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O U R S E L V E S

It is a source of deep joy to all those connected with Scouting and Guiding in this country, that the President of the Indian Union has graciously agreed to permit us to call our best scouts and best guides as "President's Scouts", and "President's Guides". These Scouts and Guides will be awarded certificates bearing the insignia of the State over the signature of the President of India. They will be permitted to wear badges bearing the insignia of the State with the inscription "President's Scout", and "President's Guide" embossed on them.

Elsewhere in this issue is published an article from the pen of Shrimathi L. Mazumdar, Chief Commissioner (Guides) of India. In a glorious manner the Chief Commissioner (Guides) of India traces the tradition of the Institution of the King Scouts and the Queen Scouts in England and other parts of the world and how the award of certificates as the President's Scouts and Guides would inspire the boys and girls who are in the movement to do their best to "God, State and Country" and thus fulfil the Scout and Guide promise.

Shri R. Sankaran of South Madras was chosen as the President's Scout of this State and was awarded the

certificate at the special Rally of the Scouts and Guides held at Rashtrapathi Bhawan on November 28, 1961. Details of our first President's Scout and the certificate awarded to him are published elsewhere in this issue and all scouts and guides in this state will emulate the example of Shri Sankaran and work to achieve that signal distinction of becoming the President's Scouts and President's Guides.

PLAN PUBLICITY AND SCOUTS

Another matter of rejoice is to notice the manner in which the Scouts and Guides have done their best to participate in the Plan Publicity Week organised by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India and the Small Savings Campaign got up by the Madras State Advisory Board of the National Savings Scheme. Reports of meetings and campaign organised by our scouts and guides are published elsewhere in this issue. Scouts and Guides who have not had the opportunity to do so now, will do well to remember next time when the call comes, that it is a duty done by them to their country as Scouts and Guides to participate in these campaigns and publicity gatherings and do their mite in spreading the message of progress and thus enabling the people to understand and participate in the Schemes under the plan.

HIMALAYA WOOD BADGE COURSE (CUBS)

A training course for Himalaya Wood Badge (Cubs) is proposed to be held at Erode Centre sometime in April or May 1962. The exact date and time will be announced later.

Those desirous of taking the course will write to the Honorary State Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras-5

THE REAL AND UNREAL SCOUTING

Sri S. R. Ramachandran



The Scout movement as contemplated by its founder covers all age groups catering to the proper growth and development of the individual in different stages. The training includes the inculcation of good thought and behaviour into the minds of the child, the adolescent and the adult and it is so broad based as to ensure the advancement of the individual in his knowledge, capacity and intellect, among other things. The conduct and character of the individual is shaped, the talents improved and enthusiasm canalised on proper lines. The individual is made to realise that he or she though actually a mere speck in a vast ocean, is capable of positive action backed by self confidence and thus be a real contributing factor for the welfare of all mankind.

We are apt to forget the fundamentals in our enthusiasm, and also if we make an emotional approach to the varied activities in the Scout movement, for example, giving too much and undue importance to a particular aspect or concentrating in the training on a specified subject. The planned programme of training ought to be so homogeneous and comprehensive such that the development of the individual is not lopsided and unrythmic. The physical, mental and moral growth has to be attended to simultaneously. There is bound to be difference of opinion but there cannot be any opinions with regard to certain basic truths about real scouting. Here are some of the basic truths about the aim and purpose of this World Organisation which we cannot afford to lose sight of on any account.

A child as days pass on grows, becomes an adolescent and then an adult.

The organisation exists for the sake of the individual.

Scouting is not an end in itself but is a means to an end.

Precept without practice is of no value

Tests and competitions are not merely for the sake of passing.

There can be no end for training.

Voluntary discipline is essential and not enforced discipline.

Respect and regard cannot be demanded.

Saying a thing is not doing that thing.

An individual is capable of ordering only if he or she is capable of obeying.

The application of the motto, promise and laws is more vital and necessary.

The success of running a Scout group is not based on the strength of the membership but on the quality of the members.

Real Leadership is created and not imposed.

Hero worship does not imply blind following.

One can expect help from others only when he is helping himself.

Inspiration must come to us and we cannot go to it.

Personality is not only the outward show of a person but much more of his character and conduct.

Some persons are born great, many persons are made great and few persons become great; so also certain matters.

Obedience out of free will is entirely different from obedience out of fear (of punishment obviously)

A person incapable of doing a small or minor job is incapable of executing a big job.

Rights and privileges cannot be claimed without realising the obligations and responsibilities.

The tendency to postpone is a sign of inaction and lethargy.

Pomp, pageant and propaganda have their own limitations in the Scout World.

The Scouter is taken to be a missionary with progressive views, dynamic personality and a semi-psychiatrist and hence the responsibility of the Scouter to justify these attributes is great.

The lure of power, prestige and publicity in the Scout organisation (as exists in any other organisation) should not be allowed to over power and influence the thought and action

Name, fame and popularity should not be sought after.

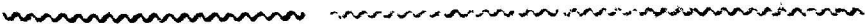
A Scouter does what he says, and says what he means.

Scouting is the answer for the existing disparity in treatment, differences of opinion, inequality of opportunity and facility and for the fusion of culture and civilization.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT'S SCOUT

The President's Scout Badge is the highest distinction which a Scout can achieve, and this distinction has been secured by Patrol Leader R. Shankar of the I Mylapore (Subrahmanya) Scout Group of the P. S. High School, Mylapore (South Madras District Association). He obtained his First Class Badge recently, and has to his credit Pioneer, Camper, Cook, Athlete, Starman, Healthyman, Public Healthman, Ambulanceman, Swimmer, Path-finder, Handyman, Entertainer and Signaller Proficiency Badges. He had the rare distinction of attending the President's Scouts and Guides Rally held at New Delhi in November 1961 as the sole representative of Madras State.

Sri R. SHANKAR shares his joy with others in his article published elsewhere in this issue.



“DELHI CHALO”!!!

(By Patrol Leader R. Shankar—President's Scout)

It was with great rejoice that I received the news of my selection for one of the four places allotted to the Scout Section from our State for the Rally of President's Scouts and Guides at New Delhi. Of course, I was fully aware that participating in the Rally was not only a great honour for me, but also a great responsibility—many eyes will be watching my behaviour, smartness, neatness and efficiency. My enthusiasm was dampened a little bit, when I turned out to be the sole representative of the State. The enthusiasm was fully revived and restored by the presence of the Honorary State Secretary, the District Secretary, my Group Leader and other Scouters of my Group at the Central Station on the evening of the 23rd November, when I boarded the Janatha Express. The interesting Camp life at Delhi occupied my mind throughout the journey, and I reached New Delhi on the 25th. Since I had to report at the Camp Site only the next morning, I spent the night in my uncle's house, who had come to the Station to receive me.

On the 26th November, I reported myself at the Delhi State Camping Ground near the historic Humayun Tomb, and participated in the simple inauguration ceremony, comprising of Flag Break and Prayer. Nearly 150 President's Scouts and Guides from all over the country attended the 5-day Camp. All of us were accommodated in tents. Besides me, there were seven other Scouts in my tent—one each from Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Mysore, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. This enabled all of us to understand one another very well, and I will not be exaggerating, if I said that we all moved like brothers. I had no difficulty in understanding Hindi; but, for my queries in English, they were able to reply only in Hindi.

In the evening, Scouts were given some problems in “Estimation”. For instance, we were asked to estimate the height of the flag staff and the like. Later on we had rehearsal for the public Camp-fire. I joined with some of the Mysore Scouts in singing a Tamil song. The items put up by the Scouts from Punjab and Uttar Pradesh were really nice and interesting. The next day (27th) we had flag-hoisting at 7-00 a.m. and Kit Inspection at 8-15 a.m.

Then we had our breakfast. Next, we were given a questionnaire—it was a very easy one—and many of us had absolutely no difficulty in answering the paper. In the afternoon a rehearsal was held for the next day's Rally at the Rashtrapathi Bhavan.

In the afternoon of the 28th, we visited the Parliament House. November 28, 1961 will always be a memorable day—of course, to be followed by another equally memorable one when I, along with other President's Scouts and President's Guides, attended the Rally at 5-00 p.m. at the Rashtrapathi Bhavan. Vice-President Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, who is also the Patron of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, distributed Certificates to all the participants. There was a public Camp-fire at 6-30 p.m. on the same day, which attracted a large number of visitors.

November 29 was a day of sight-seeing. We were all taken to various places of historical importance in and around Delhi—Qutab Minar, Red Fort, Raj Ghat and Birla Mandir. All of us had a very enjoyable time throughout. In the afternoon I had been to the Indian Industries Fair along with the Mysore Scouts and Guides. We had Camp-fire in the night.

As I had mentioned earlier, yet another memorable event in my life happened on the morning of the 30th November, when we called on the Prime Minister, Shri Jawarharlal Nehru, and spent some-time with him. We were indeed very fortunate in that we also had an opportunity to meet Major Gagarin, the first Cosmonaut, on that occasion. He was very cheerful and greeted all of us, and we returned to the Camp Site in high spirits. After our lunch, the Camp broke off. I was very sad to part with my newly-acquired friends.

Indeed I had a very nice and enjoyable time throughout my stay in the company of the people whom I had never met before, and my experiences were quite exhilarating. Of course, this was my one and the last chance to attend such a Camp and how I wish I was younger by a couple or more years. The Camp was very interesting to me and its sweet memory will ever remain green in my mind.

தென் துருவத்தின் அதிசயங்கள் : நேரில் கண்டவர் கூறும் விவரம்



அமெரிக்கச் சாரணச் சிறுவர் பால் ஸைப்பிள் 1928-ல் தென் துருவத்துக்குப்போகும் அருமையான வாய்ப்புப் பெற்றார். அன்று தென் துருவத்தை ஆராயப் புறப்பட்ட அட்மிரல் ரிச்சர்டு இ. பயர்டு என்பவருடன் செல்லும்படி சாரணச் சிறுவர்களின் சார்பில் பொறுக்கி யெடுக்கப்பட்டவர் பால் ஸைப்பிள். அப்போது அவருக்கு வயது 19.

அன்று முதல் அந்தத் தென் துருவப் பனிக் கண்டத்தில் பால் ஸைப்பிளுக்கு நீங்காத ஆர்வம் ஏற்பட்டுவிட்டது. இன்று அவர் தென் துருவப் பிரதேசம் பற்றி நன்கு ஆராய்ந்த அறிஞராகவும், பெயர் பெற்ற விஞ்ஞானியாகவும் விளங்குகிறார். பனி உறைந்த அந்தத் தென் துருவக் கண்டத்துக்கு அவர் அதன் பின் ஐந்து தடவை போயிருக்கிறார்; நான்கு முறை அங்கு குளிர் காலத்தைக் கழித்திருக்கிறார்.

இப்பொழுது பால் ஸைப்பிள் இந்தியா வந்துள்ளார். இங்கு இவர் ஆறு வாரம் இருப்பார்; பல இடங்களுக்குச் செல்வார்: சென்ற வாரம் புது டில்லியில் இருந்தார். உலகம் முழுவதற்கும் நன்மை ஏற்படும்படி, தென் துருவத்தை ஆராயும் முயற்சிகளைப் பற்றி இவர் அழகாக விளக்குகிறார்.

முதன் முதல் தென் துருவத்துக்குப்போனபோது, நியூயார்க் கிலிருந்து புறப்பட்டுத் தென் துருவத்தை அடைய 100 நாட்களுக்கு மேல் ஆயிற்று. அன்று அவர்கள் ஒரு பாய்மரக் கப்பலில் புறப்பட்டார்கள். பிறகு பனிக் கட்டிகளமீது கால் நடையாகச் சென்றார்கள். வழிகாட்ட நாய்களை அழைத்துச் சென்றிருந்தார்கள். ஆனால் இன்று கடைசியாக அங்கு போனபோது, விமானத்தில் நாற்பதே மணி நேரத்தில் அப் பயணம் முடிந்து விட்டது; டாக்டர் ஸைப்பிள் நேரே தென் துருவத்துக்கே பறந்து சென்றார். அவர் பனிக் கட்டித் தரையில் இறங்குவதற்கு ஏற்றவாறு அவரது விமானம் சிறப்பாகச் செய்யப் பட்டுள்ளது.

கடுங்குளிரும் கொடிய வெப்பமும் மனிதனை எவ்வாறு பாதிக்கும் அவன் உடை, உறையுள், கருவிகள் ஆகியவற்றை எவ்வாறு பாதிக்கும் என்றெல்லாம் ஆராய்வதற்காகவே அவர் அண்மையில் பலமுறை தென் துருவம் போனார். “பல மாதங்கள் வரை நான் பூஜ்யத்துக்குக்

கீழே 70 டிகிரி (சென்டி கிரேடு) குளிரில் இருந்தேன். மூச்சு விடும் போதெல்லாம், நீராவி வெளி வருவது போன்ற ஓசை கேட்கும்.” இச் செய்திகளை யெல்லாம் இவர் புது டில்லியில் பத்திரிகை நிருபர் களுடன் தேநீர் அருந்திக்கொண்டே சொன்னார்.

ஆராய்ச்சி செய்யும் சிற்சில விஞ்ஞானிகளைத் தவிரத் தென் துருவத்தில் வேறு யாரும் கிடையாது என்றும் டாக்டர் ஸைப்பிள். அங்கே தண்ணீரும் உறைந்து, காற்றும் கடுமையாகக் குளிர்ந்திருந்தாலும், தாவரங்களும் விலங்கினங்களும் பூமியின் வெப்பமான கடல்களில் காட்டிலும் அங்கே வேகமாகப் பல்கிப் பெருகின்றன.

“தென் துருவக் கடலில் நன்கு கொழுத்து வாழும் மிகப் பெரிய உயிரினம் நீலத் திமிங்கிலமாகும். இதன் நீளம் நூறு அடி இருக்கும். சில திமிங்கிலங்களின் எடை 100 டன்னுக்கும் அதிகமாக இருக்கும்” என்று ஸைப்பிள் தெரிவிக்கிறார். கோடைக் காலத்தில் தென் துருவப் பிரதேசத்துக்கு வரும் பறவைகள் பல உள்ளன ; பெங்கூவின் பறவைகளில் 18 வகைகள் இருக்கின்றன. அவை கூட்டமாக வாழ்கின்றன. பனிக்கட்டியில்தான் அவை முட்டையிடுகின்றன ; என்றாலும், அவை விரைவில் பல்கிப் பெருகுகின்றன என்றும் டாக்டர் ஸைப்பிள்.

முப்பத்து மூன்று ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன்பு அட்மிரல் பயர்டுடன் சென்றபோது, அங்கே சில இடங்களே கண்டுபிடிக்கப் பட்டிருந்தன. “இன்று ஒரு பெரிய கண்டத்தின் எல்லைகளே தெரிய வந்துள்ளன. நெடு நெடுங்காலமாக அங்கு குவிந்துவரும் பனிக்கட்டியின் திண்ணைத் தையும் நாம் கண்டுபிடித்துள்ளோம். மற்றெல்லாக் கண்டங்களையும் ஒன்று சேர்த்தாலும் அவற்றில் கிடைக்கக்கூடிய நல்ல தண்ணீர் இந்த ஒரு பனிக் கண்டத்தில் கிடைக்கக்கூடிய நல்ல தண்ணீருக்கு ஈடாகாது. இந்தத் தண்ணீர் உறைந்திருக்கிறது. உலத்தில் மக்கள் தொகை பெருகப் பெருக, நல்ல தண்ணீர் அதிகம் அதிகமாகத் தேவைப்படும் ; அப்போது, இங்கே இயற்கையாகச் சேர்த்து வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் தண்ணீர் மிக நன்கு உதவும்” என்கிறார் பால் ஸைப்பிள்.

தென் துருவத்தைச் சூழ்ந்துள்ள காற்று நிலைமை முதலிய வானிலை விவரங்கள் ஆராய்ந்து தொகுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன என்றும், இதனால் உலகின் மற்ற இடங்களின் வானிலையைத் தென் துருவ வானிலை எவ்வாறு பாதிக்கிறது என்பது தெளிவாகும் என்றும் அவர் குறிப்பிடுகிறார்.

தென் துருவக் கண்டத்தில் பனிக்கு அடியில் உள்ள பாறையின் வயது என்ன என்று கண்டு பிடிக்கும் ஆராய்ச்சியும் முன்னேறியுள்

எது; இதனால் தென் துருவக் கண்டத்துக்கும் சுற்றுச் சூழவுள்ள கண்டங்களுக்கும் உள்ள தொடர்பு தெரியவரும் என்கிறார் பால் ஸைப்பிள்.

தென் துருவத்தில் தனிமையில் குளிர் நடுக்கும் நிலையில் வாழ்வதை யார் விரும்புவார் என்றார் ஒரு நிருபர். அதற்கு ஸைப்பிள் கூறிய பதில் :

“அது ஒரு புதிய உலகம்; மகிழ்ச்சி தரும் உலகம்: அழகிய உலகம். அழுக்கே இல்லாத தெளிவான உலகம். அங்கே நீங்கள் ஆண்டில் இரண்டு மாதத்துக்குமேல் அடிவானத்தில் வட்டமிட்டாற்போன்று விளங்கும் அழகிய மாலைக் காட்சியைக் கண்டு களிக்கலாம். மக்கள் நெருக்கமும் சந்தடியும் விரும்பாதவர்களுக்கு அங்குள்ள அமைதியும் சுத்தமும் பெரிதும் இனிமையாக இருக்கும்.”



KEEN CUB

Nine-year old Wolf Cub Graham Stanton broke a leg while camping at Hesley Wood, Rotherham, United Kingdom recently. His only worry was that he would miss the weekly pack Meeting of the 60th Rotherham Cub Pack. However, his pals soon rallied round and started taking Graham to the meeting on a home-made trolley.

DISTRICT NEWS



ARANTANGI

Sri K. Varadarajan, B.A. B.T. Headmaster Board High School, Arantangi and President of the Local Association, The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Arantangi was invested as Assistant Dt. Commissioner (Scouts) Arantangi Taluk by Sri H. Krishnamurthi, A.D.C.C. Dt. Scout organiser Thanjavur on Dec. 9, 1961.

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held in the Board High School, Arantangi when Sri V. Muthiah, Commissioner Panchayat Union, Arantangi presided. Sri H. Krishnamurthi, Dt. Scout Organiser gave a talk about the Scout work in Panchayat areas and the cooperation needed from Panchayat Union organisations in the State. Sri R. Venkatachari proposed a vote of thanks.

EAST MADRAS

“RED FLOWER”

Under the auspices of the East Madras Bharat Scouts & Guides “Red Flower” was held on Sunday the December 3, 1961 evening at Wenlock Park, Madras-5.

About 250 cubs participated. Mrs. D. L. Gopalrathnam, State Commissioner (Guides) presided and distributed the prizes.

Mrs. Gopalrathnam said that “Red Flowers” are conducted with a view to develop the latent talent of boys and such programmes are essential in the training of boys in Scouting.

Miss. Maithereyi Ramadurai, Head Quarters Commissioner Public Relations also spoke.

Earlier, Sri M. D. Janardan, District Commissioner (Scouts), East Madras welcomed the gathering.

Sri R. N. Vadivel, Hony Dist. Secretary proposed a vote of thanks.

NORTH MADRAS

42 scouts from our district took part in the Small Savings Publicity Campaign on December 9, 1961.

They were divided into four batches of ten each under the charge of a senior scout. Each batch reported itself to the officer posted in each centre

in the morning. Sait Colony in Egmore, Reserve Bank Colony, Poonamallee High Road, Shenoy Nagar, Port Trust Colony, Tondiarpet were the centres chosen in this district. The service consisted in house to house canvassing.

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The North Madras District Cub Meet was held on Saturday the Nov. 25, 1961 in the premises of Theagaraya College School, Korrukkupet, Madras.

241 Cubs and 20 Cubmasters from 11 Packs of the District participated. They were divided into 12 Packs and each pack was put under the charge of a Cubmaster with an assistant.

During the forenoon, the Packs were practising their Scoutcraft such as One star and Two stars Tests. Then they had Mowgli Stories and dances.

After lunch and rest, the cubs had Circle games, Pack Games, Sixer Games and Competitions. Each Scouter taught one game to every pack in turn. Thus the entire strength had the chance of learning & playing all the 12 games. The joy of the young cubs was at its highest pitch, when they were playing these games.

In the evening, Janab Md. Nooruddin, A.D.C.C. District Commissioner (S), North Madras addressed the young cubs and scouters assembled there.

Sri A. N. Samaraj, Headmaster, S.T.C. School, Madras-21, Sri Bahadur Hussaini, Hony. Secretary, Central Madras District Association, Sri A. Kandaswami, Hony. Secretary, North Madras District, Sri A. Natesan, A.D.C. (S), North Madras District and others were also present.

Sri M. B. Krishnamoorthy ADC(S), North Madras was in-charge of the Meet assisted by Sri Martin Thiagarajan, Dt. Cubmaster.

At the close of the Meet, the participants were given light refreshment.

SOUTH MADRAS

A Camp for the Patrol Leaders and Seconds of the District was held at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar from October 27 to 29, 1961, with 39 Leaders and Seconds attending. Mr. Felix Layton, Correspondent, Olcott Memorial School, Adyar, formally inaugurated the Camp on the morning of Nov. 28, 1961. The public Camp-fire on the same evening was presided over by Shri V. S. Rathnasabapathy, former State Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State. Shri T. S. Ramaswami Iyer, Vice-President of the District Association addressed the Campers on the 29th evening. The Camp was a signal success and the Scouts had a very interesting programme throughout.

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New President's Scout : To Patrol Leader R. Shankar of the I Mylapore (Subrahmanya) Scout Group of the P. S. High School, Mylapore, fell the honour of attending the 5-day Camp of the President's Scouts and Guides at New Delhi, from November 26 to 30, 1961, in which nearly 150 President's Scouts and Guides from all over the country participated. He attended the Rally of the President's Scouts and Guides on the November 28, at Rashtrapathi Bhavan, when Vice-President Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, who is also the Patron of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, awarded the certificates to the Campers. He also called on the Prime Minister, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, at his residence along with other Scouts and Guides. They had the opportunity of meeting Major Gagarin, the first Cosmonaut, at the Premier's residence on that occasion.

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Small Savings Campaign : Well over fifty Scouts and Rovers of the District, along with the Scouts of the Central Madras District Association, participated in the house-to-house drive for the purpose of popularising the Small Savings Scheme, for about two hours in the morning of December 9, 1961, with the guidance of the officials of the National Savings Organisation. The Scouts evinced keen interest and enthusiasm in the campaign, which was very much appreciated by the authorities of the National Savings Organisation. They covered all the houses in the Raja Annamalaipuram, Gandhinagar, Todhunter Nagar, Nandanam Colony, Gopalapuram and C.I T. Colony.

MADURAI

A Scout Rally was conducted in connection with the Third Five Year Plan Celebration, in the premises of the Setupati High School at Madurai, on Sunday the November 19, 1961, when Sri V. S. Ramasubramaniam, District Commissioner (Scouts) Madurai, presided.

Scouts from A. C. High School, Gauthama Scout Group (Open), Madura College High School, Sourashtra High School, and from St. Mary's High School, Madurai, participated in the Rally.

Sri M. Rajagopalan, D.C.C., State Organising Commissioner and Headquarters Commissioner for Training, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, hoisted the Scout Flag. Scouts gave displays and entertainments on the occasion.

Sri B. Dharmarajan, Regional Officer, Five Year Plan Publicity Organisation, Government of India, spoke on the various Development-Works done by the Central and State Governments in the last two Five Year Plan periods, and also dealt with the future plan of work in the ensuing III Five Year Plan.

Sri M. R. Narayanan, Field Publicity Officer, Madras, gave a talk on "Scouts and the III Five Year Plan" and appealed to all Scouts and Scouters

to co-operate with Government in the successful implementation of the III Five Year Plan. After the President's concluding remarks, Sri K. Rajagopal, Hony. Dist. Secretary of the Madurai District Association proposed vote of thanks. With the singing of National Anthem, the Rally concluded.

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There was a public meeting in Gandhi Museum at Madurai on Nov. 19, 1961. A large number of people attended the meeting. Scouts of A. C High School, Tallakulam, gave an entertainment on "Government and unemployment in the III Five Year Plan". About 100 Scouts and Scouters rendered service on the occasion.

NORTH ARCOT

Sri K. Mohanrangam, District Educational Officer, North Arcot District, was invested as D.C. (Scouts) by Sri T. R. Kothandarama Mudaliar, Asst. State Commissioner, at Santi Nilayam Garden, Katpadi, on Nov. 27, 1961, just before the commencement of the Scoutmasters' Training Camp. Sri R. Messiah Doss, Jt. State Org. Commissioner assisted the A. S. C. Sri James D. Isaac read the warrant of appointment. The Asst. State Commissioner spoke at length about the high ideals of the Movement and exhorted everyone present to live up to the Scout Promise and Law. Sri G. Victor David, Asst. Dt. Commissioner & Hony. Genl. Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

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A Scoutmasters' Preliminary Training Camp consisting of 28 trainees was inaugurated by Sri K. Mohan Rangan, Dt. Educational Officer and D.C. (Scouts) on Nov. 27, at the Shanti Nilayam, Katpadi. Sri T. R. Kothandarama Mudaliar, Asst. State Commissioner presided. Sri R. Messiah Doss, Jt. S.O.C. (Scouts), Camp Officer, welcomed the Trainees and spoke about the aims and objects of the Course. The District Commissioner said that as a result of the Training Course, Scouting should make headway in the District. The Asst. State Commissioner pleaded with the campers and asked them to get the full benefit of the training to be given by veteran Scouters and utilise them in their Troop work. Sri G. Victor David, Hony. General Secretary, gave the vote of thanks.

The Visitors' Evening was held on December 7, under the presidency of Sri K. S. Palaniswamy, P.A. to Collector, L.A. Dept. Sri I. J. Rajamanickam, Head Master, Board High School, Kaniambadi, addressed the Campers. The Camp Officer gave a brief account of the camp activities. There was an interesting programme of activities which were greatly appreciated. Sri R. Messiah Doss, Camp Officer was ably assisted by Sri G. Victor David A. D. C., and Sri James D. Isaac, A.D.C.C., and Sri S. Punniakoti acted as the Quartermaster. Sri K. S. Janakiraman, G.L(S) was an instructor.

TANJORE

On the occasion of the 34th General Body Meeting of the Local Association, Tanjore, a Camp-cum-Conference of Scouters was held on Nov. 25, 1961 at Thanjavur. About 100 Scouters participated in the Conference, representing the Scout units from several blocks such as Vallam, Budalur, Trivadi, Orathanad, and Arantangi besides Kumbakonam and Thanjavur Municipal limits. Sri A.Y.S. Parisutham, M.L.A., was the host and made all arrangements for the comfortable stay of the camping Scouters. Sri V. Akshayam, Hon. Secretary Local Assn. was in charge of the Camp arrangements. Sri G. Deva Irakkam, with the help of the Scouters of his school Scout group put up a model tent with gadgets in the gardens for the guidance of the Camping Scouters. Several kinds of bridges and towers were erected to demonstrate some of the useful pioneering projects.

The Camp was inaugurated by the District Commissioner, Scouts, Sri A. Y. S. Parisutham. After flag hoisting and prayer the Scouters were welcomed by the District Commissioner to the Camp. This was followed by self introduction by the Campers. Among the distinguished guests and visitors should be mentioned Sri T. R. Kothandarama Mudaliar of Madras, Sri M. Ram Mohan of Coimbatore, Sri V. Ramanujam of Neyveli, Sri K. S. Viswanathan of Golden Rock, Sri K. S. Seshadri, Asst. State Commissioner, Sri K. Pichumani, Sri S. R. Srinivasachari, Sri N. Vijayagopal, Sri P. Krishna Rao, all from Kumbakonam, Sri N. V. Ramaswami A.D.C.C. of Chidambaram. K. Varadarajan A.D.C.C. of Arantangi, A.Kasi (Instructor for R.E.T.C. Pattukkottai) C. Vedachalam, P. S Venkatakrishna Pillai and J. G. Koil Pillai of Thanjavur.

The Campers were given useful tips and yarns by Messrs H. Krishnamurthi, G. Deva Irakkam, P. Srinivasan, V. Ramanujam, K. Mahalingam, G. Thiagarajan, R. Subbiah, K. S. Viswanathan and others. The Camp thus served as a brushup work for the Scouters assembled. In fact the Scouters requested the Commissioner to arrange for such 'brush up' meets often.

The General Body meeting of the Association commenced in the evening with Mr. C. Vedachalam, one of the Vice Presidents of the Local Association in the Chair. Messages from Messrs. T. R. Kothandarama Mudaliar, P. M. Dowlath Ram, P. R. Ganapathy Pillai and K. Venkataswami Naidu were read by Sri V. Akshayam. The annual report along with the balance sheet was presented by the Hon. Secretary V. Akshayam and adopted. The budget for the year 1961-62 was also approved.

Sri Y. Arokkiaswamy Nadar, Municipal Chairman, Thanjavur was elected as President and Sri J. G. Koil Pillai, B.A., L.T., Principal, St. Peter's High School, Thanjavur (Retd.), Sri C. Vedachalam, B.A., B.L., Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Sri P.S.Venkatakrishna Pillai, Merchant, Thanjavur and Mrs.H. Muthiah Pandian, Karunanidhi Medical Hall, Thanjavur, as Vice-Presidents.

PURSE PRESENTATION.

The District Scout Commissioner Sri A. Y. S. Parisutham M.L.A., presiding, a purse was presented on Nov. 25, 1961 to the late Sri A. Swayambu's family. The late Sri A. Swayambu was a Scouter of rare abilities and held all the 3 wood badges, Cub, Scout and Rovering. He was a silent, unostentatious worker and was an example of sincere work, devotion to duty and the genuine spirit of scouting. Sri V. Akshayam announced that a sum of Rs. 1112.50 had been received to the credit of this purse up to the moment. The District Commissioner, Scouts, presented the purse to Mr. Elangovan, son of late Sri A. Swayambu, who received it on behalf of his mother.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S FOREIGN TOUR.

A felicitation function was arranged to congratulate Sri A. Y. S. Parisutham for the successful completion of his international study tour. Sri V. Ramanujam, B.A., L.T., retired Headmaster and Ex. A.D.C. of Tanjore was voted to the Chair. Messrs. P. S. Venkatakrishna Pillai, one of the Vice Presidents of the Local Association and Sri K. S. Seshadri, Asst. State Commissioner, Kumbakonam, spoke felicitating Sri A. Y. S. Parisutham.

Sri A. Y. S. Parisutham, while thanking the association for their felicitations, gave a short account of the countries visited by him and said that the chief effect of the world tour was to promote one's love for one's own country and patriotic fervour. Another lesson of the world tour was that the prosperity of any country particularly of India, solely depended on the development of industries—big and small.

WEST BENGAL TOUR OF ESTATE SCOUTS

A contingent of 27 Scouts, Guides, Scouters and Guiders from the Tea Estates, Nilgiris, attended the Meher Chand Khanna Shield Scout Competition and Camp-cum-Rally at Bamandanga Tea Estate, Nagrakata, Dooars from December 6th to 9th 1961 at the request of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, West Bengal. All expenses were met by the Tea Board, Calcutta. Mr. V. P. Ramaswami, District Scout Organiser was in charge of the contingent. The contingent started on December 1, 1961 from Coonoor. Sri. G. J. Kattikaran, Liaison Welfare Officer (South), Mr. N. Boriah, Honorary Treasurer, Mr. C. Govindan, Member of the Executive Committee (Ex. District Commissioner, Scouts) gave a send off wishing the journey success. Mr. M. Ram Mohan met the contingent at Coimbatore. At the Central Station, Madras, the Office Manager State Headquarters gave all the help in arranging accommodation and sight seeing at Madras during their short stay at Madras. Sri. T. R. Kothanda Ram Mudaliar, Asst. State Commissioner and the Manager gave a send off to the contingent which left Madras on December 2, 1961.

The contingent reached Calcutta on Dec. 4, 1961 and visited Howrah Bada Bazaar, Dalhousie Square, Eden garden, Raj Bhavan, Hugli River and an American ship.

The contingent reached Nagrakota station on Dec.6, 1961. Shri Satta Bose, State Commissioner, presided over the camp and Shri. B. C. Ghose, Asst. State Commissioner opened the camp. On 7th and 8th competitions were conducted.

A grand Rally was held on December 9, 1961. Tyre Rolling display got up by Madras contingent was very much appreciated by every one as well as our Guide dances.

Mr. A. S. Bam, I.C.S., Chairman, Tea Board, spoke about Scouting in Tea Estates in Nilgiris in a very appreciated manner and congratulated Mrs. Maclaine-Clarke as well as Mr. G. J. Kattikaran and Nilgiris District Association.

The contingent left Nagrakota and reached Calcutta on December 11 and started from Calcutta the next day and reached Madras on Dec 14 and left Madras by Nilgiris Express and reached at Coonoor on Dec. 15.

The Scouts and Guides were from the Mailoor, Kullakombai, Thaimalai, Woodlands, Halasana, Parkside, Avacca, Ibex Lodge, Craigmore, Woodlands, and Nonsuch Tea Estates.

This is the first time that the Scouts, Guides, Scouters and Guiders from Tea Estate travelled in a train for 5 days and seen many interesting places, different kind of food, language and people etc.

(Excerpts from the Report of the District Scout Organiser, Nilgiri District.)

COPY OF PRESIDENT'S SCOUT CERTIFICATE

R. SANKARAN

of the

Madras State Bharat Scouts and Guides

As a President's Scout you have prepared yourself for service to God, Country and your fellowmen and have shown yourself a true member of the great family of Scout brotherhood. I congratulate you and wish you God speed. May your life be a joyous adventure in the service to others.

Sd. S. RADHAKRISHNAN

PRESIDENT'S SCOUTS AND PRESIDENT'S GUIDES (by Lakshmi Mazumdar)

The ideals of the Scout movement and its potentialities for the training of young boys and girls have been acclaimed by educational and social workers all over the world. When the late Lord Baden-Powell conceived of the movement and its programme activities, the informed public in many lands were struck by the original and bold approach to the problem of moulding the mind and character of youth. More than fifty years have passed since then; yet the vitality and comprehensiveness of the earlier scheme of training and the ideals remain unimpaired to this day; indeed they fit in the present times as much as they did when they were first thought of years ago. Many new youth welfare schemes for the training of the young have been since evolved and several new organisations and authorities have been set up; but the fundamental ideals and spirit of scouting have reflected directly and indirectly in all such new schemes.

The main strength of scouting lies in the hard core of practical realism of its basic ideals as set out in its Promise and Law, and in the flexibility of their formulation which makes it easy to adjust the training to suit individual trainee and his or her environment. There are as many as 140 Schemes of test works. A boy or a girl can develop his or her talent by undertaking any of the test works set out in the scheme of training.

Scouts and guides are not "social workers" in the sense we understand them in our country at present. The main purpose of Scouting is to train a boy to prepare himself while he is still young for the responsibilities of his later life, irrespective of the vocation which he may choose so that he may be useful to himself and also to society. The boys and girls are thus trained in those essential habits of mind, thought and conduct which alone can fit them adequately into the environment in which they may be placed; it is in this that they qualify to be the social workers of the society. Through the different stages of training *viz.*, tenderfoot, 2nd class and 1st class a boy acquires the elementary technical skills and develops those interesting social traits in his character which will fit him for good citizenship in future. The leaders of the movement realize that along with training, the boys and the girls should be encouraged to apply skill and knowledge. In course of their early training, the scouts and guides are taught to work in their immediate surrounding *i.e.* at home or in school and among friends. In order to enable them to learn higher skills and to qualify in more arduous tests a higher certificate over and above that of the 1st class has been devised. To attain this higher standard, the boys and girls have to obtain proficiency in subjects set out for the 1st class certificate and also to go through an additional number of four more tests. Besides, they must also have a record of sustained service to the community *viz.*, helping in hospital or other charitable or philanthropic organizations or in any particular home. The leader of the group to which

the boy or the girl intending to appear at this special test may belong should further testify to the fact that he or she is making every effort to follow the scout/guide Promise and the Laws.

In England, the holders of this special certificate are known as the Queen's Scouts and Guides. On October 3, 1909, Baden Powell was received by King Edward VII at Belmoral Castle and invested with the honour of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. It was after dinner the same evening that the King suggested to Baden Powell that scouts who attained a certain standard should be given the title of King's scouts and wear the Royal crown on their arms.

According to the original requirements a 'King's Scout' had to be a First Class scout who held the Pathfinder Badge or any three of the following badges :

Cyclist, Seaman, Marksman, Signaller, Bungker and Ambulance.

In December, 1909, Patrol leader Victor Watkins of Broadstine, Dorset was the first to win the King's scout Badge.

Scouting was introduced in India in 1911, but in the beginning only the Europeans and Anglo-Indian boys and girls were enrolled in the movement. In response to the strong demand by the public in this country, since 1916, Indian boys and girls began to be registered as scouts and guides. Through the efforts of the scout and guide Associations registered in England as well as of the Seva Samiti movement, larger number of Indian boys and girls were introduced to the movement. Very little recorded information is available about the pioneer Indian scouts who became the King's scouts. It is to be hoped that when thorough study of the scout movement and its growth in this country is undertaken, it will throw up a great deal of valuable information on this subject. In any case, probably, the first full-fledged King's scouts were appointed in the year 1926.

In India, several King's scouts were appointed who later on became worthy citizens of the country and filled responsible positions in life. I am sure the Bharat Scouts and Guides will in due course be able to collect full particulars of these pioneer scouts and again enlist their active interest in the movement.

In 1938, after the amalgamation of three scout associations which were established in response to the independent demand of the public and did not like to be registered with the Imperial Headquarters of the Boys Scouts Association in London, resulting in the formation of the Hindustan Scouts Association, the new association adopted a system of recognising the best scouts and guides as 'Hind Scout' and 'Hind Guide'. It was a matter of great satisfaction to all those who were interested in the movement that in 1951 all the associations viz., the Boy Scouts Association, the Hindustan Scout Association and the All India Girl Guides Association merged into one body under the banner of the Bharat Scouts and Guides. In the new Association, a provision was made to honour the best scouts and guides in the country as the Bharat Scouts and Guides as the 'Bharat Scouts' and 'Bharat Guides'. Only first class scouts and guides below the age of 17 are eligible for qualifying themselves for this honour.

From the beginning, many of the leaders of the movement did not approve of the new name *viz.*, Bharat Scouts and Bharat Guides because they feared that this description might create needless confusion in the public mind. The newly merged organisation had been named as the Bharat Scouts and Guides. All scouts and guides belonging to this organisation could, therefore, legitimately claim to be called Bharat Scouts and Bharat Guides. It was felt that another significant designation should be found for the best scouts and best guides. Many suggestions as for example 'Dhruba Scouts' & 'Dhruba Guides' 'Ashoka Scouts' and 'Ashoka Guides' were made but these names did not find general acceptance. Subsequently, a great desire was expressed that description of the best scouts and best guides should be somehow associated with designation of the head of the State who is the official Chief Patron of the movement.

It is a source of deep joy to all of us that the President has graciously agreed to permit us to call our best scouts and best guides as 'President's Scouts' and 'President's Guides'. It has been further agreed that these scouts and guides will be awarded certificates bearing the insignia of the state over the signature of the President of India. Besides, they will be permitted to wear badges bearing the insignia of the State with the inscription 'President's Scout, and 'President's Guide' embossed on them.

It is estimated that 222 scouts and 76 guides have qualified to be called as 'President's Scouts' and 'President's Guides.' The first rally in which eligible scouts and guides were awarded the honour by the Vice-President of India, Dr. S. Radha Krishnan was held at the Rashtrapathi Bhawan on the 28th November, 1961 at 5 p.m. 100 scouts and 56 guides came to Delhi for receiving their certificates from different States in India on this occasion. On the following day, the Prime Minister of India, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru received them in the Prime Minister's House. Major Gagarin, the first cosmonaut was also present on this occasion and met the boys and girls.

All leading educationists, social workers and the informed members of the general public appreciated the services rendered by the Bharat Scouts and Guides and acknowledged the immense possibilities of the movement in future for the promotion of the welfare of the youth. The Central and State Governments support the Bharat Scouts and Guides as an educational movement which can play an important part in helping to develop the young boys and girls into better men and women. Internationally, the movement is recognised to be an ideal peace movement. The honour of bearing the name of the head of the State on their badges will provide the deserving scouts and guides with added inspiration to do their best for the good of their fellowmen and the country. I feel sure that the fortunate recipients of the special certificates will appreciate the significance of this honour and will try their utmost to be worthy of the additional responsibilities which come to them along with the special honour which they will receive from the President of the State.