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Tying Friendship Knots in Sweden

IT was a shepherd's horn of birch-bark, reminiscent of the national camp in Sweden, that opened the inter-continental camp in Sweden, and twelve days later closed it. The silhouette of a Guide on a hill-top blowing the horn was the badge of the camp. It was a gentle, peaceful sound in spite of its resonance that somehow typified both the quiet, friendly contacts in the business of everyday life, and the wide appeal of Guiding. The *näverluren*, to give it its real name, had called as far as New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and the United States of America, besides gathering Guides from many European countries. There were about sixty from Great Britain, and I could not help wishing it had been possible for more to share in those happy and horizon-widening days.

The Swedish President, Princess Sibylla and their Chief Guide, Countess Estelle Bernadotte (known to us all by her Guide name 'Paki') were most charming hostesses, but then so was every Swedish Guide or Guider. The Swedes one and all made it very clear that they were really delighted to have us there. Nothing was too much trouble if it added in the smallest way to the happiness of their guests.

They had been working on the site for a fortnight before the camp opened, getting it all ready, even pitching the tents of those who were arriving late. They had cleared a hill-top in the centre of the camp for a church, making a wonderful pulpit and a beautiful altar of birch and heather. A Communion service held there was attended by some eight hundred communicants, and the church was seldom without some Guides enjoying its quiet peace.

A great feature of the camp was the interest groups of which Guides had been given a choice before coming. Clay modelling and firing, folk dancing, physical exercises with a Guider demonstrating on a platform and another directing (both of whom had been taking part in the Ling Association Festival a week before), pipe or drum playing and wood-carving were among the subjects offered. Especially interesting to us was hike technique, which included such delights as roasting chickens and making a delicious layer cake, building shelters in which privileged patrol leaders slept, warmed by a hunter's fire, and a *sauna* (steam bath) used by Guiders from Finland where it originated. The British Guides who followed that course will



Three gateways at Straken—Sweden's St. Erik, Lapland's reindeer and Iceland's flag. (Above) Welcoming the World Chief Guide

certainly not be content with a burnt sausage and a raw, smoky damper next time they go hiking. The course had a delightful ending in the form of a Guide journey. Each camp sent in a patrol who spent the entire day on their adventures which ended with the making of a bow and arrow to 'shoot' a chicken. To those who reached a certain target a chicken was presented which they then set about cooking. Great ingenuity was displayed in the cooking and serving of this succulent dish.

Bathing in the lake was a favourite pastime, and here again the organisation was excellent.

Much trouble had been taken in all the camp preparations. The digging and heavy screening had all been done. The Commissariat organisation was superb. Dry stores were issued twice, including some two tons of crisp bread. Fresh stores were issued daily and milk was delivered from five centres—two pints a head. The camp book contained in English and Swedish the daily menus as well as the programme, lists of the camps and where Guides from overseas were camping, a map of the site and a vocabulary of camp terms.

Perhaps the most striking feature of the camp was that in spite of its huge size (there were 3,000 Guides there) the company unit was preserved. The camp was a miniature map of Sweden arranged in counties on broken ground, hills and valleys, and in the counties there were villages (separate camps). So the numbers were never oppressive. Each

camp flew its own flag as well as that of its guests, and these, with the prevailing bright blue uniforms and the folk dress of the different groups, made a riot of colour against the pine-clad hills or the gleaming lake. Here each camp led its own life, cooked its own food and held its own campfires.

Three times, however, everyone met for campfire in a natural amphitheatre, and on the last of these there were in addition over 2,000 visitors to the camp. For the last camp, a huge trefoil had been outlined on the 'stage' in flares, the stars two six-foot fires. The latter were lit with due ceremonial and when dusk fell the trefoil was lighted, too. Displays by the different villages were interspersed by songs from us all. It was quite dark when the Chief Guide, standing between two torch bearers, talked to the large gathering. She spoke so clearly and simply that every Guide there must have understood something of what she was saying even before she handed her speech to the Swedish Chief Guide to translate. She summed up for us the essence of Guiding, the joy of contacts like these and the privilege of being allowed to learn in this way to disregard international differences and instead to see and strengthen the links that bind us together.

Taps followed and a few peaceful notes on the horn before the thousands quietly dispersed. As we looked down the slopes where we had been sitting we saw with a sense of rich promise that though we had all gone away the Trefoil still burned below us, warm and golden in the darkness.

TIRZAH BARNES

New Opportunities for Service

IT seems that the Guiding community is always finding fresh fields for tilling; here is one that has just appeared. Some of the Displaced Persons whom the G.I.S. teams in Germany have been looking after in the D.P. camps are now working in this country. They may be Lithuanians, Estonians, Latvians, Poles, Ukrainians, or other nationalities. Most of them speak fair English, but many of the adults find our language difficult; they all speak German—the one common language used in all the D.P. camps.

These people have been happy to leave the land of their oppressors to come here to work on the E.V.W. and other schemes, and are being cared for by official and voluntary organisations, but it seems that there are many in need of some friendly gesture such as Guides can give.

A Guider living near a country town discovered a Lithuanian family recently arrived with little but what they stood up in. Neither parent spoke any English, but the girl of eleven and boy of seven had picked up enough English to do all the shopping and interpreting. They were finding it difficult, on the weekly wage, to feed and clothe themselves, provide furniture, crockery and bedding, and the absolutely essential bicycles (the village being three miles way). The children had been members of the movement in the D.P. camp, and the Guide now cycles eleven miles to meetings of her new company.

Other families of Lithuanians were found in this same division, and the Guider has been able to render personal service in many ways; sometimes help is needed over some puzzling ration problem, filling in of forms, explanation of regulations, or with a letter, or they would like advice on how to bid at a village sale; and old clothes and scraps of material are always welcomed (anything too old to mend is cut up and made into rugs).

Another way in which this Guider helped was to arrange, with the aid of friends, a garden tea-party to which all the contacted families, plus their Lithuanian friends, were invited. About twenty guests were expected, but between sixty and seventy turned up, and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, as many of the families had not seen each other since they were in the D.P. camp together; and they are naturally clamouring for another reunion!

Children make friends at school, and learn English quickly, but the adults find it harder to adjust themselves, and are often very lonely. More than any material help, they would

appreciate the gift of a friendly handclasp, a welcoming smile, and a *personal* interest.

If there are people from Displaced Persons' camps in your area it may be that they are very well looked after by some welfare organisation, but again it may be a district where no welfare bodies are at present operating. It is felt that Local Association and Trefoil Guild members, Guiders and Guides would appreciate the opportunity of befriending people who, having now no country to which they can return, are making our country their homeland.

It is probably the older members of the movement who will understand best the needs of any of these people in their neighbourhood. Trefoil Guild and Local Association members with homes and families of their own would have the maturer understanding needed. The first contact with the foreign families may well be through Guides knowing the children at school, and Guiders, Rangers and Guides can do much by befriending the younger members and helping them to join in some community activities in the district.

Everybody is very busy, and it is not suggested that Guide people need necessarily shoulder another burden of 'things that have to be done'. But this seems to offer opportunities of real co-operation—the Guides and Brownies looking out for the ex-D.P. families and telling their Guiders about them, the Guiders getting in touch with their local Trefoil Guild or Local Association members, who could then make kindly contact and, if necessary, put the family concerned in touch with the organisation most likely to meet any individual needs they may have.

If you or your friends and neighbours can make this contribution to world friendship, it will be a most valuable and, we think, essential continuation of the work done by your G.I.S. teams in the British Zone of Germany who, in many cases, have encouraged the D.P.s to come to this country, but cannot keep track of them in their new surroundings. (The Secretary at the G.I.S. office, 7 Hobart Place, London, S.W.1, would be interested to hear of any effective contacts made with ex-D.P. families).

The Guide World badge is both an introduction and a talisman to those who have known the G.I.S. Welfare workers in their D.P. camps; may it prove a good-luck token also to you in your befriending of some of these people, 'displaced' in far more than the physical sense of the word.

F.V.B.

The Guider's 'Compleat Angler'

THERE is a widely held belief, though upon what evidence it is based I have not the slightest idea, that mackerel like sprats. Trout, we are told, cannot resist the mayfly and are hypnotised if tickled and, though it is doubtful whether tiddlers can be said to be fond of bent pins, there is something about a bent pin—to a tiddler—



I took out my rod and line and mentally reviewed my acquaintance.

Every experienced fisherman will, of course, add that there are other factors which contribute to a successful day (from the fisherman's point of view) by the river or at the sea. Some fish are touchy and unco-operative in thunder storms and only enjoy rough water if they are well beneath it.

Then there is the question of personal likes and dislikes for such things as still pools or running water, living, solitarily, under a lotus leaf, or swimming about frantically in shoals. Moral No. 2—only people who are sensitive to atmosphere make good fishermen and they must study their fish in order to catch them.

All this occurred to me, seated in a 'contemplative fashion and a tranquil frame of mind', not on a stool by a canal, waiting for perch to pounce, but in a railway train. I had just read the Chief's challenge in the September GUIDER. Mentally, I took out my rod and line and reviewed my acquaintance.

Mrs. Canter, now, that nice woman whose husband has just bought Mud-burrow. She is a Londoner and finds the country a bit dull. Very keen on ballet and music. What will be the best bait for her? I must ask her over when Delia comes to stay. Delia is a Guider by conviction and of many years' standing, but her other interests are as fresh as on the day she won the Gold Medal at the R.A.

Her very soignée appearance would appeal to Mrs. Canter, too. We will talk books and music and Delia will probably tell us something about that last entertainment of hers when the children did all their own research into songs and costumes of the period. Later perhaps I'll ask Mrs. C's advice about carols for the Christmas play. I could do with her help for that

Then there's Jane Blunderbuss—out on the farm or in the garden all day. Never reads a book unless it is about horse breeding or the Colorado beetle. What would catch Jane? She might come with me when I go site-hunting for next year's camp, and she is quite the best person to advise us about a possible pack pony trip for the Land Rangers.

(N.B. Mrs. C. and Jane are oil and water—at present. Better they shouldn't meet. Jane has certainly never even heard of Margot Fonteyn and Mrs. C. would expect Jane to moo like a cow or neigh or quack or something.)

I wonder if Mrs. Prone would help the county with Lone letters now that she is so much in bed? She used to do lovely water colour sketches when she was out and about,

which impels it to investigate closely enough to become impaled. Moral No. 1—a careful choice of bait is necessary when fishing.

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The French wife of the village policeman might teach the Guides some dances

and flower paintings, too. Couldn't the Guides take flowers to her sometimes, whether she helps us or not? That would be a lovely good turn for some patrol or other. There aren't many flowers in Mrs. Prone's garden now that she's laid up. (N.B.—Discuss possibility with Captain.)

And then there's the new young wife of the village policeman—French, I think. She comes from the vineyard country in the south. She might teach the Guides some simple dances or songs, or at any rate talk to them about her old home life, so different from anything seen in our village. She's very good with children, I'm told. That means that she will start a family soon but until then she would be very useful with the pack. (N.B.—Invite Brown Owl for same evening.)

Who else is there? Why, Patricia, of course—any Commissioner's dream of a young Guider. Patricia is attractive and intelligent and gay and leads a life full of variety and interest. How do we catch Patricia?

Thinking it over, one thing becomes depressingly clear. If I were Patricia, I should not be caught by me. We're good friends, in a pleasant auntly-niecey sort of way, but I have a suspicion that Patricia sees in my Guiding just that sort of harmless good work which would appeal to the middle-aged when life is practically over!

I am reminded of an occasion when I talked with a large group of Cadets and, for the fun of it, we told each other what it was that first brought us into Guiding. There were a variety of reasons, of course, but one predominated. 'I came in through a friend', or 'I joined because a friend of mine seemed to enjoy it so much', or 'I wanted to help a friend who was stranded with a company'.

It is another Patricia who will most easily catch my Patricia, and the moral (third and last) is that we fish most successfully in waters that we know and among our peers. Therefore, to recruit Guiders we must increase the circle of our friends. We must lose no opportunity of meeting people, particularly people whose background or work is different from our own. If a liking develops, a sharing of interests will follow, and the process of turning a friend into a Guide friend may begin. If it doesn't, we are the richer for a friend because friendship is one of the few coins which stands in no danger of devaluation.

Alas, our poor friends—present or to come! With what skill shall we not bring the conversation round to Guiding when we next meet. How carefully we shall avoid such social solecisms as calling on washing day or ringing up when the News is on.

How closely we shall study them, remembering that sometimes 'the fish will be in the pool where you least imagine it to be'. How skilfully we shall play them.

Good luck to all fishermen, and good luck to all the fish they catch, because this we can promise them—never, in Guiding, shall they feel like fish out of water.



Jane Blunderbuss could come site-hunting for next year's camp

ELIZABETH HARTLEY

Nature's Year—November

IT is a mistake to think of November as a dead and gloomy month. Certainly there is bad weather, but there may be soft, sunny days when we can still enjoy the autumn colours on tree and bush. Many trees retain their fruits after the leaves have been blown away, and these provide food for many a bird and wee beast.

Bright red rose hips and crimson haws give food for thrushes, blackbirds, mistle thrushes, redwings and fieldfares and that rare and spasmodic winter visitor, the Siberian waxwing. The waxwing invades these islands in considerable numbers in certain years. The last large invasion took place in the winter of 1946-47 when they became almost common in the north of England and Scotland and were seen less frequently in the south.

The waxwing is a sturdy, soft, reddy brown bird about the size and build of a hawfinch, with a prominent crest which blows up coquettishly in a wind. The throat is black, and the wings and tail grey and black with the latter bordered with yellow. On the wings are two small white bars and along the edge of one of these are little bright red waxy tips. From these the bird gets its name. Waxwings, like other sensible birds, are attracted to gardens in which ornamental berries and fruits linger into winter—cotoneaster, berberis, hips, pyracantha and others. So do not tidy your gardens too drastically but leave some berries to attract the birds, hoping that some day you may see the rare waxwing.

It is interesting to calculate for how many months berries provide food for birds. Wild strawberries, raspberries and worteberries give food during June, July and August. These are followed by blackberries, elder, rowan, white beam and wayfaring tree (or mealy guelder-rose) in September and October. Hips, haws, holly, yew and crab apples keep the supply going well into the winter, and ivy, which only flowers in October and November, comes into berry as late as February and lasts until April.

Look for ivy flowers and notice the flies and a belated wasp or two busy among them. Ivy ensures cross-pollination. The anthers (the pollen-bearing part of the stamens) ripen before the stigma. It is not until the pollen has been shed and carried away to other ivy flowers by visiting insects that the stigma become ripe to receive pollen brought by flies from other flowers. The result is a greenish berry which turns dull black when ripe and contains two to five pink seeds.

There are many other berries which, bitter to us and more or less poisonous, are probably eaten by birds in times of real hunger, such as during severe frost and snow; and who knows, these berries may be rendered less bitter and more palatable by the action of frost. There is scope here for careful observation of certain berry-bearing plants. If any Guides would undertake to watch certain plants to see if, and when, birds eat their berries and would send in their results to me c/o the Editor of THE GUIDER, I should be very interested. The berries I am particularly keen to hear about are: woody nightshade, black bryony, guelder rose and sloe.

Records could be tabulated thus:

Name of berry (black bryony).

Date when ripe (1st week in November).

Taken by birds (many gone by

Dec. 20th; marsh tit seen taking some on Dec. 14th; ate only the seed).

Weather (frost Nov. 28th-30th, and snow Dec. 10th-20th). Closer observation may be made by pegging sprays of berries on to a cord stretched like a clothes line. Birds will come readily for the berries if they are kept fresh.

Animals have been preparing for the rigours of the winter in various ways. Carnivorous animals, such as fox, stoat and weasel, should do well in winter with long, dark nights in which to hunt, semi-lethargic rabbits and weak, hungry birds to be preyed upon.

The vegetarians and insect eaters have had their hey-day. They have eaten well during summer, laid in a store of fat beneath their skins upon which to draw and which will keep them warm during winter. They have moulted their summer coats and now have fresh, thick fur coats. Of the vegetarians there is usually only a partial hibernation if any at all. Rabbits and hares keep awake and doing. In severe winter rabbits do much harm to young trees, especially fruit trees, by gnawing their bark. The wood mouse, or long-tailed field mouse, likes to hoard nuts and acorns, hips and haws and the kernels of whitebeam and yew. It does not hibernate, but during wet or snowy weather it is obviously an advantage to have a full larder.

In 1945 when my car came out of its long war-time hibernation I wheeled away nearly two wheelbarrow loads of acorns which an industrious wood mouse had hoarded in the luggage grid and tool box! He had taken them, one by one, from sacks of acorns left near by for pig food. Wood mice frequently come into houses during winter.

Squirrels also lay up stores of nuts and acorns, and as the days get colder remain longer in their nests or hollow tree. But they appear for a short time most days, even in snow. They are not strictly vegetarian and will happily make a meal off a starving bird during a snowy spell.

Hedgehogs hibernate by rolling themselves up in a dry, leafy ditch or hollow, the leaves catching in their spines and serving a double purpose of blanket and protection from enemies. All our reptiles, the snakes, lizards and slow-worm, hibernate in dry earth or under stones, and their sleep generally lasts until April. It takes a really warm sun to bring them out.

The sleep of the dormouse is profound. Curled up in a little ball with his chin on his tummy and his furry tail drawn over the face keeping the little nose warm, it falls asleep in a nest of its own construction in a tangly bush or hedge. The sleep is so deep that it is near unto death. All the natural functions of the body are reduced to a minimum, it seems hardly to breathe. A slight tipping of the balance—an interruption or exposure—may cause death. It is inadvisable, therefore, if you find a sleeping dormouse to bring it indoors. In the warmth it will waken, try to feed and become active, and in a few days your new pet will be dead. 'Leave nature alone' is a wise maxim here. Dormice will waken naturally and restore their wasted tissues in their own way and in their own good time as spring approaches.



The hedgehog curls up, prickles outward, when asleep — or if frightened

MARGARET M. HUTCHINSON



The Story of a Standard

ON Sunday, October 30th, in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, this Standard is to be presented by H.R.H. The Princess Royal, on behalf of the donors, to Mrs. Birley, Chief Commissioner from 1930-39, who will then present it to the Chief Commissioner for England. As far back as 1937 the County Commissioners agreed to make a presentation to Mrs. Birley to show their appreciation of her outstanding leadership during her years in office.

A small committee of County Commissioners was appointed to deal with the matter: Mrs. Cadbury (Birmingham), Mrs. Kenney Herbert (Bedfordshire), the late Mrs. St. John Atkinson (Northamptonshire), the late Mrs. Rotton (Shropshire), who kindly acted as Treasurer, and myself (N.E. Lancashire and Chief Herald). Part of the presentation took a personal form and when Mrs. Birley retired in 1939 she was given a pair of ear rings and an embroidered miniature of the Standard, the work on which had only just begun.

The section nearest the hoist shows: quarterly first and fourth the cross of St. George, worked on cloth of aluminium, with scarlet cross; second and third the Guide trefoil in cloth of gold on blue. (The cloth of aluminium and the cloth of gold are hand woven by the Kensington Weavers). The Baden-Powell crests are displayed in the fly to commemorate the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, and the Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell, who was our first Chief Commissioner. Close by are two motto bands showing 'Be Prepared' and 'Persevere'. The second is Mrs. Birley's personal motto which will remind us that the Standard was made for her.

An interesting heraldic point arose in connection with this Standard. Heraldically, all animals on standards must face the hoist from whence also shines the light. (Embroideresses usually follow the rule of shading *Jour à gauche*, but on standards it must be the same on both sides, therefore the light comes from the hoist.) As St. George and the dragon face each other in mortal conflict, both cannot face the light. Obviously it was correct to place St. George proceeding from the light to slay the dragon, who, as he turns to fight, is slain, the light to slay the dragon, who, as he turns to fight, is slain, for the Powers of Darkness must be overcome by the Light.

In order that on parade this is clearly seen a stiffening arm extends from the pike along part of the upper edge of the Standard to maintain St. George in a horizontal position. When a group or symbol should not be hung at an angle this is correct. Another example is that of the standard of St. Joan of Arc at Rheims Cathedral, in which, following the lilies of France at the hoist, the Madonna is shown in glory surrounded by angels.

The fly is divided lengthways, blue above—symbol of the sky and of Guide uniforms, and green below—symbol of the

grassy fields and outdoor life. The main emblem, lying between the hoist section and the motto bands, shows Saint George himself in silver armour and white surcoat, his cream horse caparisoned in scarlet, all outlined with gold. The shield he carries shows argent a cross gules. The fearsome dragon shimmers with gold and green, his scaly body long and twisting, his eye emerald, and his bat-like wings of leathery gold. Small lozenges showing St. George's cross fill intervening spaces, and the edge is fringed with silk repeating the colours of the Standard.

The heraldic scheme was worked out by Mrs. Selby (Welsh Herald) and me, and the fine working drawing was done by Mr. Clifford Webb. The materials used in the Standard are vivid jewel tinted satins, sapphire, emerald and ruby with cloth of gold and aluminium (used instead of silver as it does not tarnish) and the choicest floss and other silks. The gold is all 'Jap', which will never tarnish. The embroidery employed twenty-five workers 6,000 hours and no professional help was used in the preparation, embroidery or mounting. Fortunately the materials were all purchased before the outbreak of war, for they are now practically unobtainable.

In 1938 the work was drawn out on linen, stretched on frames and distributed to our volunteer embroideresses, each piece being started by me so that all could work in similar style at the various parts. Some sections were finished when the war started, others only begun. The workers, needed for more urgent duties, returned the frames to me for storage during the war. When the time came to start again Lady Luke and Dame Alice Godman had died and new workers had to be enrolled. Several of the staff of N.E. Lancashire came forward and it is thanks to them that in 1949 the Standard reached completion. I would like to record the splendid work done by these embroideresses who gave their precious leisure to it, some of them coming out to my house again and again to assemble the various parts of the standard. Chief among these was my Assistant County Commissioner, Miss Schofield Clegg, without whose steadfast and skilful work it would probably still be unfinished.

Now the Standard leaves our hands, and as it travels with the Chief Commissioner for England, to whom Mrs. Birley is entrusting it, let us hope that its fine design, lovely materials, rich colours and exquisite workmanship, will inspire Guides to attempt finer work and so follow in the wake of our ancestors in this country, whose embroidery, notably *opus anglicanum*, has never been surpassed.

RACHEL B. KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH

(The Hon. Rachel Kay-Shuttleworth was Heraldry Adviser from 1925-47 and County Commissioner for N.E. Lancashire for thirty-two years.)

Service by Study and Prayer

WE publish this month a new, very free rendering by Hilda Koontz of St. Paul's famous passage on charity. This version* seeks not so much to render St. Paul's thoughts in modern words as to interpret him in the light of modern life. Nothing can take the place of those words of the old versions, whose hallowed use and beauty of style have endeared them to us; but such a version as this has value in making us apply St. Paul's words to our own lives and still more to our situation in the modern world. 'Though I speak the most cultured English and have great powers of oratory and conversation, but in my heart have not the language of love and sympathy I am become as blatant as a noisy horn or as empty as a tinkling brass bell.

And though I am well versed in all world problems, and read volumes of books and am considered by my friends as well educated, and though I am an optimist and believe that everything will come out all right in the end, but have not love in my heart to see the suffering of people oppressed by those world problems, my knowledge is a vacant thing.

And though I contribute to all the city charities, and deny myself many luxuries, and even deny my body the necessities of life, and yet do it all with a sense of self-pride and not for the love of my fellow man my charity is as cold as the word itself.

Love makes me suffer with all who suffer; love makes me kind; love takes envy of others' good fortune from my heart so that I can rejoice with them and then, when my own good fortune comes, love keeps me from flaunting my wealth before the less fortunate.

For love will not let me behave boastfully, nor graspingly, nor will it let me be impatient with others' shortcomings, nor will it let me listen to the evil gossip of others. But rather, love lets me see the beauty and the good qualities

of my fellow men. It shows me how I can help to share their burdens; it gives me hope that the sorrows of the world can be lifted by the undergirding arms of enduring love.

For true love has never failed. Man's prophesies for the future world will fail. Man's great flights of oratory will be forgotten. His best selling books will crumble into dust. For no man has all knowledge, nor can he see all of the future. But love is all-powerful and all-perfect and if we will let it control our lives then our future is as secure as the love of Christ.

When I was a child, my speech, my thoughts, my understanding were that of a child, but now I am an adult, I must assume an adult's responsibility in the world.

But not until love has become the complete rule of my life—not until my actions, my judgments of other people, my entire life is based on the principle of love, will I achieve the glory which can come to a true follower of the Christ, whose life was love.

And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

Let us pray for the love that is the source of peace, active Christian love, that forgets all self-concern in sacrificial service.

Remembering our own weakness, our quickness to resent injury, our readiness to be 'up in arms', let us pray for grace to be patient, to understand and to forgive.

Let us pray that love may rule the dealings of man with man, of nation with nation.

Remembering man's weakness, let us pray for the statesmen of the world, that they may have grace to see each other's point of view, to give 'the benefit of the doubt', to 'seek peace and ensue it'.

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Are You Meeting the Needs of the Older Girl?

CAPTAIN was in difficulties and so she visited her Commissioner. 'You see', she said to the Commissioner, 'there are three Guides in my company who will have to go as they've been Patrol Leaders for two years now'.

'Why will they have to go?'

'Well', Captain replied, 'there are others ready to take their places, and eager to prove themselves leaders, and they are not as interested as they were and it's having a bad effect on the company'.

'I see', Commissioner said thoughtfully. 'But why should the going of these girls worry you? It sounds as though they are getting too old for Guides anyway?'

'I know', replied Captain slowly, 'but we'll be losing contact with them at such an important stage in their lives. One of them is First Class and thoroughly sound—so perhaps there's no need to worry about her future—but it's a pity to lose her good influence. The other two are different—they're much less stable'. She paused: 'I shouldn't wonder if Guiding isn't the most stable factor in their lives—even if they don't realise it—and it seems a shame to me that these girls, and others like them, just drift away—the moral support of Guiding is so important'.

The D.C. looked at her Captain with new interest.

'If only there was something for them to do in the evenings besides roaming the streets or sitting in cinemas'.

The Commissioner nodded. She had seldom heard Captain talk so much and so decidedly.

'These three Guides of mine did well at Brownies and they've developed into capable P.L.s in the company. Now, just as they are emerging as women, we are letting them drift away when they most need our help. Can't we finish

the job? Can't we help them, in so far as we can, to steer themselves wisely through the difficulties of adolescence to full womanhood? Can't we . . . !' Abruptly, Captain stopped. 'Sorry, I seem to have got carried away!'

The Commissioner smiled. The Captain's enthusiasm, her care for the welfare of her Guides, and her faith in Guiding were catching.

She rose and crossed to the window, where she stood looking out on the busy street below. It was after six and from shops and offices girls hurried. To where? Home and supper? Probably. Then after? Suddenly her attention was arrested by a girl in green standing on the corner, idly watching the passers-by. From where she stood, the Commissioner could see that the girl was pretty, and judged her about seventeen. A sleek youth passed her with a prolonged stare, walked slowly on, glanced over his shoulder, turned and came back, spoke. With an indifferent shrug of her shoulders, the girl fell into step. The Commissioner's eyes followed them into the brightly lit cinema entrance.

Of course, the district was incomplete without Rangering to round off the training. For some time she had been aware of it, but now she was determined to do something. She turned back into the room. 'You're right', she said. 'We're letting them down. We've got to start Rangers'.

'I don't know why it is', the Commissioner confessed, 'but I've always fought shy of Rangers. I just can't compete with girls of that age. I don't understand them'.

'That's the trouble', agreed the Captain, almost with relief, 'I feel a bit like that, too. But surely the difficulties and problems of producing a satisfactory Ranger company can be overcome—it seems so desperately needed'.

Almost reluctantly, the Commissioner had to agree.

'Our biggest problem will be finding someone to lead them then', she observed. 'We'll have to find someone who understands and likes girls of Ranger age'. 'What about a young married, or an unmarried, with time on her hands' suggested Captain, 'or a senior shop assistant or a schoolmistress? There must be some girls living at home'. 'A fair selection', nodded the D.C. 'It must be someone with plenty of "go", and she'd have to be wise—shock-proof, yet with high standards'. The Captain stood up smiling. 'We'll have to find a lieutenant, too—possibly an ex-Guide of about twenty—then there'll be a good Ranger company for my Guides and other girls to join'. 'Perhaps you could help her at the outset with drill and with finding outsiders to lecture and so forth',

suggested the D.C. 'And will you help to find the Guider?' 'Yes, I'll think hard and talk about the need among my friends. They may know even if I don't'. 'Yes', said Commissioner, 'talk to people and make them see the need for Rangers as you have made me see it this afternoon—I'll do the same'. Captain walked down the street. 'How right Commissioner is', she thought. 'I believe I was secretly dreading her suggesting that I should form a senior patrol in the company. Somehow I don't think that would have worked, but this is far better. We ought to have formed a Ranger company long ago—I'm glad she'll let me help her. We'll find the right person somehow. What we have got to do is to make people see the need'.

VIOLET MERTHYR
[Commissioner for Rangers, I.H.Q.]

Looking at Leadership

I ENJOY leading', a girl of eighteen confided to an older friend of hers. It was an expression of gladness in that she had the makings of a leader, and that others judged an expression of self-congratulation. She was looking forward keenly to her work, for she liked girls, whether easy to lead or difficult, attractive or unattractive, and found pleasure in their company. She was longing, too, to introduce them to activities and ideals which had helped her. There would be difficulties and discouragements, of course, but this knowledge did not damp her enthusiasm.

The happiness expressed by the words 'I enjoy leading' are a fine start to leadership, for it is those who look forward to the opportunities ahead of them who will have a natural, happy influence over those whom they are leading, and who will win easy control and willing co-operation.

How a leader's enthusiasm, liking, interest and happy-heartedness communicates itself to a group of girls when only a few words, or perhaps none, are spoken, no one can say; but this *does* happen. A dozen or more girls of thirteen and fourteen were beginning to rehearse a play. It was a purely voluntary piece of work done after school hours. They were in the school garden quite capable of getting on alone, but they were standing grumbling. They did not like the play. They thought the parts badly chosen. Why shouldn't they change parts? After a quarter of an hour or so, during which they had begun to rehearse, but kept stopping to argue, out hurried a young teacher, smiling and gay.

'Well, where have you got to?' she asked cheerfully.

All the girls were restored to good temper at once. There was no question of not liking the play or their parts. The atmosphere was suddenly charged with happiness and enthusiasm. Everyone tried their best. The girls not at the moment taking part watched attentively instead of interrupting. What had happened? There was nothing to explain the change of atmosphere from gloom and lack of co-operation to willing effort and keenness, except the arrival of a leader knowing certainly that all would go well, and with goodwill and happy anticipation in her heart. These she had communicated as by magic to all the girls. You may notice that I say, 'as by magic', for there is really no magic about it. If we are happy in ourselves, have genuine interests of our own, and are fond of those whom we are leading, we shall, without any effort spread a happy atmosphere.

Liking girls and joy in leading them are the first needs of a leader of girls. These attributes stand well ahead of all others which we shall consider. Moral courage is one of the foremost of the other characteristics required by a leader. It makes one able to form quick decisions when something happens unexpectedly, and when there is no one at hand to consult. It needs moral courage, too, to own that one has made a wrong decision, and to alter what one has said.

A practical way of avoiding putting too much strain on moral courage is to think well ahead and to organise down

to the last detail. To gain the habit of picturing an outing or tramp or a party beforehand is a great help, for then one can provide alternatives in one's mind if the programme does not work out just as planned.

Moral courage is needed, too, if a leader is to take criticism for what it is worth, and it is usually worth something, and great courage is required to make decisions which will be unpopular, and to bear ingratitude without bitterness.

Yet no leader worth the name can escape getting hurt sometimes and growing discouraged. Then it requires grit to go on, as if one was not out of heart. But hurt and discouragement pass quickly, as long as we do not cling on to them. It is quite a good plan when upset or worried about something to say to oneself, 'Shall I mind this twenty-four hours hence?' 'Shall I mind it a week hence?' Almost always we can answer 'No'. Then we may be sure that what we are upset about is not worth troubling over and that having achieved this way of looking at things we are developing our sense of proportion.

The taking of discouragement and criticism sensibly depends also on another fundamental need of leaders. No leader can be both great and good without singleness of purpose, as psychology calls this attribute. Tennyson names it purity of heart, and the New Testament singleness of eye. Some leaders keep their eyes on two things at once, on their leading and on the impression which they are making on others who may be watching their leadership. Their eyes are not single. They want to do their leading well in order that they may be praised, or perhaps they are even aiming at making a great name for themselves.

Tennyson's expression, 'purity of heart', may seem vague to some, but pure means unmixed, and it is from the heart or the feelings that motives spring, so that to be pure in heart has a very definite meaning. It signifies unmixed in one's motives. In one of Tennyson's most beautiful poems he tells the story of Sir Galahad, one of King Arthur's knights, whose strength was as the strength of ten because he set himself one aim, and did not look around him to see if people were admiring him, nor act to gain praise.

There have only been a very few, except for religious leaders, out of the many men who have led their fellows during the centuries of history, who have been completely pure in heart and who have retained their integrity of purpose, and so been good, as well as famous, leaders.

Alexander the Great was overcome, not by the enemies whom he fought, but by keen desire to be the greatest leader the world had ever known; Hannibal was overthrown by a mixture of popularity and inability to bear disappointment; Julius Caesar by ambition. All these men lost sight of the real purpose of leadership through lack of purity of heart.

The true success of leadership depends on happiness in leading, on moral courage and on singleness of purpose. With these qualities no leader can fail, for his strength is as the strength of ten because his heart is pure.

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The Guider's Post Bag

The Chief Guide's Challenge

After reading the Chief Guide's Challenge in the September GUIDER the following ways of taking it up have occurred to me. I venture to pass them on in case some of them are useful to other readers.

1. Tell your Guides about the Challenge and enlist their support. Children have a happy knack of spotting a good leader and are instinctively drawn towards the right people.
2. Look up old records of your company and find out what has happened to those Patrol Leaders and Rangers. Many have married and left the District, but not all. Find out what they are doing. Tell them openly you need them and remind them of the good time they had as Guides.
3. Interest the editor of your local newspaper in the Chief Guide's Challenge. Submit short, well-written articles for his consideration and notify of him of any event that is likely to interest his readers.
4. See your local cinema managers and ask them if they will show the coloured slide of a Guide ('We Want Leaders'), obtainable from the Guide Shop, I.H.Q., price 6s. 6d.
5. If there is a training college, girls' residential club or Y.W.C.A. in your area ask for an interview with the principal or warden and arrange to give a talk to members.
6. Arrange a shop window display if you can persuade any of your local shops to lend you a window for a week and have someone inside the shop all the time, ready to give information and to take names and addresses of anyone interested.
7. Invite a few friends to a small meeting in your home, and ask them each to bring a young friend with them. After tea or evening coffee show the film, 'Follow my Leader' (hiring fee 10s. from H.Q. Film Department) or arrange for a talk.
8. Send the editor of THE GUIDER suggestions on how you are tackling this challenge.

VERA ARMSTRONG

Are We Growing 'Soft'?

I think there is a great danger of our failing to attract the 'adventurous younger woman' to Guiding because we are growing 'soft'. The 'softening process' has gone on apace over the past few years justified to our reasoning powers by claims like 'it makes Guiding more attractive' and 'compensates' for the 'sacrifice' of time, money, leisure, etc. If Guiders feel they need 'compensation' we are losing a fundamental of Guiding. Surely the driving power of all Guides from Brownie to Commissioner should be an urge to give freely of self in service of others. Rather let us have fewer Guiders than ones whose whole approach to Guiding belies a basic ideal of the training they should be giving and illustrating in their own lives.

Let us abandon talk of payment, compensation, comfort, etc., taking care, of course, not to 'harden off' too much, for it would be equally wrong to make a fetish of discomfort for its own sake. Let us prune away the trimmings in our Guiding and above all what we offer at our training centres. Only then will Guiding provide a challenge to those 'adventurous younger women' who rate self as of secondary importance and find true happiness in giving freely of themselves in the service of others.

HILDA W. BIRKETT (MRS.)

A Guide is Courteous

Are we doing enough in our packs and companies about courtesy training? It is twenty-two years since I was enrolled and not until I witnessed the following incidents have I ever been ashamed of being a Guide. The scene was a High Street in Dorset with a long waiting 'bus queue'. Immediately in front of me was a party of five or six Guides, aged fourteen or fifteen, with two P.L.s. They spent the time hovering in the road, trying to attract the attention of Scouts opposite, and talking at the tops of their voices—all of which I would have put down to adolescence, but when the 'bus arrived they 'jumped' the queue. At this stage I spoke to them but with no effect. When a relief 'bus came other Guides pushed on to it before being taken off and given a 'bus of their own. By this time the drivers and conductors were much annoyed and were saying that Guides should not be allowed out on their own as they didn't know how to behave. What steps do other Guiders think we can take to prevent such happenings?

M. SOWTER

The Golden Hand Test

BROWN OWL, you *did* pass my parcel last week, didn't you?" asks Jean before the meeting, when Meg is in the middle of telling you how Dad chopped his finger and Ann is demanding to know when she can have her star. "Yes", you answer Jean, not really thinking what you are saying and so grows a misunderstanding.

We have to make it quite clear to our prospective Golden Hands that we cannot pass their tests—all we can do is to help them to know the various tests and to mark their cards to remind ourselves that they can do it and are up to standard. Before they can wear their badge they have to stand someone appointed by their District and go through a complete test with her.

Sometimes the tester will agree that part of the test can be done before the day provided that she can assure herself that the child really *has* done it, and can offer proof that she can do it again if need be.

The plant, for instance, has a habit of flowering some time before the right date. To get over this difficulty it is probably possible for the Brownie to take the flowering plant to the tester before she takes the rest of First Class or, failing that, she can keep a small book with notes and pictures of the growth of the plant and take it with her to the test, plus a note from Brown Owl that she has seen the plant in bloom.

Knitting takes a long time and needs to be started well before test day. Clothes for a doll or teddy are not considered acceptable as the knitting clause is a test of patience as well as of skill, though most testers will accept babies' booties as, though small, they are quite difficult to make and require concentration to follow the pattern correctly. Whatever the child makes she will be required to cast stitches on and off at the test.

Semaphore seems to be the test in which most children fail, if they fail at all, probably because we do not start teaching it soon enough. No tester likes failing a child, but what is a poor soul to do if the Brownie has only a very sketchy idea of the letters after 'T'? Do make sure that the whole alphabet is known. It is very bad luck on the child if she is nearly eleven and she goes to the test hoping that the tester will not use any word with W, J, or V, etc., in it—she undoubtedly will.

What about the child herself? Has she made any effort to be more patient with the smaller Brownies? Does she get up any earlier, or does she still leave it too late to help mother before she goes to school? Has she got over that unfortunate habit of saying she has done something when she hasn't? In short, has she made any effort at all to be a better person in herself? This part of the test is just as important as the more tangible things. A Brownie may be very bright and know all the tests well but she may be quite an unsuitable person to wear a Golden Hand. Not every child who is clever can be First Class but most of them will make a great effort if it is explained to them when we first begin to discuss the Golden Hand Test.

B.M.R.

Headquarters Library

Books recently added to the library include: *Two Quiet Lives*, by Lord David Cecil; *Jane Austen*, by E. Jenkins; *Parson Austen's Daughter*, by H. Ashton; *Ides of March*, by Thornton Wilder; *Instead of Arms*, by Count Bernadotte; *Miss Nightingale's Ladies*, by C. Terrot; *Tales Out of School*, by G. Trease; *I Capture the Castle*, by Dodie Smith; *Mrs. Beeton and Her Husband*, by Nancy Spain; *The Almond Tree*, by E. M. Almedingen; *The Big Fisherman*, by G. L. Douglas; *No Highway*, by N. Shute; *Their Finest Hour*, by Winston Churchill; *The Wooden Horse*, by E. Williams; *Politics and Persons*, by Father Groser; *Legends of the United Nations*, by F. Frost; *Prelude to Ballet*, by A. Haskell; *Geraldine Cadbury*, by Janet Whitney; *In Search of South Africa*, by H. V. Morton; *General Smuts*, by R. H. Kiernan.

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- 9—**Gain Self-Confidence.** If you can speak and write well you can go anywhere with confidence. You are not afraid of being betrayed by your English.
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Notes of the Month

The Chief Guide's Letter to Local Associations

You will be hearing through your Local Associations of the Chief Guide's special letter asking them for their help with the plan for giving a warm and friendly welcome to those who are coming from all parts of the world to the World Conference of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts which is being held in Oxford next year.

The Chief Guide is making a direct appeal to members of Local Associations, as the friends of the movement, to help in this very important event so that it should in no way add to the expenses of the Association or the demands made upon the uniformed members of the movement. It is twenty years since the World Conference was last held in England and exactly thirty years since the first conference took place in Oxford when the dream of world Guiding became a reality.

University Guiding

October means to some people the beginning of a university course and a rather bewildering number of new contacts in a strange environment. Those who have been keen members of Guide, Ranger or Cadet companies may like to hear of Guide clubs which they can join. It is recognised that students have very little time during term for any regular activities so meetings of Guide clubs are few, but they offer the opportunity to keep in touch with the movement and the means of volunteering to help with special events such as camps during the vacation. The University of London Guide Club is holding a Freshers' Meeting at the Physiology Lecture Theatre, Royal Free Hospital Medical School, Brunswick Square, W.C.1, on Monday, October 10th, at 5.30 p.m., and a social evening with the Scout Club on Thursday, October 20th, details of which will be announced at the Freshers' gathering. If any Fresher at a university finds it difficult to get in touch with a Guide club she should write to the Commissioner for Guiding in Colleges, c/o I.H.Q.

Thanks from America

Miss Helen Seth-Smith, Leader of the 65th Senior Girl Scout Troop, Washington, whose members generously came to lend a hand in British camps during the summer, writes: 'It is very hard to realise that Troop 65's long looked-for summer is over. It seems such a little time ago that we were being met by the Sea Rangers at Southampton. Since then days, weeks and months have slipped by, rolling into just over two months of glorious adventure. We all know that this summer could not have been possible without the combined efforts of the International and Camping Departments at I.H.Q. We realise that hours of work have gone into the making of plans for our various experiences and we appreciate the wonderful help and interest that has made our sightseeing, camping and visiting such a success.

Camping with all the different Guides, Rangers and Sea

Rangers has given us wide opportunities for understanding British Guiding. We had the privilege of camping with our own International Friendship Company and, after two years of corresponding, can now feel that we really know one another. In the International Room at H.Q., our home for two months, we always found a welcome, an answer to all our many questions and a keen interest in all our doings no matter how many other foreign Guides were being looked after nor how busy were the telephones and typewriters. We leave behind our deep appreciation, affection and admiration.

Pilgrimage to Rome in Holy Year

Details of the Pilgrimage for Catholic Guides, which is being arranged by the Catholic Guide Advisory Council for the Easter holidays of 1950, appeared on page 141 of the July GUIDER, but those wishing to apply are reminded that all application forms (obtainable by sending a stamped, addressed envelope to the Pilgrimage Secretary, Miss A. Dickson, Holton House, Burwash, Sussex) must reach the Secretary by November 1st. After that date applicants may go on a waiting list. The party will travel third class, leaving London on April 12th, and arriving back in London, after a day and night in Paris, on Monday, April 22nd. Open to all Catholic Commissioners, Guiders, Cadets, Rangers and Guides the total cost will be approximately £20 for dormitory accommodation, and not more than £25 for single, double or three-bedded rooms. It is hoped to arrange a week's extended tour by motor coach to Florence and Venice with visits to Assisi, Perugia and Sienna at an additional cost of £11 which will be open to Commissioners, Guiders, Cadets and Rangers.

Book Tokens at I.H.Q.

All readers will be glad to know Book Tokens are now on sale in Headquarters Bookshop. They may be bought for the value of 3s. 6d., 5s., 7s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 12s. 6d. and 21s. (plus 4d. for the card) and are valid for six months. Commissioners and Guiders who plan to give Book Tokens as Christmas gifts or for prizes for competitions will now have an opportunity of obtaining them by post from Headquarters or in the shop.

The Trefoil Guild

All news of Guilds, letters on matters of interest to Guild members, or short articles for inclusion in the quarterly Trefoil Guild page in THE GUIDER should be sent to Mrs. Farnsworth, Moss Cottage, Ryecroft Glen, Dore, Sheffield.

A list of the warranted County Recorders can be obtained from Miss Porter, Sload Lane, Ridgeway, nr. Sheffield, on receipt of 2d. and a stamped addressed envelope.

First Night of the Training Film

There will be a showing of the film, 'Focus on the Guider', in Headquarters library on October 12th, at 6.15 p.m., for those who took part in the making of the film.

The Chief Commissioner's Resignation

It is with deep regret that after much consideration our Chief Commissioner, Finola, Lady Somers, having carried on during the past six months at great personal cost, has tendered her resignation owing to ill health.

Our hearts go out to her in having to make this decision, and we shall all miss her more than we can ever express.

Lady Somers was appointed Chief Commissioner in September, 1942, and has worked heart and soul to cherish Guiding, particularly during the dark days of war when shortage of personnel and the effects of air raids were casting a severe strain on the staff at Imperial Headquarters.

As I was privileged to watch her work during those years perhaps I may be allowed to say that post-war Guiding owes a deep debt of gratitude to Lady Somers for her appreciation of the need to adapt old time methods to meet the changing post-war conditions.

All of you who have met the Chief Commissioner on her unforgettable visits to your countries and counties—those of you who have sought her counsel or worked with her during her long years of Guiding—will realise how much she has given to stimulate, encourage, and cheer us.

We look forward to a speedy return to action, and assure her that when health permits we shall be waiting to welcome her back in a new capacity to carry on the good work she is always so ready to give. In the meantime we offer her our best wishes for a complete recovery, and our grateful thanks for the many hours of thought and time which she has so ungrudgingly given to the work of Chief Commissioner.

KATHLEEN DAVIES-COOKE

[Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Council].

Camping at Woodlarks

THE GUIDER

O H. Tawny, do come and see my fairy house', and 'Look, Brown Owl, I've found six cones for Q.M.'s fire' and 'I've got moss for my carpet'. Excited remarks like this kept echoing through the air as some twenty Extension Brownies explored the woods round Woodlarks. They had come from London to the first pack holiday held on this lovely permanent camp site for cripples, founded in 1930 by Colonel and Mrs. Strover. All the Brownies could walk about, though some only with the aid of calipers, and others had weak hearts or some trouble which meant they must take life easily. Imagine the delight of children, who had spent much of their young lives in hospitals, making fairy houses with bark and moss and twigs, and putting thistledown fairies to bed between sheets of leaves.

One day there was a picnic at Frensham Ponds when the Brownies paddled and made villages in sand at the water's edge, and on another evening each Six acted a play, watched by the Red Cross friends who came to help at bed-time. Only the week previously Woodlarks had been enjoyed by other campers—Rangers from St. Benedict's Hospital, London, and members of various Trefoil Guilds. To see some of them in the swimming pool was to witness both courage and trust—courage in allowing themselves, very nearly helpless, to be lowered into the water in a bathchair attached to a capstan, and trust in the helpers who 'floated' them in the water. Once the water is reached many of the bathers, some of whom cannot raise their arms to feed or dress themselves, can move their limbs, and enjoy the exhilaration of movement. Some can even learn to walk at the shallow end with the support of the water and a hand-rail. The happy laughter proceeding from the swimming bath this summer from bathers and lookers-on must fully repay Colonel and Mrs. Strover and their band of Rover helpers and others who constructed the bath in 1947-1948, almost entirely with voluntary labour.

What else besides bathing comes into a Woodlarks camp programme? If it is a Guide or Ranger camp—and Woodlarks can be booked for summer camps by any organisation dealing with cripples—there are hikes (overnight ones for Rangers) into the lovely woods surrounding the camp sites; fires are lit and dampers made, games played and birds and animals watched. ('Those gorse pods don't half make you jump, popping in the sun', remarked a Guide accustomed to London's noises. And 'I wish that squirrel would eat his nuts where I could see him', exclaimed another.) Then at the end of the afternoon the wheel chairs come trundling back to camp with the laughing occupants almost invisible behind bundles of wood for Q.M.'s fire.



A London Brownie sorts out treasures found in the woods



The new swimming pool is an added delight at Woodlarks

Campfires, on a lovely site looking over pine trees to Surrey hills are held each evening and, however handicapped the campers, plays and stunts are organised by the various patrols.

Rangers and Guides have an opportunity for leadership in camp which their restricted lives are sometimes denied in their own homes, hospitals or institutions. They gain new friends and often new courage and confidence from the way others face a disability.

'An ounce of help is worth a pound of pity' and a visit to Woodlarks sends one away wondering what practical help members of the movement can offer to Extension campers there and in other parts of the country. Every year, almost immediately after one camp is over the organisers of Extension camps begin to think of next year's helpers.

For the Guide and Ranger camps licensed Guiders interested in the Extension section who would offer to run a week's camp are needed. So are quartermasters and nurses and Guiders who are willing to turn their hands to any job that needs doing. One of the aims behind Extension camps is to encourage Guides and Rangers to do as much real camping as possible.

Given sufficient chair-pushers (the rule is always two to a chair) they can join in expeditions, play games and help with camp jobs. All readers who want more information about Woodlarks or can offer help there for next year's camps should write to Mrs. Strover at Woodlarks, Farnham, Surrey. Volunteers would also be welcomed in Extension camps in other parts of the country, and all offers of help should be sent as early as possible to the Extension Secretary at I.H.Q. Volunteers are asked to obtain permission from their own District Commissioner and Camp Adviser.

'I have spent my life in a wheel chair', writes a Sussex camper, Doris Thomas, 'and I never thought I should take part just like other people in camp duties. But I did this year at a lovely place called Woodlarks'.

As a final thought, typical of the cheerful acceptance of disabilities, may I quote four lines dictated by Sadie Tanner, a Ranger who spends her life, quite helpless, on her back:

'I know now, that when life is o'er
My Spirit will be free.
And God will give me strength and grace
To reach my destiny'.



Extension Rangers enjoy a hike in a lovely clearing

Books, Plays and Songs

*Legends of the United Nations,** by Frances Frost (Harrap, 7s. 6d.). Every teller of stories seizes upon a new collection hoping that out of the entire book she may find two or three that she can make her own. This book will reward the searcher more than most. Whether a story is asked for by Rangers, Guides or Brownies, there is something here for each group, and for every occasion, grave or gay. Frances Frost has collected legends that she thinks are representative of the national characteristics of the United Nations. Only the widely travelled can argue on this point, and I wouldn't be knowing. I was surprised and delighted to discover that Polish and Belgian folklore is so humorous. The Polish story, 'Mr. Whirlwind, Shoemaker', is very funny and, if dramatically told, could be quite a turn. I was interested to find the French tales so moralistic. Two of the Chinese stories are wise, and one is fantastic. The Canadian legends reflect the great spaces of sky and water of that vast land. The whole book reminds its readers that all over the world folk tales are part of the children's heritage, and proves that there are no 'rival ideologies' in fairyland. D.E.K.

Dramatic Work with Children, by E. M. Langdon (Dobson, 2s. 6d.). The Guider, keeping her precarious balance between all the things her Guides want to do, ought to do, and are asked to do, generally has a moment every two years or so when her company cry in surprising unison, 'Let's do a Play!' When that happens this book will help her to convince herself that though much must be sacrificed a play is not going to be a waste of precious time. On the contrary, the children are going to get a lot of benefit which they would not get in any other way. Guide companies are not dramatic groups, nor even a dramatic class, what they know of acting they will have picked up at school or at home or at the more imaginative kind of campfire; it takes hard work and the help of knowledgeable friends to get the production up to the standard required by an audience who have paid for their seats and expect value for their money. But it can be, and constantly is, done. This book gives a long-sighted and leisurely view of play production that we can envy but never hope to emulate, remembering the reality we know, which begins quietly enough but gathers momentum, faster and faster, crisis after crisis, till all explodes

into the glorious moment when the curtain goes up. Nevertheless it is a heartening book. K.S.

The Pied Piper of Hamelin, by Madge Miller (Dennis Dobson, 2s. 6d.). One can never have enough of this fascinating legend, whether or not one regards it as historical and derived from the melancholy Children's Crusade, when two thousand young crusaders followed young Nicholas of Cologne and disappeared, never to be seen again. This version keeps the date and makes what should be a picturesque and exciting scene when the Piper pipes the rats away to a watery death and, everyone hopes, is drowned himself. He returns, however, as in Browning's poem, to pipe away the children. Act III gives a happy ending, when the Lame Boy who is left behind learns the right tune and plays it to bring them back. There are three acts, nine good parts and any number of children of all ages; a colourful play that any audience would enjoy, with a great many excellent stage directions to help the producer. K.S.

*Dramatised Ballads No. 1,** 'Green Broom' and 'O Soldier, Soldier'. Edited by Alice M. G. White and Janet E. Tobit (Black, 8d. each). This is a series of acted songs, of which the first two are now published, 'Green Broom' and 'O Soldier, Soldier'. They are just the kind of thing that is wanted by many Guiders who wish to put on acted ballads for their company entertainments, and have not the time or the talent to work them out for themselves. The actions are strictly rhythmic and quite clearly indicated throughout; the melody only is given on the assumption that the folk songs will be sung unaccompanied, but an accompanied version of each song can be found by applying to the publishers.

There are suggestions for costumes, stage setting and properties. Some people will prefer to be consistent and use either complete properties or none at all, but this is a matter of taste. The great thing is that the stage directions for timing and placing which need so much experience are here already worked out, leaving the producer free to adapt the details. The series should prove a valuable addition to our musical stock. M.C.C.

* Obtainable at H.Q. Bookshop



Have you heard tell of Tallies?

BOOK TALLIES are here—the younger brother of Book Tokens. They are in fact Junior Book Tokens plus that something extra which will appeal to all children whilst the scheme itself should be of special interest to all who are concerned with the training of the young.

The Book Tally like its elder brother the Book Token, consists of a two-leaved card; but whereas Tokens are sold at a variety of prices, there is only one price for Tallies, viz. 7½d., of which 6d. is exchangeable for a book. The left hand leaf will be detached and presented to the bookseller. (Four of these can be exchanged for a 2/- book, ten for a 5/- book and so on).

The right-hand leaf, which will be retained and collected by the child, contains a picture in four colours with an informative caption. The pictures are issued in series of twelve, four sets appeared on October 1st, the first day of the scheme and a further set will come out on the first day of every month ('Tally Day'). Now ready are *British Wild Animals*, *The Royal Family*, *Army Uniforms* and *Railway Engines*.

Such, in brief is the Tally Scheme. To the adult it will surely prove useful by providing throughout the year a new attractive and educative gift for any child. To the children the Tally will be something created specially for them, something that will arouse their interest in scores of subjects; something no less appealing to them than the cigarette cards of pre-war days which they will eagerly collect and swap with their friends. Above all, the Tally will help to impress on them that a book must be owned in order to be fully enjoyed.

Start the Children collecting
BOOK TALLIES
the younger brother of Book Tokens



Did I say 'change'? My first job at Foxlease was washing up! Still, it is a change to wash up for fifty instead of two. But the efficient patrol system disposed of that and similar chores cheerfully and methodically. One's first impression of life at Foxlease is one of speed, punctuated by bells and gongs, but you soon realise the planning and organisation that lie beneath the apparently ruffled surface. You seem to meet people running, running all the time upstairs and down, out to the barn and back. Meeting another married Guider, sprinting up a corridor at the double with a mop in her hand, I called cheerfully: 'Quite

M.F-B.



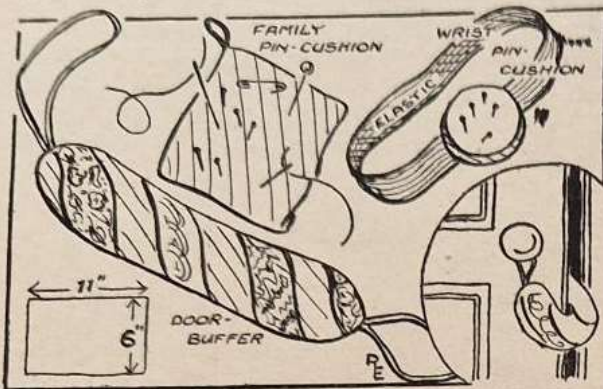
We cheerfully bore
the aches and pains
of stiffening limbs

MARGOT JOHNSON

Handcrafts for the Pack

SOMETHING to make at pack meetings is always in demand as the dark evenings come, and we can make use of this keenness to teach Brownies many lessons of good taste, wise choice and careful work.

The difficulties we have to contend with are getting sufficient materials, maintaining that first flush of enthusiasm till each article is finished and developing a sense of taste so the child knows good from bad in colour, form and design.



Brownies like making gifts which will be useful at home

Try to collect a variety of fabric oddments, either new off-cuts from other sewing, or used material still in good condition. Brownies can join in the unpicking if they are shown the best way to do it and then Brown Owl can cut away worn parts before the material is washed and pressed.

Printed or plain cotton, velveteen, coat cloth, linen, firm rayon or silk can all be put to a variety of uses. Avoid poor quality materials such as heavily dressed cotton, flimsy or loosely-woven rayons, or anything which frays easily. Brownies' work is easier and progresses faster when materials are easy to handle.

Good parts from discarded garments or household goods can be most useful. Women's coats, however worn or out of date, yield plenty of good cloth. The tops of silk stockings or the legs of thicker ones, good parts from women's slips and knickers or from men's underwear, dyed if necessary, can all be put to use. Worn-out tablecloths usually have good areas all round just inside the edges (often the coloured-border parts) and towels are frequently good at the ends when the centre is worn into holes. Towelling and 'Locknit' silk are not too easy to use, but with discretion they will help out other materials admirably.

Children have plenty of zeal, but little industry, and their ambition frequently outruns both their skill and their endurance. So let them make a variety of small items rather than one big one. Discourage Ann from making a jointed teddy-bear for her baby brother, and suggest a towelling bunny instead. Point out to Elizabeth that an embroidered tablecloth has four corners to be worked, so what about some embroidery on a cover for mother's ration books?

Try to find out a Brownie's ability with a needle first so that she does not take on work beyond her powers. Use simple processes, such as binding with bias tape, rather than edging with blanket-stitching, which is very difficult for small fingers to work evenly, or decorating with easy run-stitch borders rather than complicated designs.

Take care that the articles fill some need in the home, and are not just decorative bits and pieces which mother admires and puts away in a drawer. Instead of the inevitable mat, encourage each child to think of something which her family uses, or to renew some useful item which is getting shabby or worn out. Perhaps a new pin-cushion would be a good idea, to replace the well-used one which hangs beside the fireplace; mother might like an oven-cloth, father would

use a plump velveteen shoe-polisher, and the whole family could do with new face-cloths, edged with different colours.

One good way to keep Brownies interested in their work is to use fresh, gay, colourful materials. If the background is to be neutral in colour, as with an oven-cloth made of sacking, use scarlet or emerald binding. A gay flower-spray, a bright braid initial, half a dozen plain-and-printed strips sewn together alternatively—all these will make a cheerful bit of work which won't easily be abandoned.

It is not easy to make children understand what is good and what is bad needlework, because unfortunately there are so many examples of bad taste in shops and homes today. A child thinks 'what is, is right', and one needs great tact in persuading her not to mix colours in riotous confusion and to avoid badly-proportioned shapes and fancy edges. Poor-quality materials and work beyond a Brownie's skill usually mean that the work is never finished, or very badly finished, which is just as undesirable.

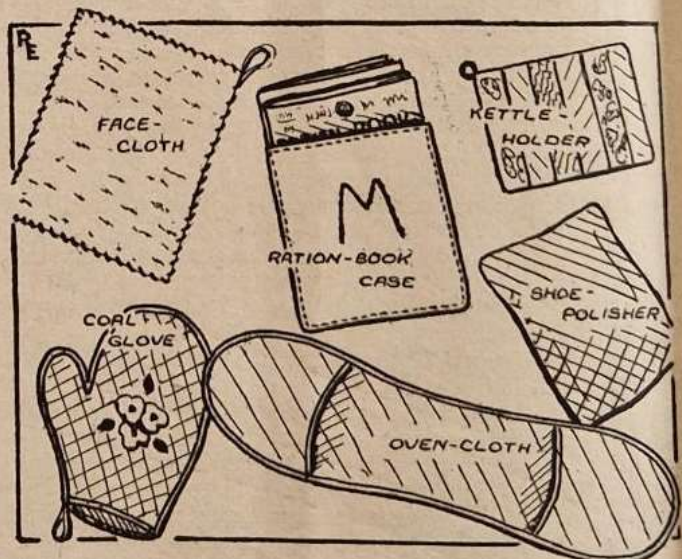
We can teach her good taste only by ignoring such tasteless bits and pieces and replacing them with plenty of easy, well-chosen work. Give her free choice of colours, materials and designs as far as practicable, but she will need a good deal of guidance from Brown Owl first.

In the diagrams you see some small articles, costing little, easy to make and decorate, quick to finish and handy to use. Some, such as face-cloth and kettle-holder, need no pattern (often it's a case of cutting your garment according to your cloth). Others, such as the coal-glove (which could be an oven-mitt or a bath-mitt if made of appropriate material) and the oven-cloth, can be planned out in paper first, so that the children learn by their own trial and error.

Covers and cases, such as the one for ration-books, can be cut to fit, though you will have to stress leaving plenty of room, or they will be too tight. Pin-cushions should be made from very firm, closely-woven fabric, and must be stuffed with bran, or pins will not go in easily. The wrist-pin-cushion, mounted on a bracelet of elastic, is a welcome gift for mothers or older sisters who make their own clothes.

The door-buffer is a simple but most useful gadget for homes where the door is kept ajar to 'listen for the children', or for comings and goings between kitchen and dining-room at meal times. It is just a thin roly-poly shape made from an oblong of strong material, with cord loops at the ends. It should be filled with sand, and a separate cotton bag inside is best. When not in use, the buffer hangs by its cord from either door-handle.

RUBY EVANS



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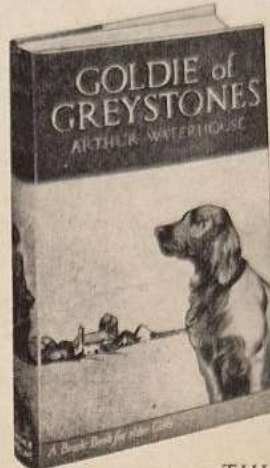
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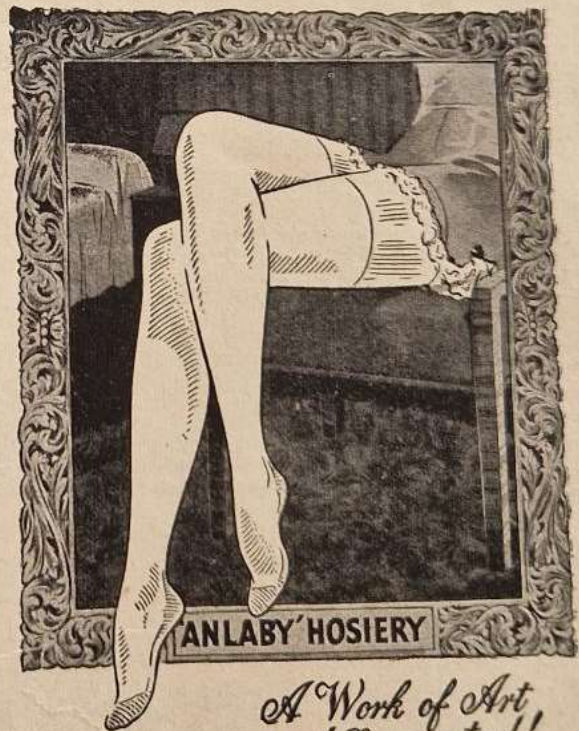
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Headquarters Notices

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council of the Girl Guides Association was held at 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, on Wednesday, September 14th, 1949.

Present: Mrs. Davies-Cooke (Chair), The Lady Baden-Powell, G.B.E. (afternoon), Mrs. Miles Burkett, B.E.M., The Lady Burnham, J.P., The Hon. Lady Cochrane, Lady Cooper, Sir Percy Everett (morning), Mrs. J. W. Haughton, O.B.E., Miss I. H. Kay, J.P., Dame Vera Laughton Mathews, D.B.E., Mrs. H. S. Mair, M.A., Miss M. L. Martin, Miss D. Powell, J.P., Mrs. Stewart of Mordostoun (morning), Mrs. K. Traherne.

By Invitation: The Lady Somerleyton, M.B.E., J.P., Miss R. Ward, O.B.E. (during item 4).

Apologies: The Lady Oaksey, O.B.E., J.P., Finola, Lady Somers, Miss J. Clayton, J.P., Mrs. Douglas of Mains, Miss McSwiney, Mrs. I. H. Powell Edwards, The Lady Stratheden and Campbell, The Countess of Clarendon.

In Attendance: Miss J. Frith, O.B.E., Miss M. White, M.B.E.

1. **Business Arising:** County Commissioners' Conference; silk stockings; Commissioners' Lapel Badges; By-Laws; European Regional Meeting; World Song.

2. **Honorary Treasurer:** Quarterly Statement; Guide Club Accounts; World Association Quota.

3. **Guide International Service:** Home for Dependents of European Voluntary Workers; Aid for D.P.s by British Guides in Germany.

4. **Correspondence:** Resignation of Chief Commissioner; Royal Charter; Integration of Scout and Guide Units into the life of the Church; U.S.A. Conference.

5. **Chief Commissioner:** Ranger Branch: Glider Crew Certificates; Meteorological Certificates; Uniform Flashes.

6. **Chief Commissioner for Wales:** Amendment to P.O.R.

7. **Chief Commissioner for Ulster:** Appointments; Cello Competition; Team of Dancers for World Conference.

8. **Overseas Commissioner:** Appointments.

9. **Imperial Headquarters:** Insurance: Personal Accident and Medical Expenses and Guiders' Indemnity Policy; World Extension Conference; Book Token Scheme; Special Council Meeting.

10. **Homecraft Management Committee:** Decoration of Pax Hill.

11. **Publications Committee:** Air Ranger Hand Book.

12. **Awards Committee:** Recommendations.

13. **Imperial Training Committee:** Diplomas; Amendments to P.O.R.

14. **Extension Committee:** Amendments to P.O.R.; World Extension Conference.

15. Appointments and Resignations.

AWARDS

Fortitude

Badge of Fortitude. Guide Mary Curtis, age 14, 194th Bristol (Baptist Mills) company.

Mary has undergone much discomfort and pain since she went to hospital in March, 1949, suffering from tubercular meningitis, but she has faced the illness with a bravery and fortitude that has been an inspiration to all those with her, and to the nurses and doctors who attend her.

Brownie Barbara Sims, age 9, 165th Bristol pack.

Barbara has been in hospital since last September undergoing treatment for tubercular meningitis. For nine months she had six-hourly injections, and more than a hundred lumbar punctures. She was gravely ill when she went into hospital but has now recovered sufficiently to go out each day. Throughout this ordeal Barbara has borne herself with the greatest possible fortitude and courage.

Good Service

Medal of Merit. Miss C. Pemberton, County Secretary, Oxfordshire.

Training

Chief's Diploma. Miss C. E. Hartley; Miss M. Pilkington.

* **Brownie Training Diploma.** Miss Cocksedge, Sussex; Miss Hill, South Africa.

Camp Training Diploma. Miss Stafford, Notts; Mrs. Common, Durham; Miss V. A. Harrison, Victoria, Australia.

Headquarters Instructor. Miss J. Hudson, Yorks W.R.S. Rowing Charge (Sea Ranger).

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

Mrs. Edna Baker, on August 14th, 1949, Lieutenant, 10th Gillingham Ranger Company. During twenty-one years of loyal and devoted service, first as a Guide and later a Ranger, Edna Baker gave an example of true Guiding. Her influence in the Ranger Company, and her courage and determination to overcome physical weakness, will remain an inspiration to all who knew her.

Jean Bennett, on September 1st, 1949. Much loved Post Lieutenant for N.W. Lancashire. During the three years she was ill Miss Bennett was unfailingly cheerful and carried on up to the end with the Post Guide work which she loved and did so well. She leaves behind an unforgettable memory of a gallant Guide.

COMING EVENTS

The Empire Circle evening talk will be given by Miss Atkinson, of Canada, on Thursday, October 27th at 7.30 p.m. at the Guide Club. Coffee and sandwiches will be on sale from 7 p.m. Please let the Club Secretary know beforehand if you would like to have refreshments.

The Autumn Party will be held in the Restaurant and Library at Imperial Headquarters on Wednesday, October 5th at 6.30 p.m. Invitations have been sent to all members and to overseas visitors.

Land and Sea Ranger Training on general and Land Ranger work, and special sessions on the A.B. test and Sea Ranger ceremonial will be held at Imperial Headquarters on Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th from 2.30 p.m. until 7 p.m. (Further details on page 219.)

The English Land Ranger Adventure Camp Reunion will be held at I.H.Q. on November 12th and 13th. Detailed notices have been sent to all who went to the camp but if any camper has not received a notice will she please write to Miss O. Hillbrook, 10 Overton Road, Sutton, Surrey?

GENERAL NOTICES

The Religious Broadcasting Department of the B.B.C. is arranging six Sunday evening programmes for members of youth organisations and Guiders may like to interest their Rangers and Guides in them. Conducted by Mr. Bryan Reed, Youth Tutor of Westhill Training College, Selly Oak, these broadcasts will be on the theme 'Counter Attack' and will take place from 7.45-8.25 p.m. on October 9th, November 13th and December 11th, 1949, and January 8th, February 12th and March 12th, 1950.

The first broadcast will be entitled 'Battlefield' and will include a dramatised life story of Kagawa of Japan. Other programmes will include 'Resistance Movement' (the story of the Church in Norway during the German occupation); 'Counter Attack' (God's counter attack against evil through the Nativity); 'Objectives' (New Year resolutions); 'Battle School' (based on the Outward Bound School, Aberdovey) and 'Total Victory'.

Leaflets containing the hymns and prayers to be used in these broadcasts from Birkenhead, Ilminster, East Dereham, Bromsgrove, Spennymoor and Luton, are obtainable from B.B.C. Publications, The Grammar School, Scarle Road, Wembley, Middlesex, at 12 copies for 1s., 25 for 1s. 9d., 50 for 3s. 3d., 100 for 6s. 3d. and 250 for 15s. (It will be helpful if payment is enclosed with the order.)

Square Centres Leadership

A new training scheme is now in force. It was felt that there were many young women drawn to full-time salaried leadership who were uncertain of their vocation and unable to give up their employment to undertake full-time training. Under this scheme, selected candidates may train on a part-time basis in any of our Centres while still continuing in their present employment. In addition to supervised practical work in a Centre, individual tuition and training will be given. After a year, if the candidate has reached the required standard, she will be eligible for appointment as Assistant Leader. On completing six months as Assistant, if satisfactory, she will be awarded a Square Centre Junior Leader's Certificate. The minimum age for this course is twenty-years. Candidates of twenty-five or over, with suitable previous experience, may qualify for a Leader's Certificate. Application forms, and full particulars of training schemes, may be had from the Organiser, Miss Greta Collins, 39, Leamouth Grove, Edinburgh, 4.

THE GUIDER Headquarters Insurance Policies

Personal Accident and Medical Expenses

UNDER the new policy starting on November 8th, 1949, all members in Great Britain and Ulster will automatically be insured, the premium being paid by Imperial Headquarters. This is for an experimental period of one year. Experience has shown us that there is still a need for our policy in spite of the National Insurance Act; there are for instance various expenses which are not provided for under the act and for which a Guider may feel morally liable, and it is as shown in the schedule of compensation. In addition, under the new policy the scope of cover has been so widened as to include all who could legitimately claim the protection and use of the policy, thus doing away with the need for any special endorsements.

WHAT IS COVERED

The primary object of the insurance is to cover the moral liability of Guiders for accidents sustained during Guiding activities throughout the year.

The policy will pay the sums specified in the schedule of compensation and the benefits of the policy shall apply in respect of any accident sustained during any organised Guiding activity, including the necessary travel thereto and therefrom, and any illness which may be contracted during the period of any Guide camp, pack holiday or visit abroad.

The policy is normally restricted to the limits of Great Britain and Ulster but it shall extend to cover camping, touring, holiday or sightseeing parties in Eire and/or the Continent of Europe, including travel between.

The insurance under the policy shall apply to all authorised and conducted parties irrespective of the activities that may be undertaken therein. It therefore extends in such circumstances to cover:

- Winter sports and mountaineering.
- Air training, including flying or gliding.
- Travel in any form of conveyance.

WHO IS COVERED

The policy will cover:

- (a) The total active membership of the Association in Great Britain and Ulster.
- (b) Trefoil Guild members—when helping temporarily with active Guiding or when attending organised Guild gatherings.
- (c) Non-Guide helpers when undertaking any specific voluntary service in connection with any Guiding activity or camp, e.g. first aider, life-saver, etc.
- (d) Any Dominion, Colonial or foreign Guides visiting this country on an official Guide invitation.

N.B. Extension members and/or any members suffering from any form of physical disability are covered under the policy except for any claim arising directly or indirectly from such disability.

This policy does not cover ex-members who are not Trefoil Guild members, nor does it cover paid workers, nor any friends or relations who may be taking part in any holiday, camp or other organised Guiding activity.

CLAIMS

Imperial Headquarters must be notified immediately an accident or illness occurs. **Failure to comply with this within seven days may invalidate the claim when made.** A claim form will then be sent to the applicant to be filled in; this must be returned to Imperial Headquarters immediately and all bills and accounts for expenses incurred must be sent as soon as possible.

It should be borne in mind that the policy is a private one arranged for the Girl Guides Association; its intention is only to cover such expenses as would have been incurred did no such policy exist and all claims will be considered on that basis. It follows from this that Guiders and parents when arranging treatment should first take all possible steps to obtain such treatment under the National Insurance Act.

THE SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION

| Items 1 to 6 occurring within three calendar months from date of accident; any one individual. | | £ | s. | d. |
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| 4. Total loss of two limbs | ... | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. Total loss of one limb | ... | 125 | 0 | 0 |

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| 6. Permanent total loss of sight of one eye and loss of one limb | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Permanent and irrecoverable total disablement from accidental injuries certified after twelve months' treatment, other than loss of limbs or eyes as above provided | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. Medical expenses: Including cost of conveyances by ambulance or other means of transport to Hospital or Home, necessarily incurred by or on behalf of any individual: | | | |

(a) **Following an accident** occurring whilst under the control of any officer or other authorised official; or

(b) **By reason of illness** (common to both sexes) arising during participation in any recognised or official indoor or outdoor camp, training course or other activity involving domicile away from home. Provided always that the illness be diagnosed or the indisposition such as to require initial treatment during the period of camp, course or activity but in no case shall the benefit extend to infectious or contagious diseases developing after the individual concerned has left the scene of camp, course or activity.

N.B.—No claim arises for Services Rendered under the National Services Act, 1946.

Anywhere in Great Britain or Ulster—Limit any one individual ... 20 0 0

Anywhere in Eire and/or on the Continent of Europe—Limit any one individual ... 30 0 0

9. Out-of-pocket travelling or personal expenses Where necessarily incurred by or on behalf of any one individual following an accident or illness as defined under Benefit 8.

N.B.—Extra Travelling Expenses incurred by an officer or a parent summoned to attend are recognised for the purpose of this Section.

Anywhere in Great Britain or Ulster—Limit any one individual ... 10 0 0

Anywhere in Eire and/or on the Continent of Europe—Limit any one individual ... 20 0 0

10. Weekly compensation as a result of temporary total disablement

By accident or illness as defined by Benefit 8, restricted to those who have left school on the date on which the accident or illness occurs. Limit 26 weeks. Claims under £2 10s. 0d. not recoverable. Per week per individual. ... 2 10 0

Guiders' Indemnity Policy

All Guiders in Great Britain and Ulster are insured under the Guiders' Indemnity Policy, the premium for which is paid by Imperial Headquarters. This means that all Guiders are protected against any legal claims which may be made against them for accidents and/or occurrences to Rangers, Guides or Brownies in their charge, or for damage to property caused by them. It is not an accident policy for the Rangers, Guides or Brownies themselves and an accident would have to be legally proved due to negligence on the part of the Guider for a claim to succeed against her.

Do You Read 'The Guide'?

ARTICLES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GUIDE during October on the use of the compass. Guides who hope to be First Class will find them helpful, for they suggest things that a girl can do for herself. At the same time Guides need a certain amount of encouragement and help. For some, a few of the technical terms may need a little explanation, so if a Captain knows that her Guides are reading these articles, perhaps she will make sure that they have been understood. Some of the activities can be done in a company meeting, and would help younger Guides to learn about the compass, and to gain that sense of direction which is so invaluable. If your Guides are interested, it would be a good idea to fit compass work into exciting scouting games.



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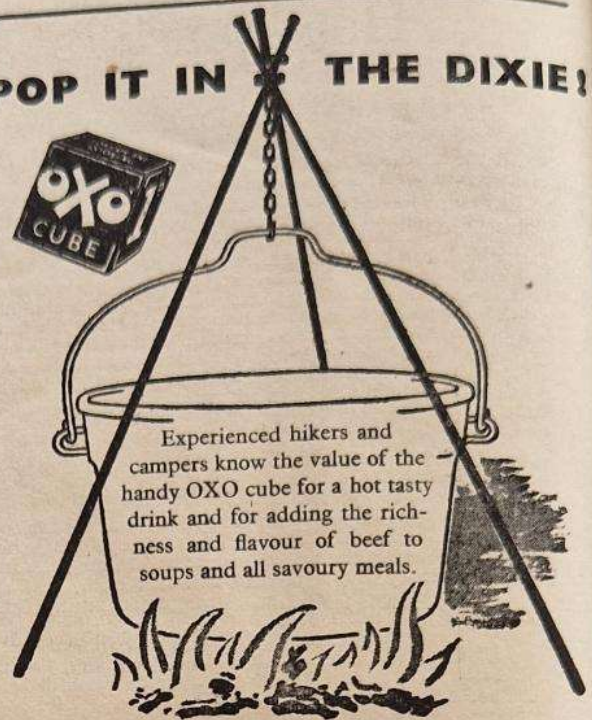
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Where to Train

IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS

THE attention of Cadet Guiders is drawn to the gathering at Foxlease which will be partly training and partly conference. Commissioners for Cadets will be present, and they are looking forward to meeting a large number of Cadet Guiders.

At Waddow the handcraft training from November 18th—22nd is for all crafts for Brownies as well as Guides and Rangers, to offer suggestions for Guide Patrol Corners and to include talks and discussions.

From December 30th—January 9th the training at Waddow will be general. There will be Brownie, Guide and Ranger sessions. These will not be held separately, but Guiders will be asked to attend sessions of all three Branches. This training will be partly holiday and the usual Waddow New Year Party is included. The training from March 10th—13th will also be general, but the special Commissioners' sessions will be held separately.

Applications for Foxlease and Waddow should be sent with a deposit of 7s. 6d. to the Secretary at Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants, or to the Secretary at Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs. Details of fees appeared in the September GUIDER and will be published again in November.

FOXLEASE

October
4-11 World International Extension Conference
14-18 International Training (open to all Guiders)
20-25 Guide and Lone Guiders
28-1 Nov. Campfire Week-end

November
4-8 Winter Camp Training Week-end
15-22 Guide Week
25-2 Dec. General Training

December
30-2 Jan. Cadet Guiders

January
6-9 Music Party
13-16 Guide
20-23 Brownie

February
Closed for Spring Cleaning

March
3-7 N.W. London Commissioners
10-14 West Surrey
17-21 Guide and Brownie
24-31 Guide and Brownie

April
4-13 Guide and Ranger
18-25 Guide and Brownie
28-5 May Bristol W. Division

WADDOW

October
7-10 Brownie
14-17 Winter Camp Training

18-20 Local Associations
21-24 Yorkshire W. R. (N.E.)
29-31 Guide and Brownie

November
4-7 Guide and Brownie
11-14 Commissioners and Guide Guiders
18-22 Handcraft
25-28 Guide and Brownie

December
30-9 Jan. General Training and New Year Party

January
13-16 Manchester
20-23 Guide and Brownie
27-30 Music Party

February
3-6 Guide (with special sessions on pre-warrant training)
10-13 S.E. Lancs.
17-20 Guide and Brownie
24-27 Brownie

March
3-6 Empire and International training
10-13 General training (with special sessions for Commissioners)
17-20 Cadets
24-27 Guide and Brownie
31-3 April Promise and Law

April
6-11 Guide and Brownie
14-17 Woodcraft and First Class
28-1 May N.E. Lancs. County

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Trainings for 1950 will be published shortly.

PAX HILL

The next course is from January to May, 1950. Applications should be sent to Miss Anderson, 804 Nell Gwynn House, Sloane Avenue, S.W.3.

C.C.A. CONFERENCE

The C.C.A. Conference for 1949 will be held at High Leigh, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, from November 18th to 22nd. This Conference is open to all Green Cords and to one representative from those counties which have no holder of the Green Cord. Applications, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope and a deposit of 5s., should be sent to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department, at I.H.Q.

ENGLAND

Land and Sea Ranger Training

There will be a training on general and Land Ranger work, and special sessions on the A.B. test and Sea Ranger ceremonial held at Imperial Headquarters on Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th from 2.30 p.m. till 7 p.m. or a little later. Apply to English Training Department stating whether you wish to attend Land or Sea sessions. A detailed programme will then be sent. Fee 6d. each day.

Training in speaking and chairmanship

The Abbey School for Speakers has kindly agreed to run a short course of four lectures on speech constitution, chairmanship, vote of thanks, etc. at Imperial Headquarters, if enough Commissioners and Guiders would be interested. The course would be 1 hour lecture and ½-hour

optional practice each week and so it would be possible to have a general training session on the same day. Suggested dates November 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. Time 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2.30 to 4 p.m. Fee 10s. for the course. Please apply at once to the English Training Department, Imperial Headquarters, if you are interested. Closing date for entries October 15th, after which you will be told if the course can be held.

SCOTLAND

Netherurd

Owing to shortage of water it has unfortunately been necessary to cancel trainings from September until October 14th.

October
14-17 Brownie
21-24 Northumberland
28-31 Guide
November
4-7 Pre-warrant training
11-14 Brownie
18-21 Guide
25-28 Commissioners and Ranger Guiders' Week-end

December
2-5 Guide
9-12 S.E. Glasgow
16-19 Rangers
30-3 Jan. New Year Party and Training. (Theme: Preparation for Thinking Day)

January
7-8 Ayrshire County
13-16 Guide
20-23 Brownie
27-30 Available for county booking

February
3-6 Perthshire

WALES

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October
7-10 Certificated Trainers' (Wales)
14-17 Guide Guiders
21-24 Extension Guiders' Conference and Training (open)
28-31 Brownie Guiders and Commissioners

November
11-14 Carol Party
25-28 Welsh Diploma'd Guiders' Conference

December
2-5 Ranger Guiders

ULSTER

Lorne

October
7-9 East Down
14-16 Advanced Camping
21-23 Ranger
28-30 Hallowe'en

November
4-6 South Belfast
11-13 Carols and Plays
19-20 Guide
25-27 Belfast Commissioners and Secretaries

December
2-4 Federation of Girls' Clubs
10 Day training for Patrol Leaders

Classified Advertisements

Situations advertised under this heading are available only to applicants exempt from the Control of Emigration Order, 1947, No. 2021. Advertisements must be received by the 10th of the month for insertion in the next issue. Charges are 2d. 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

Woodwith Group Hospital Management Committee, St. Nicholas Hospital, Plumstead, S.E.18. General training school for nurses. 320 beds. Student Nurses required from 18 years of age. Must be of good education and in good health. Three years' training, first three months in Preliminary Training School, 48 hour week, modern nurses' home. Training allowance in accordance with Whitley Council Scale.—For further particulars apply to Matron.

Bingley, Keighley, Skipton and Settle Hospital Management Committee (Yorkshire, West Riding.) Keighley and Bingley Hospitals Training School for Nurses (incorporating Keighley and District Victoria Hospital and Bingley Hospital). Student Nurses required for three years' training in the above Joint Training School at the first twelve weeks of training are spent in the Preliminary Training School at the Royal Halifax Infirmary. Salary: 1st year—£200, 2nd year—£210 plus £5 on passing Preliminary Examination, 3rd year—£225. Subject to a deduction of £100 per annum for board and lodging provided.—Application forms and form at conditions of service may be obtained from the Matron of either hospital.

The Y.W.C.A. requires (a) Club Leaders and Assistants (young women) for leisure-time youth clubs in all parts of the country. Some training or relevant experience necessary. Salaries from £270, non-resident, for young assistants, up to £420, non-resident, for more senior posts. (b) Assistant Wardens, mainly responsible for cooking and cook caterers for hostels in different parts of the country. Salaries according to grade and experience.—Apply by letter only: Personnel Secretary, Y.W.C.A., National Offices, Great Russell Street, London, W.C.1. Women under 41 require a M. of L. Permit.

City of Birmingham Children's Committee. Applications are invited for the posts of resident Assistant Foster-Mothers at two large groups of Cottage Homes. Salaries £1s. 6d. per week (less 23s. 6d. for board, lodging and laundry). Candidates, who must be over 18 years of age, should apply for particulars and application forms from the undersigned at 102, Edmund Street, Birmingham, 3.—Ernest J. Holmes, Children's Officer.

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