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THE HON'BLE SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU

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*Minister (Religious Endowments
and Registratiqn)*

*Fort St. George,
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Message

On assuming the office of the State Chief Commissioner of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, I have great pleasure in sending my greetings to all the members of our organisation, official and non-official, and the Scouts and Guides of all ranks. I have always regarded this movement of ours as a great youth movement that fosters good will and a spirit of co-operation and service. My long association with this movement has strengthened in me the belief that there is no other movement for the young people that successfully imparts the right type of training in character and citizenship than ours. It is this that has emboldened me to take up the responsible task of being the chief of the organisation in our State.

I hope to do all I can in the matter of developing our movement, so that greater and greater benefits can be conferred on our Boys and Girls in an increasing measure. In this task I require the hearty co-operation of one and all connected with the movement if I must be of some help. I am sure everyone of us will do his or her best.

May God in His abundant mercy help us to make the movement a great force in this country.

Yours in Service,
K. Venkataswami Naidu,
State Chief Commissioner.

7th July '52.

OURSELVES.

The First Meeting of the State Council was held on 29th June 1952 at the State Headquarters, Wenlock Park, Madras under the presidency of Sri T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai, Vice-President, of the Association. At 2-30 P. M. sharp, the members of the council representing various categories and coming from almost all the Districts and both the sections assembled at the Jamboree Hall. They numbered more than 100 and it was a magnificent gathering. One could feel the real spirit of the Merger so thick and intense that it really made the decisions of the council, unanimous and harmonious. The new Officers and Committee members begin their work under very good auspices. This indeed augurs well for the future.

Sri Narayanaswami Pillai proved a very practical President. The Success of the meeting therefore is not a little due to him and to also to the co-operation given by every member present. The Hon'ble Minister for Education, Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao was present at our Business meeting for a short time, and later moved very freely among the members at the Tea trying to know the members of the council and the place they came from the nature of work they were doing, as well as their professions, otherwise. He was struck by the earnestness shown by our members for Scouting and guiding and we are grateful to the Hon'ble Minister for giving us the assurance of his abiding interest in our movement and of his guidance in the development and advancement of the Bharat Scouts and Guides as will be seen from his speech published elsewhere.

The presence of Lt. Commander S. P. Nair, the Resident Naval Officer at our meeting is another proof of the interest of the Naval Department in developing Sea Scouting in the Country.

It is up to us to take full advantage of the help offered by the Government, the Hon'ble Minister for Education, and by the Resident Naval Officer and see that Scouting and Guiding goes forward.

Strict Adherence to the A.P.R.O.

The National Headquarters in their recent Headquarters circular have emphasised the necessity to strictly adhere to the A.P.R.O. as essential, to successful scouting and guiding and that no deviation should be introduced. They have said "in the matter of appointment or election of office-bearers it is very necessary to observe the plan laid down in the A. P. R. O. For example separate office-bearers for the Guide section are provided for only in certain cases. It has been done with a purpose. The administration is one and undivided and while decentralisation is necessary it should not be at the expense of a unified form of administration. Enough provision has been made for separate sub-committees in the interest of efficiency. Adequate representation has been given to both the sections to ensure initiative and expansion".

Therefore, the State Chief Commissioner desires that every one connected with our movement will give his or her hearty cooperation in the matter of strictly following the instructions of the National Headquarters. We have received Part III of the A.P.R.O. which deals purely with Guide section. A.P.R.O. Part I, Part II, and Part III are now available at our State Headquarters and those who are in need of the same, may apply for them immediately.

The Pan-Pacific Jamboree

Australia is holding a Pan-Pacific Jamboree, details of which is published elsewhere. Those who are eager to attend the Jamboree may apply to the State Headquarters for particulars. It is hoped that a good contingent from Madras will attend the Jamboree.

The Renewal of Registration of Groups and Warrants

All the Groups and Officers are requested to renew their registration and warrants for 1952-53 immediately, if they have not already done so. Necessary forms may be obtained from the respective District Associations or Local Associations.

We are now able to say that the Interim Committee that has been functioning for the last 15 months, has ceased, and the State Council of the Bharat Scouts and Guides has now taken charge of the work of our Association. The newly elected Committee will attend to the affairs of the movement under the direction of the newly elected State Chief Commissioner, the Hon'ble Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu who has been closely associated with our movement for many years and is therefore eminently fitted to lead the movement to greater and greater success.

Our State Commissioners Mrs. Clubwala and Mr. Hejmadi have several plans to see that the respective sections become efficient. Mr. Hejmadi has already had consultations with the officers of Coimbatore Centre and has made several proposals regarding the work. Competitions on a suitable basis to be introduced immediately to give a drive for efficiency. Patrol Leaders' Camps to be organised to equip them for effective leadership and a scouters event, for bringing home to them the need for continuous and progressive work are some of them.

The Central Figure.

The Boy is, equally the Girl is, the Central figure in Scouting and Guiding. All that is done in our organisation are all directed towards the training and the progress of the Central figure, is a matter that should be borne in mind always. May we hope that the coming year will see a further advance in our work.

Editor.

Rover Moot will be at Kandersteg.

The date and the site of the 5th World Rover Scout Moot have now been settled. It will be held at the International Scout Chalet at Kandersteg in the Bernese Oberland, Switzerland, from July 29th to August 8th, 1953.

Those who can attend must have reached their 17th birthday and be under 25 years of age.

The Moot will be followed by the 14th International Scout Conference in nearby *Liechtenstein*. Kandersteg was the site for the first World Rover Moot in 1931. Two international Scout Climbing Courses are being held there this year—from July 13th—23rd and from August 24th—September 3rd.

Rural Scout Leaders' Camp.

This Camp was held at Chekkanurani, Madurai District, from 18-6-52 to 1-7-52. 18 village Volunteers who were all ordinary ryots and workers in the field attended and derived much benefit from the training. A special feature of the course was the co-relation of Rover Scouting with the General Rural Welfare Scheme introduced by the Government. Sri V. Achutha Nair, Rural Welfare Officer, Thirumangalam, arranged for practical instructions on such subjects as Village Organisation, Bee-keeping, Animal Husbandry and Khadi work. Sri J. I. Muthiah, D. C. C., State Organising Commissioner was in charge and was assisted by Sri T. N. Bhuminathan, District Scoutmaster and Sri D. S. Santharaj, Additional Scoutmaster, Kallar Reclamation Department, Madurai. The Camp was organised and financed by a non-official committee of village leaders of whom special mention should be made of Messrs. S. P. Peya Thevar, V. Kasthuri Mayandi Thevar and V. Palanivelu Thevar. This committee worked in consultation with the Kallar Reclamation Department under the direction of Sri R. R. Radhakrishna Naidu, Special Deputy Collector, Madurai and Assistant District Scout Commissioner.

On the 27th June the Visitors' Evening was celebrated, which was attended by the villagers in large numbers, by the Government Officials and the elite of the Madurai Town. They were impressed with the camp programme and discipline. A display of marching, Indian Exercises, Scout Games, Folk Dances, Spinning and Pioneering in the form of a trestle bridge and a model house in the village, was gone through by the campers. All these formed part of the regular camp programme. Sri S. Karutthakannan one of the campers was presented with a Charka for proficiency in spinning. Sri J. I. Muthiah gave a report reviewing the work done on the course. Sri Achutha Nair and Dr. K. G. Ramabadrar, District Commissioner addressed the visitors. Sri A. S. Arunachalam, I.C.S., Collector of Madurai, spoke in appreciation of the co-ordinated work between scouting and rural welfare scheme. The Camp owes its origin to his interest and initiative. Sri V. N. Kudva, I.C.S., First Member, Board of Revenue, who presided over the function, congratulated the campers on their performance, and wished that the training they received could prove most helpful to them in their future programme of village uplift and service. With a vote of thanks proposed by one of the members of the Training Camp Committee the happy function came to a close. The campers left the Camp on the 28th morning for practical service in 9 villages in

and round Chekanurani. The Camp finally broke up on the morning of 1st July, when they came back from their service centres, and exchanged their notes and experiences. It is hoped that these Leaders would soon organise Rover Crews in their villages and carry on a vigorous programme of village service.

Sea-Scouting

We are glad to learn that the Naval Headquarters, New Delhi have under consideration according official recognition and offering assistance to Sea Scout Organisation in India following the British Model in this respect, so that the facilities that are available may be placed at the disposal of the Sea Scout Organisation in the matter of Sea-manship, Boat-training, Signalling, Swimming, etc.



for our Navy. Our boys can be trained to join the Indian Navy in due course which is one of the most useful services. We are grateful therefore to Lt. Commdr. S. P. Nair, who is the Resident Naval Officer at Madras, for communicating to us this decision of the Naval Headquarters at Delhi

This will not only develop Sea Scouting on right lines and make it more and more popular but also provide recruiting ground and also offering to provide every kind of opportunities to strengthen the Sea Scout Organisation. The Sea Scouts had several opportunities of meeting Naval Ships. Recently They paid a visit to the Mine Sweeper and were greatly benefitted by doing so.

It is our hope that in the coming year Sea Scouting will be given the required impetus by Naval Authorities, so that more and more boys can be enrolled.

COMING EVENTS

15th August, 1952,

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

A Great Day for Scouts and Guides.

The Pan-Pacific Jamboree.

Sydney—Australia—1952-1953.

The Jamboree will begin on Monday the 29th December, 1952 and close on Friday the 9th January, 1953.

Once in a Lifetime.

Perhaps only once in your lifetime will you, as a Scout, have a chance of attending a big Jamboree—and this is the biggest Jamboree ever held in the Southern Hemisphere.

Only by attending a Jamboree can you come to understand the true meaning of Scouting, which is the only youth movement in the world able to gather together in a spirit of brotherhood boys of all nations, colours, creeds and political beliefs.

You can't afford to miss this opportunity.

Come on... .. Be in it:

In a Truly Australian Setting.

"Greystanes" is about five miles from Parramatta, which, in its turn, is 14 miles from the centre of Sydney. The site's 250 acres of gently sloping grassland, make it an ideal spot for camping.

From the heights of "Greystanes" there is a magnificent view of almost the whole of the County of Cumberland—the very birthplace of the Australian nation. Looking west, one can see the famous Blue Mountains, which puzzled and frustrated early explorers for so long. North and North west one can see a glimpse of Sydney and the rolling hills on its western boundaries. Nearby is Prospect Reservoir, one of the sources of Sydney's water.

"Graystones" takes its name from an old residence, now gone, which was built about 1840 by Nelson Simmons Lawson, son of the explorer. The house remained, until early this century, a Centre of Sydney's social life and was one of the most elegantly furnished in the colony.

It would be difficult to find a site more typically Australian and more closely linked with the nation's early history.

Community Service

MINISTER ON ROLE OF SCOUTS.

"As a secular State wishing to develop into a co-operative commonwealth, we are interested in encouraging co-operative life without distinction of caste, creed or sex and foster community service. Centres of Scout and Guide Groups can easily develop into centres of community service, particularly for the benefit of villages" said Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao, Education Minister, presiding over the first annual meeting of the Bharat Scouts and Guides of Madras State (the newly integrated organisation of the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides and the Hindustan Scouts) held at Wenlock Park on 29-6-52.

Mr. T. M. Narayanaswamy Pillai, Vice-President, welcoming the Minister, said that after the achievement of independence the three Scout Organisations were welded together to form a national militia for social service. Only the scout organisation could give the necessary training to young men and women to be of service to the nation.

Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhpathy, State Secretary reading the annual report said that the strength of the organisation at present was about 50,000. The first World Scout Indaba would be held in London from July 14 to 24 at which Mr. C. A. Joseph, Assistant District Commissioner, North Arcot would represent Madras State.

Lt. Col. S. P. Nair, Resident Naval Officer complimented the Sea Scouts on their advanced training and said that he would arrange for them visits to ships and lectures by naval officers.

Miss. Beñdell of Watumull foundation of America conveyed the greetings from America and the United Nations to the Bharat Scouts and Guides.

After displays by Sea Scouts and Guides from Corporation Schools and the Vasanta Guides Group, Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao addressed the gathering. He said that unless children were given proper training under capable leaders in their formative period, they could not be expected to become useful citizens. The Scout and

Guide movement which had been unified and brought under one organisation could play an important part in nation building. "The movement deserves every support both from the public and the Government and I may add that the Government had always shown keen interest and will continue to show the same interest in developing the organisation" he added.

The Minister said: "Recently the Government made a suggestion to the Bharat Scouts and Guides to establish liaison with the Education Department by effecting decentralisation on a divisional basis and having centres at Coimbatore, Madurai, Anantapur and Kakinada, for better co-ordination between the two, which will not only result in savings in expenditure but also help to promote intensive work to make the organisation a potent influence in the cultivation of a spirit of discipline and service in the youth of the country." The Minister was glad that the suggestion had been implemented.

Dr. Krishna Rao said that the Sea Scouts Organisation may serve as the recruiting ground for the Navy and possibly the Scout movement would link up its work with the other two forces, the Army and the Air Force. "As a nation we must depend upon ourselves to develop our resources to the fullest possible extent. This could happen only if there was a great deal of concentration in the training of the young both in our schools and colleges and in organisations outside them. In this task I hope that this Association would make valuable contribution". the Minister concluded.

• Mrs. M. N. Clubwala proposed a vote of thanks.

Earlier, the following office-bearers were elected for the coming year. State Chief Commissioner: Mr. K. Venkataswamy Naidu, Minister for Hindu Religious Endowments; State Commissioner (Guides): Mrs. M. N. Clubwala; State Commissioner (Scouts): Mr. V. S. Hejmadi, I.C.S.; President: Dr. Alagappa Chettiar; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. T. M. Narayanaswamy Pillai, H.B. Ari Gowder, M.L.A., and Mrs. Vivekanandamurthy; State Secretary: Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy; State Treasurer: Mr. V. E. S. Gupta.



State Headquarters Circular.

CUB GREETING.

The Cubmaster stands by the side of the flag-staff and calls out three times, "Bala, Veer". The Cubs from their corners respond and yell out once "Veerargal" or its equivalent in Telugu or Canarese or Malayalem. They all run up and form themselves into a small circle round him, each holding the hands of his neighbour, slowly jumping on toes and gradually forming a neat and close formation.

When a good circle is evolved, the Cubmaster commands, "Alert", when all the cubs stop jumping and come to attention and then yell out together and simultaneously "Jai Bharat", saluting with two fingers (Cub Salute). Immediately, they all return to the Alert Position, the two fingers dropping down in unison with the second part of the yell, "Bharat".

The Cubmaster gives the order "Parade Circle" when all Cubs march two steps backward, come to the attention position and await further orders from him.

This Cub Greeting should be conducted at the beginning of every Pack Meeting.

PATROL NAMES.

Patrols shall be called after the past Indian Heroes, Heroines and Saints. The Patrol Leader may hold the Patrol Flag with the head or the bust of the hero, heroine or saint inscribed thereon. No shoulder-knots are recommended for Scouts and Guides at present.

"I should like to ask you to keep before you the Ideals which characterised the Life and Teachings of the Father of our Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. He worked and died for our country. May his life inspire you to serve your country nobly and well."

DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO,
Minister for Education

Districts at Work.

Ramanathapuram.

The Annual Meeting of the General Body of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Ramanathapuram District was held on Sunday the 6th instant at Sivaganga with Mr. P. Somasundaram, D.C. in the chair. After passing the Annual Report with the statement of accounts and adopting the Bye-laws of the D. A. as presented by the Executive Committee, the following office-bearers for the year were elected.

Mr. A. N. Tampi, B.A., (Oxon), Principal, Dr. Alagappa Chettiar College, Karaikudi ...	} <i>President.</i>
Mr. AR. A. KM. Chokalingam Chettiar, M.L.A., Mr. V. V. Ramaswamy Nadar, M. L. A., Virudunagar	
Mr. V. KN. Kannappa Chettiar, Nattarasankottai Doctor Gouri Shankar, Karaikudi and 6 Scouter members and 6 non-scouters members of the Executive Committee.	} <i>Vice-Presidents.</i>
Dr. Jabbar, Karaikudi, ...	
	<i>Treasurer.</i>

At the subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee Mr. V. Antony-samy M.A. L.T., Headmaster, Municipal High School, Karaikudi was elected *Secretary* and Mr. M. PL. Sevugan Chettiar, Assistant Secretary for Scouts.

It was also resolved that arrangements be made to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the District Association during the year. Mr. M. Rajagopalan s.o.c., was present throughout the proceedings and helped us with his valuable advice and suggestions.

Madurai.

The Annual Meeting of the General Body of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madurai District was held on Saturday the 5th instant at Madurai. After passing the Annual Report with the statement of accounts and adopting the Bye-laws of the D.A. as presented by the Executive Committee, the following office-bearers for the year were elected.

President :—Sri T. S. Rajam,

Vice-Presidents :—Miss. A. Rukmani M.A., Sri R. Nagaraj and
Sri T. K. Rama, M.L.A.

Posse of Welcome

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Rule No. 387

Posse of Welcome (Guard of Honour) If given to distinguished guests should only be at functions of Scouts/Guides or of their own institutions only. Ordinarily no Scouts or Guides below the rank of Second class should be allowed to participate in such manner. Cubs or Bulbuls shall not participate in this manner of welcome. "Arch Staves" should not be used in any circumstance.

The following are now available at the State Headquarters, Wenlock Park, Post Box No. 424, Madras 5:

Badges.

1. Cubs & Bulbuls Tenderpad cloth (Blue)	0	2	0	each
2. Scouts & Guides Tenderfoot cloth (Green)	0	3	0	"
3. Rovers & Rangers Tenderfoot cloth (Red)	0	3	0	"
4. Scouts Second class cloth badge	0	3	0	"
5. Cubs & Bulbuls multi metal pins	0	5	0	"

(Apply to the State Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides through your Commissioner or Secretary).

Books.

6. A.P.R.O. Part I	1	0	0	"
7. A.P.R.O. Part II	1	0	0	"
8. A.P.R.O. Part III (Guide section only)	0	12	0	"
9. Drill by Signs	0	4	0	"
10. Guide to Commissioners	0	12	0	"

Equipment.

11. Scout Flag (6 × 4)	14	0	0	"
12. Scout Plag (4 × 3)	9	10	0	"
13. Commissioner's Scarf (Purple)	1	8	0	"

Postage Extra.

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Headquarters Notices

I. REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL OF GROUPS FOR THE YEAR 1952-53.

(i) Scout Groups Renewed for the year

Ramnad District

Regd. No.	Name and Address	Section
40	1st Sivakasi	S
41	2nd Sivakasi	S
42	3rd Sivakasi	S

(ii) New Scout Groups registered for the year

68	6th Virudhunagar, C. S. M. Boarding Home Virudhunagar (Kallars)	C S
69	2nd Manamadura D.M. & R. Boarding School, Mission Compound, Manamadura (Kallars)	C S
70	1st Mangapuram, Kallar School, No. 236 Mangapuram, Srivilliputhur	C
71	1st Chatrapatti, Kallar School No. 245, Chatrapatti. (Via) Rajapalayam	C
72	1st Kaliarkoil, Board Higher Ele. School Kaliarkoil, Sivaganga	S

Coimbatore District

36	13th Coimbatore, L. M. Christianpétta School, Mill Road, Coimbatore	C
37	14th Coimbatore, L. M. Central Ele. School Raja Street, Coimbatore	C
38	15th Coimbatore, Sri Ranga Vilas Labour Ele. School, Peelamedu, Coimbatore	C S
39	16th Coimbatore, Municipal Ele. School, R S. Puram, Coimbatore	C
40	17th Coimbatore, St. Antony's H. E. School, Grey Town, Coimbatore	C
41	18th Coimbatore, Union High School, Coimbatore	S
42	1st Perundurai, Board High School, Perundurai	S
43	1st Podanur, London Mission Boys School, Podanur	C
44	6th Erode, Municipal Kamraj Ele. School Erode	C
45	7th Erode, Municipal Valayalkara Street School, Erode	C
46	8th Erode, Municipal Railway Colony School, Erode	C
47	9th Erode, Municipal Cauvery Road Higher Ele. School, Karungpalayam, Erode	C
48	10th Erode, Municipal Cutchery Street School, Erode	C

Regd. No.	Name and Address	Section
49	11th Erode, Municipal Fort Ele. School, Erode.	C
50	12th Erode, Municipal High School, Erode ...	C S

(iii) *New Guide Groups registered for the year*

Coimbatore District:

3	3rd Coimbatore, Sri Ranga Vilas Labour School, Peelamedu ...	B
4	1st Erode, Municipal Sathy Road, Ele. School.	B
5	2nd Erode, Municipal Railway Colony School, Erode ..	B
6	3rd Erode, Municipal Fort School, Erode ..	B
7	4th Erode, Municipal Cutchery School, Erode	B
8	5th Erode, Municipal Peria Mariamman Koil Street School, Erode ..	B
9	6th Erode, Municipal Valayalkara Street School, Erode ..	B
10	7th Erode, Municipal Cauvery Road Higher Ele. School, Karungalpalayam Erode ..	B

II. WARRANTS ISSUED AND RENEWED FOR THE YEAR 1952-53.

(i) *Scout Section*

WARRANTS ISSUED

Assistant District Commissioner

Warrant No.	Name	Area or Group
62	Sri R. Radhakrishna Naidu ..	Mathurai Dt. (Kallar Groups)

WARRANTS RENEWED

District Scout Commissioners

25	Sri P. Somasundaram ..	Ramnad Dt.
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Assistant District Scout Commissioners

40	Sri N. Johnston Williams ...	Srivilliputhur
42	„ Kathi Arunachalam ..	Sivaganga
43	„ K. Visweswaran ...	Chettinad
44	„ K. S. Seshadri ..	Ramnad

(ii) *Guide Section*

WARRANTS ISSUED.

District Guide Commissioner

13	Srimathi N Ammani Amma ..	East Madras Dt.
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Assistant District Guide Commissioner

5	Miss E. M. Stokes ..	West Madras Dt
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