YOUNG ADULT REPORTS ON CONFERENCE IN LONDON

Former GSMD Senior Scout, Marty Ruddon, now a Senior at Wayne State University, majoring in special education, had a very exciting trip this summer. She reports below.

Sue Hill (Boston-Montachusett Council), myself and nineteen young adults from eight countries attended the first conference at Olave House in London, England. This world center usually serves us as a hostel.

We "did" London through daily sightseeing jaunts. Experiences ranged from walks through Hyde Park to exploring palaces and churches, to talks with local government officials, to a meeting with Lady Baden Powell, the World Chief Guide.

Our group included factory workers, students, nurses and teachers. We exchanged songs, folk dances and ideas. Conversations late at night turned again and again to student unrest, to what we knew of one another's country and Scouting and change.

I was impressed and heartened by these concerned Guiders working so hard at Scouting and their own lives. Our favorite French song (in translation) reflects their spirit:

Why wait until tomorrow,
Why wait until tomorrow,
Listen to that song,
That song in the wind,
Why wait until tomorrow.

It was a privilege to meet the girls at the conference. I wish to thank Girl Scouts, USA, for helping make it possible and the Council for helping me prepare for it.

GSMD OFFICES CLOSED

Noon, December 24, 1970
December 25, 1970
January 1, 1971

WARNS OF ASBESTOS DUST

We have received a letter from Dr. Roy L. Gealer, Chemical Engineering Department, Scientific Research Staff, Ford Motor Company, about an item in "Moreabouts for Brownie Girl Scout Leaders." He refers to page 43 which contains a suggestion for making candlestick holders from asbestos dough and the recipe, page 64, for the asbestos modeling material.

Dr. Gealer points out that "there is extensive literature in medical and environment health journals which indicate a relationship between exposure to asbestos dust and serious lung disease." He suggests that reference to the use of asbestos modeling material be deleted from the book and that the membership be informed of the potential danger from contact with asbestos dust.

HAVE YOU . . .

Heard that we sold 226,500 of the 1971 GS calendar? That's about 7% more than for 1970. Such a success story, however, did have its moments – even days and weeks – of frustration, waiting for additional orders to arrive.

Over 7 million calendars were sold throughout the country - a record. If you think it was hectic here, consider the folks at GS-USA and the printer in Minneapolis. They were swamped with orders and additional orders from nearly 400 Councils . . . all coming at the same time, all marked "Rush!"

Mrs. Roger M. Lindgrove and her district and calendar managers thank you for your patience and understanding under very trying and unanticipated conditions. The sale was great! That's what counts in the long run.

Read the article, "Sangam 1970," in the November 1970 Leader? It includes photos of GSMD Senior Sue Shorr.

Checked your nearest GS Equipment store lately? You'll find many new gift items for all ages

COUNCIL PATCH CONTEST

As the result of a request of the Senior Executive Committee at last month's Board meeting, our Board of Directors has authorized the Committee to present a design for a GSMD patch. The Seniors, conducting a contest to design the patch, make the following announcement.

Patches are nice to sew on your jacket (not on the uniform), to exchange with other people, to remember an experience. Wouldn't it be nice to remember Girl Scouts with a Council patch or to exchange Council patches with Scouts from other Councils?

In the past, girls from our Council have been left out because GSMD has no patch. Now, we're thinking about designing one. But we need help. Any Girl Scout from Brownie to Senior can design a patch for the Council. The design must be drawn the exact size and colors the patch is to be, within a 3 inch diameter circle. It must contain the words, "Metro. Detroit," or the letters "GSMD."

Mail designs to the Program Secretary, Girl Scout Office, 153 East Elizabeth, Detroit 48201, before February 1, 1971.

Leaders, would any of your girls be interested?

COOKIE NOTES



Troop cookie kits will be distributed by Neighborhood Managers early in January. **Troop Cookie Managers** should be appointed now to be ready for cookie sale information and plans.

No one is to contact managers of stores, banks and other places of business until authorized to do so by the Booth Committee. It takes time to process booth applications. Some troops may not be notified until late in February.

Watch for the special 1971 Cookie Bulletin. Reaching you early in January, it contains important information about the coming sale.

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