

Activities

Have Camporees, Campaigns and Competitions

By David Ba Htay

The present M.E.H.S. Boy Scout Troop (A) 68 was formed on December 14, 1953, consisting of four patrols under the Scoutmastership of U Twe Maung. We carried out Scouting activities so successfully that we expanded immensely, and we now have eight patrols and 60 members.

Our troop has been very active in the past few years. We took part in every Scouting activity and also created special troop activities of our own. One of the most-remembered district activities of 1956 was the Camporee, which started on March 29 and ended on April 1. At the Camporee, our troop won the swimming and fire-lighting competitions.

The troop activities of special interest include the "going-up" ceremony when Cubs are invested as Scouts and the Senior Scouts Investiture Ceremony when Scouts are invested as Senior Scouts. We also had a visit from two foreign Scouts from England—David and Duncan Ronson.

The Senior Scouts of our troop are more active than Scouts, as they are one grade higher. The Senior Scouts went on a bike hike to Syriam on December 16. We also went camping on December 20, on an island where we made an improvised shelter using only grass and

bamboo, cooked without utensils and slept without using either sleeping bags or ground sheets.

Our troop took part in the Kyat-a-Job campaign in January. Some of our jobs were watering plants, clearing rubbish, washing cars, sending messages and dusting. This year the campaign was carried out with a different system. The troops gathered and district Scout leaders went along to see the Scouts work. These Scout leaders included such men as Rangoon District Scout Commissioner U Twe Maung (our Scoutmaster), Camp Chief Mr. I. Pershad, Chief Secretary U Khin Maung Pyu, Financial Commissioner U Ba Htay and Mr. Dina Nath.

Our troop could not go along at their fixed time 7 to 8 A.M., so our Scouts went out to find jobs in the evenings. Some Scouts who were invited to the President's house to work were presented with one kyat each personally by President Dr. Ba U. People of Rangoon learned about the campaign from pamphlets telling about it which were dropped over the city from Burma Air Force helicopters. Our troop earned K600 this year, and Ronnie Bomanjee earned the most for one Scout, bringing in K101 for 92 jobs.

Our troop took part in the Rangoon District Scout Association's Annual Scout Sports on February 10, and won second prize in the tent-pitching competition and third prizes in the message relay, woggle race, Klondike claim and flag-staff competition. Our troop also received a flag for earning the most money in the Kyat-a-Job campaign, and our Cub Pack won a similar flag for Cubs. Ronnie Bomanjee won the individual Kyat-a-Job shield. All the prizes were presented at the end of the meet by the Mahadevi of Yawngywe.

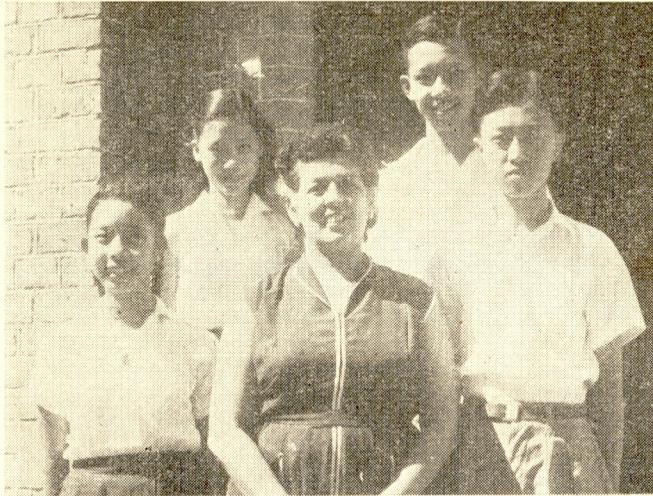
Our Senior Scouts form the Anawaratha Patrol with David Ba Htay as leader and Ashok Nath as assistant patrol leader. Its other members are John Twe Maung, Ronnie Bomanjee, Wilson Nyunt and Edward Wee.

The seven other Scout patrols and leaders are:

Alligator Patrol—Edwin Tut, leader; Thaug Kyaw Nyein, assistant; Bear Patrol—Winston Tu Maung, leader; Victor Hline, assistant; Beaver Patrol—Arthur Chit, leader; Harry Sein Maung, assistant; Eagle Patrol—Michael Hline, leader; Eugene Sio, assistant; Seagull Patrol—Edgar Wun, leader; Eddie Tha Win, assistant; Lion Patrol—Patrick Khin Maung Pyu, leader; Robert Twe Maung, assistant; Peacock Patrol—Maung Maung, leader; Richard Shwe Hla U, assistant.

Our Scoutmaster, U Twe Maung, has two Assistant Scoutmasters—who are U Tint Ngwe and U Maung Maung.

A Boy Scout is:
S—social
C—courteous
O—obedient
U—united
T—thrifty



JUNIOR PREFECTS are headed by this group until the end of the school term: *left to right*, Patricia Gyi, head girl; Lily Hwang, vice head; Mrs. Greenwell, advisor; John Chen, vice head, and Frank Chiong, head boy.

JUNIOR PREFECTS:

Training for Future

By Patricia Gyi

I still remember the date when I was first elected to be a "prefect" by the committee concerned. That very day, when I reached home, I told my parents about me and asked permission whether I should take part in it.

My parents both at once replied about the usefulness of the duty of a prefect and encouraged me, saying that one can be trained from childhood to become a prominent person when grown up.

The following week I was among the 15 girls and 31 boys who were chosen as Junior prefects. Then we all attended the meetings twice—for elections to choose the heads and vice heads. Accordingly we had to learn the Prefects' Laws and Duties.

Mrs. Greenwell presides for the Junior Prefects, and occasionally we hold meetings with Jerry Daniels, who was head of the Senior Prefects last year, as to when

and how to keep discipline and order throughout the school. Jerry is one of our advisors, and sometimes Thomas Manton helps us.

We have three groups to do our duties with a captain in each group. The first group has duty on Monday and Thursday, the second group on Tuesday, and the third group on Wednesday. Junior Prefects serve in the afternoon school, and they are chosen from the fifth standard.

The head boy and head girl prefects for afternoon school are Frank Chiong and Patricia Gyi, myself, and the vice heads are Lily Hwang and John Chen.

To their utmost, the Junior Prefects try to be helpful and take responsibilities seriously and hope that the new-comers will do the same.

The following have been serving as Junior Prefects this year:

GIRLS—Patricia Gyi, head; Lily

Hwang, vice head; Maisie Shiu, Annie Swea, Vivien Aik Sum, Daphne Tin Po, Amy Kyin Thein, Phyllis Tin Maung, Betty Ung, Amy Tin Gyi, Tu Tu Than Tin, Patricia Thet Tin, Thelma Aing Tin, Eileen Soe Nyunt, Pushu Lekhray, Winnie Chow, Rochelle Solomon, Joy Johnson, Alice Khoo, Rita Chiong, Wenlin Lau and Shakuntala Chopra.

BOYS—Frank Chiong, head; John Chen, vice head; Jeffrey Kamdar, Malcolm Kamdar, Sham Thakurdas, Winston Chow, Michael Soorty, Maurice Dawood, Henry Wong, Ronny Tin, Amrish Desai, Robin Rakhit, Mohamed Farouk, Maung Than Tun, Austin Win Maung, Charlie Shiu, Arthur Tan, Kenneth Ba Kyin, Maung Ba Thein, Robert Kyi Shein, Thomas Kyaw Tun, Edward Kyi, Maung Soe Kyi, Michael Aung, Ariff Mehter, Donald Myint, Charles Chan, Cassim Nakhuda and Lawrence Syed.

SENIOR PREFECTS:

Work to Keep Discipline

By Cynthia Sahgal and Marina Pereira

Most school children have the desire to be prefects one day—it seems so important and such fun to have authority. What most of them do not realize is that it is not all play and no work. It is a great honour to be a prefect. It not only means that the teachers have confidence in us but also that we have to do our best in return.

We have 50 senior prefects, all chosen from the high school. In spite of having so many prefects it is still hard work to maintain discipline. The most common rules like walking in single file, keeping to the left, not eating in corridors, and talking only in English are most frequently broken.

We each have two duty days a week for the recess but have assembly duty every morning. On duty days, we sign our names in our Prefects' Register which is later squared when we go on duty during recess. The recess is divided into two sections, A and B, 15 minutes each. We have either the first or second half on duty.

As prefects we have to be helpful at all times and be able to cope with any slight disturbance in the school. We all try to be as patient and polite as we can. It is easier and more successful when we check the pupils in a polite manner.

We have prefects' meetings whenever necessary. Usually Dr. Hollister or Miss Rosair presides. Before the meeting, we make up a list of the things we wish



SENIOR PREFECTS elected this group to direct their activities during the 1956-57 school year: *left to right*, Walter Chen, vice head; Louisa Benson, head girl; Cynthia Sahgal, vice head, and Cecil Todd, head boy. Doris Saw Han was head girl until she left school in October.

to discuss. Anything of importance is put up on the notice board outside the library. All prefects must be in uniform on duty days.

Our head girl is Louisa Benson and head boy is Cecil Todd. Louisa was elected to take the place of Doris Saw Han, who retired from the post in October. Vice heads are Cynthia Sahgal and Walter Chen, and secretary is Marina Pereira.

We are glad for the responsibility given to us, as it will help mould our characters in later life when we will miss our wonderful school days.

Students who served as senior prefects during the 1956-57 term were:

GIRLS--Doris Saw Han, head girl from June to October; Louisa Benson, head from October to April; Cynthia Sahgal, vice head; Marina Pereira, secretary; Patricia Barnett, Frances Beale, Feiling Davis, Ann Gillmon, Myrna

Rodriguez, Aloka Bose, Shirley Lal, Jacqueline Gill, Annette Jenkins, Lillian Solomon, Deborah Benjamin, Penelope Po Saw, Louise Chamarette, Lily Yuan, Tin Tin Aye, Nelly Liu, Ying Ying Thaike, May Saw Lwin, Esme Chan Htoon Lily Ong, Rosie Tan, Betty Tin Maung, Margaret Gale, Anna May Chan, Marjorie San Che, June Taw, Sylvia Swe, Gloria Hengshoon, Sandra Khin, Maureen Lal, Molly Khin Hone.

BOYS--Cecil Todd, head boy; Walter Chen, vice head; Vivyan Sharma, Bevin Middleton, Jerry Daniels, Francis Mathur, Joe Martin, Peter McLean, Keith Oakeshott, Robin Soorty, Donald Samban, Winston Penn, Tuck Leong Wu, Melvyn Lyn, Peter Ba San, Harry Taw, Bertie Aye, Robert Ong, Edward Htaik, Alwin Tun Tin, Swee Y. Wong, Jimmy Ong, Jonathan Benson, Ashon Nath, David Ba Htay, Wilson Nyunt, Sydney Lim. Eugene Htaik.



WESLEY HOUSE OFFICERS, *left to right, seated*, Miss Campbell, assistant house mistress, and Miss Rosair, house mistress; *standing*, Doris Saw Han, house captain; Walter Chen, house captain; Robin Soorty, sports captain; Louisa Benson, sports captain.

HOUSES:

Who Will Be Winner at Year's End ?

By Myrna Rodriguez

CAREY HOUSE OFFICERS, *left to right, seated*, Mrs. Hein Tin, house mistress; Mrs. Myat San, assistant house mistress; *standing*, Edward Htaike, sports captain; Jacqueline Gill, house captain; Lillian Solomon, sports captain; Cecil Todd, house captain.



Last term, 1955-56, the total house points reached 5,002 and included G.C.E. (General Certificate of Education) points, matriculation results, and extracurricular work in journalism, in addition to the totals which had last been announced before the previous term ended. At the annual flag-raising, which took place last year in August, these final points put Wesley House as first place winner with 2,019 points. Carey House placed second with 1,712; Judson, third, with 1,687, and Livingstone, fourth, with 1,684 points.

This term, 1956-57, the house points started with the results of the September examinations. Here Wesley topped with 608 points; Carey came second with 562; Livingstone, third, with 490, and Judson, fourth, with 382.

Then in November came the results of the June, 1956, G.C.E. examinations. The total points gained were few, as a small number of students sat for this examination. Wesley gained 12 points; Judson, nine; Livingstone, six, and Carey, three.

On December 1, the M.E.H.S., for the third consecutive year, won the shield in the annual elocution contest sponsored by the National Council of Women of Burma. In this event Judson led for the first time, this term, with 29 points. Wesley came second with 13 points; Livingstone, third with six, and Carey, fourth, with three.

In February, 1957, two students from the M.E.H.S. won championships in the National Track and Field Sports held at Aung San Memorial Stadium. They

were Cecil Todd of Carey House and June Taw of Livingstone House. They won five points and three points, respectively, for their houses.

The points gained by journalism students for extracurricular work were six points for Judson, four points for Livingstone and two for Wesley.

At the flag-raising ceremony at assembly on Wednesday morning, February 27, 1957, there was a breathless suspense in

the air to see which house was leading the race thus far. When the total points were announced and flags were raised or lowered, the students in Wesley House were highly elated, for Wesley had again triumphed, keeping her leading position with 608 points. Carey placed second with 562; Livingstone, third, with 490, and Judson fourth, with 426 points.

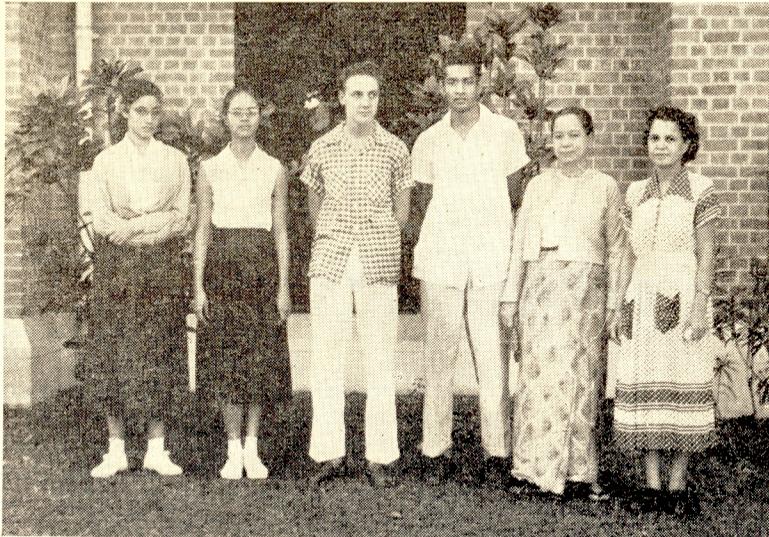
As the *Swaying Palm* went to press, an air of excitement and expectation prevailed among the senior students, for the

results of their November G.C.E. examinations were due any day.

Final house points for the year, however cannot be totalled until the new term begins in June when our students who sit for the government matriculation examinations this March will learn their results.

Thus, with this spirit of friendly competition between houses in our school, it helps make us keener students and sportsmen as we try to gain points in order to see our house flag raised to first place.

LIVINGSTONE HOUSE OFFICERS, left to right, Cynthia Sahgal, sports captain; Esme Chan Htoon, house captain; Joe Martin, sports captain; Vivyan Sharma, house captain; Daw Aye Khin, assistant house mistress; Mrs. Rodgers, house mistress.



JUDSON HOUSE OFFICERS, left to right, Penny Po Saw, house captain; Marina Pereira, sports captain; Jerry Daniels, house and sports captain; Miss Thein, assistant house mistress; Daw Ma Ma Gyi, house mistress.



Take Part in Leading Events

By Anna May Chain

Interested in Girl Guides?

Well, here is something you would like to know about them.

On Burma's Independence Day this year, six Girl Guides from the M.E.H.S. company were chosen to participate in the Independence parade.

Many of us Guides helped serve at the President's garden party.

When they had a garden party at Daw Khin Kyi's (Mrs. Aung San's) house in honour of Lady Cochrane, Tin Tin Aye and June Taw from our company favoured them by dancing the Highland Fling, while the rest of us sang.

Our company lieutenant is Betty Tin Maung, and our captain is Mrs. Jessie Tin U. We have five different patrols and patrol leaders, with assistant patrol leaders to help. We have 38 members.

Orchid Patrol—Anna May Chain, leader; Toni Kaing, assistant; June Taw, Harriet Hla Bu, Augustine Lim Bin, Gloria Aung Than, Pamela Aung Than, Tin Tin Htay, Anita Aye Pe and Stella Sein Toe.

Sunflower Patrol—Trixie Lim Bin, leader; Popsy Gale, assistant; Daphne Tin Po, Joy Johnson, Marjorie San Che, Lily Yuan and Clara Barua.

Rose Patrol—Ma Win Yee, leader; Barbara Bomanjee, assistant; Jenny Su, Thin Si Si, Haymar Thaike, Molly Hone, Vivienne Aik Sum, Amy Tin Gyi, Sandra Aye Myint, Jenny Lim, Doris Bomanjee and Si Si Win Kyaw.

Chrysanthemum Patrol—Ying Ying Thaike, leader; Winnie Tun Tin, assistant Loretta Lal, Florence Ba, Yvonne Khin Maung, Shakuntala Chopra, Jasbir Kaur, Bagwangthi and Tin Tin Aye.

Primrose Patrol—Margaret Gale, leader; Yvonne Gale, assistant; Nora Gale, Shelia Lou, Tu Tu Than Tin, Judith Ku and Rosalind Chan.

Two Win Contest Prizes

The Aero Modelling Club at M.E.H.S. meets twice a week—every Tuesday and Friday from 2 to 3:30 P.M.

The Burma Air Force supplies everything to make a complete model plane. Flight Lieutenants Khin Myint and Khin Maung are our advisors. The president of the club takes over the meetings when the advisors are absent.

We have been making solid models, such as Hawker Hunter, North American Sabre, Russian MIG 15, Glostes Javelin, Spitfire, Shooting Star, Super Marine Attacker and others.

After making solid models, we begin with Frog semi-scale models, such as Redwing and Tomtit.

After that comes flying scale models—

Spitfire, Hurricane, D. H. Chipmunk, Piper Family Cruiser, Fairey and Erco Ercoupe.

Next come the gliders. If the glider model is Frog wren, it has a 20-inch wing span, and after that the Vispa, Cadet and Dolphin, each with 30-inch wing spans; Topper with 40-inch wing span and Soarer Minor with 48-inch wing span—and many control lines.

Peter Chan from our club won first place at the B.A.F. Inter School Aero Modelling Contest last September 22, with his solid model sabre jet in the solid model events. Neville Ba Thein came first in glider events with his Soarer Minor. He also entered five types of models in the competition at the Science

Exhibition at Rangoon University for which results have not yet been announced.

In April all members of the M.E.H.S. Club will enter a model plane competition to be sponsored by the B.A.F.

M.E.H.S. Aero Modelling Club has 14 members this year. They are Neville Ba Thein, president; Wan Chan Lal, Arthur Chan, Peter Chan, Khin Maung Pun, Oscar Myint, Onward Taw, Leslie Bu, Thomas Kyaw Tun, Fernald Parry, Mitchal Chit Tin, Ronnie Bomanjee, Edward Teoh and Henry Lwin.

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(Editor's Note: For an article by one of the club members on "How To Build Aero Models," please turn to the Feature Section.)



Modern parents divide their time worrying over how their children will turn out and when they will turn in.

The original mistake was inventing the calendar. This led, in due course, to having Mondays.