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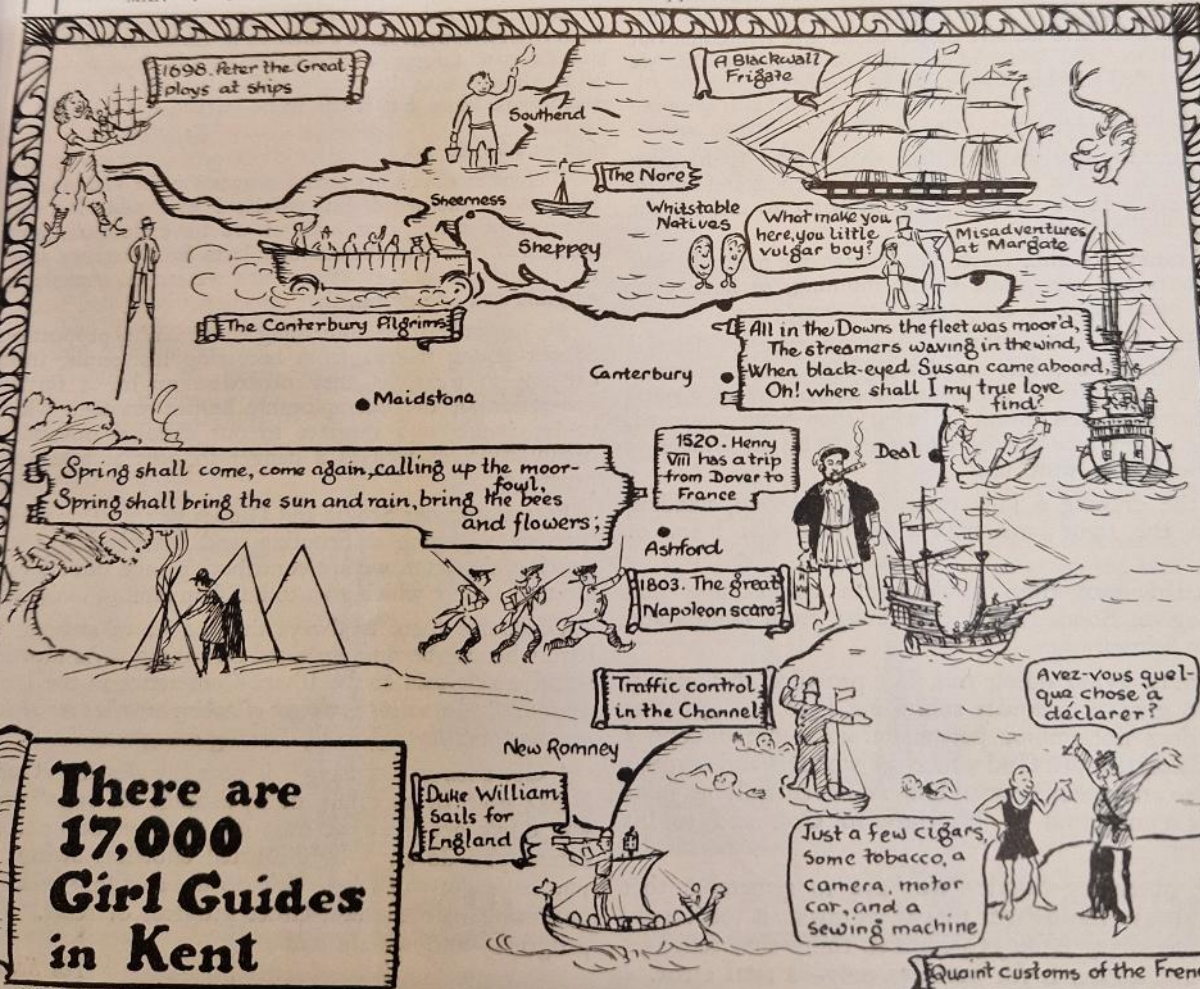
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HAROLD KING

The Chief Scout's Outlook

St. George's Day.

ONCE more the day of our patron saint comes round. I don't look on him merely as a Christian saint, but as a typical hero for all creeds, and, incidentally, in very many countries he has his prototype in one or other of the national legendary heroes.

Personally, whenever I see a picture of him—and I have now quite a collection of them—memory takes me back to my own days when I went forth spear in hand, mounted on a good horse, to seek adventures with the wild boar in India.

There, in the pigsticking field, as in the hunting field at home, it was often the case that men came out beautifully mounted and equipped with the outward appearance of being great sportsmen, but just wanting the inward heart and spirit to really carry it into effect.

I think we find these men in every line of life, so in Scouting and Guiding on St. George's Day we mount a fresh horse with a newly sharpened spear and go forth to further adventure, to tackle and overcome the difficulties and enjoy the sport of successful training.

But we must not be content merely to sit on our horse and "tittup" about, just giving the appearance of good sportsmen by going successfully through the ordinary routine of appearing at the meet. But we must go forward and achieve steps, tackle and overcome our difficulties, and know at the end of the chase that we have killed another pig—achieved another success.

Sunday in Camp.

There are few who can deny that Sunday is the most viceful day of the whole week. In the Scouts and Guides we have it in our power, when in camp, to make it the most uplifting day.

If camp is within reach of a church we naturally take the boys and girls there in the morning, or have what most of us enjoy—a service on our own.

After that, not a loafing afternoon, please. That is where the harm comes in. Let us have a definite nature hike by patrols or otherwise, followed by a general pow-wow, a description of what they have observed, giving an opportunity for a nature talk by the Guider or Scoutmaster to wind up.

In the evening a jolly camp fire sing-song, winding up on the right note with a good popular hymn or two.

I heard once from a clergyman complaining that Scouting on Sunday takes boys away from church and Sunday School.

We must avoid doing this, but provided that care is taken to give an adequate substitute, I am not sure that a boy does not imbibe personally and more directly a clearer impression of God where the wonders and beauties of Nature are pointed out to him, and eventually he gains a better conception of his duty to God and to his neighbour.

While observing Sunday we have to remember that there is always the danger that if we make it too totally unlike a weekday, the boys are apt to think that religious thought and action is for Sundays only—a fatal error.

A bishop—who, by the way, is also a keen Scoutmaster—was recently asked his opinion about people playing golf on Sunday; and he said that in his church he was always glad to see men come in flannels or sports clothes, ready to go and take healthy exercise after they had attended their service. He held that God's day was not intended to be a day of idleness nor of mourning.

On the whole, a troop camp is where the Scoutmaster gets his real chance of training the boy. He can have led up to it through the winter season by taking the different practices and activities that go to make up a successful camp; but when in camp he gets into closer touch with his boys individually, and they with each other; they get into touch with Nature, too, in the happiest way, and there begins the real school of the out-of-doors, where all the best in the future man's character can be brought out and developed.

Responsibility and initiative in practice, two of the most important points in character and the most difficult to teach, have here their fuller opportunity.

Professor Ernest Barker, writing in *Nash's Magazine*, says: "To form your own initiative and to carry responsibilities gladly are vital qualities for the grown man; and partly for that reason and partly because they are good at all times, they are qualities that should be developed in early life. It is far better that a cricket match should be lost, or a concert have a hitch in it, than that the over-zealous watchfulness of the teachers should leave nothing to the initiative of the taught. This is a hard lesson for teachers to learn, but it has to be learned—and taught."

Get on with the Job.

With reference to my recent suggestion for kicking the IM out of the word Impossible, I may add, for the comfort of some, that even if we have doubts about being able to attain the impossible in Scouting, we may reassure ourselves that, at any rate, we can do something tangible and effective in that direction.

We can at least do something to prevent a proportion of our young fellows from becoming lost souls, from drifting to form, as they otherwise might, a further generation of the unemployable human wastage which to-day stands as a disgrace to our national powers of organisation, as well as a danger to general peace and prosperity.

By training our Scouts and Guides to something more than mere playing at Scouting, and *through that game* to develop character, we are contributing each one of us an atom of service which goes to build an atoll of nationality.

Of course there is always the danger of striving too hard when we become enthused on a thing. As Mortimer Schiff wisely said at the Ithaca Conference in the United States: "*Are we not in danger of taking ourselves too seriously and forgetting that, after all, Scouting is a game?*"

"Get back to Scouting" is now the slogan. Our job is like golf, or scything, or fly-fishing. If you "press" you don't get there, at least not with anything like the extent you do by a light-hearted effortless swing. But you have got to swing. It's no use standing still. It is one thing or the other, either progress or relax. Let us progress—and with a smile on.

The Scouter.

Our New Headquarters

By M. E. MONTGOMERY, *General Secretary.*

I HAVE been asked to say why I know it is essential to build new Headquarters. Leaving aside the very important point of co-operation with the Boy Scouts who are in urgent need of the accommodation they so kindly arranged for us in 1920, the main reason to my mind is that of adequate room for the staff to conduct their work. Without sufficient space and good conditions no workers, however conscientious they may be, can give their best, and it is the best we want at Headquarters. For only by that can we give the movement prompt service, which is really the only reason why our Headquarters should exist.

Looking back on the growth of the movement, we find that originally Headquarters was housed in one room in Victoria Street. As the fascination of Guiding appealed more and more to the girls of the country, so the work of organisation grew and from that one room Headquarters extended until in 1920 the very daring move was made to a shop and flat in the Boy Scouts' Headquarters. We felt that there we had room and to spare, that we were safe, and that our troubles of cramped space were a thing of the past. But year by year we found it necessary to expand, and the only way to do so was by taking adjacent buildings. By 1925 Headquarters had extended beyond the Boy Scout buildings to Nos. 17 and 19, Buckingham Palace Road and to 16, Hobart Place. To all who understand organisation the difficulties will at once be apparent where a staff is scattered under four separate roofs—the constant running to and fro of messengers in all kinds of weather, delay in giving information, when all papers are filed three doors away from the main building, to say nothing of the annoyance of visitors who having mounted to the third floor of No. 25 to ask for information, are often led downstairs again and four doors off to mount three flights of stairs before finding the one person who can solve their difficulties. No wonder many think twice before visiting us. Another drawback is that the staff is disintegrated; it is difficult to keep secretaries in charge of departments in touch with each other, and the result tends towards working in watertight compartments which is so fatal to co-operation and breadth of vision.

Since 1925, when our last extension of premises took place, the growth of the movement is shown by the increase in numbers through the Empire from 441,270 in that year

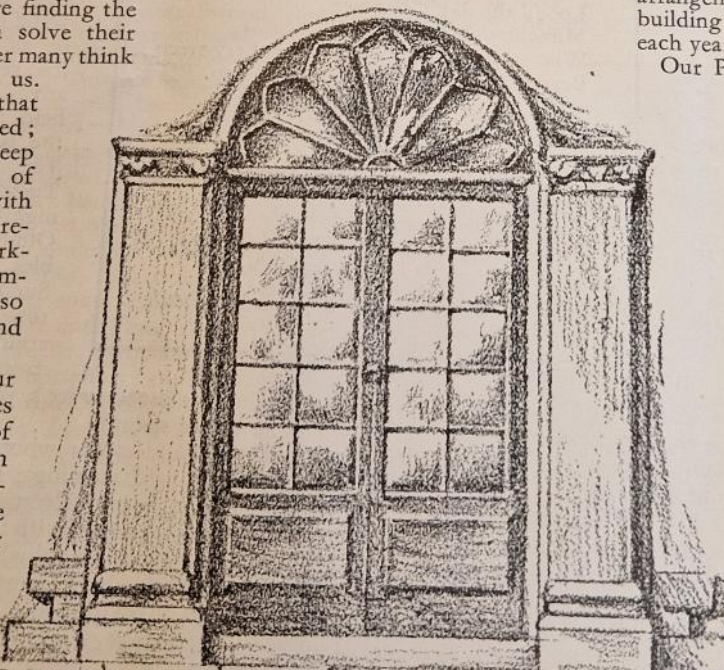
to 575,530 at the end of 1928. To keep pace with the work the staff has steadily grown from 51 in 1920 to 130 in 1929. When I tell you that an average day's post is 500 letters, and that we have from time to time been faced with a mail bag of over 800; that in a very busy week as many as 2,700 parcels have been packed, and that in the year 1928 we despatched 88,573 parcels, you will realise that we are not idle. My sympathy goes out to our visitors who are herded together in one small dark waiting room, and to the movement in general who should be able to feel that Headquarters is the Home of Guiding. We want to welcome you when coming to us, especially our friends from overseas, but at present we have no adequate means of expressing the real friendliness which is in our hearts. When our new Headquarters is built we are to have more space in which to receive you, a restaurant, a club room, too, in which you may rest and meet your friends, a room where meetings may be held, in fact a building which you may look on as yours, to which you are welcome, and to which you will come happy in the knowledge that those who are working for you are doing so under the very best conditions.

For two years and more we have searched London for premises but found nothing possible at a rent less than £6,000 a year, and of course the more central the position the higher the rent becomes.

Fortunately for us, just when we were in despair, the leases of Nos. 17 and 19, Buckingham Palace Road fell in, and we are now able to get sufficient ground not only on this site, but also extending farther back and into Palace Street, on which to erect a building suitable for our needs. Although this necessitates raising a large sum of money, it is in the long run a far better financial arrangement to own one's own building than to pay large sums each year for rent.

Our President, H.R.H. Princess Mary, years ago expressed the wish that we might be better housed. In supporting this appeal she has satisfied herself by a prolonged visit to us, in which nothing from the topmost garret to the darkest and dampest basement has been concealed, that it is essential for the good of the staff and for the movement as a whole that the Headquarters of so important an organisation as ours should be well housed.

From the ready response of Guides and



THE MAIN DOORWAY HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE CHIEFS

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Brownies throughout the country I know they are with us in this big effort. They send us the most delightful personal letters of good wishes, and I cannot help quoting from two or three letters received to show you the spirit in which the appeal is being taken up by the children.

"In response to the great appeal in *The Guide* this week I enclose 1s. as a first subscription for a window. This month I haven't the cash to send you. But I don't want anyone else to pay for my window but myself, so will you please reserve it for me. A brick isn't very much to give when one considers how the movement is part and parcel of oneself—how it fills up one's life, one's mind—well, it is as much a part of me as my finger is."

"I have read the appeal in the March GUIDER referring to the building of Guide Headquarters, and we as a company thought we should like to do our little bit, so I am forwarding you a P.O. for £1. It is a very small share, but we are rather a poor company living in a mining area, and all the Guides are miners' children, but every little helps. We hope and trust the appeal will be readily responded to all over the Empire."

"We are sending a half a crown for the building of the new home for Guides and Brownies in London. With love and best wishes.

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"We are 15 Brownies."

I am convinced that the appeal has not fallen on barren ground, that soon we shall see rising on the ashes of Nos. 17 and 19, Buckingham Palace Road, like the phoenix of old, a building that will be in very truth the Home of Guiding.

Natural History Societies

HOW many Guiders belong to a Natural History Society?

And if many do not, I wonder if they know of the help that might be gained by belonging to one.

Are not the bulk of them struggling to teach nature lore to their Guides without knowing very much about it themselves? Then why not gain practical experience by joining a local Natural History Society.

Perhaps there is an idea that a "society" must be a collection of learned professors, scientists, etc., who will talk in unintelligible Latin jargon, and that puts them off. But the most alarmingly styled professor is very human, and if not too shy to speak to you will be most kind and helpful if approached, naturally with due deference, by the beginner. And most of the Natural History

Societies do not even have one professor among their members, the bulk having been as much beginners as you, when they first joined.

I am not speaking of the big societies such as the Linnean or the Entomological of London, for they are over technical for one who knows little of the subjects discussed. I am referring to the small local societies which exist in most, probably all, the counties of Great Britain, and which hold field meetings, mostly on Saturdays or Sundays, and arrange regular indoor lectures or discussions. On these field meetings you will gain practical experience in identifying bird, insect, or plant, by having them pointed out to you by the other members until, by frequent practice, you are quite familiar with the subject. The annual subscription, in some cases, may be too high for the average Guider, or the Society may not be sufficiently active or sufficiently

well run, but I have heard of many where this is not the case, and I urge Guiders to try their tracking skill in tracing the local Natural History Society to its lair (usually the biggest town in the county) and finding out all about it. They are shy things and do not advertise themselves much, but would be well worth while to unearth, and would certainly welcome any keen, inquiring naturalist.

London Guiders could not do better than join the London Natural History Society, a small and very friendly one, divided into sections on different subjects, such as Birds, Plants, Insects, Plant Galls and Archaeology. For 7s. 6d. a year you can join any or all the sections, receive the yearly publication, and attend all the lectures and field meetings (expenses on the latter, extra, but small). The lectures are held on Tuesday evenings, fortnightly, at Winchester House, Old Broad Street; the rambles are on Saturdays or Sundays, from four to eight times a month all the year round. A detailed syllabus, from which you can choose

your outings, is issued twice a year. What few shillings could be better spent?

For those Guiders for whom it is almost impossible to go out on field meetings, the School Nature Study Union reserve a warm welcome, wherever they may live. This society (associated with the Girl Guides), for 4s. a year, publishes an invaluable quarterly paper called "Nature Study," which every Guider will find of the utmost interest. It also issues a series of most interesting leaflets on all branches of natural history for 2½d. each (postage free).

CYNTHIA LONGFIELD,
District Commissioner for Leytonstone.



Twilight at the "Beauty Spot"

Slowly night hides away
The blues and greens of day;
Now picture-postcard-waves no more
Break on a yellow shore;
From seas mysterious, grey,
There steals a soft wind, salt and chill,
And all the motor-horns are still.

Shyly, and with timid tread,
Beauty slips back to spread
Her old enchantment on the place.
Lo, all the day's disgrace
Miraculously fled,
Where light-foot down the heathery steep
Beauty comes smiling home to sleep.

Softly the wind's caress
Rouses to restlessness
The waiting dancers, who begin
To rustle, stir and spin;
Enchanted now no less
Than dreaming moorland, silver crags,
Dance the pale hosts of paper-bags.

Lines Reprinted from *Punch*.

Woodcraft Shelters

By IRIS FAZAN, County Camp Adviser.

GUIDES with a home-making instinct can very quickly turn a bare tent into a "home from home," and there are some who enjoy making their homes from more primitive materials than canvas, and get great satisfaction from being able to erect their own hut.

The making of woodcraft shelters can be real practical work as well as making a good background for imaginary

framework. If branches of brushwood are used these should be hung on to the framework with leaves pointing downwards. Materials which can be used for making roofs to shelters, if one is fortunate enough to have permission to cut them, or to use those already cut, are bracken, heather, reeds or rushes, fir or pine branches or evergreen leaves.

Shelters, the shape of ridge tents, can be made by leaning thatched trestles against each other, and as they can be made in sections a good many Guides can be employed in lashing and thatching before actually putting it up. Another shelter can be made in the form of a tunnel. It is made rather on the same principle as the round beehive hut, but instead of driving the sticks into the ground they are tied at the base to two heavy logs, placed three or four feet apart. Then the tops are bent over and tied to those opposite, and a few crossbars lashed on. Some kind of covering is then put over this skeleton. The advantage of this type is that it can be shifted round according to the weather. The ends can be left open, or one closed.

Ready-made hurdles can quickly be put up as framework, but then the Guides do not have the opportunity to discover a very attractive use for lashing. It makes a very popular competition if each patrol is left to improvise whatever type of shelter they can from the materials at hand. The invention and practice of making take a good deal of time, but they should be capable of being made very quickly if they are really to be used as intended, as temporary shelters when on a hike.



Hut-making in England—

adventures. These shelters can be made by using poles or branches as a framework, and these covered with some kind of thatching. That is if the camp site is at a place where such things are plentiful and available. Given plenty of wood, brushwood, heather, bracken or straw, the most attractive little huts can be made.

There are various degrees of brushwood shelters. Sometimes in the woods there are natural shelters which only need a little arrangement to make quite good homes. Perhaps branches have to be tied back or pegged down, and then other branches can be twined in between. Or a few poles leant up against a tree can have branches interlaced, or a framework can be made of poles lashed together, and some sort of covering put over. A round hut like a beehive, made somewhat on the lines of an African native hut, can be made by driving sticks into the ground in a circle, then bending the tops over and tying them together. Next other pliable branches are woven in and out of the upright ones, and finally these can be either thickly interwoven or thatching put on the framework. A groundsheet can be put over the top if necessary.

In making thatched roofs for any purpose, it should be worked in layers, the bottom row being tied in place first, then each succeeding layer overlapping from above, so as to shed water. As each layer is put in place on the framework, a pliable green stick is laid over the top of the thatching material to hold it in place, and this is tied back at intervals to the



And in Kenya.

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Sparks from the Camp Fire

CARDBOARD cream cartons make excellent salt cellars, jam pots or sugar basins in camp. They can very often be obtained free, and in various sizes, from one's own dairy. It is a good plan to try and get hold of those with lids that fit on, not the discs.

A good investment is to buy little iron grids (sixpence from any ironmonger) to use for standing hot dices on, or even tea pots, and so save the grass. They are also helpful to use when roasting; the joints can be stood upon them and thus any danger of the meat sticking to the bottom of the dixie is avoided.

After washing out tea cloths, hang them out to dry between two twisted ropes. If you slip the cloths between the two ropes they will not blow away, and it is easier than using clothes pegs.

In the case of a wasp sting apply a piece of raw onion, and this will give immediate relief and prevent swelling, and even for stings in the mouth suck a slice of onion. It is also a good remedy for bad midge bites and other stings.

To clean the outsides of dices and frying pans at the end of camp, bring the water in the boiler to the boil and put in a handful of caustic soda. Then after tying a piece of string to the handle of each pot drop them in the boiler and let them remain there for four or five minutes. After this scrub out in hot water and rinse.

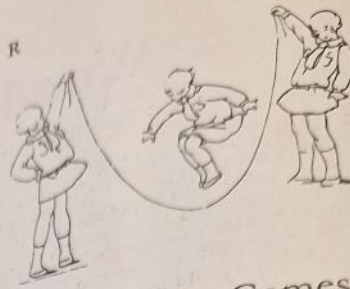
Note.—Care must be taken not to splash either the face or hands with the water in which is the caustic soda. A Guider must be in charge of the operation.

It is a good plan to keep a bandage, small dressing, iodine and burn dressing in your store tent, also soda for wasp stings, for use in a sudden emergency. Otherwise it may take a few minutes longer to get to the hospital tent and find the necessary things. Also you are not so likely to upset in a hurry, as you might be, knowing that the wound was meant to be on the ground to the edge of the paper. Then she cuts through all the folds of paper, cutting out the little man. Then opens out, and she should have a line of men all joining hands. She sticks the two hands of the two end men together, making a ring which should stand up.

Don't give a tation of *The Long*, you fetch and for your paillasse.



practical illustration of *The Long Trail* when carry the straw



Brownie Games

WHAT'S MISSING.

Brown Owl puts a number of small objects on the floor. The pack looks at them for a minute and then faces outwards in a circle. Brown Owl takes something away, and when she says "What's missing?" the pack jump round and try to see what's gone. The first person to see puts back the object and takes another, and the game goes on as before.

SIMPLE SIMON.

Played as a relay game. The Sixers, each as Simple Simon, stand at the opposite end of the room from their Six facing them. Each Brownie has a pie (cream tops do beautifully). Each Six has a book.

The first Brownie, balancing the book on her head with her pie on it walks up the room to her Simple Simon. Simple Simon asks her for a pie, the Brownie asks for a penny; Simple Simon not having one, she turns round and walks back to her Six, handing over the book to the next Brownie. If she drops the book or pie going either way, she forfeits the rest of her turn, and Simple Simon runs and picks up her pie. The Six whose Simple Simon has the fewest pies at the end wins.

CUTTING BROWNIE RINGS.

Give each Brownie a strip of paper that will fold into six squares.

Each Brownie folds her paper into six squares, folding the paper one way the first time and the opposite way the next. On the top square she draws her Brownie Emblem with the hands going right to the very edge of the paper and the foot that is meant to be on the ground to the edge of the paper. Then she cuts through all the folds of paper, cutting out the little man. Then opens out, and she should have a line of men all joining hands. She sticks the two hands of the two end men together, making a ring which should stand up.





The Chiefs,
Heather and
Betty, and
Guides of
Sierra
Leone.

The Chief Guide is Home Again

Thinking Day.

I HAVE been away from home for some weeks, and now on my return I simply feel that I must plunge into print, although I have not the pen of a ready writer.

The first thing, however, that I want to say is a big "Thank you" to Guides and Guiders who sent us such kind greetings on our joint birthday. We did appreciate them so much, and hope that we too did our share of "thinking" on Thinking Day.

It was spent in radiant hot sunshine, at Teneriffe, and a friendly Scout Rally was arranged to celebrate the occasion, with about 200 Spanish Scouts to welcome us.

Scouts and Guides.

It has been very interesting and delightful to find Scouts at every port of call along the North and West Coast of Africa, and though our trip was a "holiday" one, it was very jolly to see the growth of the movement everywhere.

I had the good fortune to see some of the smaller and lesser known branches of our Guide family—a nice good number at Gibraltar, a small group of French Eclaireuses at Algiers, one newly-formed company of British Guides in Lisbon, and a jolly crowd of five companies and three packs of Brownies at Sierra Leone.

It is one thing to read in print about Guiding overseas, but it is quite another thing actually to see the Guides and Brownies for oneself, and I think that anybody who is lucky enough to travel far and glimpse that aspect of Guiding "in a wider world," cannot help but feel a thrill of pleasure and of happy looking forward to what our work is going to do for the future.

Guiders' Training Schools.

Really, when we look back a few years we may well feel staggered and elated at our big steps forward of late, and how interesting it has been to watch our developments in the matter of places where training can be had.

New-comers in our ranks may hardly perhaps remember the very first of all—the humble classes held in the stable, generously lent by the late Mrs. Lumley Holland.

From that came the School that Mrs. Blyth worked for with such untiring energy in Bryanston Place, with its annual summer hike, and its original badge which gave them the nickname of the "Goats" (Guide Officers' Training School).

Then came Foxlease, as a heaven-sent boon to us all, and lastly Waddow, with its triumph of generosity from counties and individuals alike.

One other Training School, to my mind, deserves mention—more mention than it will ever ask for—"the littlest one"—tucked away in a fold of the Gloucestershire wolds, watched over by its stone-roofed house and loft and barn, where Miss Maie Bruce leads and guides her little flock from time to time through the intricacies of Guiding in all its varied forms.

The Chief Scout and I had the good fortune to stay at Hillhouse last summer, and are looking forward to the day when we shall do so again, for oh! the peace and quiet of it, as well as the charm of old-world buildings and the friendliness of one's welcome.

In these hectic, hurried days the noise of busy traffic and thronging crowd weighs heavy on one's head, and the more we can get away into the quiet and *restful* camps—not wild-rushing, over-worked ones!—and the peacefulness of the woods and dales of untouched country places, the better it will be for us Guiders as well as, in their turn, for the Guides under our care.

"The House the Guides Built."

I am not going to take up any more space now, though I have any amount to say about our new Headquarters. I find on my return that you are all as thrilled about it as I am, and I cannot believe that anyone will want to be left out of having a share in the building of it.

Next month I want to tell you just what I feel about it all from the overseas point of view, and as the Editor tells me we are to have a special Travel Number in May, I am reserving my pen and my paper for that!

Olive Baden Powell

The First Three Days

By M. BLUNDELL



July 28th. The day after to-morrow we start for our first camp. I have only just got my Captain's warrant, and I am not quite twenty-one yet, so I am only allowed to take my leaders and seconds to a group camp with the County Camp Adviser as Commandant. The and — company's Captain and Leaders and Seconds are coming with us. Of course it is raining hard—all the more chance that it will clear by Thursday. I think I have remembered to order everything except fruit and vegetables. The District Commissioner has asked members of the Association to supply those. Several have kindly sent bundles of rhubarb already.

July 29th. It is pouring. Some more people have brought bundles of rhubarb.

July 30th. 5 a.m. I am determined to jot down notes no matter how busy I am, as they might be useful next year when I hope to run my own camp. It is simply deluging. All the Guides were sent up by their mothers last night to ask whether we should start if the weather didn't improve. I said "Yes, to make sure of being in camp by the time it did improve."

7.30 a.m. I have just been through the stores and counted tents and ground sheets once more, and have rushed in for some breakfast before the lorry comes to load up. I found some more bundles of rhubarb laid against the back door—offerings made by Guides' fathers on their way to work, I suppose. I thought people would have loved to give us green peas and raspberries, but our Commissioner's appeal has produced nothing but rhubarb so far. I always thought it was only fit for jam at this time of year. Cookery books had better insert a new line under the heading "Rhubarb: In August rhubarb can be used for jam and Girl Guides."

11.30 a.m. I have sent the Guides home to snap some lunch before we get off, as I thought perhaps we should not get to camp in time to make the camp grate, collect enough wood, get the fire going and cook the good midday meal I mean to supply my lot with every day.

Of course the Guides all landed up to help with loading the lorry. I simply stuffed them all into the garage to keep them dry. I had told Dad we would do everything ourselves, and wouldn't want him or Smith (our chauffeur) to help, but when they joined forces with the lorry man I just didn't say anything. The lorry was loaded and roped when the Commissioner buzzed up. I looked out eagerly for a sack of green peas. She began heaving a sack indeed out of her car, and all the Guides rushed out into the rain to help her. It looked an ominous straight shape.

"I've brought you all that was left of our rhubarb," she said. "I'm awfully sorry, but nothing else

seemed to be ready in sufficient quantity in our garden." "Are you *sure* you don't want it for jam?" I asked bitterly.

"We've made our jam long ago," said she. "We oughtn't to rob the cottage hospital," I suggested.

"They've got more than they can do with," said she. "Dad deposited the sack in my baby Austin."

"Got everything for both companies?" asked Commissioner.

"Everything," I said.

"Ground sheets in?" asked she. "Oh no! not the ground sheets!" I almost answered sarcastically: "The Guides could hear, so turned it into 'Yes, madam,' just in time. Then a chorus rang out from the garage: 'The ground sheets are here, captain. We are sitting on them!'"

So we are not off yet.

11.30 p.m. We are in camp! And it has stopped raining.

Mother threw a whole lot of little packets into my lap just as we started off, shouting that she had not thought of them in time to make a parcel of them. I pretended not to see them.

They were fire-lighters. I was tired by then. How tired

I am now would take too long to write.

We soon found there wasn't any dry wood anywhere near the camp, so were quite justified in using mother's fire-lighters. But we had been practising laying camp fires all the winter in the club room, and the Guides were awfully disappointed because they couldn't find any birch bark or make any small twigs light. In fact they kept rushing away to try and try again between the pitching of each tent. I see I shall have to be very strict about discipline. It *does* take a long time pitching tents. As a matter of fact we only put up one, and Smith and the lorry driver did the others.

While Riggs, the 2nd — captain, and I were putting away the stores, the Guides kept presenting us with one mouldy-looking piece of wood after another, demanding to know whether it was the best burning kind. They all looked equally hopeless to me and refused equally obstinately to burn. Riggs repeated as cheerfully as she could, but rather too often, that we would have tea and supper together as it was our first day. She helped with the fire while I took a fatigue party to dig our grease pit—I know they all meant to help, but it seemed to me that they were the party all right and I was the fatigue. It was 7.30 when we had finished, at least finished as much as we—or I—could in one evening. On our return to the camp kitchen we found a splendid fire blazing at last.

"You have found out the best wood then!" I cried.



"Yes," said Riggs, looking me brazenly in the face—"a packing-case."

We had tea and plum cake and stewed rhubarb. I did order bread from the village baker, but I expect it was delivered before we got here, and some other group devoured it. As a matter of fact I did not eat the rhubarb because all the cooks had put salt in it instead of sugar. When we had tasted it they quickly rectified their mistake as much as they could by "adding sugar to taste," as they murmured to each other. I preferred not to taste.

Midnight. The Guides came out of their tents a few minutes ago. I was cross after all the trouble I had had getting them in. They said they only wanted to make sure they could recognise Orion. They all looked for him in different quarters of the heavens. Personally, I don't think he was there at all. I drove them in, and went to the car for my own kit-bag. I groped for and seized what I thought was it, and heaved up madam's sack of rhubarb. No use mincing matters. I have left my kit-bag and all I shall want for the week behind. Anyhow, it doesn't matter—nothing matters.

July 31st. 11.30 p.m. It has been fine all day—that is really all I can remember clearly. Mercifully, I went tidy on parade, for Smith turned up early with my suitcase and a bottle of ammoniated quinine from mother. Also somebody finished digging our grease pit. I wonder if it was he? Nobody has been sick, so perhaps the food is all right; anyhow when the Camp Commandant looked in just now she said we seemed to be shaking down, but I have no idea at present how we have done it. The Guides spent a lot of time finding clay to cook a chicken in for Commissioner's lunch when she visits us to-morrow.

Aug. 1st. Sunday. A fine hot day. We had breakfast up to time, and then went to church. The two Guides who are the cooks asked leave to go to early service. We had brought an unplucked chicken with us to ensure that it would keep. It was a large black hen—a present from a Guide's mother, who said it would be nice and tender stewed slowly. But we had all so looked forward to cooking meat in clay, in the way described in "Scouting for Boys" and White's "Selborne." When we came back from church the cooks were still plastering the corpse, and crowds of shiny black feathers were still sticking through the clay. I urged them to be quick or Commissioner would get no lunch, and it was thrust into a glowing pile of wood ash.

But the tender hen had been moulting, and when the clay and the old feathers were peeled off, the spiny points of the new ones covered it as with black bristles.

"A hedgehog!" cried Commissioner delightedly when the dish was set before her. "This really is woodcraft

fare. Ever since I read 'Selborne' at your age, Guides, I have always—but then she noticed the chicken's legs. "I see it's a—a bird," she said. "How clever of you to catch one!"

The chicken might have been either a hedgehog or a rook, for all we could tell by

the taste. It was really too tough to taste at all in fact.

The second course was rice pudding and rhubarb. "I'm glad my contribution to the larder came in useful," said Commissioner, who had not seen all the other bundles of rhubarb besides her own.

I have hardly ever known Guides express a unanimous opinion before that moment. But it came out clearly then.

"Rhubarb is so nice for a change," they said.

Aug. 2nd. Glorious day. We're old campers now.



Games for Guides

A First Aid Game.

Captain reads a newspaper account of an accident. A discussion takes place on the care of the patients, counters are given out to the "bright Guides" and the patrols are then sent to their corners to learn the bandaging for the accident. The idea of the game is to give the Guides a real interest in learning Second Class first aid.

Blindman.

Guides stand in a circle with the "blindman" blindfold in the centre. They move round until he taps three times on the ground with his stick. He then points to any Guide in the circle, who has to come out, hold on to the end of the stick and imitate any noise that he makes three times. If the "blindman" can guess who is holding the stick, they change places.

Trades.

The patrols sit in their corners while the signaller sends six sets of two letters which are the top and tail of six words (G—R=Grocer, etc.). When they have guessed the six kinds of trades they write them down in order and run with them to the signaller.

Chemist's Shop.

The patrols stand in files, each patrol having their own chemist's shop at the far end of the room. An accident is named, and the first Guide of each file has to run to their own shop (Glider with a note-book) and ask for three things that they would use in treating the case. The Guide who gets back to her place again first, having asked for really practical articles, scores to her patrol.

Morse Arrows.

Patrols stand in a circle with the signaller in the middle. She sends a letter to each Guide in turn. If the Guide cannot read it, she drops into an outer circle and still has a letter sent to her each time, but ceases to score. The last Guide left in the inner circle wins the game.



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Corinna Cramp

Corinna Cramp
Expressed a wish to go to camp.
"What fun," she said, "to pitch a tent
In Sussex or the Weald of Kent
And sleep on grass and eat one's dinner
Sans knife and fork" (Oh, poor Corinna,
I view your case with deep concern
You have so much, *so much* to learn).
For green she was—yes, apple-green,
And nothing knew of camp cuisine,
She made no protest when they brought her
Some tea fresh made in luke-warm water,
In colour less like tea than malt,
And sweetened (by mistake) with salt.
"In time I'll like it," said Corinna,
"Of course, I'm merely a beginner."
She viewed her tent without dismay,
It looked so clean and dry by day.
"True home," she thought, "of Guide or Scout
The sort of thing I've dreamed about."
But, somehow, night dispelled her dreams
The rain came oozing through the seams
And made of brave Corinna Cramp
The feet (though not the spirits) damp;
And when a wind from out the East
Arrived, Corinna's plight increased.
"It might be better," so she thought
"To pull my slackened guy lines taut."
Alas! Corinna's ropes were rotten
In half an hour they snapped like cotton,
And long before the peep of dawn
Corinna's tent was stretched and torn,
While guy lines, runners, cords and pegs
Around Corinna's slender legs
Forthwith began to dance and dangle,
The tent pole took a curious angle.
Corinna merely smiled. "Perhaps,"
She said, "the thing will now collapse."
It did. Corinna wasn't riled
She lay amid the wreck and smiled:
And when they dragged her out half dead
"Oh, *isn't* camping fun!" she said.

HUGH CHESTERMAN.



Camping for Lones

CAMP, with all its joys and opportunities, is a thrilling enough experience for the ordinary Guide, but what of camp for the Lone Guide? The question is—*from what kind of camp will the Lone reap the greatest benefit?* Shall she camp with other Lones, who will all have more or less the same point of view, or shall she camp with ordinary Guides and forget for a brief space that rather isolated life of hers, in which a company meeting in the ordinary sense does not exist, and where probably the companionship of other Guides is a rare event.

In the case of a Lone who has previously been a Guide and who is able to rejoin her friends for camp, it is often the greatest delight she can have to do so, and where the members of a Lone company can manage to camp together it welds the company into a whole as nothing else can do, for a few days of life together are worth many reams of letters as a means of getting to know one another.

Camping for Lones is a two-fold problem because of the two varieties of Guide who make up the Lone personnel. First there is the Lone who has previously been in an ordinary company, and then there is the Lone who has never had that experience. To her camp will be an even greater thrill—it will truly be a launching out on a Great Adventure.

A Lone camp is like a field with several gates. Each Lone camper enters the field by a different gate, but once all are in the field they must meet on equal footing. If all are to profit all must give and take. It is the mutual contribution and redistribution of ideas and experience and technical knowledge that makes up the camp atmosphere, the atmosphere which is going to colour their life during the camp and make or mar their subsequent recollection of it.

In August, 1928, twenty-eight Lone Rangers and Guides, representing twelve counties, spent a blissful week in camp at Waddow. Some of us were camping further south than we had ever penetrated before, and some of us felt we had travelled nearly to the North Pole, but one and all felt we had come to a place where we could realise most truly what Guiding may mean and be.

The programme during camp concentrated on things which are difficult or even impossible for one person to do by herself, so that we were able to forget, for a while, the difficulties of "playing alone." We hope that the 1929 Lone camp, which is to be held (by courtesy of the Hon. Lady Lawson Johnston) at Pavenham Bury, Bedfordshire, will be a meeting place of new friends as well as a re-union of old ones.

After camp is a difficult time for all campers, but the Lone folk left Waddow with a firm resolve to take with them along their several paths the inspiration of the Waddow message of Faith, Courage, and Joy.

Some Camp Ailments and their Treatment

By FLORENCE M. RUNDLE
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"Drink it Down!"

THE first ailment that one thinks of in connection with camp—the ordinary cold—is, curiously enough, not at all common in camp. Guides, and Guiders too, often begin their week in camp with a cold well over the initial stages, but it is unusual, even under the worst climatic conditions, for a simple cold to incubate and develop during the camping week. The danger lies in the child who comes to camp with running eyes, nose and a slight cough. The treatment of these cases depends on the presence or absence of a raised temperature. If the thermometer shows a normal reading, then beyond the stringent isolation of all feeding utensils and toilet linen, no further measures are necessary. This isolation is of course most necessary when the patient is disseminating active catarrhal microbes over every article that touches her mouth or nose. Let the child have as much fresh air and exercise as possible with an extra caution against wet feet. Sunshine and outdoor life will do the rest.

If the thermometer shows a reading of 99 degrees or over, then the child is ill, and further precautionary measures are needed. First of all, make up the bed in the

perature every four hours till it is normal and you are satisfied that the child is better. Then keep in bed for 24 hours after the temperature is normal.

When one morning a P.L. comes to your tent with the words, "Please, Captain, Nellie Jones has a pain in her stomach and can't get up," what is the procedure then? Well first, armed with a thermometer, go to the tent and turn out all the other interested Guides who have come to sympathise, then look at the patient. Does she look really ill, or just a little heavy-eyed? Is her face flushed and her eyes bright, or pale and drawn, or sallow and heavy? Is her tongue coated and dry? Then inquire as to vomiting and the time of the last action of the bowels. Then take the temperature and pulse, and lastly, very gently feel the abdomen all over with the flat of your hand, and determine whether the pain is general or localised. Now you may have one of three conditions to deal with:—

- (1) Simple constipation.
- (2) Indigestion and intestinal colic.
- (3) An acute condition of some abdominal organ—like appendicitis.

In (1) the child will not look ill, the face will look a little pale perhaps and the eyes heavy. The tongue will be "dirty," no vomiting, and a history of constipation for two or three days or longer. There may be a slight rise of temperature up to 100 degrees and a pulse of about 80-100. The abdomen will be very slightly tender, but there will be no acute pain on pressure. Treatment consists in administering an evacuant, as cascara (2 drachms of the liquid extract), pill colocynth and hyoscyamus (grains 2), or liquorice powder (1 drachm). A mild aperient like syrup of figs is not sufficient here. Follow the medicine with a large hot drink, weak tea or lemonade, and keep the diet fluid till the bowels have emptied.

In (2) the patient's face will probably be flushed and highly coloured, and the tongue slightly coated. She may have vomited once or twice or have had acid eructations into the mouth. Probably there has been a tendency to constipation, but quite possibly she will complain of diarrhoea. The temperature will be normal or very slightly higher, and the pulse quickened to 90 or 100. There will be a definitely tender spot in the abdomen high up in the angle between the ribs and round the umbilicus. Treatment consists in rest, warmth, and fluid diet. If there is constipation a mild aperient, syrup of figs or liquid paraffin, will help, and if there is diarrhoea give 2 drachms of castor oil to clear the irritating substance from the bowel.

In (3) the patient's face is pale and anxious, often damp with perspiration. She looks really ill. Tongue coated and dry. History of vomiting and constipation. Temperature raised to 100 degrees or over. Pulse 100-120. Very definite tenderness on pressure over a particular localised area.



The Hospital Tent.

sick tent, and remove your patient there together with all her toilet necessities and feeding utensils. Take a record of the temperature, pulse, and respiration rate. If the latter is over 24 to the minute with an accompanying temperature of 100 degrees or more, there is some lung complication which needs a doctor. Inquire for sore throat, and carefully examine the tonsils. A slight redness diffused over the tonsils and back of the throat is normal in a cold, but any appearance of yellow ulcerated spots or patches may mean (1) Severe tonsillitis, (2) Scarlet fever, (3) Diphtheria, and a doctor should be summoned at once.

In the absence of any of these severer symptoms try and induce a profuse sweating with hot water bottles, blankets and aspirin, 10 grains to a child over 14, 5 grains under that age. Continue this treatment, take the tem-

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The treatment is absolute rest, nothing to eat or drink, and send an urgent message for the doctor.

It is these affections of the throat and abdomen that are the chief sources of anxiety to the young captain, but there are some minor ailments which can cause a great deal of pain and discomfort in camp.

Chief among these, especially in Guide camps, I would place sunburn. It is a pitiable and far too frequent experience to see the stiffly held head which results from a badly blistered neck, inflamed and reddened by sunshine. Prevention is the important thing. Insist in hot sunshine that your Guides wear collars that cover the neck adequately in front and behind, and that their sleeves reach their wrists. It is for this reason that I consider Guide uniforms so suitable for camp. Then impress upon the Guides that it is not healthful, but exceedingly silly, to expose normally covered parts of themselves to the action of strong sunlight. But if in spite of precautions a case of sunburn appears, I think the best and cheapest treatment consists in liberal and frequent applications of olive oil, and in covering the affected parts with a light dressing. Also it is most important to keep soap and water, salt and fresh, away from the inflamed area. Forbid any washing of the part till the skin is normal again.

Cases of acute rheumatism developing in camp are in my experience rare. I have only seen one in many camps. The best thing to do is to get the child home at once. Acute rheumatism cannot be wisely treated under canvas, and the sequelæ and complications are all too serious to be taken lightly.

Finally, never hesitate to send for a doctor if a child's condition worries you in any way. It is worth much more than any doctor's fee to feel you can put the responsibility on to someone else who is competent to take it.



Evening Prayer in Camp

THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP THEE
With the gladness that knoweth no decay,
With the riches that cannot pass away,
With the sunshine that makes an endless day:
Thus may He bless thee.

With the all-covering shadow of His wings,
And the strong love that guards from evil things,
With the sure power that safe to glory brings;
Thus may He keep thee.

Educating the Nose

THIS is a game that can be played in the clubroom and will help to "Educate the Nose."

Take some small bottles and fill them with different smelling subjects, such as ink, cold tea, orange juice, camphorated oil, cloves, etc. There should be a set for each patrol. The game is played as a relay race, the object being to know the most number of smells.

And who has tried trailing by smell? The Guides lay the trail by rubbing an onion on available objects or by placing very small wads of cotton wool soaked in some strong smelling solution along the trail. (The last trailer to remove these.)

This was most successful when we tried it—we pretended that gipsies had kidnapped a baby and chloroformed it. The trailers found the gipsies, but by this time the baby doll had died. So at the next Ranger meeting we conducted a mock trial by jury—this teaching a little citizenship!

A. M. H. W.

IN planning programmes I think one wants to use both a microscope and a telescope and then build with a far-seeing eye for the future.

At the outset, it is wise to overhaul the company both as a whole and individually; use a microscope to find out its strength and its weakness, its strong points, its idiosyncrasies, its failings. Having realised these, next look ahead, and with the aid of a telescope, visualise what are the possibilities of the company. Plan how to strengthen the weak spots, control the effervescing, curb the noxious growths and build up the strong places.

This can be done both as regards the technical knowledge and efficiency of the company and also in what is the main aim of Guiding—character training.

In planning individual programmes, one wants to keep these objects ever in the mind's eye, as golden threads throughout the winter or summer as the case may be. At the end of the period planned it is wise and wholesome (though not always a pleasant experience), to look back and see what has been accomplished throughout the time; to realise how far the aims have been successfully carried out, and where failure has come in. From such a revision it is often possible to learn much.

Now to turn away from mere theory to practical suggestions. If a company is sleepy and slack, how is it possible to wake it up? May-be games needing alertness and quickness, with plenty of fun in them, would do much to liven things up, or a complete change of programme, handicrafts, or turn the company for a month into a hospital of nurses, and work only at Sick Nursing, dressing up in caps and aprons, if possible, to make the

hospital more realistic.

If a company is out of hand and noisy provide plenty of hard work that interests the Guides, let them realise the joy of achievement. Making a job easy is not the way to attract or hold girls; they like overcoming difficulties once they have learned the lure of success. Too often Guiders think of amusing their Guides, as the best way of keeping them; for a while it may, but they soon weary of pleasure only, it is work that grips them in the end, for they feel that it is more worth while. Games, calling for self-control and in which silence is essential, are also excellent for noisy companies, for the Guides will demand and exact silence from each other for the good of the game.

In every ordinary programme include when possible items for the BODY—games, country dancing, drill or other activities; for the MIND—see to it that every Guide has the chance of learning something new and something definite; and for the SOUL—something of beauty, be it music, or nature or yarns. And the last, BEAUTY—is the keynote of Guiding, for it gives to life the essential enrichment without which all would be mere labour and drudgery.

M. S. HANNAH, *Red Cord Guider.*

Legs—in Camp

NOT so very long ago women were popularly supposed not to have any. It was known that they had had them while they were quite small girls, but after that the question of what became of them was wrapped in mystery. They were wrapped too, in a great deal more than mystery, as the accompanying picture will remind you.

A question of absorbing interest.—What was it that she kept so carefully wrapped up?



Then the war came, and it was necessary for women to move at more than a hobble, and gradually it became evident as skirts got shorter and shorter that women had had legs all the time, and so there was no longer any mystery about it; and because there was no mystery interest ceased to be taken in the subject. As a result of this, girls can now wear skirts as short as any highlander's kilt (a garment often described as the most practical and attractive so far invented); and what is more, girls can now use their legs for running and swimming in public without any false interpretation being put upon it.

There is just a slight danger though, that in this as in other new found liberties, we shall not quite know when to stop, and it behoves us Guiders to beware. With the very small Guides what follows does not concern, but there does come a time when discretion should be shown. The thighs of a big girl are not very attractive when seen, as they sometimes are, bulging out of tightly pulled-up knickers.

And does not our knowledge of First Aid tell us that varicose veins will be a probable result? Then too, though we, their Guiders, know that it is done in all innocence, and for the real joy that a free and athletic use of our limbs gives us, it may not be so understood by those on whose land we camp, or who come to visit us. We must be very careful that we give no cause for talk,

unfounded though it be, that might harm the good name either of the girls in our charge, or of the movement.

But don't let us fly back to the other extreme and start wrapping up the legs of the Guides as this dutiful Guider is mistakenly doing.

Let the Guides have freedom, but let us just make sure that it is compatible with æsthetics and good taste.

V. M. S.



Earnest Guider wrapping up the legs of her Guides.

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Books on Ranger Badges

From time to time there have been requests for a book on Ranger badges similar to "Hints on Girl Guide Badges." Such a book must necessarily be superficial, and to reach the standard required for Ranger badge candidates will do better to seek out information for themselves from specialised books. The following lists are obviously not exhaustive, but are only intended to suggest a few of the books which Rangers may find helpful. In some cases expensive books have been included, as it is often possible to obtain them through public libraries. Those marked * are obtainable from Headquarters. Any further suggestions will be welcomed.

ARCHITECT AND TOWN PLANNER.
English Architecture. T. D. Atkinson. (Methuen. 5s.)
Architecture in England. C. Davenport. (Methuen. 6s.)
Architecture at a Glance. F. Chatterton. (Architectural Press. 1s. 6d.) A simple illustrated description of periods.
The Story of Architecture. P. L. Waterhouse. (Batsford. 6s.)
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National Gallery for the Young. Tabor. (Methuen. 5s.)
The Other London Galleries. Tabor. (Methuen. 5s.)

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Wood Engraving. R. J. Beedham. (from Dryad Works, Leicester. 5s.)
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Bookbinding for Schools. J. S. Hewitt Bates. (Dryad Works. 6s.)
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The Printed Book. H. G. Aldis. (Cambridge University Press. 3s. 6d.)
The Bodleian Library at Oxford Briefly Described. F. Madan. (Duckworth. 2s.)

CITIZEN.

*Citizenship. E. J. S. Lay. (Macmillan. 2s. 6d.)
English Citizenship. F. Swann. (Longmans. 3s. 6d.)
Local Government for Beginners. M. I. Cole. (Longmans. 1s.)
Elementary Civics. Blakiston. (Arnold. 2s. 6d.)
The Administration of Local Government. Clarke. (Pitmans. 1s. 6d.)
How England is Governed. Masterman. (Selwyn & Blount. 8s. 6d.)
A City Council from Within. E. D. Simon. (Longmans. 7s. 6d.)
Handbook of Civics. Thorn & Rigg. (Oxford University Press. 3s.)
*Citizen's Handbook. H. Madely. (Blackwell. 6d.)
*Key to Above. (Blackwell. 2s. 6d.)

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I am the handle of your hoe, the door of your homestead, the wood of your cradle, and the shell of your coffin.

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A Camp Fire Ceremony

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LEADER OF PROCESSION: "We are the Guide Law. We bring the spirit that dwells in the midst of the Guide camp; we bear the light that shines before every Guide to show the way."

CAMPER: "Lead on, Guide Law, and give us thy light."

(No. 1 beckons and the 1ST LAW kneels to light her taper, then holds it up and says):

1ST LAW: "I am Honour, and I shine that a Guide may be trusted in all things both great and small."
(Stands and holds light over head, all hold up right hand.)

ALL: "A Guide's Honour is to be trusted."
2ND LAW: "I am Loyalty, and I shine that a Guide may be always found faithful."

ALL: "A Guide is Loyal."
3RD LAW: "I am Usefulness, and I shine that a Guide may at all times learn the joy of service."

ALL: "A Guide's duty is to be useful and help others."
4TH LAW: "I am Friendliness, and I shine that Guides of all nations may know the true bond of fellowship."

ALL: "A Guide is a friend to all, and a sister to every other Guide."
5TH LAW: "I am Courtesy, and I shine that true love and reverence may grow up within the hearts of all Guides."

ALL: "A Guide is courteous."

6TH LAW: "I am Kindness, and I shine that the Guides may learn the true love of God's creatures."

ALL: "A Guide is a friend to animals."

7TH LAW: "I am Obedience, and I shine that self-control may be the great inward strength of the Guides."

ALL: "A Guide obeys orders."

8TH LAW: "I am Cheerfulness, and I shine that every Guide may take the light of joy wheresoever she goes."

ALL: "A Guide smiles and sings under all difficulties."

9TH LAW: "I am Thrift, and I shine that a Guide may never waste, but that she may use all she has in the service of others."

ALL: "A Guide is thrifty."

10TH LAW: "I am Purity, and I shine that a Guide may be as light itself, clean, pure and strong, worthy of her womanhood."

ALL: "A Guide is pure in thought, in word and in deed."

CAMPER: "Well met, Guide Law. You have shown us that without you there is no true Guiding. Stay with us."

GUIDE LAW: "We are always here, our light glows in the heart of every camp fire and shines in the eyes of every true Guide."

(CAMPER stands at the salute as all file past, humming "All through the Night.")



Exploring London—II

By A. H. BLAKE, M.A., F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S.
(President of the London Rambling Society)

Returning to Whitehall, the first thing, perhaps, that we shall catch sight of will be the Cenotaph. There, in the centre of the roadway, in its abrupt and tragic manner, it speaks of self-sacrifice and the grief and sorrow which it took to win peace for Europe.

The open space at the bottom of Whitehall—Parliament Square—is surrounded by interesting buildings, some of the greatest importance. Away on the left, with the Clock

tower of Big Ben, and dominating the scene, are the Houses of Parliament.

A young man travelled up to London by coach in the year 1834, and on nearing London he and the other passengers were greatly excited and alarmed at the red glare in the sky, which betokened a great fire in London. Inquiries were made from outgoing coaches that were met, and the news soon learnt "the Palace of Westminster is on fire." Now this young man was an architect, and he thought: "How splendid it would be for me if I could get the job of building the new one that will replace it," and he did.

The ruins were not yet cold before Parliament determined to rebuild it entirely, with the exception of the crypt of St. Stephen's Chapel and part of the Cloisters. Great premiums were offered for the competitors' drawings, and when the result was known, young Barry of the coach story won the privilege of re-building and made a great name, and in due course became Sir Charles Barry. Big Ben, which tells the time for London, and in these days of wireless we might say for the whole world, is illuminated at night, and a small light above the dial indicates when Parliament is sitting.

One part of the Parliament buildings still retaining the old name—Westminster Hall—is old indeed, being of the time of William Rufus and repaired by Richard II. Here the great trials of history have taken place, including that of Charles 1st, and for hundreds of years the Coronation Banquets were held here, the King's Champion advancing up the Hall on horse back, throwing down his gauntlet and challenging all comers to assert that the King present is not the rightful King of England.

Just across the way is St. Margaret's Church as well as the Great Abbey. St. Margaret's is the Church of the House of Commons, and here services in which the House as a body takes part are held. The beautiful building that seems all windows and buttresses and so light and dainty as to be almost æthereal is Henry VII's Chapel. It is one of the most wonderful buildings in the world.

Here, in the courtyard between the House of Lords and Henry VIIth's Chapel, is the statue of Richard 1st, the Lion Heart. Every inch a soldier he sits his horse, and holds his sword on high and clad in complete armour. Look at the medallions of scenes in his life, which adorn the base—one is extremely interesting—Richard lies on his bed wounded to the death by an arrow shot by the man, who has been captured and brought before him—"instant death," you will say. Not at all—the King's generous nature speaks. "He only did his duty, obeyed his orders—it is not his fault—let him go."



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Camping—1929

By THE HEAD OF CAMPING

ONLY a very little while ago we were shivering as we had not shivered for years, and the very thought of camp made us shiver more, but now April is here and it behoves us to cease our reminiscences of last year's camp and to get going with plans for this year, for go to camp we shall, "whether the weather be fine, or whether the weather be not."

Of course the Guides are full of ideas, and many are the discussions as to "where we shall go"—"have we enough money from that last concert to buy a Ridgehome tent"—"will Adolphus (the dixie) last through another camp"—... and this is as it should be, for do remember, Guiders, that it is the Guides' camp, and for this reason let them have a large share in making arrangements, the programme, etc. Above all, do not do most of the work yourself when you get to camp, and also in this connection, do not take too many Guider friends with you; you will want help, but it can be overdone!

Statistics show us that each year larger numbers of Guides go to camp, but we are still a long way from being able to say that as far as is possible, every Guide has been to camp, even if only to an "indoor" one. The latter, is of course, better than not going at all, though it is only recommended when camping early in the year, and in certain few other cases, for it is not the real thing. Floors of parish halls and schools were not made to sleep on, and cannot be compared with a tent, and as for the orderly work—it is not at all romantic to sweep the floor of a building with a broom very much like the one at home, it is much more fun to sweep the grass carpet of your tent with one you have made yourself from a bunch of twigs! Also, you miss that lovely independent feeling which comes when you have made for yourself a real "woodcrafty" wash-stand, towel rail, shoe rack, etc., to say nothing of the deeper joys of camping in the open which are so difficult to put into words.

A word too about the "Holiday Home," which is still favoured by a very few, and which cannot be called camping at all. If you are obliged to fall back on this as a means of getting your Guides away for a holiday, remember that, as nearly everything will be done for them, there will be a great deal more time to fill up than is the

case in a camp where there are various camp activities, and you must be prepared with some means of utilising this time if the holiday is to be a success, otherwise you may find the Guides are inclined to be bored with each other, and with you, long before the day for going home arrives.

Guiders who have never camped with their Guides may wonder whether it really is worth while taking on the responsibility of a company camp, especially when it may mean giving up a large part or even the whole of a well-earned holiday, but those who have made this sacrifice, and are doing it year after year, will know that it most certainly is, though if you do only get a short holiday. It is sometimes advisable to take the company to camp alternate years, but do take them at some time if you would really know them and give them an opportunity of enjoying that good fellowship which comes through sharing the ups and downs of camp life. "Do you remember when the Robin Patrol forgot the suet in the pudding"—"That morning when Jane fell in the grease pit just as the Camp Adviser arrived," etc., will be company jokes for months to come and serve you well at some of those difficult moments which come to even the most ideal companies.

Here is a suggestion for the company which has camped before—have you ever thought of inviting two or three P.L.'s from another county, or from Ireland, Scotland, or Wales to camp with you? If not, what about doing it this year, and sending the invitation soon?

In conclusion, do remember—

That—it is a good thing to attend a Guiders' Training camp occasionally, even though you are a very experienced camper.

That—a well-run camp, courtesy and consideration to site owners, villagers and tradespeople, can be an excellent bit of propaganda; this will appeal to your Guides.

That—the local Camp Adviser is a very friendly person and will love to be asked for advice and help.

Our good wishes go to the Scouts in their Jamboree which is to take place this summer; may we all have good weather and good camping!

BY THE WAY

*Afoot and light-hearted I take the open road,
Healthy, free, the world before me,
The long, brown path before me leading wherever I choose.
Henceforth I ask not good fortune, I myself am good fortune,
Henceforth I whimper no more, postpone no more, need nothing,
Done with indoor complaints, libraries, querulous criticisms,
Strong and content I travel the open road.*

WALT WHITMAN.

Great Men of To-day.
In the issue of the 21st February, under the above title, *The Manchester Guardian* quotes a letter received from Switzerland:—

"Many of us out here have followed with great interest the competition in your paper as to what great men of the present day will be remembered 300 years hence. It reminded me of a conversation I had a year ago with an eminent Frenchman, who said in talking of great men—'You English are strangely blind; you have greatness in your midst and hardly recognise it. Look at your Sir Robert Baden-Powell, with his Boy Scout Movement, which has spread all over the world, and with its idealism is leading the flower of the youth of all countries. I tell you the day is coming when every city will have a statue to the honour of that great man, who is doing more for humanity than is at present recognised.'"

The Brownie Spirit.

A few weeks ago a Brownie of the 1st Ripley pack, Yorkshire, was playing with some other children and met with a very painful accident, three of her fingers were severely cut by an axe, one being practically severed.

Although in great pain and naturally very frightened, the child set her teeth and said: "I must be brave and not cry as I'm a Brownie." She was admitted to hospital, where she was extraordinarily plucky, and bore her pain marvellously, not only helping herself to get well quickly, but helping others, too. Sad to relate, she has now lost her middle finger, and her greatest trouble is how this will affect her as a member of the pack.

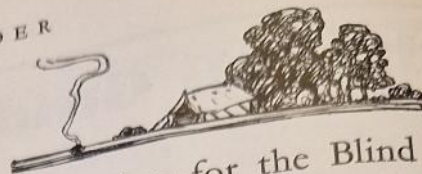
Prince George and the Sea Scouts.

Prince George has accepted the position of President of the Sea Scout Branch of the Boy Scouts.

With the King as Patron, the Prince of Wales as Chief Scout for Wales, the Duke of York as President for London, and the Duke of Gloucester as President for Gloucestershire, and Prince George as President of the Sea Scouts, his Majesty and all his sons are of the Scout "brotherhood," and as every Guide knows, Princess Mary is President of the Guides.

Citizenship.

Dr. Cyril Norwood, head master of Harrow, speaking some weeks ago at a conference on "The Education of the Citizen," and dealing with the teaching of citizenship to boys and girls who had just left school, said that stage in education was the most important, yet it was hardly covered at all. "We claim," he said, "that we have a national system of education, but I do not think we can justly claim to have such a system in existence in this country at present." Dr. Norwood quoted figures to the effect that out of the 720,000 boys and girls attending school yearly in England and Wales, 300,000 of them dropped out at the age of fourteen. They received no further education either at evening classes, continuation schools, or in any way that could be traced. At the age of fifteen that number had gone up to 520,000, so that five out of every seven boys and girls of that age in this country received no training in citizenship except what they might get as Scouts and Girl Guides. Citizenship could not be taught from books, but by precept and good example. With this end in view Dr. Norwood urged the provision of more clubs and institutions for young people.



Camping for the Blind

FOR three years experiments in camping have been made for Post Rangers who are partially or totally without sight. Each year more has been learnt—what to do and what not to do—and each camp was held at Foxlease in June, and lasted for two weeks, and the weather, though not hot, was on the whole fine.

Last year the camp was held at Foxlease in June, and lasted for two weeks, and the weather, though not hot, was on the whole fine. Twenty blind Post Rangers came to the camp. Their ages varied from eighteen to sixty, and they came from all parts of England. Some of the blind slept in tents and the rest in a big clean white washed shed. All had camp beds, with mattresses stuffed with dried seaweed.

After orderly work, of which the blind did their share, came Colours. They fell in in patrols, and formed a Horseshoe in exactly the same way as the Guides in an ordinary company. The standard of marching improved enormously each day. While someone sighted was always in the centre of the Colour Party, the escorts were invariably chosen from among the Rangers themselves.

A feature of the training was company drill, done at first with Scout poles held by the odd files, on to which the moving files formed fours, but eventually achieved with no poles, and no sighted people in the squad at all. The formation of a squad for company drill was first explained to the totally blind by means of diagrams pricked out in raised dots on a Braille board.

From the Guider's point of view, perhaps the greatest difficulty was to remember quickly, during the first few days, the history of every girl in the camp. Naturally, the way you described things depended so very much on whether your listener had lost her sight, or been blind all her life. Those who used to see, wanted everything described by colour, as accurately as possible. For them, you were in fact, their eyes and when you took them out, their enjoyment of the expedition depended to a very large extent upon your powers of description. For the others, it was different. They knew things by size and shape and "feel," and to tell them that something was "black as coal" would be mere waste of words.

There were one or two people in the camp who were deaf as well as blind, but even for them camping was a pleasure. They could still feel the breezes blowing through their hair, smell the lovely scents of the flowers in the garden, and feel the gentle warmth of the sun on their arms and faces. One of them had a wonderful knowledge of flowers, and arranged those that were placed on the dining-tables.

Some people, to whom the word "camping" means endless hikes and games and expeditions, ask the question: "How can you keep blind people amused?" If this article has not already answered it, I would add that they adored being read to aloud, and they nearly all did handicrafts of some kind, such as knitting or rug-making, and they were never at a loss for something to do. One of them told me afterwards that camping out is far and away the best sort of holiday for girls who have lost their sight.

"You see," she explained, "not only do we get a lovely fortnight in the open air and people to take us for walks whenever we like (which is a great thing, for the folks at home are mostly far too busy, except on Sundays), but also there is no furniture to bump up against."

I suppose I sounded surprised, for she continued: "When we go away to stay in a strange house, as a rule it takes us several days to learn our way about, to know the stairs and steps, the position of tables and chairs and sharp-cornered pianos and things like that, whereas in camp there is nothing in the way at all. We can run about freely, knowing we cannot bump into things. The tents are easy, you can always hear when you are near one by the sound of the breeze blowing on the canvas, and as to falling over a tent peg now and then—well, if you should, the ground is not nearly as hard as a kitchen floor, and it is all part of the fun!"

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A GUIDE IS COURTEOUS.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—A Guide is courteous. In my experience there is one point in which the expert Guide is very often *not*.

All of us District Commissioners, except those who are independent bachelor women, are indebted to the kindness and forbearance of our family, be it husband, father, brother, mother, sister; indebted often for active co-operation.

In my own case a generous husband constantly stands by with sympathy and counsel, based on wide experience (far more helpful and practical than I could get from my Guide superiors), and he frequently takes over household responsibilities of many kinds to set me free to attend conferences, committees, enrolments.

Yet when senior commissioners, camp advisers, or experts are coming to speak in my district, to take trainings or the like, and—at his hospitable invitation—I invite them to tea, to lunch, to supper, as it may be, these experts (with honourable exceptions of course) blow in, plunge at once into their technical jargon, ignore the master of the house, their host, as completely as if he were a hat-rack or a dumb-waiter, and blow out again leaving me heartily ashamed of their manners.

The offenders do not intend to be rude. They are simply so pre-occupied and self-centred, so busy with being expert and efficient, that they forget the customary courtesies of decent breeding. But is this efficiency? Does expert Guiding eliminate the “humanities”?

I am smarting under an episode of this sort and I vow the next Guide visitant from above may feed at the local pub or go hungry, but when the time comes my good man will say: “Certainly not; she must come here,” and he will treat her with the same graciousness as if she were the courteous Guide she ought to be.

Can we not pull ourselves together and take deliberate care to show due consideration for our colleagues’ families when they entertain us?—Yours, etc.

E. M. O.

An “Amateur” District Commissioner.

LITTER.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—The campaign against “Litter” mentioned in the March *GUIDER* recalled to my memory the inscription which my friends and I found written in pencil on a signpost in a beautiful little valley along the coast of North Cornwall between Boscastle and Trebarwith. It ran as follows:—

“From ghoulies and ghosties
And long leggeddy beasties
And things that go bump in the night
Good Lord deliver us,
For they abound in this Vale.

But only those who leave empty cigarette boxes, paper and orange peel, etc. about need worry!”

This amused us very much, and we looked around to see if anyone had been brave enough to defy the ghoulies and ghosties, but apparently they hadn’t.—Yours, etc.,

E. WILLIAMS,

Tawny Owl, 1st East Wickham Park.

BROWNIE UNIFORMS WANTED.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—I should be so grateful if you would allow me to appeal through *THE GUIDER* for cast-off Brownie uniforms. I have a very poor pack in my division who cannot possibly buy their uniforms, and I should be most grateful for any old tunics.—

Yours, etc., E. TAYLOR,
Division Commissioner.

Woodside, Heaton,
Bolton.

THE BUILDING OF THE GUIDE HOUSE.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—Several Sea Ranger Captains have already asked whether our small branch could, as a unit, do something towards building the Guide House. It would be splendid if we could, for instance, buy a window, but would this entail our doing less with our district or county?

Would Sea Ranger Captains like to send me their views? S.R.S. *Wren* is making a small beginning by planning a Progressive Games party, for which 10. admission will be charged. Each member of the crew hopes to inveigle at least three friends to come, and we should therefore realise £3, perhaps more. The games will, of course, be nautical, such as Sunken Treasure, Fishing, Boat Race, Salvage, etc., and the prizes will be silk lanyards, cord dog-leads, rope hearth-brooms, string ceyore’s tails, hammocks, and sweets made by the ship’s cooks.

In course of time, individual leading Sea Rangers also hope to earn about 10s. apiece, by the sale of their handiwork to unsuspecting landlubbers.

Besides this, the crew wish to hold a social for Sea Rangers and Sea Scouts, to gain the co-operation of the brother service, if they will come!

It would be interesting to hear what manoeuvres have been planned by other ships.—Yours, etc.,
B. D’AVIGDOR,
Ranger Pilot, Captain S.R.S. “Wren.”

6, Drayton Gardens,
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NORMANDY HOLIDAYS.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—Rangers are inquiring whether they may join other parties going to Argeronne this summer, in order to avail themselves of the reduced fares—in cases where they are unable to make up parties of twelve themselves.

Will you be so very good as to let them know that such arrangements will be made possible through the kindness of the Continental Camp Adviser, Miss B. Maunsell, 28, Gloucester Terrace, London, W., and Rangers should communicate with her for the Whitsun or summer holidays.—Yours, etc.,
R. DE MONTMORT.

ADDRESS WANTED.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—Would you be kind enough to ask a Guider, Miss CHATTERTON, through your correspondence column to send me her address?

She has very kindly sent me *THE GUIDER* for some time while I have been ill and away from home, and now I would like her to know I am better but do not know where to write, for I cannot find her address.—Yours, etc.,
(Guide) EDITH CLARET.

Tottenham House,
Moulton, Northampton.

TIES.

DEAR EDITOR,—Hilda Morris, a Post Ranger in my company, 2nd Warwickshires, asks me to write for her and thank all those Guiders who have so kindly sent her their ties to renovate, and especially to thank them for their kind letters and picture cards.

She has lately been quite snowed under with ties, and fears there may be some delay in getting them finished and sent off. However, she loves the work, and has got another Post Ranger to collaborate with her. So perhaps Guiders will also send their parcels to Miss W. Mander, 43, Guild Road, Foleshill, Coventry, while others, especially the old friends, should go on sending to H. Morris, 17, Farthing Lane, Sutton Coldfield.—Yours, etc.,

DOROTHY WILMOT.

15, St. Mark’s Road,
Leamington.



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Mrs. Birley.
Mr. P. W. Everett.
Miss Hanbury Williams.
The Lady Agnes Peel.
The Lady Delia Peel.
Mrs. Walter Rawnsley, O.B.E.
Miss V. Sygne.

The Hon. Mrs. Charles Tufton, O.B.E.
The appointment of Mrs. Thomson, Eagle Owl, Scotland, as Great Brown Owl, in the place of Mrs. Cowan Douglas (resigned) was approved.

The appointment of Miss Bray, Chief's Diploma, and Division Commissioner for Purley, as Head of Training in the place of Miss Behrens (resigned) was approved.

It was decided that the work of the Publications Department should be divided into two sections. One section to be "Books and Propaganda Literature," under the Hon. Mrs. Walter Roch, Deputy Chief Commissioner for Wales; the other to be "Music and Drama," under Mrs. Streatfeild, Division Commissioner for Eastbourne.

It was agreed that Miss Ethel Royden should be appointed a member of the Hospitality Committee.

It was agreed that Mrs. Lloyd, District Commissioner for Stourport, should be appointed G.F.S. Diocesan Head for Worcester.

The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts was approved for submission to the Council.

It was agreed that Rule 2(b) be altered to read as follows:—

"The Association is open to British subjects of every class and denomination but churches may have attached companies consisting of girls who are members of their congregations, and may recommend suitable people to the Commissioner for appointment as Guiders."

Recommendations from the General Purposes Committee and the Training and Camping Committee were submitted and approved. Routine and financial business was transacted.

The date of the next Committee was fixed for Tuesday, April 16th, at 2.30 p.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Held on March 19th, 1929.

PRESENT: H.R.H. The Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Lady Baden-Powell, Miss Baden-Powell, Mrs. Arkwright, Mrs. Benson, Miss Corkran, Mrs. Copland-Griffiths, Mr. P. W. Everett, Dame Katharine Furse, G.B.E., Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, D.B.E., Miss Haldane, Miss Hanbury Williams, Miss Micholls, The Hon. Mrs. Bertram Mitford, Lord Meath, Miss O. Nicholl, Lady Delia Peel, Mrs. Walter Rawnsley, Miss Swaine, Miss V. Sygne, The Hon. Mrs. Charles Tufton.

The chair was taken by H.R.H. Princess Mary, who in moving the adoption of the Committee's Report and Statement of Accounts, called upon Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Founder, to report on the progress of the movement during the past year.

Sir Robert expressed his deep appreciation of the presence of Her Royal Highness at the Meeting of the Council. The fact that she was actually with them at Headquarters on this occasion would have an encouraging effect that would go far beyond these walls, and be a tremendous incentive to all Guiders and Guides.

The development of the movement both at home and in the Overseas Dominions and Colonies was remarkably satisfactory;

all the more wonderful as there has been no special "push" this last year, though the census showed a world total of 799,275, an increase during the year of 34,815. Of this number 475,353 Guiders and Guides are in the British Isles, and it is gratifying to note that the British Isles actually contribute 42,000 to the world increase, the increase in the Overseas Dominions being 10,000, and in Foreign Countries nearly 3,000.

In commenting on the Report, Sir Robert mentioned particularly the progress made by the Extension Branch, which now had 324 companies and packs of invalid girls, an increase of seventy-six in 1928. The Auxiliary Branch, though small, dealing as it does with girls in penitentiaries and rescue homes, has almost doubled its numbers during the year.

It is not only in numbers, but also in actual efficiency that we do feel we are making progress, Sir Robert continued. Our Committee at Headquarters do try to carry out our motto of "Be Prepared" and are always ready to deal with new ideas and developments as they arise. For example, two years ago the question was raised of a new Foxlease in the North, and this year Waddow Hall has been purchased as a training centre in the North of England, and already proved how great a need it supplies.

Another development has been in co-operation between the Scouts and Guides. Since last year the idea has taken hold of both movements, and both have gained strength from it, having a better combined standing in the eyes of the public, parents, education authorities and churches, and also in other countries.

Camping has again gone forward, and we can report that 62,000 girls in the movement were under canvas last year, in really well conducted camps under trained Guiders. The Imperial Camp, when 100 Guiders from eighteen Dominions and Colonies met 200 of our home Guiders at Foxlease, was a very great success last summer. Not only did the Overseas Guiders get a first-hand grasp of our ideals, and make friends with our people here, but they also absorbed what is most important of all—the Guide spirit, at that splendid gathering.

In Hungary in May the International Conference was held, and the inauguration of a World Bureau of Guiding is a great step forward. Though in many cases unable to speak each other's language, the Guiders of so many different nationalities found they were bound by the same ideals, and our responsibility is great as they look to us for guidance.

Sir Robert emphasised the importance of health training in Guiding and how the Guides and Scouts can play a vital part in the health of children leaving school, and who relapse from healthy habits when released from the influence of the school teacher. Here the Scout and Guide method comes in, instilling into the children the desire to be strong and fit, and how to look after others, in a non-scholastic way.

Finally, Sir Robert outlined the scheme of the new Headquarters building, and expressed the conviction that the appeal for funds would be successful.

"We are not content only to be satisfied with the good state of things set out in this Report," he said. "We are not sitting down—we are just setting out!"

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. W. Everett, in seconding the motion, gave a very encouraging report on the financial state of the movement. He alluded to the purchase of Waddow, and the financial success of the Liverpool Headquarters Shop. He stated that it was hoped to start yet another branch of the Headquarters Shop in the Midlands in the near future.

He also described the necessity for larger premises for developing the business side of the movement as well as for accommodation for the staff, and expressed the opinion that the larger building was a definite necessity if efficiency and good service by Headquarters to the movement and general development were to be effectively carried out.

The Report was unanimously adopted.

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Lady Clinton and Mrs. Houston Crauford, who retired from the Executive Committee in accordance with By-Law No. 30 of the Royal Charter, were unanimously re-elected.
After the Meeting was over H.R.H. Princess Mary took tea with the members of the Council, many of whom were presented to her.

AWARDS

Medal of Merit.
Mrs. R. D. Bowman, Division Commissioner, South Australia.
"Good service to the movement."

Badge of Fortitude.
Patrol Second Betty Fitch, 3th Brentwood Company.
Guide Emily Perkins, 3rd Brentwood Company.

Gold Lanyard.
Miss E. M. Laird, District Commissioner and Ranger Captain
1st Perthshire.

Gold Cords.
Cadet Patrol Leader Ruth Miller, Princess Helena College Cadets.
Patrol Leader Margaret Summerford, 2nd Princess Helena College.
Guide Patricia Kelly, 16th Reading.

HEADQUARTERS' NOTICES

1929 BOOK OF RULES.

CORRECTION.

Ranger Folk Dancer Test.
An omission has occurred in the syllabus of the test on page 89 of the *Book of Rules*. The explanatory paragraph similar to that in the Guide Folk Dancer test should have been included, the word "advanced" being substituted for the word "elementary" in connection with the approximate standard of efficiency to be obtained. This part of the paragraph should read as follows for the Ranger test:—

"The standard of dancing for this badge should be approximately that required by the English Folk Dance Society for their Advanced Country Dance Certificate. Folk dances from any recognised national Folk Dance Society's books may be substituted for the above. Those issued by the Scottish Country Dance Society are published by Paterson and are obtainable from Scottish Headquarters."

AMENDMENT.

Patifinder Test.

New para. Add: "Must be able to find a way from one given place to another by means of an Ordnance map, and trace on the map the route taken."

GUIDE UNIFORM.

THE attention of Guiders is drawn to the fact that Headquarters is continuing to stock the old pattern Guide uniforms as well as the new design. Either pattern is official.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Book of Rules 1929.

The *Book of Rules* is now in stock (price 10d., post free). It has been distributed as usual free of charge to Commissioners and Secretaries, and Guiders in charge of companies and packs in the British Isles.

Annual Report 1928.

The *Report* is on sale (price 6d.) and is an interesting record of development during the past year. Miss Lilian Faithfull, late principal of Cheltenham Ladies' College, contributes an article; and also Mrs. Amery, wife of the Colonial Secretary. The census reveals a total increase in numbers in the British Isles of 42,070, and throughout the world of 54,815. This brings the total strength of the Movement to 799,275.

Posters.

A new design for a Guide poster by Mr. Donald Maxwell has just been published by Headquarters. It is a charming picture of Guides round a camp fire, with a background of Kentish coast houses and a glimpse of tents and the sea beyond. It is printed on a grey paper, and is by far the most attractive poster we have yet produced.

For those who like a more definite Guide interest there is still in stock the poster showing a figure of a Guide and Union Jack behind her. Both posters are priced at 4d. each.

The Council Fire.
Orders for *The Council Fire*, the international Guide quarterly, come pouring in. The April issue is now on sale, and is a particularly useful and good number; the January subscription, should be sent in to Headquarters as soon as possible, while the current issue is still obtainable.

BROADCASTING.

The Guide Broadcast on Monday, April 15th at 6.30 will be given by the Editor, Sub-Editor and "Heather White" of *The Guide*.

GUIDER WANTED.

A REQUEST has come from Western Australia for a Guider to run a company at Fairbridge Farm Schools. A probable salary of £75 per annum is offered, all found, and passage paid. Application should be made in writing, stating full qualifications to the General Secretary, Girl Guide Headquarters, 25, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

Camping Notices

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE AND GUIDE CAMPS.

MEMBERS of the Brigade have again kindly offered their services to look after the health of Guides in camp.
Camp commandants desiring this help must make application through their County Camp Advisers, from whom application forms and particulars can be obtained. This procedure must be followed, even though applying for any particular member. In the case of large camps it is advisable to apply for two members.

CAMPS OF OVER 50.

COMMANDANTS of these camps are reminded that permission forms should be sent in as early as possible and at least six weeks before the date of the camp. Approximate numbers of campers (which must be the maximum) and proportionate number of tents, etc., will be accepted.

Before submitting for special permission, the forms must be signed by the County Camp Adviser and the site passed and bathing grade decided by the C.A. in whose area the camp will take place; they should then be sent to the Assistant Heads of Camping for S.E., S.W., Eastern, Midland and London Area, and to the Head of Camping for the Northern Area.

N.B.—Please note the ruling on camps of over fifty in the 1929 *Book of Rules*.

SCOTLAND

SWIMMING FUND.

THE attention of Guiders is drawn to the fact that there is a Fund in Scotland to help Guides and Rangers to get lessons in learning to swim. Grants are given to help with expenses to and from the baths, and also for the baths should there be no means of learning in the sea.

This fund is primarily for Guides who are held up in their First Class Test through want of swimming facilities.

Application should be made by District Commissioners to their County Commissioner, who, if she approves, will send particulars to the Area Representative, who will submit it to Scottish Headquarters' Executive Committee.

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

ALICE FREELAND (Mrs. EDWARD), beloved Secretary of the 1st Alvechurch Company, Worcestershire; the result of a motor accident, December 15th, 1928.

EMILY FEWS, 1st Westminster Company, after fifteen years of loyal service as Lieutenant, 1914-1929.

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Still another in Pembrokeshire says: "I am getting on splendidly with the work, and orders are coming in from as far away as Worcestershire."

Another in Oxford says: "Your instructions are fool-proof. I sold nearly everything I made. My sales were £25 for two weeks." Still another in Bucks writes: "I may say I am more than satisfied with your course, which is so simple and straightforward. I felt very sceptical about sending for it, as I have been 'had' so many times. Every thing has been successful. I started selling before I finished my second lesson. I've sold about £20 worth already." These are only a few of many hundreds of members happily engaged in a pleasant way of making money by producing Home Confectionery. There is no way to tell how much you can earn. It depends upon the time you spend and the energy you put into the work.



No woman need want for extra money now. Many of our Members have earned 10s. to 20s. a day at this new kind of work, that is fascinating and easy to do in your own home in either spare or full time. Hundreds are now making a wonderful success of it. Many are earning handsome profits; some are doing it purely for pleasure.

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The work is made so simple by the NEW METHOD that anyone can do it, for it is merely a question of following our plain and simple instructions.

In addition, each Member receives a complete Outfit, without extra cost, which enables you to commence with the work at once, and begin earning.

Another important element in the success of the men and women of the National Confectionery Industry is that we guarantee to buy Members' sweets, so no canvassing is necessary; also the co-operative buying privilege that enables Members to secure raw materials at special low Membership rates. It is impossible to describe here, however, the complete plan of operation and all the helpful features. As many tell us, they had not dreamed that such a wonderful way of earning money at home existed.

NOW—AN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN

The Membership of the National Confectionery Industry is now to be increased. This will be good news to the many who have been eager to join. No special qualifications are required. It makes no difference where you live, or how much time you may have to spare. If you think you might be interested in Home Confectionery Making and Selling, either for pleasure or for profit, you are invited to send for the beautiful book entitled "The Happy Highway to Success," which explains in detail the plan that GUARANTEES your SUCCESS. Post the coupon at once, as time is limited. Enclose three penny stamps to help pay postage, etc.

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BROWNIE CONFERENCE.

There is to be an Exhibition at the Brownie Conference at High Leigh of pack appliances such as totems, charts, boxes for pennies, rope, balls, etc., etc., in fact anything that Brown Owls find helpful.

Would any Brown Owl who is willing to lend any such treasures send them before April 17th to Miss Rhys Davids, Middlesbrough, Chipstead, Surrey, who will be most grateful.

Please tell your packs that the greatest care will be taken of their treasures, and that postage will be paid both ways.

If you are not sure if your treasures are the kind that are wanted, please write and ask!

FOUND.

A RANGER Captain's badge brooch has been picked up on the platform of St. James's Park Underground Station, London. It was found on March 5th in the evening. The owner can claim it from the Editor.

THE ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY'S EXHIBITION.

ENTRIES for the Guides' section (from which eight sheets are chosen to compete for awards) were disappointing in number this year. Captains seem to have overlooked the notice in the December GUIDER.

It seems a pity that holders of the Artist Badge are not encouraged to use this talent advantageously for the benefit of their patrols in nature study.

The Exhibition will be open from April 9th to 17th inclusive, in the Guildhall Art Gallery, London, E.C.1. Specimens of Artist Badge work will be on view.

The names and companies of those whose drawings are "hung" will be published in *The Guide* of April 6th.

AN OFFER.

MISS MURIEL NOWELL of 75, Abbey Road, Bourne, Lincs, has the following copies of the *Gazette*, *THE GUIDER* and *The Guide* for disposal, and offers to send them to any company that may care to have them and would write to her for them:—

The *Gazette* for 1925 (complete); 1926 (August and October missing); 1927 (February missing).

THE GUIDER for 1928 (complete).
The *Guide* for 1924 (from October to December); 1925 (Vol. 5, No. 18 missing); 1926 (Vol. 5, No. 43 missing; Vol. 6, Nos. 4, 14, 15 and 33 missing); 1927 (Vol. 6, No. 36 missing; Vol. 7, Nos. 17 and 18 missing); 1928 (complete); and up to and including February 16th, 1929.

MINING AREA GIRL GUIDE DISTRESS FUND.

It may interest the readers of *THE GUIDER* to know that there has been a wonderful response to the appeal made on behalf of the above fund, which appeared in the January number.

Over 4,000 articles have been received, as well as a substantial sum of money. As far as possible all parcels have been acknowledged, but many have been received with no address, and it is to enable grateful thanks to reach these anonymous donors that we insert this note.

We are indeed grateful to the latter as well as the former for the splendid gifts of clothes and money received.

The work of sorting, listing and re-packing and in some cases of washing and mending the garments has been a big task, but as "Service for others" it has been a labour of love.

The distribution has been most ably carried out by Mrs. Edwards, Division Commissioner for the Rhondda Valley and her daughter, Miss Peggy Edwards; they have spared no trouble to find out the necessitous families and to pass on the gifts in the wisest and kindest manner.

The chief need now is for uniforms for Guides and Brownies rather than for ordinary garments, which may be sent to Mrs. Edwards, Witla Court, near Cardiff.

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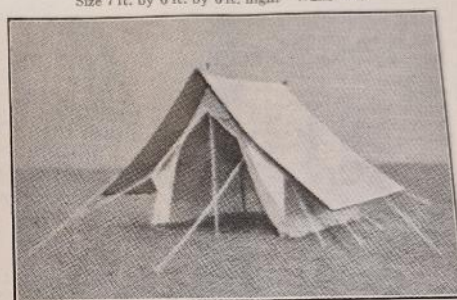
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FOXLEASE

Due to the enormous demand for Training at Foxlease, Guiders who have booked places are asked to notify the Guider-in-Charge as soon as they know themselves if they find that they are unable to come. Lately, many Guiders on the Waiting List have been deprived of coming owing to the late hour at which cancellations have been received, consequently the Training Weeks have not been full.

DATES.

- March 28-April 4. General Training.
April 9-15. General Training.
April 17-24. Diploma'd Guiders' Conference. (Applications to be sent in before April 10.)
April 29-May 5. Woodcraft.
May 6-10. Commissioners.
May 17-24. General Training.
May 28-June 4. Brownie Training.

FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES NO GENERAL APPLICATIONS WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL APRIL 10TH. COUNTY SECRETARIES MAY APPLY FOR SPECIAL VACANCIES BETWEEN APRIL 1ST AND 10TH. SUCH VACANCIES WILL ONLY BE KEPT PROVIDED THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ENTRANTS AND THE USUAL 5s. DEPOSIT ARE SENT WITH THE APPLICATIONS.

- June 7-14. General Training.
June 18-25. General Training.
July 2-9. Ranger Training.
July 12-19. Brownie Training.
July 25-30. General Training.

Weekly.	FEES.				
Single rooms	£2 10 0	
Double rooms	2 0 0	
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FEES FOR DIPLOMA'D GUIDERS' CONFERENCE AND WOODCRAFT WEEK.					
Single room	£2 0 0	
Double room	1 15 0	
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FEES FOR COMMISSIONERS' TRAINING.					
Single room	£3 0 0	
Double room	2 5 0	
Shared room	1 15 0	

APPLICATIONS.

All applications for a Training Course should be made to the Guider-in-Charge, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants, and must be accompanied by full name and address of each applicant, together with a deposit of 5s., which will only be returned if withdrawal is made two full weeks before the date of the Course. No applications for any Course will be dealt with until an official notice has appeared in THE GUIDER.

Note.—Any Guider having already attended a Training Course at Foxlease and wishing to apply again is asked to state that she has been before and to apply to be entered on the waiting list only, in order that preference may be given to Guiders who have never been.

It has been arranged that three vacancies should be reserved for Scotland for all General Training weeks until the 20th of the month in which the dates are first published. Scottish Guiders are therefore requested to send in their applications, including the 5s. deposit, to the Secretary, Girl Guide Headquarters, 12, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

Guiders are asked to note that when a training week is marked closed it is no longer possible to consider applications, even when Guiders write saying they will sleep under canvas or find rooms in the village, etc., etc. The Guider-in-Charge cannot undertake to train more than a certain number of Guiders, so the main factor is not really accommodation but numbers. The Courses must be limited if the training is to be of real use to those who visit Foxlease.

This does not apply to applications from Overseas Guiders, for whom special vacancies, within limits, are kept.

FOXLEASE COTTAGES.

The two cottages at Foxlease are to be let by the week to Guiders requiring a rest or a holiday. The larger one contains two double bedrooms and one single, a sitting-room furnished by Canada, a bathroom and a kitchen. The "Link" which is the bungalow furnished

by America, contains three bedrooms, a sitting-room, a bathroom and a kitchen. The charge for the whole cottage is £3 3s. per week for five or less persons, or 15s. each for Guiders wishing to come alone or with a friend, when only one or two rooms are required. In the latter case an extra charge of 5s. will be made for the use of the sitting-room. The charge for the whole "Link" is £2 2s. per week for three or less persons, or 15s. for a Guider alone. These charges include light and coal. Guiders cater and cook for themselves entirely. If they wish it the gardener's wife is willing to board them at the rate of 28s. to 30s. per head, in addition to the above charges. A charge of 5s. deposit fee is made for booking the cottages. Guiders wishing to bring their cars can garage them at Foxlease by arrangement at a charge of 5s. per week or 1s. per night. It is not necessary for Guiders staying at the cottage and "Link" to wear uniform.

Any applications or inquiries to be sent to the Secretary. Applications for Camp Sites for 1929 should be accompanied by a deposit of 5s. Particulars of charges for sites and the hire of equipment will be sent on request.

PRESENTS.

Mat for Wharfedale Room, Miss Sutcliffe; Annex Clock, Mr. Welby; Donation of £10 for Curtains, Anonymous; "Canadian Birds," Miss Lutener; "The Charm of Birds," the Misses Lutwyche; "Birds in Flight," the Misses Lutwyche; "Forty-nine Poems," Miss Birkin; "The Alphabet of Magic," Miss Birkin.

FOXLEASE GARDENS.

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WADDOW HALL

DATES.

- March 28-April 4. General Training.
April 9-16. General Training.
April 26-30. Woodcraft.
May 3-6. General Training.
May 8-15. Extension Conference.
May 17-24. General Training.
May 28-June 1. Commissioners.
June 4-11. General Training.
June 14-21. Brownie Training.
June 28-July 5. General Training.
July 9-16. General Training.

Weekly.	FEES.				
Single rooms	£2 10 0	
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Week-end only.					
Single rooms	1 0 0	
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Camp sites may now be booked at Waddow. Applications stating approximate number and dates, and with a booking fee of 2s. 6d. should be sent to the Secretary. The usual permission forms are necessary.

APPLICATIONS.

Applications for a Training Course to be made to the Secretary, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs, and must be accompanied by a deposit of 5s. and name and address of applicant, which will only be returned if withdrawal is made two full weeks before the date of Course.

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It has been arranged that three vacancies should be reserved for Scotland for all General Training weeks until the 20th of the month in which the dates are first published. Scottish Guiders are therefore requested to send in their applications, including the 5s. deposit, to the Secretary, Girl Guide Headquarters, 12, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

PRESENTS.

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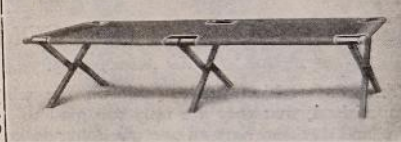
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"When you have eaten,
Do not be beaten,
By others cleaning up your litter!"

"Do not throw orange or paper away,
For this place is pretty, for another day."

are other inspired thoughts of these youthful competitors.

RESULT OF RAFFIA COMPETITION

Set February, 1929.

Two hundred of work in this competition was high, but the number of entries was low. Must we blame the cold weather for this? Apparently it froze the fingers of our readers so that they were unable to cope even with raffia. We confess that we are still waiting for some daring spirit to gather together the lovely shades of raffia that are to be had nowadays, and out of these to make some article which will make us exclaim "How beautiful!" We were not inspired to make any very enthusiastic remark about the mats, slips or shopping bags sent to us, simply because our competitors are frightened of colour!

We select for honourable mention the table mats made by the and STARCROSS EXTENSION COMPANY, Devonshire, and we award the first prize to Miss L. M. BRAYBROOK, captain of the 2nd Stenson Rangers, for the good workmanship in another set of mats. To Miss I. W. MARCH, captain of the 1st Raunds company, for a cheerful shopping bag, we award the second prize.

RESULT OF LEATHER COMPETITION

Set February, 1929.

This entries for this competition, though few in number, were of a very high standard.

There were several examples that seemed quite worthy of a prize, and it was only after much consideration that the first prize was awarded to the 2ND STARCROSS EXTENSION GUIDES for a cushion, and the second prize for a hold-all to Miss A. C. LEEST, Lieutenant, 1st Hockley Company.

These examples showed that great care had been taken, both in neatness in the make-up and also in the finishing, and the winners are to be congratulated (as well as several others) for their high standard of work submitted.

Messrs. George & Co., who judged this competition, kindly give the first prize of materials for leather work to the value of one guinea, and application for this should be made to the Editor. They also offer a third prize, owing to the excellent quality of work submitted, which goes to Miss W. M. NORMAN, Lieutenant 1st Retendon, to the value of seven shillings and sixpence, also given in materials.

RESULT OF LITTER COMPETITION

Set March, 1929.

This competition proves that on the whole our readers like competitions, that they are only too glad to express themselves in verse, and that they have an overwhelming desire to keep our countryside free from the unsightliness of litter.

We were inundated with such pleadings, exhortations, threats and expostulations, that it was difficult to choose one verse from among the many, which we think would sufficiently soften the heart and leave an indelible impression on the mind of the inveterate litter scatterer.

Many entries were disqualified because mention was made of "bank" or "glade," or other too limited area. The verse should apply to the countryside in general.

No one entry was sufficiently inspiring to receive the guinea prize. We, therefore, divide it between Miss H. C. BLACKDEN, captain of the 1st Yateley company, who sent us:—

"Pray picnic here and take your ease,
But clear up after, if you please.
No litter make, nor carvings crude—
Leave nought behind but gratitude."

and Miss E. M. STREET, acting captain of the 9th Lambeth company:—

"This charming spot do not deface
By strewing litter round it,
But, rather, strive to leave the place
Exactly as you found it."

We select for Honourable Mention the entries of Miss E. W. TINDALL, captain of the Sheringham Sea Rangers, and Miss E. J. LOW, BROWN Owl of the 1st Ockbrook School pack, and Miss MARGARET PELMORE, late lieutenant of the 7th East Grinstead company

"What the Donkey Saw"



HUMAN beings have every opportunity of saying what they think about animals; animals, alas (or perhaps it is as well), are unable to say what they think about us. Their remarks might, we feel, be distinctly illuminating.

We would like our readers to put themselves in the place of a donkey who, looking over a fence, finds the next field invaded by a Guide camp.

How did the scene strike him?
Competitors should express themselves in humorous verse of not more than thirty lines. Mr. Chesterman's "Corinna Cramp" on page 108 may suggest ideas to some as to form and style, though this need not of course be followed. We offer two book prizes for the best verses submitted.

RULES.

- (1) All envelopes must be marked "Competition" and addressed to the Editor, THE GUIDER, 25, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.
- (2) Entries must be accompanied by the competition coupon to be found on page 136. Also by the name and address and Guide rank (if held) of the competitor.
- (3) Entries must reach the Editor not later than by the first post on Thursday, April 18th. The results will be announced in the May number.

THIS MONTH'S COVER.

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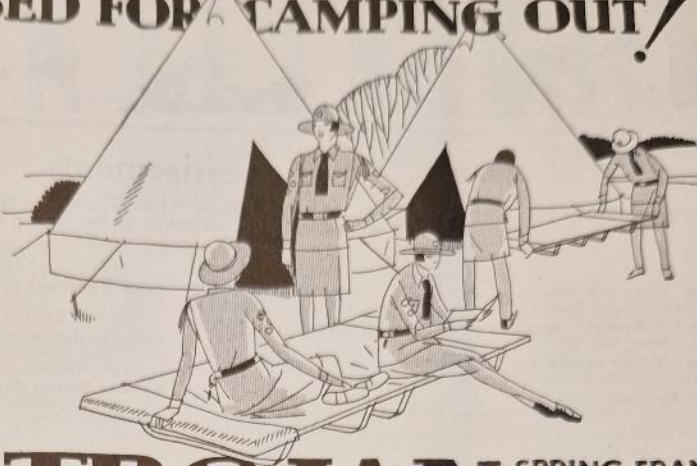
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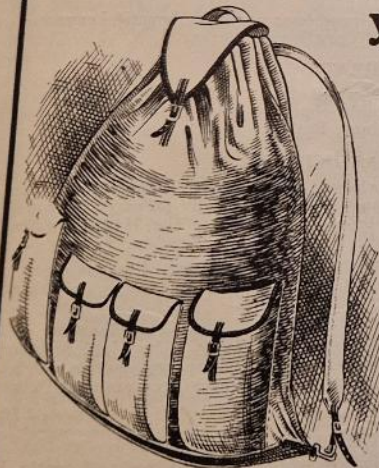
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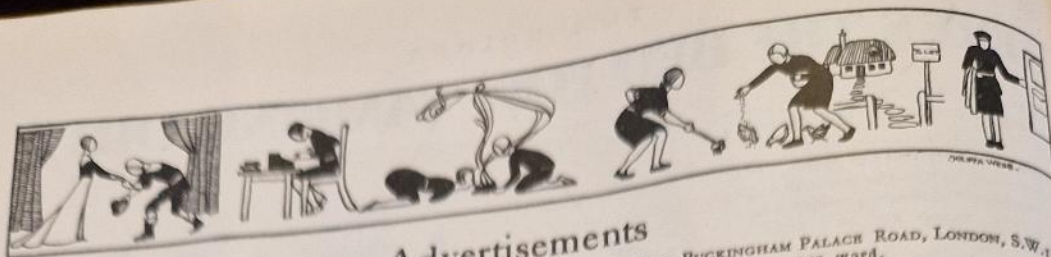
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