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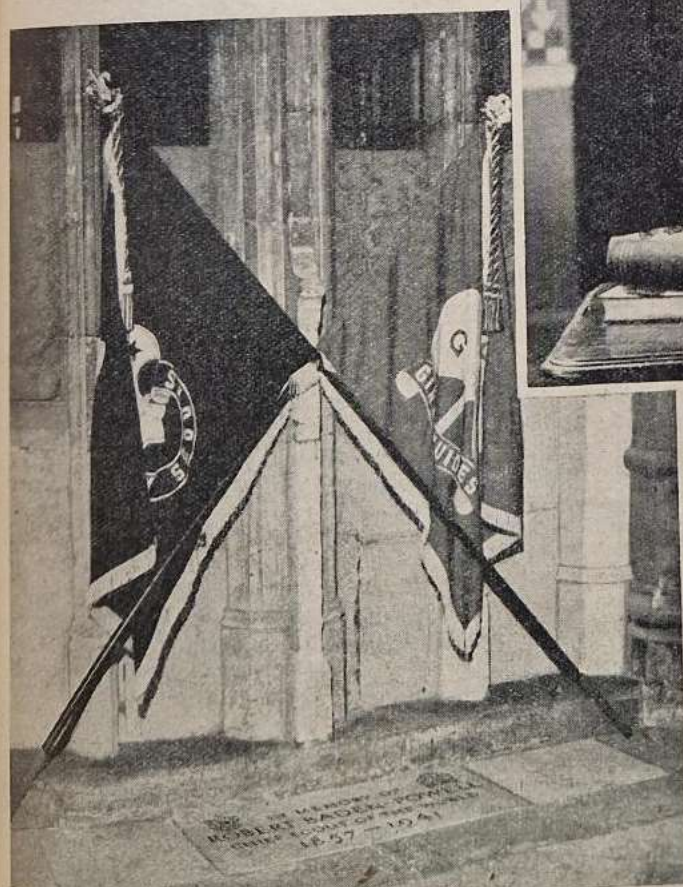
The Chief Scout, April 23rd, 1947

By the Chief Commissioner

THE Memorial Service was over, and someone thanked a verger for his part in it. 'Yes', he said, 'it was a lovely service—and do you know why? Because everyone cared—I could feel it right through the gathering'. It was very true, we did all care, tremendously. During that wonderful service



'In memory of Robert Baden-Powell, Chief Scout of the World, 1857-1941'. The stone in Westminster Abbey unveiled on St. George's Day, 1947



we were remembering the Chief Scout and all he stood for, and of the profound difference Scouting and Guiding has made in the lives of millions. Those who had known and loved him personally thought of him as a friend, and of his endearing traits, his skill in soldiering, his skill in organisation, his skill in all manly sports. Those who had known him in the Brotherhood thought of him, not only as the Founder, but as the inspiring Leader. We thought, too, of the Chief Guide, and of her selfless work for our Association, and we thought of the children we try to help.

And those Scouts and Guides who only knew him through the eyes of others, what did they think? I feel they were thinking of him not only as 'The Chief', and as 'B.-P.', but in their minds they coupled him with all the inmost feelings and aspirations of their

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youth. It seemed to me, as I watched them leaving the Abbey, that there was an air of purpose, energy and power to be felt and seen—very noticeably among all those really splendid types of Scouts and Rovers who streamed out. The same expression, but showing itself more quietly, was there among the Guides and Rangers.

From all over Great Britain had come representatives of the Scout and Guide Movement. Nearly eighteen hundred gathered in the Abbey to pay homage to the Founder—from Cubs and Brownies to Scouters, Guiders and Commissioners. We were honoured by the presence of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, President of the Boy Scouts Association, and those who accepted invitations to attend included the Home Secretary, the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Minister of Education, and diplomatic representatives from Belgium, Guatemala, Iraq, Luxemburg, Norway, Switzerland and the United States.

The Dean, in his splendidly colourful robes, escorted H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, Lord Rowallan and myself to seats near the high altar. Then, singing the hymn, 'Lord God of Hosts, within Whose hand', there entered the long procession, led by the choir and by the canons, in their red velvet copes, embroidered in gold with the rose of England. Each wore a red rosebud, in honour of St. George's Day. Next, Colour Parties from the two Headquarters, moving with simple dignity, knelt to give into the hands of the Dean the Scout and Guide Colours, which were laid up on the altar. It was a lovely reminder of the parish church ceremonial we know so well, and it was inspiring to see those colours lying on the high altar of Westminster Abbey, the religious centre of the Empire, where our kings and queens are crowned, and so many of our famous men enshrined.

The service opened with the Bidding Prayer, spoken by the Dean. 'I wish to remind you of the purpose of this gathering. You have come to Westminster Abbey on St. George's Day, as representatives of a great multitude of Scouts and Guides in all parts of the world. You are here first to pay honour, in the name of that world-wide family, to the memory of your Founder, Robert Baden-Powell, Chief Scout of the World. His body is buried in peace in a distant land beyond the seas, but his name liveth for evermore. From today onward, so long as this Abbey stands, that honoured name will be found inscribed on a stone beneath the screen of St. George's Chapel. You are here, secondly, to renew your promise to remain true to the ideal of service to God and man, to which your Founder devoted his life. You can best pay tribute to his memory by making that ideal your own in

all the ups and downs of daily life. Thus, we are about to join in both an act of remembrance and an act of self-dedication. As the Scripture saith: "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King".

The choir then sang that most appropriate psalm, 'Lord, who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle'. The lesson was taken from *Ephesians*, chapter 6, verses 10 to 17, and was followed by 'The Pilgrim Hymn', by prayers and another hymn, 'Lord, while for all mankind we pray'. The sermon was preached by Canon Spencer, of St. Mary's, Southampton, who is himself a Scout. The Colours were given back to the bearers, and a procession was formed. It included the richly-embroidered and beautiful banners of the Abbey—the banners of St. Edward the Confessor, St. Oswald, St. Martin, and of St. Edward, together with the Cross of Westminster. As many others, together with the Saints who from their the procession, singing 'For all the Saints who from their labours rest', passed round the ambulatory at the back of the high altar, the rise and fall in the volume of the voices and the solemn pause between each verse was very beautiful.

Slowly the procession moved down the south aisle to the Chapel of St. George. There, in the floor against the chapel screen, lies the stone engraved with the Founder's name, and the Scout Fleur-de-Lys and the Guide Trefoil. Behind it stand the Scout and Guide flags. The Duke of Gloucester, speaking in a very clear voice, unveiled the stone 'To the memory of Robert Baden-Powell, Chief Scout of the World . . . in gratitude for his life of service to the youth of the world'. A fanfare of trumpets from the 13th-18th Hussars, one of the Founder's regiments, gave perfect expression to a moment of spiritual emotion.

After the prayer of thanksgiving, the procession, passing the tomb of the Unknown Warrior, returned by the centre aisle, singing 'Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore Him'. The Scout and Guide Colours remained, with their bearers, on the altar steps beside the Chief Scout and myself, while first the Scouts, and then the Guides, renewed their Promise, and the service ended with the hymn, 'Stand up!—stand up for Jesus!', a prayer, the Blessing, and another beautiful fanfare of trumpets before the National Anthem.

After the Duke of Gloucester and other distinguished guests had left the Abbey, the Scouts and Guides, block by block, passed down the aisle together to the stone, saluted, and passed out in the world again. Let us, too, take the remembrance and the inspiration of that service to the enrichment of our work in the movement, at home and overseas.

FINOLA SOMERS

[CHIEF COMMISSIONER]

Once Upon a Time

'ONCE upon a time', said Lieutenant, 'there was an old woman who lived in a dirty, untidy house standing in a dirty, untidy garden. In the garden, a sunflower grew. It was very tall, and straight, and a wonderful colour. The old woman liked the sunflower. She would stand and look at it for a long time without moving. One day when she had been staring and staring at the sunflower, she glanced down at the dirty, untidy garden and suddenly went to work in a frenzy, pulling up weeds. She cleared a patch round the sunflower, and then a larger patch round the patch in which the sunflower stood, and then an even larger patch, until she had tidied the whole garden. The tidy garden was now spread like a beautiful carpet up to the very walls of the untidy house.'

'And one day the old woman looked from her garden to her house, and went to work in a frenzy, cleaning up her house. First she polished the doorknocker. Then she washed the paint on the front door. Then she brushed down the walls—and cleaned the windows, which meant, of course, that the curtains had to be washed, and you can't have clean curtains in a dirty, untidy room, so out came the carpet, and the furniture, and the china. It took her some time, but in the end, the sunflower stood proudly in a pretty garden, and at the end of the garden stood the neatest house in the village. All

because of the sunflower', said Lieutenant. 'Wasn't that strange?'

But there was stranger to come. Next day the company left camp on a 'Good Turn expedition'. Patrols went off in different directions and, by invitation, Captain went with one of them. Presently the patrol came upon an untidy house standing in an untidy garden. 'Oh, Captain! Would they let us weed a bit, do you think?', 'Ask them', said Captain.

Permission was given, grudgingly, by an untidy, unsmiling woman. The garden was small. The patrol worked hard for two hours and amassed a great heap of weeds which they piled on to an old groundsheet, to take away for disposal elsewhere. Rather nervously, the patrol leader knocked on the door to announce their departure. Out came the same woman. She looked from the children to the pile of weeds, from the weeds to the tidy garden, and from the garden to the untidy house. Suddenly she smiled. 'My!' she said. 'You have made a difference. Guess I shall have to tidy up the house a bit now.'

A put-up job? Indeed, no. Captain was as surprised and delighted as anybody. She told me about it herself one day, because she thought it was rather a good story. I thought so too, and that is why I am telling it to you.

C.E.H.

Survey for Service

How Can We Help?

BUT wait a moment—two more questions first, *Why* do you want to help? *Can* you help? Don't let the obvious answers satisfy you—that Guides or Rangers are committed to the good turn, the Third Law and rendering service; a right attitude of mind is necessary, too. Some people look for personal thanks from grateful recipients to encourage them with a warm glow of sentimental self-righteousness, whereas many of the most worth-while jobs have no direct contact with those who benefit, and are dull and unattractive, even unpleasant. Before venturing too far, challenge your Guides and Rangers to offer help for the sake of being of service, and not to 'get a kick' out of earning others' good opinion and gratitude.

Then, *can* they help? Think of this in two ways—the practical first: have they the necessary ability to make a workmanlike job of what they offer to do, whether it is needlework or gardening? Another point arises here—to give the most valuable service a person must be ready to contribute what she can do best; get the expert typist to offer typing, at which she is good, rather than dressmaking,



'Still vital to our national economy is cultivation of the land'. County Agricultural Committees have information about land work camps and holiday schemes



Volunteers to do washing-up or other domestic jobs are always welcome. Help may be needed in canteens or in the homes of the sick or handicapped

at which she is bad. Of course, she may *prefer* a change after typing all day, but how will she render the greater service?

Secondly, is the company trained to see the point of view of the people they set out to help, to consider their feelings as well as their needs? People can be 'helped' against their wish, and then feelings are hurt when offers are not welcomed. Alternatively, they suffer patiently under the insensitive ministrations of would-be helpers whose practical efforts by no means compensate for the strain of having to appear polite and grateful. Goodwill, though a first essential, is not enough. If I write too strongly it is because I have in past experience (outside the movement, I should add) endured much—as well as profited much—by the different approaches to voluntary service. To those who rise against implied indictments, the letter columns of *THE GUIDER* are open!

So, after 'Why' and 'Can', pass on to 'Where'—the original purpose of this article. It is impossible to generalise, because circumstances and conditions vary in every village, town and city, and the notes that follow must be interpreted

for your own locality. Often the most useful help can be given within the framework of some other society. Approach these and work for them if you can. Within the British Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Brigade, for instance, many welfare services are inadequately staffed. They include domestic jobs in the homes of the sick or handicapped, doing their shopping, fetching work which they do at home, or their medicines. These societies often have clubs for old folk or classes for the blind, some of whom need escorts: the clubs may need help in their canteens (the inevitable washing up!) or with renovations to books in their libraries.

The W.V.S. is committed to many services to help in the national effort for reconstruction, and through their organisation you may be able to help with salvage (which, though it may by now have lost any glamour it once had, is still as necessary as ever), with making and mending



Fetching and carrying may seem a small service, but Brownies can play an important part in service to the community

for Children's Clothing Exchanges, in canteens or any other of the local activities of the centre.

Some voluntary societies may be glad of extra help in general ways, in clerical work, and the many behind-the-scenes office jobs which may be taking up the time of their social workers. Such bodies as the Citizens' Advice Bureau, the Soldiers', Sailors and Airmen's Families Association, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, maternity and child welfare centres, Councils of Social Service or Rural Community Councils, to mention a few, might well be approached, but it is not always easy for them to use the evenings and week-ends which are often all the Guides and Rangers can offer. Sometimes though, the weekly half-day from work, or the school holiday periods provide opportunities. Many of these organisations might be glad to know they could call on extra helpers in times of special pressure of work or emergency.

Such societies also get to know of the many individual cases of hardship which exist and where a helping hand is badly needed. So, too, do the doctors, the hospital almoners, the Relieving Officers, the district nurses, the Medical Officers of Health, the home teachers and visitors of the Associations for the Care of the Blind, the organisers of the local Home Helps Scheme, and the Assistance Board Officers, under whose care come the Supplementary Old Age Pensioners.

Work for children often has the greatest appeal: at the nursery schools, day nurseries, play centres or children's homes, whether they are under the auspices of the educational authority or voluntary societies, there may well be a

need for extra help, though not necessarily directly with the children. Making, mending, marking of clothes never seems to cease in the residential ones, and sometimes knitting or needlework can be collected to be done at home. Hospitals and other institutions may also appreciate help in their sewing-rooms and, with staff so scarce, responsible Guides and Rangers can sometimes be used as orderlies, filling gaps during the ward-maids' or nursing assistants' off-duty time. An approach to the matron will ascertain whether such help is practicable.

Still vital to our national economy is cultivation of the land. Help to some of the individual folk already suggested might take the form of caring for their gardens; many a company has had its allotment, either in the garden of some one unable to cultivate it, or on a low rent from the local authority; many have worked for local farmers or market gardeners regularly, whilst the County Agricultural Committee, with its offices in the county town, has information about land work camps and schemes for those who will give part of their holiday.

Guiding has a traditional aim of service to others and it prides itself on its method of learning by doing. Opportunities for carrying out both aim and method are many and varied, but not always obvious and accessible unless imagination is used in looking for them. But such effort is more than worth while, for on the assumption that there is more to be gained in life by giving than getting, and on a response to this assumption from every member who makes the Promise, the movement stakes its all.

MARY WHITE

Guide Health Training

Fitter for Life

ALTHOUGH health training can be given all the time through the ordinary activities of the company, there is a place for definite instruction and an assessment of achievement in the Second and First Class tests. Once the Guides have become interested in the idea of fitness, they are usually keen to know how to achieve it. Some may be more interested in how their bodies work, some in how they can look attractive, others in how they can acquire a physique that will carry them through adventurous undertakings—in whatever way their imagination has been caught (and even if it hasn't) our best way to get the information across is to assume that the interest is there.

But before we give the instruction we must have sufficient accurate knowledge ourselves. A careful study of the *Guide Health Handbook* and *How to be Healthy—and Wise*, will give us ample information, and if there is anything in them that we do not understand, we must just pocket our pride and ask someone who knows, before we try to pass on the information. Our methods of instruction will vary according to the Guides in our companies, but whatever method we use, the instruction itself must always be simple, clear and definite. Here are some possible methods.

The spoken word: Straightforward explanations can be given to groups or individuals. Beware of vagueness. Know exactly what is to be said, and say it shortly. Before you expect patrol leaders to teach, see that they themselves understand thoroughly.

The written word: Some Ministry of Health leaflets are useful for older Guides, and books like *Health Can be Fun*, for younger ones. Make a company notebook of hints collected from reliable magazines, 'Food Facts', the recent articles in *THE GUIDE*, etc. *Growing and Growing Up* and *How a Baby is Born* are useful to give a child who has not the information she should have in those matters; but do get her mother's approval first. All the books mentioned above are stocked at Headquarters.

Other visual aids: Charts, pictures and diagrams published by headquarters, and the Health and Cleanliness Council and similar bodies, are useful; or get the company to make

its own. Put the positive ideal in front of the Guides and leave it to work.

Demonstration: Words do not always convey what we hope they do; seeing is believing, so show the Guides the best way of cleaning shoes, or washing-up, or whatever it may be; show the inefficient way, too, sometimes, but always show the better way as well. The 'right way' in practical matters means the way which best achieves its end.

Puzzles and activities that encourage thought: 1. Collect attractive pictures of healthy people, activities, etc., stick them on to cards, and then attach two or three questions to each card. Give a card to each patrol, let them look at the picture and answer the queries; cards are passed on and company discussion follows. (A question for the picture on the First Class record card might be: 'Is she suitably clad? Give reasons!'). 2. Have a set of cards bearing such ominous words as 'The common cold', 'Body odour', and another set bearing hints for their prevention, such as 'Drink plenty of water', 'Wash the feet daily', etc. (avoid having just one hint for each, as that leads to guessing); patrols sort out the preventions with their ills, and questions and discussion follow.

These suggestions are teaching activities, and not 'health games', and they should never be played as competitions or for speed; their aim is to encourage thought and to give information, not to develop a parrot-like memory or lucky guesses! Some kind of summing-up is essential if they are to be effective as teaching methods, so start in a small way and keep them short. There is only one sure test of the soundness of our instruction, and that is the health of the Guides. However correct our information and however well-thought-out our ways of passing it on, unless the Guides are really fitter for being in our companies we should do better to save our breath. Do they march with a swing? Can they stand up to a wet camp without catching cold? Are their senses really alert? Do they enjoy being alive? They will, if we give them the chance to practise what we teach.

JANET COZENS

The Post Group at Work

Making the Meeting

WHEN making our Post meetings, it is important to remember that it is not only the meeting we are making, but the meeting-place as well; so that an attractive and interesting appearance is very desirable. A cover adds to the weight, and therefore to the postage, but it makes such a difference to the appearance, and saves so much wear and tear on the pages that I think it is really worth while. The first essential in a roll-call page is that the names are clearly written, and that plenty of space is left for the signature, dates of receipt and despatch, or whatever the Guide's 'reply' is. The reverse of the roll-call page is a good place for company news and notices.

The main part of the meeting will presumably consist of test and badge work articles, according to the various stages reached by the Guides. Here it is important to remember the four divisions of Guide training—Character and Intelligence, Handcraft, Health, Service. It may not be possible to give each its due share in one meeting, but over a period of, say, three months, the different items should balance. In connection with this part of the meeting, it is wise to have a small reserve of articles of general interest, travel, nature, and so on, to use as 'fill-ups' if a promised contribution fails to appear. Yes, a contribution! There is really no need for the Guiders themselves to write or copy everything that appears in the meeting; one can often find 'outside' people who can provide interesting articles on a great variety of subjects, and who are delighted to do so.

Yarns, poetry, and the 'fun page'. These three items are very easily overdone, and must be kept strictly within bounds. Don't let them overbalance the rest of the programme. Guiders' letters are best written by hand, not typed, so as to give them a more personal touch. In competitions, do make it clear whether the Guides may get help. Quite often in a 'learning' competition the Guide can only acquire the information with help, and she is likely to remember what 'Dad' or 'nurse' tells her in answer to her questions. Don't forget the occasional 'play' competition—jumbled words or the like—for the benefit of those for whom a 'learning' competition means real work.

The patrol pages provide the leader's chief opportunity, and the Guider should take no part unless asked to help by producing pictures or other materials. A letter, a game, or competition, a bit of instruction and a patrol letter-box, should be included, and patrol discussions are useful in many ways. The 'Dismiss' page is sometimes a very weak point, but it ought to be one of the best parts of a meeting. It is our best chance to introduce the note of worship and thanksgiving without which the meeting is incomplete. I think we should all remind ourselves that 'Taps' is not enough. Sentimental

verses about the sunset, or admonitions to Keep Smiling Through, are not enough either. The G.I.S. prayer-book, *Into the Way of Peace*, is a splendid source of both prayers and readings, and Rangers often enjoy sending in favourite prayers and verses for use on this page, which helps the feeling of unity and participation. The actual farewell may take the form of drawing and initialling a hand at the salute.

The above are only some of the possible contents of the meeting. Inspection, for instance, is often used, but it is difficult to adapt this so as to be fair to all types—hospital or non-hospital, bed or 'up', uniform or no uniform. Discussions, especially among older Guides and Rangers, are often popular and can be very valuable. An occasional complete change from the usual programme can be very successful—a hike or camp meeting, or a magic-carpet trip abroad, not forgetting the Guides in the country chosen for the 'visit'.

As to materials, one sheet of paper, thick enough to take typing or pasted pictures on both sides, is just as economical as two thin sheets with only one side used, and much more attractive. Lose no opportunity of adding to your store of pictures—postcards, Christmas cards, photographs, advertisements, etc. It is wise to classify the collection, sorting it into boxes or big envelopes labelled animals, flowers, Guide pictures, etc., so that you can easily find what you want.

Above all things, we want to avoid a scrap-book effect, so in using your pictures (apart from those which are definitely illustrating an article) you must have a plan in mind; they can be suited to the season, or to the County, or to an occasion (camp or Thinking Day), or be devoted to some foreign country or the Empire—it is not difficult to think of a scheme which will give unity to the decorative pictures used. A white paste like Gloy is generally best. If you have the choice between coloured inks and crayons for lettering, ruling borders, etc., choose ink every time. A bottle each of scarlet, green, blue and black will give you plenty of scope. Paper reinforcements or 'washers' are excellent protection against torn or missing pages, and a leather thong forms a good tie.

Several envelopes made of unbleached calico or other tough, closely-woven (and therefore rain-resisting) material are extremely useful. Make sure that the seams are well stitched, preferably by machine, and that there is a long flap to tuck in, although string will also be needed. Gummed labels will adhere perfectly if they are well smoothed down, and the envelopes will give long service. What our Posts want in their meetings is not a scrap-book or a magazine, but Guiding all the time; the above hints may help in the presentation of it, but let us never forget that Guiding is the thing!

EDITH B. BLAIR

The Rules of Health



In the pages of a Post meeting, there is scope for good lettering, live sketches and knowledge of the value of space. The company must not feel cramped

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On Chasing Hares

Notes from the Opening Talk at the Diploma'd Guiders' Conference *

THE theme of this year's conference is 'Balance in Training'. The Guide Movement has, particularly among its own members, a reputation for 'chasing hares', although the metaphor more frequently used refers to 'the swing of the pendulum'. Cadets seem to be the rage just now', said an exasperated Commissioner. 'Last year it was Rangers; I suppose it will be Brownies next'. And Mrs. Streatfeild's delightful new history of Guiding describes the movement hastening happily from one fashion to another. 'A three-reel film, "The Fourth Law", was made', she tells us. 'This was admired; then disapproved of during the formal period because the Guides took their hats off and rolled up their sleeves though entering a village shop; then, as the "Keep Fit" days approached, scornfully derided because they had hats and sleeves at all; and so it went on'.

And so it still goes on; but instead of following one fashion and then another, we seem now to be endeavouring to follow them all at once. 'Contacts with other countries are the thing', cries the International Department. 'More camps and visits abroad; language campaigns; more Pen Friends. We must get the young people internationally minded'. And, indeed, they are right. It is essential. 'But', says Overseas, 'you are forgetting the Empire. What is the use of being a world citizen if you don't know about your own Empire?' And, of course, they are right, too. Then come Public Relations. We are too exclusive, they tell us. We ought to co-operate more with other bodies, and know more of what is being done outside the movement. And truly, we ought. It would seem that training in public relations is certainly necessary. Music and drama claim our attention, too, and colour and line. The advocates of homecraft training make their voices heard.

What are we to do? Shall we pursue each hare in turn, follow fervently each new idea until we have made it part of our Guiding; then, hoping that that particular hare will not escape when we take our eye off it, set out on the next chase? Or, ignoring the hares, and looking neither to right nor to left, shall we confine our training to the simple demands of the test work? That would perhaps be the sensible thing to do; leave the frills (if we may change the metaphor) and get on with the job. But wait a minute, are the demands of the test work so simple? And as for frills. . . . The use of this word recently brought forth an irate protest from one of our Commissioners for Music and Drama. 'Madam Chair, I object to music and drama being called a frill'. And so it goes on. One can easily imagine each specialist rising in wrath at the idea of her particular department being a frill.

Here, then, is the purpose of 'Dip Week'; to consider frills and fundamentals, and to find the balance. We are to have sessions from a number of specialists—sessions on the Promise and Law, on Empire Guiding, on International Contacts, on Public Relations. As a basis for those sessions we are to consider the child and young person in her present-day setting, and we are to have a talk on the Guider, and her special present-day problems. At the end of the week we shall discuss balance in training and finally the Branch Commissioners will tell us how the ideas of the week can be fitted into the Brownie, Guide and Ranger programmes to make an integrated whole.

It all sounds so safe and tidy, doesn't it? Collect in all the hares and tame them nicely; fit all the specialists into a neat scheme so that no one shall criticise our waywardness. Fortunately it cannot be done. But let us beware of trying to do it. One of the most vital attributes of Guiding is its adaptability. Mrs. Streatfeild writes, referring to the early days: 'England was very soldierly just then, and the Guides,

who always follow faithfully the mood of the day, were very soldierly too'. Just like that! And looking into the less distant past we realise its continuing significance. The health of the nation's children needs attention; the Guides have a health campaign. Critics called it chasing a hare, but 'Jemima' knew what she was about. Execrable handicrafts appear at sales of work (not only Guide sales of work) and 'right making' is the order of the day. A realisation that Britain is shockingly ignorant of her own folk music results in a drive to teach every Guide at least four songs of her own country. 'And so it goes on', not with as much result as we should like to see, perhaps, but the point is that it goes on, and following the mood of the day becomes meeting the need of the day.

And to meet the need of the day we want our specialists; we must have our enthusiasts. Don't let us be ordinary and safe. Regimentation, uniformity, 'ordinariness', these constitute the real danger. Through these the form crystallises and the spirit departs. Admittedly, enthusiasm is awkward; those people who get busy about their jobs are a nuisance; they unsettle us; they want us to do things and we are tired and don't want to be made to do any more. But they will save us from danger if we let them. The other danger is that we find ourselves among what Charles Morgan, in *The Flashing Stream*, calls 'those who most aggressively call themselves "modern" and are so occupied in trimming their sails to each gust of opinion that they have no eye for changes in the weather'. But this danger is met if we endeavour to cultivate the singleness of mind which 'is the product of an inward choice of values' and define for ourselves our single purpose. And I would submit that singleness of purpose is not incompatible with the chasing of hares, that where there is real balance, the pendulum always swings back, and indeed that balance is not a state of immobility, but of perfect control.

I would suggest, therefore, that we start all the hares this week; ask the specialists to give us all they have got and let our conclusions be governed only by the best interests of the Brownie, the Guide and the Ranger, not forgetting that the best interests are the ultimate interests, and that they depend on our serving the best interests of the Guider.

MARGARET L. MARTIN

[COMMISSIONER FOR TRAINING, I.H.Q.]

A Generous Tribute

In the current issue of *The Swimming Times*, Mr. R. A. Colwill, the Hon. Treasurer of the Amateur Swimming Association, pays a generous tribute to the Girl Guides Association. The article, which urges swimmers to redouble their efforts to raise money for their Olympic training fund, continues:

'The natural question is whether the target is within our powers of achievement. Very definitely, if everybody will help, it is easily within our reach. We should have no hard task to reach £10,000 if all will do their best. Which brings me back to the point from which I started—don't let the Girl Guides beat money it raises. That is what I am asking swimming clubs to do. A year ago the Girl Guides decided to provide for the headquarters post-war development, a job something like that which England raised £10,827 for that fund. In a year we have raised about a fifth of that sum, and this is the first fund we have raised for a quarter of a century. Since the war started, in addition to the fund to which I have referred, the Girl Guides have raised £107,373 for the Baden-Powell Memorial Fund, and another £100,000 for equipping their teams which have been working on European relief'.

(Readers will remember that the G.I.S. Fund was closed when it reached £110,000, and that in addition to the sums mentioned above, £50,000 was raised in Guide Gift Week).

* A report of the conference appears on page 136

The German-Speaking Training

A VISITOR to Charters Towers School, Bexhill-on-Sea, during the Easter week, might have been more than a little surprised at some of the sights and sounds that greeted her. The International Department was holding its first all-German Training, a sequel to the French week at Foxlease and the original International Training at Waddow. It was not unusual to see a row of otherwise respectable Guiders, under the leadership of Fräulein Bodmer, stretched full length upon the ground, each grasping the toe of the one in front, to make their 'life-line' just a little longer than that of the next patrol, or to hear one of the less advanced but enthusiastic linguists exclaim 'Was ist up mit dem Feuer?' It was at times very literally a breath-taking experience being one of the thirty or so hopeful aspirants in the firm but kindly hands of Miss Tennant (International Commissioner) and Miss Synge (Commissioner for Guides), together with Fräulein Bodmer and Fräulein Lotz (from Switzerland), and the Baroness von Uexküll (from Sweden). We were indeed fortunate in having so many experts to help us, both with our language difficulties and our technical training.

In speaking to us of the aims of the training, Miss Tennant stressed the fact that perhaps very few of us would be able to realise—at least for some time to come—its immediate purpose; that of taking help to, and working with, the leaders of Guiding in Germany. But we must 'Be Prepared' when the opportunity arose. Accordingly, German would be spoken throughout the week—and spoken it was after the first ice had been broken, though one felt at times that a German girl would have had difficulty in recognising her mother tongue! But we could do more than learn the language, Miss Tennant continued; we could and must develop a sympathetic understanding of Guiding in other lands, and encourage this attitude in our companies. We would need, too, a sure insight into the problems of Germany, past, present and future, if we were to take any share in the burdens German girls are at present bearing. All this, in outline, the training was seeking to give us in the short space of a week, and thanks to our trainers and to Dr. Kall, from the German Educational Reconstruction Committee, it did succeed in large measure.

Outwardly, our programme did not differ very much from that of a training at Foxlease or Waddow, but the international aspect was definitely to the fore. Colour ceremonies and morning prayers were taken by our trainers and patrol guests (from Luxembourg, Austria and France) in the traditions of their own Guide movement. Guide games are international, we found to our delight, but most amusing situations can be created when directions given in German have not been fully understood. What struck us most about the new games we learnt was the fact that so little was needed to play them—a valuable hint from our Swiss trainers, for the shortage of books, pencils, balls and all forms of equipment in Germany, at present, is acute. I began to realise how very much we in Great Britain tend to rely on the things we buy at shops, and to wonder whether we may not have lost some of the spirit of initiative shown by Guides in other lands.

Technical training generally took the form of 'vocabulary sessions', where we learnt the correct German terms for the various branches of Guide work. Company equipment, camp expressions, trees, plants and flowers, first aid, organisation—

these were some of the new word-groups we added to our knowledge. Here we divided into four sections, according to linguistic qualifications, and the comments of various Guiders proved, I think, the success of this method. Folk dances from Sweden and Switzerland were a very popular item of the afternoon programme and it was interesting to contrast them with each other and with their English counterparts. They recalled to my mind the Quaker Relief Service film of



Guiders at the German-speaking Training learn to cook on a Swedish fireplace. On the right is Fräulein Bodmer of Switzerland, one of the trainers at the course

Germany with its pictures of German youth returning to their folk dances. Surely through these, and their songs and traditional tales, we shall best be able to approach them. Songs we had too and in plenty at campfire; led by Lili Hauser (Switzerland) we managed to achieve not only Swiss rounds, but reasonably harmonious renderings of songs in three parts. Why is it, though, that English Guides never sing so many of the traditional English songs, and rarely rise to the heights of part-singing?

But to me, perhaps, the most valuable times of the whole training were the evening talks and discussions, when we tried to gain some understanding of Guiding in other lands, and of the special problems of the German nation. During the first three evenings our trainers and guests spoke to us about the patrol system, company meetings, and the Law and Promise. We were impressed by the initiative and responsibility demanded of patrol leaders in Sweden, where two or three meetings each month are patrol meetings only. In Switzerland, too, one meeting a month is taken by the patrol leader alone, but it must be said that the girls are older and more experienced, and are carefully trained to undertake this leadership. Both Guiders pointed out that, in their countries, most of the meetings are necessarily held out of doors, since many Guide companies have no fixed meeting places and must carry on, wet or fine, in the open. Are they the losers or we? I am inclined to think we are far too fond of sitting in stuffy halls and huts, and running our set programmes.

The discussions and talks about the Guide Law and Promise aroused interest, for while the Law varies very little from country to country, we found considerable divergencies in the Promise, and particularly in the length of service

required before the Promise is made. Some of us found it hard to understand that within a movement based on Christian principles, some should be allowed to make a Promise excluding all mention of 'duty to God' and substituting loyalty 'to the highest ideal'.

The remaining three evenings we spent in considering the problems of Germany and Austria. Dr. Kall gave a brilliant introduction to the problem, tracing the reasons for Germany's importance in the European set-up, stressing her situation at the heart of Europe, the fact that as a country she is so young in democratic methods, and has only in the last hundred years attained full unity, and mentioning especially two underlying features of the German character—a tendency to mysticism, and to seek for absolute values. Next, Lotti Teuber showed us the predicament of Austrian youth today, forced for the third time to alter its whole conception of life, and deprived of the material advantages showered on them by organisations such as the Hitler Youth, left without standards to judge by—a prey to any new organisation that may arise. Dr. Kall emphasised, however, that the Germans had not lost the power to believe, but they lacked an ideal.

Speaking of possibilities for work in Germany, she felt we must proceed with great care. National Socialism is not dead, but we cannot blame the youth entirely, and must seek to build up within the land that democratic life we all desire.

Youth movements have a part to play, but we were warned against rushing in with counter-propaganda, and, above all, against talking of German guilt. At this last session, we were lucky enough to have with us Miss Kydd (the new Director of the World Bureau) and Mrs. Leigh-White, who was able to explain something of our own plans for work in Germany.

So ended a most enjoyable and instructive week, valuable not only for the way in which it broadened horizons, but for the happy atmosphere of friendship and enthusiasm and co-operation. Everyone agreed that if we British Guiders are to play our part, there must be more of these trainings, more frequent, taking in a wider range. While in some ways it was helpful to have together Guiders at various stages in their language training, we felt future courses might be more graded, so that beginners could receive more help in conversation, while the advanced might concentrate on technical training. We owe a very great deal to our patrol guests from abroad who gave so much time and patience to helping us, and I should like to suggest that more companies try to invite Guides from abroad as guests to their camps. Finally, a word of thanks to the cook patrol and Miss Moore. Without them and their continental cooking, the course could not have been such a success.

RUTH E. L. DUNKLEY

The Diploma'd Guiders' Conference

First Catch Your Hare

DURING the Diploma'd Guiders' Conference, a number of hares were chased with great zest; but first of all the background was prepared. Dr. Tait, Organising Secretary of the London Union of Girls' Clubs and Mixed Clubs, gave a most helpful talk on 'Environments', showing us the child and the young person with the particular problems and difficulties of the present-day setting. Miss Chater spoke on the Guider and the unusual difficulties with which she has to contend. Against this background of the Guider, her pack and company, the 'specialists' ran their sessions.

Miss Thompson, Chairman of the Religious Panel, brought recommendations from the Panel, and discussion followed, in which it was agreed that more should be done, especially in regard to the teaching of the First Promise, and that 'Dips' could do more to help Guiders. Ways and means were investigated. Miss Shanks, Commissioner for Training Overseas, and Mrs. Douglas, representing the International Department, co-operated in a day's programme which Lady Cooper, Overseas Commissioner, introduced, and we were left in no doubt that their 'hares' mattered; that co-operation with the Empire overseas was not only our very happy duty, but a considerable opportunity, and that international contacts were the birthright of all members of the Guide family. This the Chief Guide emphasised later when she talked of her travels and, by bringing together for us little groups of Guides from all parts of the world, made us feel how real and how simple a thing is this membership of the World Association. Miss Hartley completed the day's programme with an inspiring talk on the training team in Germany and left us all feeling grateful to the team for their magnificent contribution to the work of the Training Department, grateful to the G.I.S. for making it possible and, above all, convinced that this work must go on.

When we had listened to Mrs. Gibbs on the subject of public relations, and taken part in Miss White's practical session, we could not but see that public relations is also an essential part of Guiding, with possibilities of enrichment to the whole scheme. A demonstration of film strips impressed us with the value of this new form of visual teaching as an aid to Guiders' training, although obviously it would not conform to the 'learn by doing' methods of the Guide Company. An extremely helpful session was taken by Miss Newnham on 'How to make the best of our resources', giving rise to valuable discussion on the work of the County Training Committees, and the

advantages and disadvantages of trainers going abroad from our rather depleted ranks. Miss Gwen Clayton dealt with the Queen's Guide Award, and Miss Walker spoke on 'Balance in Training'. Brownie, Guide and Ranger activities were carried out by the branches, and Miss Barnes led a discussion on the new ceremonial book about to be published, and instructed the 'Dips' in the methods, lately learnt from the Guards, of bringing on a Colour Party. An open session, in which everything seemed to be discussed except uniform (this had been dealt with earlier!) and an explanation by Miss Jackson and Miss Martin, of the Imperial Training Committee's purposes in the new training scheme, completed the programme.

Miss Chater's campfires were, as always, joyful and worthwhile, and much entertainment was provided by the Bluebell Patrol's 'stunning' reproduction of the early days, Miss Hartley's passionate rendering of 'The Lost C(h)ord', and the presentation to Lady Somers of a bouquet decorated with the now abandoned Red Cords, which the Chief Commissioner appropriately buried.

The Round-up

The rounding-up of the hares was done by Miss Clayton for Brownies, by Miss Gwen Clayton, representing Miss Synge, for Guides, and by Miss Sutherland for Rangers. Each Commissioner summed up the conference with regard to her own branch, in order that we might see how the various sessions related to the individual Brownie, Guide and Ranger.

As to the conclusions to be drawn from the conference, although the assurance by each specialist in turn that her subject was not a hare was greeted with shouts of mirth, it did seem, as one Branch Commissioner said in her summing-up, that when we had caught up with them, our hares proved to be only domestic rabbits. It was certainly shown that all the subjects of the conference are very much part of the general scheme, only requiring balance to keep them in their places. Perhaps, however, the best summing-up of the whole thing took place at the last campfire when, to the tune of a popular ditty, the small Guide, having been apparently crushed into unconsciousness by a combined weight of specialists falling upon her, was restored by her Guider, and fanned into life with a copy of *Scouting for Boys*.

M.L.M.

The Commissioners' Meeting Place

A Bridge to the Outside World

ONE of the greatest evils of the war is the devastating effect it has had on the lives of our children, the mothers and fathers of the next generation. Some have been totally deprived of one or both parents, and are left even without relatives able or willing to take charge of them; many, while their fathers have been in the forces, have been in the care of their mothers, who have been overworked in the home, and sometimes out at work all day. They have been too tired to give the necessary attention to both the moral and physical needs of their children. Some children have been the victims of immoral parents who have taken advantage of war conditions to indulge themselves at the expense of their family.

The nation now finds itself, in its own interests, responsible for the welfare of thousands of children. Many of them are intelligent, but, through lack of proper guidance have let their intelligence run into wrong channels; some are subnormal mentally and have become the easy victims of unscrupulous people. But there are very few who have not the makings of good citizens in them, if only they can be helped off the rough and downward path they have been pushed into by circumstance.

Where a suitable foster home can be found for a child, he (or she) has a good chance of leading a happy and normal family life. But, unfortunately, good foster parents cannot be found for *all* children. Indeed, some have had such unhappy experiences that they could not immediately adapt themselves to an ordinary home life, so that Institutions, Homes or Approved Schools have had to give these children as good a home as they can.

Those who are concerned with them, are aware of the fact that the child who is compelled to live for several years of her life in such an Institution, Home or School, is deprived of something which can only be adequately given by the child's own home and family, *however poor and unsatisfactory that may be*. Those people who are in charge of Homes do all they can to compensate the children for the deprivation (for which they themselves are seldom responsible), but they realise that much outside co-operation is needed and this is where Guiders could be of tremendous help.

The girls miss personal affection. They may know that they are loved and cared for by their temporary guardians, but that is not enough. They miss their freedom to do as they like when they like—for there must be more rules and restrictions in a Home than in a home. They miss their chance of being individuals, and there is often a lack of privacy where forty or sixty girls live together. These are needs which must be satisfied if the girls are to make good parents and good citizens, and if they can be attracted to our Guide Companies, a real service will be rendered both to the girls and to the community.

Being a member of a small patrol gives each girl a sense of security; she feels that she is an integral part of a little family. She finds that she can play her part in Guide work as well as other girls, and so loses her inferiority complex. Guiding, of

course, recognises no class distinctions, so she will suffer no social stigma because she happens to live in a Home. What a tremendous power for good is wielded by the Guider who will take the trouble to study each girl, co-operate with her 'temporary guardians', invite her occasionally into her own home to let her become acquainted with all the little things

that make up a normal home. And what a chance for the girl to learn many things which will help her to cope with life later on; what home-making she can indulge in, what a sense of responsibility she will experience when she becomes a second or a leader and realises that she is needed.

Of course, all this does not happen suddenly. There will be difficulties, and apparently unsurmountable obstacles. The Guider may feel 'let down' (but then, how often grown-ups let one down!) and there may be times when she feels she has done more harm than good. But most difficulties can be avoided or overcome if the Guider will

make friends with the authorities at the Institution; the matron, the superintendent and the staff. This is most important, for it is part of the Guide policy that Guider and parents should co-operate, and the matron and the staff stand *in loco parentis* to the child. It is better not to have in one company too many girls from the same Home. It is the friendly rivalry and the varied contacts that are so good for the girls.

EDITH M. SAUNDERS



Being a member of a small patrol gives each girl a sense of security. Guides from one of Dr. Barnardo's Homes enjoying a 'cook-out'.

Ways and Means

THE PRECEDING ARTICLE, by a Commissioner who has wide experience of under-privileged children, will bring home anew to Guiders the problems of the Home child, and her special need to become part of a 'family'. This need should strengthen our determination to recruit more Guiders, for without them it is impossible in many districts for companies to take in these recruits and give them the outside interests and new friends for which they long. But in localities where there is no immediate shortage of Guiders, perhaps more could be done to make sure that girls from Homes, and girls living with foster-parents, know about Guiding.

Brief notes on the Curtis Report have been circulated to County Commissioners, who will get in touch with the appropriate Local Authorities, and ensure that all officials concerned with homeless children are invited to join the Local Association. Local Associations themselves can do much to help, as can the Trefoil Guild. Members can study the Report, and can make suggestions to the District Commissioner with regard to local conditions and possibilities. Some may be in a position to act as 'visitors', or serve on Child Welfare Committees, or help with after-care by finding friends and recreational activities for girls and boys who have started work. All that is wanting is the right person to meet each need. We must all try to bring in more adult leaders so that these Institution children may have what the Home staffs so badly want for them—a bridge to the outside world.

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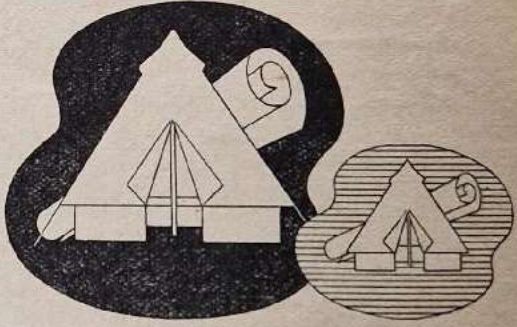


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Notes of the Month

Guiders for Austria

The World Association is sending an international team of Guiders to Austria to help the Austrian Guides train Guiders and Girl Scout Leaders in D.P. Camps. The Allied Control Commission has warmly welcomed this suggestion, and the Irish Girl Guides Association has presented the team with a mobile canteen named 'Arethusa', in honour of Mrs. Arethusa Leigh-White. The team, which has just started a two months' travelling commission, consists of Miss Wilson, of Darlington, Miss Moore, of Cork, Mlle Karrer, of Zürich, and Mlle Escoffier, of Paris.

A Camping Challenge

In THE GUIDE of May 2nd, appeared the first of a series of articles setting a camping challenge to all Guide Companies. There are six feats for the patrols to attempt, and each patrol is asked to keep a record card. Patrols which complete the full challenge will receive a special token from Imperial Headquarters which will show that they have worked hard and raised the standard of their campcraft.

Tell All Your Friends

Applications can now be made to Headquarters for tickets for the performances at the Central Hall and the People's Palace, in connection with the International Scout and Guide Folk Dance Festival, to be held in London from July 13th to July 20th. Full details are held by your District Commissioner. Readers are reminded that there will be a Handcraft Exhibition at the Central Hall, open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on July 17th, 18th and 19th. Admission will be one shilling (members of the movement in uniform, sixpence).

The Chief Ranger



Belgium is the home of many old local dances, including that of the proud and lively dance of the victorious hunt.

A Competition for Canoeists

In memory of Malcolm Andrews, an enthusiastic canoeist and member of the Camping Club, who fell in the Second World War, his father has offered, through the Camping Club, an annual prize of £10 for the best essay (not exceeding three thousand words) on 'Canoeing', written by a canoeist under twenty-five years of age. All entries should bear a cover sheet headed 'The Malcolm Andrews Memorial Essay Competition, 1947', and giving the entrant's name, address

and age, with the title of the essay and its length. The closing date is November 15th, 1947, and entries should be addressed to The General Secretary, The Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland, 38, Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1, and a stamped addressed envelope should be enclosed for the return of the manuscript.

Uniform News

The new beret for Guiders, which appears in the illustration, will carry, as a distinguishing mark, a diamond-shaped piece of navy blue felt, on to which will be pinned the County badge. The felt will be edged with colour as follows. For

Captains — Ranger, navy blue; Guide, sapphire blue; Cadet, white; District, green. For Brown Owls — brown. For all Secretaries — tawny red.

For Commissioners (when wearing berets with Guiders' uniform) — District, hyacinth blue; Division and County, silver; Chief, gold.

Lieutenants and Tawny Owls wear the County badge above the left eye, without the diamond-shaped felt.



The Gazette List

In the April GUIDER we suggested that, in view of the paper shortage, the Gazette List should not be published in THE GUIDER for the time being, and Guiders were asked to write to the Editor and say whether they used the list. From the absence of more than a handful of replies, it appears that Guiders have no objection to the withdrawal of the Gazette List as a temporary measure. As from next month, therefore, it will not be published in THE GUIDER, but a number of copies will be duplicated for the use of County and Assistant County personnel only. Each County is limited to a maximum of three copies. We regret that for each copy a half-yearly charge of 2s. (including postage) will have to be made, owing to the cost of production. Will County Secretaries please send the Editor, as soon as possible, the names and addresses of those in their County (not more than three) who would like the Gazette List posted to them each month, at the same time enclosing 2s. per copy.

The New Guide Poster

A poster depicting a keen, live-looking young Guide in the new uniform is now in stock, and can be bought from Headquarters shops for sixpence. It can be used by itself to draw attention to a Guide notice-board, or information of special events can be overprinted, or added at the bottom. It is hoped that this poster will fill a long-felt need, and become widely known throughout the country.

Cadet Photographs

For displays, publications, etc., Imperial Headquarters is constantly in need of photographs of Cadets. It would be much appreciated if companies possessing good photographs of Cadet activities would send them to the Secretary of the Imperial Training Department at Headquarters. The photographs will, of course, be returned in due course.

THE GUIDER Admiralty Recognition

ON the occasion of the Sea Ranger Silver Jubilee celebrations at Windsor, May 20th, 1945, Admiral Airwood made the following announcement: 'I am authorised to inform you by Their Lordships Commissioners of the Admiralty, that henceforth the Sea Rangers are recognised by the Admiralty in the same way as your brothers, the Sea Scouts'. What a ringing cheer went up from the one thousand Sea Rangers who were gathered in the Royal Mews.

This gesture did not come unsought from the Admiralty, nor was it easily granted. Miss A. Hopkins, when Commissioner for Rangers, I.H.Q., approached Director W.R.N.S. at that time Dame Vera Laughton Matthews, D.B.E. (herself a Sea Ranger Guider and ex-County Coxswain for London), and it was through her good offices at the Admiralty that, after being in existence for twenty-five years, the Sea Section received this great honour.

Individual Sea Ranger crews who fulfil the preliminary qualifications can now earn the right to Admiralty Recognition by being inspected and passed by W.R.N.S. officers. Incidentally, it is of interest to know that many of the inspecting officers are ex-Sea Ranger Guiders, who have been especially picked out by Director W.R.N.S. herself, and trained for this purpose. In the exceedingly helpful article which follows, Chief Officer Merry-Motson tells us exactly what she looks for when inspecting a crew. Through this inspection we have the means of ensuring that the 'sea' side of our training is on the right lines.

From the Guiding side, what do we expect? Obviously, not a crew who are only specialists in nautical training. Therefore, before the application for inspection goes forward, the District Commissioner certifies that it is a good Ranger Company, with all that that entails—service, friendliness and co-operation in the District, a record of general Ranger training, and an all-round standard of achievement.

The nautical training must be practical—Sea Rangers are continually being reminded that they must 'get into a boat or get out'. Where boatwork is done regularly, and with enthusiasm, there is no doubt that it has enormous character-training value. Discipline, team spirit, prompt obedience to orders, leadership, taking one's place as a part of a perfectly co-ordinated boat's crew—all these are brought into being, together with the spice of adventure, and the interest of learning things of the sea, and the lasting joy of becoming an adept at rowing and sailing.

Official recognition by the Admiralty has undoubtedly given the section standing in the eyes of the general public, and particularly of the Navy and the Sea Cadets, who, in many cases, are so generous in giving their time to helping with training. To the Sea Section, the fact that they are recognised is a matter of very great pride, and coupled with this is a determination to prove worthy of their connection with the Senior Service, whose traditions they try to follow, and for which they have a whole-hearted admiration.

S. G. CLARKE

By an Inspecting Officer

WHEN inspecting a Sea Ranger crew for Admiralty Recognition, I have in mind the reason for the formation of the Sea Ranger branch, namely, 'To make use of our traditional love of the sea and seamanship, and offer specialised training in nautical subjects. It combines the principles of Rangering as a whole with sea sense, and by the wideness of its practical training, gives endless opportunities for encouraging individuality, reliability and freedom of action combined with discipline'. While the aims and ideals of the Ranger Branch as a whole are of paramount importance, proficiency in nautical subjects must be attained if the Sea Ranger crew is to fulfil its purpose,

and it is with the latter aspect that the Admiralty Inspecting Officer is chiefly concerned. The maintenance of the form whose recommendation has to be obtained before an application for inspection is forwarded to the Admiralty. Inspecting Officer looks, not only for a programme balanced as regards the proportion of time allotted to ceremonial, physical exercise and practical and theoretical work, but for a well-planned scheme of training designed to cover the nautical subjects laid down in *Sea Sense*.

There is plenty of scope in the Ranger Branch for service and the development of character and varied interests, and therefore assume that most Sea Rangers have chosen to join the Sea Section in particular because they feel like the Water Rat in *The Wind in the Willows* that 'there is nothing—absolutely nothing—half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats'. To obtain Admiralty Recognition a Sea Ranger crew is expected to do more than just 'mess about', but keenness and enthusiasm for boating and all things connected with the sea are, I think, essential qualities in every Sea Ranger.

I look, then, for the general spirit prevailing, and the proficiency attained in relation to the length of time since (a) the Sea Rangers joined the crew, (b) the crew was formed—not just among two or three of the 'star' members who always speak up, but among the 'rank and file'. It has often been said that discipline and smartness foster the spirit which makes a happy ship, and that a happy ship is an efficient ship. This, I am quite sure, is a true maxim. I look for good discipline in every respect, and smartness in dress, execution of ceremonial, drill, etc. I look also for evidence of mutual trust and confidence between skipper, mate and crew, and amongst the bo'suns and cox's in particular for qualities of initiative, leadership and self-reliance, which are encouraged and developed by all good skippers in the Sea Section.



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From Czechoslovakia and Belgium

Costume and Dance

AMONG the galaxy of Czechoslovak folk dances there are today, with the exception of some ancient customs and habits surviving in a few districts, none which have preserved their original unaltered form. Czechoslovakia, which is surrounded by so many various nations and countries, has found it difficult to avoid foreign influence in her dances, which can never be as firmly rooted as the spoken and written word. Progress, however welcome and natural it was, inflicted irreparable damages on this part of popular art. Folk dances in their simplicity seemed inadequate to the rural population in the era of mechanisation.

There are, of course, individuals and groups who strive to keep alive songs and dances artificially in order to preserve them for future generations. Such groups are most active in Moravian Slovakia. A group of such folk dancers has been recently invited to the National Theatre where they helped to create the local atmosphere of their district in Janáček's opera, the 'Shepherdess'. There the immense difference between popular art and operatic creation became conspicuous; lads, reporting for military service, march in procession, singing, dancing and advancing. This unorganised dance they called 'figuring'. Inimitable steps, leaps and turns of vigorous and temperamental country lads contrasted strangely with the mechanised and technical achievements, which, in spite of its routine and technical achievements, remained far behind the vitality and healthy strength of the rustic dancers. The whole scene was stolen by the lads from Moravian Slovakia, because they brought in their real life; so overwhelming is the strength of folk dances.

That foreign influences impressed their stamp on folk dances

parlours all over the world. From its beginning, the polka underwent numerous changes. Dancing masters varied and combined its movements and even re-named it sometimes, but its base, the typical 'step - glide - step' remained.

So much for the history of Czech folk dancing. What about folk dances today? Besides the groups already mentioned, there are a few professional companies which perform folk dances adapted for the stage. The choreographers of these companies produce a sort of compromise, but though they are unable to preserve the original historical form of the folk dances, they acquaint the public with the beauty of these popular artistic achievements. Some folk dances inspired even eminent composers by their originality and beauty of rhythm. Thus the creator of the Czech national opera, Smetana, introduced in his world-famed opera 'The Bartered Bride' the three most typical national dances, the *Polka*, *Furiant* and *Skocna*.

And now a few words about the future of folk dancing in Czechoslovakia. Now, when the rhythm of swing reaches the last little hamlet, the dance department of the State Conservatoire, under the direction of Professor Jan Rey, fulfils an important mission. At this school the pupils also study folk dances. They learn to appreciate the hidden beauty and tunefulness of these popular creations, and the artistic and human qualities of the rural population. It may be expected that these young adepts of the graceful art will, after the completion of their studies, return to their homes and renew in the countryside the old dances which had become victims of superficial progress.

ROBERT BRAUN

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BELGIUM, a country of ancient civilisation, cannot be at a loss for fitting means of expressing the joys and sorrows of

her people. And how can a people best express joy, if not by their dances? The gayest and most sprightly is without doubt the *cramingnone* from Liège. These *cramingnons* are a sort of mad farandole, dances across the streets and the public squares, on town holidays, to the tune of an old popular air; they express admirably the character of their authors, for the people of Liège are surely the gayest and most lively of Belgian people.

In the Flemish part of our country, and in Campine, we find dances which are slower, more formal, and, above all,



The lovely costumes of Czechoslovakia will be among those worn next month at the Folk Dance Festival



Belgium is the home of many old local dances, including that of the *Gilles* ('clowns'), and the proud and lively dance of the victorious hunters

is proved by the striking similarity of some of them with dances of even distant nations. Such a dance is the *Rusák*, which probably hails from the times of the Napoleonic wars; another dance is the *Krakovec*, which is very similar to the Polish dance *Krakowiak*. The dance *Osmicka*, which once was very favoured, was danced in a circle in almost the same manner as the cotillon, etc. On the other hand, some Czech dances became popular abroad, if their rhythm, their aesthetic form, the originality of the composition or the tune found favour; thus the polka was danced in the most exclusive

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more complicated, as they allow of a series of more or less intricate figures. The Belgian Ardennes, so rich in legends, customs and proverbs, is certainly the part of Belgium which is richest in folk dances, it is in this district that the dances are the most refined and graceful; there are a great number of them, including *l'Amoureuse* (the lover or sweetheart) from the village of Lodomez-lez-Stavelot, the dances of the *Tcherrens*, from Harre St. Antoine, the *Aredge*, from Ottrée lez Vielsalm, etc. In Binche, the famous *Gilles* (clowns) outline a very typical step to a tune of their own.

In the province of Namur we find few local dances. This is due to the fact that the country was, for a long time and almost without interruption, ravaged by wars, whilst the rest of the country enjoyed during the same periods continuous peace and prosperity. Nevertheless, Fosse saw the birth of the *Chinels* which, in imitation of the *Gilles*, has the same steps and the same time. Namur, if it cannot boast of a local dance is, however, the proud possessor of the justly-renowned 'hunters' combats'. Unfortunately the dangerous character of this kind of festivity caused its suppression, and nothing remains of it but the parade representing the com-

batants before the fight, and the proud and lively dance of the victorious team.

If, at the present time, these folk dances express the joy of our people, so, in the good old times they expressed a simple and naive piety. In certain processions, on arriving at a fixed place, the religious cortège stopped, and all those taking part, including the pilgrims, began to dance. It often became for several minutes, a real pleasure party, everyone joining in to their hearts' content, but as soon as the site of the dancing was passed, everyone became serious again, and the procession continued in perfect order. These dances during our processions were not the only worldly part. The giants, those enormous wickerwork dolls who figure in carnival parades, also took part, sometimes in the procession dedicated to a local saint, and went along with a graceful little step to the tune of a military march or a stirring hymn.

The origin of many of these folk dances is certainly very interesting to trace, though many are lost in the mists of time. It seems that they were always invented in honour of a *hermesse* (a country fair), religious festivals, harvest, Shrove Tuesday, mid-Lent or patron saints, places, etc.

Are We In The News?

IF we want the man in the street (and more particular his wife and daughter) to know about Guiding, there is no surer way of hitting the mark than by getting information into the newspapers which they regularly read every day or every week—whether it be for their politics, household hints, or football results. It is therefore up to us as Guiders and Commissioners to prepare our Guide news in a form acceptable to an editor and at the same time give the publicity most helpful to Guiding. 'Rangers are the junior branch of the Girl Guides'—'You cannot have Guides in hospital because Guides camp'—'You must have been a Guide before you can be a Guider'. These and similar misconceptions are far more common than is generally believed.

The first point, which is of vital importance, is to differentiate between news and history. The former is even shorter-lived than the butterfly (on a recent occasion, the Press Association insisted at 8.30 a.m. that news in that morning's paper was already 'dead'); therefore the account of any event must be in an editor's hands in the quickest possible time. Brevity and speed are of far greater importance than any attempts at literary value. History or feature articles can be put together at greater leisure and can be used to describe a particular branch or activity. Here again timing is important. An editor will give some indication when he may be able to use an article; disregard of this will only increase the overflow from his wastepaper basket.

Those of us who realise the immense possibilities of Guiding often feel that the notice given to it in the national papers is shamefully inadequate, but it must be realised that, especially under present conditions, even the smallest paragraph can be included only if it is of interest to an immensely large number of people. It is Headquarters' job to collect every item of Guide news that, with careful dressing, can be turned into something with general news value, and to keep in close contact with each of the national papers.

It is the local Commissioner's job to do the same with the papers in her area, and in many ways this is likely to carry more weight than any notice in the national press. Commissioners are sometimes anxious about their first approach to an editor, but it should be remembered that the function of an editor is to report local activities with as wide a range of interest as possible, and that he will be very ready to co-operate if he is offered something with real news value. At the initial interview, the Commissioner should be able to prove that she can do this by taking with her either a list of local Guide activities during the last year (to show him what he has missed), a suggestion for a feature article (articles on the different branches and sections can be obtained from headquarters), news of a national Guide event in which local

Guiding will be represented, or information about a Guide event of purely local interest, but to which information about Guiding in general may be added.

When any national Guide event is being planned, Headquarters issues basic information on its scope and purpose to which each Commissioner can add local colour, always remembering that in nine times out of ten local news means local names. For instance, for the Folk Dance Festival in July, Headquarters has prepared a general account of the visiting teams, the rally camps, and the main events which are being planned; the local Commissioner can add to the details of the handicrafts which are being sent to the London Exhibition, the names of the Guides who are going to one of the camps—and possibly some information on the necessary qualifications for First Class or the Queen's Guide Award. She will, of course, at the same time be making full use of the rest of the rally publicity material; the five leaflets, the poster (8d.), and the souvenir booklet (1s. 3d.) which is now in course of preparation.

When a purely local event is being planned, such as an annual meeting, camp, concert, or similar function, it is usually as well to give an editor a month's preliminary notice following this up by finding out whether he will be sending a reporter, or would prefer to be given an account immediately afterwards, and send him a final reminder two or three days before the actual event.

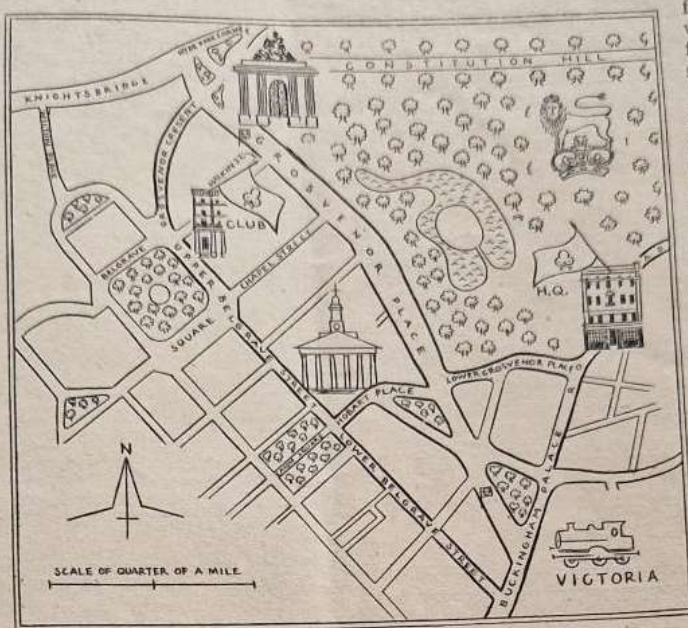
It is important that, when a reporter attends any function he should be made to feel welcome and that someone should be available to give him the information that he wants to emphasise the most important features. The ideal is to have a typed 'hand-out' with the names (including initials) of the principal people involved, and notes of any points that are of particular interest. Even this will not prevent inaccuracies, or worse, from appearing from time to time, but it is a risk that must be taken. What seems glaringly mistaken to a Commissioner ('The Brownie troop with its officer, M. X...') are often overlooked by the general public. It must be in keeping with the general tone of the paper, and must be delivered by the agreed time and it must be brief. A vital paragraph cut!

During the past year, Headquarters received some thousands of press cuttings about Guiding from newspapers in the British Isles. Large though this number is, obviously it is not large enough for Guiding to be understood as it should be. It must be increased, and each reference to Guiding must stimulate further interest in the movement. Are we in the news today? That is for us to say! M. A. S.

The Guide Club

HERE is a picture map to help you find your way to the Guide Club that is to be! The office is already installed at 46, Belgrave Square, so come and see us next time you are in London. We will show you round the house and you will see for yourselves what a lot of help we need from Guiders everywhere if we are to furnish it in a manner worthy of the Guide Movement.

We acknowledge with gratitude the gifts and loans we have already received, including a charming octagonal coffee table from the Chief Guide, but we can do with more. So if you or your friends and relations are about to move to a smaller house and have large carpets, armchairs, or merely odds and ends of furniture to dispose of, please get in touch with us before sending them elsewhere. The greatest care will be taken of all loaned pieces. As we want to bottle quantities of



fruit for use in the winter, we should also be grateful for large Kilner jars, or surplus fruit of any kind.

We hope that the permit for the necessary alterations will soon be through, and we look forward to the not too distant day when the builders will begin work. Unfortunately, however, it will be quite out of the question to offer accommodation to anyone this summer. We should like to make it clear that the Club is intended for Guiders of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth, though we hope to welcome as visitors Guiders from all over the world. The question of eligibility for membership is at present under consideration by the Committee, and we hope to be able to give full particulars in the next

issue of THE GUIDER, so look out for next month's news of the club. In the meantime, visit Belgrave Square and give us the benefit of your suggestions.

M. V. H.

The Promise and Law

ON my honour, I will try: to do my duty to God . . . Never have I faced the challenge of the First Promise with as much determination and expectation as I did while attending the International Promise and Law Conference in the Isle of Wight during the first week of May. As the only delegate from the United States, I was determined to find and to send back to my country some answer to the question of the place that religion should play in Scouting. As a student of religion I was awake to the tremendous possibilities of such a Christian conference, a conference in which differences of nationality, organisational set-up, church affiliation, and experience should be blended together by the fire of enthusiasm so as to produce soul-stirring results. Nor was I disappointed. The conference was all that could have been desired.

The seven days spent at Winchester House whirl around my head, a kaleidoscope of colour. Flowers and fruit trees were in blossom, and the Channel was warm enough for a quick dip. The World Flag floated, blue and yellow, above the green lawn, raised by guards wearing the uniforms of different countries. Groups of girls scattered themselves in order doors and out, talking their own particular languages in order to outline material for a report, only to gather in the conference room to present those reports in French which needs no language and then to kneel together in prayer which needs no language but the full heart. Life flowed richly and easily about us.

With the exception of one day spent in Hampshire, and an afternoon well-used in seeing the Isle of Wight, we spent every available minute in considering and discussing the scope of the First Promise. Under the leadership of unusually helpful speakers we thought through the special problems which confront Christians today. We examined methods of helping girls with these problems, of guiding them to a fuller understanding

of God, of developing within ourselves a sincere, vital, and overflowing faith in the power of God to work through our lives into the lives of the Guides. And these were some of the results of this earnest endeavour.

We acquired a knowledge of the Guide organisations of other countries, of the different religious emphasis of these countries, and of the various methods used by Guiders in the handling of the First Promise. We discovered that the spiritual needs of each girl are the same the world over, but that each country must solve the problem of the spiritual training of its Guides in the way best suited to its religious climate. We awoke to our responsibility, as church members and as Guiders, earnestly to seek after God so that we may the better understand and explain the full meaning of our First Promise. Guiders hold within their hands the opportunities which Guiding gives to help each girl contact God.

It is significant that one of the songs we best liked was the French song: 'Car chaque jour est un jour de fête!' For me, the days in conference were holy days filled with deep joy. We touched God and our hearts sang.

JUDITH WELLES (U.S.A.)

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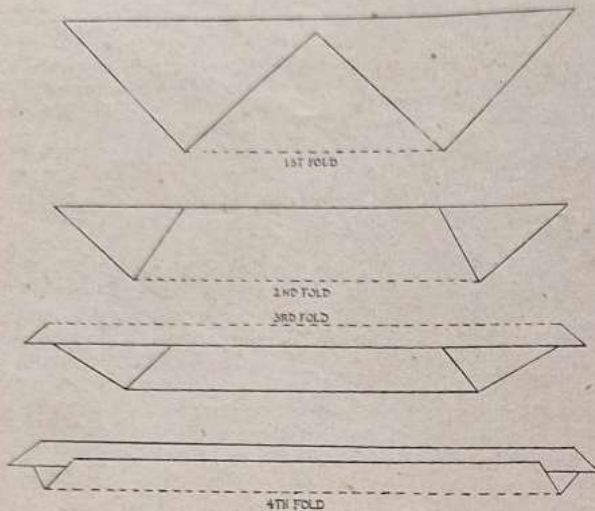
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Uniform and How to Wear It

The Triangular Tie

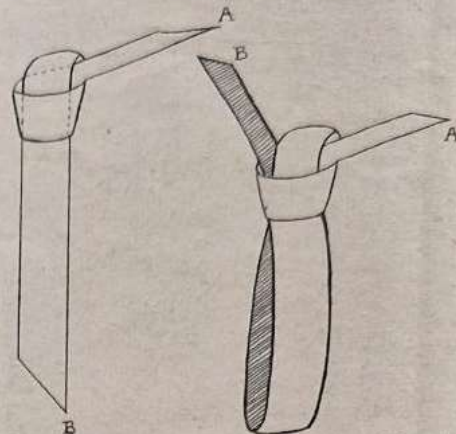
THE focal point in our uniform is the tie and Tenderfoot. What do your Guides' ties look like? For those of you who perhaps are not very used to tying a triangular tie yourselves, I suggest that you become proficient so that you can show your Guides just how nice a tie can look!

Washing: Starch the tie and iron it flat. Even in these difficult days, starch can be obtained with perseverance, and the tie should be stiff enough to crease when folded.



It is important that a triangular tie be correctly folded. The size of each fold will vary with the size of the tie, but the final width should be two and a quarter inches.

Folding: Follow the diagrams, making the first two folds from the bottom upwards, the next from the top, and the last



A single overhand knot in one end of the tie is the first step. Then it is easy to slip the other end through the knot, keeping it the opposite side to end A.

bring up the other end (B), and put it through the knot opposite A. In the diagram, the underside of end B has been shaded to make the knot quite clear. Great care must be taken in the final adjustment of the knot, so that there are no creases in the knot nor coming out from underneath it.

Wearing: Make sure that the knot fits well into the collar without either leaving a hole at the neck or screwing up the collar. Secure the under part of the tie to the overall or shirt by a pin near its lower end. Wear the Tenderfoot badge in the centre of the tie and, if possible, pinned through to the under part. It is correct to leave the width of three fingers between the bottom of the tie and the belt.

Once a company takes a pride in its ties, and appears with them well washed and uniformly tied, I think you will agree that they will become smarter in every way.

E. M. NUTTALL

Teaching Semaphore

A GOOD many Guiders and Scouters have been rather bothered about the article on Semaphore which I wrote for the February GUIDER, because of the new arm positions given, and because it dealt with only one method of teaching the letters. With regard to the latter, I would like to make it clear that I was following the signalling leaflet which was published by the Girl Guides Association in 1945. This leaflet had been published after consultation with a Naval Training School which advocated that particular method of teaching the letters, and it gave a series of words to be used in practising the letters learned in that order.

I have used every method, but as soon as I began teaching by opposites, I found it was the most satisfactory way, because it immediately faced up to the main difficulty in reading semaphore, that of establishing which letters are made on the right of the body and which on the left. There is, of course, no reason at all why Guiders should not teach straight through the alphabet if they find that easier, provided that the principle of learning a few letters at a time is followed, and word practice given at every additional set of new letters learnt. It is important that even beginners should learn to use the letters out of alphabetical order, as this is necessary to ensure smart and accurate arm changes from one position to another and a steady rhythm.

The arm positions described and illustrated in my earlier

article have been definitely adopted by our Association, again on the advice of Naval Training Schools. Quite apart from the more obvious advantage of the signaller being able to keep her eyes on the receiving station when using these positions, there is the very important fact that they make the signaller adopt a much better standing position, with better balance than was possible with the older method. In making the letters O, W, I, X, H, Z, much less physical effort is required if the arm crossing the body is the lower of the two. Balance is easier and there is less tendency to hollow the back, especially in small girls. It certainly complicates teaching by that method and yet use the new arm positions. But even if it does necessitate changing from a favourite method of teaching, the gain outweighs this disadvantage. One of the reasons that semaphore was introduced as an alternative to morse was that some people thought morse with flags was too great a physical strain for small Guides. That being so, it is important that we should use signalling positions in which a good standing position is possible, and in which balance can more easily be maintained. Sea Rangers, who may have to signal from rolling decks, will appreciate the need for a well-balanced position. I hope that these suggestions will help to clear up any difficulties left in the minds of readers of my former article.

TIRZAH BARNES

June, 1947]

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The Guider's Post-Bag

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This Question of Age

As future Guiders, we were very interested in the letter by 'Foggy' in the May GUIDER. We discussed the whole matter at our last meeting, and came to the conclusion that although every encouragement should be given to young people to enter the movement as Guiders, the 'elder sisters' are needed to maintain the tradition and set the standard of Guiding. We did not think that 'energy, inspiration and ideals' were the prerogative of youth; in fact we have often observed the contrary, as in the cases of Winston Churchill, General Smuts and many others. To these, experience has brought, rather, a greater and more valuable measure of these qualities and the example set by the vigorous personality of Lord Baden-Powell speaks for itself. On the other hand we felt that there is an unfortunate tendency to discourage the younger people. Very often an enthusiastic person is refused permission to run a company or pack on the grounds of being under twenty-one years of age. In conclusion, therefore, we would like to say that we think it ill-advised to generalise on any matter which, like age, depends so much upon the individual. The test for a Guider depends not so much upon her age, but upon her qualifications and, above all, on her innate capabilities. The true spirit of our movement can only be sustained by the united effort of all members, regardless of age, giving their best in terms of character and service.

GOLDERS GREEN CADET COMPANY

Is there not some danger that, with the present day 'accent on youth', we should tend to forget that the majority of our Guiders will themselves be old women one day? One aim of Guiding is surely to give them a sense of those permanent values which will continue to irradiate their lives after the transient joys of youth have faded. The quality of the Guider seems to me of more importance than her age.

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Modern Tendencies

As a lover of Guiding and a believer in its great value, may I put in a plea against certain modern tendencies which I view with alarm, and which I feel may be among the reasons for the serious shortage of Guiders at the present time. Years ago I remember the wise Chief Guide speaking to enthusiastic colonial Guiders and pleading in her own inimitable way, for 'not too much efficiency'. Now, efficiency and red tape are our masters, and there is an increasing number of subjects that a Guider is required to know and to impart. Quite lately I was offered a Guiding post, and when, among other reasons for refusing, I pointed out my age, the answer came, 'Oh, but there is so much to know nowadays, one hesitates to ask anyone new to take it up'. In the old days, Guiding was an amateur service, done by amateurs, and by 'amateur', I also mean one who does the service for love of the work. We gave of our leisure to Guiding, yet even then Guiders were hard to come by. Now the average girl has her house, and her garden if she lives in the country. She cooks for her household as well, and in her almost non-existent leisure moments she is asked to take on a Guide job which now calls for specialised knowledge in endless directions, and the gaining of that knowledge in trainings and study. Can we expect her to undertake it?

We were told towards the end of the war that post-war Guiding would have to compete with better education and greater facilities for recreation in all directions, and that if Guiding was to hold its own we must offer more to the child than ever before. In competing with the educationalist, are we not moving in a wrong direction? The average mother, harassed by shortages, queues and the difficulties of feeding and clothing her family, has little time for anything else, and herein lies our opportunity. We have a happy, inspiring, enthralling game to offer, and through varied activities, stories and talks, we can stress the eternal value of goodness, beauty and truth, never more needed than today. Here we can be channels for the founder's genius for training the young, not competitors with the school curriculum.

And now one more plea: it has lately been made abundantly clear that the old are no more wanted in the movement. Now

I agree that it is time some of us retired, and I am quite ready to join them on the shelf, but do not let it become a principle. Having lately spent a year in Canada, I saw with real distress the segregation of the age groups. There is almost no mixing of the young, the middle-aged and the old, with great loss to all groups. We have so much to learn from the young, and so much to pass on, too. Though captains and District Commissioners should, I feel, be young, we want the poise and experience of the older woman as well; do not let us allow this segregation to come into Guiding. I believe implicitly that the child of today needs Guiding more than ever. Do not let it be made too hard to find the Guiders needed to give her that Guiding.

M. V. HARKER

For Your Bookshelf

How Can I get my Company to Camp? (Girl Guides Association, 1d.) This latest camping leaflet conforms to the modern trend to provide 'information-at-a-glance' publications. Here, to quote its own foreword, the 'bewildering sea of permits and certificates' is reduced to a clearly tabulated summary, ideal for quick reference and above the possibility of misunderstanding. Since clarity of goal is often the best incentive to a journey, let us hope that this clearly-worded leaflet will induce many, from recruit to Guider, to set out on the route signposted 'This way to my own camp'.

M.S.

Girl Guide Record Book. (Girl Guides Association, 3s. 6d.) Guiders will be pleased to know that the 'Langley' record book is now available in Headquarters' shops. It has been brought right up to date with the present test syllabuses, and will be found most useful. Record books for the other branches of the movement should be available in a few months' time.

N.McI.

The Giant Killers. by C. P. S. Warren. (Boy Scouts Association, 2s. 6d.) These stories, written for the eight to twelve-year-old, are about the giant killers of all ages. The book includes the stories of David, St. George, Grace Darling, who fought the storm, Louis Pasteur, fighter against disease, and ends with that of Robert Baden-Powell and the formation of the Scout Movement. In this last chapter, Charlie, the small boy to whom the stories are told, is shown how he can become a giant killer, too, by joining the Cubs and fighting against the giants of the present day. Many Brownies would enjoy reading this book, or the stories could well be told at Pow-wow as a serial.

J.C.

'The Scouter' Digest. (Boy Scouts Association, 5s.) Many Guiders are regular readers of *The Scouter*, and they will welcome this pocket volume which contains a selection of invigorating articles taken from that periodical between 1939 and 1944. Copies can be obtained from Scout Headquarters.

V.A.

Informal Education. by J. Macalister Brew. (Faber & Faber, Ltd., 10s. 6d.) Both Commissioners and Ranger Guiders will find much to interest them in Dr. Macalister Brew's new book. The author is a realist with practical and varied experience in the field, and her style is stimulating and humorous. The whole of Guiding might be called 'informal education', in that the approach must be through the natural interests of the young. This book has been written with a view to opening up pleasurable ways of learning after school time is over, and that is what the Guider should do in dealing with the leisure time of girls. A wealth of suggestions is provided for making use of modern facilities such as films and film strips, and the technique developed during the war by ABCA. Dr. Brew's mind runs along the same lines as the Founder's in commending the making of log books as a means of self-education, once interest is aroused. In dealing with ways of approach through 'the feet, the eyes, the ears and the feelings', the author shows that the future educator of the post-school age youth must be prepared to study the individual as well as the group.

D.P.

THE GUIDER Headquarters Notices

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL—May 14th, 1947

The Council.—The following were elected to the Council: The Lady Burnham, J.P., Miss Helen McSwiney, The Lady Oakley, O.B.E., J.P., Mrs. Powell-Edwards, Mrs. Traherne.

APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner for Extensions.—Miss Ethne Bamford.

England

Commissioner for Extensions.—The Lady Alethea Eliot (in place of Miss Vernon, who has resigned).

Overseas

Fiji.—Island Commissioner.—Mrs. Bantling (in place of Mrs. Workman, who has resigned on transfer to Northern Rhodesia).
Sierra Leone.—Colonial Commissioner.—Mrs. H. Benka-Coker, M.B.E. (in place of Mrs. Fenton, who has resigned on leaving the Colony).
Seychelles.—Island Commissioner.—Mrs. Gilles (in place of Lady Logan who has resigned on leaving the Colony).
South Africa.—Chief Commissioner.—Mrs. Strachan (in place of Mrs. MacNeillie, who has resigned).
British Guides in Germany.—Commissioner.—The Lady Stratheden and Campbell.

UNIFORM

Cadets.—The new hat chosen for Cadets is the Guiders' navy beret, with a half-inch white band round the top of the head-band.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Council of the Girl Guides Association was held at 17-18, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, on Wednesday, May 14th, 1947, at 3 p.m.

Present: Her Grace The Duchess of Abercorn, D.B.E., LL.D., Mrs. Acworth, J.P., The Dowager Lady Amphil, G.B.E., Mrs. C. R. Attlee, The Lady Baden-Powell, G.B.E., Miss Baird, Mrs. Banham, J.P., Miss G. Browning, O.B.E., The Countess of Clarendon, The Hon. Lady Cochrane, Lady Cooper, Sir Percy Everett, Miss Anstice Gibbs, The Hon. Mrs. Geoffrey Gibbs, J.P., Lady Good-enough, J.P., Mrs. Redh. Gray, Miss M. V. O. Hanbury Williams, Mrs. T. W. Harley, J.P., Mrs. Houslon Crauford, Miss H. Kay, J.P., Mrs. H. S. Mair, M.A., The Hon. Mrs. Sydney Marsham, D.B.E., Miss Martin, Miss J. M. S. Mathews, Miss A. M. Maynard, Miss McSwiney, Miss Nicholls, Miss Olive Nicholl, J.P., Miss M. E. Perrott, Miss D. M. Powell, J.P., Mrs. Powell Edwards, Mrs. Walter Rawnsley, O.B.E., Mrs. Stewart of Mordostoun, The Lady Somerleyton, O.B.E., J.P., Finola, Lady Somers, The Dowager Lady Swaythling, Miss V. Synge, Miss Talbot, Miss Tennant, Mrs. Traherne, Miss V. Walmisley, Miss R. Ward, J.P.

By invitation: Lady Arthur, Mrs. Benjamin (Ceylon), Mrs. Brady (Nigeria), Mrs. Forder (Sudan), Lady Fryer, Miss Hall, Miss Hayman (Australia), Mrs. Hobson (Ceylon), Mrs. Jenkins (Protectorate of Uganda), Miss Kydd, Mrs. Newnham, Mrs. Wilkinson (Kenya).

In the absence of the President, H.R.H. the Princess Royal, the chair was taken by Dame Joan Marsham, who paid a warm tribute to the interest and generous support which the President was always so ready to give to anything that concerned Guiding. The Chairman outlined the many developments in the movement during the year, alluding in particular to the strengthening of the ties between Guides in Great Britain and other parts of the Empire and in foreign countries, to the success of the Local Association Conference and to the institution of the Queen's Guide Award, for which thirty-eight Guides had qualified by the end of 1946.

Dame Joan proposed the adoption of the Annual Report, which was seconded by Sir Percy Everett, who congratulated members of the movement on the £12,000 for the Headquarters Development Fund, and gave a survey of the financial position, expressing his appreciation of the substantial contribution received from the Ministry of Education, King George's Jubilee Trust, and other sources. Lady Somers, The Chief Commissioner, spoke of the plans for the forthcoming Folk Dance Festival, which would concentrate interest in the Ranger Branch in the same way that the Ranger Rally had done in the Guide Branch in the year. The continued shortage of Guides in the Ranger Branch last year. The movement's expansion, and the fact that it remained the greatest check to the country. A ballot was then taken for the election of members of the Executive Committee, and resulted as follows: re-election: Mrs. Mair; New members: Lady Burnham, Lady Oakley, and McSwiney.

Miss M. W. Kydd, the newly-appointed Director of the World Bureau, gave a most interesting talk on her experiences as Chief Commissioner for Canada, and as a member of the Western Hemisphere's Committee of the Girl Guides Association. She was warmly thanked by the Chief Guide, who said that everyone with her account of some of her visits to Guides in other countries, Miss Dell Hayman, leader of Australia's G.I.S. team, gave an enthusiastic account of the team's work in Malaya and Siam, and gave the audience a vivid picture of the unexpected difficulties the team were called upon to face and the immense value of their work.

AWARDS

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Mrs. Beer, Divisional Commissioner, Ealing, West Middlesex.

GENERAL NOTICES

Queen's Guide Award. The names of two more representatives to England to whom application for Queen's Guide Award should be sent, are given below:

Eastern Area: Mrs. Broadbent, Hambleton, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire.
North West Area: Miss Brownlow, 3, Park Avenue, Windermer.

Thanks Badges. Owing to the difficulty in obtaining adequate supplies of Thanks Badges, Imperial Headquarters now stock a Thanks Badge Card for presentation as a temporary alternative to the actual badge. These cards may be ordered through Secretaries in the usual way, price 5s. each. It is suggested that Secretaries should keep a record of the cards issued by them, so that the donors can be informed when Thanks Badges become available.

COMING EVENTS

The Council of Christians and Jews Summer School will be held at Elmwood, Haywards Heath, Sussex, from Wednesday, July 23rd to Monday, July 28th. The speakers and leaders will represent all sections of the Christian and Jewish communities. Fee for the course is £2 10s., including bookings (accompanied by booking fee of 5s.) should be sent to The Secretaries, Council of Christians and Jews, 21, Bloomsbury Street, London, W.C.1.

THE EMPIRE CIRCLE

June Monthly Meeting. This will be held in the Library at Headquarters on Thursday, June 26th, at 6.30 p.m. (Entrance in Palace Street). The speaker will be Mrs. Hobson, Island Commissioner for Ceylon. All Guides and Rangers are invited.

Summer Party. This will be at Hampton Court on Saturday, July 1st. Invitations will be sent to all members.

Appointments and Resignations

Approved by the Executive Committee, May, 1947

ENGLAND

BEDFORDSHIRE

South Bedfordshire.—Div. C., Miss M. L. Bennett, Homestead, Great Brickhill, Bletchley.

Dunstable I.—Dist. C., Mrs. Heath, 18, First Avenue, Dunstable.

Resignations.—South Bedfordshire.—Div. C., Mrs. Beal.

Dunstable I.—Dist. C., Mrs. Horne.

BERKSHIRE

Loddon (New District in S.E. Berks Division).—Dist. C., Mrs. Belchamber, Green Acre, Hurst.

Please note the District of Pinkneys Green and Wargrave (East Berks Division) and the District of Earley (South East Berks Division) have now ceased to exist.

BIRMINGHAM

Stechford.—Dist. C., Miss M. Graveley, 93, Victoria Rd., Stechford, Birm'g'm. 9.

BRISTOL

Assistant County Secretary (Finance).—Mrs. H. Yeo, Eversley, The Drive, Henleaze, Bristol.

South Bristol.—Div. C., Mrs. Scillitoe, 11, Lawrence Grove, Henleaze, Bristol.

Resignation.—Assist. County Secretary (Finance).—Miss F. Wareham.

CHESHIRE

North Mid.—Div. C., Mrs. L. Pilkington, Stretton House, Stretton, near Warrington.

Knutsford.—Dist. C., Mrs. G. Brooke, Westfield, Tabley Road, Knutsford.

Wallasey West.—Dist. C., Mrs. Stone, Flat 2, 2, Salisbury Road, Wallasey.

Resignation.—Wallasey West.—Dist. C., Miss P. Roberts.

CUMBERLAND

Resignation.—Irthing Vale.—Dist. C., Miss M. Johnson.

DERBYSHIRE

Ockbrook.—Dist. C., Miss D. Seal, 72, Pastures Hill, Littleover, Derby.

Resignation.—Ockbrook.—Dist. C., Miss H. Crooks.

DEVON

Extension Secretary.—Miss G. Rowe, Laffrowda, St. German's Road, Exeter.

Dartmouth and Kingswear.—Dist. C., Mrs. Eustage, Delamere, Mount Boone, Dartmouth.

DURHAM

Brandon and Framwellgate Moor.—Dist. C., Mrs. H. Bull, Woodlands, Gillesgate, Durham.

Sunderland No. 1.—Dist. C., Miss V. Davison, 43, Percy Terrace, Sunderland.

Sunderland No. 2.—Dist. C., Mrs. R. Talbot, 5, Humbledon Park, Sunderland.

Thornaby-on-Tees.—Dist. C., Miss D. Kearney, 32, The Green, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees.

Resignations.—Brandon and Framwellgate Moor.—Dist. C., Miss H. M. Harrison.

Chester-le-Street Central.—Dist. C., Mrs. Morton.

Sunderland No. 3.—Dist. C., Miss E. Raine.

ESSEX

Copford.—Dist. C., Miss M. Roper, King Coles Kitchen, Lexden, Colchester.

Great Waltham.—Dist. C., Mrs. Cousins, Peachey, Willows Green, Great Leighs, Chelmsford.

Halestead.—Dist. C., Miss A. De Fonblanque, The Red House, Little Yeldham.

Rayleigh and Rochford.—Dist. C., Miss V. Gosling, 12, Beaufort Street, Southend-on-Sea.

Witham.—Dist. C., Mrs. N. Butler, Boreham Lodge, nr. Chelmsford.

Resignations.—Great Waltham.—Dist. C., Miss E. A. Bowen.

Mersa.—Dist. C., Miss M. Roper.

Rayleigh and Rochford.—Dist. C., Miss G. E. Woods.

Riverside.—Dist. C., Miss I. E. Fergusson-Bell.

Witham.—Dist. C., Mrs. Gosling.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Dursley.—Dist. C., Mrs. Hoyle, Bencombe House, Uley.

Resignation.—New Forest.—Div. C., Miss E. M. Jeffreys.

HEREFORDSHIRE

Resignation.—Bromyard.—Dist. C., Miss K. L. Higgins.

KENT

East Kent.—Div. C., Miss W. L. B. Tower, J.P., M.B.E., Memories, Ash.

Canterbury.

Belvedere.—Dist. C., Mrs. L. Betts, 43, Barry Avenue, Bexleyheath.

Erith.—Dist. C., Miss E. Latter, 50, Coleman Road, Belvedere.

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Belvedere.—Dist. C., Miss P. Jones.

Dover Rural.—Dist. C., Mrs. Plummer.

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 Llandrindod Wells.—Dist. C. Mrs. Walford James, Kingwood, Tremont Rd.,
 Llandrindod Wells.

SCOTLAND

ANGUS

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CLACKMANNANSHIRE

Resignation.—Allea.—Dist. C. Miss E. McLean.

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Please note Portree (Skye Division) is no longer a District.

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Resignations.—Airdrie.—Div. C. Miss N. Symington.
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County Secretary.—Miss J. S. Leuchars, Easter Clune Cottage, Lethen, Nairn.

RENFREWSHIRE

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Resignation.—Johnstone.—Dist. C. Mrs. Paton.

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ULSTER

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FIJI

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Resignation.—Island Commissioner.—Mrs. Workman.

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 Lagos.—Dist. C. Mrs. Miller.

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Colony Secretary.—Mrs. Leach, Kuching, Sarawak.

SEYCHELLES

Island Commissioner.—Mrs. Giles, c/o The Education Department, Seychelles.

Resignation.—Island Commissioner.—Lady Logan.

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Colony Commissioner.—Mrs. Benka-Coker, M.B.E., The Freetown Secondary
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Resignations.—Colony Commissioner.—Mrs. Fenton.

Colony Secretary.—Mrs. Smart.

Assistant Colony Commissioner.—Mrs. Benka-Coker, M.B.E.

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 Brecon.—Dist. C. Miss E. Younghusband, The Nenadd, Lambdr,
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 Ystradgynlais.—Dist. C. Miss E. Morgan, Celynos, Station Rd., Ystradgynlais.

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Resignation.—Llanelli 1.—Dist. C. Mrs. H. Richards.

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Resignation.—St. Asaph.—Dist. C. Mrs. R. F. Glazebrook.

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 Merthyr Tydfil.

Resignation.—Merthyr Tydfil.—Dist. C. Miss M. Rogers.

GLAMORGAN WEST

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Empire Conference
Golds and Brownie (ten days)
District Commissioners' Week-
end
Guiders' Week

WADDOW

July 1-4 Guide (five days)
July 5-6 Ranger and Guide Week-end
July 7-8 Lone Week-end
July 9-10 Music and Drama Week
and

7-8 Brownie Week-end
10-14 Ranger and Sea Ranger
15-19 Guide Week

1-11 Guide and Ranger (ten days)
1-12 Brownie Week-end
2-26 Guide Week-end
2-Sept. 2 Cadet Guider's Confer-
ence

This is intended to be a Training and Conference. Music Leaders (from
Committee or Divisions) and Campfire H.L.s will be given priority up till June
After that, bookings will be open to any on the waiting list.
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Applications, with 5s. deposit and stamped envelope, should be made to the Secretary, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs., who will send full particulars. The deposit will be refunded if notice of withdrawal is given two full weeks before the date of training.

Guiders may stay at Waddow till Tuesday morning if they wish. Applicants from Guiders who cannot attend the whole of any training will be considered for part of it, provided there is not a waiting list.

Single room	£3 0s. a week, 9s. 6d. a day.
Double room	£2 10s. a week, 8s. a day.
Shared room	£2 0s. a week, 7s. a day.

Information regarding bursary places which are available at the College can be obtained from the Secretary, The College, 10, St. George's Street, London, W.C.2.

For information regarding the County Seal, please apply through your Commissioner to the County Secretary.

Grants on Railway Fares. Where a Guider makes directly to a training week at Foxlease or Waddow on account of the train fare, the following rebates may be obtained if the Commissioner applies direct to Foxlease or Waddow:

£1 towards a return fare exceeding £3.
10s. towards a return fare exceeding £2.
5s. towards a return fare exceeding £2.

NOTICES: The Cottages at Foxlease and Waddow are let by the week or
 for longer periods, and are suitable for families or for those requiring a rest or holiday. For further details see March Guide.
 Applications should be made to the Secretary at Foxlease or Waddow.

6-13 Charge Certificate and Boat Permit
7-24 Charge Certificate and Boat Permit
15-July 4 Sailing Week

15 London S.E. Sea Range
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N-Aug. 7 Charge Certificate and
Boat Permit

Applications, enclosing deposit of 5s. and a stamped envelope, should be made to the Secretary, Florence Court, Torquay, who will send full particulars. The deposit will be refunded if booking is withdrawn two full weeks before the training.

The next course is from August 15th to December 12th, and there are only three vacancies left. With the raising of the school-leaving age, the number of the students will now be 15 to 17 years. Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Manuscript Training Committee, I.H.Q.

4-8 Guide Week-end
11-15 Music and Drama Week-end
19-22 Promise and Law Week-end
27-30 International Week-end

September
2-9 Guide and Brownie Week
12-16 Ranger Week-end
19-26 Music and Drama Week
30-Oct. 7 Guide Week

October
10-17 Woodcraft Week
21-28 Brownie and Ranger Week-
31-Nov. 4 Commissioner's Week-
end.

November
7-14 Guide Week
18-25 Brownie Week
28-Dec. 2 Ranger Week-end

August
1-3 Available for County reservation
8-11 Woodcraft Week-end
15-22 Ranger Week
29-Sept. 1 Guide Week-end

September
5-7 Glasgow Ranger Week-end
12-14 Guide Week-end
19-22 Brownie Week-end
26-29 General Week-end

October
3- 5 Renfrewshire reservation
(Guide and Brownie)

Unless otherwise stated week-end training will finish on Sunday evening but Guilders may stay until Monday morning if they wish.

FEES:

Shared room: £2 10s. per week, 7s. 6d per day. A training fee of 1s. 6d. per course will be charged, and an additional fee of 2s. 6d. per course for a single room.

Applications, with 5s. deposit, should be made to the Secretary, Netherurd, Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peebles-shire, who will send full particulars. The deposit will be returned if notice of withdrawal is made two full weeks before the training. It is appreciated if Guilders enclose a stamped addressed envelope

June
6-9 General Training Week-end
14-18 Welsh Scouters' Training
26-July 1 Advanced Guiders (by invitation)

July
4-6 Training Committee Conference, and Testing Commissioners' (Wales) Week-end
24-31 Students' and Cadets' Week
11-15 Commissioners' Week-end

August
5-12 Welsh Rangers Training (no
Guider's) Campraff Tes
for Rangers' week
15-19 Patrol Leaders' (Wales only)
Week-end

Applications, accompanied by a deposit of 5s. and a stamped envelope, should be made to the Guider-in-Charge, Broneiron, Llandinam, Montgomeryshire, who will send all particulars. Deposits will be refunded if notice of withdrawal is given two full weeks before the date of the training. Fees as for Foxlease. There are no bursaries.

June	June
6-9 South Belfast Week-end	17-24 Local Association Week
13-16 Sea Ranger Week-end	

FEE:
8s. per day (garage 1s. per night).
Applications, accompanied by 5s. deposit and a stamped addressed envelope, should be made to the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne, Craigavad, Co. Down, who will send further particulars. The deposit will be refunded if withdrawal is made before the date on which training commences.

Lorne is beautifully situated on the shores of Belfast Lough, close to the station and golf links, and is a good centre for touring. Guiders and Rangers may book accommodation between the advertised trainings during summer. Two camp sites are equipped, one is unequipped. Apply to the Guider-in-Charge for full particulars.

Note.—The minimum age for prospective Guiders attending all residential trainings is seventeen-and-a-half years.

The attention of Cadet Guiders is drawn to the conference to be held at Waddow from August 29th to September 2nd. This is open to all Cadet Guiders, but one place will be kept for each County on July 18th for every County in the United Kingdom that has Cadets, and other names will be put on a waiting list, and places filled up after that date. Applications should be sent to the Secretary at Waddow on the usual way. Suggestions for the programme include sessions on the Promise and Law, Teaching Methods, County Cadets, Public Relations, Camping and Handcraft. Cadet Guiders are asked to send comments and further ideas to the Commissioner for Cadets, I.H.Q., as soon as possible.

C.C.A. CONFERENCE

The C.C.A. Conference for 1947 will be held at High Leigh, Hoddesdon, Herts. from Friday, November 14th, to Tuesday, November 18th. Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department, Headquarters.

SECRETARIES' TRAINING

A week-end training for County Division and District Secretaries will be held at Imperial Headquarters, November 8th and 9th, 1947.

HEADQUARTERS CAMPS

CADET CAMPS

Three camps are being arranged for Cadets from all parts of the British Isles. In order that they may be as representative as possible, a certain number of places have been allocated at each camp to England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, and to visitors from the Commonwealth and abroad.

Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants.—August 8th-15th. (Not 1st-8th as given in the February Guide.) Commandant: Miss I. Morrison, Commissioner for Cadets for England. Secretary: Miss Champlon, Byculla School, Liss, Hants. Address during holidays, 21, Kings Road, Horsham, Sussex.

Gorwellion, Wig Fagh, Newton, Portcawl, Glamorgan.—July 31st-August 7th. Secretary: Miss Hughes, Bronvel, Tygwyn Crescent, Cardiff.

Netherurd, Blith Bridge, West Linton, Peebles-shire.—August 1st-8th. Applications to Miss MacLellan, Auchanault, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire. FEES: (for all camps) £1. Applications should be sent to the Secretaries, with £1 deposit. Cadets must obtain their captain's permission before applying.

EMPIRE CAMP

There will be an Empire Camp—partly for training and partly for recreation—at Foxlease from August 16th to 23rd. This camp is for any Empire Guiders in this country, and for a limited number of experienced home campers. The latter must have written permission from their Commissioner and C.A. before applying.

Applications to attend this camp should be sent to the Camp Secretary, Overseas Department, I.H.Q. The cost for the week will be £1 10s.

HEADQUARTERS CAMP SITES

BLACKLAND FARM

Applications for camp sites for 1947 can be made to the Warden, Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex. Equipped and unequipped sites are available as well as indoor camping facilities. 'Restrop' is furnished for parties of ten, and is available all the year round. Unfurnished caravans are also available for sleeping accommodation in conjunction with one or two of the sites. The sites are suitable for small parties.

Classified Advertisements

Advertisements must be received by the 10th of the month for insertion in the next issue. Charges:—3d. per word; 1s. 3d. for box number. Advertisements for the sale of second-hand clothing cannot be accepted. Accommodation offered has not necessarily been approved by Headquarters.

EMPLOYMENT OFFERED

Assistant House Mothers required, resident, in Homes for Boys in Kent. Commencing salary £70 with full board residence, laundry and holiday allowance. If you feel you have affection for boys, patience, a sense of humour, and the capacity to run a home full of boys, apply by letter to The Superintendent, Homes for Boys, South Darenth, near Dartford, Kent, stating date of birth, religious denomination, previous occupation, etc.

Seamen's Hospital, Albert Dock, E.16. There will be vacancies for Student Nurses in the next Preliminary Training School, commencing August 1st. Arrangements will be made for an earlier commencement if desired. Salaries paid according to improved Rushcliffe Scale. One month's holiday each year. Apply for particulars and application form to Matron.

House Matron, young and energetic, wanted for Girl's Home in Carlisle. Apply, stating age, experience, with reference to: Mrs. C. Mayne, The Dennerly, Carlisle.

Student Nurses. There are vacancies for girls between the ages of 18 and 35 years to train as Student Nurses at the Essex County Council Hospital, Broomfield, near Chelmsford, Essex. The hospital is recognised by the General Nursing Council as a training school (affiliated to the Oldchurch County Hospital, Romford, Essex) and also by the Tuberculosis Association. Students spend two years at Broomfield for the preliminary and tuberculosis training, followed by two years at Oldchurch County Hospital to complete their general training. The salary is at the rate of £60 first year, £65 second year, £70 third year, and £75 fourth year, and, in addition, full board residence, uniform and laundry is provided. On completion of the second year, there is also a cash grant of £40. Broomfield is a modern Sanatorium and a centre for Thoracic Surgery, largely for male patients, situated in healthy rural surroundings in close proximity to the town of Chelmsford. There is a modern Nurses' Home with facilities for sports and recreation. Conditions of employment are, or will be, in accordance with the recommendations of the Nurses' Salaries Committee from time to time applicable and adopted by the Essex County Council. A Brochure containing further information may be obtained from the Matron of the Hospital.

Experienced Nannie required permanently, start August, for one baby (year old); good salary; off duty; comfortable happy home in Didsbury, Manchester.—Box 216.

London Homeopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1 (a recognised Training School for Nurses), now has vacancies for Student Nurses who are urgently needed for the reopening of Wards. High percentage of passes in all State Examinations.—Apply, Matron.

Chailer Heritage, Sussex. Guiders needed for very keen crippled company and pack. Write: Extension Secretary, 'Caverels', Third Avenue, Worthing.

Ranger or young Guider wanted to help with children, girl six, boy three, baby September. Officer's family at present Surrey. Happy home. Facilities for Guiding. On bus route near shops and cinema. Salary according to age and experience.—Box 219.

Lady Cub-Master or Guider with nursing experience required to assist with running small seaside convalescent home for boys of Wolf Cub age. Must be capable of taking entire charge in Matron's absence. Salary according to qualifications and experience. Apply, Matron, South Meadow, Pensam, Abergele, North Wales.

Two good plain cooks, Rangers or Guiders preferred, wanted for seaside convalescent home for girls and boys of Brownie and Guide age; suit two friends. Salary according to experience. Apply, Matron, Margaret Beavan Memorial Home, Pensam, Abergele, North Wales.

Matron required, Headington School, Oxford. Boarding house of forty girls; to be responsible for health and housekeeping. Applications to House Mistress, Hillstow, Headington, Oxford.

Domestic Help wanted end May, for ex-Commissioner. Close to town, on bus route, near station. Guider or First Class Guide preferred. Must be fond of children and willing to help with two small girls. Able to cook. Plenty opportunities for Guiding.—Howe, Saxonbury, Southover, Lewes, Sussex.

HEADQUARTERS VACANCIES

International Department. Junior Clerk, over 15. Typing an advantage.

Editorial Department. Messenger, aged 14.

Clerks for Stockroom, Reference and Filing, aged 17 or over, also General Office Invoice Clerk, with some experience and good at figures. Applications for the above posts should be made to the General Secretary, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, Victoria, S.W.1.

Shop Assistants. Rangers or Guiders, aged 18 or over, smart appearance.

Packers. Aged 18-25, must be accurate and quick. Applications for the above two posts should be made to the Equipment Secretary.

Finance Department. Ledger Clerk required. Apply, stating age, experience and salary required to Financial Secretary.

ACCOMMODATION OFFERED

Poole Harbour. Easy reach Dorset coast and New Forest. Small guest house.—Rosamund Douglas and Doris Marshall (G.I.S.), Tower House, Ashley Cross, Parkstone, Dorset.

Bungalow Guest House, open all year, run by ex-Guider; two mins. sea and road, Sandbanks, Bournemouth. Apply—'Summerhill', Banks.

Holiday accommodation offered by ex-Guider. Between downs and sea. Apply—Lovegrove, 'Merry Croft', 24, Chesswood Road, Worthing. Tel. Worthing 1820.

The Hut, Chiddingfold, Sussex. Accommodation for twenty in ex-army room for six tents; thirteen miles from sea; can be hired for a period of two or more at 1s. per head per night. Full particulars, with booking fee of 10s., Miss Jackson, Le Purn Road, Eastbourne.

Accommodation offered older children of educated parents who reside abroad. Small, convenient house Yorkshire dales.—Whitworth, Wayside, Low Road, Yorks.

Caravan to let, long or short periods; very well equipped; stationary, two; water; Elsan; magnificent sea and country views; bus stop; village; Weymouth. Particulars, apply—Whistler, Osmington, Weymouth.

To let at Selsey, to Guider or ex-Guider and family, four-berth 1947 caravan, fully equipped except for linen; sprung beds; gas cooking, direct access sandy beach; tent and bed available if required; vacant from August, part September. Write—Warne, Meon, Hawks Hill, Leatherhead.

Miss Sandy and Miss Wimbush (both late Foxlease staff) are opening a Guest-um-Rest House. Particulars can be obtained from: Miss Sandy, Belmont House, Brockenhurst, Hants.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

School Mistress (ex-Guider), requires unfurnished house; upstairs flat, room; garage; Guildford area; alternative leave school.—Box 217.

Urgently wanted. Small house or flat, to rent; Ealing or Brentford district. Teacher (ex-Guider) and husband.—MacLaren, 91, Queens Gate, Bolton, Lancs.

WANTED

Guider's overall, navy raincoat, 34 in.-36 in. bust; wellingtons, size 7.—Box 218.

Brownie uniforms wanted.—Harrison, 33, Arboretum Road, Walsall.

Books, by Catherine Christian, especially 'Legions Go North'—Nicholson, Lilybank, Innerleithen.

Wanted kind North of England company, preferably Lancs or Yorks, to take six-eight Guides of new company to camp last week in July.—Box 219.

Would any company take ten Guides camping. Write—Miss G. Dunn, 11, Birmingham Road, Studley, Warwickshire.

Cook wanted for pack holiday, for a London Brownie Pack, July 26th-August 2nd. Good kitchen. All expenses paid by pack.—Box 222.

Q.M. wanted for a camp at 'Restrop', August 16th-August 23rd, expenses paid by company.—Box 221.

Licensed Guider, camp Ulverston, twenty keen Guides. July 26th-August 2nd.—Smethurst, 27, Knowsley Street, Bury Lancs.

District Commissioner's uniform wanted. Navy coat and skirt, 36-42-28, height 5 ft. 6 in.—Box 223.

Commissioner's Coat and Skirt, hips 40 in., bust 38 in.—Box 223.

Would Guider camping before August 9th include twelve Guides and Guider? Can provide own tent. Guider lifesaver and experienced Q.M.—Rathbone, 68, Grosvenor Road, N.10.

Will anyone camping August/September in north west, North Wales, include ten to fifteen Guides, average age fifteen. All previously camped.—Mrs. Wavish, Santon, 12, Ackers Road, Stockton Heath, Cheshire.

Life-saver urgently wanted, Guide camp, July 15th-22nd. Lovely site near St. Andrews; good bathing. Qualifications, over seventeen, Bronze Medalist of shire. Lifesaver Badge. Expenses paid.—Watson, Cambuswallace, Biggar, Lanarkshire.

London School Company camping Somerset July 31st-August 11th, would like Guider (with or without Guides) to join them.—Smith, 13, Willfield Way, N.W.11.

CAMP SITES

Weeks and Week-ends, vacant for camping at Walthamstow Guide Camp Site, Deben Green, Loughton. Site fully equipped; catering licence available for all camps. Further particulars—Miss Owen, 117, Westward Rd., Chingford, E3.

Herefordshire camping. County site, Bullinghope; Hereford two miles; available for limited number of camps; hut, and water laid on. Apply—Mrs. Millar, Greengables, Eardesley, Herefordshire.

FOR SALE

Whistles, hand turned of Apple and Hawthorn wood, from 2s. 6d.—Longfield, 'Dunowen', Peartree Lane, Bexhill, Sussex.

For sale, waterproof sleeping-bag; new; 15s.—Garner, 20, Mill Rd., Cleethorpe.

Absolutely new Elsans for sale, price £1 each, plus carriage. Apply—Warden, Shaws Camp, ag Ground, Cudham, nr. Sevenoaks, Kent.

OPPORTUNITIES

Rowing—at Barnes Bridge. Are you interested? Racing fours and eights. Beginners welcomed. Particulars.—Miss Freestone, 22, Greencroft Gardens, London, N.W.6.

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