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The Teen-Age in Canada

THE present-day adolescent is a difficult creature to understand in any part of the world just now. Nor is it much help trying to remember what one felt like oneself at that awkward age, for the past few years have brought about so many changes for the teen-ager that it is almost impossible for anyone over twenty-five to appreciate her point of view. So far the changes in Britain are far less obvious than they are in Canada, which falls more directly under the influence of the United States, where teen-agers have undergone a complete and sometimes alarming revolution. In fact, to Canadian girls (and even more so to Americans) there is a wide gap between their own behaviour and that of their British cousins.

In Britain, girls between twelve and twenty are divided very markedly into two age groups with little respect for age or development, school girls and young grown-ups. If a girl leaves school at fourteen she is then a grown-up, wears sophisticated clothes, expects a latch-key, and if she has boy friends, behaves towards them as though they were all suitors for her hand. But if a girl stays at school until she is eighteen, she remains a child so long as she is there. She wears a gym tunic, talks hockey and is rarely seen powdering her nose. At least that is how she appears to Canadians and Americans. In fact, what is actually happening is that the fifteen-to-eighteen-year-olds, whether they are earning a living or taking the School Certificate, are between the devil and the deep sea. They feel 'in-between'. (Do you remember that moving little song, 'I'm only an in-between?') To

avoid this uncomfortable feeling of belonging nowhere, English wage-earning girls hitched themselves on to the grown-ups and the school-girls remained children.

In the States, and to a large extent in Canada, this lost age group is now being catered for by the introduction of what is almost a new class, the teen-agers. Great importance is attached to children in their teens. Special fashions are created for them, their own slang is respected and their position is looked upon as enviable. Whether they are at work or still at school (and in Canada the school-leaving age is sixteen) they have one code of behaviour which covers them until, at about twenty, they are grown-up.

In some respect, Canadian teen-agers are younger, and in some more advanced, than our own 'in-betweens', but there is undoubtedly greater freedom for development. They are better able to experiment and to find themselves. Canadian teen-agers automatically make up at fourteen, but they learn to make up well, emphasising their youth rather than copying

their elder sisters. Girls and boys mix naturally (most Canadian schools are co-educational) and a teen-ager's boy friends are many and varied, but are rarely regarded as anything so serious as prospective husbands.

At the moment, perhaps, the publicity and importance given to teen-agers is being rather overdone. The age which is neither child nor adult, yet is essentially both, is perhaps getting a bit big for its boots. Nevertheless there is a great deal to be said for the new confidence with which it is being inspired. As this new idea spreads over here, as it is already beginning to do,



Star, Toronto.

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Guiders will have to revolutionise their ideas to fit the teenagers comfortably into Guiding. The revolution has taken place in Canada without many headaches, and will no doubt do the same here, if Guiders allow themselves to be undismayed by their companies feeling undressed without lipstick and desiring to co-operate on a bigger scale with Scout Companies.

There are two differences between Canada and Britain obvious to anyone who has seen Guiding in both countries. One is the difference in development in the Guides which we have already discussed. The other is through the great geographical differences between the two countries; Canada is seventy times as big as Britain. This means that distances between companies are enormous and often, in the Prairie Provinces, prohibitive as far as inter-company activities go. With sixty miles or more between your own company and the next, the chances of meeting often are remote. However, companies do get together from time to time for camp and other important events. Considering what an undertaking it must be for a Guider to have to take her Guides and equipment on such a long train or lorry journey, these efforts are highly commendable. Lone Guides, of course, flourish in Canada.

Most of the year, then, companies in villages and small towns are working on their own, and one would think that

lack of competition with other companies would tend to make interest in Guiding flag. But this is not at all the case. Canadian companies as a whole are enormously keen and take a much more important place in the life of the district than do many of our own. One reason for this is that a large number are attached to churches. The churches in Canada, not being established as our church is, are largely the responsibility of the district which they serve. The local people have a say in the government of their church, and invariably have to raise funds to keep it going. It is obvious then, how valuable a Scout or Guide Company can be when attached to the church. There is a great deal of church work that Guiders can do, quite apart from helping to raise funds. And in return, these Guide Companies, backed by their church, hold a much stronger position than any unattached company.

Guiding in Canada is run on exactly the same lines as in Great Britain so far as organisation, rules and policy go. Guides wear the same uniforms, have about the same sized companies and have more or less the same type of Guiders at the helm. As a Canadian Guider said, 'With the influence of Great Britain and of the United States of America, we are fortunate in Canada to be able to choose the best from both worlds'.

VERILY ANDERSON

For Innocents Abroad

ARE you going abroad this year? If so, study the language you will need beforehand, because your holiday will be so much more fun if you can talk to the people you meet. Take a good phrase book with you and don't be afraid to use it. If you cannot speak—the policeman or railway official can read, if a phrase is pointed out to him. Gesture, of course, is an international sign language. You can get a long way by using it. A friend of mine travelling abroad once wanted some honey and did not know the word for it. Instead, he took a teacup, turned it upside down on the table, darted his fingers from the cup to his lips and made an angry, buzzing noise. He got his honey!

Travelling is made very easy today for those who take time to read notices and to listen to loudspeaker announcements. Use your eyes and your ears, and don't ask a lot of unnecessary questions. How often have I seen men and women standing underneath the large illuminated sign in Victoria Underground station which reads: 'All trains from this platform go to Charing Cross', ask an official: 'Does this train go to Charing Cross?' Small wonder that officials are sometimes bored and apt to be impatient.

Trains everywhere are overcrowded and there is a shortage of porters. Also there is an abundance of thieves, on our own and on other railway systems. Never leave luggage unattended. Carry passport, tickets or other travel permits in a wallet and keep that wallet handy. Embarrassing for you and a waste of time for others if, every time there is an inspection, you have to scramble about in your suitcase looking for it. See that you know the currency regulations governing the country in which you hope to travel, and make sure you have with you sufficient money for your needs. Read the customs declaration carefully and be honest.

Travelling in Comfort

Take iron rations with you always. Even on a *de luxe* train there may be a hitch in the catering arrangements and, anyway, official meals are apt to leave one hungry. Chocolate, dried fruits and biscuits (hard tack) make a good emergency meal. Take an unbreakable mug with you on your travels. Remember that water on continental trains is usually undrinkable. If you see a notice *untrinkbar* or *non-potable*, well, don't drink it. On the other hand, don't imagine for a moment, as so many people do, that once you have set foot on the continent no drop of water may safely pass your lips. Most restaurants will, on request, supply you with water to drink quite as a matter of course.

Water for washing usually runs out on a long journey. If you can spare one thermos for washing water you will travel more comfortably. If you cannot, see to it that sponge and face flannel are always damp and that you have a butter muslin towel or a wash leather handy in a waterproof bag. Always have a supply of toilet paper with you. If you have to spend the night in a train, curled like an anchovy in a glass bottle, wrap your head in a scarf to keep your hair clean, and replace your shoes by soft slippers. What further undressing you can do depends upon your company, but it is a good plan to have a pair of slacks or a 'night' skirt into which to change. Nothing depresses your best tweeds more than being slept in. A soft small-size pillow adds considerably to one's comfort, and a light weight rug is much cosier than an overcoat. Also, it is not good for an overcoat to be used as a blanket. You may start the night by spreading it carefully over you and smoothing out the creases but before the day dawns, you won't care what happens to the overcoat so long as it contributes to your greater comfort.

Heat, Light and Sound

If you feel an urge to organise the ventilation of your compartment, be considerate of other people. Remember how the wind whistles into the opposite corner if a window is wide open, and remember also that we in the British Isles are often accustomed to much lower temperatures than the people whom we meet on our travels. Of course, you may find that the whole window on one side of your compartment is out, as I have done before now. You will then have all the air you need. Few trains now have individual lamps. The fittings are there, but there are no bulbs. When you are ready to go to sleep, don't snap out the main light without reference to your travelling companions. They may still be wide awake and wishing to read. Don't converse noisily and exclusively about your own affairs with the members of your own party. Talk quietly together with a friendly eye on your travelling companions in case they want to join in. Remember that, once you are marked down as English, as you will be, even if you are Scottish, Irish or Welsh, you are an advertisement, good or bad, for your country. Never in appearance or behaviour let her down. Have the small clothes brush, the shoe duster, the comb, the nail file, the powder compact, near at hand and use them, and never for one moment cease to be observant of the needs of other people and controlled about your own.

ELIZABETH HARTLEY

The New Training Centres

Broneirion for Wales

FOR some years a great need has been felt for a Headquarters and Training Centre for Wales, and with the generous loan of Broneirion by Lady Davies, County Commissioner for Montgomeryshire, this has at last been made possible.

Broneirion is a large and beautiful house in the most lovely part of Montgomeryshire, among the hills above the River Severn. On Friday, May 23rd, three hundred and fifty Guides and seventy Scouts, drawn from every County of Wales, camped in group camps around Broneirion, while a hundred Rangers brought their lightweight equipment, and camped on the official campsite in the grounds. Many Commissioners and Guiders camped by the river, and Council Members, County Commissioners and visitors slept at Broneirion and in various houses and hotels nearby.

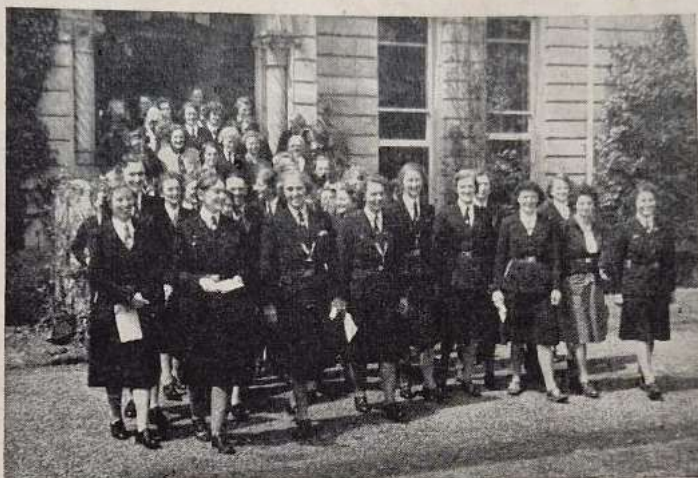
At teatime the World Chief Guide was joyously welcomed—so, too, were Lady Somers, Imperial Chief Commissioner, and Miss Martin, Imperial Commissioner for Training. A re-union dinner party for County Commissioners was held in the evening, at which many ex-County Commissioners were present, and the guests were played out from dinner by Guide harpists. Later, a most arresting account of G.I.S. work in Malaya was given by Miss D. Hayman, of Australia, who was introduced by Miss Ward.

The following day the Council for Wales met and was addressed by Miss Hether Kay, Chief Commissioner for Wales, who greeted the Council Members, and introduced the

World Chief Guide, Lady Somers, and Miss Martin. Professor E. G. Bowers, of the University of Wales, gave an address, in which he paid high tribute to the late Lord Baden-Powell, the World Chief Scout, for having foreseen the danger to youth of highly - organised and artificial forms of entertainment, and for giving them a lead in outdoor interests and activi-



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Members of the Council for Wales, with the World Chief Guide, at the official opening of Broneirion. Above, Lady Baden-Powell unlocks the door

ties through *Scouting for Boys*. Several youth organisations were represented, and some of their members spoke. The Chief Commissioner for Wales summed up the discussions and the Council meeting closed.

After luncheon, all the Guides, Scouts, Rangers, Guiders, Scouters and Commissioners assembled on the lawns. Lady Baden-Powell, preceded by her standard, which was carried by Cadets, and accompanied by the Empire Chief Commissioner, the Chief Commissioner for Wales and the Imperial Commissioner for Training, came to the

steps of Broneirion and was given the key by Lady Davies. The World Chief Guide told the Guides that Broneirion was their 'nest' to which they had all sent 'feathers', in the form of furniture, curtains, carpets, cushions, and so on, to make a perfect home, and that, having made that home, they must go out, taking the best of that home life with them for the benefit of others. She then officially 'opened' Broneirion. Before she crossed the threshold, Dr. Richard Jones blessed the house, in Welsh.

Lady Somers, in most moving words, unveiled a very fine oil painting of the Founder, generously presented by the artist, Miss Margaret Lindsay Williams. The beautiful oak refectory tables and wide benches in the dining-room, where the picture hangs, are also part of the Welsh memorial to Lord Baden-Powell. During the unveiling ceremony, the great gathering of Guides and visitors had assembled on the lawn, where Lady Baden-Powell spoke to them of her visit to eighteen different countries in the last two years, and brought a message of encouragement,



Selections being made for a team to represent Wales at the International Folk Dance Festival

good cheer and love from these countries to British Guides. Mr. A. Gaddum, a friend of the Founder, told of his early Scouting days with Lord Baden-Powell, and recollected how the girls had worried to be allowed to join, and how, by sheer tenacity, they had wormed their way in until they simply had to be accepted.

During the tea interval, Welsh folk songs were superbly sung by a choir of Rangers from the Rhondda, who lived up to the highest musical traditions of their valley, and won great applause. They were accompanied by two Guide harpists, two violins, and a 'cello. Welsh dancing teams competed on the lawns, and a selection was made for a team to represent Wales in the International Folk Dance Festival in London. That evening, in true Welsh tradition, over six hundred joined together in a great *noson lawen*; it included camp songs, acting, Welsh dancing, and *penillion* singing to a harp accompaniment.

On Sunday morning, all Guides and Scouts attended their own place of worship. The churches and chapels were packed for every service by greater numbers than had ever been seen in Llandinam before. After lunch, a County Commissioners' Conference took place in the afternoon, and in the evening a Guides' and Scouts' Own Dedication Service. The Colours of Broneirion were dedicated on a wooden altar which stood at the top of rough stone steps in front of a great bank of rhododendrons. The Rev. D. Morris was assisted in the service by the Rev. Richard Jones—both of Llandinam. Scout Commissioner Dickin gave the address and the Rhondda Ranger Choir led the singing. The Chief Commissioner of Wales read the Law, to which the Guides and Scouts re-dedicated themselves. The prayers were read by a Guide, a Scout, a Ranger, a Rover and a young Guider.

There was intense activity on Monday in preparation for the pageant, 'Byddwch Barod' (Be Prepared), which had been written for the occasion by Miss Hether Kay. It was

produced by Miss A. Howie and Miss M. H. Puckle. By the evening, visitors—who had poured in all day by coach and train—had visited the camps, seen round the house, and admired the gifts from the Guides of Wales. Some Counties have furnished complete bedrooms, one Division sent a grand piano and a Ranger Council an armchair for the 'Chief's bedroom'.

The pageant took the form of an enthralling series of scenes, based on fact, unfolded to a young recruit who was struggling to complete her Tenderfoot Test, but had not quite grasped the true meaning of the Law. Scenes were enacted showing the deeds of Scouts and Guides of Europe in helping the Allies and their own people, suffering under the oppression of war. We saw examples of the cheerfulness of Extension Guides, and the fortitude of a little sick Brownie, together with that of the saints of old—Joan of Arc, St. Agnes, St. Catherine, Bernadotte of Lourdes and St. Catherine of Siena. The ten laws were represented by flaming torches born by the spirits, and the Guides of the world were shown in the uniforms of the country for which each stood, while the countries' flags flew high from the standards. Vividly we remember the enrolment horseshoe in its wonderful setting, where against the trees stood the tall rough-hewn cross of silver birch, while Sir Galahad stood with the saints of old, grouped at the foot of the cross.

'Byddwch Barod'—another link in the chain of World Guiding is forged. Then the procession down through the trees until only the standards of the countries were visible. So this unforgettable week-end came to an end—a week-end when many people carried out quietly and efficiently, as one united team, the work they were entrusted to do. A happy week-end, and one which was a tribute to the highest form of leadership given to Wales by Miss Hether Kay, their Chief Commissioner.

ELIZABETH PARES

The Opening of Lorne

ULSTER Guides had the joy of welcoming back on June 4th their former Chief Commissioner for twenty-five years, when the Duchess of Abercorn, D.B.E., LL.D., officially opened Lorne. First Class Guides and representative Guides and Commissioners lined the drive. The note of friendliness and informality which characterised the whole happy proceedings was struck at the outset, as the Duchess greeted her old friends from all over the province. Guides sang the 'Spring Chorale', a Guider said a dedicatory prayer, the Union Jack was hoisted by a colour party of Rangers, and after singing 'God Save the King', everyone moved into the house for the speeches. The drawing-room and session-room were able to seat about one hundred guests, and members of the movement thronged the hall and solarium.

Mrs. Haughton, O.B.E., Chief Commissioner for Ulster, welcomed the Duchess back to Ulster, and also expressed her great pleasure at the presence of Finola, Lady Somers, Chief Commissioner, Imperial Headquarters, and of Miss Martin, Commissioner for Training, Imperial Headquarters. Mrs. Haughton thanked the Government and the Ministry of Education for the generous help they had given to Guiding in Ulster by their grant towards the purchase price, repairs and furnishings, and for the assistance always readily given by the officials of the Ministry. She briefly outlined the aims of the training centre, and said that the next objective was new headquarters, which were so badly needed. Mrs. Haughton expressed the thanks of Ulster Guides to those who had been responsible for starting the first residential training centre at Knocktarna, Coleraine, in 1944, and said that the experience gained there would be of great value in running the new training centre.

The Duchess of Abercorn then spoke, and said she had great pleasure in inaugurating the new training centre, which had been open for some months. In her own inimitable way, she expressed her delight at coming back to Ulster, and

said how pleased she was to see the movement there getting on so well. Eight Queen's Guides, and the winner of a Patrol Leader's Permit, then had the honour of being given their awards by the Duchess. A Brownie presented Her Grace with flowers, and a Guide brought her handkerchiefs, one from each of the Ulster Counties.

Lady Somers congratulated Ulster on now having its own permanent training centre, and hoped that the centres now open in all the countries would keep their own distinctive character, and be centres not only of Guide training, but of country lore and culture. She then presented the Medal of Merit to Miss E. E. Ewing Johnston, Commissioner for Camping; Miss D. E. Kerr, Commissioner for Training; and Miss L. McKibbin, County Commissioner for Belfast, and Assistant Commissioner for Rangers (Sea Section).

The Prime Minister (Capt. the Rt. Hon. Sir Basil Brooke, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., M.P.), when proposing the vote of thanks to the Duchess, added his conviction that Scouting and Guiding had the aims needed to encourage good citizenship. Lieut.-Col. the Rt. Hon. H. S. Hall Thompson, D.L., M.P., Minister of Education, seconding the vote of thanks, expressed the earnest desire of his Ministry to help young people in every way possible.

After the three hundred guests and members of the movement had had tea, they all went over the house. Great admiration was shown for the exquisite floral decorations, banks of lilac scented the air, and the brilliant colours of the weather was not just what had been hoped for. It was the first time that many Guiders had seen the various rooms which are named after the different Counties.

The Guides gathered to give the Duchess a good send-off, and amid hearty cheers and the singing of 'Will ye no come back again?' we bade good-bye to a beloved friend.

D. E. K.

The Folk Dance Festival

JULY, the month of the festival, has arrived, and from many countries teams are setting forth. They are coming from the United States, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, France, Denmark, Holland and Switzerland. From Great Britain come teams from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales; Norway has, alas, had to cancel owing to difficulties in obtaining a passage. The English team will be made up of dancers from Manchester and from Harrow.

All these teams will camp at Hampton Court with the Queen's Guides, who are coming from all over the British Isles and from the Channel Islands. Friday, July 11th, is the day everything starts, and camps are ready in Kent, Herts, Bucks, Sussex and Essex, to house the First Class Guides.

All these campers will come up on Sunday, July 13th, for the march past in the Mall, and for the church parades. The First Class Guides are then to have the adventure of spending the night in the deep shelters, so as to be on the spot for the procession and display in Hyde Park on Monday. During the lunch interval, they, and any other Guides who come to watch the performance, will have the opportunity of meeting the Scouts and Guides of the British and foreign teams. On Tuesday, the First Class Guides strike camp and return home, leaving the Queen's Guides to entertain the teams until July 21st. Here is the programme:

Sunday, July 13th. March Past in Mall at 3.30 p.m. Salute taken by H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth, accompanied by H.R.H. Princess Margaret, followed by Church Parades.

Monday, July 14th. Procession and Display in the Cock-pit, Hyde Park, at 12 noon. Talk by Chief Guide to representative Guides of Great Britain.

Tuesday, July 15th. Official reception for dance teams. Campfire at Hampton Court Camp at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 16th. Performance for Guides of London and Home Counties, at the People's Palace, Mile End Road, E.1, at 6.30 p.m.

Thursday, July 17th. 11.30 a.m. Opening of Handcraft Exhibition at the Central Hall, Westminster, by H.R.H. the Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone. Exhibition open to the public on 17th, 18th and 19th, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Hall dress rehearsal for Guides at 3 p.m. Public performance at 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 19th. Matinee and Evening Performance at Central Hall for general public. 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 20th. Drumhead Service for teams in camp. The Chief Scout will be present.

Guides in counties farther from London will have an opportunity of seeing something of the teams, when, from July 21st to July 28th, those from Denmark and Switzerland are going to Scotland, from France, America, and Czechoslovakia to a Midland camp, and from Belgium to Hertfordshire. Later, the French and Danish teams will go to Northumberland, and the American team to Suffolk.

Members of the movement who are in London on July 13th will be able to see the March Past, for two enclosures in the Mall are being reserved for Guides in uniform; everyone must be in their places by 3 p.m. If it is absolutely essential for cars to enter the Mall or Hyde Park, the owners should write for a windscreen label, price 2d. Those coming up by coach should also make sure that they have one of these windscreen labels. The souvenir booklet is promised for July 4th, price 1s. 6d. This will be obtainable in Hyde Park, at the performances, and at all Guide Shops.



This delightful illustration of American folk dancing is taken from the Festival souvenir booklet, on sale at all Guide Shops

American Dances

THE songs, play-party games and dances making up the programme of the Girl Scout Festival Team from the United States have been chosen from a wealth of material which is part of the rich cultural heritage of the people living in the Southern Highlands. Much of it comes from the State of Kentucky, where it is a living tradition in many of the mountain communities.

The songs are characterised by a natural simplicity, and are versions of material popular in most sections of the Southern Highlands. The isolation of many communities in the mountains was ideal for the preservation of these songs. The modal melodies have been sung according to a scale-system which preceded our modern scales, and with few exceptions the songs can be traced to their British origin—English, Scotch or Irish. It is fitting for the group to take back to England those musical treasures that have been sung for many generations, not as they were originally known, but as growth and change has given them an added quality and flavour. The play-party games are dances, of course, and met the need for a form of recreation, even during the time when dancing was frowned upon by the church and 'fiddle' music was banned. These games could be played by the most puritanical of our forefathers, and were the stand-bys of the parties

where instruments and musicians were unobtainable or not permitted by the custom of the times.

The running set was only recorded in 1917 by Cecil J. Sharp, founder of the English Folk Dance Society, when he saw it danced at the Pine Mountain Settlement School in the Kentucky Mountains. He realised that it was an earlier form of the English country dance than had hitherto been recorded. He theorised that this mountain form was close to the early dance done in the villages of Northern England and the Lowlands of Scotland (from which the people in the mountains had come), before the dancing masters had formalised the folk dances for ballroom use.

In Kentucky the running set has not always been called dancing. In one section it is called 'Sugar on the Floor'. It has often been done with the only music being made by the clapping of hands and tapping of feet. It is the favourite form of dance in the Southern Highlands. The circle may be formed by any number of couples. They count off as 'odds' and 'evens' and form little squares of two couples around the circle. The figures are set by the caller's directions. In some sections this running set is called the 'square dance'. Those dances were handed down from memory, so naturally the figures are constantly changing with use.

International

Brush Up Your German

DO you remember reading in THE GUIDER some months ago 'A Call to All Linguists'? There was a fair response, especially from French-speaking Guiders. Now the call is being repeated, together with a special appeal for Guiders who are able to speak German. It is always hoped that the ban on Guiding in the British Zone of Germany will be lifted, and in order to be prepared for this step a list is being compiled of all German-speaking Guiders who are willing and qualified to help when the time comes. Of course, only specially selected applicants will be sent to Germany, but help will be needed in many different ways.

The training at Bexhill in April, reported in full last month, was the first attempt at an 'All German-Speaking Training Week'. It was voted an unqualified success by all who attended; the only disappointment was the very limited number of fluent German-speaking Guiders, and many requests were made for further opportunities of conversational practice. In order to meet this need, German Educational Reconstruction was approached, with the hope that their members might be able to help us. Two ideas were put forward:

1. Where there are one or two Guiders in any district who need practice with their conversation, G.E.R. will try and find a member living in their locality who would be willing to meet these Guiders regularly and help them. The proposal is that the Guiders should invite the G.E.R. member to some suitable centre, where an informal conversation evening could be held. Possibly the Guiders concerned might take it in turn to invite the others to their own home; possibly a cup of tea might be provided. The G.E.R. General Secretary felt that the services of their members would gladly be given free for, say, weekly evenings of this kind, provided no preparation or technical instruction was required.

It is felt that definite lessons are necessary for grammatical instruction, and probably evening classes offer the best facilities in most urban areas; obviously a native teacher is the ideal, but the combination suggested above would yield useful results to anyone who is really keen. If, however, you cannot contemplate serious 'prep.' and already have a groundwork of German grammar, write to Mrs. Chesterton, 'Orchards', West Chilington, Sussex, saying that you would like to arrange conversational evenings, if a G.E.R. member can be found; a 'class' of one is not too small!

2. In addition to this scheme, or in cases where it is not possible to arrange a conversational evening, G.E.R. have promised to put suitable Guiders into touch with a selected correspondent in Germany. Through this exchange of letters, as well as a further knowledge of the language, something of the conditions in Germany may be learnt, which should prove most valuable.

It is extremely helpful of G.E.R. to have made these offers, so please do make use of them.

Here is another idea which is the result of suggestions made at the training week. It is proposed to send round a small bulletin, say quarterly, containing new ideas for studying German at home, possibly an article in German, and any items of general interest. This bulletin, which should appeal to all Guiders who are interested in German, will only be issued if there is a sufficient demand, and a small charge will have to be made to cover expenses; this will naturally depend upon the number of subscribers, but threepence or sixpence a copy is envisaged. If you would like a copy, write to Mrs. Chesterton at the address given above.

The most exciting piece of news comes last. Switzerland has issued an invitation for Guiders with a good working knowledge of German, to attend a fortnight's training in Switzerland next Easter. Plans are still in embryo, but as originally planned, the training will include lectures from the staff of a university on German history and culture, as well as on present-day problems. At Bexhill the trainees were

divided into four grades of linguistic ability, A, B, C, and D, which can be roughly defined as follows: A—fluent, if not always grammatical, and able easily to follow colloquial conversation or a lecture given by a 'native'; B—able to express themselves adequately with a limited vocabulary and often with grammatical mistakes; able to follow a lecture reasonably well, though missing words here and there; C—able to express themselves with difficulty and, though sometimes able to get the gist of a lecture, requiring assistance from the interpreter afterwards; D—beginners who made valiant efforts with considerable success.

It was realised at Bexhill that Guiders in grades C and D inevitably lower the general standard, and it was recommended that any future training in Great Britain should be organised separately for advanced and elementary linguistic. It is obvious that such a recommendation will apply even more to the training in Switzerland, where the special facilities would be wasted on the groups C and D. Accordingly only Guiders in grades A and B will be accepted. Those already graded A and B may retain their grading; Guiders who were not at Bexhill, or those at present graded C or D may apply to be tested. The test will be available in October and may be taken early, in order that the successful Guider may begin saving up, or it may be left until comparatively near the time, in order to gain as much as possible from the conversation evenings or the night classes.

The expense involved will be the return fare, London-Berne, second class, about £15, and the fee for accommodation and board will be kept as low as possible. Living is dear in Switzerland, and probably at least another £5 should be allowed. Further details will, of course, be published later; this advance information is given in order that Guiders may plan well ahead and that those who fall short of grade B may be working with the test in view. It would be a pity to scrape through with the bare minimum if something beyond is possible; can those already graded B become A by next year? You who were not at Bexhill, but who know some German, grade yourself according to the definition above and then try to reach the next grade in the nine months available before the Swiss training.

Much will be required for service in Germany other than language ability, but nothing can be achieved without it. And those with a good knowledge of German may help in this country if service abroad is not possible. Does Headquarters know you can speak German, or any other language?

These figures show those who responded to the first appeal: French, 83; German, 27; Greek, 1; Spanish, 3; Italian, 3; Dutch, 2; Polish, 1; Icelandic, 1. Is this really the full number of the linguists in the whole movement in this country? Whether you are a Tawny Owl or a County Commissioner, and, most particularly, if you have any training qualifications, please send a stamped addressed envelope to the International Secretary, I.H.Q., and ask for a linguistic form; please ask for a separate form for each language.

The Swiss invitation surely offers a thrilling and stimulating target to the German speaking; those who can should take up the challenge. But please, all linguists, answer the Headquarters' appeal, first made in the September GUIDER, 1946 (page 201), and now renewed; the need is urgent.

On The Wrong Tack

Guider at the German-speaking training, in her best German. 'When we arrived, we found we were two beds short, und *meins Bett hatte keinen Matrosen*'—and one bed had no *Matratze* (Mattress—die Matratze).

Another Guider at the training, trying to ask if plates were changed in Switzerland as often as they are in France explained: 'In Frankreich wechseln sie die Teller für *den Kuss*'—in France they change for every kiss. (Course—der Gang).

Notes of the Month

The General Secretary

Readers of THE GUIDER will be sorry to know that on doctor's orders Miss H. K. Anderdon has resigned her post as General Secretary, Imperial Headquarters. Commissioners and Guiders are asked to make it known that applications for this post are invited. Secretarial and administrative experience, and experience of Guiding are essential, but short-hand and typing are not necessary. Salary from £500 per annum. Applications should be addressed to the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Canada on the Air

Canadian Guiders are taking part in a series of broadcasts devoted to Canadian youth organisations. These fifteen-minute programmes can be heard on stations CKNC 17.82 megacycles 16.84 metres and CKCS 15.32 megacycles 19.58 metres in the short-wave band. They are transmitted at 10.15 p.m. (British Double Summer Time) on one Thursday each month, and repeated at 6.45 p.m. on the following Saturday. Although the schedule is subject to alteration, it is hoped that future programmes will include one from Vancouver Sea Rangers (July 24th), the story of a Lone Guide (August 21st), and a story from Halifax (September 18th).

The Training Department

The Commissioners for Training would be grateful if Guiders would refrain from writing to them or the Training Department, I.H.Q., during the month of August, except on matters concerning the Cadet Guiders' Conference.

Natural History Help

The School Nature Study Union is a society for help and encouragement in the study of natural history, especially by school teachers and young people. A quarterly journal containing articles written by experts on various aspects of plant and animal life is sent free to all members of the Union. Leaflets, at low cost, are also available to members and non-members. Those found particularly useful by Guide Companies include, *Nature Teaching, Series 1 and 2: Birds in the Open and How to Distinguish Them, Parts 1 and 2: Deciduous Trees: Trees, Their Form and Branching: Grasses, Parts 1, 2 and 3.* A new leaflet, entitled *Seashore Life*, will shortly be available. A complete list of leaflets may be obtained from Miss N. H. Moody, 117, Connaught Gardens, London, N.13. Excursions to various places of natural interest around London are held during the summer. Information about these may be obtained from Miss M. J. Sellers, 12, Cranes Park Avenue, Surbiton, Surrey. The Hon. Secretary, Miss R. F. Shove, 13, Burlington Avenue, Kew Gardens, Richmond, Surrey, will be very glad to give further information about the Union.

Cadets' Headwear

As made known in last month's GUIDER, the official Cadet headwear is the Guiders' tailored beret with a half-inch white band round the top of the headband. These are now available. When ordering, please state that it is the Cadet beret that is required, so that the white band may be attached. The Cadet beret may be worn as soon as a girl joins the Cadet Company, and wears her white tie. The white Cadet badge is worn on the beret, as usual, after investiture.

The Chief Ranger's Present

In the June issue of THE GUIDER there appeared a photograph of the brooch presented to Princess Elizabeth by the Association. Unfortunately, the description of the brooch was not quite accurate. It should have read: 'The upper trefoil is set with topaz and diamonds, and symbolises the Brownie badge. The left-hand trefoil, set with rubies and diamonds,

indicates the Rangers, and the trefoil set with sapphires and diamonds, the Guide branch'.

'Our Royal Sisters'

The accompanying photograph was taken by the Chief Scout himself when touring West Africa last winter. He thought that it would be of interest to Guiders, and has kindly allowed us to publish it.



It shows statues of Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, both wearing Guide uniform, which have been carved by a local craftsman of Idu, the pioneer leper colony, which has a population of 3,500. 'Scouts and Guiders', says the Chief Scout, 'each have their own hut, and are really a grand lot, as cheerful as can be and very smart and efficient'. The figures stand on a pedestal marked 'Our Royal Sisters'.

The Call of the Sea

An opportunity has just arisen for Sea Rangers to have an extra week on M.T.B. 630, from July 22nd to July 29th. It is hoped that in spite of the lateness of the notice, Sea Rangers will be able to take advantage of this training. For particulars see 'Where to Train', page 171.

Sea Ranger Guiders should note that there are special opportunities for sea training for them on M.T.B. 630. The training ship, which is moored near Dartmouth, is in excellent trim, and has been made very comfortable indeed by Miss Sylvia Clarke and her enthusiastic helpers. Fourteen Guiders can sleep in the large fo'c'sle without overcrowding. The engine room, now stripped of its engines, makes a most attractive dining and reception room. The cooking is excellent, and, in the true tradition of the training centres, meals are served at tables decorated with flowers. On deck there is plenty of room for fine weather training in sunshine and sea air. The whaler and the dinghy (fitted with an outboard motor) afford ample opportunities for boating practice. No Sea Ranger should miss the chance of taking part in the training aboard the M.T.B. Her Crew would benefit from the knowledge and the spirit of the sea which abound there.

P.O.R.—New Edition

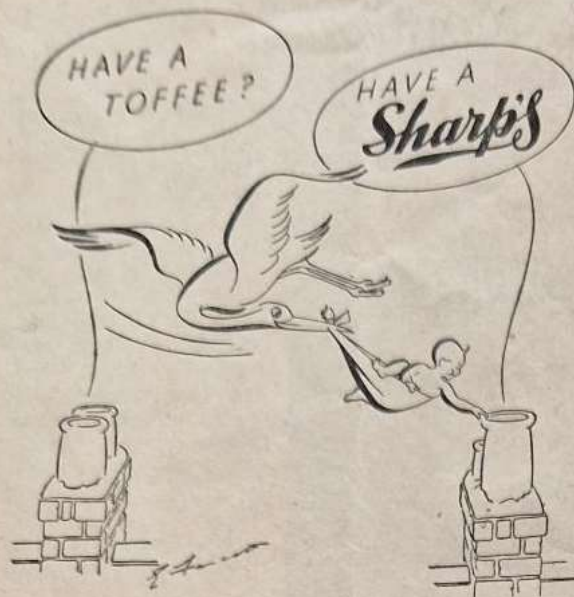
Policy, Organisation and Rules, 1947, will be on sale by July 15th, price one shilling. It is hoped that all Commissioners, Secretaries, Captains and Brown Owls will buy a copy of the new edition, so that they may be up to date with the rules and syllabuses on tests. It would save considerable work in the Invoicing and Despatching Departments at Headquarters if Districts would send in collective orders for several copies, instead of each Guider ordering her own.

Admiralty Recognition

S.R.S. 'Whirlwind', Belfast, is to be congratulated on having received Admiralty Recognition.

Cadet In The States

Rachel Claris, a Buckinghamshire Cadet, has been chosen from amongst candidates from England, Scotland, Wales and Ulster to represent Great Britain at the Girl Scouts' Inter-



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It's much easier to provide the family with good breakfasts, good midday meals and good suppers now there's more fish to be had. Fish is one of the most nourishing of foods and there are so many appetising ways of serving it. Just try these for a start:

Fish Roast

2 lb. middle cut of cod, 8 oz. tomatoes, 1 oz. fat or dripping, 1 level teaspoon salt, pinch of pepper.

Remove any fins and make about four shallow slashes across the back of the fish. Cut one of the tomatoes into thick slices and place one of these in each slash. Dot the fish with fat or dripping, sprinkle with salt and pepper and put into a baking tin. Put the rest of the tomatoes round the fish and bake in a hot oven for about half an hour or until the fish is cooked. Baste once or twice during the baking.

Simple Flavourings

As a change from the usual accompaniments of parsley sauce, tomato sauce and so on, have you tried these? With boiled, steamed or plainly baked white fish, serve horse-radish sauce, or mustard. Mix a tablespoonful of chumney with the fish when making fish and potato pie. Sprinkle a little grated cheese over white fish before baking or grilling it. When making white sauce to go with fish, add paprika pepper to the flour before combining it with other ingredients (in proportion of 1 level teaspoon paprika to 3 level tablespoons flour).

Did you know this?

Whether you buy beef steak from the butcher or cod steak from the fishmonger, you get the same quantity as well as the same first-class quality body-building food? Weight for weight, fish is the equal of meat as a body-builder, and all fish are alike in this. Children need fish to help them grow and grown-ups need fish to help them with the "running repairs" of their muscles and tissues.

Fish Flan

6 oz. pastry, 2 level tablespoons chopped onion, 1/2 oz. dripping, 3 level tablespoons flour, 1 1/2 level teaspoons paprika pepper, 1/2 pint milk and water, 1 1/2 level teaspoons salt, 1 tablespoon vinegar, 1 lb. steamed white fish, chopped parsley. Line an 8-in. sandwich tin or flan ring with the pastry and bake

"blind." Fry the onion in the dripping for 5 minutes without browning, stir in the flour and paprika and cook for 1 minute. Add the liquid and bring to the boil, stirring all the time, and boil gently for 5 minutes. Add the salt, vinegar and flaked fish, heat through and turn into the hot flan case. Garnish with chopped parsley.

Choosing fresh FISH

It is important that fish should be fresh, and to enjoy it at its best, cook it as soon as possible after buying it. In choosing look for these points: Gills should be bright and clear, eyes should be full and bright, not sunken and dull. Flesh should be firm. There should be no disagreeable odour.

No Fishy Smells

When washing up fishy things, rinse them in cold water first. You'll be pleasantly surprised how easily this gets rid of smell and taste. Although fried fish is

a general favourite, frying in an open pan is certainly the most odorous way of cooking fish. There is no smell of it cooking when you "oven fry" or bake fish, or cook it in a covered pan in other ways.

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national Camp in Pennsylvania this summer. She left this country early in June, and will spend one month in the United States sightseeing and paying visits to Girl Scout families and camps in Washington, Maryland, Virginia, Philadelphia and New York.

A Conference of Christian Youth

Guiders of the Anglican and Free Churches will have heard of the international gathering of young Christians being held at Oslo from July 22nd to 31st, and will be interested to know that we have had the opportunity of nominating a Guide representative to the Church of England delegation, the Hon. Mrs. George Fox, a member of I.H.Q. International Committee. The thoughts and prayers of all the members of the movement whom she represents will be with her and with all the delegates of the various churches, amongst whose numbers are others also who are Guides. The theme of the conference, 'Jesus Christ is Lord', is one which many Guiders will want to introduce into their company life, particularly around this time. By using the material contained in the ten preparative questions (issued in leaflet form and obtainable from The British Council of Churches, 56, Bloomsbury Street, W.C.1, price two shillings and sixpence) not only can they find guidance in putting to their companies the challenging issues of practical day-to-day Christian living, but they will also gain from the deepening of their fellowship in the world-wide Church represented at Oslo.

A Ranger Reminder

We still hear of Rangers who are ignorant of the existence of their own new magazine. Will Guiders please again bring it to their notice, and advise those who have not already done so to keep abreast of the times in Ranger activities by sending in their subscription—6s. per annum.

Festival Feature

There will be talks on the International Folk Dance Festival and Guide Rally in several radio programmes. It will be featured in the Children's Hour on July 14th, Woman's Hour on July 17th, and, possibly, in the London Magazine on July 12th.

Headquarters Development Fund

This fund came into being as a result of the County Commissioners' Conference in the autumn of 1945. On hearing from their Chairman the large sum of money required to strengthen our financial position, the County Commissioners most generously offered to raise the fund within their Counties without any special appeal being organised by Imperial Headquarters. The result has been most encouraging, and already £21,467 4s. 8d. has been sent in. Imperial Headquarters are tremendously appreciative of this wonderful gesture, and we very much hope that Counties will continue their support and be prepared to realise their target by the autumn of 1948.

For some time we have felt that we should like companies and packs who have contributed to the fund to have some tangible expression of our thanks. We have therefore produced a decorative 'Thank You' card, 5½ ins. x 3½ ins., printed in maroon, gold and blue. These cards will be available by July 10th, and we shall be delighted to let County Secretaries, or County Treasurers, have a supply of them for distribution to their companies and packs.

The number of cards is not inexhaustible and we would therefore suggest that perhaps Counties could work out some system whereby companies and packs making a succession of small gifts receive a card for their collective gifts over a period. Apart from this, we hope each County will use the cards in whichever way they think best. There is space left on the card to fill in the name of the unit, amount given, and date. We are very sorry we can only undertake to supply the cards in bulk to each County. Scottish Counties should apply to their own Headquarters.

Further gifts since May 10th

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
England	362	11	10			
Scotland	1,219	9	4			
British Guides in Argentine	70	6	6			
	1,652	7	8	1,652	7	8
Total up to May 10th				19,814	17	0
Grand total up to June 10th				£21,467	4	8

The Bestest Bear

HE'S my very bestest bear, his name is Pooh and I love him more than all the others'. 'But he has only one leg and his eyes are gone. Wouldn't you like a new bear who can see and has two legs?' 'No, he's mine and I love him just as he is, and I would not change him for all the other bears anywhere'.

We all know him, that special bear; cuddly, old and handicapped, he has pride of place in the heart of his proud little owner. A bear without a leg, a bear who cannot see, we dismiss him with a smile—but a *child* without a limb, a growing girl cut off from the world around her by deafness, epilepsy, heart disease, paralysis or blindness, each one of us would use our God-given senses in their service, if we only realised that they needed our help.

The Extension Branch of our movement is diffident about advertising its wonderful work and, perhaps for this reason, it does not get as much support as it might from active members who may not fully understand its adoption scheme, by which a handicapped Brownie, Guide or Ranger may be linked up with an active company whose members undertake to make regular visits to the home. The disappointment when an adoption is taken on with enthusiasm, and as suddenly dropped, is a very bitter one to the Post member sitting eagerly by the window longing for someone in uniform to turn the corner, and bring all the latest news of Guiding.

Our less fortunate members, the blind, the halt, the lame, are handicapped through no fault of their own, and they do want our help. Through us they must see and hear; through us they must be given their Guiding. We know what Guiding means to us, but the joy which it brings to the handicapped

girl has to be seen to be believed. Only if we have had a similar experience can we really put ourselves in another's place. Therefore, we cannot even begin to know what it is like to be helplessly dependent upon others to bring us those things for which we cannot go out and search ourselves. We can, however, pause for a moment and try to imagine what it would mean never to hear the morning carol of a lark or the evening hymn of a blackbird, never to see the long green arms of the willow brushing over the rippling river; never to become 'lost' in a sea of bluebells or watch the flushed wind-flowers sleeping in the wood.

The Extension Branch is the concern of every member of the movement and it is, surely, only ignorance which causes us to regard it as something apart. Extensions are just as much the responsibility of the County, Division and District as the active companies, and Commissioners who realise this can give the most valued help to this branch of Guiding.

County Commissioner: Is your County really conscious of the Extensions Branch?

Division Commissioner: How much do you know about its work?

District Commissioner: What contact have you with the handicapped?

Guider: What does your company or pack know of Posts and the adoption scheme? Here is a job to be done, a job which concerns you. There are children who will never know Guiding unless you bring it to them. If you pass by on the other side now, it will not be because you do not know.

CONSTANCE M. GREEN

The History of Costume

An Age of Powder and Patches

THIS is a romantic time of duelling and gaming tables, of highwaymen and great ladies playing at being milkmaids, of Bonnie Prince Charlie and of breathless adventures during the French Revolution. Many plays are written round these themes and for garden fêtes, minuets and gavottes are danced to tinkly tunes—for everyone loves to dress up in powdered wigs, sprigged waistcoats or brocaded skirts and shoes with high red heels. Everyone knows about snuff boxes, tasselled canes and lace-edged handkerchiefs, but not everyone knows (or bothers to find out!) that a jabot was the frilling on both sides of where a shirt-front fastened, or how fashions changed throughout the period. Wigs and dresses are often hopelessly at variance, and details have become simply 'fancy dress'.

Powdered wigs were worn for state occasions from about the accession of George I (1714) to 1799, when Napoleon Bonaparte became First Consul. Once again I want to emphasise that in these notes I can only offer hints of what to look for, and a rough framework on which to build by personal observation. From 1714 to 1730, men's wigs were full-bottomed, that is, hung in thick curled ends over their shoulders and down their backs.

Their coats were made of plain material, tight-waisted and wide-skirted, with straight fronts edged with buttons to the hem. They had no collars and big pocket flaps. These coats had three-quarter length sleeves and huge cuffs, and under them were worn long-sleeved waistcoats that also had cuffs turning back over the coat cuffs. Shirts had full sleeves edged with frills and at the neck were worn loosely-knotted cravats, or plain stocks if the shirt had frilled fronts. Coat skirts were long and almost hid the tight-fitting breeches, over whose knees stockings were drawn up and then rolled back, hiding the garters.

Women wore close-dressed hair, brushed off their foreheads, loosely curled at the sides, and coiled into a bun at the back. For informal occasions they wore tiny caps. Country women and old ladies wore larger caps. Their bodices were pointed and tight fitting, with low necks and elbow sleeves, and their skirts, which for everyday wear were ankle length, were held out over circular hoops. Skirts often opened in front to show petticoats and overall; loose hanging gowns were frequently worn. For outdoor wear, hoods and cloaks, capes and scarves of various kinds were fashionable and, for riding, women wore small three-cornered hats, with waistcoats and coats following men's fashions.



1714-1730



1730-1760

From 1730 to 1760 full-bottomed wigs went out of fashion and were only worn by the grave and elderly. Young men had wigs brushed over a pad in front with curls, or loose curly ends called 'pigeons' wings' above each ear. At the back they wore queues, that is, curls, pigtails or elaborately knotted locks of hair tied with black ribbon bows. Sometimes the queues were encased in black bags, and from these a black ribbon often passed round the neck. Up till the 'fifties, the skirts of coat and waistcoat flare out, stiffened with buckram as if to compete with the hoops of the women which, though flattened back and front, are worn a good yard wide from side to side.

In the Wallace collection, Hereford House, Manchester Square (a few minutes from Marble Arch) are some lovely portraits of Madame de Pompadour; in these may be seen exquisite examples of women's dress at this time, with all its prettiest fripperies. Twopenny postcards of these portraits can be bought and kept for reference, and very fine reproductions can be borrowed from 'Pictures by Post'. A young hairdresser's assistant, who talked glibly of 'pompadour' styles without a notion that Madame de Pompadour ever lived, was entranced by one of these. Fashions are an irresistible lure to most girls, and can be used to lead them to an interest in many other things.

Up till 1760, men's shoes had high fronts, high red heels and square toes—after that, heels grew lower and buckles bigger. Women wore pointed toes and three-inch heels almost throughout the century, but towards the end of it heels decreased, and eventually disappeared. From 1760 to 1780, wigs for both sexes grew higher. Fops wore them grotesquely tall and narrow. Since 1750, men's coats, while growing more ornate, had also grown much narrower with cut-away fronts and long, tight sleeves.

The exaggeration of tall wig and skimpy coat made the wearer look like a tadpole, and these fops, or 'Maccaronis' as they were called, can best be seen in the caricatures of the 'seventies. Women did not dwindle towards the feet because their skirts, though no longer flattened, were still wide, frilled, flounced, and looped, and heavily loaded with trimming, but their wigs were equally ridiculous. Immensely tall and with hanging curls, they were topped with fruit and flowers, feathers and ribbons, and models of ships, windmills, coaches or any other fancy. Caps were designed to enclose these towering wigs, and for travelling they were protected with huge hooped hoods.

From 1780 to 1799 a reaction set in; trimming was shorn away. Women's wigs were still very large, but they were wide rather than tall, and both men and women wore hair cut short and loosely curled over the front and crown of the head, with long curls, or a twisted knot, hanging down behind. Powder was going out of fashion, except for State occasions.

Men's coats grew to be high-waisted and double-breasted with high collars and turned-back lapels; their cravats were tied in a variety of bows. They still wore three-cornered hats, but now they also wore 'cocked' hats, and hats with high crowns which grew, later, into the top-hat that is still with us.

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Women discarded hoops in favour of the bustle; their waists also grew higher and their big puffed-out fichus gave them a pouter-pigeon look. For walking, they copied men's fashions. These fashions were followed by imitations of classic modes, an imitation that arose from the effort made in France after the Revolution, to follow the pattern of Republican Rome in all things. Europe has followed French fashions ever since the days of Louis XIV's magnificence, and their leadership in women's dress for festive occasions is still unchallenged. But men have looked to England for their fashions ever since admiration for British political and social institutions led to the adoption of English sporting fashions for informal dress. Throughout the century, in England and in France, there was often an affectation of country fashions among the great which is reflected in Watteau's pastoral scenes. Costume must be studied from contemporary sources; the would-be designer should build up a reference library of notes and sketches and make a scrap-book of items cut from papers, as well as collect reproductions of contemporary pictures, which can usually be bought as twopenny postcards. Georgian fashions can be seen in the pictures of



1760-1780



1780-1799

Gainsborough, Romney, Reynolds, Raeburn, Boncher, Charadin, Zoffany and Fuseli and in the caricatures of Rowlandson and Gilray. But, above all, Hogarth, illustrates the English scene of those days; rich and poor, in town and country, at the polling booth or in the surgeon's hands, all are there.

CECIL LESLIE

Guide Health Training

The Test of Fitness

PLEASE, Captain, I've done my knots, what must I do for my health? What must she? In the first place, the test cannot be carried out in a week. The practical part will take, according to the health record cards, about three months, or one school term—long enough for the activities undertaken to have effect and to become (we hope) a habit. So we must see that patrol leaders get the Tenderfoot started on the test in time; that is the first thing. We must see, too, that the Guide really understands what the health card demands before she begins to keep a record of her achievement, that she knows that it is not one hundred per cent. from the first week to the last, that is required, but a steady improvement. It is better for a child to confront her, she begins, the difficulties that are going to confront her, rather than to find them at the end of the first month. Coupons may make vest-changing a difficulty; overcrowding may mean scanty chances of thorough washing; parents' working hours may mean irregular meals.

The Second Class cards are left blank so that they can be adjusted to the circumstances of the individual and the company. If we know the Guide's home, and what it is possible for her to achieve, then we can, with her, work out a challenge which will be a real test, and not a disheartening impossibility. A sense of achievement is a spur to further effort; it is better for a child to succeed in drinking two cups of water a day than to feel herself a failure because she aimed unsuccessfully at five. If a Tenderfoot has been used to washing, most days, just the bits that show, with a tub once a week, a sudden demand for a strip wash in the winter may rouse her to great heights of shivering zeal, but it may just as well put her off for good.

'Softly, softly catchee monkey' is the better way. Let her 'wash feet every day' for the first fortnight (she'll do the bits that show, as well, in any case!); then add 'and under the arms' or 'between legs'. She will have to shed several garments in doing even that much and removing the last layer will not then seem so impossible after all. The require-

ments for First Class are less flexible, as the Guide is then learning to achieve a high standard in any circumstances, but they will need careful explanation. For instance, if 'complete relaxation' seems superfluous and unnecessary to an active and athletic Guide, suggest that she takes her five minutes in bed before she goes to sleep; she will then see its point. It is important that we should try to give each Guide a chance of reporting her progress at intervals during the three months. She will probably discover her weakest points at the end of a fortnight, and then it is for us to suggest ways of getting over difficulties.

At the same time, we must see that the Guide does *understand* the simple rules of health, as well as put them into practice, and a talk is probably the best way of testing her knowledge; the First Class test definitely requires some discussion. We need to be open and straightforward in our talking; it is often a great relief to a child to find a grown-up who can discuss bodily functions without getting hot under the collar. But we should remember, too, that adolescents are sometimes very sensitive about their awkward, growing bodies, and we must not, in our zeal for plain speaking, offend their sense of decency. Our approach will depend on the individual child.

And is that all? Having kept her record card and satisfied Captain that she knows about health, does the Guide then forget about it with a sigh of relief? She will no doubt count it off as one more test finished—a child likes to pigeon-hole things in her mind—but she will not have a chance to think of it as 'finished with'. She may have done her health (an odd phrase, but a persistent one), but she will not have done with it. Through camp, games, observation, handicraft and home-making, her training for fitness will go on all the time she is in the company. And if our training is thorough, and if it has appealed to her, it will continue long after the company has been left behind; she will really be fitter for life.

JANET COZENS

The Commissioners' Meeting Place

The Ideal Guider

A BROWNIE was asked by her mother what sort of person she would like to have as her Brown Owl and she gave the following enlightening answer: she must be married, she must know all about Brownies and she must be 'medium'. Her mother, who was a District Commissioner, was able to get at the Brownie's meaning. There had been changes in the Guiders of her pack and the Brownie wanted someone who would 'stay put', and her experience had told her that once a person is married, she is likely to settle down and not move away. The Brownie was keen to get her Golden Hand, and so she wanted her Brown Owl to be able to help her to get the necessary knowledge and skill. She had found, too, that Brownie Pack Meetings were only fun when there was the kind of discipline that was neither too strict nor too slack, so she asked for her Brown Owl to be 'medium'.

This Brownie probably had more to say about her ideal Brown Owl, but those were the first three things she cared about, and they do clearly sum up what is demanded of a Brownie Guider. Yet they are not beyond the capacity of the ordinary grown-up who is prepared to take an active interest in the leisure-time occupations of the child of Brownie age, and they do not suggest a need for abstruse knowledge or complicated technique. The first and most urgent need at that age is for someone who will 'stay put', and be always there to be relied on for help with small problems. The second may be interpreted as meaning not only a knowledge of Brownie test work, but also of Brownie mentality and outlook, and the third asks of the Brownie Guider a wise skill in the handling of a pack and of its individual members, so that each child responds to the idea of being a Brownie.

A Guide of thirteen was asked by her aunt for her views on the ideal Guide Captain. She wrote: 'A person who is not a "dictator"—in other words, someone who has regular Courts of Honour, so that every Guide, represented by the patrol leader, may voice her opinion. I think time ought to be allowed before every Court of Honour for "Patrols in Council". Someone who can plan interesting and balanced programmes, so that even the very dullest things become exciting. Also, so that there is the correct amount of work and games. I think a captain ought to plan, too, to have activities outside the meetings, such as hikes and bicycle rides. If she is busy the lieutenant can take over.'

A good camper, but someone who does not organise everything. A person who does not make the camp a "hard working resort"! A person who is more like a friend than an "august personage", so that she can get to know every Guide in her company. Someone who tests work as soon as she is asked to, and does not put it off for two or three months, so that the Guides get tired. In the same way, she ought to invest seconds and patrol leaders as soon as they have served as "acting" seconds or patrol leaders for the time appointed'.

She ended the letter by saying that she had given five things instead of four, as she thought the last one was just as important as the other four. Space forbids much comment, but provided the grown-up is prepared to enjoy the activities and is willing to train as a leader of Guides and not as a 'dictator', 'organiser', or 'august personage', there is nothing in this picture to deter her from volunteering to play her part as a Guider. The experience will bring its own reward.

DOROTHEA M. POWELL

Our Special Responsibility

WE are British Guides. I wonder, do we always realise just what that means, what a responsibility it is? Guiding came from our country, and, of course, we are very proud of the fact, but just pride is not enough—do we at all times live up to the very highest that the Founder expected of us? 'At all times', are, I feel, three very important words for us to bear in mind. All this is brought very forcibly before us if we are fortunate enough to be able to meet and work with Guides of other nationalities, especially those from small countries. They look up to us as being the pattern of Guiding. It is sometimes rather terrifying, and we try to explain that the fundamentals are the same the world over, but each country has its own characteristics. But they say 'We want our Guiding to be like British Guiding; we want it to be the best possible'. So our responsibility is a big one, and it doesn't concern the Guiders only, but through them, everybody, down to the youngest recruit. Our sister Guides abroad say, 'You have the Chief Guide'. But we point out that the World Chief Guide belongs equally to us all. Yes, and they are very proud of her, too, but, in the end 'she is British'. They are proud that she is British, and they look up to us to lead the way.

At this moment when the world is suffering so acutely from the effects of war, it is up to us to help to heal the wounds by stretching out our hands anew to our sisters from whom we have been separated for so long. But they expect a great deal of us—and rightly, too. We have got our country—some haven't—we have never been 'occupied'—many have; we have been able to be Guides openly all through the war and have had encouragement and praise—many of our sisters have lost life or limb through being Guides, others could only be Guides in spirit.

Yet, they, our sisters abroad, have been anxious for us,

for our safety, through the dark years of the war, in spite of all their own tragedies.

What can we now offer them now that they look to us to lead? One thing needed so much in the world to-day is friendship between individuals and nations. We, as Guides, have the key to world peace in our hands, for do we not pledge ourselves to be a friend to all?

Let then our first offering be friendship—they need it so badly, especially those Guides who are away from their own countries and perforce must live in another land, in Displaced Persons' Camps, virtually cut off from the rest of the world. Guiding has helped them a great deal and they are full of enthusiasm, but they are hungry for friendship and the feeling that they are still part of the great Sisterhood. For these Guides at present our friendship can perhaps only be by letters—and there is no language difficulty, for they are all learning English!

And what of our sister Guides who are now free—they look to us too for friendship, both by letter and in more tangible ways. Many Guides from abroad have already visited this country, and a few of ours have been abroad. Have we given them the friendship they sought, or have we been too shy? We all want, in our hearts, to 'a friend to all', but we hesitate—we can't speak the language—we'll feel silly—but that, if we think about it, is just being selfish. Which is really the last thing we want to be. Friendship, happily, is not governed merely by words, but by actions—a smile, a desire to understand and be understood, sympathy. But let us not sit back and make no attempt to master another language. Even if we only know a few words, let us use them; it will give the other Guide pleasure, and she will see that we quickly learn some more.

Yes, they all look to us, and we must look to ourselves to see that our Guiding is the best of which we are capable.

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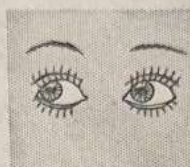
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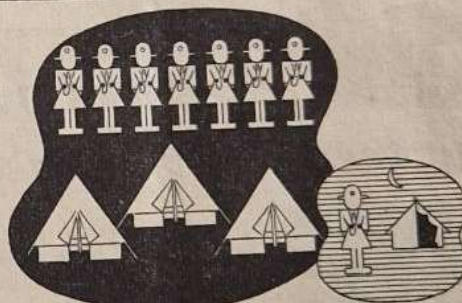


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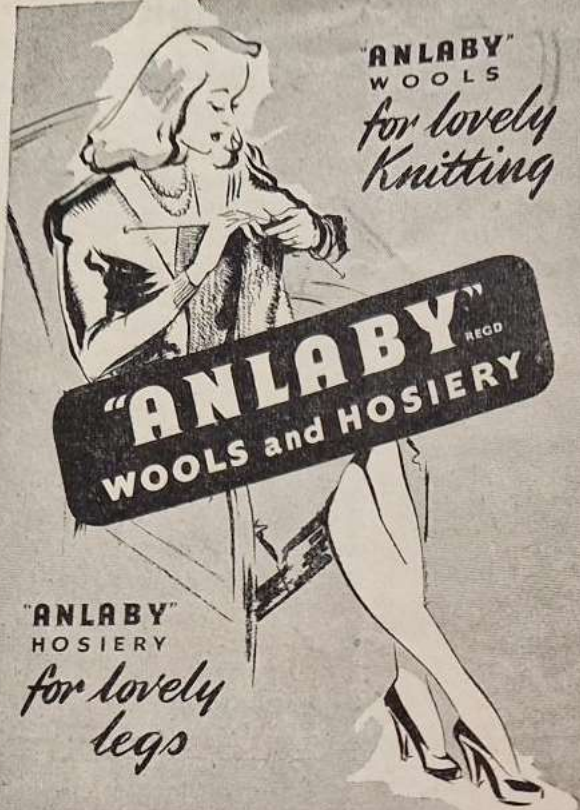
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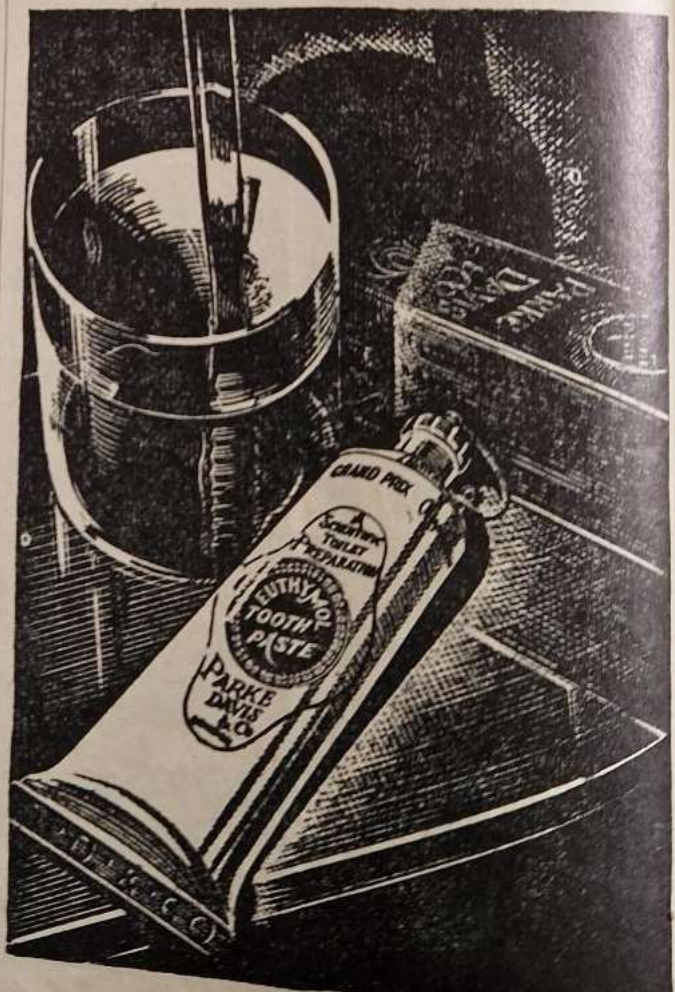
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THE GUIDER

Life In Warsaw

THE desire for real world friendship comes from children themselves; the Brownies, Guides and Rangers of different countries. The war kept them apart for so many years and now there rises a great urge to make up for lost time. It is a healthy instinct that creates this urge, since the future of mankind depends on whether nations will be able to live in friendly relations with each other or will perish in wars; this instinct of Guiding and Scouting can help to rebuild this war-scarred world. There is a French saying, 'Tout comprendre c'est tout pardonner' (to understand all is to forgive all), but in order to understand one must know.

An Englishman who came recently from Warsaw told me how amazed he was to see such crowds of people in the streets; he thought Warsaw was almost a dead city. But his amazement grew when he realised that there are hardly any undamaged houses left. The Germans burnt, bombed and mined Warsaw, street by street, house by house, thoroughly, completely. Almost every day I get from Poland letters from Guiders, Rangers and Guides; they write about their life, their work and their difficulties. The letters give such a vivid picture that I feel I must share at least some with you. Here are extracts from a letter written by a Polish Ranger; she reveals the secret of how people live in Warsaw.

'If you want to pay me a visit I will take you over, step by step, to the little room where I am living. Opposite, there is the skeleton of a church, without a roof, with one lonely tower rising towards the sky, but with some of the altars untouched, and always covered with flowers. I live in a completely burned-out block of flats. Don't be shocked by the piles of rubble and the black smoke-covered walls. Pass across the first and second courtyard, and don't reflect on the past. In Warsaw we all live on graves, but we fight hard against this depressing atmosphere. We fill the ruins with new life.

'Now you will see, right up on the fourth floor, a few windows actually complete, with window frames and even glass panes. This is where I live. How fortunate that you are a good mountain climber. You won't mind climbing up to my room on ladders? Only mind you, the "ladders" are sometimes just ordinary planks with a few rickety steps; in one spot even these are missing and we will have to scramble up over a dilapidated door, which leans precariously against the wall.

'The staircase was burned out and destroyed with the rest of the building, and it is only by some strange coincidence that a few rooms on the fourth floor remained almost intact. There is a tiny kitchen occupied by a young couple and their dog (a small one!), one room where our landlady lives, and my room. When I found it, the rain was coming through the ceiling and there was a big pool on the floor; I managed to remedy that and now there is only a lot of dampness left, but this will gradually improve.

'I have to fetch all the water I need from the basement of the bombed-out church across the street. I can't even offer you a cup of tea as I have nowhere to heat the water. My landlady gives me a glass of hot water morning and night, and this is my normal daily ration. When my finances improve, I want to buy a little stove and then I will give you not only a cup of tea, but perhaps even a bath! Here in Warsaw you might find baths hanging precariously high up in the ruins, but there are not many (as yet) to have a bath in'.

Another Ranger who before the war studied painting at the Art Academy in Warsaw, writes: 'I managed, at last, to get a flat for my mother and myself. The "flat" has two rooms and one small kitchen. The rooms are just a ruin, quite unsuitable, but the little kitchen is more or less all right. The window is covered with plywood, but there is a small square opening cut in the middle with a glass pane in it, so there is at least a little light in our "apartment."

We are very fortunate indeed to have such a flat! At least we are alone, and not obliged to share our room'.

Polish Guides learnt in peace time to make a primitive camp as comfortable and as homely as possible; they were encouraged to use their own ingenuity rather than to get ready-made equipment. For many a Guide and Ranger, camp life has now become a normal routine; knowing how to make the most of it, they can turn a dugout or a shack into a habitable place and, even more, they make it look pleasant and home-like. Scarcity of space does not worry them and they know how to make an eight foot square into, alternately, a bedroom, a sitting-room, a kitchen and a bathroom; they also know how to make full use of little food and fuel.

It is in times like these that the practical as well as the moral value of Guide training comes to the fore. Thanks to this training, much suffering has been relieved and many a life saved by girls who knew how to do the job.

OLGA MALKOWSKA

Books and Films

Campcraft for Girl Guides, 1947. This Guide publication is perhaps one of those most widely known and read by other youth organisations and the general public. The new edition shows no major changes but various parts, including the photographs, have been brought up to date. All the methods suggested have been well tried. There is a new chapter on 'Going Abroad', and new suggestions on campfires and patrol camping; there are also additional notes on care of equipment and sanitation. The hints which were in a separate chapter at the end have been put at the end of the chapters to which they refer. For Guiders, Rangers or P.L.s who are out to qualify to take others to camp, here is a book which is well worth 3s. 6d. P.J.

Judy's Cookery Book, by Muriel Goaman. (Faber & Faber, 4s. 6d.) The author was trained at the Gloucester Training College of Domestic Science and this book was specially written for her young daughter. The book is intended for the eight to twelve-year-old, but many older people could profit by reading it. Ordinary things like making tea, cooking vegetables and stewing fruit are explained, as well as suitable dishes for every meal of the day. Brownies would love this book and it would make an ideal present for a pack. J.C.

Going to the Cinema, by Andrew Buchanan. (Phoenix, 7s. 6d.) Here is a full-length book specially written for young people. It deals with the making and seeing of every kind of film from 'feature' to news-reel and cartoon. Mr. Buchanan's style is simple, but not patronising, and his book is full of information and good sense. It should be of interest and profit to Rangers and older Guides who realise that really to enjoy films involves more than just 'going to the pictures'. V.A.

'It Might Be You', 16 mm. sound; running time, 18 minutes; on loan from the Central Film Library for return postage only. A dramatic and effective film showing the risks taken each day on the roads by ordinary people—the walker, the cyclist and the motorist. The tension is maintained without resorting to 'horror' scenes, and the serious message is leavened with humour. This film should prove successful propaganda in the campaign for safer roads, and should be suitable for Guide and Ranger audiences. V.A.

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The Guider's Post-Bag

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Is It a Myth?

Has the Fourth Law quite lost its meaning, or is the shortage of Guiders or outside help a myth? A friend and I, both ex-Commissioners, the former until quite recently, have come to live in a district where we are known to the local Division Secretary and yet the only recognition of our existence has been a very lukewarm letter to my friend, some while after our arrival, asking her to do some secretarial work! No word of welcome, no suggestion that her help is needed quite badly in the District. It seems to me that we did things better twenty years ago. Then, if a new Guider came to the district, or even anyone likely to be remotely interested in Guiding, she was called on personally almost before her last piece of furniture was across the threshold of her new home, and she was assured of a warm welcome to whatever Guide function or activity she cared to attend.

EX-GUIDER

Marching Joyfully

On Empire Youth Sunday I happened to be staying near a large church where a special service was held for youth organisations. Having no company of my own there, I tried to look at the Guides as an unbiased observer. They were tidy and well turned out in all ways except two; one, the heads, two, the backs. The berets were not well put on and hair not always brushed, tied back, or neat. Backs were round in some cases. Before they fell in, the Guides and Guiders were standing about looking alert and gay, but when they marched they looked miserable. They marched in time, but there was no life in their marching. It was without swing, and sometimes they talked to each other! Do we really hate all parades, we the Guiders, I mean? And if we do, can't we do something to see the Guides enjoy them? I am quite certain it is our fault if they do not. We don't take them out to practise—round a hall is no good at all. We don't practise enough ourselves; so we are afraid of doing the wrong thing in public, and we look stiff and miserable. Let us march joyfully, and help our Guiders enjoy the fun of good rhythm and doing something well together; then we may get some of those Guider recruits we need. They will not join a party of miserably stiff women and children.

ROSALIE HAGON

Real Understanding

I am a Regional Representative of the National Children's Home, and have had seven years' experience as a Guider in the Home. While there I realised the great importance of the right person for the job of Guider. These children have many advantages over the 'outsider', for the staff are concerned for their well-being the whole time, and are trained people. Guiding is taken as part of their recreation, as well as their educational life, and the Guider must be up to that standard. I have seen and known Guiders from outside who have come in to help, and because of lack of understanding the Home child, and lack of co-operation with the staff, they have failed to carry on. Children in a Home soon discover the capabilities of any who attend to their needs—soon find out if they have a sympathetic understanding of them, of their outlet of spirits and energy. This work does need someone who can really understand the child.

ELLEN PORTER
(Division Commissioner, East Newcastle)

As Young as They Feel

As an 'old fogey' of forty I reply to the letter by saying it would be helpful if 'Fogey' will tell the old ones where we are to get our young successors, since in my experience they are as rare as gold. For the last four years I have been looking for someone young and willing to take my place, quite without success. No one will consider giving up their time and other interests, although there are girls in the village who have grown up in the movement. I consider an older person, who willingly gives of her time and energy for the sake of an ideal, can contribute as much as the younger woman with her perhaps greater

energy and high spirits. I myself never confess to being beaten by my Guides, even though it means returning home exhausted at the end of the meeting, and I know I am not alone in this. I hope this will reassure any older Guiders who may be discouraged by being told they have outlived their usefulness. Where would the movement be if the older Guider had packed up during the war years, or did so even now? Are there a sufficiency of twenty-year-olds willing to forego their own interests for the sake of the movement? I doubt it, but if there are, for goodness sake send them along, so that we ancients can relax in our armchairs and give way to weariness with a quiet conscience, knowing that the work will go on. I do not believe that we are so jealous of our position as Guiders that we begrudge handing over the reins. The trouble is to find someone to hand them over to.

IMPRIMATOR

To All Campers

The Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland has launched a 'Fund for Farmers', through which all who take their recreation in the countryside can extend a helping hand to the farmers of Britain. The fund will be open throughout the summer, and proceeds will be donated to the Agricultural Disaster Fund of the National Farmers' Union. The Chairman of the Camping Club, in announcing the fund, says:

'Although we have perforce, to spend our working lives in towns and cities, we spend all our leisure time in the country, and it is as neighbours that we desire to repay a little of the genuine friendship and hospitality that has always been shown to us by the farming community. Without their goodwill and practical comradeship there would be little or no camping in Britain, rambling would be restricted, and the freedom of the townsman to holiday in the country would disappear. In this fund we have our opportunity to show the farmers of Britain that our appreciation of the kindness they have shown us is real and warm and neighbourly.'

The Fund has the backing of the Chief Guide, and if you are camping this year you might like to ask your campers whether they would care to send a contribution. All donations should be sent to Mr. H. W. Pegler, 'The Fund for Farmers', The Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland, 38, Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1.

PEGGY JACKSON
(Commissioner for Camping)

B.P. Memorial Fund

During the past year we have banked the following wonderful gifts from overseas:—

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New Zealand ...	496	0	0
South Africa ...	3,469	9	5
Uganda ...	5	0	0

The grand total of the fund is now £112,508 7s. 0d., made up as follows:—

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Donations ...	102,437	0	5
Interest ...	10,071	6	7
Grand Total ...	£112,508	7	0

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An Air Conference

THE ENGLISH AIR SECTION held a Guiders' Conference at Imperial Headquarters from May 16th to May 18th, 1947. The conference dealt mainly with the specialised work of the Air Section, and on the Friday evening, after the delegates had been welcomed by the Hon. Lady Cochrane, Chief Commissioner for England, and Miss Hopkins, Assistant Commissioner for Air Rangers (England), we heard how Flights have been progressing on the 'air side' since the start of the Section two years ago. Many stories were told of visits to airfields and gliding sites, meteorological offices and fire stations, and of co-operative efforts with other air-minded organisations such as the Air Training Corps.

We were thrilled to hear of the Flight which had chartered an aircraft and had flown out to see H.M.S. *Vanguard* before she sailed to South Africa with the Royal family; of the Flights which had taken up gliding with zest and were making headway despite many difficulties; of the Flight which had had lectures by one of Britain's most famous air aces; and of the Air Ranger who had gained a flying scholarship and was well on her way to becoming the first Air Ranger to gain her 'wings'. (This Air Ranger has just gained her 'A' Licence.)

On Saturday, May 17th, we had sessions on meteorology for Air Rangers, first aid and rescue work in air crashes, elementary theory of flight, aircraft recognition and aero-modelling. The lectures were all given by experts who endeavoured to set a standard at which we could aim in training Air Rangers for the Leading Air Ranger Certificate. I think that when the day's work was completed any Guiders present felt that though they were not ready to carry out the technical training of the test themselves, they were better prepared to lead their girls in this training, and could give to the 'outside' experts who were helping them a clearer idea of the standard of the training required.

The next day the conference delegates visited Redhill Gliding Club, where we were shown many of the practical problems of running a gliding club, and witnessed a fine display of glider aerobatics by one of the club's instructors. Mrs. Anne Douglas, one of the club's senior instructors, answered all our questions and gave a detailed description of the gliding training course which is to be held at Redhill early in August for eight Air Rangers, one to be selected from each area in England. The declared aim of the Air Section is to get as many of its members as possible airborne this year, and twenty-four delegates to the conference took the opportunity during the afternoon of having flights in an Auster aircraft provided by the Redhill Flying Club.

I. J. FERGUSON

From a Trainer's Notebook

The river bank has broken and the flood water rises to four feet above ground level. A patrol represents a family; one member is marooned in a tree at least twelve yards away, but has secured a door floating by her for a raft. The Guides have ten minutes in which to make a list of what each member of the family in the house would carry upstairs—if there were ten minutes available. Plan and demonstrate a rescue of the marooned member who could not swim, but had a 'raft'. Plan and demonstrate signalling (day or night) from an upper window, to a low-flying aircraft on the look-out for families in distress. Opportunities for discussion and teaching arise on the suitability and practicability of lists (age and capabilities of members of family; essentials, etc.); knot of life-line affixed to member on raft; throwing, pulling in, etc.; imagination, ingenuity and common sense in signalling.

Headquarters Notices

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL, 11th JUNE, 1947

Annual Election of the Chairman. The Chief Commissioner announced that Dame Joan Marsham had been re-elected and expressed the thanks of the Committee for all she had done. Dame Joan, in accepting the re-appointment, said that she had decided to resign at the end of October when she had completed nine years as Chairman; this announcement was received with much regret.

General Secretary. The Chairman announced the resignation of the General Secretary, Miss Anderson, on the grounds of ill health. The Executive Committee heard this with very real regret, and many paid tribute to Miss Anderson's work during her six years in this office. (See page 159.)

APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Drama, I.H.Q.—Miss Sarah Glasson.

Overseas

British Guiana.—Colony Commissioner.—Mrs. Turner (in place of Mrs. Giendow who has resigned on leaving the Colony).

Zanzibar.—Commissioner for Zanzibar.—Miss J. D. Young.

Southern Rhodesia.—Chief Commissioner.—Mrs. Rice (in place of Mrs. Noakes, who has resigned on being appointed Commissioner for Training).

Imperial County Commissioners' Conference. A County Commissioners' Conference will be held at Imperial Headquarters on Thursday, November 13th, and Friday, November 14th, 1947.

AWARDS

LIFE-SAVING

Silver Cross

Guide Maureen Dyke, age thirteen, 2nd East Ham Company, London.

A party of children, including Maureen and her seven-year-old sister Anne, were playing near a frozen pond at Wanstead Park. Anne tried to cross the pond, but the ice gave way; the pond is five feet deep. Maureen at once took off her coat and shoes and walked across the ice to Anne; she herself went into the water and told Anne to hold her round her neck while she swam with her to an island in the middle of the pond. Anne had already gone down in the water twice; Maureen can swim by 'dog paddle' only. They had to wait on the island for an hour before the park-keeper came with a boat to take them to the mainland; they were both taken to hospital, where they were treated for shock.

Bronze Mary Sewell, 288th (St. Mary-on-the-Quay) Pack, Bristol.

Mary was left to dress her two-year-old brother Peter while her mother went out shopping. Peter threw off his nightdress, which fell in the fire, and, in pulling it back, another garment he was wearing caught fire. Mary immediately smothered his burning face with her hand, causing severe burns to her fingers, and then rushed to the tap and poured water over him. Two little girls ran for Peter's mother. Peter was taken to hospital in a critical condition, but later recovered. Mary also had to have hospital treatment for her injured hand.

FORTITUDE

Patrol Second Margaret Wilkinson, age fifteen, 123rd Sheffield Company, Yorkshire, W.R.S.

Margaret suffers from severe paralysis of almost the whole muscular system,

following an attack of infantile paralysis. She is most persevering in her endeavour to overcome her disabilities; she has now learnt to write, sew and knit, although at first it took her half an hour to write her name. Her bravery and cheerfulness have been outstanding, and she has always been a very good influence with younger children in the ward.

GOOD SERVICE

Medal of Merit

Miss Gladys Croft, Captain, 1st Batticaloa Company, Ceylon.

Miss Ewing Johnson, Commissioner for Camping for Ulster.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Wakefield, former Division Commissioner, Jarrow, County Durham.

GENERAL NOTICES

A School of Religious Drama is being held at University House, Birmingham, from August 30th to September 6th, 1947. This residential holiday course, organised by the Religious Drama Society, is for producers and others concerned with religious plays. Lectures and practical classes will be taken daily by Susan Richmond (Founder Director, Webber Douglas Drama School), and other eminent producers and lecturers. For particulars, apply to: The Organiser, R.D.S., S.P.C.K. House, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2.

The Trefoil Guild. Trefoil Guild membership cards are now obtainable from Headquarters' Shops, price twopence each.

Imperial Headquarters. Unlike the Guide Shop, the offices of Headquarters Departments are closed on Saturday mornings, although there is always one senior member of the staff on duty to deal with urgent matters.

COMING EVENTS

THE EMPIRE CIRCLE

Lunch Hour Talk. The July lunch hour talk will be on Thursday, July 24th, in the Council Chamber at Headquarters, at 1.15. It is hoped that Mrs. Pratt, formerly Colony Commissioner for British Honduras, will be the speaker. This meeting is open to all Guiders and Rangers. Sandwiches may be brought and coffee will be on sale from one o'clock. There will be no monthly meeting in August.

Summer Meeting. This will be held at Hampton Court on Saturday, July 5th. Invitations have been sent to all members.

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Where to Train

FOXLEASE

July 10-11 Emptying Conference
10-11 Guide and Brownie (ten days)
11-12 District Commissioners' Week-end
12-13 Guiders' Week
13-14 School
14-15 Guide and Brownie Week
15-16 Ranger Week-end
16-17 Music and Drama Week
17-18 Music and Drama Week

All applications should be made to the Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants., and should be accompanied by a deposit of 5s., which will be returned if notice of withdrawal is given two full weeks before the date of training. It is appreciated if Guiders enclose stamped addressed envelopes with their applications.

WADDOW

July 4-8 Brownie Week-end
11-14 Ranger and Sea Ranger Week-end
15-16 Guide Week
16-17 Guide and Ranger (ten days)
17-18 Brownie Week-end
18-19 Guide Week-end
19-20 Cadet Guiders' Conference
20-21 Guide Week-end
21-22 Guide Week-end
22-23 Guide Week-end
23-24 Guide Week-end
24-25 Guide Week-end
25-26 Guide Week-end
26-27 Guide Week-end
27-28 Guide Week-end
28-29 Guide Week-end
29-30 Guide Week-end
30-31 Guide Week-end

* See page 118 of the May Guider. 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 the training. Unless otherwise stated, week-end trainings will finish on Monday afternoons. Guiders may stay at Waddow till Tuesday morning if they wish. Applications from Guiders who cannot attend the whole of any training will be accepted for part of it, provided there is not a waiting list.

FOXLEASE AND WADDOW

FEES: 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.
Bursaries. For information regarding bursary places which are available at Foxlease and Waddow, apply through your Commissioner to the County Secretary.

Grants on Railway Fares. Where a Guider finds difficulty in attending 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 at Waddow:

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

COTTAGES: The Cottages at Foxlease and Waddow are let by the week to Guiders requiring a rest or holiday. For further details see March Guider. Applications should be made to the Secretary at Foxlease or Waddow.

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12-13 Sea Rangers
14-15 Charge Certificate and Boat Permit
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30-31 Charge Certificate and Boat Permit

* See page 159.
FEES: £1 17s. 6d. per week, 6s. per day.
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.

PAX HILL

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

NETHERURD (SCOTLAND)

July 4-6 Extensions' Week-end
11-12 Guide Week
13-14 Brownie Week
15-16 Guide Week
17-18 Guide Week
19-20 Guide Week
21-22 Guide Week
23-24 Guide Week
25-26 Guide Week
27-28 Guide Week
29-30 Guide Week
31-1 Guide Week

Unless otherwise stated, week-end training will finish on Sunday evening. Guiders 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 Guiders enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

BRONEIRION (WALES)

July 4-6 Training Committee Conference, and Testing Commissioners' (Wales) Week-end
11-12 Students' and Cadets' Week
13-14 Commissioners' Week-end
August 5-12 Welsh Guiders' Training (not Guiders), Campercraft Test for Rangers
15-19 Patrol Leaders' (Wales only) Week-end
22-26 Patrol Leaders' (Monmouth-shire County reservation)

Applications, accompanied by a deposit of 5s. and a stamped envelope, should be made to the Guider-in-Charge, Broneirion, Llandinam, Montgomery-shire, who will send full 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.

LORNE (ULSTER)

There will be no trainings at Lorne in July or August, but the autumn programme will appear in the August Guider. 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.

HEADQUARTERS TRAININGS AND CONFERENCES

CADET GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

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 until July 18th for every County in the United Kingdom that has Cadets. Other names will be put on a waiting list, and places filled up after that date. Suggestions for the programme Secretary at Waddow in the usual way. Applications should be sent to the Secretary at Waddow in the usual way. 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. The conference is open to all Green Cords. 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 I.H.Q. on Saturday, Nov. 8th and Sunday, Nov. 9th. Two places will be reserved for each County until Oct 3rd. Other names will be put on a waiting list and places filled up after that date. Applications should be made to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department at Headquarters.

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. Commandant: Miss I. Morrison, Commissioner for Cadets for England. Secretary: Miss Champion, Byculla, Scunthorpe, Lincs. Address during holidays, 21, King's Road, Horsa, Sussex. Gorwellon, Wig Fagh, Newton, Porthcawl, Glamorgan.—July 31st-August 7th. Secretary: Miss Hughes, Bronvel, Tygwyn Crescent, Cardiff. Netherurd, Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peebles-shire.—August 1st-8th. Applications to Miss McLeellan, Auchanault, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire. FEES: (for all camps) £1. Applications should be sent to the Secretaries, with 5s. 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. 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 used for sleeping accommodation in conjunction with one or two of the sites, and are suitable for small parties.

ENGLAND

COMMISSIONERS' TRAINING

A course of three-day trainings has been arranged to take place in the library at I.H.Q. on the following dates in the autumn: Wednesday, October 13th, Wednesday, November 5th, Wednesday, December 3rd. Times of sessions are 11.30-1 and 2.30-4.30. The trainers will be Miss Powell and Miss Newnham. Applications to attend the course should be made to Miss Newnham, English Training Dept., I.H.Q. Early application will assist in the organisation of the course, and preference will be given to those who undertake to attend on all three days. Those who apply will be sent the programme. The fee for the course (which should be sent with the application) is 3s.

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

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. **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. **Divisional Commissioner** requires Guide as Nursery Governess to twin daughters—aged 7. £150 resident, commencing half term.—Mrs. Pares, Llandough House, nr. Cardiff.

Cornwall Education Committee. Vacancies exist for Assistant Staff for Berrington Hostel (boys), Trenance Hostel (girls), Newquay, and Headlands Hostel (girls) Carbis Bay. Applicants must be experienced in child care with good knowledge of home-making duties. For details of duty and salary apply: The Secretary for Education, County Hall, Truro. **Student Nurses.** There are vacancies for young women between the ages of 18 and 30 years to train at the Essex County Council Hospital, Black Notley, near Braintree, Essex. The training, which is for the certificate of the Tuberculosis Association, is for the duration of two years. Board, lodging, uniform and laundry are provided, and during the first year, inclusive salary is at the rate of £50, and in the second year, £70. On completion of the second year there is a cash grant of £40. The comfort and well-being and happiness of the Student Nurse is the constant concern of the Hospital Officers. Supervision of the Trainee's activities is adequate without being irksome. The Hospital, situated in healthy rural surroundings, is a modern Sanatorium for the treatment of all forms of Tuberculosis and largely for female patients. Free transport facilities by way of reimbursement of fares are provided twice a week to Braintree. 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. Further information may be obtained from the Matron of the Hospital.

Swindon and North Wilts Victoria Hospital, Swindon. There are vacancies for Student Nurses. Eight weeks in Preliminary Training School. Salaries in accordance with Rushcliffe Scale. First year £55, second year £65, third year £75. Uniform and full residential emoluments. Applications should be addressed to the Matron, from whom all further particulars may be obtained. **Social Secretary—House Mistresses,** wanted in September for a Girls' Private Day School just starting a boarding establishment (numbers strictly limited). Shorthand not necessary, but applicant must be young, a keen Guider, and have some experience of Youth Clubs. No matron's work. Salary according to experience. Apply, Head Mistress, Sarum School, Walton-on-Thames. **Experienced Working Housekeeper** urgently required by Guider for herself and father; comfortable home; own bathroom; other help two days per week. Write—Elgin, Dutch House, Sandygate, Sheffield 10. **Companion Help** wanted, to assist with three goats and flower garden; animal lover; gardener kept; light housework; woman three mornings a week; no cooking required. Modernised house on 'bus route in village. References required. Particulars—Miss Daniel, Aston Tirrold, Didcot, Berks.

HEADQUARTERS VACANCIES

International Department. Good Shorthand Typist, aged 18 or over. Languages an advantage. Junior Clerk, over 15. Typing an advantage. **Editorial Department.** Messenger, aged 14. **Press and Publicity Department.** Good Shorthand Typist, aged 17 or over. Clerks for Stockroom, Reference and Filing, aged 17 or over, also General Invoice Clerk, with some experience and good at figures. **Copy Typist and Roneo Clerk,** aged 18 or over, accurate typing essential. Applications for the above posts should be made to the General Secretary, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1. **Packers.** Aged 18-25, must be accurate and quick. Application for the above post should be made to the Equipment Secretary. **Finance Department.** General Clerk, good at figures. Apply, stating age, experience and salary required, to Financial Secretary.

ACCOMMODATION OFFERED

Come to 'Castle Gay' for a leisurely holiday. Everyone welcome until we are able to re-open our Guide and Brown's Guest House.—Miss Ashby and Miss Rutherford, Parsonage Road, Berne Bay. **Bungalow Guest House,** open all year, run by ex-Guider; two minutes sea and 'bus. From 4 guineas. Ideal surroundings. Apply—'Summerhill', Banks Road, Sandbanks, Bournemouth. **Accommodation** offered older children of educated parents who reside abroad. Small, convenient house, Yorkshire Dales.—Whitworth, Wayside, Low Row, Yorks. **Caravan to let—Pevensey Bay—sleep two; well equipped.**—Taylor, 11, Garden Road, Anerley, S.E.20. **Guider offers Bedroom with Breakfast,** West London District; suit visitors. Write—Box 224. **Garden Hut** in country, five miles Folkestone; 'bus route; two divan beds; all equipment except sheets and towels; water at house; baths obtainable. Week-ends 12s. 6d., longer periods by arrangement.—Box 228. **Miss Sandys and Miss Wimbury** (both late Foxlease Staff) are opening a Guest-cum-Rest House. Particulars can be obtained from: Miss Sandy, Balmer Lawn House, Brockenhurst, Hants. **Coming to London?** Every comfort at 3, Westbourne Terrace Road, W.2. Bath, bed and breakfast from 10s. 6d. nightly. Parties welcomed. **Three-berth Caravan** to let; equipped; stationary. Five miles Rye; London 'bus. Secluded site near village—Mitchell, Oaks House, Beckley, Rye, Sussex. Convalescent taken for recuperation. Sunny house, large garden; 4 guineas.—Miss Sullivan, Droxford, Hants.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Apartments or Furnished Bungalow, New Forest, Hants; Dorset coast; three adults; any time last fortnight August.—Box 236. **Commissioner from Overseas** and daughter want furnished rooms for the autumn and winter in or near London. Write—Box 237.

CAMPS

Q.M. and First Aider wanted for Guide camp, north Cheshire, August 9th-16th.—Pacham, 20, Beech Grove, Fallowfield, Manchester 14. **First Aider and/or Life Saver** wanted, to join camp, Cotswolds, July 25th-31st, with camping experience.—Illingworth, Grammar School, Evesham. **Life Saver.**—A Guide company camping in Sussex 6th-13th August, urgently need a Guider or Ranger Life Saver to accompany them.—Mrs. Sinclair, 58, Hartley Down, Purley, Surrey.

Guider, requiring experience, wishes to join camp late August or early September. Also requires camp bed, blankets, camp overalls; sizes 37 in. bust, 39 in. waist. Box 231. **Lone Ranger Company,** camping North Wales, August 15th-22nd, extend invitation to other Rangers, especially Lones. Apply—Rich, 22, Camelian, Devon. **Oswestry, Shropshire.** **Non-licensed Guider** wanted as Q.M. Cadet/Ranger Camp Essex, August 1st-10th. Willing to take six Rangers, Cadets or Senior Guides.—Box 232. **Has any Company,** camping July-August, any vacancies, please?—Crom, 2, Ongar Road, Brentwood. **Five Rangers** (experienced campers), to join Ranger camp, near Whitby, August 16th-23rd. Particulars—Miss White, 62, Whitby Street, West Hartlepool, Durham. **Life Saver.**—Guide camp, August 2nd-16th. Expenses paid.—Box 233. **Life Saver** wanted for Guide camp ('A' bathing) in Somerset, August 1st-10th. Expenses paid. Could bring friend or two Guides.—Travers, Hillside, Hants. **Wintney, Hants.** **Would Guider, camping by sea,** August, please include (approx.) ten Guides. Details—Walls, Rofford, Newdigate, Surrey. **One or two Life Savers,** to join camp at Otterton, nr. Sidmouth, Devon, August 15th-25th.—Mrs. Wood, 52, Gorseyway, Coventry. **Would anyone who is qualified and willing to Life Save** for a camp near Chichester from August 5th-19th, write to Miss Daniell, 30, Monkham's Avenue, Wotton, Green, Essex. **Life Saver (Grade A)** required for Guide camp at Beer, Devon, from August 9th-23rd. Expenses paid.—Miss Webb, Northdown, Warminster, Wilt. **Camp site for approximately twenty campers;** heart of Peak district, Guide 4d.; Guides, 6d. per night, minimum 10s. Apply—Mrs. Goodwin, 94, E. Wood, Derbyshire. **Would Guider camping August/September** include ten Guides and Guider.—M. Bebbington, 115, Sandbach Road, Alsager, Cheshire.

FOR SALE

Whistles, hand turned of Apple and Hawthorn wood, from 2s. 6d.—Langdon, 'Downen', Peartree Lane, Bexhill, Sussex. **Lightweight rucksack,** size 16 x 20 in.; three outside pockets; excellent condition. What offers?—Box 220. **Two Guiders camping eliderdowns,** pre-war, only used twice; green, 23 in. each. Also most lovely tent for two, complete with fly, ropes and pegs in canvas bag, £8.—Horsfall, Stapley Mill, Churchstanton, nr. Chard, Somerset. **Down sleeping-bag** (hardly used), £3 15s.; hessian palliase, 10s.; blue canvas overall (large), 7s. 6d.—Box 229. **Navy, framed rucksack;** two silk morse flags.—Hobkinson, 387, London Road, Reading.

WANTED

Guider's overall, W.X. Particulars to—Mrs. Edwards, School House, Blakeney, Oxford. **Guider's overall,** bust 38 in., hips 44 in.—Townson, 227, London Rd., Reading. **Wanted to hire** by company camping Switzerland, August, framed rucksack and down sleeping-bags.—Evans, Royal School, Longleat, Warminster, Wilt. **District Commissioner** requires uniform, 38 in. bust, hips 44 ins., tall.—Perry, Ganghill, Guildford. **Wanted to buy,** 'Introduction to the Devant Life', by Frances Sales.—Whiturst, 3, Step Terrace, Winchester, Hants. **Guider's overall,** hips 44 in. Price and particulars to: Simpson, Clifton, Bristol, Yorks. **Guider's uniform,** bust 34 in., waist 25 in., hips 36 in.; must be in good condition; also white shirts.—Mrs. Bromley, 27, Harpfield Road, Trent Vale, Bath-on-Trent. **Flag carrier—Miss Barrett,** 27, James Road, Kidderminster. **Guider and Ranger Trefolls** wanted for Colours.—Miss Barton, Rothay Lane Cottage, Graamere, Westmorland. **Camp overall,** bust 36 in., length 42 in.—Box 234. **Uniforms,** for new company, 33 in. and 36 in., at reasonable price.—Box 235. **Wanted experienced Lady Quartermaster Cook** volunteer to cater for seventh Pony Club members at camp, August 25th-September 4th. First Aider wanted.—Miss Mappin, Collington Lane, Bexhill. **Wanted urgently—copies of 'The Amber Gate'**—words and music.—Mrs. B. Wood, The Vicarage, Leigh, Lancs.

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