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Scouting helps to become Significant People

Six Important I's

Many Scoutmasters might apply the points of a talk I heard Roger Babson gave some years ago. It was called "The Six I's of Business." He emphasized these six character qualities—integrity, industry, intelligence, initiative, intensity, and inspiration. Each of these words suggests direction for a Scoutmaster's planning of activities and influences. I feel that a Scoutmaster might very well jot down those six I's of business—perhaps six I's of good Scouting—and balance them in a column with activities and influences listed that he would like to provide for boys—experiences and activities that would help to bring out these qualities in the actions of boys.

I think it's important that boys learn to think big, to see far. I like to see boys have the opportunity to meet important men and to think important thoughts. The more purposeful adults you help a boy to get acquainted with, the more far reaching may be the results of your leadership.

Leadership and character are at a high premium in the United States. I would like to have a dozen young men walk into this office now and ask for a job. Nothing would make me happier. We find only about one out of every six who apply for work are really good prospects. Some of them who come asking for a job aren't courteous enough to take off their hats or ditch their cigarettes when they

come to ask for a job. Whenever something like that happens, I feel that a lot of people have failed somewhere along the way.

Our Greatest Resource

I'm convinced that our greatest resource is people and that Scouting has a large part in helping them to become significant people. All over America employers are looking for bright-eyed,

ambitious young men to take hold of important work. There's too low a percentage of such men. I'm convinced that Scout leaders can help to raise this percentage through the values they stress in their dealing with boys. America's greatest resource is people—and you help to build this resource into outstanding people.

“SCOUTING”

The Bharat Scouts & Guides

MADRAS STATE

Report of the State Secretary

I am glad to report that two important communications have been received, one from the Government of India, Ministry of Education through the National Headquarters and another from the Government of Madras both asking for proposals to strengthen the Organisation and on the basis of the proposals finance necessary under the Five Year plan being allotted.

The National Commissioner has, in this connection constituted a Development Sub-Committee and has asked the State Secretary, Madras State to serve on that Committee.

A meeting was called for the purpose on 19-1-1958 at New Delhi and the State Secretary was asked to attend. Since a

similar meeting was also called to be held on 20-1-1958 at Madras, with respect to the proposals from the Madras Government at the Education Secretary's Room, I could not attend the Delhi meeting but proposals as approved by the State Chief Commissioner have been submitted for the consideration of the Development Sub-Committee appointed by the National Commissioner.

As regards the Madras Government, I am glad to say the Education Secretary with the approval of the Minister for Education has taken steps to re-organize the N.C.C., A.C.C. and Scouting. A note on this matter has been prepared by the State Secretary and submitted to the State Chief Commissioner for consideration.

Both these proposals from the Centre and the State Government give us the hope that Scouting and Guiding will be given an important place in the matter of youth welfare and sufficient financial support will be given to put the movement on an extensive, efficient and progressive basis. This should be taken up with more workers both honorary and paid in order that a large number of boys and girls can be given the benefit of Scouting and Guiding in an increasing measure during the period between 1958 and 1961. This is a very encouraging step and the Association should take full advantage of the same to strengthen and vitalise our organisation.

Andhra Pradesh Jamboree

As decided by the Executive Committee held on 17th November, 1957, we sent a contingent of 13 Scouts with Mr. P. S. Ranganathan, A.D.C.C. Secretary, Salem District Association, as leader of the contingent. The Jamboree was held at Secunderabad from 8th to 14th January, 1958 and Mr. Ranganathan's report of a successful tour and useful time they had at the Jamboree is given in another place. As decided each Scout was given Rs 15/- and Mr. Ranganathan Rs. 40/- making a total of Rs. 235/-

It was not possible to send a Girl Guide patrol with a Girl Guide leader for various reasons. But Miss C John

State Organising Commissioner (Guides) was deputed to attend the Jamboree on behalf of the Girl Guide section at the instance of Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam and with the approval of the State Chief Commissioner. Her trip to this place and back is treated as for organisation purposes and the expenses incurred on that basis. Her report is also published on page 19 and 20 in the State Bulletin for the month of January, 1958. She has reported that their Director of Public Instruction permitted Rs 14/- per head plus actual to and from Railway fare and Bus fare from Scouting and Excursion fund in Andhra and from the 20% games fund in Telengana for all Scouts and Guides and Scouters and Guiders and that the attendance was nearly 3,000.

In this connection I would mention that she took charge of the work as State Organising Commissioner (Guides) Madras State from 20th November, 1957

Students' Rally

In honour of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who visited Madras in the first week of December, 1957, a Students' Rally was held at the Corporation Stadium Grounds. The Bharat Scouts and Guides, consisting of the Mazumdar Air Rovers (Iand Scouts), Sea Scouts, Guides and the Rangers of the Queen Mary's College marched past, Pandit Nehru

taking the salute. A total number of 200 took part in the March-past and the Rally. Miss S. Bakkiamuthu, Miss. M. Vadivambal, Miss. Rani Williams, Mr. H. Ramathan, Mr. S. Subramanian, Mr. John Jayaraj and Mr. D. S. Gururaj supported by the State Organising Commissioners Mr. R. Messiah Doss and Miss C. John were officers in charge.

take part in the Republic Day March past at the Island Grounds as usual. It has been arranged to have 150 Scouts and Guides and Rangers to take part in the Rally. Mrs. H. Newman, District Commissioner (Guides), South Madras and Mr. S. Subramanian, A.D.C. (Scouts), South Madras were in charge of this parade.

Republic day Parade

Similar steps were taken to

We are informed that they have done well.

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Headquarters Madras Base-
Madras-9. 26 Jan. 58.

To

All Units who have participated in the Republic Day Parade.

Subject: REPUBLIC DAY PARADE - 26 JAN. 58

1. The Republic Day Parade held this morning went off very well indeed. It was remarked to me by most of the distinguished persons present as spectators that the parade was one of the smartest parades that they have seen.

2. I wish to congratulate all those units and Commanders who participated in the parade for this very good show which has been greatly appreciated. I know that every one put in their best and worked really hard to make this parade such a success. The standard achieved in such a short time could not have been possible without the excellent co-operation of all concerned.

3. I, therefore, thank you all for this co-operation. Please convey my appreciation to all ranks.

GURBAKSH SINGH,
Lieut-Colonel
Base Commander.

In this connection it is necessary to organize the City on a more efficient basis in the matter of marchpast. It has been suggested by the District Commissioners that they should be given training in drill and marchpast by either a Military or Police officer. This will be undertaken after the Republic Day. Meetings of the District Commissioners were held in this connection at the State Headquarters to organize both for the Students' Rally and the Republic Day Parade.

Mrs. Jadhav Felicitated

The State Headquarters put on a festive appearance on the 9th December, 1957 when Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav, Chief Commissioner (Guides) India was felicitated on her election to this high office in the Guide Movement in the country.

Commissioners (Scouts and Guides) and Secretaries of the City attended the Tea Party. The State Chief Commissioner Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu spoke of the high qualities of head and heart of Mrs. Jadhav, State Commissioner (Guides) Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam who organised the function on behalf of the Guide section extended a cordial welcome to Mrs. Jadhav and others. Mrs. K. Sundaravadivelu, Headquarters Commissioner thanked the Chief Commissioner and the State Chief Commissioner and others for their presence.

The Guides of the Madras Corporation District gave an entertainment of dance and song under the direction of Mrs. J. Gopichandra, A D C. Corporation District, which was very much appreciated. In her reply the Chief Commissioner (Guides) gave valuable suggestions to develop Guiding and Scouting in the country.

Training of Officers

The following Training Courses were run after the last Executive Committee meeting up-to-date at which 232 were trained to man the movement :—

1. Cubmaster, (Extension) 18-11-57 to 24-11-57 (7 days) Gandhigram, Madurai District 33 (Campers) run by Sri R. Messiah Doss.
2. Cubmaster (Extension) 26-11-57 to 2-12-57 (7 days) Gandhigram, Madurai Dt. 34 (campers) Sri R. Messiah Doss.
3. Cubmaster (Orientation) 11-12-57 to 16-12-57 (5 days) Gangavally, Salem Dt. 65 (Campers) run by Sri P. S. Ranganathan
4. Scoutmaster (Preliminary) 25-12-57 to 1-1-58 (10 days) Seshanchavadi, Salem District 30 campers run by Sri K. Varadarajan.
5. Scoutmaster (Preliminary) 26-12-57 to 6-1-58 (10 days) Tonakela, Avadi, Chingleput Dt. 30 campers—run by Sri R. Messiah Doss,

Sri G. S. Gururaj and Sri L. Sreeraman.

6. Scoutmaster (Preliminary) 1-1-58 to 12-1-58 (10 days) Thiruparankundaram, Madurai Dt. 40 campers run by Sri M. Rajagopalan.

These training courses are the normal District Training courses conducted by the District Associations and the other courses, come under Rural development Department known as Orientation Programme for teachers under the Ford Foundation and the Gramasevakas in the various Rural Schools.

It may be mentioned that the whole scheme of Training of both the sections Scout and Guide, in the matter of all types of training such as Preliminary, Advanced, Wood-badge D. C. C., A. D. C. C. etc. etc is being revised, in the light of the experience gained and the latest developments and introduction of up-to-date methods as in other countries and our requirements at a Conference of D. C. Cs. to be held at New Delhi under the direction of the National Commissioner in February. The revised scheme is expected to make the scheme very definite and final. The new scheme is therefore awaited.

Commissioners' Report

Quarterly reports are called for from the District Commissioners, Assistant District

Commissioners, Scouts and Guides for every quarter. We have called for reports for the December quarter and their reports are awaited.

Warrants & Renewals

During the period under report 41 Warrants were renewed, 49 Warrants were issued, 34 Registrations were effected, 118 groups were renewed. A total number of 3,391 correspondence were dealt with. I may say that we have no arrears at the State Headquarters pending disposal.

Guest House

I am glad to report that the construction of the Guest House in the State Headquarters is nearly completed and will be ready for occupation in March. In this connection we have so far paid to the Contractors Rs. 10,000/- and as per letter dated 11-1-58 from the Director of Public Instruction, we are asked to obtain the valuation of the Public Works Department authorities soon after the work is completed and the balance of grant claimed on that basis. This will be attended to as directed.

Two important events have to be mentioned. One is the Jubilee celebrations conducted with great enthusiasm by the Shivaji Scout Group, Mylapore, Madras-4. The programme included a public meeting, an entertainment, sports, a Camp for two days.

and the laying of the foundation stone of their new headquarters. Dr. U. Krishna Rau, Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly, Kumararaja, M.A. Muthiah Chettiar, Sheriff of Madras; Kumari Rani of Chettinad, Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, Mrs. M. N. Clubwala Jadhav, Chief Commissioner, Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary, and Sri H. Ramanathan, District Commissioner (Scouts), South Madras took part and addressed the various meetings. It may be said that this is one of our best open groups and as was rightly pointed out by our State Chief Commissioner "our show picture". International visitors have praised this group for its efficient work.

A Scoutmasters' Training camp was held at Tonakela conducted by the Chingleput District Association. On 4-1-58 our State Chief Commissioner and State Secretary addressed the campers.

Co-operation with allied Organisations

Indian Conference of Social Work: The All India session of Indian Conference of Social Work for this year was held at Madras from 27th December, 1957 to 2nd January 1958. At the request of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters, Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner represented the All India Association as a delegate at this conference. Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, Sri Sathrasala Venkat Ram and the State Secretary represented the Madras State Bharat Scouts and Guides in this conference. A large number of our Scouters and Guiders and Scouts and Guides rendered valuable service as volunteers in this conference. In different sections. Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav, in her capacity as General Secretary of this body has sent a letter of appreciation of the work done by the Scouts and Guides under their respective officers in this Conference.

Wenlock Park,
Madras-5
24-1-1958

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY,
State Secretary

Thinking Day

AS we go to press, we are informed of a very successful Rally of Guides held at St. Christophers' Training College, Vepery under the direction of Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides) on 18-2-58 and presided over by our President and Minister for Finance and Education Sri C. Subramaniam.

The Minister was received by the State Chief Commissioner, State Commissioner (Guides), Headquarters Commissioners Miss. G. R. Samuel and Mrs. K. Sundaravadivelu and the State Secretary on arrival and conducted to the Rally grounds. After introduction of the Officers of both the sections, present at the Rally, the Minister unfurled the National Flag.

Our State Chief Commissioner Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, in welcoming the Minister said that, that was the first occasion our New President was present after he assumed office and said that our Movement will do its best by extending its co-operation in the great endeavours made by the Government in building a new Country.

Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides), read the last message by the Chief Scout to the Guides in Tamil of which copies were distributed to the Guides present. She also thanked the Minister for his presence.

Miss. G. R. Samuel Headquarters Commissioner spoke on the significance of the THINKING DAY, and asked everyone to contribute his or her mite to the Fund and thus enable the useful work to be carried on.

The President in his address to the Guides, emphasised the need for unity and the spirit of working together, not only on the family level and on the National level but on the International level which alone will bring peace to humanity at large. In this great work, he said, the Scout and Guide movement is doing a great service. Hence its importance and its value.

He exhorted all present to render such service as they can do to the less fortunate among us and emulate the example of our great leaders. The Minister also on behalf of the Association received the Money gifts made by all those present towards the THINKING DAY and also presented the II Class badges to a large number of Guides who were present as well as the Warrant of Headquarters Commissionership for Public Relations to Miss. Maitrai Ramadurai. Miss. L. Vedanayagam, District Commissioner (Guides) assisted by other Commissioners and the State Organising Commissioner was incharge of the Rally. The Rally terminated with the singing of Jana Gana Mana.

—Editor.

Baden-Powell Memorial Fund Appeal Nearing £. 100,000 Mark

At the close of the Baden-Powell Centenary Year the Appeal Fund to set up a permanent memorial to the man who has been described as "the greatest benefactor of the human" race this century was only nearing the £ 100,000 mark.

The Baden-Powell Memorial Fund Appeal was launched by the Lord Mayor of London at the Mansion House on February 21st 1957, the eve of the B.P. Centenary, in the presence of H. R. H. Duke of Gloucester. Since then contributions have come in from all parts.

Her Majesty the Queen and H. R. H. Prince Philip were amongst the first contributors. The Pilgrim Trust donated the magnificent sum of £. 10,000 whilst a gentleman, of 78 sent three guineas with a note "I still look back with joy to the days in camp". Two others have sent contributions on a mathematical scale, one a cheque for £ 10 as his "arrears" of subscription at 1d a week, the other a shilling for every year since he joined the Movement in 1910. One of the latest contributions comes from the Football Association who sent the proceeds of the Charity Shield Match between

Manchester United and Aston Villa.

The total sum required to build and maintain the memorial which is to take the form of a building to be called "Baden Powell House", is four hundred thousand pounds of which the Scout Movement itself has already contributed nearly half. With the £ 100,000 needed to realise B.P.'s own wish that there should be a hostel, meeting place and social centre in London to which Scouts from all over the world could come and find a friendly welcome.

Another £. 100,000! How can this be raised? *By means of the "Brick Scheme"*. Every Scout Group has been invited to have a "brick" collecting box into which contributions can be put. Some Groups have held special money raising attractions and given the proceeds to the Fund. Others have asked at their meetings that members should donate any coins containing the Group number. Others have put their 'brick' in a prominent position at Group functions, so helping to swell the fund. When the 'brick' has been emptied the brick remains with the Group as a permanent reminder of the part it

played in the raising of B.P.'s dream.

By means of direct contribution: Many people have good cause to be thankful to B.P. for his gift of Scouting and have sent donations direct to

the Secretary, the Baden-Powell Memorial Fund Appeal, 25, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W. 1, to whom applications for a 'brick' collecting box should also be made.

"Thinking Day"—February 22nd

OUR SISTERS AROUND THE GLOBE

'Thinking Day' helps to make the International aspect of our Movement a reality to every one of us. From Lord and Lady Baden Powell, who happened to have their birthdays on February 22nd our thoughts go to our sister Guides, all over the world in different countries, speaking different languages, but all united in upholding the sacred Threefold Promises and the Ten Golden Laws. Thus it makes it possible to have

In things essential—Unity
In things non-essential
—Free Diversity
And in all things
—CHARITY.

We go further and do special Thinking Day Good Turns to make ourselves worthy citizens of our respective countries. Tiny little gifts from each Guide and Bulbul all over the world go very far to create and maintain better 'understanding and friendship between

countries and nations—Thus the Thinking Day Fund started in 1933, now helps numbers of unfortunate refugee Guides and displaced people." It also helps interchange of Trainers from country to country.

It is not the contribution of coins to the Thinking Day Fund that matters most but our valuable contribution in upholding the high ideals of our Movement is of greater importance.

In Finland for instance they contribute much by keeping their standards very high. Their Tenderfoot Test is a very stiff one. and they say the public expects more from a Girl Scout, while she herself would not think much of being a Girl Scout, unless she had to work hard for it'.

The story of how the first Company of Guides in Moose Island in Hudson Bay was

started is very interesting—A School Mistress from the Island, on a holiday in Toronto, over-heard two people in a restaurant saying “If you asked Ellen to do it, You’d have nothing to worry about. She won’t let you down. She is a Girl Guide”. The School Mistress noted down the name ‘Girl Guide’ and went round enquiring about it, until she got the information she wanted. She became a First Class Guide herself and returning to Moose Island, she started the first Guide Company there, striving to achieve the best was her contribution.

There is no end of ways in which Indian Guides have contributed; and can contribute to our high ideals.

At the close of every Guide and Flock meeting if we spend 3 minutes in playing this old game of ‘Thought Training’, based on the ‘Seeing Eye’ it will go far to train the young minds and also ours, to look out for the good and beautiful.

“Guides, Bulbuls, Think of the most beautiful thing you say today.

Think of the most unselfish thing you did today

Think of the most heroic deed you saw any one do today”

Thoughts mould character.

C. JOHN,
State Organising
Commissioner (Guides)



DISTRICTS AT WORK

GOVERNMENT SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, POONAMALLEE

Bharathiyar Boys Scout Troop among Blind Pupils

The Second Anniversary of the Bharathiyar Boys Scout Troop of the Government School for the Blind, Poonamallee, was celebrated on 25-1-58 in the school premises.

2. The function started with a prayer song by the blind Scouts. Sri N. G. Hoskote, M.A., Loco Engineer, State Commissioner (Scouts) Southern Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides presided over the function. Sri B. A. Nandagopaul, B.A., (Hons) B.T., Principal, Government School for the Blind, Poonamallee welcomed the chairman. Sri K. C. Subramanian, Scout Master read the Annual Report of the Troop. This was followed by a variety entertainment by the Scouts and Guides and a play bearing on Scout movement.

3. Sri Hoskote, very much appreciated the activities of the blind Scouts and Guides and observed in his address, that the simplicity and thrift are the key notes of Scout movement. He suggested that "Asanas" may also be taught in the school besides exercises and games.

4. Sri P. Alisodai, a blind Scout, Leader of the Sivaji

Patrol proposed a vote of thanks. The programme ended with the National Anthem.

K. C. SUBRAMANIAN,
Scout Master

NORTH MADRAS CENTRAL CAMP

108 Scouts and 10 Scouters of the North Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides had their Annual Central Camp at Tonakela, Avadi from 31-1-58 to 2-2-58. The campers were divided into 7 troops of 4 patrol each. Patrol system was strictly followed throughout. On Saturday evening a few of 'Friends of Camp Tonakela' that came to attend a meeting visited our Camp site. Mr. M. Noorudeen was the Camp Commandant and he was assisted by Sri A. Natesan (Asst. District Commissioner), Sri A. Kandaswamy (Hony. Secretary) and Sri M. B. Krishnamurthi (District Scout Master) Sri M. D. Kanniappa Mudaliar was the Quarter Master.

A. KANDASWAMI
Honorary Secretary.

KUMBAKONAM LOCAL ASSOCIATION

The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Local Association, Kumbakonam, celebrated the Republic Day in the premises of the Town High School,

Kumbakonam, by holding a rally of Scouts and Guides. About 600 children attended the Rally. Sri S. Narayanaswami, Assistant District Commissioner welcomed the guests. Sri S. Raghavachariar, M.A., Principal, National Tutorial College, presided over the function and addressed the gathering. There was a variety entertainment by the Cubs and Bulbuls. After the distribution of sweets, Sri V. Pitchumani, General Secretary proposed a vote of thanks..

V. PITCHUMANI,
General Secretary.

SCOUT CENTRAL CAMP Nilgiris District

The Camp was held at Stanley Park Training Centre Coonoor from 10th to 15th January, 1958. 145 Scouts and 16 Scouters attended the camp. They were drawn from the Municipal High Schools, Ooty and Coonoor; St. Joseph's High School, Karamadai (Coimbatore Dt.) Thummanatty; Kathadimuttam; Hubbathalai and Nanjanad; M.M. High School, Ketti. The heads of all Institutions were present at the inaugural function and thus encouraged the campers.

Mrs. Maclaine Clarke, District Commissioner (Guides). Sri J. Govindan, District Commissioner (Scouts); Dr. H. S. S. Lawrence, District Educational Officer, Nilgiris; Sri T. S.

Krishnamurthy, Sri Nambudripad; Rev. V. D. Elliot, Sri P. Ratan Lal Jain and others took part in the Camp also.

Sri V. P. Ramaswamy, assisted by Scouters, Sri J. Joshua, Sri M. S. Swamidoss; Sri P. Gujjan; Sri Samuel; Sri P. Guruswami, Sri T. C. Moses; Sri Raja Ram Rao; Sri Nanjundiah and Sri A. Krishnan, A.D.C. Kotagiri, were in charge of the camp.

Second class tests were done in the camp.

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT

A meeting of the District Association was held on Saturday the 18th at St. Columba's High School. Chingleput at 17-00 hrs. Sri D. S. Gururaj welcomed the gathering. Sri R. Messiah Das, State Organising Commissioner spoke on the Movement.

The following office-bearers were elected:—

President: Sri Sinivasa Iyengar; Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Ida L. Chambers, Managing Director, Chrome Leather Co., Sri Venkatasubba Reddy, M.L.A., Sri J. A. Ryan, District Educational Officer, Chingleput; Sri A. C. Dharmaraj, Headmaster, Anderson High School, Kancheepuram; Secretary: Miss Peace Isaac; Treasurer: Sri M. Kuppuswamy Naidu; Chairman of the Executive: Dr. R. Varatharajan.

Representatives from Scouter and Guider members

were also elected Sri Simpson Rajarathnam. proposed a vote of thanks.

As a measure of efficiency drive a district Camp for Scouts of the Chingleput District was held in the ideal surroundings of Tonakela, Avadi from the 23rd to the 26th January, 1958, in which 130 Scouts and Scouters participated.

The Campers were given practical training in Pioneering, First Aid, Signalling and Scout craft, with the help of Messrs Sharma and Pandit, special instructors from the Mazumdar Air Rover Crew 2. G.T.S. Tambaram.

The Camp fire was inaugurated by Sri Jayaram Pillai, B.A., L.T., Headmaster, Singaram Pillai High School, Villivakkam. Sri M. Permal Camp Director, Tonekala presided.

Sri S. Kanagaraj Elias, Principal, Corley High School, Tambaram declared the camp-fire open on the second day of the camp.

The visitors day was held on the 25th at 16-30 hrs. when the Wing Commander Ram Kumar Behl of the Equipment Depot, Avadi addressed the campers.

On the 26th Republic Day was celebrated when the campers rallied round the National Flag. Sri D. S. Gururaj, District Commissioner and Camp Director

distributed the badges to the Second Class Scouts and he was assisted by Messrs. Edward Samuel. and P. C. Manickaraj, Assistant District Commissioners and camp-officers, Guruswamy, Jagannathan, G. Samuel, David. Joshua, Swaminathan, Charles Daniel and Loganathan.

The second Anniversary of the Scout Troop of the Government school for the Blind, Poonamallee was celebrated on 25th January, 1958. at their school premises when Sri N. G. Hoskote, State Commissioner (Scouts), Southern Railway presided. Sri A. Nandagopaul, Principal welcomed the guests Sri Subramanian, Scoutmaster read the Annual report. After a display of Scout items by the blind Scouts the function terminated.

Informational course will be conducted from Friday the 7th to Saturday the 8th March, 1958 at the Hindu Religious Hr. Elementary School premises, Walajabad for the teachers to familiarize with the salient features of Scouting. Since about 400 teachers are expected to attend the course, mess arrangement have been kindly undertaken by the Hindu Religious School for those who register their names by sending Re. 1-4-0 to cover the charges for two meals and two tiffins. This amount should be sent to Sri Edward Samuel. Assistant District

Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, 74, Chavadi Street, Conjeevaram before 1st March 1958. Heads of all schools are requested to take advantage of this course and depute suitable teachers. Their names should be sent to the District Commissioner, Sri D. S. Gururaj, on or before the 25th February '58.

GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

Under the auspices of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Local Association, Kumbakonam, it has been proposed to hold a conference of guiders on the 8th and 9th March 1958 in Lower Anicut, near Kumbakonam. All warranted guiders of the Madras State are invited to attend the conference and the Local Association, Kumbakonam will be the host. District Secretaries are requested to intimate at an early date, the number of guiders that are attending from their districts. For further particulars please apply to Sri V. Pichumani, Secretary, Local Association Bharat Scouts and Guides, Native High School, Kumbakonam.

Far East Regional Scout Conference

"The First Far East Regional Scout Conference will be held in Baguio City, Philippines, from 22 to 25th April, 1958. I write now to urge you to ensure that your Association makes early plans for the attendance of a suitable delegation.

I hope you will find it possible to arrange for the principal responsible officials of your Association to be there. I know from experience elsewhere in the world how very useful such conferences can be if delegates of the calibre of National Presidents, Chief Commissioners, International Commissioners, Training Commissioners, General Secretaries, Treasurers etc. participate.

I intend to be present myself, and I look forward to meeting again many friends whom I have had the pleasure of meeting during my 1956 tour and more recently at the Jubilee Jamboree.

Your will be receiving more details information from time to time from the Far East Office of the Boy Scouts International Bureau, and in the meantime I send you best Scout greetings from all of us here."

Director, J. B.

The Far East Regional Scout Conference is a regional body consisting of recognised member Scout Associations in the Far East Region (Asia and Australia) and is a consultative assembly to the International Scout Conference. Its main purpose is to establish a closer link among Scout Associations in Asia and Australia and to encourage mutual assistance and co-operation amongst them to achieve effective growth and development under their own leadership.

The Conference has a Committee called the Far East Scout Advisory Committee composed of eight members elected from among the national leadership of the recognised Scout Associations in the Far East. This serves as a consultative body for Boy Scouts International Bureau in the promotion of the Scout movement in the various ways and is also empowered to act on behalf of the Far East Regional Scout Conference.

At present there is an Ad HOC Committee composed of members who have been invited to join it by the Boy Scouts International Bureau. The Ad HOC Committee is composed of the following members:—

Chairman :

Dr. M. V. Delos Santos, Member, International Committee.

Members :

Mr. Justice Vivan Bose, National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides
Sen. E. W. Kannangara, C.B.E., J.P., Chief Commissioner & International Commissioner Ceylon Boy Scouts Association.

Mr Mischiharu Mishima, Chief Scout, Boy Scouts of Japan.

U Tin Tun, Member, National Council. Burma Boy Scouts.

Inche Muhammad Yusuf bin Ahmed, M.B.E., Chief Commissioner, Persekutuan Tanah Melayu Boy Scouts Association (MALAYA).

Mr. Justice Z. H. Lari, National Commissioner, Pakistan Boy Scouts Association.

Executive Secretary :

Mr. Guillermo R. Padolina, Executive Commissioner, Far East, B.S.I.B.

The Far East Advisory Committee will be elected at the ensuing First Far East Regional Scout Conference to be held in Baguio city, Philippines from April 25 to 28th.

The Far East Office is now located at Manilla, Philippines. Guillermo R. Padolina is the Executive Commissioner and he is assisted by two Field Commissioners. Mr James P. Neric and Mr G. V. Fernando. The Executive Commissioner works under the general directive of the Boy Scouts International Bureau and consults the Far East Scout Advisory Committee about his problems and plans.