District Commissioner (Scouts) presented the Himalaya Scout Wood Badge Parchments to Sri Mir Hadi Ali Kirmani, Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts) and to Sri M. Gopalakrishnan, District Scoutmaster.

The Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

After singing the National Anthem the Rally came to a close.

THIRUCHIRAPALLY

A meeting of the Scouts of the N.C.B. Aryan Secondary School in honour of the visit to the Scout Troop of Mr. M. A. Sundarajan, Assistant District Commissioner, was held at 4 P.M. on 12-3-1959 in the Lakshmi Hall.

Sri N. K. Venugopal, B.A. B.ED., Headmaster, presided. Sri S. Ananthanarayanan, Scoutmaster of the school welcomed the guests. The President in his address said that the Scout Movement had a good tradition in the school

which was founded in 1909 and explained to the gathering the high ideals of the Scout Movements and the large benefits that are in store for the boys who interest themselves in the Scout Movement.

Mr. M. A. Sundarajan, A.D.C. in his speech said that he was very much impressed by the enthusiasm of the students in the School's Scouting activities and appreciated the quality of training imparted to them. He further said that Scouting enables them to solve ably any problem that confront them in their time in the cause of promoting unity in society and labour for a life pure in word, thought and deed.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Troop Leader M. Ganesan.

The Assistant District Commissioner was entertained at a Tea Party and a Group-photo was taken.

**Annual Camp at
Veeraswaram Tope
on 1-2-1959
2nd Troop of Trichy
National High School**

The Scouts were given training in Flag Hoisting, Knots, First Aid, Tenderfoot, Yells, Firelighting, Camp fire, Signalling, uses of Staves, Scout Pace, Observation, Directions etc. Sri M. A. Sundarajan, A.D.C., Sri K V. Rathnam, E.R.H.S., Sri K. Rajagopal Pillai helped us in the camp. In the evening the Investiture ceremony was also celebrated, when Sri K. Guruswamy, B.A.L.T. Headmaster, addressed the campers. After the camp fire and the singing of Janaganamana, the Camp came to a close.

Sri T. S. Sundarajan, Scoutmaster was in charge of the Camp.

வித்துவான் தி. முத்து கண்ணப்பர்

பி. ஏ., எம். எல். சி.

அவர்கள் சென்னை மேல் மன்றத்தில் வரவு செலவு திட்டத்தின்மீது பேசிய ஒரு பகுதியின் சாரம்

மாணவர்களிடையே ஒழுங்கு அமைதி கட்டுப்பாடு இவை வரவாக்குறைந்து கொண்டே வருகின்றன. இதை நினைக்கும் போழுது மனம் வேதனைபடுகிறது. எனக்குத் தெரிந்து 15 அல்லது 20 ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன்பு நம்முடைய நாட்டிலே சாரணர் இயக்கம், பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் யூ.டி.சி. இவை இரண்டுதான் இருந்தன இப்பொழுது கடந்த 10 அல்லது 12 ஆண்டு காலமாக என். சி. சி., ஏ. சி. சி., பெண்கள் என. சி. சி., குடிமை பயிற்சி, செஞ்சிலுவைச் சங்கம், சாரணர் இயக்கம் இத்தனையும் வந்து மாணவர்களுக்குக் குழப்பத்தை தான் தந்திருக்கிறது. இன்று மாணவர்களிடையே நாம் காண்கிறோம்.....

1948-ம் ஆண்டில் குடிமைப்பயிற்சி முறை பள்ளிகளில் புகுத்தப்பட்டது. அம்முறைப்படி, மாணவத் தலைவர்களுக்குத் தேர்தல் நடத்தும் திட்டம் உருவானது. இத்தேர்தல் முறையின் பயன் என்னவாயிற்று? வெளியூல்கதில் தேர்தல் முறை எவ்வாறு நடைபெறுகிறதோ, பெற்றோர்களும் மற்றோர்களும் தேர்தல் முறையை எவ்வாறு அனுபவிக்கின்றார்களோ அப்படியே மாணவர்களும் பள்ளிகளில் செய்து வருகிறார்கள். பள்ளிதேர்தல்களிலும் மாணவர்களிடையே லஞ்சம் தாண்டவமாடுகிறது. "எனக்கு ஒட்டுப்போடு காப்பி வாங்கித் தருகின்றேன். பணம் தருகின்றேன்" என்று சொல்லி ஒட்டு கேட்கிறார்கள். இத்தேர்தல் முறை மாணவர்களிடம் ஒழுக்கமின்மைக்கும், கட்டுப்பாடின்றமைக்கும் பெரிதும் காரணமாகிறது.

என். சி. சி., ஏ. சி. சி. இவைகளுக்கெல்லாம் அரசாங்கம் ஏராளமாகச் செலவு செய்கிறது. 1958-59ல் என். சி. சிக்காக 19.33 லட்சம் ரூபாய் 1959-60ல் 19.95 லட்சம் ரூபாய் செலவிடப் போகிறார்கள். ஆனால் அதற்குத் தகுந்த பயன் கிடைக்கிறதா என்பதை சிந்தித்துப் பார்க்க வேண்டும்.

நம்முடைய நாட்டில் சாரண இயக்கம் சரிவர நடந்தாலே போதும், சாரண இயக்கம் போன்று மற்ற இயக்கங்கள் நம்முடைய நாட்டிற்கு உகந்தவை அல்ல. நம்முடைய நாட்டில் மாணவர்களிடையே, சத்தியம், அஹிம்சை, மரியாதை, பணிவு, பக்தி, கடமையுணர்ச்சி, முதலிய உயர்ந்த பண்புகளை வளர்க்க வேண்டும். அதற்குச் சிறந்த சாதனமாய் இருப்பது சாரண இயக்கம் தான்.

நம்முடைய நாட்டிலே பெண்களுக்குக்கூட என். சி. சி. பயிற்சி கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது. அவர்களுக்குத் துப்பாக்கித் தூக்கிச் சூடுவதற்குக் கற்றுக்