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Youth Work in the G.I.S.

A NUMBER of people, even within the movement, do not realise that the Guide International Service is as active as ever. Recently a report has been prepared by the Standing Conference of National Juvenile Organisations, and the extracts below give some idea of the youth work being done by the G.I.S. teams. The latest development is the request for a new team to be ready in December. The number of qualified volunteers still available is very small, and there is a need for more trainees with administrative ability or experience of social welfare. This need should be made known to one-time members of the movement who, through holding positions of responsibility in the services or other organisations during the war, may not have been available when the G.I.S. came into being.

The Guide International Service has five Relief teams at present working in Germany; three teams are engaged on D.P. welfare work, and the remaining two are working with the Germans. During the summer a special camping team was called for and, in addition, the Training Department, in co-operation with the G.I.S., sent a team to do Guide training.

Personnel is only one of the needs. There is also the vital question of supplies. The G.I.S. has to date (October, 1947) spent £10,808 in sending supplies through the pool run by the Council of British Societies for Relief Abroad, for relief work among D.P.s and Germans in the British Zone. In addition, ten tons of clothing, valued at £5,000, was contributed as a gift by Guides of the Dominions. Useful as are bulk stores, however, work would often have been at a standstill had it not been possible to meet, directly, small but key needs in the various camps. As such wants were discovered, Guides in Great Britain contributed odd scraps of material, silks and coloured threads from which D.P. women were able to produce the most beautiful traditional embroidery. Flour bags were unravelled and the yarn used to knit garments; old bicycle spokes were used as needles. Materials for shoe mending were also supplied.

With the departure of UNRRA and consequent administrative changes in Germany, the type of work allotted to the teams has changed. The need, however, though rather different, remains as great as ever. When the G.I.S. was first formed, it was expected that the teams would be called on largely in connection with youth work. In actual fact, it turned out that the work to which they were assigned in the first place proved to be relief work with adults rather than with children. Recently, however, they have been able to do more and more in connection with children and young people.

The first work of this kind consisted mostly in producing supplementary meals for children, distributing clothing, seeing to the repair of shoes for school children, establishing kindergartens and clinics, and helping to start preventoria for children with a mild form of open T.B. and those who had been exposed to infection. During the last two years, however, teams have had the opportunity of doing youth work for which their Guide Training has particularly fitted them. During the summer months, for instance, team members, all of whom have had camping experience, ran a series of camps (under canvas) for the children in D.P. camps, and for German children. In these camps,



On this site in Schleswig-Holstein were run campcraft trainings for German youth leaders. Left: a patrol choir. Right: a German Army cooker proved useful



the Guiders, through previous training and experience, were able to achieve much more than merely physical benefits for the children.

When it was discovered that a large number of the children in D.P. centres were Guides or Girl Scouts, the Guiders were able to give encouragement and technical help to Guide groups. For six months in 1946, a team of workers, headed by Guide Headquarters Trainers, sponsored by the World Association and equipped by the G.I.S., toured the D.P. camps in the British Zone to give Guide training to groups of youth leaders.

In the course of this tour it was found that there were 1,000 Lithuanian Guides, fifty-one companies of Latvian Guides, and groups of Estonian Guides in seventeen places in the zone. In co-operation with the Balt Council of Scouts and Guides, the team ran a large camp for the three Balt groups of Guides and Girl Scouts; several other camps were run for the training of 115 Balt Guiders. In the case of Polish men and women, the trainings had to be taken entirely from a youth club angle, as it has not been possible so far for Polish Guiding and Scouting to be officially recognised in the British Zone.

Further developments took place in 1947, when the Control Commission for Germany allotted to the G.I.S. the role of giving help and advice in connection with German youth camps. A campcraft training for German youth leaders was held in Schleswig-Holstein. Courses continued throughout one month, and 114 youth leaders who attended then held camps of their own. Something on the same lines was done in the Ruhr. Here, in addition to the training camps for youth leaders, G.I.S. campers, at the request of the Control Commission operated in six different districts. For this, six additional members were sent out for the summer months. Their function was to visit all German youth camps in their

particular area, staying a day or two in each to demonstrate camp methods and give help and advice in such matters as camp sanitation, care of tents, etc. Some of these camps were run by youth leaders for children belonging to various youth groups, others were camps run by Germans for the training of youth leaders. These camp activities with the Germans were in addition to a series of camps (and a training camp for Guiders of many different nationalities) held by the training team, assisted by two Swedish Guiders.

One thing leads to another, and the latest developments in Germany is one in which the Training and International Departments, and the G.I.S., are all playing a part. Originally a ban was placed on Guiding among the Germans, as the German authorities, from their associations with other countries, tended to regard Guiding as political. After long negotiations, however, between the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, and the Education Branch of the Control Commission, the latter has agreed to allow a small number of carefully chosen German women to be sent to other countries to be trained as potential Girl Guide leaders. This plan is now in process of being carried out, some excellent prospective Guiders have been found, and thirty or forty of them are shortly expected to go to other countries for training. Sweden and Holland are co-operating in this scheme, and it is hoped that Denmark, and possibly other countries, may be able to join in later. It is being arranged that from twelve to twenty women should come to Great Britain. It is considered of great importance that when Guiding and Scouting are introduced to Germany, it should be as international movements, thus helping the Germans to look beyond their national troubles. The Control Commission authorities in Germany are not only convinced of the soundness of the scheme, but believe that it should be a most telling power for good, and one which should have far-reaching results.

Empire Ranger Week, 1948

IN 1947 the focal point of the Ranger year was the All-England Ranger Rally. In 1948 the Branch will follow its motto and 'Look Wider' still. July 18th to July 25th will be celebrated as Empire Ranger Week, when emphasis will be laid on the common bonds linking Rangers throughout the British Commonwealth and Empire. Fellowship, service for others, ideals expressed through interpretation of the Law and Promise, and love of open-air life and camping are some of these links of friendship. Extension and Lone Rangers will, of course, play their part. The Cadets will also be joining in, and should be included in all the arrangements made.

There is a common programme being planned for the end of the week, and this will, it is hoped, include a campfire ceremony and a broadcast so arranged that Rangers throughout the Commonwealth and Empire will be able to listen to it on the same day. Full details of the programme will be published later. By the way, suggestions for a suitable campfire ceremony would be welcomed by the Branch.

What form the celebration of Empire Ranger Week as a whole will take is to depend entirely upon the companies, crews and flights in each District. They may show their originality in working out their own ideas, or they may adopt one or more of the following suggestions. The culmination, however, should be some special activity which will lead up to and include the planned programme. One good way of opening the week would be to hold a Ranger and Cadet (church parade on Sunday, July 18th. The second week-end might be celebrated in a week-end camp (if a longer one cannot be managed) or an overnight hike for all the Rangers of the District, Division or County. This would give the Rangers an opportunity to use the planned campfire ceremony. We hope that sufficient numbers of Rangers will come together in some common activity for them to realise the world-wide significance of the occasion. In addition to week-end hikes or camps, some areas may like to organise conferences or trainings, but

no doubt Rangers will want to disperse early on Sunday in order to reach home in time for the broadcast.

A number of Districts, Divisions or Counties may like to invite Rangers from other places in Great Britain to join them. The guests will, of course, be expected to pay both their fare to the campsite and a camp fee. Overseas Rangers resident here for the time being, and who are not attached to a company, or Overseas Rangers able to travel to Britain, will only be expected to pay the camp fee. As the latter have so far to travel, Ranger hostesses will no doubt wish to extend their invitation by entertaining them in their homes for Ranger week, and possibly for another week as well. A few guests from the Continent will also be asked to take part in Empire Ranger Week. They will pay their own fares, but will be entertained at camp, and later in their own homes, by Rangers who wish to do so. They are being invited in token of our international friendship and as a mark of appreciation for their kind hospitality to British Rangers during 1947.

If Rangers have the permission of their Guider, Commissioner and Ranger Adviser to invite guests to their camp, they should do so as soon after Christmas 1947 as possible, and not later than Easter, 1948. To the Secretary, Ranger Branch, Imperial Headquarters, they should send details of the number they wish to invite, and the part of this country, the Empire or the Continent, from which they would like them to come. It is unlikely that many can travel to us from remote parts of the Empire, or that we shall have many visitors from the Continent. It is probable that interchange of visits between Rangers from different parts of Great Britain will be the main feature of the Week. Rangers in Great Britain who can pay their own fare to visit Empire Ranger Week Camps in the Dominions should apply to the Ranger Secretary not later than December 31st, and earlier if possible.

MARY E. R. SUTHERLAND,
[COMMISSIONER FOR RANGERS, I.H.Q.]

Guiding in British Honduras

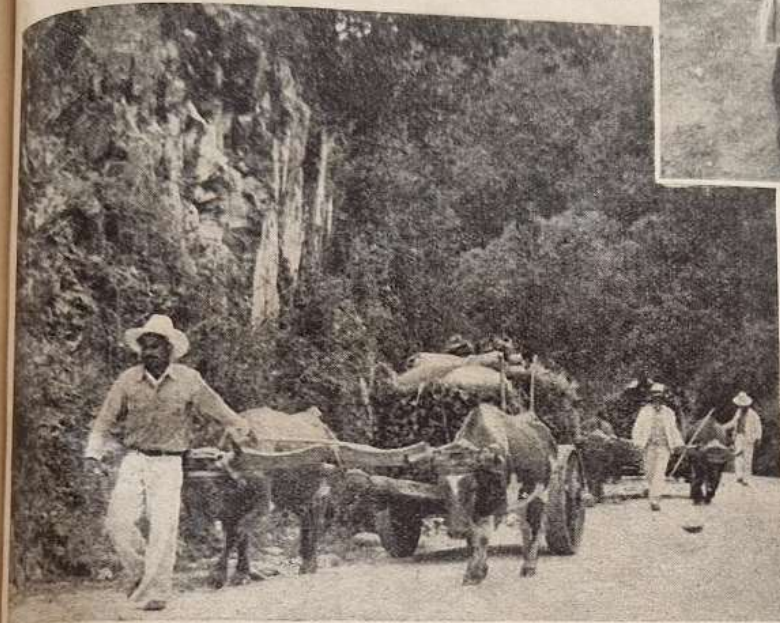
FIRST let me help you to visualise the country of British Honduras. The colony is situated on the east coast of Central America, bounded on the north by Mexico, on the south and west by Guatemala, and on the east by the Caribbean Sea. It is about the size of Wales, and has a population of sixty thousand. Roughly twenty-five thousand live in the capital of Belize. The races are, in order of predominance, Negroes, Maya Indians, Latin Americans and a few Caribs and British. The official language is English, but there are, of course, others in use which include Spanish, Creole, Mayan and Carib. The country is very flat, except near the borders of Guatemala, where the mountains rise steeply. Most of the



hindered by lack of trained help. However, we have great hopes for the future. First aid lectures are being given to Second Class Guides by a member of the Local Association who is a trained nurse, and we are hoping to start classes for folk dancing and choral singing. Once a month the patrol leaders from every company meet together for a training night. These meetings are always well attended, and as a result the companies are brought more closely together, and the feeling of belonging to a great movement rather than to a single company, is developed.

The Guiders have a monthly meeting and training night on very much the same lines.

Thinking Day this year was a great day for us; each company represented a country in which Guiding is enjoyed, and the patrol leaders from all companies took part in an impressive World Flag ceremony. As the celebrations were indoors, we could not have a proper campfire, but we enjoyed our sing-song in the fascinating light of fifty pumpkin lanterns—like the turnip lanterns you have for Hallowe'en. Some of them were marvellous works of art. In April we had our annual rally. There was mass drill and country dancing, and a grand spectacular formation of the Union Jack. Of course we had our march past first and, when we were all in horse-shoe formation, the breaking of the Colour, which flew out bravely over the rest of the day's



A bullock-cart on one of the two roads which exist in British Honduras

land is forested except for certain savannah and swamp-lands. The forests are rapidly thinning out now, and the once-famous British Honduras mahogany is increasingly difficult to get. Transportation in the colony is difficult. Most travel is by boat, along the rivers and canals, across lagoons or by sea. A rough road runs north from Belize for about sixty miles and a new road to the west has just been completed. There are lots of lovely trees and plants, but snakes and scorpions abound, as well as a number of different kinds of biting insects, such as mosquitoes and sandflies.

What of the Guides in this little-known outpost of the British Empire? There are about four hundred of us, and all but fifty live in Belize. A new company has been started in Corozal in the northern district, and two small companies struggle along bravely in the south of Stann Creek. In Belize we have nine companies; two Brownie Packs have been started this year, and we hope to have a Ranger Company soon. The Guiders and Guides are a keen lot, but we are seriously



Much of the country is swamp-land or savannah, and transportation is mainly by boat. A bridge at a village on the Mullins River

proceedings. The shield for general progress was won by the 2nd Belize (Wesley) Company this year, and the Challenge Cup for Handicrafts and Sports was won by the 1st Belize (St. John's) Company.

I cannot end without describing the marvellous training camp we had for Guiders in March—for one glorious week—at one of the cayes about twelve miles from the mainland. (A caye is a small island, mainly of coral sand. There are dozens of them to be found inside the reefs which run the whole length of the coast.) Miss Kerridge, Commissioner for Train-

ing in Jamaica, spent a month with us in British Honduras and she conducted the training sessions at our camp. All the Guiders benefited enormously during this week. It was the first time most of the Guiders had camped, and the fellowship of camp has created a new bond between them. We hope to have many more camps such as this in the future. There is great enthusiasm here for the adventure of Guiding, and if keenness and spirit can make us efficient, we will soon be, in spite of all our difficulties.

HILDA M. ELVIDGE [COLONY COMMISSIONER]

'A Sweet Disorder . . .'

WHEN Herrick wrote his famous lines to Julia, one thing is certain, she was not wearing uniform! 'A sweet disorder in the dress' does indeed 'kindle in clothes a wantonness', and it appears, at the moment, that many of us agree with Herrick in praising or, at any rate, condoning these things when they are shown by our many little Julias—or even, regretfully, by our older and unwarranted Julias. At most, we sigh regretfully and say that nobody can help it. 'Disgusted Guider', writing recently, has reason to complain, and not only with regard to the Rally. Our standards in uniform are deplorable at the moment, and there is a growing tendency to imply that it is impossible to get uniform, that nobody can be expected to try, and that any sort of substitute will do.

Uniform is difficult to get. It is expensive and it takes coupons. But these are not insurmountable difficulties, and it is an interesting and undeniable fact that the really keen people *do* get it somehow and got it right through the war. The present changes do not make it any easier and, inevitably, they involve a certain number of variations, but there are reasonable variations and unreasonable ones. Unless a firm stand is made against the latter, we shall cease to be a uniformed organisation at all. We shall also cease to appear as an organisation to which anybody with high standards of personal tidiness would wish to belong.

A Guider wearing a brief Guide overall, surmounted by the tunic of her coat and skirt, unbuttoned and unbelted, and a Guider in a white shirt with no coat and white socks do nothing to enhance either our reputation or our self-respect—and examples could be multiplied endlessly. Rangers in grey skirts, brown skirts and pin-striped skirts, blue shirts, white shirts and peach shirts, are *not* wearing uniform and will not attract anybody outside the movement by their appearance. Guides who are allowed to wear old coat belts, multi-coloured socks and hair ribbons, and any sort of headgear, and to have their hair hanging loose on their shoulders, will have no standards and no respect for the so-called uniform that they wear. Campers in shorts and shirts of every colour except blue, and bright cotton frocks, have no apparent connection with Guiding and tend to leave behind them a reputation for untidiness.

Uniform is not everything, but it is a symbol. The way it is worn is, to some extent, an indication of the character beneath it; it shows in some measure the respect or lack of it that we accord to the movement to which we belong, and it is the only way in which the general public can recognise us as Guides. On our uniform and on that of our Guides and Rangers their opinion will partly depend. Can we not remember these things and cease to produce travesties of uniform? Let us wear the real thing, clean and correctly put on—or plain clothes until the uniform can be obtained. There will, of course, be some who will find it genuinely impossible. There always have been these, and they have always had that help from their own company or district which they should still have. But in most areas they are a very small minority, and they do not account for the generally low standard of uniform that is apparent to-day.

A uniform that is uniform and that needs effort means far more to anyone, Guider, Ranger or Guide, than the jumble sale collections that are worn by many at present. Let us

cease to say 'It's terribly difficult', and start saying 'We can'. Let us cease to allow any member of the movement to attend any public meeting, from the District function upwards, unless she is properly dressed. This sounds drastic, but it works like a miracle. 'You are a Guide and a Guide wears uniform—not any old bits and pieces, but uniform.' It will need to be clearly stated what uniform means and what reasonable variations will be allowed, such as a strap instead of a belt, and with a clear goal in front of them, the great majority will rise to the challenge and achieve it. The few who need help should have it, and the remaining handful who are so uninterested that they will not try will probably leave us, for some other reason if not for that. This scheme has been tried, more than once, and it has always been found that Guides make the effort and are proud of the result. If it is started for special events, it gradually percolates to ordinary meetings.

The average Guider and Ranger can arrange her money and coupons so that uniform is obtainable gradually, if she wishes; it depends on what she really wants most. Most mothers are co-operative, and the average child of Guide age will get what it is really determined to have, whether it is Guide uniform or a party frock. If uniform could be made to matter again, appearances would improve immediately. At the moment it doesn't matter, and everybody makes excuses for it, so nobody bothers. It needs an enormous effort to pull us out of our post-war lethargy on the matter, but it must be done if we are not to become a national joke. Let Commissioner Herrick gather her Julias together and tell them firmly that a sweet disorder in the dress can no longer be tolerated.

C. S. TATHAM

Development Fund

There are two gifts of special note this month. First, £1,000 from Kent. The County Commissioner 'followed the trail' throughout her County on four days, receiving gifts from her companies en route, with this wonderful result which is sent to us as 'a first instalment'. Then, we have received £126 5s. from Hampshire, which was raised by a cleverly organised jam pot collection. No less than 128,000 jam pots were collected. Well done, Hampshire!

When sending us the cheque (in a jam pot) the County Commissioner enclosed the poem, 'Operation Jampot', which she herself had written. The last two verses run:

Operation J.P. proved the greatest fun,
And, at last, our accounts are correctly done,
All cheques to the company funds are paid
And a very nice profit jam pots have made.
In our hundred and twenty eight thousandth jar.
With our love to you and H.Q. we are
For our Development Fund enclosing a gift
To help the financial cloud to lift.

Further gifts since September 10th

England	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gilbert Isles	1,411	17	2			
		5	0			
Total up to September 10th	1,416	17	2	1,416	17	2
Grand total up to October 10th				24,585	6	6
				£26,002	3	8

A Trainer Abroad

THOUGHTS at the end of a camping season spent abroad:—

L.C.D. of campers all the world over. They feel with the tent doors shut and the brailing down. They have no natural aptitude for firelighting. They invariably choose the spindliest bits of wood for gadget making, have no respect for tent canvas as such and no conscience about toffee.

They wake up when it is time to go to bed. M.C.F. of campers all the world over. A love of adventure, occasionally latent but easily aroused, a great interest in the mechanics of camping and a desire to learn how to do things properly, a lively competitive spirit which can be directed as well towards a standard as against another patrol.

Highlights. Striking the World Flag on a hillside above Hamelin and the river Weser, in front of a horseshoe composed of representatives of six nationalities with a Colour party of five—an Estonian, a Latvian, a Lithuanian and two Germans. 'These things shall be . . .'

Visitors' Evening. Colonels, Brigadiers and highly placed Military Government and UNRRA officials dancing round the campfire to the tune of 'Goodnight Ladies'. Bitter complaint from one of them when the dance was stopped at the end of ten minutes, 'I say! I haven't said goodnight to half of 'em yet!'

Hunting at dusk for 'bell' frogs under the stones on the

steep sides of a disused quarry, the air full of their sweet, clear music, with the occasional bass of a big toad in the pond — 'Coax! Coax!'

(For beginning of this story see 'Lowlights'). A picnic supper (porridge and one slice of bread), a completely successful campfire, twenty-two stretchers under the trees, each covered with a green groundsheet. The best night in camp — for them. Rather fun for us, incidentally.

Lowlights. Tents down, equipment sorted, twenty-two children (the babies of the camp, some of them only Brownie age) forgotten by their D.P. Camp Commandant, left sitting on their luggage. (For end of story see 'Highlights').

'The water wagon is kaput again'. 'Tow it with the truck then'. Ten minutes interval. 'I say, the truck won't start, either'. 'Then take the van'. Ten minutes interval. '???' '!!!!'

Moving the entire camp of a hundred persons from the hill-top to the shelter of the valley, to escape the weather (which promptly improved).

A blitz on closed tents—every door forcibly opened and brailed back—11 p.m. Thunderstorm, with torrential driving rain—1 p.m.

Sum total of experience. Was it worth the effort involved? In the words of Mary Chater's song, 'Now, isn't that a foolish question, eh?' C.E.H.

Welcome to the World Committee

BUCKINGHAM Palace Road has seen uniforms in a multitude of colours and styles this year. All ages and stages of the movement from many different countries have visited Headquarters, Our Ark and the World Bureau, and have been warmly welcomed as members of sister organisations abroad. October brought yet another group, in the less familiar blue-grey uniform of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts—the delegates to the meeting of the World Committee which was being held in London. These we were delighted to have with us, but as visitors in a different sense, for, as members of the World Committee, they represent no one country but World Guiding as a whole. They were elected at the World Conference at Evian in September 1946 to act on behalf of the World Association until the next World Conference which is being planned for August 1948, to take place outside New York. The Committee met in Paris in January, and the meeting recently held in London was primarily to make preliminary arrangements for the next World Conference.

This was the first time that Miss Kydd had attended the Committee as Director of the World Bureau; the Chairman was her successor as Chief Commissioner for Canada, Mrs. John Corbett. Her Vice-Chairman was Madame Koseova, Czechoslovakia's Chief Guide, who so royally entertained the International Commissioners at their conference in June, and once more London welcomed as old friends Mademoiselle Beley from France and Madame Cornil from Belgium. These, with Miss Alison Tennant and Miss Violet Synge, who were, so to speak, playing on the 'home ground', completed the number of elected members of the Committee; Dona Rosita Bahiana, Mademoiselle Ernst and Mrs. Banham came as substitute members in the regretted absence of Madame de Kerraoul, Mrs. Swift Newton and Miss Sylvi Visapaa. Mademoiselle de Jong, Countess Folke Bernadotte and Madame Malkowska, who are Chairmen of Sub-committees of the World Association, and the Treasurer, Mrs. F. M. Campbell, were also present.



Miss Winnifred Kydd (left), the new Director of the World Bureau, with Mlle Beley (France) photographed in London at the recent meeting of the World Committee. Right: Mrs. John Corbett, Chairman, meets Miss Violet Synge. Between them stands Dona Rosita Bahiana (Brazil)



The Golden Hand Test

THE Brownie who is working for her Golden Hand is often a much-neglected person. Somehow there never seems time to fit in her test work among the various groups of Second Class and recruits, and either she joins in with them or she is asked to help them, and her own progress is apt to suffer. If Brown Owl keeps a programme book and maps out the skeletons of three or four meetings in advance, she will soon see whether the prospective Golden Hands will get their fair share of attention. If Brown Owl is single-handed it is sometimes helpful to close the meeting fifteen minutes early and take the Golden Hands only, firmly dispatching the hangers on! It makes them feel important to have Brown Owl to themselves and they also feel that they really are getting on towards their badge.

Unlike the Golden Bar, the First Class test requires an agreed standard. Either a Brownie is worthy of the badge or she is not. Given enough coaching, most children could pass the test; but what about the Brownie herself? Is she a first class person in her character? Has she made consistent efforts to be more helpful and courteous than she was? Is she a model at meetings and a nuisance at school and at home? That is just as important.

Semaphore is often left to the last and is learnt in one mad rush just before the eleventh birthday. Why not let all the pack learn it? Even the smaller ones enjoy it and, for some reason unknown, they do not find it nearly so difficult to master as we do! Be definite about the angles right from the beginning, and if you have not enough flags use any sticks you can lay your hands upon. In first aid do try to use clean bandages and lint—they are quite cheap. If you produce grubby equipment, why stress cleanliness? If there *should* be a graze or small cut

during a meeting, do let a Brownie deal with it, it may take a little longer than if you bound it up yourself, but it is an opportunity for putting into practice knowledge that the Brownie has acquired, and no harm will come to the patient if you keep an unobtrusive eye upon the first aider.

Many Owls let Brownies practise laying and lighting a fire out of doors. The Brownie tests are essentially those which make the children useful at home, and the lighting of a fire is really meant to be an indoor fire. All children love an outdoor blaze, but it takes away the thrill of their first hike fire when they are Guides, and it does seem a pity to encroach upon company activities unnecessarily. How many children can skip really well? Too often one sees a heave from the ground which ends in hunched shoulders and legs bent back so that they touch the hips. The bent legs are usually the result of too short a rope. It should reach the ears when the centre of it is touching the ground. Where possible, skip on hard ground and encourage the Brownies to spring from the ankles, to have arms fairly straight, the rope turned from the wrists, and back and head erect, but not poker stiff.

In a pack meeting there never seems time to fit in all the things we want to do; the meeting goes by in a flash and there is a mad scramble to clear up and depart before the next occupiers clamour to come in, or before the bus goes. Stop a minute and think. Has the pack, anywhere in your full programme, spent even two minutes on the First Promise? It is so easily crowded out by games, tests, nature hunts, etc. It is the most important thing in all Guiding and should come into every meeting somewhere. To some children it may be the only occasion when they have an opportunity to think and talk about God.

The Commissioners' Meeting Place

Have We Time?

TIME today is a very precious commodity in short supply for most people. Those whom we invite to come and help the movement as Commissioners reply most often, 'I am sorry, but I haven't time', and we find ourselves asking just how much time ought a District Commissioner to give to Guiding? How is a potential new Commissioner to know whether she has time to fulfil the obligations if she takes them on?

This page for Commissioners is intended to help thrash out such questions and so, for the purpose of further discussion, here is the experience of a District Commissioner who has kept a record of the work done in a year. The District in question consists at the moment of five Guide Companies and four Brownie Packs, and there are seventeen Guiders, apart from the District staff, with whom to keep in personal touch. During the year, the Commissioner has held eight Guiders' meetings which have been very well attended. She finds, on looking at her diary, that she has paid ten visits to units for various purposes, including the warrant tests of Guiders, the giving of First Class badges and enrolment of Guides. She has interviewed Guiders at her own house to discuss taking up Guiding or on their resignation or for a final warrant test.

The Commissioner will have been present at the following Division events, seven meetings of the Division Court of Honour, a Thinking Day Party, a Scout and Guide Social, a Guiders' picnic, a Youth Leaders' Annual Conference organised by the Youth Committee, three Division Guides' Trainings and the Annual Meeting of the Division Local Association. In her own District there have been Brownie Revels, a 'parents' evening' to enlist support for the work of a company and pack, and a District Local Association meeting in prospect for November. She was able to help one company by camping with their leaders and seconds for the weekend. She also had the pleasure of arranging for six different

jobs for two aspirants to the Queen's Guide Award, and has taken a First Class test. It is not possible to give details of the many telephone calls and the numerous letters which have been written as a very necessary part of her job, nor need mention be made of the commitments in the sphere of local youth work both on the Youth Committee and in connection with local schools, as this is not included in every Commissioner's obligations. All District Commissioners will, however, want to go to County events, and in this particular record a Commissioners' Conference, a Guiders' Conference and a visit to the County Training Camp were all part of the programme.

Now, District Commissioners, we should welcome your comments and suggestions on this record. Are there too many or too few demands on the time of a District Commissioner? It is quite obvious that more visiting of units should have been done in a year. It is not a good average record judged by the old, leisured days but, to set against that, the Commissioner has met the Guiders eight times and has therefore been in close touch with their needs; they have known that they can call upon her help when their company or pack requires a visit. This particular Commissioner does not attempt to hold a Guiders' warrant but has had experience as a Guider in all branches. Readers will guess that this is a compact urban District and cannot therefore be compared with a scattered rural one, where the difficulties of holding regular meetings of Guiders are very great. It would be valuable to have the equivalent records for a rural District.

To set out the work of a District Commissioner in this way shows only the bare bones of a job which is an intensely interesting one in reality, and gives little idea of the joy of personal membership in a society working for and with girls and young people.

The Camp of the Yellow Tie

A LITTLE village perched precariously half-way up a mountain side; above it, half hidden among the pine-trees, a herdsman's chalet with a stretch of sloping pastureland before it. Such was the setting for the Camp of Amicitie Internationale, where for a week Guiders from ten different countries who were welcomed by Swiss Guiders and Commissioners. The watchword of our camp was 'Relier'—'Unite'—and all our activities made for a better understanding of our sister Guides from other lands. At Colours on the first morning, we took off our own ties as a symbol of the sacrifice we all had to make of our personal and national prejudices in order to live in harmony together. Of them we made a chain which we slung from the rafters of our chalet, and in their place we were given a yellow tie with a blue woggle—the blue and gold of the World Flag.

But goodwill alone is not sufficient foundation for a true sisterhood, so we all set about learning more of the customs and habits of each country represented. We discussed our separate and mutual problems and learnt more about the organisation of Guiding in other countries.



'One memorable day we rose at 5.30 and were well rewarded for our five-hour climb'

Besides this we learned how a Swiss camp is run, and were given an opportunity to see something of the country in which we were guests. One memorable day we rose at 5.30, laced on our nailed boots, and set off for the Lac de Fully. We were well rewarded for our five-hour climb, and ate our lunch by the side of the lake to the music of cow bells. True, an inquisitive black bull showed an inclination to join our picnic, but we were rescued by the herdsman, who talked a picturesque French.

All too soon came the last day, when we made our final journey down the mountain side, saying good-bye to the friendly people of Morcles; we set off together for Berne, where the Swiss Guides were proud to show us their capital before we parted, each to spend a few days as the guests of a Swiss family. Our most vivid memories of the International Camp? The wonderful atmosphere of mutual understanding where even language proved no barrier, the beauty of a mountain campsite and the amazing kindness of the Swiss people. Thank you, Switzerland.

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A German-Speaking Training

THOSE who read about the training in the July GUIDER will remember that it is planned for the Easter holiday, 1948; they may well be wondering, 'what will happen now?' It is felt too early to make official enquiry concerning permission to travel for such a purpose but, provisionally, plans are going ahead with the great hope that they will materialise, and with the idea of arranging a training in this country should hopes prove doomed to disappointment.

In the July GUIDER mention was made of a qualifying test; this has now been planned as follows. A Guider keen to attend the training must first have her Commissioner's recommendation as suitable to join in an international gathering; if this recommendation is given she should apply to her County International Representative for the oral language test. Where no appointment has yet been made, apply to the County Secretary. County International Representatives have been asked to arrange this at a centre as far as possible mutually convenient to the tester and the Guider. A standard test will be used and it is hoped to be able to find, as testers, persons who speak German as their mother tongue. Those who pass the oral test will be asked to take a short written test which will be corrected centrally in order to have one standard for all. The test will be the same whether the training is held in Switzerland or England; Guiders may, therefore, get into touch with their County International Representatives now, if a holiday claim has to be staked far in advance, or later if they prefer to wait for more definite information.

Plans for the training are outlined in Switzerland's letter of invitation from which an extract is quoted, 'The training is to be held in Switzerland, near Zurich, from April 5th to 18th, 1948; accommodation will be of the Youth Hostel type, and it is hoped to run the training for approximately 8 or 9 Swiss francs per day; excursions will be extra.

'Lectures will be held on German history, psychology, (particularly as regards the psychology of German youth today), and on conditions in Germany, and there will be practical sessions in Guiding. Only German will be spoken. We are hoping to secure as trainers Guiders who have worked in Germany, and who have a good knowledge of the country and the people'.

Switzerland invites Guiders who are 'good German linguists'. Translated into practice, it is felt that those who apply should be able to follow a session and take part in any subsequent discussion. Guiders who were graded A or B at the Bexhill training need not apply to be tested again; as there was no grading at the first training at Waddow, any interested should consult the International Department, as several of them could be graded without further test.

While this training should be invaluable to those who are interested in Guiding in Germany, Guiders will understand that attendance in no way guarantees service for Germany in any form. Great Britain, as a member country of the World Association, is working in close touch with the World Bureau on all matters pertaining to Germany and it will be helpful to the Imperial Headquarters Training Department to have a nucleus of Guiders interested, and with some background knowledge to whom it can turn as occasion arises. Future plans concerning Guiding in Germany are mentioned in the October GUIDER page 223 and in this number, page 242.

The Association is fortunate in Switzerland's generous invitation; it is hoped that German speaking Guiders will avail themselves of this opportunity. The return fare from London to Zurich is £16 6s. 11d., 2nd class, and £11 18s. 3d., 3rd class; it is regretted that no grant from Imperial Headquarters funds can be made.

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Notes of the Month

Film Library

A coloured 16 mm. film of the International Folk Dance Festival will be available for hire from the Film Library at Imperial Headquarters on and after November 15th. This is a silent film, which runs for about fifteen minutes, and shows the march past H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth, as well as some of the dancing in Hyde Park. The hire charge will be 6d. for one exhibition, and 3s. 6d. for each subsequent showing. Other films will be added to the library this winter, and details will be published in THE GUIDER as soon as they are available. Meanwhile, bookings can be accepted for films already included in the list which will be sent by the Film Librarian on receipt of a stamped, addressed envelope.

Air Co-operation

Here is some great news for Air Rangers—the Air Ministry has agreed to co-operation between Air Training Corps units, the W.A.A.F. and Air Ranger Flights. What does this mean? Briefly, it means that Air Ranger Flights should now get into touch with the C.O. of the local A.T.C. unit. These units may be asked to give training in air subjects, and free use of their accommodation and equipment (subject to it not being required by their own cadets) but will not assist or permit use of gliders, or flights in powered aircraft. In return, Air Rangers may be asked to assist with canteen work, clerical work, issue of equipment, etc. Officers and other ranks of the W.A.A.F. may be asked to give lectures, to attend at parades, rallies, training, drill courses, and special functions and, if the W.A.A.F. member agrees, to assist in her own time by giving formal talks or instruction in drill. To get assistance from the W.A.A.F., find out if there are W.A.A.F. on your nearest R.A.F. station, and then write to the Officer Commanding that station and ask for such assistance as you require.

Attention, Guiders!

A competition is about to be launched in THE GUIDE with the object of bringing companies into more friendly contact with one another. Your help will be needed, so be prepared to give advice and encouragement. Briefly, the idea is that any company which wishes to take part shall begin a present for another (unknown) company to reach it on Thinking Day. It is in the early stages that you can help: the problem before your company will be, 'What can we send?' The present will have to conform to three rules: it must not cost the first company more than sixpence; it must be something that will be of use to the company which eventually receives it; and it must be unfinished, five other intermediate companies having to add something towards its completion en route to its destination. Full particulars of the competition will appear in THE GUIDE of November 14th. This preliminary announcement is made so that you may have time to wrack your brains for an original idea. One suggestion that will be made to companies which fail to think out a novel notion will be to begin a needle case (to which succeeding companies can add in turn needles, spool of black cotton, spool of white cotton,

safety pins, darning silk, or thimble). This would conform to the rule regulating cost, and would be useful for emergencies in company meetings or camp. This competition is going to be an exciting challenge to every company in the country. By the way, your company does take THE GUIDE, doesn't it? If not, do see that it has at least one copy and does not miss the fun.

Published for Commissioners

The new 1947 edition of the pamphlet, *For Commissioners* is now on sale, price 3d. New Commissioners will find this a useful summary of the scope of their work. Commissioners will be glad to know that the leaflet *How to Start a Brownie Pack* has now been published and can be obtained from Imperial Headquarters, price 2d. This leaflet will fill a long-felt need as it answers the questions asked by the prospective Brownie Guider, the parent and the authority which is proposing to sponsor a new pack.

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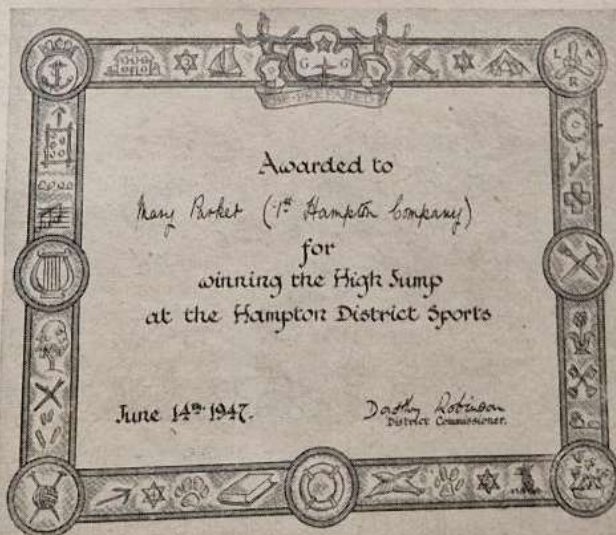
If Guiders and Commissioners have any difficulty in obtaining copies of THE GUIDER from newsagents or bookstalls, they are asked to send to the Editor the name and address of the retailer concerned, so that the matter may be put right.

Volunteers Wanted

Will any companies wanting to undertake an extra Good Turn for Christmas volunteer to sew together some patchwork pieces? The resulting quilts will then be distributed to old people in need of them. Guiders are invited to write to the Editor if their Guides are willing to help.

An Air Scholarship

The Women's Legion and the Women's Engineering Society announce the foundation of a new scholarship for women. The scholarship will be awarded every two years, and the winner will be enabled to train in any branch of aeronautical engineering. Girls who have passed the School Certificate examination and are aged between 15 and 20 will be eligible, and applications for the first scholarship must be received before April 30th, 1948. This valuable scholarship owes its origin to the generosity of the Women's Legion and the technical qualification of the Women's Engineering Society—two pioneer bodies of women co-operating to advance the technical opportunities of women. The Women's Engineering Society will undertake the administration of the scholarship. The society, founded in 1919, has worked for the admission of women to all types of engineering training, and feels that peace-time programmes of production and development call for the full use of the services of every woman with an engineering bent. Hitherto the openings for engineering training for women have been limited, but that situation is rapidly changing. This new scholarship will ensure that still more women may add their contribution to Britain's aeronautical achievements. Application forms for the scholarship may be obtained from the Secretary, The Women's Engineering Society, 35, Grosvenor Place, London, S.W.1, to whom all enquiries should be made.



Headquarters now has a coloured certificate for sale that can be used for presentation on any occasion. It is in two sizes—9 ins. x 7½ ins., price 8d. each; 6½ ins. x 5 ins., 5d. each. The smaller one can be used as an invitation card.

Adventure In Acting

Oh father, dearest father,
How very tired I am,
For nothing have I had to eat
But a little bread and jam

WITH these profound and, indeed, prophetic words I was first introduced to the difficult art of play production for girls. How often have I echoed them since! Even the line about the bread and jam has taken on a new significance, and the intelligent actor now lays particular stress upon the word 'little'.

The play was 'Beauty and the Beast'. The girls who had been struggling to do it by themselves appealed for help, and thus I found myself in the position of 'producer'—if one can give so dignified a name to my antics during the next few weeks. If I had rather impractical ideas of 'the drama' as something romantic, thrilling, and a trifle exotic, I was soon brought down to hard earth. The first rehearsal took place in a parish room smelling of black beetles, acid drops, and last night's social. The cast consisted of some half-dozen girls all chosen haphazard, more with an eye to regular attendance at the club than anything else. The play had been selected by the simple method of somebody saying 'Let's do "Beauty and the Beast", and I'll be Beauty'—and there she was, plump and eager, carrying a zinc pail and wandering on to the stage singing in as loud a voice as possible the lines which I have quoted.

It was the beginning of an adventure which was to teach me much, and which was packed with excitement and humour. I shall always remember the animal's head which had been procured, with great triumph, for the Beast to wear. True, it was made for a child, and its wearer was in her teens, but no matter, with perseverance, and at the cost of some bruises to the nose, it could be forced on. The head represented a fox with its mouth open and its tongue hanging out, while a peculiarly glassy stare came from its eye. This lolloping tongue and unwavering gaze had a very chilling effect upon the poor Beast's love speeches, which came in muffled tones from the interior of the head. It seems probable, in fact, that the audience never was very much the wiser as to what this peculiar animal was saying, and it was only after Beauty had released the Beast from the spell, and the head was removed, that they were able to hear any of his remarks. As that was the end of the play anyway, it was too late to be of much use to them.

However, the really exciting moment of the afternoon came when the head had to be removed. If the wearer's nose had suffered in getting in, how much more difficult it was to get out, in full view of the audience, and supposedly as the result of Beauty's entrance. At one rehearsal, I was told it had been found necessary for someone to take the head under her arm while the wearer retreated sharply in the opposite direction. If the person holding the head kept a firm enough grip, it worked, otherwise she was merely dragged across the stage in the wake of the Beast. I never tried this method myself so I cannot express an opinion. It was an undeniable fact, however, that the Beast, dressed in someone's black fur coat, with ordinary shoes and stockings at the bottom and the Beast's head on top, was well worth paying money to see.

Was the performance enjoyable? Yes. Was it ridiculous? Yes and no. It was the children's own idea, and up to that rehearsal it had been their unaided effort; consequently, it was entirely sincere. It had all the qualities and defects of a child's drawing, which it closely resembled. The thing was imagined, but the means were lacking to express that imagination. The technique and sense of proportion were missing. What they needed was some person to help them express themselves more adequately.

The Guider who can produce a play for her Guides and who has adequate knowledge of how this ought to be done is a person much needed today. We must not fail our Guides

in this respect, and what they want most is a person who can teach them, and help them in their first inexperienced efforts. For act they will. It is an instinct which is strong in most children, and sooner or later they will come with the request that they may be allowed to 'do a play'.

The Guider who is faced with this demand will probably feel inclined to echo Beauty's famous lines 'Oh father, dearest father, how very tired I am', and enter upon the adventure full of doubts and fears. It is a very sound plan, therefore, to learn something about play production for children before-hand. It saves a lot of time and helps to steer one round the awkward corners. Most people have cooking lessons, and sewing lessons, and camping instruction before they tackle any of those jobs, so why not acting, too? It is possible, of course, to learn by hard experience as one goes along, but this is a slow and bitter method of obtaining knowledge. Rather hard on the Guides too, if we practise on them.

It is impossible in this short article to say more than a word or two on the subject of play production, but I would like to emphasise the point that acting for Guides does require rather special treatment. The major problem of all dramatic work, but more especially the problem which confronts the Guider in producing a play, is how to reconcile what she imagines with what she has. How to interpret her ideas, and produce a dramatic work of beauty with a minimum of resources, uncertain rehearsals and inexperienced actors.

How was I, for example, to translate six ordinary girls in a dirty parish room into 'Beauty and the Beast', fairy-like and romantic? And yet this is exactly what the Guider turned producer has to do. She is in the position of the conjuror who has to fetch rabbits out of a hat. How can it be done? Perhaps there is no easy answer to this, but it is well to remember how the conjuror achieves it, simply by imposing upon the credulity of his audience, plus a little technical knowledge. They see, not what is there, but what he makes them believe is there.

The producer's first task is to know very clearly what she wishes the audience to see. She must have a complete and definite picture of the play in her mind. She must visualise each situation, the movements of the actors, their clothing, the scenery: all must be clearly imagined. Next, she must be able to give this picture to the children; share it with them so that they can see it as clearly as she does. This is not so difficult as it sounds, for children have lively imaginations and can make mental pictures quicker than we can.

Lastly, the children must make the audience see what they see. By believing in their own play they will carry the audience with them, and their conviction will communicate itself to the people watching them. The necessary link between actors and audience will have been forged. It is the old trick of make-believe played over again. Play it hard enough and everyone else will play it with you. 'So you see, ladies and gentlemen', says the conjuror, and she takes the rabbit out of the hat.

SARAH GLASSON

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Christmas Decorations from the North



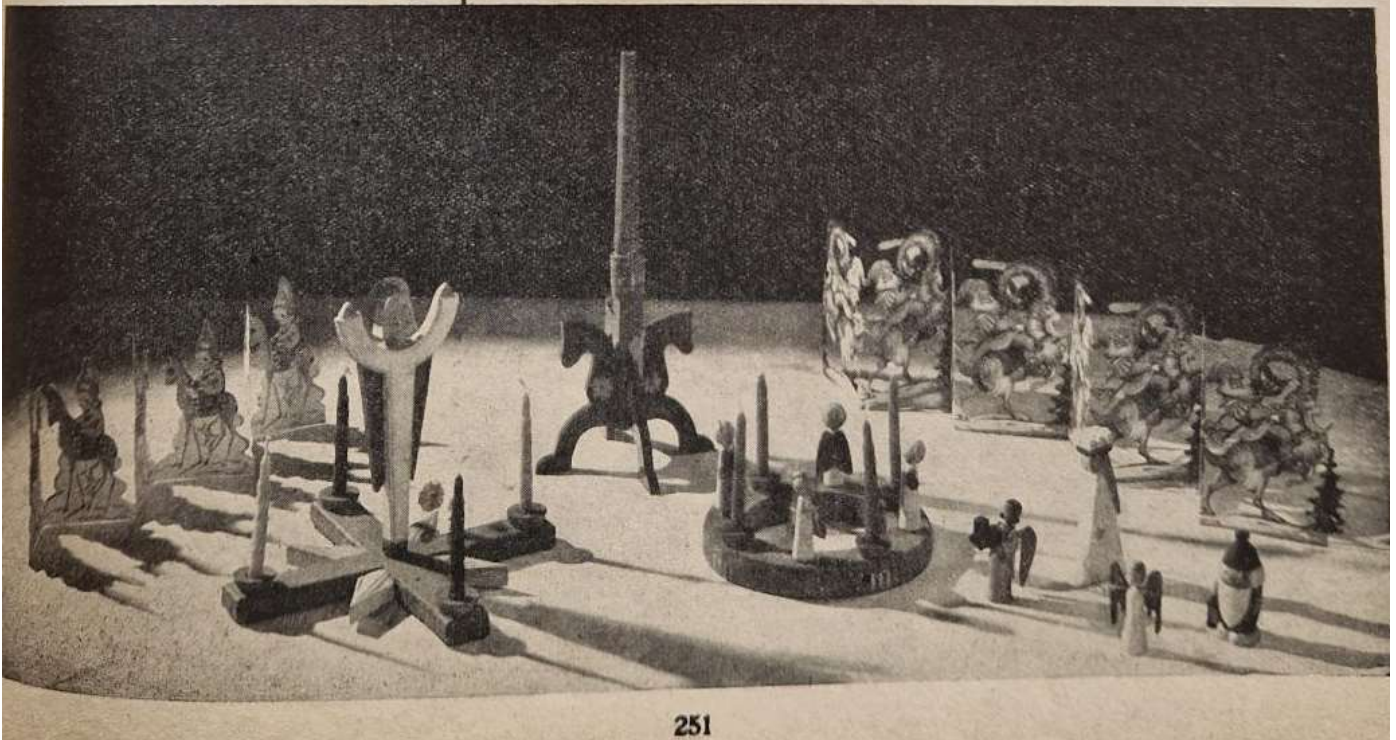
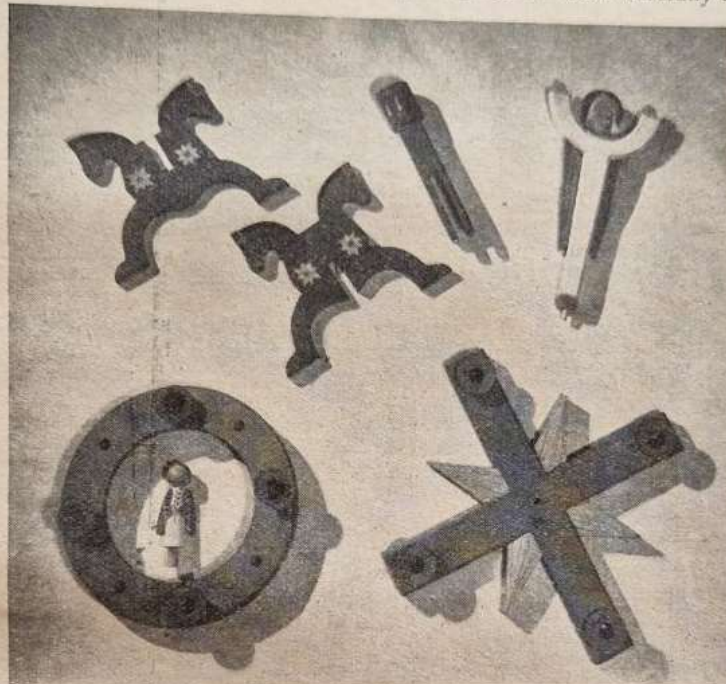
THOSE of us who remember the December shopping days of the 'twenties and 'thirties are inclined to look forward halfheartedly to Christmas festivities now. But is this quite fair to the younger folk who have no idea of the gayer side of life? Should we not rather make a greater effort to withstand the bleak winds of austerity and tell others to know the joy of the lighted tree and the decorations on the table, the pleasure of the hostess with the surprise for her guests? If we decide that this is desirable we must be prepared to spend thought, time and ingenuity in finding ways and means. For a start we might consider what the people of other lands already do.

Anyone who has been in the Scandinavian or Baltic countries will know how festive northern housewives can make their homes with wood and paper, paint and candles. Admittedly many of the show pieces are bought in shops, the work of fine craftsmen and, once acquired, are stored away to be brought out for birthdays, christenings and holy days. Our amateur efforts may not be so enchanting as the decora-

tions shown in these photographs—but there are such things as Handywoman's, Carpenter's and Toymaker's Badges in Guiding, and so there should be skill in most companies that can be turned to good account. Look carefully at what can be done: all these

table decorations are made of wood, gaily coloured and cunningly fitted together. Why not copy some for yourselves, simplifying them if need be, and exercise your imagination in devising other designs. Meanwhile, take an interest in the less ambitious efforts suggested to your company in the pages of THE GUIDE; together you can build a festival box of which you can all be justly proud, as well as creating a greater interest in handicraft in your company.

Finally, here is a challenge in the form of a competition for Guiders and Cadets, in which the interest and help of all other members and friends of the Association can be enlisted. When you have gained practice in making your Christmas angels and



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candle holders, think out another set of decorations suitable for a Thinking Day table. Further particulars of this competition will be published in January. Meanwhile, here are a few notes about the Swedish decorations illustrated.

The Cross and Angel. The cross is carved from one piece of wood half an inch thick, pierced for candle holders which are also made of wood, inserted and anchored firmly with glue; the cross itself is painted deep powder blue, and the star a paler shade of blue. The angel is also carved from one piece of half-inch wood, and the blue of the cross is repeated in the wings; robe, white; hair, golden; collar and base, orange. The hands are left unpainted.

The Circular Candle Holder is made from rather thicker wood—about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, pierced for candle holders which are firmly fitted in. The circular base is bright red, decorated with four rough white stripes below each candle holder. There are four intermediate smaller holes to take the pegs of angels. The heads of these are made separately, and pegged into the bodies. The angels have white gowns, yellow hair, golden halos and unpainted hands, but one has yellow sleeves and orange wings, another red sleeves, pale green wings, and holds some leaves, the third has blue sleeves, deeper blue wings and holds an orange tulip, while the fourth has green sleeves and yellow wings. All the wings are decorated with white paint; each pair is made in one piece which is nailed on to the body.

The Four Horses. The three pieces of this most ingenious candlestick fit together with interlocking slots. The wood used for the horses is about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, and for the candle

holder, one inch square. Both horses and holder are lacquered in brilliant red. The horses have black manes, the reins are pale blue, and the bodies are decorated with pale pink flowers. The holder is decorated with a bold design in blue and yellow.

Angels. The crowned angel is carved from one solid piece of wood. It is entirely white except for golden hair, green base to crown, very blue eyes and bright red mouth. The hands again are left unpainted. The angel with the tray is far more complicated, but is particularly attractive. It is made from wood of a lovely soft brown, and robe and hands are left unpainted. There is a thin gold stripe round the sleeves, the gifts are tinted varying shades of brown; the blue of the angel's eyes is repeated in the blue of the string tying two of the parcels, and the brown of the hair in the string tying the third parcel, the red of the mouth in the top of the larger box. The wings are of very pale blue dotted with gold. The whole effect is subdued, but very lovely.

The Watchman. Quite different is the rotund watchman, a fantasy in brown, grey and orange, with yellow feet and white beard and hair. His lantern, made separately and pegged in, is black and orange.

The strips that fold so neatly for packing are of thick printed cardboard. A simple design such as the reindeer or the child on the fawn could probably be made by hand and coloured on both sides, but care would have to be taken to ensure stability. The reproductions at the head of this article show one fold, and are half the original size. It would be easy to copy and enlarge them with the help of squared paper.

The Daughter of the House

I was on the eve of a camping holiday, and as I watched my daughter unostentatiously packing kitbag and haversack, I was compelled to exclaim: 'How marvellously quick you've been! It was so sweet of you not to bother me, but didn't you want any help?' 'Why, no, of course not!' she replied, flushing with pleasure at this unwonted appreciation of her virtues. 'You forget, Mother, that I was once a Guide. "Be prepared", you know! Which reminds me, may I borrow the alarm?'

Then I recalled the day she first asked if she might become a Guide, and how sceptical I was that she, more brain than brawn, could possibly enjoy their activities. It is a mistake to say, without modification, that the only child is always lonely, since loneliness, like happiness, so often comes from within, and it was the greater tragedy, the loneliness that is suffered in a crowd, the oppression of propinquity, that I dreaded most for her. Would she not, with her lack of practical endowments, be unhappy in striving, among her more dexterous friends, for the Needlewoman's, the Cook's or the Laundress' Badge?

But it is a wise mother who knows her own daughter. I, alas, was not wise, and if I expected nothing in the way of trophies, I was to be gloriously disappointed. Not that the importance of a sleeveful of badges was ever unduly stressed, and quite rightly. It was the encouragement given to the diffident, and the drawing out of the tiniest strain of hidden ability which, from the beginning, so pleased me. I saw, for the first time, that in a household where the mother has, for instance, 'a gift for the needle', a girl, who in other circumstances, might be urged through her own fastidiousness to try, at least, to mend, if not make do, will naturally not make an effort.

The daughter, devoid of any talent for needlework, may have a hidden flair for cooking, or unsuspected gifts as a laundress, but it is too often assumed that inefficiency at one type of domestic accomplishment argues inefficiency at them all, and she is told (with the kindest of intentions) to 'get on with your homework, darling', by a too-efficient parent. Such a girl, unwittingly handicapped by a premature diagnosis of her talents, will be discouraged until she can try again in an atmosphere removed from the fetters of past failures. The care and hours of labour such a girl will then devote to what may prove an indifferent achievement, but

still an achievement, are infinitely greater than those of the talented girl who so easily produces a spectacular result, and the joy of attainment is, I am convinced, proportionately deeper, the spiritual value immeasurable.

In these frugal days—how many times we have heard it said!—every scrap of food, of fuel, of material, of garden and factory space must be utilised, and to utilise these scraps every latent talent must be sought out and developed. For a little while we have to lower our standards, and learn to appreciate the second best, not least in our homes, where versatility and not perfection must be our watchword. There surely never was a time when it was more worth while for the good of the home and for the daughter in it, to explore abilities outside the scope of vocational training, which every day tends necessarily to become more specialised.

I think it will be found that the overburdened mother will no longer reject all but experienced help, and will gladly delegate a few of her multifarious tasks. There would seem to be no better moment than this to encourage the application in the home of the knowledge of which the Little House Emblem is a token. The naturally domesticated girl who, by some miracle, seems to revel in chores, absorbed perhaps yet need to be reminded that nowhere will her gifts be more gratefully and usefully received.

But it is not so much of her that I am thinking as I write. I am remembering the confidence which came to a daughter who was assumed to be unpractical, and was helped to discover the satisfaction of self-reliance, the thrill of achievement and the warmth of mutual help. It is because I remember these things that I am sorry that I took so much for granted, and welcome this opportunity to thank 'Cap' and 'Leff' and everyone concerned for taking over with such patience and devotion the task I had lacked faith to perform.

ALFREDA STRONG

Holland and Wales

Recently the County Commissioner for Monmouthshire, Miss Janet Stratton, entertained Mrs. Van Muess, Headquarters Secretary for the Netherlands Girl Guides, at The Well House, Dashfield. There Mrs. Van Muess met many Commissioners from the County, and told them of the great increase in the numbers of Girl Guides in the Netherlands since the end of the war.



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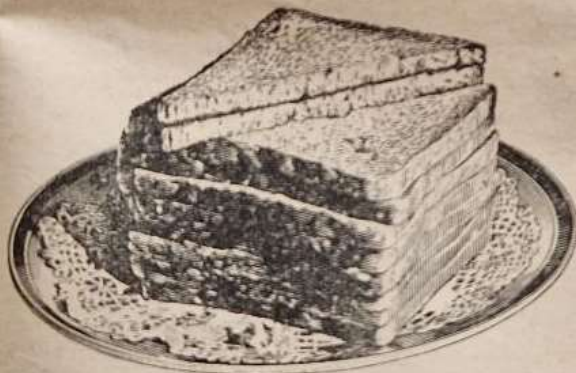
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Whereas grown-ups need food chiefly to keep them going, children need the right foods to keep them growing, as well. That's why youngsters with the Blue Ration Book still get priority for milk — an all-round growth-promoting food — and for bread and flour, which not only help to satisfy appetite but supply some body-building nourishment, iron and the B vitamins they need. Children must, of course, have all their rations and allowances. No giving part of their meat ration to father for instance, or letting priority milk find its way into the family teacups!

The foundation of children's meals

Try to plan each meal round one of the body-building foods. These, to remind you, are:

1. Milk, meat, fish, eggs, cheese.
2. To a lesser degree, dried beans, peas, oatmeal, the present-day bread and flour.

The best way is to help out foods on the first list with any of those on the second list — at the same meal — even in the same recipe (examples: porridge and milk, meat-and-dumpling stew, bean-and-cheese rissoles). One reason is that the human system makes the best use of body-building foods when they are spread evenly throughout the week. Another is that the foods in the second list yield more of their own body-building nourishment when combined with any of those on the first list.



Fish for main meals

Remember "Where there's fish there's a good meal." All fish contains just the same quality and almost the same quantity of body-builder as meat. Herrings are particularly good for children, because these cheap and nourishing fish are rich in calcium and vitamin D, for sturdy bones and good teeth, also in warmth-giving and energy-giving oils. Buy them whenever you see them.



Using children's points

Use most of the points in the Blue Ration Book for canned fish or meat, dried egg, tinned milk, dried or tinned beans and peas.



What about vegetables?

Children need ample vitamin C for growth, fitness and to guard against infections. They'll get enough in good helpings of lightly cooked greens every day, plus some salad or salad sandwiches. Potatoes also contain vitamin C, in addition to their value as wholesome food to "fill up the corners."

Important for young workers

While children at school get their school milk, youngsters out at work need their National Milk Cocoa every working day! This nourishing drink is available to all young people up to twenty-one, at their place of employment, and in Youth Clubs.



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General Secretary, I.H.Q.



Miss Yessie Frith

MISS Anderdon has left I.H.Q. and has been succeeded as General Secretary by Miss Frith.

Miss H. K. Anderdon's service to the Guide Movement as a Diploma'd Guider, as Secretary at Waddow and as General Secretary, is known to many readers of THE GUIDER scattered far and wide. We know that they will want us to speak for them all on this occasion. Miss Anderdon takes

with her our love and thanks and our very best wishes. We hope that she will soon be restored to good health again. We know that Guiding will always claim her interest and affection and we look forward to having her with us on many occasions.

Miss Frith returns to Guiding after a distinguished career with the W.R.N.S. throughout the war years. She served both at home and overseas, and attained the rank of Superintendent. Miss Frith has seen Guiding, as it were, from inside and from outside, and she comes to this key job at I.H.Q. a very firm believer in the contribution which Guiding can make through the younger generation in these troubled times. Our new General Secretary can be assured of our welcome to her and of our help and friendship in her work.



One of Miss Anderdon's last official duties as General Secretary, I.H.Q., was to receive from representatives of Australian Guiding the ingredients for Princess Elizabeth's wedding cake

Musical Masterpieces

A Bach Toccata and Fugue

DO you remember a certain moment in the 1946 Ranger Rally at the Albert Hall? The lights were lowered for the start of the pageant, and the organ pealed out a sudden challenging sentence. That was the opening of the Bach D minor Toccata and Fugue. Here is the greatest possible contrast to the descriptive music of the Midsummer Night's Dream overture. This is pure musical thought which needs no imagery to explain it, composed by one of the master minds of all time. Bach began his career as a chorister, and became an organist early in life. His great organ works were mostly written when he was at Weimar, early in the eighteenth century, so this music is more than a hundred years older than Mendelssohn's.

This piece has been arranged for the orchestra in recent times, and thereby hangs a tale. Henry Wood, the famous conductor of the Promenade Concerts, had been taken to task by the critics for some of his orchestral arrangements. So, on completing this one, he produced it as the work of Klenowsky, an unknown Russian. And Bach-Klenowsky it remains to this day, though everyone knows it is Bach-Wood. You have probably met at least one piece called a 'Moto Perpetuo' in which the rapid movement of the music never ceases from start to finish. A toccata is rather like that. It was intended to be a show piece for the keyboard (touch-piece is its literal meaning) and the amazing thing is that in the hands of Bach it becomes not merely a piece of quick finger work, but a passionate musical utterance.

After the opening challenge in the declamatory or 'recitative' style the music builds up into a craggy chord, and then the torrent starts; in a trickle at first, and then more and more tempestuously, held at intervals by massive chords and bursts of fiery eloquence in the manner of free speech. The stream flows on in varying rhythms, now rippling, now throbbing, until it slows down to a majestic utterance (another recitative) in the bass and comes to a full stop.

Now begins the Fugue. A fugue is rather like an argument; the same idea crops up again and again, uttered by different voices, and in varying moods and circumstances. The main object is like a thought or a sentence—concise, easy to recognise, quite distinct from the long sustained tunes of symphonic writing, such as we were considering last month. The contrasts in mood and feeling are made partly by the texture of the music, partly by changes of key, when the music seems to remove to a new neighbourhood for a time. You will notice that the sound is sometimes clear and transparent, sometimes dark and clouded; now the foundations of the earth are shaken, when the subject enters on the organ pedals, and now the music is airborne in shimmering sunlight. The end of the Fugue is very like the beginning of the Toccata. The argument breaks off altogether, there are sudden uprushes of sound which hurl themselves against heavy chords, and these in turn bring the work to an end, with an 'amen' close of a type very unusual with Bach.

This is not music which is easy to understand at first hearing but it grows on you until you begin to think *through* the music rather than *about* it—it is probably easier to follow in the orchestral version because of the clearly defined colouring of each entry of the subject, but it is organ music, and the organ is the truest interpreter of this noble masterpiece.

RECORDS.—Organ (Dr. Thalben Ball), H.M.V. C.2610. Orchestra (Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra), H.M.V. D.B.2572.

MARY CHATER

P.O.R.

There is now a very limited number of copies of P.O.R., interleaved with blank pages, available from Imperial Headquarters, price 3s. 6d. each. These are invaluable to those who wish to keep their copy up-to-date from the alterations and additions published under the 'Headquarters Notices' in THE GUIDER.



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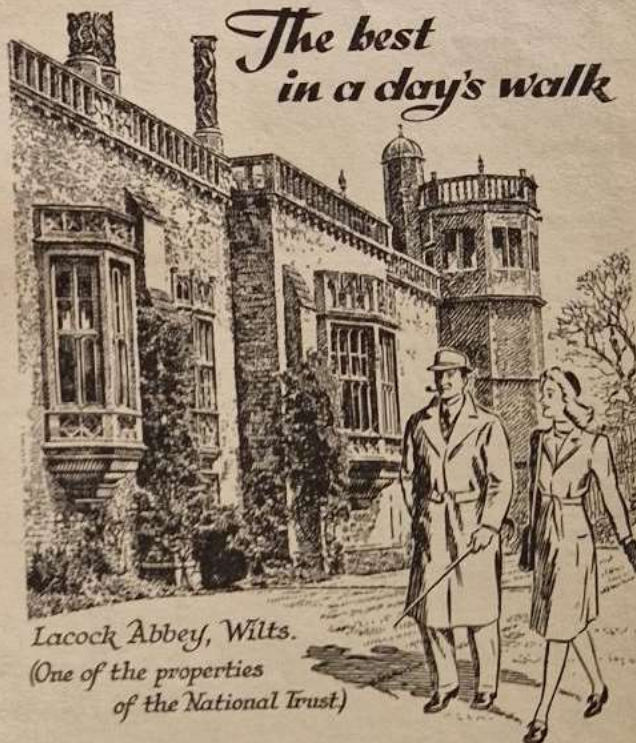
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The Guider's Post-Bag

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Letters cannot be accepted for publication unless they bear the writer's name and address

Rangering—What Next?

As Guiders and members of Toc H, we wonder how many Ranger Guiders have thought of passing their 21-year-olds to Toc H (Women's Section). They are often faced with the problem of what to advise for Rangers who, having reached the age of 21, still wish to continue as members of a company but cannot, for various reasons, continue active Guiding. Guiding and Toc H have much in common in their fundamental principles; and in the fellowship and service of Toc H, Rangers will find many opportunities of carrying their Promise into a wider world. Toc H acknowledges no barriers of class, creed, politics or financial position and rejoices in being able to mix the dustman and the duke without either having to sink his own identity! Branch meetings take various forms, but all programmes include the expert speaker, the open discussion night, the 'family' night when Toc H itself is studied, the social evening and the cover night. There is co-operation with the men's units in both the social and the more serious aspects. Friendship is one of the things missed by a girl when she leaves her Ranger Company, but in Toc H there is the same spirit of sisterhood (and brotherhood). The weekly meetings of the local branch provide an opportunity for making friends, but the corporate jobs undertaken together are an even better way of getting to know one another. Any Ranger who is interested should make contact with her nearest Toc H (Women's Section) Headquarters, Crutched Friars House, London, E.C.3—and she will be welcomed to the branch meeting without being committed to becoming a member. Why not adventure?—there's much to be gained and nothing to be lost.

R. F. COLLINS, E. TREVELYAN LEE and W. E. LONGDON

Helping a Post Guide

May I appeal for votes for the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables for one of our oldest Post Guides, now a member of a Post Trefoil Guild? Beatrice McKenzie was accepted as a candidate nearly two years ago, and has already had three elections, but so far has only received 726 votes. We should be most grateful for the help of Commissioners and Guiders who have votes themselves, or who have friends who are subscribers, and we are very anxious that she should get the requisite number of votes at the election in November. We were fortunate enough to get a vacancy for another of our Posts, Edith Parker, in January this year, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those Guiders who helped us with votes for her. If they could see how happy she is in her new home they would be amply repaid.

MARY D. BUTLER (Extension Secretary, Essex)

This Question of Age

I feel extremely strongly about the age at which Guiders should retire and let somebody younger step into their shoes, and I respect 'Old Fogey' very much indeed for being willing to retire. My own experience is perhaps unfortunate. I came as a Lieutenant in response to an appeal. I was young, eager, full of ideas. The company was slack and untidy, and never obeyed an order. If I had never been a Guide I should have left immediately in disgust. Since then, I have been systematically squashed, and any idea I dare to suggest is simply scorned. Nevertheless the Guides all like me; they do obey me, and have established with me 'an easy relationship' (to quote 'X'). I am trying to point out that it is not the age that creates the barrier, but the attitude of the Guider to her Guides. Nobody likes to be talked down to, and I know a number of Guiders who do this, though 'X' seems to think that understanding of children comes only with years of experience and practice. She must realise that youth has sympathy for youth. I do feel, however, that if a Guider is no longer able to 'keep in close contact' with them, she should resign, and take some other job—she will be needed.

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD GUIDER

I have read with interest the two letters, which appeared in 'The Guider's Post-Bag' for September, on the subject of the best age for Guiders. I thought you might like to know

my views as those of an average P.L. I know it must be difficult for Guiders to leave such a grand organisation as the Guides when they get older, but I feel it is their duty, when they reach the age of forty, to stop taking an active part in running a company and to step into the background as Badges to do this part of Guiding better than a younger Guider could. The main reason for my thinking that young Guiders run a company better is that, as a whole, Guides get on better and point to be taken into consideration is that girls of Guide age enjoy taking part in many strenuous outside activities such as camping, swimming, hiking and stalking and I feel that, not only might an older Guider not be able to keep up with them, but she might even stop them, unknowingly of course, from forging ahead. I am proud to be a member of a big company which is run very capably by two Guiders, both of whom are in their early twenties.

AUDREY TOWN (P.L., 5th Southgate Company)

Rangers Abroad

As the County Commissioner of a Ranger Company who travelled back from Switzerland in a crowded train in July, I am glad to have this opportunity to refer to a letter, signed 'Ex-Brown Owl', in the August number of THE GUIDER. This Ranger Company has a proud record for courtesy and consideration and I have no reason to doubt their reliability even in trying circumstances. At the same time, it is easy, when all are tired out with travelling at night, for misunderstandings to arise and for trivial accidents to assume a quite exaggerated importance. The sweeping denunciation of British Guides, Rangers and Guiders suggests that the writer of the letter was expressing resentment rather than a considered opinion and no doubt the whole episode has now assumed its proper proportion in her mind.

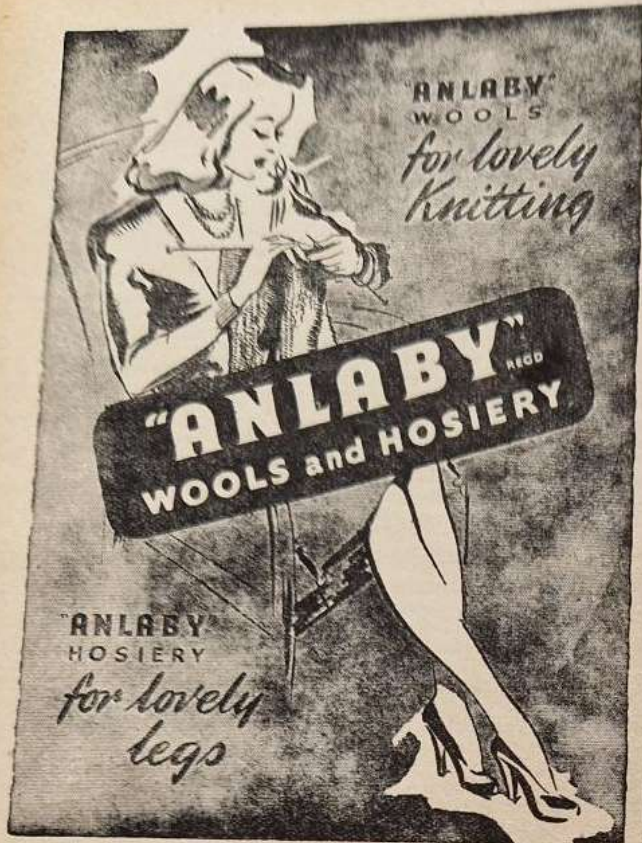
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Carols and a Play

Carolare; Ten Carols for Movement, arranged by Marion Anderson (Oxford University Press, 3s. 6d.) This should be a valuable book, especially for Brownie Guiders. The tunes are arranged for piano, without words, and they are all inspiring in themselves, while the directions for movement can be followed, ignored, or adapted at will. M.C.

Six Traditional Carols, arranged by Imogen Holst (Oxford University Press, 1s.) These are genuinely simple arrangements of beautiful tunes and words. They would appeal to any company which can attempt part-singing; and the name of the editor is a guarantee of their musicianship and of their practical simplicity. A remarkable shilling's worth. M.C.

Eternal Messenger, by C. S. Tatham. (Girl Guides Association, 1s. 6d.) This is a full length nativity play written for Guiders. The author does us a service in tackling the question which must be in the minds of many children growing up at the present time. What has the Christmas story to do with us today? The prologue and epilogue concern four Guiders who are out carol singing and fall into argument about the words of the carols. 'We can't sing that—it's not even true. It's just something that sounds nice on paper'. 'Of course carols aren't really happening, they are just things that you sing at Christmas'. They meet Gabriel and are shown that the story is not so remote from everyday conditions. 'Have you not heard', he says, 'of the young woman, daughter of a conquered race, in an occupied country, who was told that she had a great task to fulfil for her God?' By easy stages he leads them to some understanding of the eternal Truth of God. The nativity scenes proper, and the final scene of adoration by the children of all nations, are treated in mime with Bible readings and carols, and very full instructions are given as to production. The carols, as planned, will need care in rehearsal. They supply the narrative for the acting and as many of them may not be familiar to the audience, the words must be sung clearly. Twenty-seven performers are given as the minimum number but it will be easier to achieve the desired effect with more players. E.P.



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speed when I'm crossing busy
streets. I do it the *sensible* way:

- 1 At the kerb — HALT.
 - 2 Eyes — RIGHT.
 - 3 Eyes — LEFT.
 - 4 Glance again — RIGHT.
 - 5 If all clear — QUICK MARCH.
- I don't run — it's safer to wait till
there's a good gap in the traffic.

"You see, if you take a risk on
the ice and slip — well, you just
laugh and try again. But if you
take chances *in traffic* and make
a mistake, you may *never* get up
— and you may cause an accident
that kills someone else. Every
good Road Navigator remembers
that, all the time. Kerb Drill is
to remind us of the only proper
way to cross streets."

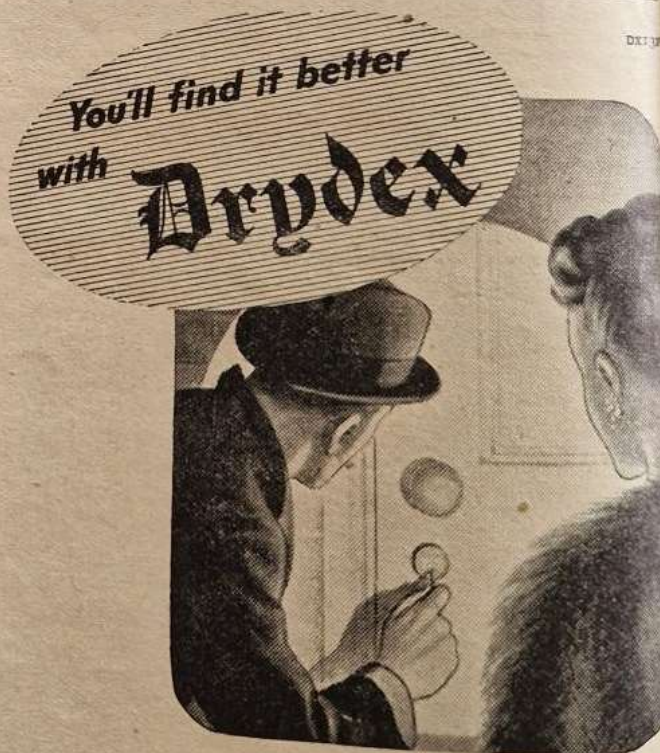
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Where to Train

Notes.—Applications for all trainings should be accompanied by a stamped, addressed envelope and a deposit of 5s., which will be refunded if notice of attendance is given two full weeks before the training is due to commence. The minimum age for prospective Guiders attending all residential trainings is seventeen-and-a-half years.

FOXLEASE

November
1-14 Guide Week
15-18 Brownie Week
19-22 Ranger Week-end
December
1-4 Cadet and Ranger Week
5-8 Guide and Brownie Week
9-12 Guide Week
13-16 Cleaning
17-20 2 Brownie Week
January
1-4 County Booking (N.W. London)
5-8 Commissioners' Week-end
9-12 Guide Week
13-16 Easter Guide and Ranger Week
17-20
*At these trainings there will be a few prospective German Guiders (see page 242).

All applications to the Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants.

WADDOW

October
1-4 Guide Week-end
5-8 Ranger Week-end
9-12 County Booking (Cheshire)
13-16 Guide and Brownie Week-end
November
17-20 County Booking (Leeds)
21-24 Commissioners' Week-end
25-28 Law and Promise Week-end
29-Dec. 1 First Class Week-end
December
30-Jan. 6 Guide and Brownie Week
January
7-10 Ranger and Guide Week-end
11-14 County Booking (N.E. Lancs.) Week-end
15-18 Guide Week-end
19-Feb. 2 County Booking (S.E. Lancs. Week-end)
February
3-10 Guide and Brownie Week-end

There are a number of places available for Guiders from other Counties, and application should be made in the usual way.

At these trainings there will be a few prospective German Guiders (see page 242).

There will be special sessions at this training for Seas and Airs.

Applications to the Secretary, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs. Unless otherwise stated, week-end trainings will finish on Monday afternoons, but 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.

The cottage at Waddow is let by the week to Guiders requiring a rest or holiday. For further details apply to the Secretary at Waddow.

FOXLEASE AND WADDOW

Fees:		
Single room	£3 a week, 9s. 6d. a day.
Double room	£2 10s. a week, 8s. a day.
Shared room	£2 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. There are a few additional bursary places available for 1947 at Foxlease or Waddow. Application for these should be made by County Secretaries to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department at Headquarters.

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 or Waddow:

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

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Details of 1948 trainings will be published next month.

PAX HILL

The fifth Homecraft Training Course is now in progress, and more Guiders and Rangers should take this opportunity of a four-month residential training in homecraft at the Chief's old home. The next course is from January to May, 1948, and anyone between the ages of 15 and 18 may apply to the Secretary, Homecraft Training Committee, I.H.Q.

NETHERURD (SCOTLAND)

November
7-10 Brownie Week-end
14-17 General Pre-Warrant Week-end
21-23 District Commissioners' Week-end
28-31 Scottish Diploma'd Guiders' Week-end

December
5-7 Lanarkshire
12-14 Edinburgh Rangers
January
9-11 Renfrewshire Division Week-end
16-18 General Week-end

FEES: Shared room: £3 10s. per week, 7s. 6d. a 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 to the Secretary, Netherurd, Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peebles-shire. Unless otherwise stated, week-end training will finish on Sunday evening, but Guiders may stay until Monday morning if they wish.

BRONEIRION (WALES)

November
7-10 Advanced Guiders, Wales (by invitation of Counties)
14-17 Montgomeryshire Youth Committee Drama Course Week-end
December
28-Dec. 1 Montgomeryshire World Citizenship Course Week-end
5-7 Welsh Diploma'd Guiders' Week-end
12-15 Welsh C.C.A.s' and C.A.s' Week-end
Applications to the Guider-in-Charge, Broneirion, Llandinam, Montgomeryshire. Fees as for Foxlease. There are no bursaries.

LORNE (ULSTER)

October
3-6 Woodcraft
10-13 Hints on Teaching of First Class
17-20 Brownie Week-end
24-27 Music and Drama
31-Nov. 2 Duclair and Oldpark Districts
November
7-10 Christmas Plays and Carols
14-17 Handicrafts, with Knotting and Splicing
21-24 South Belfast Division
28-Dec. 1 Ranger Week-end
December
5-8 Promise and Law Week-end
FEES: 8s. per day (garage, 1s. per night). 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. Applications to the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne, Craigavon, Co. Down. Two camp sites are equipped, one is unequipped. Apply to the Guider-in-Charge for full particulars.

HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

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 and to one representative from those Counties which have no holder of the Camp Training Diploma. Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department, Headquarters.

ENGLAND

THE FIRST PROMISE

It is planned to hold a week-end training at I.H.Q. on Nov. 29th and 30th. This will be a sequel to the one held last February, and it is hoped that Guiders who came then will attend again, if possible, though others will also be most welcome. Special points for discussion should be sent in to the English Training Department by those who intend to come, and the programme will be based on these suggestions. The Rev. Wilfred Wade, Methodist representative on the Religious Advisory Panel, has promised to take part of the training.

Applications for the above training should be made to Miss Newnham, English Training Department, I.H.Q.

COUNTY OF LONDON

General Brownie Training: Nov. 20th, Nov. 27th and Dec. 4th.
Ranger Training. For all sections, Wednesdays, Nov. 12th, 19th, 26th. Trainer: Miss O. Hillbrook. When applying, please state section required.
These trainings will all take place at I.H.Q., 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1., from 7-9 p.m. Fee: 6d. per session. Applications should be made to the Training Secretary, London Room, I.H.Q.

Headquarters Notices

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL—OCTOBER 8th, 1947

H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth's Wedding. An invitation has been received for ten members of the Association to attend the Princess Elizabeth's wedding in Westminster Abbey. The Committees for England, Scotland, Ulster and Wales have each chosen their own representatives.

Guide Salute. It was agreed that in future the term 'half salute' should not be used, but that it should be officially known as the Guide Sign.

German Guiders. Further plans for the training of the prospective German Guiders expected in November were approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Imperial Headquarters

Lady Somerleyton appointed Commissioner for British Guiders in Foreign Lands.
Miss Watts appointed Editor of THE GUIDE; vice Miss Longdon, resigned.

England

Miss Humphreys appointed Commissioner for Lones for England.

Scotland

Miss Oonah Anderson appointed Commissioner for Extensions for Scotland; vice Mrs. Hamilton Meikle, resigned.
The Lady Headley appointed Commissioner for Lones for Scotland; vice Miss Oonah Anderson, resigned.
Mrs. Simpson Hall appointed Commissioner for International Guiding in Scotland; vice The Lady Headley, resigned.

Wales

Mrs. Kenyon appointed Commissioner for Extensions for Wales.

Overseas

Mrs. Gurd appointed Island Commissioner for St. Helena.

British Guiders in Foreign Lands

Madam Bidot appointed Commissioner for British Guiders in Paris; vice Madame Jay, resigned.

AWARDS

LIFE SAVING
Silver Cross

Brownie Second Rosemary Smithson, age nine, 88th Edinburgh Park. She Rosemary was at home alone with her six-year-old sister, Colette. She heard Colette screaming, and rushed into the kitchen to find that her sister had struck a match, and that her dress was on fire. Rosemary ran to the sink, grabbed a cup, and threw water over Colette, putting out the flames. A neighbour who heard the screams went to see what was wrong, and Colette was taken to hospital, where she was detained for nearly two months with a terribly bad burn. Both the neighbour and the doctor say that Rosemary's quickness and presence of mind undoubtedly saved Colette's life, by preventing the flames from spreading to her face.

GALANTRY
Silver Cross

Ranger Sylvia Perry, age fifteen, 1st Hoddesdon Company, Hertfordshire. Sylvia had been bathing in the River Lea at Dobb's Weir, and was sitting on a cement drain, when a boy called Terry Dymock swam to it and tried to land, but his hands slipped and the flow of the water over the weir carried him out and down the river. He called out for help, at first Sylvia thought he was only ragging, but when he went on shouting she swam out to him, and he at once gripped her round the waist. She kicked him in the stomach to release his hold, and so got her arms free, but she had great difficulty in keeping his head above water because he was a dead weight, and all the time they were being pulled further into mid-stream. Sylvia had great difficulty in convincing a party of boys on the bank that they were really in difficulties, but eventually they swam out to their rescue and brought Terry back to the bank, which Sylvia said she would not have been able to do unaided. If Sylvia had not gone to his help the moment she realised he was in danger he would very likely have drowned before the boys reached him.

GOOD SERVICE
Silver Fish

Miss Hies, Dominion Secretary, New Zealand.

Beaver

Miss E. M. Beveridge, County Secretary, Fife.
Miss Cynthia Fraser, County Commissioner, Ross-shire.
Miss Mary Pearson, Commissioner for Brownies, Scotland.

Medal of Merit

Miss M. A. Crawford, County Extension Secretary, Edinburgh.

Certificate of Merit

Miss A. W. Allen, former Assistant Division Commissioner, North Croydon.
Miss Marion Haig, Post Box Secretary, Scotland.

TRAINING

Guide Training Diploma

Miss M. F. Jackson, Queensland.
Mrs. D. H. Mills, Queensland.

Camp Training Diploma

Miss M. Deer, New South Wales.

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

Nyria Jean Upson, aged 19, Lieutenant of 1st North Stifford Guide-Company, and Company Secretary of 1st South Stifford Ranger Company, of which she had been a member since its inception.

COMING EVENTS

Empire Circle. It is hoped that the November lunch hour talk will be on Nigeria. This meeting will be on Thursday, November 27th, at 1.15 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Sandwiches may be brought and coffee will be on sale from 1 p.m. All Guiders, Rangers, Cadets and Queen's Guides are welcome. There will be no lunch hour meeting in December, but a Christmas Party for members and Overseas Guiders will be held on Wednesday, December 10th.

GENERAL NOTICES

Huddersfield Rover/Ranger Conference, 1948. The Fourth Annual Conference will be held in Huddersfield, on Saturday and Sunday, March 6th and 7th, 1948. Arrangements are in hand to accommodate 1,000 Rovers and Rangers. All are welcome! Look out for further particulars later.
Secretary to English Extension Committee. Miss Gladstone has resigned, and Miss Whentley has been appointed in her place.

Classified Advertisements

Situations advertised under this heading are available only to applicants exempt from the Control of Engagement Order, 1947, No. 2021. 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

Resident domestic help required at Gilwell Park, Epping Forest; Scouts International Training Centre. Full board and laundry. Write stating experience to the Camp Chief, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London, E.4.
Bottle General Hospital. Student Nurses required to commence November 1st, 1947. First two months spent in Preliminary Training School. Three years' training. Age eighteen years or over. Must be healthy and well educated. Salary according to Rushcliffe Scale £55, £65, £75 per annum with uniform and residential emoluments. Four weeks' annual holiday. Federated super-annuation scheme applicable after first year. Apply to Matron.
Student Nurses. There are vacancies for girls between 18 and 30 years of age to train as Student Nurses at the Essex County Council Hospital, Wanstead, London, E. 11. The course, which is in general nursing, is spread over three years three months, including the trial period. Board, Lodging, Uniform and Laundry are provided, valued at £75 per annum, and during the first year the Student Nurse is paid an inclusive salary of £55, in the second year £65, and in the last year £75. The comfort, well-being and happiness of the Student Nurse is the constant concern of the Hospital Officers, and an interest is taken in her social life during training. The Hospital is situated within easy distance of shopping centres and numerous places for recreation and amusement. Conditions of employment are, or will be, in accordance with the recommendations of the Nurses' Salaries Committee, from time to time applicable and from the Matron of the Hospital.
Well known girls' boarding school requires experienced Guider who can offer some subjects in teaching, domestic or other branch of school life (resident). Box 254.
Wiltshire County Council, Public Assistance Committee: Applications are invited from young women over the age of 18 years to fill vacancies for Assistant Matrons in Children's Homes. The posts offer valuable experience for those

who are thinking of taking up Children's Welfare Work, and the Council has a scheme whereby suitable candidates can be assisted to train. The Homes accommodate 20 children between the ages of 3 and 16, and at present there are vacancies at Lea Court, Malmesbury, and Castle House, Mere. Commencing salary is £104 per annum, plus full residential emoluments. Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Director of Education, County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Surrey County Council, Public Health Department: Vacancies for Student Nurses have occurred at the following hospitals: Epson County Hospital, Dorking Road, Epson; Farnham County Hospital, Hale Road, Farnham; St. Luke's County Hospital, Guildford; Kingston County Hospital, Watlington Avenue, Kingston-on-Thames; Redhill County Hospital, Carshalton; St. Peter's Hospital, Redhill; St. Heller County Hospital, Carshalton; at least 17 years old who are desirous of undertaking a course of general training in the practice and theory of nursing. The General Nursing Council and candidates are prepared for the requirements of the qualification of State Registered Nurse. Salary and State Examination according to Rushcliffe Committee's Report, viz. 1st year, £55, 2nd year, £65, 3rd year, £75, together with full board, lodging, laundry, and uniform. After passing the final state Examination in General Nursing, a number of nurses are accepted for midwifery training in the Council's Hospitals in preparation for the examination of the Central Midwives Board. Further particulars and forms of application from the Matrons.

Domestic help wanted for boys' school. One parlour-maid and three house parlour-maids or complete new lady staff of six. Write St. Wilfrid's School, Seaford.

HEADQUARTERS VACANCIES

Responsible Guider or Ranger required; typing essential; some shorthand and interest in display material an advantage.

Clerks for Reference and Filing, aged 16-18, also general Invoice Clerk, with clerical experience and good at figures. Applications for the above posts should be made to the General Secretary, 17/19, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.

Equipment Department has a vacancy for a Shop Assistant with a knowledge of books.

Despatch Department requires an experienced Packer for export packing (five day week). Applications for both these posts should be sent to the Equipment Secretary, Imperial Headquarters.

Junior Clerk, 15-18 years, must be good at figures. Also Senior Clerk, must be good at figures. Apply to the Financial Secretary, Imperial Headquarters.

ACCOMMODATION OFFERED

Coming to London? Every comfort at 3, Westbourne Terrace Road, W.2. Bath, bed and breakfast from 10s. 6d. nightly. Parties welcomed.

Small, convenient house, Yorkshire Dales. Whitworth, Wayside, Low Rd., York. Douglas and Doris Marshall (G.I.S.) Tower House, Ashley Cross, Parkstone, Dorset.

Accommodation offered older children of educated parents who reside abroad. Small, convenient house, Yorkshire Dales. Whitworth, Wayside, Low Rd., York. **Wilsey Down Hotel,** Nr. Launceston—a country hotel for country-lovers, splendid centre for Cornish north coast and moors. Comfortable beds, own farm, Whittingham. Tel: Otterham Station 205.

Christmas. Why not come to a House Party to be held at Balmer Lawn House, Dec. 22nd-31st? Vacancies for double and shared rooms. Write for particulars to Miss Sandy, Balmer Lawn House, Brockenhurst, Hants.

Bed sitting-room and kitchenette, nominal rent, offered to Guider, keen church woman, willing to help in parish. St. John's Vicarage, Upper Edmonton, N.18.

Furnished or unfurnished bed-sitting room, sharing rest of house (meals as desired) offered by Commissioner in return for help with her Guide and domestic duties. Mrs. Dunsheath, Sutton Place, Abinger Hammer, Dorking.

Come to Castle Gay for a leisurely holiday. Open all the year. Miss Ashby and Miss Rutherford, Parsonage Road, Herne Bay.

The Lake District. Miss Buckley offers a special welcome to Guiders and Rangers. Her little 'Holiday House' will be open from Easter, 1948. Book early. 19, Southey Street, Keswick.

Fairhaven Holiday Home, Holmby St. Mary, Surrey. Excellent facilities for Brownie Camp holidays, training courses. Booking now for 1948. Details on request.

Bungalow Guest House open all the year, run by ex-Guider; two minutes sea and bus. From 4 guineas. Ideal surroundings. Apply Summerhill, Banks Road, Sandbanks, Bournemouth.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Ex-Guider—shortly getting married—desires 2 furnished rooms in Potters Bar area prior to emigration. Box 252.

Furnished or unfurnished flat or small house in any part of England except the north. Box 255.

Ex-Guider and husband require unfurnished flat 2-3 rooms, kitchen and bathroom, in London, Mclean, 141, Kennington Road, S.E.11.

FOR SALE

Pocket comb in leatherette case, both stamped with your name in gold, retail at 1s. 6d. Repeat orders assured. Sample from Northern Novelties, 20 Farewell Road, Heaton, Bradford.

Whistles. Hand turned of apple and hawthorn wood, from 2s. 6d. Longfield, Dunowen, Peartree Lane, Bexhill, Sussex.

WANTED

Guider's overall, bust 36, hips 38, and yellow tie. Cooper, 7, Sandringham Road, N.22.

Brownie overalls for pack just starting. Mallott, 87, Suffield Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.

Secondhand Guide uniforms, Guider's dress and camp overalls, 42 inches. Tomlin, Cleveleys, Billingshurst, Sussex.

Guiders' Devon County Badges, Tavistock district. State price. Miss Ward, Chollacott Park, Tavistock.

Guide and Brownie uniform dresses, all sizes, urgently required. Dockland Settlement, E.16.

Lone Guider requires copies pre-war Guider. Postage repaid. Meggy, 2 Wood Court, Knoll Road, Godalming.

Guider's costume, bust 34 ins., hips 39 ins., good condition. MacLay, Towers Hospital, Leicester.

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