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Waddow's Twenty-First Birthday

THE real anniversary of Waddow's opening by the Princess Royal twenty-one years ago will be kept from September 24th-27th, but one of the birthday celebrations took place last month from July 2nd-5th, when Commissioners attended a week-end conference in the house, and one hundred and thirty-five Guiders, mainly from the North of England, camped together under the leadership of Miss Tuckwell, Commissioner for Camping for England.

Our picture on the right shows the monster birthday cake (made by Miss Warrington with fruit sent to Waddow from Australia), being cut by Lady Somers, aided by Miss Jackson (left) and Miss Tuckwell. Just before the ceremony, Lady Somers had inspected the six group camps, and on North Riding site had received a bouquet of ferns, rushes and twenty-one different flowers from a Guider who had been present at Waddow's opening in 1927.

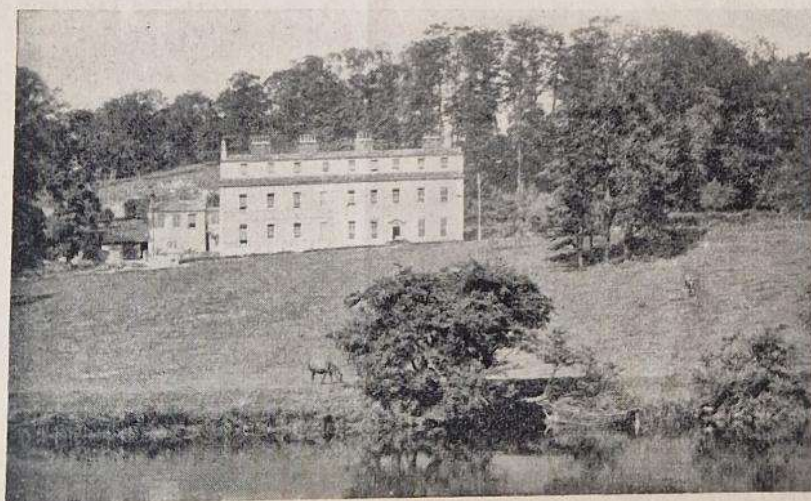
Later, at a giant campfire run by Miss Walker, a letter was read from the Chief Guide, written on her way home from Australia and New Zealand, expressing regret at her absence from this celebration and looking forward to joining in the September birthday party. 'Sing, sing together' was the prelude to many campfire favourites, and 'Camping at Waddow through the Ages' gave scope for an amusing stunt. Prayers and the vesper, *Dona Nobis*, ended a memorable day.



Our picture on the left shows Waddow Hall, standing on the banks of the Ribble, dividing Lancashire and Yorkshire, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. To the south-east Waddow looks towards Pendle Hill, and to the north to Waddington Fell and the moors.

Since Waddow opened as a training centre on September 27th, 1927 (the war years are excepted as the house was then lent to the Lancashire County Council as a hospital for children) over 14,000 Guiders from England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Dominions, Colonies and many foreign countries have attended trainings. As the Chief Guide has written: 'They all bring their own individual gift and personalities—grave and gay—leaving an unconscious imprint of themselves upon the place itself and creating a steadfast tradition for happy endeavour, common sense and friendship.

... Above all there comes to them from the heart of Waddow a wider vision of the power that lies in their hands, which they are using so magnificently for their country and their kind'.



Homeward Bound

By the Chief Guide

COME quick—a whale! Here—porpoises! Oh! Look at that sweet little Portuguese man-o-war! Such-like cries assail me from the deck outside as I try—rather vainly—to concentrate on writing a little chat to GUIDER readers on this, the last lap of my world tour.

Homeward-bound, yes! But as chance has arranged—or rather dis-arranged—things for me this year, I am but a bird of passage, alighting for only a three weeks' stay in England, before flying (literally!) back across the Atlantic to attend the World Conference at Cooperstown, New York State, during the month of August.

I find it is becoming each year increasingly difficult to decide where to go next, and when. This is one of the disturbing elements in the holding of two offices in Guiding, as I do. As World Chief Guide it is essential to travel around, and yet it is hard to know where my presence can assist the progress of our Movement most, and equally where my greater duty lies. But I am well-nigh ashamed, and even uncomfortable, at being called your Chief Guide in Great Britain, when I seem to spend most of my time, year by year, rushing hither and thither across the seas, giving what I can of encouragement and support to Guides far afield and sadly and badly neglecting those in my own homeland. You must, and you will have to have a Chief Guide entirely of your own sometime before long, as it isn't right, and it isn't fair, and cannot go on like that indefinitely!

But for the moment I will make no excuses because from time immemorial in Britain—the birthplace of Scouting and Guiding—burning and eager, close to every heart, has lain that zeal for sending out to the far corners of the earth men and women workers, pioneers, adventurers and settlers. And messengers have gone, too—bearing the torches of learning, and of faiths and of ideals and, acting as your messenger of friendship and goodwill to Guides in far off places, I have perhaps been justified in forsaking my post of your Chief in Britain of late.

My enjoyment of the Australian tour has been doubled by hearing of the good results already accruing from it—companies and packs being started, old ones being revived with fresh zest, the formation of new Local Associations and—above all—of an in-flow of Guiders, some with former experience of Guiding and some without.

I am confident that the word of cheer and of greetings that I took in person from you all to those many Guides and Brownies has its effect upon them personally and individually for it carries more weight when coming by word of mouth than when written in black and white on paper. Of course I do not

want to belittle the value of our many Guide pen friendships. Over and over again during the tour some eager-eyed small Guide would ask if I knew her particular Guide correspondent in Wales or in England or in Scotland; and I hope that all this can be still more developed for the cementing of these helpful friendships and the welding of our membership into an ever greater united whole.

In the early part of the year the tour, so carefully planned for me in New Zealand, was fraught with complications and anxieties, owing to a most distressing outbreak of infantile paralysis, necessitating the closing of the schools, the prohibition of any gathering of children, and the cancellation, twice over, of the itinerary arranged for February and March. However, with the merciful gradual waning of the epidemic, the tour became possible, and the Chief Commissioner, Miss Ruth Herrick, and I set forth for a non-stop rushing trip from end to end of the Dominion.

Many towns in New Zealand are only now celebrating their centenaries, the present-day people being reminded of the bravery and determination shown by the early settlers who paved the way for this astounding quick development of the country. Beyond the calls of work, life revolves considerably—as it naturally and rightly should—round the home and the family, and a great deal—perhaps too much—is done for the youngsters. Too much done for them in one way, too much demanded of them in others.

Into this pattern of life Guiding fits itself—none too easily, but nevertheless successfully, several hundred Guiders giving their service to some ten thousand Guides and Brownies. There are many reasons for the shortage of Guiders, as acute in New Zealand as anywhere, and this

perennial handicap to our greater expansion just has to be overcome as best it can, through every available means at our disposal. We mustn't be gloomy about it! Publicity and propaganda can help. Closer co-operation with other bodies and clubs could, at times, be a source of supply. A steady (if slow and small) supply must be coming, year by year, from within our own ranks; and it is not as if one required Guiders in dozens in every town or district; and we ought not to let the task of finding the ones and twos loom as such a terrific difficulty!

And now I cannot here go into any details of the charming welcomes and dear kind friendliness shown to me at all the different stopping places, nor can I really give you any adequate impression of all the rallies and meetings, where each had its own interest and special features. There were the small groups of perhaps less than a hun-

The Princess Royal's Message

Tomorrow is the opening of Empire Ranger Week and, as President of the Girl Guides, I am glad of this opportunity of sending my good wishes to Rangers and Cadets in all parts of the British Commonwealth, and at the same time of telling my other listeners something about Ranger Week.

Wherever you may be you will surely come across some aspect of our Ranger celebrations. In many places there will be camps, friendly gatherings of Rangers from neighbouring areas with, in some cases, most welcome visitors from the Empire overseas. Cathedral cities and small villages alike will be the scene of services of thanksgiving and rededication, and public meetings everywhere will give you the chance to get to know more about our Rangers, whose very familiarity tends to make their contribution to our community life pass unnoticed.

There are today close on thirty thousand Rangers in the British Empire, of whom twenty-one thousand are in Great Britain. This senior branch of the Girl Guides provides a wealth of interests and adventurous activities which appeal strongly to the modern girl.

As members of a world-wide movement, with close links between Guides and Girl Scouts of all nations, Rangers have many opportunities for camping and for spending their holidays abroad, and these visits show them in a most practical form some of the ideals of world fellowship.

At home individual skill and talents are catered for in the specialised sections for 'Land', Sea and Air Rangers, while our Cadets go forward with their training so that they in turn may carry on as leaders in the movement.

To you, Rangers and Cadets who are listening to me, I would add a final word of praise for the high standard that your companies have set themselves, and of encouragement in the fulfilment of the responsibilities that you have undertaken. The tradition that you inherit is a proud one; it is for you to make this tradition your own.

In the words of the Empire Ranger Week rededication: 'With joyous hope and glad faith, with self forgetfulness and humble courtesy, let us go forward to meet the unknown future.'

dred in the further away townships. In the larger cities, of course, they ran to numbers, with bigger organised affairs—as well run and as good as anywhere else in the world.

There was the special highlight of a ceremonial parade of the Wellington Guides, carrying their Colours in front of a great assembly at Parliament Buildings, and a wildly enthusiastic campfire in the City Hall, packed from floor to ceiling with seemingly thousands of Guides and Scouts and Cubs and Brownies yelling their heads off.

I see in my mind's eye the dignified procession of Colours carried into St. John's Church at Invercargill, and the whole of Christchurch Cathedral filled to overflowing for the 'Guides' Own' in that so English city, standing astride its River Avon. Never shall I forget the stirring Guide welcome in the big city of Dunedin, full of pride in its centenary celebrations, and, in character and tradition as grey-cold, sturdy and wind-swept as Aberdeen, and boasting of being almost more Scottish than Scotland.

Timaru put on an impressive March Past; Oamaru and Ashburton, Kokitika and Greymouth, Westport, Nelson and Blenheim came next in that South Island part of the tour, followed by the flight back to North Island to continue on round via Palmerston North, Feilding, Wanganui, New Plymouth to Auckland.

Here, of course, I found the live Guide centre that I knew before, and it was good to visit their Guide House, 'Otimai' once again, and to share a fine rally with over a thousand Guides. This was beautifully staged and arranged, and ended up with the generous giving of many food parcels for Britain, these being collected in a 'ship' manned by Sea Rangers, its wheels skilfully concealed by flowing Hessian 'skirts'!

I cannot leave out the last on the list of our ports of call—Thames and Hamilton and Rotorua, a dash across to Tauranga and Whakatane, these two belonging to the Poverty Bay Province, whose capital—the charming town of Gisborne—I had visited a few weeks earlier.

And now I must leave New Zealand, taking you with me just for a moment to two other places that I landed at unexpectedly on the 12,000-mile voyage home.

The American Girl Scout Headquarters in New York, knowing that I was returning to England via Panama Canal, informed their Commissioner in the Canal Zone of this fact, and she most kindly wrote me that she and her Girl Scout Troops looked forward to my coming, would snatch me off my ship, and look after me for as long as they could have me!

A welcoming party was there as my *Ruahine* docked at the Pacific end of the Canal, and whisked me off to a camp, where relays of about forty Girl Scouts each fortnight, were camping during the holiday period. The place had been an Army camp during the war, and in that hot climate, with all its problems of fevers and snakes, and all manner of biting insects, it is very fortunate for the Scouts to have these 'mosquito proof' hutments as sleeping quarters.

Meetings and parties were arranged also for me to have the opportunity of meeting leaders and supporters; and although the Girl Scout Organisation only accepts American citizens liv-

ing in the Canal Zone in its membership, they had kindly arranged for me to meet some Panamanian ladies, with a view to perhaps starting up some Guide work before long, in the neighbouring Republic of Panama. This country, lying of course on both sides of the ten miles of Canal Zone Territory, is Spanish speaking, and has not had any Guides as yet.

The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts put on a rally of about three hundred and fifty that evening, patronised by several high officials of the Zone, and the Governor and his lady wife, who is greatly interested in our movement, and has herself even become the 'Juliette Low Representative' in the organisation locally.

The next morning, while my *Ruahine* did her fifty-mile journey through the locks and the Canal itself, I was rushed across the isthmus by train, to see the Girl Scouts of the Atlantic end of the Zone, and to meet their supporters at a special party.

I climbed on board *Ruahine* as she lay in the last Gatun Lock. Twenty or thirty ships go through this marvellous Canal each day. My mind went back to 1912, for when I went there that year, the Canal was only then being constructed, and I had actually walked about on the bottom of Gatun Lock itself to see its great foundations and doors being put into place, before the Chagres River waters were let loose into this marvellous waterway.

By chance, after leaving New Zealand, I found that *Ruahine* would be calling in at Curacao to refill her oil tanks. I knew—but very vaguely—that Guiding had started there, for their Chief Guide of Holland (Madame Van Den Bosch) had flown to Curacao from Cuba, after sharing our conference in that island in 1946. So, just drawing a bow at a venture, I cabled to the British Consul saying tentatively that I was calling, and if there were any Guides and if they would like to see me, I would love to see them!

The reply came saying that Scouts and Guides were planning an inspection, and there was 'great enthusiasm'. I pictured the probable gathering of perhaps two companies and one or two packs, so you can imagine my amazement when I found ninety-six Brownies, one hundred and eighty Guides, thirty Rangers, one hundred and sixty Cubs, and three hundred and twenty Scouts! They marched past, through the main street of the clean nice town, Willemstad, and mustered in the wide courtyard of the Governor's Palace, and gave me the loveliest of welcomes.

A picnic lunch followed for the Guiders and Scouters in a grove of mango trees, and a most interesting tour round this island, of such importance to the world, supplying as it does the oil for many ships of many nations.

And so my story ends—inadequately told I know—but bringing you, I hope, just a mental glimpse of these far-off members of our movement—friends of yours that you have not met, and friends of mine that, by good fortune, I have met, and seen and known on this tour, old friends and new friends—friends lovingly remembered.

This is a P.S. to offer my very cordial thanks to all my friends in Great Britain who have made me so kindly welcome on my arrival home. I shall look forward to 'tearing round' Great Britain during the next year or so.



By permission of the High Commissioner of New Zealand
Wellington city and harbour seen from Tinakori Hill. Here Guides attended a ceremonial parade at Parliament Buildings and a campfire in the City Hall

The Commissioners' Meeting Place

Wanted—New Writers

A SMALL sub-Committee sat round a table at Headquarters charged with the responsibility for finding new contributors for our Guide periodicals, THE GUIDER, THE GUIDE and THE RANGER. The members came to the conclusion that there must be much more literary talent among our Commissioners, Secretaries and Guiders than appears in print. So the suggestion is made to readers that they should try their hand at being writers for THE GUIDER. It is obvious that some feel too pressed for time, but there are many more who think that they are not experts in any subject and who need encouragement to present their ideas in a readable form.

Here are some practical suggestions for those whose talents are at present hidden. THE GUIDER needs more contributors—in fact there cannot be too many. It needs a reserve of people serving in all capacities in the movement who can express in words the day-to-day experiences of interest to readers. Training articles can generally be provided by the training department, or by chosen experts, but only a certain proportion of the space in each number comes under this heading. If you are a District Commissioner you are meeting each week the problems and achievements of Guiding. These, if described as they happen, will be of interest to others who are going through the same experience. Guiding deals with human beings, and short articles reflecting first-hand touch with the Brownie, Guide or Ranger are most acceptable. There is room in a corner of each issue for two or three anecdotes if the incident or conversation can be jotted down when it happens. There is no need to draw on the imagination to supply these; all that is necessary is a listening ear and a retentive and accurate memory.

Parent to Guider: 'Sheila was so pleased at being asked to become a Pack Leader'.

Guider to Parent: 'Yes, I saw her face light up when Brown Owl and I asked her whether she'd like to try how she got on'.

Parent: 'She came home so excited that evening, in fact she was almost too excited, she couldn't sleep; I had to give her an aspirin!'

Many Commissioners are unable these days to get to trainings or Conferences and they feel cut off from the main stream of Guiding. Circumstances compel them to spend much time in the kitchen or in the shop queue, pursuing the mundane round of activities demanding little imagination. Meanwhile the gift of writing lies unused, though it might be the means of giving valuable help to the movement in the same way that Trainers do in taking a Guider's training. Ideas can be spread more widely through the pages of THE GUIDER than in any other way. Thoughts can go on in the head and ideas can come as we do the bed-making, the shopping, the cooking or gardening. Let them turn round and gradually take shape, and then when half an hour of leisure comes take pen or typewriter and put on paper what you have been thinking.

Do not feel that length or number of words is your aim. A provocative article that will start a discussion is as valuable as a story or a piece of research from your records. A page in THE GUIDER is roughly 1,280 words but the material can be fitted in to suit the make-up of that particular issue. Articles must be signed and accompanied by the writer's full name and address and warrant held, but if she particularly wishes to remain anonymous she may say so. Her contribution may not necessarily fit into the next number; it may wait for some months before publication, as pages are planned well ahead, and a careful balance is aimed at in providing for the varied tastes and needs of all readers.

If your contribution is for this page will you send it to me at 27a, Wilbury Road, Hove 3, Sussex, but if it would be of general interest for all Guiders will you send it as usual to The Editor of THE GUIDER at Headquarters?

D. M. POWELL

Parents' Committees

Where desired and approved by the Commissioner a Parents' Committee may be attached to a company or pack and linked with the Local Association. Such Committees will have no executive powers but will be recorded by the District Secretary though not registered at Headquarters.

New Commissioners may not perhaps realise that this paragraph from page 14 of P.O.R. appears for the first time in our Book of Rules. As Parents' Committees are being formed in many places it would be of interest to know from Commissioners what functions they are fulfilling and how they are found to work. In building up a Local Association, that is a body of representative people interested in the movement, it has always been found that the warmest support has come from the parents of the children. They have the best possible reasons to work for the good of Guiding in a neighbourhood and they are the first to come forward when the company or pack needs outside help.

When a troop or pack owns property or has funds other than the weekly subscriptions of the Scouts and Cubs, the Scout Association has found it advisable to form a Group Committee to administer those funds or that property. In many cases this group Committee has become such a strength to the local Scouts that the Guide Commissioner has been urged to form a similar body to back up the Guide company and the Brownie pack belonging to a church. In two instances in one District a good start has been made and the experiment will be watched with interest. It is no doubt important to stress that where a Guider or the parents are wanting to initiate such a Committee the approval of the Commissioner must first be obtained, and she must then satisfy herself that there is a real need that cannot be filled by the existing Local Association.

Little guidance has, as yet, been given about the duties of a Parents' Committee, but it is laid down that they have no executive powers and are not responsible for the running of the company or pack. Their link with the Local Association is not defined but it should be close. In the case of attached units the members of the Committee will also be a valuable link with the congregation.

Raising funds should obviously not be the only activity of these Committees, though an annual jumble sale organised by them will probably bring in enough to relieve the anxiety of the Guiders and provide the essential training equipment which cannot be bought out of company funds. In villages and closely knit neighbourhoods the parents of the children form the basis of public opinion about Guiding and their advice is valuable to the Commissioner when recruiting a new Guider or in encouraging an inexperienced one. It would be of interest if Commissioners with personal experience of a Parents' Committee would send in the results of their experience. Answers to the following questions would be useful:

1. Does the Committee include fathers as well as mothers?
2. What aims have the Committee members set themselves other than the raising of funds?
3. Is there an active relationship between them and the corresponding Group Committee of the Scouts?
4. What link is provided between the Parents' Committee and the Local Association with its Executive Committee?

'Carry Guiding Forward'

THIS is my first opportunity, as your new Chairman, of sending you a message of friendship and good wishes, so I would first of all like to say how much I appreciate the honour, and to thank your Executive for their confidence. I fully realise my responsibilities, and trust, that with the loyal help of you all, we may preserve and carry Guiding forward, with joy and enthusiasm, into another full and progressive period in its history.

Will you remember that your Executive Committee are a very small part of the great numbers of Guides, and that the members are almost all active Commissioners or Guiders selected for their experience in one of the many sections of Guiding. We are there to carry out your wishes, and to sort out and advise on the manifold range of subjects which affect Guiding from without and within.

These are difficult and confusing days and we need more and more thinking citizens who can, and will, help their country and each other to live in peace and happiness. It takes a lot of goodwill, a lot of hard work and strong spiritual conviction to raise standards, and this is what Guiding stands for and why it still appeals to so many people all over the world.

We can justly and proudly say that Guiding emerged from the horrors of war with flags flying, and now stands as high as ever in the opinion of thinking people. We have our problems and shortages both in leaders and materials, but we have the 'tools', and with enthusiasm and intention, plus a fair volume of patience, we shall continue to carry out the job!

My message is one of joy in the personal knowledge of the grand job you are all doing, and the strong conviction that with courage we shall add to our numbers many who will learn, by their adherence to Guide ideals and principles, to 'live' as individuals and citizens. So may we prove that Guiding has a large part to play in re-building a better world.



Our New Chairman

KATHLEEN DAVIES-COOKE
(Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Council)

Music Advisers and Their Uses

THE work of a county music adviser depends upon individual circumstances. Some advisers are themselves professional musicians, others have no qualifications except their love of music and their interest in young people—and in Guides in particular. The qualified musicians are very likely quite unacquainted with the Guide programme and training. They may not realise that, while the average company has practically no opportunity for studying choral or instrumental music in the manner of a school choir or orchestra, it has an unequalled opportunity for genuine folk-song through its campfire tradition.

Many music advisers ask me: 'How can I become familiar with a campfire repertory?' Others say: 'How can I help the Guides to sing if I am not capable of teaching them myself?' In the case of those who know much of music but little of Guiding, I suggest that they should try to attend some music-making arranged by the Guiding community, either a training for Guiders or a combined campfire or a campfire festival or competition. They will then have some idea of the field in which they are working, and Guide song-books and manuscripts will hold more meaning for them.

In the case of those who are music 'recorders' rather than advisers, their first job is to get in touch with the keen singers in their area. They may find them through the Commissioners, at a Court of Honour meeting, at the county camp or at a Guiders' conference or training. In any case, if they can find a few enthusiasts, others will come along. These song leaders are generally able to do a lot to help each other at an occasional singing practice, where they can pass on and interchange new songs and singing games. The adviser arranges such practices, keeps a note of names and addresses, collects songs, and runs a depot. Most campfire songs have to be taught by word of mouth before they sink in, but that does not mean that they should be taught by memory and guess-work. The adviser can help to ensure that songs are taught from accurate copies, and that people are encouraged to order new song-books if they are cheap

and accessible. A County music adviser should keep a reference copy of all the simple and popular song-books on sale at Headquarters, and a few other publications as well.

A professional performer or composer is not likely to have time for this kind of work. The most valuable contribution which such an adviser can make is to offer an occasional recital or lecture to members of the movement, and to give personal encouragement and counsel to special efforts of music-making in the county. If you have an adviser of this type you need someone else to act as recorder or secretary to do the kind of thing I have mentioned above, i.e., the collecting of a song library, the promotion of occasional trainings or practices, and the keeping of names and addresses.

The necessity of consulting an adviser on any big entertainment or musical performance is fairly well understood, but people are still very shy of calling in the 'expert' for the everyday or campfire side of Guide music. They fear that campfire singing will lose its spontaneity if it admits any artistic standard; that if it is 'good' it will be artificial. But provided the spirit and the enjoyment is maintained, and the pace is not too hot, then an increase in musical taste and capacity brings nothing but pleasure. So it is to be hoped that counties will use their musical personnel, advisers, song-leaders, recorders—call them what you will or nothing at all—and will co-operate with them to give the Guiders a lead in all musical undertakings, be they concerts, competitions or campfires.

For the benefit of Music Advisers I have compiled a list of recommended songs and rounds, chosen entirely from a few representative song-books. These books are nearly all on sale at Headquarters and none of them costs more than 1s. 6d. They include *Campfire Songs*, 1s.; *Graces and Vespers*, 4d.; *Singing Together*, 1s. 3d.; *Fireside Songs*, 1s. 6d. A copy of the list will be sent to any Music Advisers who apply, enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope, to Miss Chater, Elmer, St. Winifride's Road, Littlehampton.

MARY CHATER

Notes of the Month

The Chief Guide

When the Chief Guide landed at Tilbury from *s.s. Ruahine* on July 18th, our General Secretary, Miss Frith, and twenty-six Essex Guides had the honour of being the first to greet her after a journey of 46,000 miles by sea, land and air while visiting Rangers, Guides and Brownies in Australia and New Zealand. We welcome her home, too, and also wish her God-speed on a further journey to the United States, where the 12th World Conference takes place at Cooperstown, New York State, from August 13th-23rd. The hostess countries are the United States, Canada and Brazil, and delegates and visitors from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, South Africa, Suomi-Finland, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States of America will meet to discuss matters concerning the whole Guide and Girl Scout Movement. Great Britain is represented by Mrs. Davies-Cooke and Miss Anstice Gibbs as delegates, and by Mrs. Chesterton and Miss Newnham as visitors. Miss Tennant and Miss Synge will also be attending the conference as members of the World Committee.

International Friendship

The Council for Education in World Citizenship has arranged a conference for Youth leaders at The Friends' Meeting House, Euston Road, London, on September 22nd at 7 p.m. Dr. J. Macalister Brew will speak on Youth and International Friendship and the Bureau of Current Affairs will present a lecture-demonstration on Visual Aids in Teaching International Affairs. There is no need to urge those who have already met Dr. Macalister Brew, either through her books or on the platform, to seize this opportunity. She has a vast store of knowledge and of practical experience in dealing with youth groups and she is a most entertaining and provocative speaker. Guiders interested in international friendship—and surely that means *all* Guiders—should make every effort to attend a conference where they will get practical help on how to interest their companies in this aspect of Guiding. Tea, including sandwiches, may be obtained at the Tea Room, Friends' House, from 6.30-7 p.m., price 2s. The conference fee is 1s. Application, including fee for lecture and tea should be made to: The Education Officer, C.E.W.C., 11 Maiden Lane, London, W.C.2.

Thanks from the Greek Girl Guides

Here is a letter of thanks from the International Commissioner for Greek Girl Guiders, Madame Dora Lykiardopulo, to all who answered the appeal published in the July GUIDER on page 140. 'Thank you on behalf of the Greek Girl Guides and the children of Greece for those neat parcels which arrived full of most useful things with such moving promptitude. I shall be writing to you all and would like you to know that the contents are being sorted and packed into cases which will be sent to Greece as soon as full. I am treasuring all your personal notes and will take good care to pin them on to your parcels as I pack them. A special "thank you" to the two anonymous donors of shoes; from the care bestowed upon them I presume that they must have been dearly beloved friends. You can rest assured that their new owners will also treasure them. Every new parcel adds to my gratitude and joy and all help, however small, is gratefully received. God bless you all'.

Invitations for Foreign Guests

Guiders are reminded that when they plan to invite foreign guests to camp with them and wish the International Department at I.H.Q. to find suitable guests they should make their application in good time. Six months' notice is not too long. It must be remembered that the guests are selected by their own national H.Q. and have to arrange

their holidays beforehand in the same way as we do ourselves. When writing to the International Department the following points should be clearly stated:

1. The number of guests and the nationality preferred.
2. The religion preferred.
3. The age range of the hostesses.
4. The exact date and place of the camp.
5. Whether hospitality in the homes of the hostesses is offered either before or after the camp. (Hospitality after the camp is usually more successful.)

It is not worth while inviting guests for less than a fortnight as they must necessarily have an expensive journey.

New Post Guide Companies

Two Post Guide Companies are being started for girls suffering from phthisis and, if the experiment is a success, we may be able to start Post Rangers later. Only girls with phthisis are eligible; surgical T.B. must be carefully excluded and, of course, the permission not only of parents and doctors, but of the county T.B. officer, must be obtained before a girl is accepted. Special permit forms have been drawn up and sent to County Extension Secretaries with all details of the plan. Subject to this permission girls either at home or in sanatoria can be accepted. Both Guiders have had phthisis, and are allowed to do correspondence work. The attachment of Guides to local companies and visiting may in some cases be possible if the approval of the T.B. authorities and of the Guiders and parents of the active Guides concerned is obtained, but this is likely to play a relatively small part in the life of these companies. The closest co-operation with the authorities is essential and each girl's case will be considered individually. The companies are organised for the North and South of England respectively, and interested Guiders are asked to communicate with their County Extension Secretary.

Oliver Twist

This film is well worth seeing. The acting of individual characters is excellent, giving reality and life to Dickens' fantastic portraits. Fine photography is directed with careful attention to detail so that the film, while absorbing the attention, is almost repellent in its portrayal of human cruelty. This visual realisation is so strong that, although many of the injustices in Dickens' day have been tackled, the eyes are opened to suffering which still exists in too many children's lives.

Local Association Conference

A conference for Local Association Members will be held at Waddow from October 26-28th. Applications, enclosing 5s. deposit, are to be sent to the Secretary, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe. Only two applications from any one association will be accepted until October 18th. All other applications will be put on the waiting list until that date.

Personal Accident Policy

Although the new Health Service Act is now in force we do not feel it would be advisable to make any alteration in the terms of our policy until we have gained some experience of how the new Act works. Guiders can rest assured that we are keeping a close watch on the position and that they will be notified if, and when, any changes in the terms of cover seem necessary.

Empire Ranger Week

Accounts of this long looked forward to event reached THE GUIDER just too late for inclusion in this month's issue but full descriptions of celebrations at home and overseas will, we hope, appear in September.

Admiralty Recognition

Congratulations to S.R.S. *Delight*, Torquay, who have been awarded Admiralty recognition.

'I Promise on My Honour'

An International Conference for Catholic Guiders

DELEGATES from Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Eire, France, Great Britain, Italy, Malta, Martinique, The Netherlands, the Netherland East Indies, Nigeria, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States of America, and Observers from Austria, Chile, Germany and Luxembourg, have now gone back to their homes after attending the Catholic International Promise and Law Conference for Guiders in the lovely old country house and training centre of Foxlease. I was one of those delegates, and I can witness that we all had a very happy time. The hospitality was great, the talks inspiring, the campfire very jolly, and the free time made full use of.

Dame Vera Laughton Mathews, a splendid chairman, set us off from the first evening in the right spirit and the Conference opened very happily with a telegram from Rome giving an apostolic blessing from the Holy Father.

Each morning we had the privilege of taking part in Dialogue Mass in the temporary chapel and, after breakfast, the conference assembled for Colours, different countries

better Catholics, and how her Catholic faith can help a girl to be a better Guide was clearly shown by speakers from Great Britain and from France. What Catholic children could expect from Guiding, and what contributions Catholics could make to the movement in general, was pointed out by Father Oger, a Dominican Guide Chaplain from Belgium.

A young delegate from Norway showed us that 'the all-embracing responsibility' of the Guider is to be aware that Guiding is not a hobby to be dealt with only at 'certain times'. A delegate from The Netherlands warned us of the danger of being too exclusively Guide.

What Catholic Guiders could do *outside* the Guide world, as leaders in their own sphere of life, if they were true to their Catholic faith and their Guider training, was discussed with much interest in one of the group discussions. One morning was given to considering the best way for co-operation within the movement in countries where circumstances make two or more Associations necessary, and also within the Guide movement as a whole. Catholics were in strong favour of loyal friendliness towards anyone, and all who will let them penetrate their lives with their religious beliefs.

Other talks included: Father de Zulueta's talk, 'St. Thomas More's sense of vocation'; the address of Dame Vera Laughton Mathews, who spoke about the Love of Christ, Nobility of Work and Simple Living; the talk by Father Martin Darcy, S.J., who said faith gives us a clear integrating view of life, as well as new wisdom not only for the next world but for this one.

Never shall we forget the wonderful campfire, or the songs, or the *au revours*, and 'Caribou's' (Miss Pilkington) friendly message on the last evening.

The feast of St. Peter and St. Paul took us for the close of our conference to Archbishop's House, Westminster, where Cardinal Griffin greeted all. He told us how Church authorities approved of Guiding because it places duty to God before anything else, and he called us 'peacemakers between nations'. That is surely a title we should be proud of, as we pick up our work in our twenty different home countries, taking with us the Cardinal's words of encouragement and his blessing.

MADELINE DE MEULEMEESTER



At Foxlease—five Guiders from Martinique, Norway, Austria, Netherland East Indies and Sweden

being chosen every day for taking them with their own special ceremonial. Each evening there was Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the close of the evening Sessions. The Chaplain, Father Devas, S.J., was most helpful throughout the whole week and preached a beautiful sermon on Sunday at the High Mass, held in the Barn.

The programme of this conference has brought back to our minds some very fundamental aspects of Guiding. One after the other, the speakers pointed out in different manners how our faith in God must penetrate our Guide work and our Guide friendship. Much stress was laid on the importance of the first section of the Promise—Duty to God, as laid down by the Founder. This first section was unanimously reaffirmed as being, with the international aspect of Guiding, 'an essential characteristic of the movement.'

How Guide training fosters a true sense of responsibility, how it can help girls to become



Cardinal Griffin greets Guiders from Austria, Norway, Sweden and Malta at Archbishop's House, Westminster

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Ideas From a Belgian Camp

LAST summer I took some Guides to a Belgian Guide Camp. The company who invited us had lost much equipment during the war years, and it was amazing how they made do without things. It made us feel that our English camping is spoilt by too much equipment, and too much organisation. I felt myself back in the early days, when we gave far more scope for originality and initiative.

As we were on very sandy soil we cooked on 'wah-wahs'—holes in the sand which fitted large, round dioxies. The fires were started in the bottom of the hole, and the sides lined with stout sticks. The dixie rested on these and fire came up round it. We had three of these in use, and we found that they used far less wood than the ordinary cook fire, and gave a great amount of heat. Sandy soil has its advantages, for the old fashioned grease pit, with a lid woven in and out with greenery, drained away like magic. Sand meant very easy digging and filling in later on. We dug our own trench for the latrines without difficulty, and we needed no poles for screening as the pine trees were far stronger.

What campfires we had every night, and how beautifully the Belgian Guides sang in harmony; they quite put us to shame. They taught us such attractive songs, and by the end of camp we were able to sing together in French or English. How imaginative Guide Companies abroad can be, and how much younger in outlook. There were camp totem ceremonies where we were given camp names. The ones they made up for us were Red Indian ones; all the Guides were dressed suitably in blankets and feathers, etc. We had to answer questions and then we were made to do some action representative of our totem. If one were a rabbit, then one might be chased round the campfire, if a monkey, then one could get up to any antics. At the end, one wrote one's name on paper, burnt it in the ashes and took a flying leap over it, shouting out the totem name.

One very amusing idea was the appointment of two 'zorros', one chosen from each company and known only to the captains. Their job was to create fun and disturbance by taking things without being seen—and then returning them secretly later in the day. Your belongings might appear in the centre of the meal table, or hanging up in a tree or in the campfire circle. We became very careful not to leave things about. The 'zorros' did not get caught at their black magic, although both the Belgian and the English became very cute. Letters were written to the 'zorros' and read out at meals. We gave them challenges and everyone tried to discover who they were, but no one succeeded. They were far too clever and usually accomplished the challenge. Sometimes it was removing things from a tent during the night with all the inmates there. Then, at the last campfire, there was the judgment of the 'zorros'. Everyone had to come up to a bar and say who they thought the 'zorros' were. The accused came up to the bar to answer the challenge.

Another excellent game was to discover all one could about another Guide. Each was given a paper with the name of a Guide on it, a Belgian had an English one, and vice-versa. Throughout the camp one found out everything about her one could, without her knowing. Then, near the end of the camp, at the campfire each in turn read out these details, and we all had to guess who the girl was. The one with the longest and best record was given a small token.

We had a most impressive camp enrolment with everyone in full uniform, and half an hour beforehand the camp was silent so that we could think about our Law and Promise. The ceremony was not unlike ours, but was held round the campfire, which was not lit. It was a solemn occasion, and the talk most helpful; so that it should be fully understood it was translated into English for us. Then the fire was lighted and we sang some really beautiful songs together.

G. FOREMAN

For Your Bookshelves

*Camp Prayers for Guides,** compiled by C. Sheelagh Tatham. (Girl Guides Association, 6d.) Here is a little book written for Guides to use themselves by one who speaks from experience as a Guide Captain. As the introduction says it is 'to give you some ideas about your prayers while you are in camp. You may like to use it yourself or in your patrol or for your company prayers . . .'. The main section of the book sets out readings, thoughts and prayers for seven days, based on a study of the Guide Law. Many important things are put in plain language that the youngest Guide can understand, for example: 'Duty is not a thing that happens when we feel like it; it has nothing to do with feelings'. 'Of course we can't make ourselves like people but we can make ourselves be nice to them'. 'We cannot separate obedience and purity'. There are also some very useful suggestions about prayer and prayer books, the use of hymns, and planning and taking of a Guides' Own.

Such a book can, of necessity, only be a beginning. No Guides ought to use it year by year, but it might well be a pattern on which they could compile their own books. At the same time there is no need to limit its use to camp, and for some it might lead on to membership of the Bible Reading Fellowship or Scripture Union. Miss Tatham has produced a little book which should be of great value to Guiding.

A.A.T.

*The Way to Camp,** by S. H. Walker. (Third edition.) (The Pilot Press, 4s. 6d.) This is a comprehensive book and contains useful information both for the Tenderfoot who has never camped before and the more advanced camper. A lot of it is more suitable for other organisations and for senior Scout and Rover camps, but Guiders should find plenty of valuable wrinkles and ideas for their company camps. The chapters on Tent Lore and How to Make Tents should appeal to the light-weight Ranger camper, especially now that parachute material is available for tent making. It is surprising that a book which goes into such detail over things should try to compress so much advanced first aid into so small a space, and makes no mention at all of bathing precautions. It is full of good and, in some cases, amusing illustrations, and should prove helpful to First Class and Woodcraft Emblem candidates, and to Rangers entering for part I of the Service Star, or the Outdoor Service Certificates.

V.C.

*Tracks to the Queen's Guide Award,** by Vera Armstrong. (Girl Guides Association, 1s.) This book will be welcomed by all Guiders and Guides who want to know more about how to qualify for this award. It tells, in story form, of the preparations of a Guide for the Woodcraft Emblem and the Queen's Guide Award and of the tests that she passed. Attractively illustrated it contains much useful information about the tests, and the interesting accounts of the 'Commissioner's jobs' and the 'Be Prepared' test will delight Guides who hope some day to be Queen's Guides themselves. It will also give testers and Guiders a good idea of the standard required for the award. This book would make an ideal present for a Guide and a welcome addition to any company library.

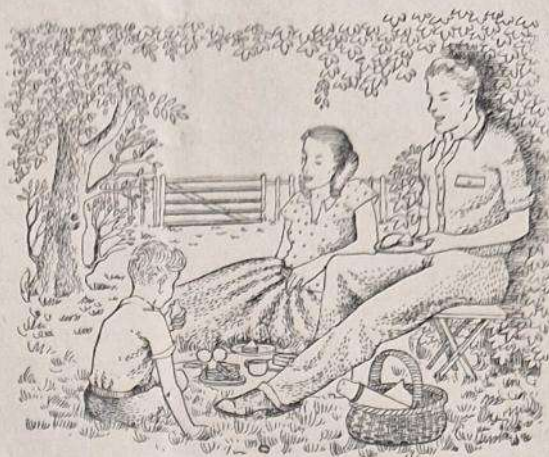
G.M.C.

*Watching Films,** by Vernon Sproston. (S.C.M. Press, 2s.) 'Have you seen any good films lately' is more than a conversational opening—it is a definite desire among some of the 30,000,000 people who visit cinemas each week to know and discuss worth-while films. The contents of this book (written 'out of a conviction that many people who enjoy going to the cinema are anxious to know how they may judge between good and bad in films they see') include a survey of the cinema and why it has come to stay; how to criticise plots, characterisation, direction and credibility and the Christian approach to the cinema. A thoughtfully written, stimulating book for all Guiders—and for Rangers, Cadets and older Guides who will find useful the suggestions about a film circle discussion group.

T.W.M.

*God's Ambassadors,** by Bertha C. Krall. (The Religious Education Press, 2s. 6d.) For 'Guides Own' and often for ordinary company meetings Guiders search through their bookshelves for a story. Here are eighteen stories, graphically, but simply told, on leaders in all walks of life—Fridtjof Nansen, of Norway, Father Jellicoe, of Somers Town, 'Romany' (well-known 'on the air'), Robert Louis Stevenson, Alfred Sadd (of the Gilbert Islands), and many others. The author happily catches the reader's interest by jumping straight into her story and Guiders can use it as it stands or adapt it.

* Stocked at Headquarters Bookshop.



food for fresh-air appetites

A picnic lunch or supper, like a packed meal for taking to work, should be as appetising, nourishing and sustaining as a hot meal. A good way to make sure of this, is to plan your meal around at least one item which is a good body-builder such as meat, egg, fish, cheese. Then let your fancy roam on the sweet course, keeping in mind that it should be a contrast. For instance, if your main course is sandwiches, don't have sweet sandwiches to follow, but something like fruit pies or tarts. Include something thirst-quenching—fruit, salad mixed with plenty of dressing or tomatoes or cucumber.

Some Sandwich Fillings

- 1 Snoek and Watercress.** Snoek is a solid fish, rich in nourishment, and makes a delicious and sustaining spread. 4 level tablespoons chopped watercress, 4 level tablespoons flaked snoek, 1 tablespoon vinegar, 1 level dessertspoon chopped spring onion, salt to taste, $\frac{1}{4}$ level teaspoon pepper. Mix all together.
- 2 Egg Filling.** Slices of hard-boiled egg have a habit of slipping out of the bread; children especially may have difficulty in managing them! Instead, scramble the egg, using fresh or dried egg. Season well before cooking, and flavour with chopped parsley, or herbs, or a little chopped pickle.
- 3 Cheese Filling.** As this filling contains fat, no extra fat is needed to spread on the bread. $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. margarine, 2 oz. finely grated cheese, 1 very small onion, or spring onion finely chopped, pinch of dry mustard, pinch of pepper, salt if necessary, 2 table-spoons milk. Cream the margarine and beat in the cheese, onion and seasoning. Stir in milk and beat well until the mixture is creamy.

Bacon and Egg Pie

Short pastry, using 6 oz. flour, 2 eggs, fresh or dried, 2 oz. bacon, chopped, 2 oz. breadcrumbs, $\frac{1}{2}$ level teaspoon salt, $\frac{1}{4}$ level teaspoon pepper.

Line a 7" plate, or a 6" sandwich tin, with half the pastry. Beat the eggs and add the bacon, breadcrumbs and seasoning; mix well and pour into the lined plate or tin. Cover the pie with the remaining pastry and bake in a hot oven for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

Fish Patties

$\frac{1}{4}$ pint white sauce (using $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. flour and $\frac{1}{4}$ pint milk and water), 4 oz. cooked fish, 2 oz. cooked carrot, diced, $\frac{1}{4}$ level teaspoon grated nutmeg, 1 level teaspoon salt, $\frac{1}{4}$ level teaspoon pepper, short pastry, using 6 oz. flour.

Mix the sauce with the fish, carrot and seasonings. Roll out half the pastry to line a 6" sandwich tin and turn in the filling. Cover with a pastry lid and bake in a hot oven for 20-30 minutes. Four small patties may be made instead of one large one.



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Games For All Weathers

IF the weather in camp is fine then one wants no games of the organised, team-game type—everyone will want to be out playing the wider Scouting games. Any tracking game becomes far more exciting if it is allied to some feasible story. By far the best way of inventing a good Scouting game is to take some adventure story (preferably a true one) and build your game into it.

If your company is a town one, with camp as its main contact with really open spaces, the very simplest story will suffice. Indeed, it will need to be simple, or the Guides will concentrate on the details of the story to the detriment of their tracking and stalking. On the other hand, if yours is a country company, you can have all sorts of elaboration—pass-words, customs controls, disguises, and so on.

Before you start playing, make quite sure that everyone understands the rules. Make these simple enough to be remembered and be very definite about boundaries. It is also as well to make some time limit so that Guides know when the game will be finished. There is nothing more exasperating than lurking miserably in the undergrowth, uncertain whether the game is still continuing or whether everyone is now doing something quite different.

Here is a suggestion for a Scouting game: (If one company, then divide numbers. If two or more companies camping near each other this can be played as an inter-company game.) Each patrol 'loses' one Guide. She has been kidnapped and is being held in ransom by the kidnapping tribesmen. The tribesmen disguise their prisoners (colour faces, change clothing, etc.) and keep them in hiding somewhere in the neighbourhood. When alarm is raised in camp, patrols set off to rescue their own missing member.

The kidnapped prisoner has managed to leave certain tracks (bits of her own clothing, coloured braid, tiny drawings of her own patrol emblem, etc.) on the way to the hiding-place. But—as the four or five prisoners were all led off in the same direction, then parted, then met for a conference of the kidnappers, and then separated again to the individual hiding-places—the trails got gloriously mixed up and confused! The patrols have to try and disentangle the trails, and track down the hiding-place of their own member. As she is disguised they will not recognise her at first. They try to rescue her:

- (a) without being caught by any of the kidnappers who will be guarding their prisoners;
- (b) without making a mistake over her identity;
- (c) by getting her back into their own tent within camp.

Points will be lost by a patrol that tries to rescue a wrong prisoner; the rescuers can be kidnapped too if, in the act of discovering she is not their own member, the kidnappers descend upon them. There is plenty of scope for ingenuity; the rescuers can think of ways of luring the guards away; of offering to pay ransom, etc. Points can be awarded to the kidnappers for cleverness in the disguise of their prisoners. A time limit should be set. Kidnappers or rescuers will be judged the winners according to the number of prisoners rescued, or retained.

If you have some wet days here are some suggestions for games in barns or marquees.

Tragedy-Comedy. Give each patrol a similar collection of about six articles, e.g., a plate, a potato, piece of string, etc. Patrol leaders draw a slip of paper on which is written 'tragedy', 'comedy' or 'thriller', etc. Patrols act the scene which the P.L. has drawn and all the articles they have been given must be introduced into the scene in a way visible to the audience. Vote for best scene.

Foreign Shopping. Explain that one Guide from each patrol is going shopping in a land where she has no knowledge of the language. She is told by the Guider what to buy and then returns to her patrol and tries to make the others understand what she wants without speaking at all. When

someone in the patrol thinks she knows what is wanted she tells the Guider (it is no use telling the 'shopper' as she would not understand). First patrol to guess what is wanted wins. Repeat with different shoppers. (Examples of what can be 'bought': pair of kippers, box of matches, half a pound of tea, etc.)

What happened? Guider makes a statement such as: 'Father is woken in the night by a noise . . .'. Patrols each act a scene showing what happened next. Vote for the best.

What's left out? Each patrol acts in mime (i.e., without speaking or props) some ordinary action, leaving out one essential action. For example, act lighting fire on a hike, but never strike a match. Audience tries to guess what action has been deliberately left out.

What's gone? Campers stand in a circle with about ten objects in the middle on the floor (e.g., mug, twig, pencil, etc.). Everyone looks for a moment then about turn and one object is removed. On order 'turn' all face inwards again, and the first Guide to name correctly the missing object gains a point and removes the next thing. Objects should be replaced each time.

Newsboys (very noisy). Prepare slips of paper with names of newspapers, e.g., 5 *Daily Graphic*, 5 *Daily Telegraph*, 5 *Evening News*, etc. Give one slip to each Guide. Guides move round in two circles, one inside the other, until the whistle is blown. Then each Guide calls her own paper and the first party of five to be complete wins. Change papers and repeat. (This can be played with the last group to be complete falling out and their slips removed from the game.)

Number steps. One Guide is blindfolded or shuts eyes. The rest go up to her one by one and touch her. She gives them each a number up to (say) 7, according to the size of the marquee or shelter and the Guides take the given number of paces away. When all have done this the blindfolded Guide moves about until she touches someone and then tries to guess by feeling who it is. If correct they change places and the game begins again. If wrong the blindfolded Guides moves on and tries again until successful.

Guides to the Rescue. A family of foreigners who cannot speak any English (mother and five children, Jan, 14; Mimi, 12; Pitsie, 9; Hans, 7; and Paul, 2) are stranded near camp after an air crash. Each patrol works out a scheme for looking after the family for forty-eight hours. They are not injured, only frightened, and have lost everything except the clothes they are wearing. Give the patrols the following suggestions to start them off. 'How would you feed them, sleep them, clothe them and arrange for them to continue their journey in two days' time? What about money, passports, rations?' Award points to the patrols working out the best and clearest plan for those two days and for use of: (a) imagination; (b) ingenuity; (c) knowledge of local conditions; (d) common sense.

Training at Lorne

Following on the statement in the June GUIDER of numbers from English counties attending the Imperial Training Centres, Ulster Guiders will be interested to know that the attendances at Lorne in its first year are as follows:

County	Guiders	Commissioners
Armagh	37.1%	83.3%
Antrim	48.2%	28.6%
Belfast	40.9%	84.6%
Co. Derry	27.6%	25%
Derry City	19%	33.3%
Down	48.3%	40%
Fermanagh	16.6%	50%
Tyrone	50%	57%

Ulster Guiders have also attended the I.H.Q. Training Centres.



A Nightmare for those taking the Licence Test

By C. S. Tatham

SCENE I

A training camp. The Guider-Who-Didn't-Care is dancing about centre, singing to herself. The chorus is out of sight, audible but invisible.

GUIDER (*Tune: Little Brown Jug*):

Ha, ha, ha, he, he, he,
Little bell tent, don't I hate thee!
Your pole's not straight, your door won't meet,
And you'll probably fall about my feet!

CHORUS (*repeating first and last lines of tune*):

Ha, ha, ha, he, he, he,
It'll probably fall about her feet!

GUIDER:

Ha, ha, ha, hoo, hoo, hoo,
Don't I hate my screening, too!
I hung it up and it wouldn't go round,
So I left it lying on the ground!

CHORUS (*repeats as before, changing 'I' to 'She'*):

GUIDER:

Ha, ha, ha, ho, ho, ho,
I got up late and the fire wouldn't go,
The porridge was thin and the bacon burnt
And *that's* all the cooking I have learnt!

CHORUS (*as before*):

GUIDER:

Ha, ha, ha, hi, hi, hi,
Our C.A.'s a silly old guy!
I fill her up with lots of bluffin'
And she doesn't know that I know nuffin'!

CHORUS (*spoken in a very shocked voice*):

And she doesn't even care!
The other Guiders skip in, singing, to form a group, centre.

(*Tune: The Keys of Canterbury*).

O Madam, we are waiting here; we've all put up our tents,
We've tied up all the brailing and mended all the rents,
We're waiting here with zest for you to take our test,
O Madam, we are waiting here for you.

GUIDER (*joining the group*): What mutts!

CHORUS: O Madam, we are waiting here; we've all put up our screening.



Guiders, guess what I have here?

It's all pegged out and on its poles it's very neatly leaning,

We're waiting here with zest, etc.

Oh Madam, we are waiting here; we all have done our cooking—

GUIDER:

I put mine in the pig bucket when nobody was looking . . .

CHORUS: We're waiting here with zest, etc.

The C.A. approaches. Two Guiders rush to spread a groundsheet, centre. As she advances, the C.A. sings:

Good morning to you, good morning to you,
Good morning, dear Guiders, good morning to you.

As she sits, the Guiders sing the same thing, substituting 'Madam' for 'Guiders'.

C.A.: Come, let us sit down, and I will take your test.

The Guiders sit round in a circle with rapt expressions. The Guider-Who-Didn't-Care goes to the back of the group, produces a magazine and proceeds to read it. The tune of the following is the verse of Shusti-fidli.

C.A. (*holding up a mallet*): Guiders, guess what I have here?

CHORUS: A wooden mallet, Madam dear.

C.A.: Tell me what you use it for?

CHORUS:

Knocking tent-pegs in the floor!

C.A. (*holding up a groundsheet*):
Guiders, guess what I have here?

CHORUS:

A rubber groundsheet, Madam dear;
It will keep out rain and damp,
On it you must never tramp!

C.A.:

Excellent! You have all passed the equipment section. Let me have your cards to sign.

All the Guiders pass up cards, with signs of satisfaction. The Guider flips hers up

casually. The C.A. moves a pencil rapidly round the circle.

C.A.: Tell me how you pitch a tent?

CHORUS:

See the pole is never bent;
Spread the guylines neatly out—

GUIDER (*rousing herself*):

What's this babble all about?

C.A.:

Rudeness fills my heart with pain,
Let us do the tent again.

CHORUS:

Spread it out upon the ground,
Stand it up and peg it round.



What's this babble all about?

C.A.: 'Excellent, etc.', as before, substituting 'tent' for 'equipment' and signing cards again.

C.A. (pointing) What is this that's standing by?

CHORUS: The pole from which the flag will fly.

C.A.: Tell me what you have to do?

CHORUS: A clovehitch and a sheepbend, too.

C.A., as before, substituting 'Colours'.

C.A.: Tell me how you cook a joint?

GUIDER: If you get one—that's the point!

CHORUS: Braise it on a gentle heat.

This will help the toughest meat.

C.A., as before, substituting 'Quartermastering'.

C.A.: Very good, I think that is all.

VOICE FROM CHORUS: But, Madam, our screening . . .

CHORUS (interrupting): Ssh-h!

C.A.: My dear! No modest Guider mentions screening in public! That is all excellent. We have a very good standard this year. Here are your licences.

She hands out squares of card on strings with 'Licence' printed on them. The Guiders hang them round their necks, the Guider getting hers last. They all skip out.

C.A.:

I hope that last Guider will come up to standard. . . . Sometimes I have not been quite sure, but I am sure she has tried and I will ask for a special report.

SCENE 2

Company camp of the Guider-Who-Didn't-Care. The Guider is prodding a heap of hessian, centre. Two or three Guides stand round. Chorus off, as before. (Tune: Old Black Joe).

CHORUS: Gone are the days when she thought that she was tough!

Gone are the days when she could have learnt her stuff!

Now she despairs—how does her screening go?

She hears her children's voices murmur 'She don't know!'

GUIDER: Jemima! You went to a P.L.s' training last year. You should know all about it. As a great treat, you shall put it up all by yourselves. Take it away to the shrubbery!

The Guides pick up the hessian and run out with it as the Quartermaster comes in.

GUIDER: That is the best form of training—to leave your leaders to do everything!

Q.M.: Is it today that we were having meat—because the joint that you left on the store tent floor has been eaten by the dog from the farm!

GUIDER: How unfortunate! But we are being kind to animals and it is good for the children to see the Guide Law in practice! Anyway, Quartermaster, you should be able to deal with these little emergencies in your own department.

A GUIDE (walking across the back of the 'stage' with a pole). Please, Captain, I have a tin of Grade 3 salmon in my kit-bag. I brought it to eat in rest hour because I have finished my sweet ration.

GUIDER: Thank you, Eliza. Now, Quartermaster, we can have a fish pie for lunch.

Q.M.: In three-quarters of an hour? Dear Captain, there is no wood . . . but do I see the C.A. coming across the field?

CHORUS OFF (Tune: the chorus of 'Old Black Joe'):

She's coming; she's coming;

And the screening's lying low;

We haven't any gadgets and the fire won't go!

C.A.: Good morning. I hope you are having a nice camp. This is a very lovely site. Shall we go and look at your tents—but, surely, you have a very few tents? I thought you had a large camp?

GUIDER: Well, there were some more but one or two seem to have fallen down.

C.A.: And you haven't put them up again? Mmm! We will talk about that later. Please take me to see your screening.

GUIDER: Well, that isn't exactly up either. My leaders are dealing with it. I like them to learn to take responsibility.

C.A.: Oh, yes, of course, but I should like to see the screening. If it is over there, we can go through the kitchen on the way.

They trot round the stage while the chorus sings the tune of 'Chestnut Tree' to 'lah'. As they stop, the C.A. sings to the same tune:

Underneath the spreading chestnut tree,

What's this dreadful mess I see?

GUIDER: That is my store tent, Madam dear,

It hasn't been tidied yet, I fear!

C.A.: Is this salmon on this plate?

Aren't you cooking it rather late?

Can that be your milk that's smelling so?

Have you a larder?

GUIDER: Oh dear, no!

C.A.: And is this your pig bucket? (she pokes) my dear Guider! Surely this cannot be your camp's bacon ration in here?

GUIDER: Oh, yes. Surely, pig should be kept in the pig bucket?

C.A.: This is beyond a joke. I cannot think why you have a licence at all. I shall send a wire to your District Commissioner and you must all go home at once—recommended for a lot of further training.

She turns the Guider's licence over to show a blank side and goes out. The Guider walks away sadly in the other direction as the Quartermaster, Guides and remainder of chorus skip in, singing:

Gone are the days when she thought it fun to slack.

Oh, what she'd give to have her licence back!

Now Madam's gone—she won't come back, I fear—

And Captain has to take her test again next year!

She's going, she's going,

And Captain's licence, too;

And if you are not careful,

Then it might be you!

* * *

All the apparently 'spoken' parts should be produced as a cross between speaking and singing, aimed at giving an effect as much like 'Grand Opera' as possible. The general idea of a psalm chant is quite a good guide, with more variation in high and low notes. At all costs, words must be audible.

This was used as a campfire item with a group of volunteers at an ordinary training camp. Everybody was provided with a typed copy of the words and one general rehearsal was held, mainly to check tunes and to give a rough idea of entrances. This took about half an hour. In addition, the principals rehearsed for about twenty minutes without the chorus. The Guiders, the Chorus, and the Guides were all the same people, and improvised actions as they went along. A chorus leader is essential to avoid hesitation. It doesn't matter in the least what she does, provided everybody follows her with conviction. The two C.A.s should be different people.

In self-defence, the writer would like to add that this is *not* the way licences are tested in her own Division—nor in any other that she has ever known—and she would like to suggest that it is kept for internal consumption only. It is not meant for audiences outside the movement!

Backland Camp Site

Have you ever taken your Guides or Rangers to Blackland? It is a lovely wooded estate in some of the finest Sussex scenery and within easy reach—for both walker and cyclist—of Ashdown Forest. What about an autumn or winter week-end for your more experienced campers? The camping season is longer at Blackland than at many places because of the special indoor sleeping facilities for out-of-season camping—in Restrop, which sleeps ten-twelve, or in caravans which sleep six each. If you already know Blackland, go again and see the various post-war plans gradually taking shape. The barn in use again, huts for wet weather shelter, new washing cubicles at Restrop—and many other things. Blackland holds a catering licence—an enormous help to week-enders. Last, but not least, there's always a welcome from the Warden and Mrs. Macadam, to whom we owe the happy, friendly atmosphere that is Blackland.

Are You Looking For a Pack Leader?

ASK any group of Brown Owls, who are running their packs singlehanded, the kind of person they would like as a Pack Leader. Among the replies you will probably hear are that she should be the kind of Guide who can think up new ideas and games; who shows skill in making new charts and apparatus and ingenuity in repairing the old; who is able to take over the semaphore and can demonstrate the ball throwing and skipping which may bother the less nimble Guider. In fact, many a Brownie Guider is tempted to think firstly of the ways in which the Pack Leader can help her personally. But is this the main function of a Pack Leader?

The Pack Leader is a second-class Guide who forms a link between the pack and the company to which the pack is attached. She is in the pack to help the Brownies realise that they are part of a large movement, to make them familiar with the happenings in the company, and to lead them to feel that it is the normal thing for them to move up to Guides when they reach the right age. The fact that they already have a friend in the company in their Pack Leader will encourage many Brownies to go on to the next stage in Guiding. Because Pack Leader is the company's representative to the pack it follows that she must be a good 'advertisement' for the Guides. If the Guider remembers this when looking for a suitable Guide she will find it easier to make her choice.

The Brown Owl should first find out, in consultation with the Captain, if the prospective Pack Leader is playing her own part in Guiding thoroughly. Is she really trying to carry out the Promise and Laws? Can her loyalty to the company be seen in such things as neatness of uniform and regular attendance? Can she be relied upon to carry out small responsibilities? Next, it is necessary to consider whether she has the time to give. Patrol Leaders and Girls working for examinations are not generally chosen as they have enough commitments for their age. It is often possible

to find a Guide who is not necessarily a leader of girls of her own age, nor academically minded, who may make a very good Pack Leader and, incidentally, reap much benefit for herself.

Once a Pack Leader has been found the Brown Owl should help her to obtain her stripes (for particulars, see *Policy, Organisation and Rules*), and should give her opportunities for forming the link between the pack and the company. To a certain degree her mere presence in the pack achieves this but, in addition, she should be asked to give news of the company's activities in Pow-Wow. She can tell the Brownies about the sales of work or displays, the hike that her patrol is planning and, above all, she can give them news about camp.

The part that Pack Leaders take in the rest of the meeting varies with their ability and experience, but most of them can give help in test work with small groups, though the Guider herself will naturally teach such parts as the Promise and Law, and health and first-aid, and keep in constant touch with all the other work to ensure that it brings in definite character training.

The Pack Leader will soon learn to take games with small groups but will need help in organising pack games. The assistance that she can give in all kinds of outings is invaluable, so, too, is her work in making simple charts and apparatus, and she becomes a very significant figure on the days when the pack and company meet for a Flying Up ceremony.

The wise Guider, while fully appreciating the advantages of having a Pack Leader, will bear in mind that she is essentially a girl of Guide age and so should not be given the responsibilities of an adult. A good Pack Leader, who is a keen member of her company and who enjoys being with the Brownies will not only make her own unique contribution to the pack, but should, in return, gain a richness of experience and interest to help her own growth and development.

A. BRAMBLBY



A good Pack Leader makes her own unique contribution at the Pack meeting and on holiday

A Promise and Law Conference for Protestant Guiders

MAY 8th found delegates from nine countries, Canada, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Holland, Norway, Sweden, the United States, and, of course, the hostess country, Switzerland, making their way to the Abbaye of Presinge, near Geneva, for the third International Promise and Law Conference for Protestant Guiders to be held since the war. The lovely old house, which is run by Deaconesses from Berne is set in beautiful parkland, with a view of the Jura Mountains and Mont Blanc Range. Each night we listened to nightingales.

The theme of the conference was 'Guiding and Christian Witness'—and the subject of the questionnaire sent beforehand to each delegate was 'Guiding—A Christian Community'.

Mr. Visser t'Hooft, the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, gave a most interesting account of the birth and growth of the Council and also told us of the important meeting to be held in Amsterdam in August. Miss Jean Fraser, Secretary of the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches, also paid a visit to Presinge and expressed her interest in what we were doing. Other talks were given by expert speakers on The Church, a Community (Pasteur Ferrier); The Church and the World (Pasteur Mauris from Lausanne); Practical Problems of a Community (Dr. Tournier, Geneva); Witness of a Com-

munity of Prayer (Madame Micheli of the Community of Grandchamps, Neuchatel).

One of the most interesting talks was one given by Mademoiselle Madeleine Barot, Chairman of the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches, Secretary of the C.I.M.A.D.E., France, and also a member of the Executive Committee of the International Y.W.C.A. She had been to China, India, Japan and the Far East as a delegate to the World Conference of the Y.W.C.A. and her account of some of her travels and the people she met was thrilling.

The daily Bible studies on the First Epistle of St. Peter, were given by Pasteur R. Martin, Pasteur of St. Gervais, Geneva. One day we visited the Oecumenical Institute of Bossey, taking part in a session of an International Youth Leaders' Course.

I think the impression that this conference has left in the minds of those fortunate to attend was the magnitude of the work that is being done by the Universal Church, and the contributory part that the Guide Movement can take in furthering the work of the Kingdom of God on earth.

EDNA M. BANHAM
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- 1 At the kerb—HALT.
- 2 Eyes—RIGHT.
- 3 Eyes—LEFT.
- 4 Glance again—RIGHT.
- 5 If all clear—QUICK MARCH.

"No dashing across. Cars come quicker than you think, and it's

better to wait a moment for a proper gap in the traffic.

"If you had driven as much as I have, you'd know how grateful motorists are when people cross the road sensibly. When someone just dashes out, an accident can happen in no time—and two or three people may be hurt or killed. So please be a good Road Navigator and get the Kerb Drill habit!"

Kay Petre

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Tree Games—and Gadgets

LEADING on from curiosity about wood for fires through a competition described in the July GUIDER we come to that easy test of sitting alone for half an hour and reporting on what they have heard, seen or smelt. However interesting Guide's knowledge or her curiosity to the extent in which learning to know trees by sight will. So we must get going on trees, and there is no better place than camp where many companies will now be.

The Tree Challenge

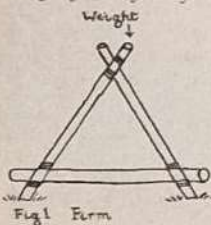
This is a teaching game because it arouses curiosity and supplies the knowledge. It has two other good points—everybody plays all the time and no time is wasted at the end finding out which patrol has won.

Preparation: Small branches of a large number of common forest trees are collected. Out of this a key is made by labelling with its name one piece of each kind. These are placed in a row in a clear space to which the players can have easy access. With the rest of the branches patrols set up their shops, choosing a fixed number of their specimens and learning their name through the key they have made.

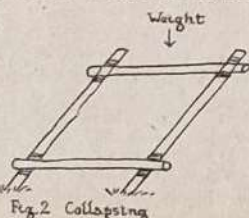
1st Whistle: Each player, except the patrol shopkeepers (who should be Guides who know most) provides herself with a twig and sallies forth to challenge members of other patrols to name it. Should the Guide accosted name it correctly she receives it from her challenger, and if she knows her's receives that in return. Both players then return for another specimen, probably a more difficult one from their shops, or they may continue to challenge with the one they have, but they must only carry one at a time. Should her opponent not know the name of her tree she does not receive it, but she may go to the key to find out and later herself challenge the player with another specimen, and so get a chance to obtain it. When a player finds herself without a specimen her shop will supply her with one from those gained by other players; each player thus helps her patrol. When one patrol has sold out, or when the Captain whistles the game ends, and the patrol with most specimens wins by counting them up.

Tree Spotting

Another good game to enliven a walk along a road. It is played like the old game 'Beavers'. The Captain chooses a tree which appears not too frequently at the road side, and the first to spot the next one gains a point; three up wins. The winner chooses the next tree and so on. The game can be played by any number, even in towns where the houses



have gardens, and for any length of time. It gives practice in judging trees at a distance, disputes being verified by a close-up inspection.



Who does not like creating something? Guides will willingly spend the morning happily making furniture for camp, especially their patrol camp, but to do it well it should form part of the programme before going to camp.

Camp Gadgets

Let each Guide in your company learn how to make a really useful bit of camp furniture of which she can be proud—and possibly her parents, too, if it can be used at home. A camp stool, or small table for instance. For this, however, it must be portable, and the point to be made clear is that unless the legs are driven in the ground there must be triangles. 'A triangle encloses a fixed space'. However

strong the lashing is a rectangle does not, it collapses. (See Figure 1 and Figure 2). Let Guides notice how all gates have a diagonal bar forming two triangles.

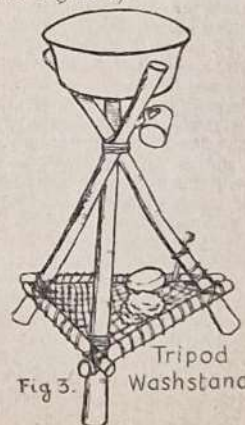
The following are the chief faults in camp gadgets.

1. Wood used too frail. It should be the thickness of a walking stick.
2. Lashings loose and untidy; often well started, but the extra string is wound anyhow rather than being neatly finished and cut; the extra turns loosen the first part.
3. Uneven structures and sloping legs. A piece of newspaper will always give the right angle and show the direction for the next post or bar.
4. Legs not firmly fixed in the ground. Farms often have iron staples which can be driven into the ground to make a hole. If not a strong tent peg will do, but lever it out by placing another peg under the lip, resting on a mallet head. If hit from side to side the hole gets too big and the peg probably gets split or broken.

Space does not permit of describing the various gadgets used in camp, but the almost perfect form, for durability, economy of wood and labour—that is, for a portable type—is that made of triangles, vertical and horizontal. Begin with taking three strong sticks, fastening them round the middle with a timber hitch; then turn the centre one over and work between each with frapping turns; finally fasten both ends by a reef underneath. There are other ways of constructing this gadget, but this is, I think, the easiest way. Now fix a triangle at the top and below, and you have a camp stool, a small table or a wash stand (see Figure 3).

Here is an idea from the Boy Scouts of America: If you can secure some nine feet poles (hop poles) or longer ones you can construct a strong, portable table and benches combined for six or nine people (see Figure 4). This is a useful stunt to do at a display as three Guides could erect it in a quarter of an hour.

The instructor should have prepared several small models so that the Guides can see the shape and method of construction as they work. This saves time, and those girls who are skilled with their fingers will like to help make them.



A. M. MAYNARD

The Guider's Post Bag

The views expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the Association.
Letters cannot be accepted for publication unless they bear the writer's name and address.

Wanted—Your Problems

You are so kind in helping Captains with all the hundred and one things a Guider must inculcate into her Guides, but will you please help a Guider like me who cannot begin to do all these wonderful tests and activities until she can cope a bit better with the indescribably difficult children who have somehow swarmed into her company?

I don't suppose they are any worse than any one else's who has a new company, but they are quite beyond me. (I have been in the Services so know something of awkward women, but practically nothing of children.) You give us wonderful ideas, for instance, for putting over the Law and Promise, but my young 'devils' would never sit and listen to my rather futile attempts to talk about them, and ones like Elsie and 'Rene' would just indulge in their caustic wit—and it is caustic. Lieutenant is frankly terrified of these two and they just play her up and mutter comic remarks to each other whenever she tries to do anything. I can't say I can do much with them.

Then there's a child like Pamela (aged thirteen). She's as sharp as a needle and always bright and willing but tries to catch my eye the whole time and is always in the front. She says, 'Yes, Captain', and 'No, Captain', in smug tones and makes eyes at me. I can't drop on the girl for being bright and willing but ignoring her is no good—she only sucks up the more. The 'devils' I can somehow more or less manage, but about half the company seem to be utterly spineless, of the 'Don't care if I do' variety. They seem to come merely to oblige, but don't make any effort once they have come and show no enthusiasm for anything. I could bore you with much more but have already taken up a lot of your space in asking help for, not problem cases of psychological interest, but just thoroughly tiresome children. Any help you can give me will be most gratefully received.

M.V., London.

P.S.—Please don't just give me the obvious answer 'Use your Leaders'. You should see my Leaders. They've scraped through Second Class and I despair of their ever becoming anything even dimly resembling 'Shirley, the Queen's Guide' variety.

[We shall be publishing an article on how to deal with all types of children. If readers will send in to The Editor, The Guider, as soon as possible, brief outlines of children and incidents in camp or at company meetings this will help the author and, we hope, yourselves.—EDITOR.]

Long Service

Four Guiders, a Norwegian, two Danes and a Scot, were relaxing over tea at Girl Guide House, Copenhagen. One of us idly added up the combined years of our Guide service. The total was 125. Not bad?

D. PATERSON

What Do You Think?

The present policy of THE GUIDER is to combine reports and technical instruction on Guiding subjects with essays and articles on apparently unrelated hobbies and interests, and I wonder if the value of such articles is fully appreciated. Some of them may be quite outside our own orbit and may deal with subjects which at the moment do not attract us, but they are a constant witness to the fact that Guiding is not a backwater but an element in the main stream of life, and they help us to realise the possibility of sharing with our Brownies, Guides and Rangers that absorbing interest in things and people which is a hall-mark of all Scouting, for boys or girls. Articles on nature and on handicrafts are generally accepted, even by the most fanatical, as being of some use to pass on to our Guides, but those on pictures, buildings, antiquities and technical subjects can also afford endless interest to the Guider and through her enrichment will give something to her group.

When I joined the movement in 1921 I remember being quite resigned to the fact that it was a kind of closed order living in its own world and judging by its own standards. Nowadays that attitude is becoming exceptional, rather than normal. Our only hope of attracting Guiders from among those who have not previously been Guides is to appear as real live human beings with a wide and generous outlook. I believe that we are gradually earning that reputation and THE GUIDER, with its

courageous attitude towards outside interests, is contributing largely to this end. What do other readers feel? It would be interesting to hear their views on this important subject.

MARY CHATER

Training Married Guiders

Having read the table of Attendance at Training Camps during the past year in the June GUIDER I feel bound to write and state my side of the case—pass the challenge back to you, as it were. I have recently had a two years' enforced holiday from Guiding to start a family. There must be scores of other Guiders in my position. Now that I am back in harness I am constantly aware of my own limitations and the need for a course of training. But it is quite impossible for me to leave my home for more than a few hours at a time. A few weeks ago a series of evening trainings were arranged for our district in a town over an hour's journey away. After much persuasion by our Commissioner we had one training evening in our area. It was well attended, and I know we all benefited immensely, but although much ground was covered and we learnt a good deal we came away with many questions still unanswered. It seems to me that if the Guide Movement is to meet the need of the nation at this most critical time in the lives of our children, this problem of training the 'housebound' Guider must be tackled immediately. Has anyone any suggestions?

M. BOLD (Mrs.)

To New Brownie Guiders

In answer to requests a few Brownie games will be published in alternate numbers of THE GUIDER, starting with the September issue. The object will be to help the very new Guider by (a) giving her ideas which she can adapt to the needs of her own pack; (b) suggesting ways in which she can avoid the pitfalls which often occur when explaining a new game to the pack. Guiders who have had experience with a pack will probably recognise many of the games as they will mostly be old favourites—some so old that perhaps they have been forgotten!

Thanks to I.H.Q.

In her postbag the General Secretary recently received two encouraging letters. One came from the 12th Wimbledon Brownie Pack who 'had such a lovely time when Silver Owl visited them they thought they would like to send 10s. to Headquarters as a thank you present'.

The second came from a Guide in Worcestershire who writes: 'I think we Guides are very lucky in possessing an efficient and thoughtful H.Q. My orders for articles advertised in THE GUIDER were dealt with so quickly I begin to suspect you of either magic or telepathy. Another time when I never expected to see my competition picture again, I received it back, uncreased and perfectly clean, with the judge's comments. . . .'

'Putting Birds on the Map'

In connection with an article in the June number entitled 'Putting Birds on the Map' Guiders are asked to make sure that Guides do not mark locations of rare species in such maps, in order to protect them against egg collectors.

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We are extremely sorry for a mistake which occurred in the fund statement appearing in the July GUIDER, where a gift of £200 was shown from Scotland; this gift of £200 was sent to us by Wales.

SEAGULL RECOGNITION

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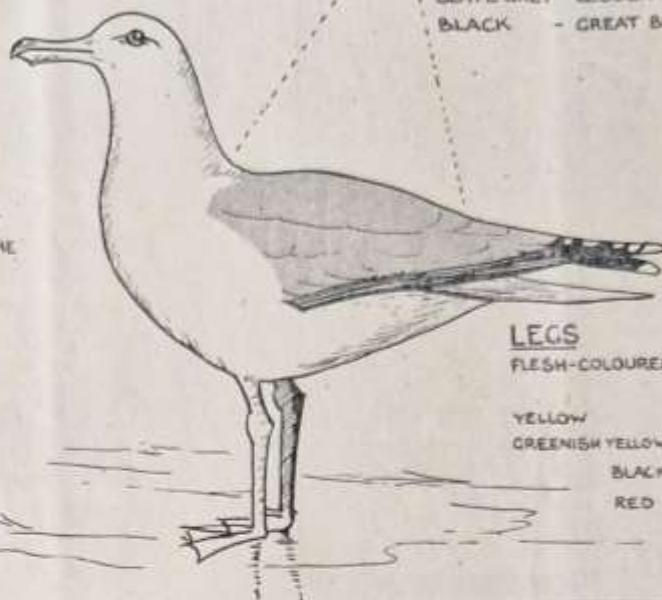
YELLOW - HERRING, LESSER & GT. BLACK-BACKED
 YELLOWISH GREEN - COMMON & KITTIWAKE
 RED - BLACK-HEADED

MANTLE

BLUE GREY - HERRING GULL, COMMON GULL
 KITTIWAKE, BLACK-HEADED GULL
 SLATE GREY - LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL
 BLACK - GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL

HEAD

WHITE IN ALL GULLS EXCEPT
 BLACK-HEADED IN WHICH THE
 HEAD IS CHOCOLATE



LEGS

FLESH-COLOURED - HERRING GULL, GREAT
 BLACK-BACKED GULL
 YELLOW - LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL
 GREENISH YELLOW - COMMON GULL
 BLACK - KITTIWAKE
 RED - BLACK-HEADED GULL

'Ki-ow!' 'Ha-ha-ha!' 'Kak!' 'Kittiwaake!' Not human exclamations of mirth or annoyance, but sounds campers by the sea or river will have many opportunities of hearing from gulls and kittiwake. Here are brief notes about them, chiefly taken from *A Bird Book for the Pocket*, by Edmund Saunders (Oxford University Press, 12s. 6d.).

HERRING GULL: Length 24 ins. Calls 'Ki-ow!' in loud strident voice, followed by deep threatening 'Ha-ha-ha!' Flight deliberate. Steers with tail, drifts and sails. Walks. Stands on one leg, head to wind. Follows plough. The young leave the nest in few days and hide.

GREAT BLACK BACKED GULL: Length 30 ins. Is rarer and less gregarious than the herring gull, flight slower and voice deeper. Its greater strength allows it to prey on larger birds.

LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL: Length 23 ins. In many respects like herring gull, but bolder and more migratory.

COMMON GULL: Usual call sharp 'Kak-kak-kak' and loud 'Kyah!' Worms and insects chief food. The name is a misnomer as the commonest gull is the black-headed gull.

BLACK-HEADED GULL: Length 16 ins. Voice guttural, laughing 'Kak!' Harsh scream when angry. Flight and gait like herring gull, but more rapid. Steals food from other birds when fishing. Commonest of all gulls.

KITTIWAKE: Calls 'Kittiwaake!' Flight, gait and manner like other gulls, but more maritime. Has followed ships across the Atlantic. Allows young to fish in its mouth. Many killed in gales.

Buttercup Gold

A RECRUITING campaign in the back streets of a North London district had produced the girls now spending a semi-camping holiday in Loftly Ridge, the eyrie above the cow-shed, and the two Guiders were left with no illusions about the material with which they had to work. At meals the girls licked knives, jam-spoons, sugar-spoons—in fact everything except their plates; they washed their socks under Farmer Clark's dairy-shed tap and were unable to clean their teeth because the family tooth-brush had to be left at home for general use.

It was at this stage that Captain's ruminations were interrupted by a little comic relief in the form of Dawn, looking less like her name and more like a half-drowned Skye terrier. 'She's fallen down the drain 'ole by the cow-shed, Captain', gleefully shouted Lily, 'she didn't arf look "frit" when she come up again. Soaked through, she is'.

Within ten seconds the unfortunate Dawn was stripped and wrapped in a towel while the two Guiders proceeded to deal with the bundle of bits and pieces serving for underclothes. Too busy at the wash-tub to notice the wistful little figure standing by they were interrupted in their labours by a small, pleading voice: 'Captain, could I wash me frock? It's me best yellor silk and I've got it awful dirty; me mum'll pay me if I go 'ome like this'.

'Pop it into the tub', laughed Captain, 'we'll put a notice

on the barn door that we take in washing, then we shall soon make our fortunes'.

When the time came for clearing up there were no shirkers. Too small to reach the top shelves of the cupboard, Doreen stood on a chair so that no dust should be left. Pat, clearing the bedroom, moved every article of furniture. Service was given whole-heartedly and there was not a single grumble.

'I wish I could live in this little house for ever and ever with my Mum and Dad and all my family', sighed Shirley, one of nine. 'I should like to clean it all up then ask you to come to tea', invited Lily, whose family shared two rooms.

Arrived home, bathed and refreshed, Captain sat quietly thinking over the week-end. After all, living with people always helps one to discover the worst—and the best! There is usually a fleeting moment when one wonders why on earth—but somehow the thought has quickly gone again. The children of the back streets need Guiding far more than those of the 'respectable areas'. The Dawns and Shirleys of the overcrowded dismal hovels called homes cry out for sunlight and freedom. Into Captain's mind had crept the picture of a little figure in a 'yeller' silk frock leaping with the abandon of a released pit pony among grasses and buttercups. 'For the poorest child is the richest child if she gathers buttercup gold'.

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Headquarters Notices

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL—July 14th, 1948

The following business was dealt with at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council:

Lady Oaksey was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

A report was made on the steps taken with the Ministry of Fuel and Power regarding the difficulties which have arisen for members of the Movement in connection with obtaining petrol for Guide purposes.

It was agreed that a bloc allocation of free literature, in connection with the new Finance Scheme, should be made to all counties for distribution within each county.

Mr. Somers reported that Miss Kay had agreed to continue as Chief Commissioner for Wales.

It was reported that the Guide Guiders' Conference, planned for the spring of 1949, had been postponed in view of the pending change in the appointment of the Commissioner for Guides, I.H.Q. It was hoped that it might be possible for the Conference to take place in Scotland later in 1949.

The Commissioner for Overseas asked that the thanks of her Department might be conveyed to all the counties in the British Isles for their help in entertaining visitors from overseas.

Various points in connection with the Trefoil Guild were discussed, and it was agreed to circulate counties with the latest information as soon as possible.

Miss Sutherland, the Commissioner for Rangers, I.H.Q., attended the meeting. Mr. Hanter Test, and Sea Ranger Test, which were approved.

At her request it was also approved for the holders of the Ranger Boating Permit to wear a royal blue enamel bar below the woggle.

Reports were received and business was discussed from the Public Relations, Awards, Guide Club, and Imperial Training Committees.

APPOINTMENT

Imperial Headquarters
Mrs. Smithies appointed Manageress of the Restaurant; vice Mrs. Duxbury, resigned.

FORTITUDE

Patrol Second Pamela Jones, age 16, 5th New Southgate Company, Middlesex East. In 1938 Pamela had an attack of diphtheria, which left her paralysed on the right half of her body. She was in hospital for a year then, owing to the war, she was sent home, and has since had two operations on her legs, and one on her arm. In spite of her disability Pamela has always shown great courage and cheerfulness; she is a fine example of the Guide spirit and always tries to join in all the activities of her Guide company.

GOOD SERVICE
Beaver
Miss Doris Baldwin, Assistant County Commissioner, Yorkshire, North Riding.

AWARDS

Classified Advertisements

Situations advertised under this heading are available only to applicants exempt from 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 clothing cannot be accepted. (Accommodation offered has not necessarily been approved by Headquarters.)

EMPLOYMENT OFFERED

Kitchen Instructress, St. Mary's School, Kibworth Hall, Leicestershire. Applications are invited to fill the above-mentioned appointment. Applicants must be capable of giving sound training in the subject. Salary £270 per annum, rising by £12 per annum to £306, subject to a deduction of £78 per annum in respect of board and lodging. The successful applicant may be expected to perform other extraneous duties, with an additional allowance of £26 per quarter for a minimum of fifteen hours extra duty per week. Appointment subject to the approval of the Home Office. Applications, accompanied by recent testimonials, should be submitted to the Managers, St. Mary's School, Kibworth Hall, Leicestershire.

Relief Instructress. Applications are invited to fill the above-mentioned appointment at St. Mary's Approved School for Girls. Previous experience in Approved School work, or qualifications recognised by Home Office required. Salary £270 per annum rising by £12 per annum to £306, subject to a deduction of £78 per annum in respect of board and lodging. The successful applicant may be expected to perform other extraneous duties with an additional allowance of £26 per quarter for a minimum of fifteen hours extra duty per week. Appointment subject to the approval of the Home Office. Applications, accompanied by recent testimonials, should be submitted to the Managers, St. Mary's School, Kibworth Hall, Leics.

Reliable Girl (Guide or Ranger preferred), to live in, wanted by Doctor's wife (ex-Guide) for small labour-saving house in village; housework and telephone duties. Please write to Mrs. Richard Gabb, Beverley House, Stansted, Essex.

Experienced single-handed Matron (hospital experience not necessary) wanted in September for a girls' boarding house of twelve (numbers cannot go beyond 20). Not over 38 as the staff are young. Tact and a good manner absolutely essential as the post is a responsible one. No one should apply who is not really fond of children, enthusiastic and keen on her work. Good salary and plenty of leisure. Applicants must be members of some religious denomination.—Box No. 299.

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Lady Cook Caterer for Children's Home, Maidstone. 14 girls. 3 staff. Bed-sitting-room, good holidays. £120 p.a.—Briant, Eifinsward, Haywards Heath.

West Sussex County Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs. Secretary urgently required. Vacancy through illness. Shorthand, typing. Good lodgings. Apply Mrs. Kilian Konig, O.B.E., County Organiser, Selham, Petworth, West Sussex.

Worker required to be responsible for the Kitchen and Cooking for twenty-seven girls. Must be interested in training young girls and willing to share in school activities. Salary £270 p.a., less £78 for residential emoluments. Apply the Headmistress, St. Mary's School Kibworth, Leicestershire.

Housekeeper-Mother's Help wanted immediately, small, modern house; month's holiday with pay p.a.; active Ranger preferred; full keep.—Apply, stating salary required, Thompson, 19 Dawson Road, Lytham-St.-Annes, Lancashire.

HEADQUARTERS VACANCIES

Equipment Department urgently requires Experienced Shorthand-Typist, Facker, Sales Order Clerk and Messengers. Apply, Equipment Secretary, Imperial Headquarters.

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Department. Apply General Secretary, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1. Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hampshire.—Wanted immediately, Cook-Caterer. Apply Guide-in-Charge.

Foxlease.—The position of Secretary at Foxlease will be vacant in October and applicants should apply to the General Secretary at Headquarters for details. Apply Waddow, Clitheroe, Lancashire. Wanted urgently: Assistant Housekeeper. Apply Guide-in-Charge.

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

Mrs. Freda Clark, on June 27. For nine years Divisional Secretary for West Salford, S.E. Lancashire, where her untiring service for the Division during the war years is remembered with great appreciation.

Margaret Frost, a member of the 1st Sussex Post Brownie Pack, on June 25th.

GENERAL NOTICES

Miss Gillespie, Assistant Commissioner for Extensions (England) Deaf Group has married and is now Mrs. Sala.

Miss Violet Martin, Secretary to Hospital and Cripple Group (England) has resigned. Will companies and packs planning to send parcels to help with recreational activities of evacuated Greek children in camps run by the Greek Guide Association note that parcels may be sent to: The Greek Girl Guides, c/o The Greek Red Cross in Foreign Countries, 70, Wimpole Street, London, W.1. (See also Note of the Month on Page 166.)

COMING EVENTS

The Eleventh Annual School for Rural Conductors and Accompanists will be held at Friends' Meeting House, Euston Road, London, on October 28th, 29th and 30th, 1948, and at Morley College, Westminster Bridge Road, London, on Sunday, October 31st. There will be facilities for choral conducting for advanced, intermediate and elementary students, for orchestral conducting, accompanying and madrigal singing and conducting under the following tutors: Dr. Reginald Jacques (engagements permitting), Mr. James Robertson, Miss Dorothy Erhart, Mr. Henry Haverall, Mr. Anthony Hopkins, Miss Imogen Holst, and Mr. Maurice Jacobson. There will also be lectures by Dr. Thomas Armstrong, Sir Adrian Boult, Miss Holst and Mr. Michael Tippett and, if his engagements permit, Sir Adrian Boult will be the guest conductor at the final performance. The fees are £2 2s., or £2 10s. for students taking orchestral conducting. For further information, with detailed syllabus and application for enrolment forms, please apply to the Secretary, Rural Conductors' School, c/o National Council of Social Service, 26, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.

The Thames Sea Ranger Association will hold their Annual Regatta this year on Saturday, September 18th, at 2.30 p.m., off the Home Park, Hampton Court, just above Kingston Bridge (Hampton Wick and Kingston Stations nearby). Events will include etc, etc, dinghy, fancy dress, dogo, etc. Programmes 6d. each, obtainable from Miss Cowley, 1 Warwick Court, N.11.

Catholic Conference in Germany. Invitations have been received for a conference in Mainz from September 1st to 5th, and for another in Berlin from September 10th to October 1st. Guiders interested should apply (to the International Department, I.H.Q.) with their Commissioner's recommendation; they should have a good knowledge of German.

THE EMPIRE CIRCLE

There will be no August meeting of the Empire Circle. The subject of the September talk (September 23rd) will be given in the next issue of The Guider.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

Guider, 22, good education, office experience, interested in community work, seeks interesting occupation.—Box No. 369.

ACCOMMODATION OFFERED

London.—Refined accommodation, 3 Westbourne Terrace Road, W.2. Bed and breakfast from 10s. 6d. nightly; central for places of interest. Phone Cunningham 273. Accommodation offered older children of educated parents who reside abroad. Small, convenient house. Yorkshire dales.—Whitworth, Wayside, Low Row, York. Come to Castle Gay for a leisurely holiday; open all the year.—Miss Ashby and Miss Rutherford, Parsonage Road, Herne Bay.

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Cabin-cruiser offered by Secretary to four Guiders, month October (beached banks Teign). Reasonable.—Particulars, Vaughan, Cruiser 'Mel Gannis', Crownwell Lodge, Shaldon, Teignmouth.

Comfortable Guest House, well recommended. Ideal hiking district. Proprietresses, ex-Rangers. Vacancies September. Japonica, Chideock, Dorset.

FOR SALE

Used Emblems and Knots, sale or exchange.—Write B. Godfrey, 88 West Street, Bourne, Lincs.

Guide Shield, new condition. Patrol Flags, Staffs—Kingfisher, Blue-tit, Robin, Thrush; £3.—Box No. 301.

Brown Uniforms, Guider's Camp Overall, bust 36, hips 40, length 41. Good condition.—Box No. 304.

WANTED

Brown Uniforms, larger sizes, also Browne Todd stool (postage paid).—Miss Smart, 45th (Cardiff) Pack, 40 Edington Avenue, Cardiff.

Tally Ho! Will Somerset Guider who sold a hunting horn to a fellow camper at the County Training Camp at Beechingstoke Manor at Whitson please send same forthwith to: Miss Hunt, 20 Weatherley Avenue, Odd Down, Bath.

Brown Uniforms, all sizes, for new pack—Kindred, Cranford, Woodbridge, Suffolk. Gold Guide Tenderfoot, in exchange Ranger, ditto.—Please write Miss Lister, Beechingstoke Manor, Marlborough.

Guide Trefoil for company flag.—Hill, 29 Montrose Avenue, Luton. Guider's Costume, Bust 35, hips 38.—Box No. 302.

Gold Trefoil for company coming of age.—Box No. 303.

W.A.A.F. OFFICERS' REUNION

A Reunion Cocktail Party will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel on Friday, November 26th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price one guinea inclusive, on application (with remittance) to Miss O. A. Davies, 45 Basilton Court, Devonshire Street, W.1.

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Where to Train

Note.—Applications for all trainings should be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope and a deposit of 5s., which will be refunded if notice of withdrawal 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

August
11-18 Guide and Lone Guiders' Week
20-27 Woodcraft and holiday
31-Sept. 7 Guide (special sessions) for School Guiders

September
18-14 Guide and Brownie Week-end
17-21 Headquarters Staff Week-end
24-Oct. 1 Guide and Ranger Week

October
1-4 Guide and Ranger Week-end

Applications to the Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants.

WADDOW

August
13-20 Guide Week
25-Sept. 2 Diploma'd Guiders' Conference

September
3-7 Guide Week-end
10-13 Woodcraft Week-end
16-20 Brownie Week-end
24-27 Birthday Week-end

October
1-4 Guide and Ranger Week-end

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.

FOXLEASE AND WADDOW

FEES: (minimum, 10s.)

Single room	£1 a week, 9s. 6d. a day.
Double room	£2 10s. a week, 8s. a day.
Shared room	£2 a week, 7s. a day.

Bursaries.—Guiders wishing to apply for a bursary place (half fee) should get in touch, through their Commissioner, with the Chairman of their County Training Committee or, where there is no Training Committee, with the County Secretary.

Grants on Railway Fares.—Where a Guider finds difficulty in attending a training week at Foxlease or Waddow on account of the train fare the following rebates may be obtained if the Commissioner applies direct to Foxlease or Waddow.

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August
3-10 Boat Permit and Charge Certificate
13-20 Permit and Sailing
23-30 Admiralty Recognised Crews

September
4-11 Training for Sea Rangers
14-21 Permit and Charge Certificate and Shutting up Ship

FEES: £1 17s. 6d. a week, 6s. a day.

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

PAX HILL

The sixth Homecraft Training Course came to an end on May 10th and the seventh course, which starts on August 17th, is now full. The next course for which there are vacancies will be from January to May, 1949. Applications should be made to the Secretary, Homecraft Training Committee, I.H.Q.

NETHERURD (SCOTLAND)

August
16-17 Holiday week (with training available)
20-23 Available for booking by Counties or Divisions
27-30 Booked by Methodist Sunday School Teachers

September
2-5 Northumberland Reservation
10-12 Brownie Week-end
17-19 Guide Week-end
24-Oct. 1 Empire Conference

October
6-10 East Lothian Reservation
15-17 Winter Camp Training Week-end

October
22-24 First-class Training Week-end
29-31 Brownie Week-end

November
5-7 Advanced Training (by invitation)
12-14 Commissioners' Week-end
19-21 General Pre-Warrant Training
26-28 Diploma'd Guiders' Week-end

December
3-5 Brownie Week-end
10-12 Available for County, Division or Ranger Reservation
30-Jan. 2 House Party

FEES: Shared room, £3 10s. per week, 7s. 6d. a day. A training fee of 2s. 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)

August
10-17 Patrol Leaders (open)
19-26 Patrol Leaders (Monmouthshire County; 16 places open)

September
3-10 Cadets
19-30 Closed for autumn cleaning

October
1-4 Certificated Trainers

Applications to the Guider-in-Charge, Broneirion, Llandinam, Montgomeryshire. Fees as for Foxlease.

October
8-11 Guide Guiders and Ranger Guiders (separate groups)
19-23 Local Association members
29-Nov. 1 Brownie Guiders and Commissioners (separate groups)

November
12-15 First Class Training
19-22 Winter Camp Training
26-28 Welsh Diploma'd Guiders' Week-end

LORNE (ULSTER)

September
3-5 Testers
10-12 Ormeau and Donegal Districts
17-19 East Down Division
24-26 East Belfast Division

October
8-10 North Belfast Division
15-17 Windsor District
22-24 Brownie
29-1 Nov. Guide

November
5-7 Song, Dance and Drama
12-14 Tyrone County
19-21 Camp Training
26-28 Guide and Ranger

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Applications to the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne, Craigavad, Co. Down.

IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS

MUSIC CONFERENCE

A Music Conference for County Music Advisers, Campfire H.I.s and Division or District Music Representatives will be held at I.H.Q. on Saturday, October 9th (11.30 a.m. to 9.15 p.m.), Sunday, October 10th (2.30 to 6.15 p.m.). Priority will be given to Music Advisers and H.I.s but other Guiders may apply to have their names put on a waiting list. Fee (including tea): 5s. for the week-end or 3s. 6d. a day. It is regretted that lunch cannot be served at H.Q., but hot drinks will be available for those who would like to bring a picnic lunch if they notify the Secretary in advance. (Guiders are asked to bring milk for drinks.) Applications, enclosing fee and a stamped, addressed envelope, should be sent to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department, Headquarters.

DRAMA CONFERENCE

A Drama Conference will be held at I.H.Q. on Saturday, November 6th (11 a.m.) and Sunday, November 7th (2.30 p.m.). Fees (including tea): 5s. for the week-end or 3s. 6d. a day. Priority will be given to Drama Advisers, but other Guiders will be welcomed. Applications, enclosing fee and a stamped, addressed envelope, should be sent to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department, Headquarters.

C.C.A. CONFERENCE

C.C.A. Conference for 1948 will be held at High Leigh, Hoddesdon, Herts., from Friday, December 3rd to Monday, 6th. Applications to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department, I.H.Q., enclosing a deposit of 5s.

HEADQUARTERS' CAMP SITES

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COMMISSIONERS' TRAINING

A course of three-day trainings has once more been arranged to take place in the Library at I.H.Q. on the following dates in the Autumn: Wednesday, September 29th, Wednesday, October 27th, and Wednesday, December 1st. Times of sessions will be 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.15 to 4.15 p.m. These trainings are mainly for new Commissioners and will be much the same as previous courses. Applications to attend the course should be made to Miss Newnham, English Training Department, and early application will materially assist by indicating whether this further course is needed. The fee is 3s., which should be sent with the application. If any Commissioner who attended either of the previous courses would like further training, Miss Newman would be glad to know as a second course could be arranged.

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