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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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5 April, 1946

SUBJECT : Materials for Boy Scouts in Italy.

TO : Howard H. Patton,
Boy Scouts of America,
2 Park Avenue,
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Patton:

Thank you for your letter of 22 March. I am very glad there will be some Scout equipment for Italy - it is much needed. I hope it includes shoes; there are extremely short here, and what there are are prohibitively expensive.

Probably the best way of shipping the goods is through American Relief to Italy, earmarked for Federation of Boy Scouts (Federazione Giovani Esploratori Italiani). I have spoken to the Representative in Italy of A.R.I., Lt. Col John Mc Sweeney, and he assures me that A.R.I. could handle the shipping and that he will see that the goods are delivered to the Federation. Boy Scouts of America may have to pay shipping charges. Mc Sweeney is writing to the New York Office and asking them to arrange details with you.

I expect to be leaving for the United States shortly, to return in July, as a civilian, in charge of Cultural Relations in north Italy for the American Embassy; while I shall be headquartered in Milan, I shall get to Rome at least once a month. And, naturally, I will continue my interest in the development of Scouting. The chances are that I'll be here by the time your shipment arrives; but my presence is quite unnecessary. I shall leave the address and telephone number of the Federation with McSweeney, and he will notify them promptly. The Federation has the obligation of dividing the goods between the two component associations (Catholic and non-confessional) and each of these has the obligation of distributing to troops. Capt. GIFFORD, representing Wilson in Italy, will keep in touch with the Federation and both associations, and Mc Sweeney will have his address.

Is there any possibility of some cash donation? The GMEI (non-confessional) association especially needs money badly to carry on organizational work. Wilson sent GMEI, through me, a small contribution (two hundred dollars) some time ago, which helped on publications. The American Girl Scouts sent me five hundred dollars for the Girls' Federation - also used for publications.

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But while they were gratefully received they were quite inadequate for the needs.

If possible, I shall drop in on you in New York in June.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Lt. Col., A. U. S.
Director of Education.

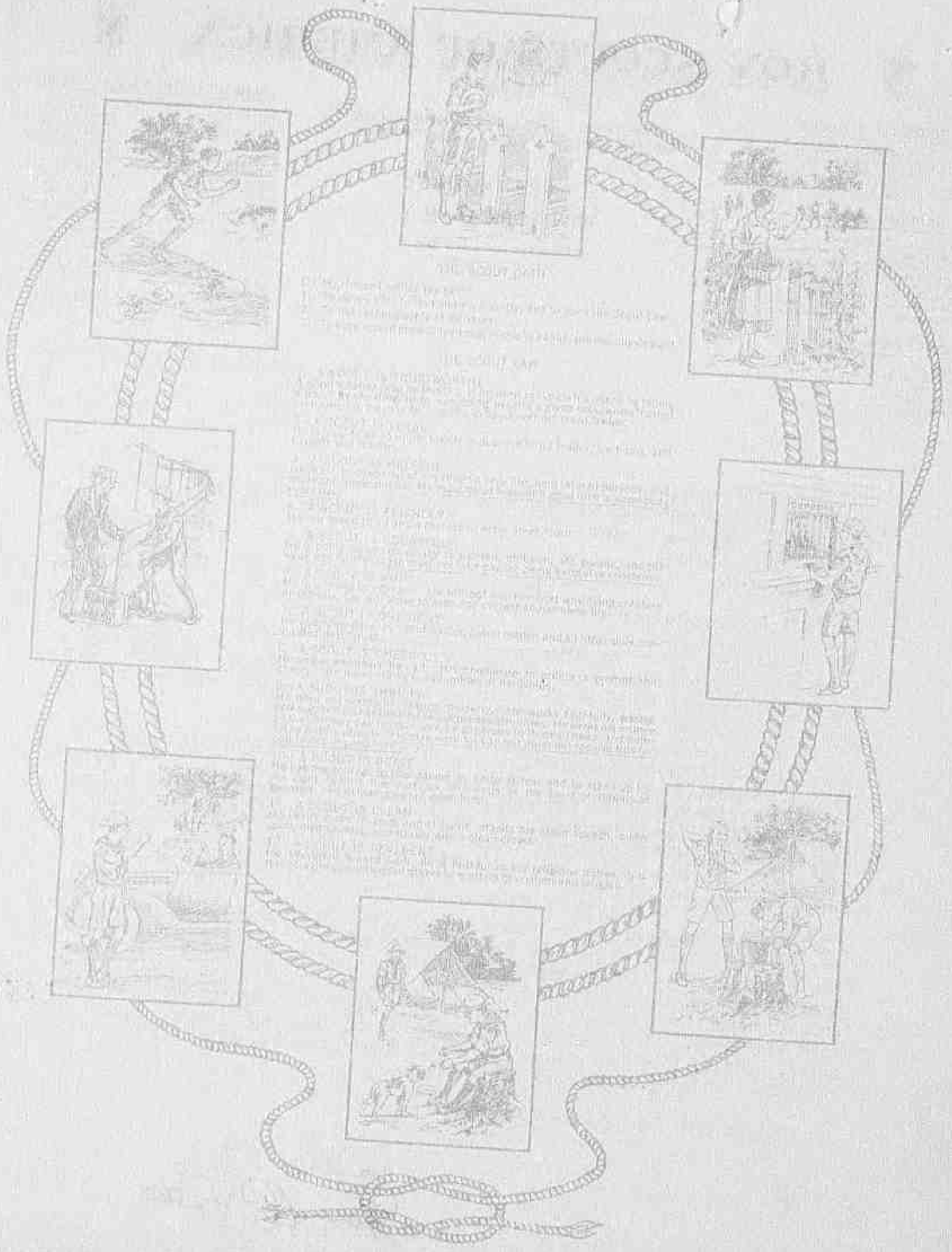
In replying, please send a copy of your letter to my American address, as follows:

Lt. Col. C. W. WASHBURN
c/o Sup't of Schools
Winnetka, Illinois.

The original of the letter should be addressed impersonally:

Director of Education
Allied Commission
APO 394 c/o FM, N.Y., N.Y.

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"DO A GOOD TURN DAILY"

August 15, 1945

Miss Helen K. Mackintosh
Senior Specialist in Elementary Education
Federal Security Agency
U. S. Office of Education
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Miss Mackintosh:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 10, with the contents of which I have carefully familiarized myself.

The Boy Scouts of America has no publications, nor does it issue bulletins in which there is conveyed information along the lines referred to in your letter.

A copy of this letter is being mailed to Lt. Col. Carleton W. Washburne, Director of Education, Education Subcommittee, Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

Yours very truly,

Walter W. Head

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TO : Lorne W. Barclay. National Director of Publications.
Boy Scouts of America. 2 Park Avenue.
New York 16. N.Y.

FROM : Mr. F.R. Catty. H.Q. Allied Commission. Italy
(Education Subcommission)
APO 394. U.S. Army.

21st May 1945.

Dear Mr. Barclay:

My letter of 14th May.

Attached is expanded and up-to-date version of the notes on Italian Scouting, which I've just completed and which I promised to send you.

I'm sending a copy to International Bureau, but as regards America, if you find the notes of interest, I would be obliged if you would have copies made and let any interested bodies in America see them.

I would also ask your help in urging upon your Association the need for material help for the Italian Movement as quickly as possible. Both Lt. Col. WASHBURN, Director of Education, and I have previously written about this to Boy Scouts of America, and I know that your organization is planning to help very liberally. But the point is that in this present season boys are being turned away in Italy for sheer lack of such things as tents, uniforms, and funds to maintain a central office. The Movement won't die, but it is handicapped.

In my own country and yours we Scouts pride ourselves on standing on our own feet for material resources. But the scarcity and cost of these things here you will no doubt realize makes that difficult in the Italy of today.

My official job in Allied Commission (which was not connected with Education) has ended, so I've volunteered to serve with Education Subcommission until ordered elsewhere - which I expect won't be long. So perhaps you'd better write to Lt. Col. WASHBURN, Director of Education Subcommission, H.Q. Allied Commission, APO 394, in any future correspondence.

I've kept all my letters from and to Americans in Italy and will send you the whole collection when I get back to England.

My flat in London was blitzed so my home is uncertain, but c/o International Bureau Boy Scouts London will find me.

Best wishes for U.S. Scouting. I've met some swell guys among your boys here, if I may say so.

Yrs:

F.R. CATTY.

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25 April, 1945
Tel. 489081-236

TO : Boy Scouts of America
2 Park Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

The enclosed letter has been given to me for
transmission to you.

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CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Lt. Col. A.U.S.
Director of Education.

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1 March, 1945

Philip Lovejoy
Secretary Rotary International,
35 East Wacker Drive,
Chicago 1, U.S.A.

Dear Phil:

Thanks a lot for your letter of 14 February.

Boy Scouts had already written me about the World Friendship Fund and that looks like our best bet. I agree that now that this is being raised by the Scouts, RI should take no official action except to encourage Rotarians to back it.

Good to hear from you. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Major, AUS
Director of Education.

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14 February, 1945

Major Carleton M. Washburne, AUS
A/Director of Education
Headquarters Allied Commission
APO #394, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Dear Carleton:

Your letter of the 20th of January has awaited answer until I could check up on just exactly what the Boy Scouts themselves might be planning to do. In the New York Times for Sunday, the 11th, is a story of the Friendship Fund of the Scouts, and I am enclosing the clipping concerning it.

I wrote to Ray Wyland, Director of Relationships of Boy Scouts of America, for further information. Ray, as you know, is a past president of the Rotary Club of New York. He says that the National Scout Board voted to establish a World Friendship Fund and to extend an opportunity to every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Senior Scout, and Scouter, and others interested, to contribute on a voluntary basis. The rebuilding of Scouting throughout the world is one of the great concerns of the Scout organization. Other Scout Associations than the one in the United States, namely, in Canada and Britain, share in this concern. Canada has already printed, or is planning to print, handbooks for the Scouts of Poland, Norway, Netherlands, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and France, through their "Gins Up Fund." England has a similar fund it is now using for special work in reorganizing Scouting on the continent.

Ray says that the "God Bless America" Fund gave the B.S.A. a start in this rehabilitation fund by establishing the "General Roosevelt Gift" of \$10,000. This was earmarked for work in the Philippines. In addition, Scouting must be restored in all the liberated countries. The allocation of monies from the World Friendship Fund by the National Executive Board is to be made a matter of further study and negotiation by the International Scout Bureau. At the present time, the need for help in the restoration of Scouting in liberated countries would include literature, equipment, and possibly personnel.

Therefore, in accordance with the time-honored custom of Rotary's not stepping in where an organization has a situation well in hand, it would appear that, corporately, Rotary should remain out of this activity about which you wrote, but that Rotarians as individuals will undoubtedly be participating in the development of a fund under the auspices of the Boy Scouts themselves.

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Major Carleton W. Washburne
14 February, 1945
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To make certain that the Boy Scouts of America have information concerning the need within Italy, I have forwarded a copy of your letter of the 20th of January to Ray Wyland, and I am sure that there will be a solution effected within the very near future.

Ray's address is:

Mr. Ray O. Wyland
Director of Relationships
Boy Scouts of America
2 Park Avenue
New York 16, New York

It was nice to hear from you, and I know that the work on which you are engaged is very fundamental in the establishment of democratic ideals in the postwar world.

I was out to the Rotary Club of Highland Park the other day, and had a very interesting meeting. They are well alive to their responsibilities in helping to win the war and preparing for a solution of the difficulties of the postwar world. One of their members had with him at the meeting his son, who was the only one of the Ranger outfit in Italy to get out alive. The boy is in pretty bad shape, having lost his right eye, but he is able to walk around as though physically normal otherwise. Folks on the North Shore will be hearing his story as well as that of hundreds upon hundreds of others, and they will be carrying on.

Sincerely yours,



Philip Lovejoy
Secretary

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THE NEW YORK TIMES, Sunday, February 14, 1943.

BOY SCOUTS LAUNCH FRIENDSHIP DRIVE



Placing a wreath on the Statue of Liberty yesterday

The New York Times

SCOUTS WILL RAISE
A FRIENDSHIP FUND

**Purpose of U. S. Boys' Drive
Is to Rebuild Organization
in Liberated Countries**

The establishment of a World Friendship Fund, which the Boy Scouts of America will raise among troop members throughout the United States to rebuild Scouting in liberated countries, was marked yesterday by a patriotic wreath-placing ceremony at the Statue of Liberty.

Fifty Boy Scouts representing various councils of Greater New York and eighteen members of a French Boy Scout troop now meeting in this country took part in the placing of a laurel wreath at the base of the statue. The French boys, wearing blue French Scout uniforms, then joined with the Americans in making the initial contribution to the fund.

Dr. Elmer H. Dowers, deputy chief Scout executive, described the fund as having "great potentialities for furthering international understanding and good-will." He said that the contributions of the young Scouts was a "convincing demonstration of our belief that a Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout."

Symbol of Better Dawn

"Around us stands a vast unseen assemblage of the Scouts of the world," he said. "Our ceremony here this morning at the Statue of Liberty holds out for them a great hope: the dawn of a better tomorrow."

"They do need our help; they need material assistance in the way of equipment, supplies and Scout literature. They need to know that we in America are thinking of them and that we stand with one hand outstretched in the Scout handshake of friendship and the other hand filled with material aid."

Scout André Bacyene, a French Scout who had played an active role in the resistance movement before coming to this country, spoke of the great significance of being present before the Statue of Liberty, "which had always been a symbol of friendship between our

nations." He asserted that it was also a symbol of friendship between the Boy Scouts of America and Les Scouts de France.

"There is a smaller Statue of Liberty in Paris, which I have seen," he continued. "It is an exact replica of the one in the shadow of which we now stand. To the youth of France it has traditionally pictured our common struggle for democracy."

"Recently France has seen dark days, but the day of liberation has finally dawned, thanks to the bravery of our own patriots and the help of America. In the struggle for the liberation of the oppressed nations many men have given their lives. To them we salute."

Representing the American Scouts, Explorer Scout Harry B. Lewis, of Explorer Post 228, Queens, expressed the hope that "soon again, when the war is won and the bugles blow assembly,

Scouts of the world will join to further a permanent peace."

The fund was recently voted by the National Executive Board of the Scout organization after its recommendation by the committee of foreign relations, of which Thomas J. Watson, International Scout Commissioner, is chairman. It will provide an opportunity to every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Senior Scout, Scouter and others interested to contribute on a voluntary basis.

Stressing the great concern for the reestablishment of Scouting throughout the world, the committee pointed out that "other Scout associations, such as the Canadian and the British, share in this thought."

"Canada has already printed or is planning to print handbooks for the Scouts of Poland, Norway, Netherlands, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and France," it was reported. "England has a similar fund

NORTH CAROLINA BRIDE

FRANCES CONKLIN BECOMES A BRIDE

Newark Girl Wed in Sister's Home in Morristown, N. J., to Vivian Wilshire Harcourt

Special to The New York Times.
MORRISTOWN, N. J., Feb. 10—Miss Frances Minette Conklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludolph H. Conklin of Basking Ridge and Mount Prospect Avenue, Newark, was married here this afternoon to Vivian Wilshire Harcourt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Harcourt of Mount Kisco, N. Y., in the home of the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Reynolds Jr. The Rev. Dr. J. Merion

THEIR ENGAGEMENTS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED



Miss Nancy Merrill



Miss Lilla A. Murchie

Miss Nancy Merrill, Graduate of Vassar, Will Be Married to Reginald K. Bailey Jr.

Special to The New York Times.
FAIRFIELD, Conn., Feb. 10—Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Merrill of Brooklawn, Park Hills, this community, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to Reginald K. Bailey Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey of Washington, D. C.
Miss Merrill was graduated from the Emma Willard School and in 1943 from Vassar College. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Frederick J. H. Merrill of New York and a niece of Mrs. Robert Russell Bennett, Theodore Bache Bleeker and Col. Edgerton Merrill. The bride-elect is a member of the Junior League of Bridgeport.
Mr. Bailey received a B. S. degree in electrical engineering in 1942 from the University of Kansas, where he was on the Student Council of the Engineering College and was assistant instructor

electrical engineering in his senior year. He and his fiancée are with the radio engineering department of the General Electric Company in Bridgeport.
The wedding will take place in June.
Murchie—Guba
Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred E. Murchie of 145 East Fifty-fourth Street of the engagement of their daughter, Lilla Anna, to Lieut. (j. g.) John Belsterling Guba, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Guba, also of this city.

FUR-BEARING SEAL IN WRONG WATER

Scientists Raise a Skeptic Brow at Reports of the Species Off New Haven

Although zoologists and ichthyologists were inclined to see something "fishy" in the story, seamen of the United States Marine Service training ship *America* Mariner reported yesterday that they saw fur-bearing seals spouting gaily four miles off New Haven on Wednesday.
The scientists did not doubt that the sailors saw seals—plain harbor seals. But as for fur-bearing seals, they said, those are not seen far from the waters of the North Pacific or the Antarctic.
First to report the new visitors to Connecticut's waters was Lieut. L. M. Tasseau. He said the *American Mariner* was on one of regular training tours when it looked out saw a dozen seals on cal of ice. When the crew lined the rails to stare, the seals started back. Lieutenant Tasseau was quite positive that the seals had fur on them.
Capt. J. H. Massey, skipper of the *American Mariner*, remembered the seals well and believed the all-important fur was there. "We were only 100 yards off," but wouldn't swear to it. He described them:
"They had sort of a green tinge to their backs and they had a broken white streak amidships. I mean down their belly. I mean over, they were dark brown."
At the Bronx Zoo, Lee Cranda, the curator, was interested but very doubtful. He said he had heard of any fur-bearing seals in this region and saw no reason to believe they had suddenly changed

MEYER FUND AT CORNELL

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
 Home Office: 2 Park Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

FOR INTRA-ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

January 29, 1945

TO SCOUT EXECUTIVES:

SUBJECT: WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND

Upon the recommendation of our Committee on Foreign Relations, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Thomas J. Watson, International Commissioner, the National Executive Board recently voted to establish a "World Friendship Fund," and to extend an opportunity to every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Senior Scout, and Scouter, and others interested, to contribute on a voluntary basis.

This project is in accord with our theme for Boy Scout Week, 1945- "Scouts of the World - Brothers Together" - as announced in SCOUTING MAGAZINE, and has been enthusiastically received.

The rebuilding of Scouting throughout the world is one of our great concerns at this time. Other Scout Associations, such as the Canadian, and British share with us in this. Canada has already printed or is planning to print handbooks for the Scouts of Poland, Norway, Netherlands, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and France, through their "Chins Up Fund." England has a similar fund it is using now in special work in reorganizing Scouting on the continent.

What can the Boy Scouts of America do about it? The "God Bless America" Fund gave us a start by establishing the "General Roosevelt Gift" of \$10,000. This was earmarked for work in the Philippines - that's just a beginning. In addition, Scouting must be restored in all the liberated countries.

A principle aim is the education of our youth in Scouts of the World - Brothers Together. This tangible and worthy project should help to focus attention upon the worthy aspects of Scouting, and should give our boys a personal share in rebuilding a better World. Here are the details:

1. The World Friendship Fund is to be announced incident to the Thirty-fifth Anniversary Celebration, February 8 - 14, 1945.
2. Each Local Council will devise its own method for accepting gifts for the fund.
3. When sending contributions to the Home Office, be certain to indicate that this is for the World Friendship Fund, and make checks payable to Lewis Cawtry, Treasurer. This Fund will be handled as a Trust Fund and will be administered by the Boy Scouts of America.

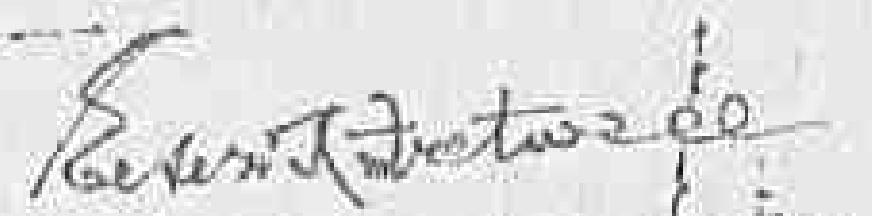
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4. The allocation of monies from the Fund by the National Executive Board is to be made a matter of further study and negotiation with the International Scout Bureau. At the present time, it would appear that the need for help in the restoration of Scouting in liberated countries would include, literature, equipment, and possibly some personnel.
5. It should be made clear that contributing to this Fund is an opportunity on a strictly voluntary basis. There will be no publicity as to the amount of gifts by individuals - no comparisons in the gifts of one unit over another - no competition, and no high pressure selling.

Let's make the celebration of our Thirty-fifth Anniversary a significant influence in developing the spirit of Brotherhood throughout the world.

Very sincerely yours,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA


Chief Scout Executive

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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APC 394
c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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20 Jan. 1945

SUBJECT : Aid to Italian Boy Scouts

TO : Boy Scouts of America

1. The Scout Movement in Italy is progressing well despite extremely difficult conditions. The enclosed circular tells of the organization.
2. The non-sectarian Corpo is, however, desperate for lack of money and equipment. The Catholic Association, with support from the Vatican, is moving forward with great strides.
3. The Allied Commission is giving moral support to both organizations and especially to the Federation of the two. We have been able to help through the services of the Rev. Mr. Logan, International Representative of British Boy Scouts in the Mediterranean area, and the indefatigable after-business work in Rome (and on one trip to Naples) of Mr. Gatty who has been designated as personal representative of Col. Wilson of International Boy Scouts. I cannot speak too strongly of the devotion and skill of Mr. Gatty, who, though with another Subcommittee totally unrelated to the Scout work, gives all his spare time to the Scout work under the general auspices of the Education Subcommittee. Logan and Gatty, and especially Logan who gives full time to Scouting and gets all around the country, have done much toward getting British Boy Scouts among the army personnel to help Scout troops.
4. Then the British Boy Scouts have been extremely helpful. So far I have had no reply to my previous communication to the American Boy Scouts. The American Girl Scouts, on the contrary, have been most helpful and have agreed to arrange sponsorship of Italian Girl Guide Troops by corresponding American Girl Scout Troops, the World Bureau having given its approval.
5. Cannot the American Boy Scouts encourage local troops to sponsor Italian troops, and send such materials and letters, through us, as the local troops may be willing to send over here?

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6. Is there any possibility of the American Boy Scouts giving a cash donation of five or ten thousand dollars, to the Corpo, or to the Federation here in Italy? The Corpo has no money for office rent, a secretary, or even stationery. Some concrete help of this sort would be of great and lasting benefit to Scouting in Italy - it would give the necessary push at a critical moment.

7. If you people could see the devastation and poverty here and the urgency of the need as we do you would recognize that nowhere in the world is your help so much needed. Nowhere is there such widespread and terrible destruction. To help the innocent youth of Italy to get a start so that they can shoulder the responsibility of reconstruction that confronts them for a generation is a service to humanity that should make you willing to break precedents and strain every sinew.

Will you help?

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Major, AUS
A/Director of Education.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
EDUCATION SUBCOMMISSION
APO 394

c/o Postmaster,
New York, N.Y.

12 September, 1944.

SUBJECT: Boy Scouts in Italy

TO: Boy Scouts of America,
2 Park Avenue, New York 16, N.Y.

REF: H4/ED/6.7

1. Thank you very much for the literature you sent on 2 August. It has been turned over to the head of the Italian Boy Scouts in Rome.

2. A letter sent to you by Lt. General McFarlane, through military channels, apparently never reached you. The substance of the letter was as follows:

a) It is suggested that local troops of Boy Scouts in the United States sponsor or "adopt" local troops in Italy. As far as practicable the sponsored troops should be in a community of the same general type (large city, small city, rural town or village) as the sponsoring troop.

b) The Education Subcommittee, ACC, is 7259 willing to secure and transmit to you brief descriptions of Italian troops for such sponsoring.

c) If you will get volunteer sponsorship for these groups and send us a brief description of them, we will serve as a channel of communication to the Boy Scout organization here as far as necessary, or put you in direct contact therewith.

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- d) If your sponsoring groups wish to send Scout equipment to the sponsored groups (and the need for this is very great), it is suggested that they clear through you and be shipped by you to the Italian Boy Scouts, either directly or through us.

If this plan meets your approval we shall be glad to cooperate in every possible way.

With best wishes,

CARLETON R. WASHBURN
MAJOR, A.U.C.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

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9^F/3.30ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. And M.G. Section

TO : Boy Scouts of America
FROM : Education Subcommittee
SUBJECT : Equipment of groups of Italian children
REF : ED/3.12
DATE : February 28, 1944

1. The Education Subcommittee of the Allied Military Government and Allied Control Commission, is concerned with the organization of out-of-school activities of youth in Italy.

2. As you doubtless know, the fascist regime had, under GIL, an extensive, although militaristic and fascist organization of youth. That organization has been dissolved. We wish to help the Italians replace it with voluntary, democratically organized activities which will foster health, wholesome use of leisure, cooperative civic activities and citizenship.

3. As a proving ground we have established in one large city a Youth Commission, divided into five sub-commissions for various ages of boys and girls. The subcommission charged with responsibility for children between eleven and fifteen years of age wishes to establish groups comparable to boy scouts and girl scouts, with corresponding activities adapted to Italian needs.

According to present intentions, these groups will first be organized relatively independently in different neighborhoods, linked together by the subcommission, which, in turn, works under our supervision and with such advice and help as we can give. As this pattern works out in practice it will be used as a model for other cities, which will be linked together through a national Youth Commission.

4. One of the first things the Youth Commission here has asked us to do to help them, is to secure uniforms and play materials for the children. The absence of cloth and play materials in Italy makes it impossible to supply them from local sources. The dirt and raggedness of the clothing of many of the city children makes some sort of decent uniform a matter of great importance if the work is to be successful.

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5. If the Boy Scouts of America would undertake the project of equipping groups of boys in Italy during the war and immediate post-war period they could be rendering a very real service to innocent victims of fascism and war, to the reconstruction to Italy, and to that kind of world cooperation which the Boy Scouts have always desired to foster.

6. It is suggested that possibly the most effective way of handling the situation would be for various Boy Scout groups in the United States to sponsor groups here, making as direct a contact and appeal as possible. The national Boy Scout organization would: a) stimulate local groups to undertake such sponsorship; b) receive for transmission the clothing and equipment sent; c) arrange shipment.

The Education Subcommittee here would: a) notify the Boy Scouts of America as to the organization and composition of each local group in Italy; b) receive shipments; c) transmit them, through the Youth Commission, to the local groups.

7. Ultimately, a federation of the Italian groups might well become an official affiliate of the international Boy Scout organization. For the time being, informal local groups, loosely coordinated, seem to constitute the soundest beginning for a democratic type of organization.

8. Will you please give us your reaction and counsel in this matter at your earliest convenience.

M.L. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Major Carleton W. Washburne
Allied Control Commission
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APO 394

Ref: ED/6.7 June 23, 1944

Of course we are most happy to do whatever we can to encourage interest in Scouting in the liberated Italian areas. We are sending you under separate cover two of the latest issues of our boys' publication, BOYS LIFE, and two copies of our publication for Scout leaders, called SCOUTING. We are also sending you copy of our Annual Report to Congress.

You will be interested to know that we have had quite a bit of correspondence with United States Army officers now in Italy, who have apparently had the same experience as you of finding a very definite interest on the part of youth in getting into Scouting. This is the more remarkable when we realize that the youth of Italy today was born after the Scout movement was abolished there. Please be assured of our desire to cooperate in every way possible. I hope the printed matter will reach you but I am a bit uncertain of the possibility of restrictions that may exist in the mailing of this type of material.

Very sincerely yours,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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file*c/o Postmaster,
New York, N.Y.

12 September, 1944.

SUBJECT: Boy Scouts in Italy

TO: Boy Scouts of America,
2 Park Avenue, New York 16, N.Y.

REF: B4/SD/6.7 12A

1. Thank you very much for the literature you sent on 2 August. It has been turned over to the head of the Italian Boy Scouts in Rome.
2. A letter sent to you by Lt. General McFarlane, through military channels, apparently never reached you. The substance of the letter was as follows:
 - a) It is suggested that local troops of Boy Scouts in the United States sponsor or "adopt" local troops in Italy. As far as practicable the sponsored troops should be in a community of the same general type (large city, small city, rural town or village) as the sponsoring troop.
 - b) The Education Subcommittee, AOC, is willing to secure and transmit to you brief descriptions of Italian troops for your such sponsoring.
 - c) If you will get volunteer sponsorship for these groups and send us a brief description of them, we will serve as a channel of communication to the Boy Scout organization here as far as necessary, or put you in direct contact therewith.

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- 3) If your sponsoring groups wish to send Scout equipment to the sponsored groups (and the need for this is very great), it is suggested that they clear through you and be shipped by you to the Italian Boy Scouts, either directly or through us.

If this plan meets your approval we shall be glad to cooperate in every possible way.

With best wishes,

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
MAJOR, A.U.S.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

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APO 394

Ref : ED/6.7 23 June, 1944.
To : The Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of
America, Washington, D.C.
Subject : Manuals of Boy Scouts

1. We are greatly interested in a Youth Program in Italy modeled on that of the Boy Scouts of America. No materials for organizing such a program are on hand here after 20 years of Fascism.

2. Would you be able to furnish us with two or three copies of the Scout manuals and whatever other material you may have available? By so doing you will greatly help to advance the youth cause in Italy.

CARLETON E. WASHBURN
MAJOR, AUS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. And M.C. Section

TO : Boy Scouts of America
FROM : Education Subcommittee
SUBJECT : Equipment of groups of Italian children
REF : EB/3.12
DATE : February 28, 1944

1. The Education Subcommittee of the Allied Military Government and Allied Control Commission, is concerned with the organization of out-of-school activities of youth in Italy.

2. As you doubtless know, the fascist regime had, under GIL, an extensive, although militaristic and fascist organization of youth. That organization has been dissolved. We wish to help the Italians replace it with voluntary, democratically organized activities which will foster health, wholesome use of leisure, cooperative civic activities and citizenship.

3. As a proving ground we have established in one large city a Youth Commission, divided into five sub-commissions for various ages of boys and girls. The subcommission charged with responsibility for children between eleven and fifteen years of age wishes to establish groups comparable to boy scouts and girl scouts, with corresponding activities adapted to Italian needs.

According to present intentions, these groups will first be organized relatively independently in different neighborhoods, linked together by the subcommission, which, in turn, works under our supervision and with such advice and help as we can give. As this pattern works out in practice it will be used as a model for other cities, which will be linked together through a national Youth Commission.

4. One of the first things the Youth Commission here has asked us to do to help them, is to secure uniforms and play materials for the children. The absence of cloth and play materials in Italy makes it impossible to supply them from local sources. The dirt and raggedness of the clothing of many of the city children makes some sort of decent uniform a matter of great importance if the work is to be successful.

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5. If the Boy Scouts of America would undertake the project of equipping groups of boys in Italy during the war and immediate post-war period they could be rendering a very real service to innocent victims of fascism and war, to the reconstruction to Italy, and to that kind of world cooperation which the Boy Scouts have always desired to foster.

6. It is suggested that possibly the most effective way of handling the situation would be for various Boy Scout groups in the United States to sponsor groups here, making as direct a contact and appeal as possible. The national Boy Scout organization would: a) stimulate local groups to undertake such sponsorship; b) receive for transmission the clothing and equipment sent; c) arrange shipment.

The Education Subcommittee here would: a) notify the Boy Scouts of America as to the organization and composition of each local group in Italy; b) receive shipments; c) transmit them, through the Youth Commission, to the local groups.

7. Ultimately, a federation of the Italian groups might well become an official affiliate of the international Boy Scout organization. For the time being, informal local groups, loosely coordinated, seem to constitute the soundest beginning for a democratic type of organization.

8. Will you please give us your reaction and counsel in this matter at your earliest convenience.

E. L. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Major Carleton W. Washburne, AUS
Headquarters Allied Commission
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Dear Major Washburne:

We have your letter of January 20th on the subject of Aid to Italian Boy Scouts. In the fourth paragraph of your letter you refer to a previous communication to which you have had no acknowledgment. We fail to find any such communication. We did have a letter from Cpl. William A. Redman, and as a matter of fact from a great many other members of the United States Army now in Italy, with respect to helping in the re-establishment of Scouting in Italy. We had a letter from Col. Wilson of the Boy Scouts International Bureau in London informing us that you had taken over as Secretary for the new Scout Federation in Italy.

We have sent quantities of printed matter to various individuals during the past year, that is, to those you are interested in the furtherance of Scouting in Italy. We have made it clear to the Boy Scouts International Bureau that we are ready to go the limit in doing everything we can. It seems to us that until some definite program is developed under the leadership of the International Bureau, we cannot do much more than we have been doing.

Your letter of January 20th suggests the possibility of a contribution of \$5,000 to \$10,000 to aid the Scout Federation in Italy. You will be interested to know we have recently launched what we call a "World Friendship Fund." I enclose copy of a circular on this subject which was released to all of our Executives in the United States. It is possible that our Executive Board would consider making available a sum of money out of this Fund for the furtherance of Scouting in Italy, but I am sure they would want a rather definite picture and budget as to what would be done with the money. The creation of the Fund is being announced incident to Boy Scout

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Major C. W. Washburne

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Week which opens on February 8th. You will note from the circular letter to our field that the Fund begins with a nucleus of \$10,000 made available in honor of the late General Theodore Roosevelt. We are not bringing any pressure to bear in the creation of this Fund, but it is quite possible that a sizable sum may be made available.

Our only suggestion at this time is that you write us formally, making application for a contribution from the World Friendship Fund, and setting forth specifically the objectives you have in mind to accomplish as a result of such a contribution. You can rest assured this would have very careful consideration here.

We are hopeful the situation in Italy can be clarified to a point where it will be possible for us to deal with one agency in Italy to promote the Cause of Scouting in that country. At the present time the situation is quite confusing to us because of appeals we get from so many different sources, to all of which we respond to the best of our ability but in the realization that probably what we are doing is not the best thing that could be done.

We gather from Col. Wilson's letter to us that you are now the official representative to be recognized with respect to Scouting in Italy, and we are proceeding on that basis.

The news you give us about the activities of Mr. Cetty and his devotion to the promotion of Scouting is most encouraging.

All of the foregoing is simply to let you know that we here are keenly interested and desirous to do what we can to help. We recognize the need, but there is very little information before us as to what we can do to be of the most service.

Very sincerely yours,
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