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ROLE OF SCOUTS

MR. NEHRU'S ADVICE

New Delhi, July 29.

Prime Minister Nehru told an international gathering of world Scouts and Guides here to-day that as individuals and as a movement they could play a definite part in the world by creating an atmosphere of fellowship, comradeship and understanding.

Inaugurating the Seventeenth International Scout Conference at the Vigyan Bhawan here, he said that mere political understandings were of no value if they were not based on the real feelings of the mind and heart.

"If we could perhaps do away with slogans and and well-worn phrases, which come so aptly to the politicians, and try to ban their use for a while and deal with the problems minus the slogans and such phrases, I imagine it may be a little easier to deal with the problems", he said

"In a changing world the phrases and slogans of yesterday, however good they were, may not be totally appropriate to-day and what may be appropriate to-day may not fit in to-morrow".

About 200 delegates and observers from 50 countries, who are attending the week-long Conference, the first of its kind to be held in Asia, cheered Mr. Nehru when he commended to them Emperor Ashoka's 2,300 year old message of universal brotherhood and comradeship and said "I take it that this great organisation which has existed for more than half a century represents these urges.

—“THE HINDU”

IDEALS OF SCOUT MOVEMENT SHRIMALI STRESSES VALUE

New Delhi, Aug. 3.

The Seventeenth International Scout Conference ended here to-day.

Dr. K. L. Shrimali, Union Education Minister, in his closing address to the week-long conference said that "at this time when we are trying to build up one world, the scouting movement could play a very significant role in the field of education".

Predicting a great future for this movement, Dr. Shrimali said: "I do not know whether the founder of the movement, Lord Baden Powell, himself had realised the great potentialities of this movement. As years pass by and as mutual distrust among people and nations disappear, we shall realise greater and greater the value of this movement".

Dr. Shrimali said that the Scout movement tried to reconcile the irreconcilables certain contradictory concepts in education such as individual and society, nationalism and internationalism and religion and rationalism. While the movement attempted to develop national loyalties, it also tried to establish international brotherhood. Without attaching itself to any narrow religious dogmas, the scout movement tried to inculcate among the youth those moral and spiritual values for which humanity stood for thousands of years. While the movement strove to develop individual character through self-expression it did not ignore the needs of society.

Dr. Shrimali appealed to the 200 International Scout delegates and observers to make scouting a "mass movement" by taking the movement to rural areas.

—"THE HINDU"

News from the State Headquarters

The State Executive Committee: Met on the 23rd July, 1959.

Observers to the International Scout Conference: Since, Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu our State Commissioner and Sri K. S. Seshadri our Assistant State Commissioner who were appointed as observers to the 17th International Conference at Delhi by the State Chief Commissioner could not go to Delhi owing to other engagements, Sri Sathrasala Venkata Ram our State Treasurer and Sri Mohamed Nooruddin our District Commissioner, North Madras, were appointed as the Observers in their stead, and they attended the Conference.

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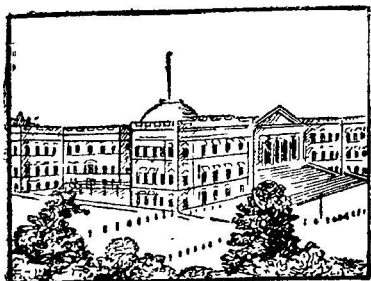
The Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of the State Council will be held on Saturday the 19th September 1959, at State Headquarters, South Beach Road, Triplicane, Madras. Notices giving details will be sent only to the members of the State Council.

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Conference of Commissioners & Secretaries: A Conference of all District and Assistant District Commissioners (SCOUTS & GUIDES) and all Secretaries of District and Local Associations will be held on Sunday the 20th September 1959. All are cordially invited to attend.

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Deputy Camp Chief (Guides): Kumari S. Bakkiamuthu of Madras, has been appointed as the Deputy Camp Chief (Guides) in Madras State.



The design of the Government House, in Calcutta, was modelled on that of Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire—the ancestral home of Lord Curzon. It was built in the time of the Marquis of Wellesley at a cost of £ 170,000 and was occupied by twenty-four Governors General of India for over 100 years till the Indian capital was removed to Delhi (1912).

Philippine President Calls Jamboree 'Peace Instrument'

Urges Support for World Event

Philippines President Carlos P. Garcia the other day called for universal support and assistance to the 10th World Jamboree, which he described as a "global instrument" for lasting peace.

President Garcia made this statement at a special session of the 10th World Jamboree held in connection with a nationwide conference of some 300 Local Scout Leaders held in Manila for three days for the purpose of discussing ways and means of insuring local Scout participation in the forthcoming Jamboree.

The Jamboree is a "significant step in the worldwide effort to insure lasting peace and friendship among nations", he declared.

Reiterating his personal and official commitment to assist the Jamboree, President Garcia urged all friends of Scouting and peace here and abroad to rally behind the all-out Philippines' endeavour to make the Jamboree a complete success.

He commended those who, in one way or another, have been extending a helping hand to the Jamboree, saying whatever contribution made for it is an investment for peace the world over.

Government and Scout leaders and consular officials who attended the session addressed by the President lauded his interest and support for the Jamboree.

President Garcia, it may be recalled, personally extended the invitation to hold the Jamboree in the Philippines at the 16th International Scout Conference in Cambridge, England, in 1957.

Since then, he has been extending concrete assistance to the Jamboree, some of which are as follows:—

1. Appropriation of P 500,000 as Government contribution to the Jamboree fund.

2. Waiver of passport and visa requirements for overseas Jamboree participants.

3. Permission to Government officials and employees to work for the Jamboree during official hours without prejudice to their salary.

4. Use of Government facilities and personnel in the Jamboree preparation, including Government engineers, health officers, etc

5. Use of Government sea and land transportation facilities in transporting local Jamboree participants from various parts of the country to the Jamboree and back.

Visit of Miss A. Karkare, Member of the World Bureau & Travelling Commis- sioner for Asain Area to MADRAS STATE

15th July to 28th July 1959

(N.B. The Southern Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides and the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State jointly drew up a programme for the visit and participated in the various activities)

Visit to Groups: Miss A. Karkare visited the Guide Units at the Government School for the Blind, Poonamallee, Sri Sadana, Mylapore; and the Government Certified School, Kilpauk on 16th July, and visited a few more Guide Units at the Gopalapuram Girls High School, Corporation Girls Schools at Nungambakkam and Vellala Teynampet on the 24th July.

Commissioners' Training-Cum-Conference: This event was held at Jaggampet Gardens, Chromepet from 17th to 19th July. Fourteen Guide Commissioners of the Southern Railway and the Madras State participated. Mrs. M. Clubwala Jadhav, Chief Commissioner (Guides), India, inaugurated

the conference and Miss Karkare directed the training and many subjects of importance in Guiding were discussed.

Hobby Centre and Address: Miss Karkare visited the Hobby Centre of the Southern Railway Bharath Scouts and Guides at Perambur and addressed the staff and students of the Hobart School for Muslim Girls on the 20th July.

Ranger Leaders' Training: A short training course for Ranger Leaders was conducted by Miss Karkare at the Jaggampet Gardens at Chromepet from 21st to 23rd July. Twenty two Ranger Leaders—eleven from the Southern Railway and eleven from Madras State—participated.

Flock Leaders Meet: In the afternoon of 24th July Miss Karkare met 95 Flock Leaders of both the Associations at Wenlock Park and gave them some practical hints on their work with Bulbuls.

Guide Captains' Meet : On the morning of 25th July, 50 Captains and Assistant Captains of the various Guide Companies of both the Associations met and were given training in Company work and administration.

Joint Reception: Miss A. Karkare was accorded a reception by the Bharat Scouts and Guides of the Southern Railways and Madras State at the State Headquarters, Wenlock Park. Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides), welcomed the gathering. Mrs. M. Clubwala Jadhav, Chief Commissioner (Guides), India, Miss G. R. Samuel, Headquarters Commissioner

for Training (Guides), and Dr. A. K. Menon, State Chief Commissioner, Southern Railways spoke. After Miss A. Karkare's reply, Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay, the Hony. State Secretary thanked all those present.

Visit to Trichinopoly : On the 27th July, Miss A. Karkare attended a Conference of the Guiders of the two Associations at the Southern Railway Headquarters of the Scouts and Guides and was present at a Rally of Bulbuls and Guides of both the Associations presided over by Sri Basha Gulam Muhamad the Collector of the District. Sri H. R. Delvi welcomed the gathering. After an interesting demonstration of guide and Scout activities and talk by Miss Karkare, the rally dispersed with a vote of thanks proposed by Sri Choudri the Divisional Superintendent of the Southern Railways.

17th INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CONFERENCE

A "keynote" resolution passed at the Conference said, "on the occasion of the holding of the World Jamboree and the International Conference for the first time in the East, the Conference notes with pleasure the way in which scout principles and ideals are practised so successfully in this part of the globe. It is particularly appropriate that this Seventeenth Conference met in India, the country which gave our founder the background for cubbing and the ideas which were later developed into the Scout Movement. By faithfully following Baden Powell's precepts for the benefit of the boy, we shall all take our full share in building to-morrow, to-day.

"THE HINDU"

District News

TRICHINOPOLY

About 100 Scouts and Guides did excellent service during the Samprokshanam function at the Srirangam Temple on 12th July '59 Messrs T.K. Venkataraman, K. V. Ratnam, R. Sundaram, Ramachandran and M. A. Soundararajan were in charge of service at various centres. There was splendid co-operation between the Police, Temple authorities and the Scouts and Guides. Sri K. S. Seshadri, Assistant State Commissioner was present at the service and gave the Scouts and Guides helpful directions.

VILLUPURAM

A new Local Association was formed at Villupuram for Villupuram Revenue Taluk area on 18-7-'59. The following are the Office bearers:

President: Dr. D. Thyagarajan

Vice-President: Sri. Balasivanandam

Secretary: Sri. T. S. Lucas

Joint Secretaries: Miss Joicy Sarojini & Sri S. Krishnamurthy

Treasurer: Sri. P. S. Lakshmanaswami.

All Scout and Guide correspondence in the taluk should be addressed to Sri. T. S. Lucas, Secretary Bharat Scouts & Guides Local Association, 6,

E, Shanmuga Peruman Street, Villupuram (South Arcot Dt.)

EAST MADRAS

The Inaugural Rally of the Association was held at 5-30. P M on 18th July 1959 at Wenlock Park, Triplicane: Sri V. Emberumanar Chetti, Sheriff of Madras presided. Sri S. Amudachari, the Chairman of the Executive Committee welcomed the gathering. Over 500 scouts and guides participated. The Lions International club generously donated the cost for the distribution of sweets and eatables for the scouts and guides at the rally. Sri R. N. Vadivel the Secretary of the Association proposed a vote of thanks.

NORTH MADRAS

A conference of Scouters and Guiders of the district was held on 27th June 1959 with Sri M. Nooruddin the District Commissioner (Scouts) in the chair. Sri. T. Chengalvaraya Pillay vice president of the Association welcomed the gathering. Sri R. Messiah Doss & Kumari C. John, State Organising Commissioners addressed the scouters and guiders. A programme of work for the district was chalked out and the conference terminated with a vote of thanks proposed by Sri A. Kandaswami the Secretary of the Association.

TIRUVALLUR

A rally of local scouts and guides was held at Goudie High School grounds on 6th July 1959. Sri K. Rangunathan hoisted the flag and Sri M. V. Krishnan welcomed the gathering. There was good demonstration of scout and guide activities. Sri R. Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner addressed the gathering. The Rally ended with a vote thanks proposed by Sri D. Govindarajan to Sri K. N. Thambuchetti, Chairman Municipal Council for his generous donation towards distribution of sweets and eatables to the scouts and Guides.

The Executive of the Local Association met on 6th July 1959 with Sri K. Rangunathan in the chair. The Secretary Sri M. V. Krishnan read a brief report of the activities of the Association for the year 1958-59. Sri R. Messiah Doss the State Organising Commissioner suggested ways and means of intensifying Scout and Guide activities in the area.

CHIDAMBARAM

A Cubmasters Training Camp under the auspices of the Orientation Training for Village School Teachers was held at Sethiathope Village in Chidambaram Taluk from 25th June to 1st July 1959 when 56 Teachers underwent Training as Cubmasters. The Camp was in charge of Sri M. Ram Mohan, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief

and Organiser, Village Youth Leadership, assisted by Sri H. Krishnamurthi, Asst. District Commissioner and Sri D. Subramaniam.

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At a meeting held on 30th July 1959, the following new Office-bearers were elected for the Local Association of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Chidambaram Taluk.

President: Sri M. Subbaroya Pillai,

Vice-Presidents: Dr. S. Nataraja Jatavallabhar, Dr. Mrs. Palaniswaminathan, Sri M. Rajanga Nadar, Sri S. Ramalingam Pillai.

Secretary: Sri N. V. Ramaswamy.

Joint Secretary: Sri G. Somasundaram.

Treasurer: Sri R. Selvaraj.

Quartermaster: Sri K. Natarajan.

N. B. :—All communications connected with Scouting and Guiding in Chidambaram Taluk should be addressed to Sri N. V. Ramaswamy, Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Pachaiyappa's High School, Chidambaram.

MADURAI

A Training Camp for Cubmasters was held under the auspices of the District Association at Usilampatti from 25th June to 1st July 1959. 24 men from various parts of the District underwent training. The Camp was in charge of Sri J. D. Asirvatham, Asst.

Deputy Camp Chief, assisted by Sri V. S. Ramasubramaniam District Commissioner, Sri K. S. Sampath, Assistant District Commissioner and Sri D. S. Santharaj, Scout organiser, Kallar Reclamation.

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The annual conference of Bharat Scouts and Guides Commissioners and Secretaries of Madurai District and Local Associations was held on 2-8-59 at the District Headquarters office, North Avani Street, Madurai. Sri P. S. Ramasubramaniam, Honorary District Secretary welcomed the gathering and outlined the programme of the session. Sri V. S. Ramasubramaniam, District Commissioner (Scouts) in his presidential address explained the need for concerted work and exhorted the delegates to strive for better popularization of the Movement. Delegates took active part in the discussion on the various subjects, viz., Training of Scouters & Guiders, Follow-up Work, Help to Groups, Boys and Girls Work, Warrants, Rallies, Local Associations, Membership, Literature, Journal, Camping Centre and Public Service. The conference concluded in the evening with Tea. The District Secretary proposed a vote of thanks.

NILGIRIS

A Training Course for Flock Leaders was held at the

Stanley Park Training Centre, at Coonoor, from 2nd to 13th July 1959. 30 women from the various Schools in the many Tea Estates and from other Schools in the District took training. Miss L. Vedanayakam, District Commissioner (Guides), Madras, was in charge of the course.

The Visitors' Day of the Course was held on 11th July 1959 with Mrs. R. E. Maclaine-Clerke, District Commissioner (Guides), Nilgiris in the chair. Visitors from all parts of the District, including Managers of the various Tea Estates were present.

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A Cubmasters' Training Course was held at the Stanley Park Training Centre, Coonoor, from 13th to 19th July 1959. Sri V. P. Ramaswamy, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief (Cubs), was in charge of the Course ably assisted by Rev. V. D. Elliot, Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts), and Scouters, Sri P. Gujjan, Sri M. Devaraju and Sri D. N. Abraham. 22 men representing various Schools of the Tea Estates in the District underwent training. Mrs. R. E. Maclaine-Clarke, District Commissioner (Guides), inaugurated the Course. The Visitors' Day was held on 18th July 1959 with the District Commissioner (Guides) in the chair. Sri G. J. Katticaran, Welfare Liaison Officer(s), Tea Board, spoke on the occasion.

TANJORE

The Chidambaranar Scout Troop of Board High School, Kilapperumballam, Tanjore Dt. camped at Cauveripoompattinam on 4-8-59, Tuesday in connection with the Adi Amavasai. The Scouts under the leadership of Scout master A. S. K. Vadivu, rendered service to the pilgrims who thronged there for bathing in the Sangamukam from various places. The Scouts assembled on the seashore at 6 A. M. and served till 12 noon on 4-8-59.

SALEM

Sri C. Subramaniam, Minister for Finance and Education

and our President was present at a Rally of Cubs, Bulbuls, Scouts and Guides at Hosur on the 3rd inst. He addressed the Scouts and Guides and the following are his remarks written in the visitors' book of the school.

"I was happy to visit the School and attend a Scout Rally organised here. The Scout Movement gives an opportunity to train and develop the children to become good citizens of our Country. I wish the Scout Movement here every success and continued growth".

"Under the auspices of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Local Association, Kumbakonam, a Refresher Training Camp for Scoutmasters and Cubmasters will be held at Ammachattaram, near Kumbakonam from 12th to 16th September, 1959.

Further particulars can be had from Sri V. Pichumani, General Secretary, Local Scout Association, Kumbakonam".

Scouting as it Struck a Visitor to the United Kingdom

The Scout Groups in the United Kingdom are mostly open groups. A number of them are attached to churches, the Padre being the Group Scout master. Groups run by Schools are not as many as in our country. Scouters are drawn from all walks of life, from retired military and naval personnel to the business man or office clerk. They are men with a spirit of dedicated service, sincerity of purpose and a determination to do their best for the youth of the Country. Their aim is to keep the teen-agers, through scout activities, away from bad influences and company during the formative periods of their lives, and give them all that Scouting has to offer to make them good and useful Citizens.

The co-operation which the Scouters receive from the parents is remarkable. The parents realise that the Scouters give abundantly of their time and energy in the training of their children. They come forward with an all out effort to see that their children are regular at the troop meets, have the proper uniform, pay the troop subscription regularly and save for the annual camp which is always looked forward to

as the outstanding event of the year. They make sure that their boys get all the encouragement they need in their badge work at home. They feel that it is their duty to raise funds for the group, and through the group committees set about this task. One who has a ground suitable for camping may place it at the disposal of the group. Another who has transport facilities may offer to transport all the camping gear to the campsite free. The hundred odd ways in which the parents come forward to help the scouters give the Scouters the encouragement they look for in their work.

One of the things that strikes a visitor very strongly is the great emphasis placed on the Scout law and promise, and the endeavour made by the Scouters and parents alike in helping the Scouts to live up to the Scout-promise in their day to day lives. Badge work is greatly encouraged. To keep up the interest of Scouts, once they qualify themselves for badges almost at the next troop meet the badges are presented. This is an aspect where the State Headquarters can come to the assistance of the Scouters in our State.

It was an inspiring and thrilling experience attending the National Scout Service in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle on Sunday, the 26th April 1959. Scouters from twenty-two Commonwealth countries were present at the parade and were introduced to the Chief Scout who had a word with every one of them. About 1000 queen Scouts from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales marched past the Chief Scout who took the Salute this year in the grounds of Windsor Castle. The short impressive service in St. George's chapel with all the Scouts and Scouters assembled renewing the Scout promise was a memorable event. The service over, the Scouts assembled in the quadrangle in front of the chapel when the Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan, exhorted every one to go back to his own place, keeping before him the Scout law and promise and endeavour to live up to that ideal and try to make the world a better place to live in. The enthusiasm of the parents was abundantly illustrated in that many of them, though they could not get admission to the service in the chapel, had come from distant places like Scotland, Wales and Ireland, just to see their children march past in the parade.

If Scouting in our country is to improve and become what it ought to be, our Scouters must have FAITH in the movement. The unwilling teacher who has no faith in the movement and yet is in it, should quit it. People who are interested in the youth of the country, who believe in the ideals of Scouting and who can find the time and energy to inspire the youth should be induced to become Scouters. Will not such public spirited men come forward in greater numbers in the service of the youth of the country?

D. S. MATTHIAS

STATE ORGANISING COMMISSIONERS ON TOUR

Sri R. Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), toured Chingleput and Salem Districts and visited the following places in the month of July and August 1959.

Tiruvottiyur, Ponneri, Trivellore, Uthukottai, Palavakkam, Periapalayam, Arani, Wallajabad, Kancheepuram, Poona-mallee, Saidapet, Salem, Attur, Dharampuri, Namakkal, and Hosur.

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Kumari C John, State Organising Commissioner (Guides), visited Trichy, during the month of July 1959 with Miss A. Karkare, Travelling Commissioner, Asian Area and Member of the World Bureau of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

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Sri M Rajagopalan, State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), toured in South Arcot District during the month of July and visited the following places :

Villupuram, Valavanur, Panruti, Siruvathur, Cuddalore, Nellikuppam, Neyveli, Ulundurpet, Chidambaram and Kattumannarkoil.

TO SCOUTERS

Out-of-Doors

The game of Scouting was built around the boy. It wasn't made and then brought to the boy. The boy came first. The substance was put into the programme which would satisfy him. Inside of us there seems to be a desire to get out-of-doors, and as soon as we get out, we have adventure with it. And the more we add of the out-of-door activities, the better we will serve the individual boy.

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Safe Anywhere

We are not concerned about taking the boy "off the Street" because we know we can't keep him off the Street. He is going to be on the street and many places where he won't be tied to his mother's apron strings, nor will he be tied to his Scoutmaster's belt. He is going to be "ON HIS OWN" If that boy has a controlling, living purpose and a living ideal in his heart, based upon an ambition to get somewhere in the world we

believe that he is safe on the street or anywhere in the world. Every scouter should help the boy to be "ON HIS OWN"

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Adult Friendship and Example

The boy likes adult companionship. He finds his big brother in the Scoutmaster, in Troop Committeeman, in the District Commissioner, in his Badge Instructor and in many other adult helpers in our movement. Let us enrich the boy's life in the man-and-boy contact by bringing more of these men into his Life. Form Group Committees, get a large number of instructors to help the boys in the badge work and above all get fine men in your locality to associate themselves with your troop activities.

Inner Motivation Better

The best reason for doing a thing is because one wants to, not because one has to, not because one wants something different that will come at the end of doing something because one has to, the motivation is external. In the case of doing something not for its own sake but because of the effect to which it leads, the motivation, the reason for doing it, is extrinsic; it is external. But when a thing is felt worthwhile to be done for its own sake, then we put our whole selves into

it. The motivation is intrinsic, and it is an inner urge.

To what extent are we motivated in our work as Scouters and by what motives? The results will depend on the motives.

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Discipline from within

Control of youth should pass as quickly as possible from the outer to the inner. That is outer control is disciplinary; it is external. Inner control is liberating; it is internal; it is free. We are to pass from discipline to freedom as rapidly an individual may pass. Some may do it earlier than others.

Now in training Scout Leaders, how self-reliant, dependable, are our Scouts when the leader is absent? There is test of whether our discipline is leading to inner control and real freedom.

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Scouting Not Compulsory but Optional and Elective

In scouting we do not make use of anything suggestive of compulsion. The Scout obligation is not one of compulsion. It expresses responsibility, but the psychology behind its terminology aims at a very definite relationship between the boy's desire to be a Scout and his eagerness to prove his right to be a Scout. "A Scout IS trustworthy"; "A Scout IS loyal"; "A Scout IS helpful";

not that he must be, or that he ought to be, but that he wants to be, in fact IS trustworthy, loyal and helpful. These principles he tries to apply to his life problems all along the line, not merely at Troop Meetings, while he recites his Scout Oath and Law. Scouting becomes a part of his life and motivates his thinking and doing.

—'EAGLE'—

TRAINING COURSES AT THE NATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE — PACHMARHI

1. Scoutmasters Preliminary Training Course :

Dates: 1st to 12th October 1959

Camp Fees: ... Rs. 30/- per head

Last date of application: } ... 5th September, 1959.

2. Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs' Course :

Only those who have successfully completed one or more Himalaya Wood Badge Training Courses and who are recommended by the State Association are eligible. The numbers and dates of certificates and Parchments must be mentioned in the applications.

Dates: 1st to 12th October, 1959

Camp Fees: ... Rs. 30/- per head

Last date of application: } ... 5th September.

All applications should reach the State Headquarters on or before the 1st September 1959.

1959 AUSTRALIAN ROVER MOOT

The Australian Boy Scout Association is holding the 1959 Australian Rover Moot from December 28, 1959 to January 2nd, 1960, at the Barney Gorge in the mountain ranges of Southern Queensland, some 300 miles north of Sydney. An invitation to Rover Scouts to attend the Moot has been received.

The highlights of the Moot programme are as follows:-

1. Physical exercises, expeditions and endurance tests.
2. Mental stimulus through discussions and talks on world, national and civic affairs.
3. Cultural subjects and Scoutcraft.
4. Spiritual experiences through fraternisation, proximity to the wonders of God's creation, Scout's Own and discussion.
5. Social activities before and after the Moot.
6. Tours and visits to industries during the two or three days after the end of Moot proper.
7. Reception in Brisbane for visiting Rovers.

For further details, please write to the Honorary State Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Post Box No. 424, MADRAS-5.

All India Scout Commissioners' and Secretaries' Conference

GROUP IV

Scouting in Rural Areas

The Movement should be further strengthened and expanded in the rural areas by means of experienced Scout workers. The unit should be Block and not the District. A Local Association may be formed in well developed blocks. It may consist of an Assistant District Commissioner (honorary) and the Inspecting Officer of Schools, Block Development Officer, Social Education Officer or Organiser (Extension Teacher), Panchayat Extension Officer and some influential villagers among whom may be retired officials, good cultivators and merchants. The Scoutmaster may be the Social Education Officer himself or some experienced teacher from a middle school who is a trained Scouter. A beginning should be made in small areas (say within a radius of about 5 miles which may spread out gradually.

2. The movement may be sponsored by three bodies (a) the Block (through Education Officer), (b) the village civic body (Panchayat or Gram Samaj) who may employ a teacher or any other suitable person to whom training has been imparted and (c) the school which must have a trained scoutmaster. The sponsors will arrange finance. The Block has got certain funds for Educational purposes, the Panchayat can give some money from their funds and collect more for Scouting and Schools can give something from the funds collected for their co-curricular activities and also make some earnings and collections. The Blocks and Panchayats may concentrate on Rovers and help the Cub Packs and Scout Troops while the Schools will deal only with the Cubs and Scouts.

3. The Organisers should first concentrate on small attractive programmes like community songs, puppet shows, camp fires and acts of service organised through short camps and rallies. Discipline will be a great problem among Rover Crews for some years, but perseverance with the Scout methods and programmes will overcome the difficulty gradually.

4. The organiser should visit the Scouting units regularly at least once in a month and devote some hours to each unit. One hour's community service rendered in his presence will go a long way in forming the habit of service. But in order to give the unit fresh ideas and suggestions a regular flow of

Scout literature should be maintained. Charts and pamphlets should be sent round and programmes should be chalked out by him.

5. The programmes of service activity should be coordinated with the fulfilment of the Second Five Year Plan and the subsequent plans. The Scout Troops should ascertain the needs of development and prepare the ground for their fulfilment. Scouts and Guides should help making the people of their areas plan minded. Particularly, they should help in the achievement of targets laid down for the areas. For instance, they can help individual cultivators in turns to sort out the good seed from the bad one, to prepare manure pits and compost heaps and in permanent measures to check soil erosion or for conservation of water. Scouts and Guides should become well versed in the work of Social welfare service in their area and render full cooperation therein.

6. Scouts and Scouters should also undertake and help in the various small savings schemes.

7. Local Associations should cooperate with other organisers of Youth Movement in the fulfilment of their programmes relating to social service and invite their cooperation in the fulfilment of their own.

HIMALAYA CUB WOOD BADGE—PART I

STUDY—I

(N. S. Those who are interested to answer the studies will please apply for detailed instructions to the State Headquarters)

1. Describe the use you would make at Pack Meetings of the services of:—

- (a) an experienced A. C. M.
- (b) an inexperienced A. C. M.

What part would the C. M. play? State how you would deal with an offer of occasional assistance at Pack Meeting from a complete stranger?

Specimen answer:—

- (a) The experienced A. C. M. would

- I. help in making up programmes

- II. take an active part in running games and other activities

III. devise and lead in new games and activities

IV. take a fair share of the general responsibility of running the Pack in all its departments.

V. run Pack Meetings from time to time, in complete charge.

(b) The inexperienced A. C. M. would

I. help in lesser degree in making up programmes

II. help in running games and other activities

III. take some responsibility in the general running of the Pack

IV. work at all times under the tactful supervision of the Cubmaster.

IV. see that all A. C. Ms. are trained to be able to run a Pack.

V. lead from in front

The job of the C. M. is to

I. provide the drive and set the standards and tone

II. coordinate all activities

III. see that all A. C. M. s, C. I. s, Lay helpers are busy and happy.

IV. see that all A. C Ms. are trained to be able to run

V. lead from in front

Before accepting any help at all with the Pack from a total stranger, his bona-fides must be established and the D. C. consulted.

NOW ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:—

2. "The atmosphere necessary for the proper running of the Pack is to be built up by making use of the Mowgli story as in the Wolf Cub's Handbook by Baden Powell". What is the atmosphere referred to and how is the Mowgli story so helpful? Narrate an Indian Story of similar influence.

3 You have received complaints of consistent misbehaviour by Cubs, obviously due to an excess of high spirits on the way home from Pack Meetings and yet, under your control, discipline in the Pack Den is always beyond reproach. What do you think is the reason for this, and how would you deal with the situation?

4. When did your Group Council last meet? Who was there and what happened? What is the function of the Group Council? Show how it helps the Pack and give examples of

the kind of subjects you have raised, or would like to raise at the council ?

5. Star work is the basis of the Training Programme in the Pack. How would you use Star work in the following :-

- (a) Games (b) Six Activities (c) Out-door Activities
(d) Competitions.

STUDY—II

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6. Describe the use that you make of (a) Sixers
(b) Sixers' Council

Do you feel that these uses should be developed even further ? If so, how and why ?

7. We are told that the effort must be taken into consideration when testing for Proficiency Badges. Bearing in mind that this includes First and Second Stars, does this mean that we should accept a lower standard of result from some boys ? Give examples of how this would apply in the case of any two Proficiency Badges.

8. What is the value of Play-acting, first from the Cub's Point of view and second from the Cubmaster's point of view ? How do you make use of it in training your Cubs ? Describe a ten-minute "Play-acting" session in the Pack Den in which knotting and first-aid are used.

9. What use do you make of the competitive instinct in the life of your Pack ? What sort of trophies do you have in your Pack ? What is the nature and duration of your inter-six Competition(s) ? What (a) happens, (b) should happen on a District basis ?

10. Is your Cubbing sufficiently manly ? Are you prepared to take a reasonable risk on the side of adventure or do you think you owe it to the parents of your boys that they should take no physical risk at all ? Would you permit a ten-year old Cub to whittle a stick with a sharp knife in the course of a handicraft activity or should this task be delegated to a Cub Instructor ?

STUDY—III

(Please detach the questions and paste them into your note book. Return this study to the Reader within two months after the receipt of the Study II.)

11. At what stage in the life of a Cub do you begin to prepare him for Troop Scouting? How do you do this?

12. In what ways would you try to bring out a boy whose tendency in Pack Meetings is always to hold back? How do you deal with the boy who "knows it all" and "has done it all" before he is ten?

13. Cubs are members of the World Wide Brotherhood of Scouts. How do you bring this home to your Pack? Draw up a programme for a Special Pack Meeting on them bearing on this aspect of our Training.

14. In what way can parents help a Cub throughout his life in the Pack? What steps do you take to ensure that this help is forthcoming?

15. The keeping of the Cub Promise is the most important activity in the life of a Cub. How would you present the various clauses of the Promise to him in the form of activities, e.g.

- (a) Duty to God.
- (b) Duty to my country.
- (c) "To keep the Law of the Cub Pack."
- (d) "To do a Good Turn to somebody every day."

Suggest ways of impressing these phrases on his mind so that they become a real part of his every day life.

(These are the Gilwell questions changed a little to suit the Indian conditions.)
