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A Penny for Their Thoughts

A GUIDER stood in the shadows of the familiar, dingy hall. Oddly enough it seemed neither familiar nor dingy on this occasion. The flickering candles threw an intricate glancing pattern on the walls, and the ceiling with the peeling plaster was lost in the friendly gloom.

'Let us stand in silence and remember our sister Guides all over the world'.

Rangers, Guides and Brownies stood quietly, their faces glowing in the soft light of the candles they held. A Brownie wriggled her toes. A Guide pulled down her skirt. A Ranger snuffed her candle. The Guider watching them studied their serious young faces. 'I wonder what they really *do* think about', she thought. 'How fascinating it would be to get inside each one's head and see what she is seeing at this moment'.

Judy was eight. She had been enrolled just before Christmas and she was very hazy as to what this Thinking Day party was all about, but she was trying very hard. She saw a map, like the one in her school atlas, with bits coloured pink—that means the bits that belong to England—and bits coloured green and yellow and orange and blue. It was difficult to see that map all the time, it kept slipping away somewhere. 'Brown Owl said something about blue birds'. She saw a bright blue swallow-like bird on a birthday card. 'What was it? Oh, yes. Brownies somewhere else. . . . I think I've got a hole in the toe of my sock. . . . I wonder if we shall have ices for tea like we did at the Sunday School treat. . . . I wonder', with a valiant effort, 'if blue

birds have ice cream? I'll ask Brown Owl when it's over'.

Jennie had been a Guide for two years. She had been to her first camp the previous summer. She knew that camping was a very Guidey thing. Guides in other countries went to camp. Like Egypt. Her father had been there during the war. She tried to imagine Egyptian Guides in camp. She put down a sheet of yellow sand and popped a few palm trees in the corner. And a few tents. Bell tents. A sheik on an Arab stallion galloped past, snatched up a Guide and threw her over his saddle and disappeared in a cloud of sand. 'I don't suppose they actually do that kind of thing much except on the pictures'. She went back to camp, but the desert kept turning green and the palm trees became solid English oaks, and whenever she managed to get back to the desert that sheik would keep galloping about.

Joan had been on a Ranger holiday to Our Chalet. She saw the snow-covered pastures and the mountains rising grand and majestic in the background. She repeated their names softly—Fitzer, Mittaghorn, Wildstrübel. She saw Falk's penetrating blue eyes and felt her left hand-shake.

She saw Marie and Dolores and Lüella, and as she said their names she was climbing up a mountain path, the sun hot on her back. She was so much part of it all that it was something of a shock to be recalled to the hall.

The candles were blown out. The lights went up. The Guider still had no idea what they had all been thinking about. Why was Joan successful whereas the others failed? When you have thought this out please turn to page 9.

ALIX LIDDELL



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With its hospitable door wide open Our Chalet welcomes eight hundred Guides and Girl Scouts through the year from twenty-three different countries

Nellie Houison Craufurd

OUR Guide ranks are today grievously the poorer in the passing of a great and outstanding figure, and it was strange indeed that within a few weeks of her own death, the loss of her ally, Margaret Hotchkiss, formerly the Secretary for the Guides of Scotland, Scotland's own former Chief Commissioner should herself be called to Higher Service.

To Scotland most especially our thought will turn, and our sympathy will go in fullest measure, for it was naturally in her own land that she began and gave most of her Guide service, first as County Commissioner for Ayrshire and later as its Chief.

From the background of her cultured busy home, from carrying on her farming in which she was an expert, ceaselessly fulfilling the heavy demands made upon her by her estate, her personal affairs, her family and her wide circle of friends, she came out into the stream of Guide work just at a time when she was needed most. Some few years previously the first exceptionally able young Chief Commissioner had gathered round her a fine team, and with them had set Guiding in Scotland on its feet, and then, on her retirement, there was—as there always is, and always will be—that anxious moment, and the burning question as to who will be able and willing to take her place and who will adequately fill the bill.

Continuously as the years go by fresh hands have to be found to take over and to carry the torch, which is carried aflame for an allotted span of years, and to her task Nellie Craufurd brought all her exceptional qualities and very fine gifts.

In her we found all the things that were needed, in wide experience and knowledge of the world, in tolerant understanding of people, clear, sound balanced thinking coupled with vigorous, wise action; and in her position as their Leader, Guides and Guiders of that generation all knew that they could trust her judgment and that here was a person whose challenge to service they could respond to, whose personal interest in their own work and efforts would be kindly and considerate, helpful and encouraging. Here they knew that they had someone who would lead them and our movement on a high standard, and her striking personality, her unique charm, her ready wit and her delightful manner made her loved and admired wherever she went.

In 1926 she attended the World Conference that was held in America as one of the delegates from Great Britain, and it was on the voyage back to Europe that she and many of her fellow delegates put their heads together, sorted out their impressions, collated their view points, and then eventually put forward the case for the definite formation of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, the idea for this having been vaguely simmering in the minds of Guide Associations in many countries, without leading to any actual definite conclusion up to that time.

Nellie Craufurd can thus be remembered as one of the small band of far-seeing thinkers and spokesmen who brought the World Association into being, with the Founder and Dame Katherine Furse, in those days that now seem so long ago. She was elected as a member of the World Committee in 1930 and always her dignified presence and wise views, clearly expressed, added greatly to the harmony and value of round table discussions.

As all will know, the changes of fortune took her away from Scotland before her usual term of office had ended, but it was to a large extent her experience and her achievements as our Guide Chief that enabled and even qualified her for her new task as the first Head of Westonbirt School.

In the more recent years, with the founding and running of her own school, Downham, her time and her attention to Guide affairs automatically became less and less, her big responsibilities for her smaller flock of children and to their

parents drew her away from participating much or often in either British or World Guide affairs, though her love for it and her belief in it has never flagged.

How joyously we—her friends—have welcomed her on the rare occasions when she has been free to join in—as a Vice-President of the British Guide Movement—with conferences or rallies.

She was with us in July at the time of the World Conference and even just a few short weeks ago at the great Ranger Rally at the White City, rejoicing in the progress of the movement to which she has given so much, of loving thought, of time and energy and helpful hard work.

She cared about us a lot. She believed in Guiding so fully. She has left an indelible impression on so many lives, both in the Guides as well as among the many girls at her schools.

All of us who were fortunate to count her as a friend will never forget her nor wane in our admiration and love for her, and we and our work will be enriched by the memory of that very great and splendid Guide.

Olave Baden-Powell

[WORLD CHIEF GUIDE]

Why the Fourteens to Sixteens Leave

As a headmistress of a girls' grammar school I would like to add one or two reflections on Aina Carleson's article in the August GUIDER on why girls give up Guiding between the ages of fourteen and sixteen. The grammar school girl who gives up Guiding at this time (and not all do) does not necessarily do so because she has lost interest in the movement. She is faced with decisions to make, with different choices and tantalising alternatives and, in some cases, if the Guide training has been good she must reluctantly give up Guiding. If she is a good Guide she realises that there are occasions when she must not choose to do what she would really like to do. There may be calls on her time at home, perhaps more than ever when mothers go out to work to supplement the family income, and here the good Guide may feel it her duty to resign from her company. Her school work, which in itself need not prevent her from having outside interests, becomes more exacting, and, if the girl has other duties, too, she may have to face the alternative of giving up Guiding or failing to do her best at school, and in these days, when places are coveted so much, she would be a poor Guide if she failed to make the best use of hers. Again, for a senior girl there are interests and societies in school for which her Guide training has prepared her so admirably. It is the girl whose interest in international events has been awakened by Guiding to whom the Council for Education in World Citizenship often makes the strongest appeal; it is the Guide who has been trained in her duty to God who is often most keenly attracted by the Student Christian Movement in schools. For some girls membership of these societies represents a natural development from Guiding and it is the Guide P.L. who quite naturally steps into the office of prefect. In these cases I think that it is the very success of the Guide training which causes the girl to leave the movement and where this is the case we need feel no distress.

There is another aspect of the matter, however, which disturbs me as a Guider very much, and that is that so many potential Guiders are lost to the movement. A good Cadet company is sometimes a solution, but there are reasons against this from the school point of view and the movement's. One very obvious reason is that Cadet Guiders are rare birds and good school Cadet Guiders perhaps rarest of all. I have sometimes wondered if a Guide Club in a school, run on the lines of the Trefoil Guild, and meeting, say, twice a term, would offer a solution? I know that this is only one small aspect of the problem as a whole, but I think that it has, perhaps, an importance for the movement out of proportion to its size.

R. S. SCARGILL

On the Road to Freedom—Green and Red Lights

TWO years had passed since I was last in Germany and I expected to find great changes in the condition of the Displaced Persons. The 'Hard Core' had meanwhile been put on to the German Economy; the International Refugee Organisation were speeding up emigration. These two facts I knew, but I had yet to learn what they represented in terms of human happiness or otherwise.

My first impression of Germany in October, 1950, was that the tempo was much slower than in 1948. There was no feverish activity apparent; no need to gather beech nuts by the roadside when the shops were filled with every kind of edible nut, apples and pears, bananas and other exotic fruits. New houses in every town and village proclaimed a return to normal life. And this same seeming normality was reflected in the G.I.S. headquarters in Oldenburg, Fallingbommel and Wentorf, as well as in the resettlement centres where hundreds of D.P.s, going quietly about the day's business—which was, in the main, waiting to join a ship or plane to journey overseas—replaced the thousands of half-hopeful, half-despondent men and women who milled round buildings of similar size a year or two ago. These were, as I say, my first impressions, and I realised that I must be prepared to adjust my thoughts about the problem of D.P.s and about relief work in general.

The first few pages of my notebook are ecstatic. The jottings record 16,199 safely processed in one centre—Fallingbommel—and despatched in 1950 up to October 1st; 31,199 in 1949; 11,752 in 1948. These figures are not negligible. There's a note, too, about the chartering of Tiger Moths to carry expectant mothers, parents and children from Germany to Australia in four days. There's another note about the thousand and more men, women and children I saw boarding a well-appointed ship bound for Australia—everything as spick and span and orderly as for the Mediterranean trips for which the ship was designed—everything, that is, except the hold where bunks were crowded one against the other and where women sat waiting,

patiently or complainingly, for their husbands to bring the one piece of hand-luggage allowed for each family so that they might feed the little ones or make them more comfortable after two hours' travelling on a crowded train—for husbands and wives are necessarily segregated when such numbers have to be packed in so small a space.

Then comes a note about I.R.O. archives and the impressive filing system which enables one to see the whereabouts and a brief history of every

displaced person. All D.P.s before being handed over to the German economy were documented and had the option of choosing whether they wished to remain in Germany or would like to emigrate. But the choice was not necessarily the chance. No land threw open its doors to all and sundry, and the countries which agreed to allow a certain number to immigrate made hard and fast rules limiting eligibility. Canada would take men under forty only, stipulating that wives and families must be left behind until the men had established themselves and were able to support dependants. Australia was willing to take families of limited size, and then only those showing no sign of illness, physical or mental, or even disability.

It is understandable that countries want good healthy stock on which to build their future, and they have every right to make such stipulations.

But, in consequence, there are many heart-breaks. The family of seven, for instance, which includes one child whose X-Ray examination reveals scars of past tuberculosis. Father, mother and four children—all quite healthy—could go and leave the one behind—but may not the very loyalty that refuses to abandon the weakest member be the measure of good citizens lost to the discriminating nation?

It is here perhaps that the private individual can help most. Few may be able to contribute a regular subscription for the lifetime of a Displaced Person, or to give a thousand pounds down to purchase an annuity, but any regular subscription or even a small lump sum that can be put into a pool with like gifts would be the key to open the door to freedom for some of these lonely men and women, and be the means of uniting remnants of families who have been separated often for years. The G.I.S. is busy making calculations as to how far its funds can go in this direction, as in five cases which G.I.S. workers in the field regard as the most tragic and the most deserving of being brought to this country, the relatives are unable to meet the cost of their accommodation and maintenance here.

But to return to Wentorf: a card or two drawn at random from the files showed what might and does happen when the machinery of processing is set in motion. The first card gave an ideal case where everything went smoothly. Reference to the Berlin documents revealed no past associations with the Nazi Party. Fingerprints sent to Hamburg could not be matched with any in the criminal records. The medical examination showed no signs of weakness or infection. Camp history was satisfactory. Less than one month elapsed from the moment of calling forward to the time of embarkation for this happy family.

How great was the contrast with the record on the next card! Here was the fate of a family of three up to date.



A Polish shoemaker, one of 2,000 people being brought to Great Britain by the British Government. The first group of thirty-five were fully sponsored by relatives who came here as European Volunteer Workers



This Estonian housewife was another of the party which was escorted from Germany by a member of the G.I.S.

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The father, a graduate of Riga University, had been deported to Germany in 1940, had spent the war years in concentration camps, had been liberated by the Allies from Belsen. The mother, a German-Jewess, graduated at Bonn University, and had afterwards spent the war years in Ravensbrück and Auschwitz concentration camps. During the post-war years these two had been in various D.P. camps, in one of which their baby, now two years old, was born. They were called forward for emigration to Australia and social screening, but when it came to the medical examination the father and mother—who can wonder?—showed signs of tuberculosis. The baby for three months, at the end of which the mother passed the medical test, but the father again failed. They are deferred once more. This is no isolated case. Educated intelligent people must drag out their days in the half-life of a camp—deprived of work (for the German unemployment figures are high and no one born in an alien land is likely to be given any post that can be filled otherwise), with a mere pittance from the public assistance funds, unable to plan any future, and with memories of the past ten years such as a free people can barely imagine. Is there no possibility of finding some solution to this problem?

That, so far as I was concerned, was paper evidence. Later, when I went into the camps, I met victims of the European political tangles. There was, for instance, the young Polish man who guided me with his torch from hut to hut over the uneven ground of as bad a camp as any I have seen; courteous, intelligent, speaking perfect English, he led me safely among the pot-holes until we reached his present 'home'—a bed, a table, a chair and a cupboard in the corner of a room, occupied day and night by a man, his wife and two small girls. Here he showed me documents to authenticate his story. In 1948 he had elected to give up his job at the R.A.F. station at Fassberg to come to England and work in a coal mine. The British Ministry of Labour were calling for recruits for the mines: he had known England when he was fighting with the Allies. He put forward his application and the processing machinery began to turn. It revealed that he had voluntarily repatriated in 1946. There were rules to cover this and they laid down that he must be rejected. These rules could not take into account the details he filled in of the lad of fourteen seized in a Polish street, deported to Germany for forced labour; escaping over the frontier; rounded up again by the Germans; his mother—his only near relative left after his sister had been killed by the Germans and his father shot by the Russians—taken, as punishment for his escape, to Germany and put into successive concentration camps. The boy, sent to a labour squad in France, making his way to Allied lines, sent to train in this country and serving in a Polish division until 1946.

Then came the decision which is now held against him. He received a typewritten unsigned letter saying that his mother had been released and returned to Poland, that she was ill and wanted to see him. He applied officially for repatriation. Before he disembarked a Russian officer approached him saying, 'Ah, my son, you've come back'. And then he realised that the letter had been a hoax and a lure. Soon he was to learn that his mother was now imprisoned by the communists. He himself was now imprisoned and released twice. Arrested for a third time, he was imprisoned for having fought with the Allies. Again he escaped and reached the British Zone in Germany on July 6th, 1946. He was admitted to a D.P. camp and was employed by the British military authorities in various capacities until putting forward his unsuccessful application for emigration. Later, when he tried to go to Australia under a mass scheme he failed to pass the medical commission, having in the meantime developed heart disease. Nevertheless he is strong and capable enough to work, but is now unemployed and—most strangely—unembittered. He is still hoping that some way may be found for him to take his place in a free world.

I saw another lad in the middle twenties, this time at a

Scout and Guide meeting. He was the Scoutmaster of a Latvian troop. There was no doubt of his keenness, integrity and leadership. I asked him whether he was going to emigrate. No, he had been a soldier. Nothing more was said; everything was understood. As a lad he had fought with the German army against the Russians. Who, knowing the pro-German tendencies of the Latvians could reasonably attach blame for this? It seems ironical that a penalty should now be exacted when there is talk of including Germans in a West European army.

Then there was the case of the Czechoslovak girl. She had been taken for forced labour when little more than a child. Whispers of those European talks that went out from London reached her ears. It was the duty of the resistance and of forced labourers to sabotage the German war effort. Well, then, it was her duty too! She was handling army mail and there was not only the possibility of a little sabotage, but also of a little food—and she was very hungry. . . . She was caught and sentenced to three years' imprisonment. Before her term was completed she was released from Hamburg gaol by the Allies. Now she is ineligible for emigration because she was criminally convicted—by the Nazis!

The Polish Jew who had been in thirteen concentration camps and afterwards was Jewish representative in the Celle area when the G.I.S. were working there—he, too, was rejected, with his wife, by the emigration authorities because of a prison sentence of two months, this time given by a British court. His offence was black-marketing. To celebrate the first Passover since liberation—and the first that many Jews had been able to hold since 1938 or 1939—he had exchanged two pounds of coffee and sixty cigarettes for eggs to be used in making cakes for the children who, of course, would not have enjoyed either the coffee or the cigarettes.

Others, still in prison for greater or lesser offences, know that even if the world recovers some degree of sanity and sense of justice they have little hope of making a fresh start in a free country: they ask for nothing more than an occasional sign of friendship. There are yet others whose only hope of freedom is in death's release. I saw and spoke with some of these: young girls who had been deported to Germany when only twelve, thirteen or fourteen years old, and had straightaway been put on heavy farm work. So little had life given them that they scarcely seemed to regret or even remember a happier life. They were grateful for a visit, a few apples, and the hope that perhaps they might be sent the barest necessities of clothing. Though little can be done for these victims of inhumanity, others in less advanced stages of tuberculosis might be saved if they could be moved to healthier surroundings, given good grounds for hope, adequate medical treatment and more food.

A young Russian was lying in bed spending the remaining months of his life mending watches and clocks. The G.I.S. member with me asked if he was able to make enough pocket-money this way for what he needed. But, no, he didn't charge! Most of the watches belonged to the nurses and ward-maids (German) and they earned so little—only a few marks a month—how, he asked quite simply, could he take their money?

He had no debt to pay—but we? Have we by any chance an unpaid debt of honour to the Pole who fought with our armies? To the Czech girl who acted on instructions? To the Latvian who shares our belief in Scouting and gives his time to enable a little band of exiled boys and girls to join in B-P's 'great game'?

Is this, in any case, a Guide concern? Well, thirteen members of the G.I.S. are 'up to the eyes' in it. The cases I have described are just a few of those that make the work they are doing, as representatives of the Girl Guide Movement, difficult and saddening. They are looking for a solution and are hoping that we may be able to give them a helping hand. They are working closely with the International Refugee Organisation, rejoicing in the efficiency and energy

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Cadet Company Programmes—1

It is difficult to generalise about Cadet Company Programmes because the syllabus is so wide and companies vary so greatly, both in age range and in the amount of the Guiding experience of Cadet Recruits.

We are proposing, therefore, to publish during 1951 quarterly articles in THE GUIDER, giving four different companies' ideas and experiences in programme planning.

Most Cadet Captains will find that, in order to avoid over-organisation, they need to plan carefully. A Cadet Guider must be very clear in her own mind where she is going, she must have a long-term scheme for her company and know what ground she wants to cover, bearing in mind the needs of each individual Cadet, and her training both as a citizen and as a future Guider—a Guider with a sense of adventure and a wide view of Guiding, backed by sound knowledge.—

K.J.S.

TODAY everything is so planned and over organised that sometimes it is a good idea just to stop and think, or we may find ourselves following suit. Some people will say 'Well, why not? It makes a weekly meeting so much easier and I have so little time'. Easier, perhaps, but that way is seldom the best way, and we would be helping to kill initiative, originality and that friendly co-operative feeling we always find in a keen go-ahead company. We would soon find ourselves, too, turning out a type (the Guider type, have you ever heard that expression?) not an individual with initiative and courage, ready to play this game of Guiding as our Founder would have wished.

Cadets are very busy people. They are either at a university, a training college, in their last year at school, or are in a job for the first time. Many have home ties as well. All this at a stage when they need relaxation and want new interests. Many have been in Guiding since they were Brownies. Too much planning may mean you will lose them!

The Court of Honour will set itself an ambitious programme with regard to P.O.R. and what it says a Cadet should know; the Captain has to act as a brake. There are so many things outside Guiding which are going to help a Cadet to become a better citizen, and it is the Captain's job to find outside speakers who will bring new ideas and widen her outlook. Why not ask a member of your Local Council, someone from the Forces, a Police Officer, a Welfare Worker, a Probation Officer, or visitors from overseas?

When sessions on drill, ceremonial or test work have been arranged, why not put in an awkward situation, something that you know really has happened at a meeting, and let the Cadets deal with it? This not only gives a tired Cadet something to amuse her, but is very often the start of a discussion.

Cadets can learn so much from watching each other and

by talking things over. It also helps them to realise that difficulties are bound to come once they have accepted the responsibilities of a Guider, if not before.

Wide games in a building, round a playground, a square, blocks of houses, in a park or in the country, can never be played too often if we want our Cadets to realise that Guiding is an outdoor game. It is surprising how co-operative the police and general public are if asked to help.

Week-end camps, both winter and summer, are fun and well worth while if you want your company to become camp-minded. Cadet Guiders must remember that the majority of their company has camped as Guides and when helping to plan the annual camp it must be different and more ambitious. Go on a walking tour with lightweight camp equipment made during the winter, or with a trek-cart, or on bicycles, or go abroad. Whatever it is make it different from a Guide camp and make sure that the Cadets are bound to depend on their own planning efforts and initiative.

Part of a Cadet's training is spent with a company or pack; what about Rangers? If you were to listen to Cadet captains talking you hardly ever hear that Cadets have been to Rangers. If Rangering is to flourish and the new Adventure Challenge is to go ahead, surely we must have young adventurous Guiders as Lieutenants, even if not as Captains. Cadets should be sent for a few meetings to each Ranger section; then, in return, the Rangers should be invited back.

When they come back from their outside training Cadets will want time to discuss what they have learnt, and when planning her meeting Captain must always arrange to be free to discuss individual problems, not only Guide difficulties. So many girls are in new jobs and are away from home for the first time, and they need someone they can talk to; often it is about their boy friends. Have open meetings, and one or two riotous evenings where the boy friends can get to know the company.

We often try to do too much with our Cadets, their training covers so much, it is impossible to do it all. Concentrate on the fun and friendliness and on helping your Cadets to be real First Class Guides for seven days of the week. If they leave the company with just that qualification the Cadet Captain need have no worries. They will go to Guides fresh, not stale, and what test work they have not learnt as Guides or Cadets they will soon find out for themselves. So do not over-plan if you want keen, adventurous Guiders who are not content to take meetings week after week inside the same four walls of a hut, but who are able to think and act for themselves, and who are ready to give to others what Guiding has meant to them.

ALISON MACPHERSON

The Christmas Tableaux at Pax Hill

THE beauty of holiness. These words came to my mind and stayed there during the hour spent in the Barn assisting at the Christmas devotions of the Pax students. 'Assisting' is the right word because listeners and watchers were drawn by the players right into the heart of the Christmas mysteries.

By the beauty of the rhythmical movement, by the beauty of the colour and richness of the garments, by the beauty of the music sung and the way of singing, and by the beauty of spirit that shone in the eyes and expressions of the players we were led past the grim reality of the world today, depressed and frightened once more by the horrid spectre of war, and were drawn towards the everlasting peace and goodwill of the message of the Christ Child.

A bright light revealed the Archangel Gabriel, dazzling in heavenly beauty, and the silent mystery of the Annunciation was unfolded. The 'Magnificat' was sweetly sung in plain-song while Mary's face lit up with inner joy as the angels invested her with solemn dignity in her cloak of Madonna blue.

The night air was dark and cold as we first became aware of wanderers, a man and a woman, seeking shelter at the inn—the hearth of Pax Barn hidden behind a curtain of black. They were Joseph and Mary. Their admission led us on to the drawing of the curtain and there, in the chimney piece, lay the little crib. A light shone in the bed of straw revealing the Child and Mary His Mother, and Joseph

watching over them both. Overhead shone brightly out the Star.

To the Crib came the Shepherds, an old, old shepherd, bent with age, leaning for support on his young comrade, another shepherd carrying his gift of the Lamb. To worship the Child came also those rich men of the east—the Three Kings, robed magnificently, bringing their costly gifts. To join with all those who worshipped there, players and congregation alike, came Gabriel and all angels to sing the final triumph hymn of adoration, 'O come, all ye faithful'.

Twice before during the last five years the Pax students have performed a Nativity Play in Bentley Church. It was written by two of the students and it was, too, a thing of great beauty. This year no words were said but mime and music revealed the simple story, stage by stage. Only the Chief Guide, local Guides and Brownies and near neighbours of Pax came to join the staff and students at the house.

This lovely act of worship was a fitting close to the first chapter in Pax's history as a Homecraft Centre. The students of the eleventh term have left Pax richer for the memory of these Christmas scenes. So simply and so reverently reproduced they will stay for a long time in the minds and hearts of all who played in them and of all who saw them, and around the Barn and its hearth, the centre of the life of any home, will long linger something of this 'beauty of holiness'. Only the eye of an artist, the touch of a musician, the fervour of a Christian could have produced so rare and moving a spectacle.

H.S.M.

Impromptu Acting

BESIDES the acting game that fills in the odd ten minutes and the surprise items that we stage to give practice in test work—practice when the subject is already known—much can be learnt in the actual process of acting. The home-made patrol scene acted out to the rest of the company in the privacy of the club-room can be such a good aid to teaching and is an opportunity we should not miss. All who take part can learn more of values, true and false, as well as facts and, as our Founder realised when he commended play-acting for boys, anything learnt in this way will be remembered.

In order to get full benefit out of this type of acting activity Captain must do a little preparation herself so that she is ready to give hints and supply literature and pictures which the Guides can consult. Then she must be ready to allow enough time in the company programme—not hours and hours of rehearsal but time from one meeting to the next for ideas to germinate and for Mary, and Jane and Susan to 'find out' things for themselves and arrive with their bright ideas; time for the patrol together to sift the ideas and choose only the best. At least three half-hours at consecutive meetings, I should say, was the least possible time, but, of course, if the idea catches on the Guides will be at it at all odd moments and arrange extra patrol meetings for the purpose.

The wise Captain does not give a lot of advice unasked, but she must be ready to be helpful as required and to supply the missing links. 'Please, Captain, how do you pronounce Liechtenstein?' for instance, and she can make remarks like; 'Do you really think so and so was like that?' 'Would the American say that?' 'I think you should look much more friendly'. And she can see that all facts are checked. It is not much help if the girls are learning something wrong, particularly as it may stick in their memories.

As Thinking Day is coming round you might like to sug-

gest that each patrol act a scene that will teach them more about the Founder. They might choose 'The Story of the Bootlace' (this will take them to Mafeking), 'The Golden Arrow', 'The Story of the Wolf Patrol'. All the clues for these scenes will be found in *The Wolf that Never Sleeps*, and here is a way to spur on those First Class candidates who find it difficult to settle down to read.

Or there are stories of Guides in other lands. 'The Story of Toto', 'The Polish Stalker', 'The First Indian Company at Moose Island', are all to be found in the handbook *Be Prepared* (complete edition), and with a little filling out on your part, pictures of the country and people would be a help here and will make interesting scenes.

As an example in more detail I am passing on to you some scenes that were made up by a country company last year, a company that met in patrols during the winter so that after the initial planning by the Court of Honour each patrol rehearsed independently. I have given the final scene in full. It would not be at all the same thing if you took the whole thing ready-made, but those of you who have not done anything like this before might like to try this out and work up to the final scene as it stands. You should only give the Guides just enough hints about the scenes to set their imaginations working, the more it is theirs the better, but I have added notes that may be useful to you.

1. Theme: 'How Guides started'.

Scene: Outside the Crystal Palace on September 4th, 1909, after the rally.

The Wolf Patrol march in, stand at ease, etc. Their talk shows how determined they are to be Girl Scouts. B-P comes along and they argue the point with him. He eventually says 'It does not look as if I shall be able to keep you out!'

The patrol move off and Miss Agnes Baden-Powell comes

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The Commissioners' Meeting Place

Future Leadership

THE Division Court of Honour was sitting round a table with the Division Commissioner in the chair and the meeting had reached the point where one of the District Commissioners was asking for a full discussion on the subject of girls leaving the Guide Companies.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER A.: What does the movement provide for a girl of fifteen whose Captain reports she has lost interest and will never now get her First Class badge? I heard of one the other day who has been a patrol leader for a short time and actually got as far as tackling some of the First Class tests but apparently the harder subjects choked her off and when I met her at her company's birthday party she said that she was very keen on tennis now and playing summer and winter. Obviously, with whole time schooling, one spare-time interest was enough and I don't believe in forcing Guiding upon a girl of this age who is not ready to volunteer for future leadership.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER B.: My difficulty is that in my District we have no group for the girl to join when she leaves the Guide Company however keen she may be to go on with her Guiding. We had a small group of Cadets, with a qualified Captain, but the demand latterly has been insufficient to justify regular meetings. I find I have to deal with each girl as an individual and see what opening I can make for her to carry on her Guiding unless she herself is keen to become a Sea or Air Ranger. A bunch of girls leaving one of my companies *did* choose Air Ranging and they are already enthusiasts in the Division Combined Operations Ranger Unit and have passed their Leading Air Ranger Test.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER C.: In my very small District we have a Land Ranger Company and I find myself recruiting Guiders from among their number after they have had two or three years Ranging. They recognise the need for Guiders in their own immediate neighbourhood and if they have time and ability they do volunteer to help.

DIVISION COMMISSIONER: I have looked up the figures and you would be interested to know that in this Division we have forty Guiders. Seven of them came into the movement as grown-ups, nine came to us from other Divisions where they had already become Guiders, eight have at some time been in our own Ranger Units, five have been Guides in our own companies and after various intervals of time have volunteered to become Guiders. I imagine this discussion has a double interest for us as Commissioners. We know we want the movement to offer some further training which is in itself attractive to the girl leaving the Guide Company, as well as to the girl who has not been a Guide, but we are also deeply interested in the recruitment of young Guiders from the age of eighteen. What can we offer in this Division which will be likely to satisfy both these needs?

A. I think a really good Ranger Unit which takes

trouble to make known its programme of activities to the older Guides in all the companies, and invites them from time to time to take part and see for themselves what Rangers do, is an asset to the Division as well as being a potential recruiting ground for future Guiders. Ours has already broken down a wall of ignorance among the older girls in a large Guide Company by inviting them to come boating in the summer holidays. Now one of them has joined the crew and went to the Albert Hall and the White City. I feel sure she is the first of many. Two of the original members of the crew have become Guiders at nineteen or twenty.

B. I feel I might make more of the County Cadet training scheme but I expect that only works with the girl of sixteen who is asking how she can become a Guider. With no Cadet Company for her to attend regularly I could put her to work with a company or pack where I have a very good Guider and she and I between us could supervise the individual leadership training which she might have had in the Cadet Company. There is an excellent scheme going in the county which I could use. Still, until she is seventeen-and-a-half and can be invited to attend Guiders' training she's going to miss the fellowship of other girls of her own age. I wonder whether she could be persuaded to see the advantage to her of joining the Rangers for two years, and having a different programme for a time, so that Tenderfoot and Second Class tests could appeal afresh by the time she becomes a Guider at eighteen.

DIVISION COMMISSIONER. You might like to know that the census shows that we only had twenty-four girls of fifteen and over on October 1st in all the Guide Companies put together, so we know that the stream of possible recruits to both Cadets and Rangers is small. Even if they all stayed in Guide Companies until they were sixteen, which is unlikely, we have got to reckon with the rival claims of school examinations, working hours, evening classes, the development of other interests, the natural desire to spend leisure

time in a mixed group of boys and girls, and a reaction against a uniformed organisation—all of which prejudice our chances of retaining them as active members.

For this small number and for those over sixteen who are attracted for the first time we offer one Land Ranger Company, a Combined Operations Crew and Flight in the centre, and the possibility of starting practical training as a future Guider by serving as a County Cadet in a unit while receiving individual coaching from a warranted Guider and her Commissioner. Are we doing all we should to answer both needs—the need of the girl leaving the Guide Company and the need of the movement for future trained leadership?

It would be useful to know what readers think about the various points discussed in this article. Opinions should be sent in to the Editor as soon as possible.



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The Guiders' Parliament

At a recent District meeting it was suggested that some sort of receipt should be sent to each company for money contributed to Headquarters' Finance Scheme. Headquarters seems very distant from most companies and to say that money must be sent each year does not interest Guides very much, especially when they have nothing to show for their donation. A receipt, or perhaps a short note of thanks, would mean so much more to the Guides and they would feel it was all worth while.

The question raised originally in the November 'Guiders' Parliament' about the enrolment of a child whose home background is not helpful to the understanding of the meaning of the Promise has aroused a great deal of interest. A Guider who has not a 'usual channel' through which to contribute has written: 'I should like to add my voice to what I hope will be a lively discussion on the question of the extent to which we are justified in setting before our youngsters ideals which we know will be mocked at home. It is indeed a question which every Guider must face for herself. As a Captain I was constantly troubled by the tremendous difficulty of interpreting to these children standards which are so utterly remote from those accepted in their homes. How to make real a promise of Duty to God to the children of parents who only have a vague idea of a presiding benevolence, how to make live for them a faith which we may hold but falteringly ourselves. It would seem that sometimes our distinction between "duty to God" and "duty to the King" is a purely academic one. How can we make alive "honour" when it has come to mean self-respect, "loyalty" when it is regarded as a suspension of reason, "purity" when every day, by turning on the wireless or going to the pictures, they can witness popular approval of impurity? If we are going to go on "setting our ideals" before these youngsters we must realise that the antipathy towards these ideals is far more widespread than we would sometimes like to believe. If a particular instance such as this comes as a shock to us so much the better. But we are indeed justified in my opinion in setting these ideals before even the youngest, provided we demonstrate them in the life of the company and give them a solid fellowship where the ideal is approved. If a child has to start learning about the tension between good and bad at an early age she may be prepared for it in later life. But I do frequently ask myself if we do not, in fact, give way to a certain dishonesty in asking these children to make the Promise as a condition of membership of a company before they have even begun to comprehend its implications. This question must often have been discussed. I feel strongly that the full Promise should be made later as in some other countries. The greatest cause for concern I think is our own complacency. I am therefore anxious to know if the discussion will indeed rage'.

A District Commissioner adds in this connection: 'With regard to the Guider faced with the enrolment of a Guide whose parents ridicule the Promise, I should say the enrolment should not take place until the Guider is sure that the child realises the solemnity of taking such a promise. There seems no reason why the child should not attend the company meetings in the hope that their influence may in time make her realise the fundamental ideals of Guiding'.

Help Needed for Wandering Lones

Is THERE any Guider who would undertake to be responsible for the Wandering Lones? These are Guides and Rangers living abroad where there is no possibility of 'active' Guiding. They still wish to remain in contact with other Guides and to carry on with Guide activities. The Lone Letters may link Guides as far apart as the Argentine and Siam and naturally the Guider will write personally as well. The Commissioner for Lones at I.H.Q. would be very glad to hear of someone able to help in this way.

The Gardens of the Bible

Here is the first of a series of six suggestions for Bible Study. They have been compiled for us by Miss Gwen Martin-Harvey as an attempt to help the Ranger Guider and Rangers who are faced with the new and challenging paragraph in the 1950 P.O.R.: 'During her Ranger Service Star Training a Ranger will be expected to undertake some form of study to deepen her religious faith, and her understanding of the Promise and Law'. This series has already been tried out in Ranger Units and much interest has been aroused. Whilst primarily designed to help Ranger Guiders, they could well prove to be of value to all Commissioners and Guiders.

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

The Garden of Eden—Its Wonder (Genesis i, ii).

A GARDEN is a place of new life and growth, of training and testing. It is a place for work and rest, a place for pleasure, enjoyment and peace.

As we read the story introducing us to the very first garden, we could soon become pre-occupied with arguments and discussions concerning authorship and dates, but that might be to miss the message and the meaning of the story. Therefore leaving aside matters of less importance, turn to the Bible story itself and read very slowly chapters I and II. Have a notebook and pencil beside you so that you can read intelligently. Mark some of your findings in your Bible.

These chapters introduce the creation of the world by God. List the seven things God pronounces 'good' or 'very good' and find the one thing that God said was 'not good'. Find upon what three things God's blessing fell.

Mark the following characteristics of the creation of man:

1. He was in the image of God. 2. He was made of the dust of the ground. 3. He became a living soul. (Find the references.) So man is the sum of the whole creation, as is pointed out by Dr. W. Graham Scroggie, for God is a Spirit, the earth is physical, animal creation has a soul, but man is a combination of all three. Man is God's masterpiece.

A Penny for Their Thoughts

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J OAN was successful because (1) she was using her own experience and therefore correct information, and (2) she was concentrating on a limited subject and not attempting to race around the world in two minutes.

Unless a person has practice in thinking she will not get very far unless she is given some help, so the suggestion is that you and your company or pack together make a plan for your thinking beforehand. The past year has been so rich in international contacts it should not be difficult to find a jumping off point within your company's own experience. Let us take a very simple example. Your company or pack was present at some ceremony connected with the carrying of the Message of Friendship to Greece.

1. Recall the occasion. How was the Scroll being carried? What did it look like? Follow its route to Oxford on a map. 2. The Oxford Campfire. Who was present? The delegates marched with their flags. Greece's flag. The names of the Greek delegates. 3. The Scroll travels to Greece, by air perhaps. Find Greece on the map. Pictures of the country. Information about the country—and its Guides. Imagine them looking at their Scroll—your Scroll.

You will find plenty of information and pictures in recent numbers of THE GUIDER, THE GUIDE, THE RANGER and The Council Fire—in the Painting Book (2s. 6d.), The International Notebook (2s.), Guiding Round the World (3d.), The Annual Report (1s.), and The Biennial Report (2s. 6d.). Do not forget the Public Library. If you devote time at two meetings to this plan the Rangers, Guides or Brownies can collect material in between and you can have it around the hall on Thinking Day to help the thoughts to follow the story. If you think more help is needed you can repeat quietly the 'headings' of the story. If you can finish with a legend or folk tale belonging to the country so much the better.—A.L.

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From the Chief Commissioner's Diary

My Visit to Australia

As I write I am sitting in the ferry steamer which plies between Queen's Ferry and Granton on the Firth of Forth, looking at a most lovely winter sky. The first snow is an inch or two deep and the sharp-roofed houses might have been painted by Breughel when seen in this evening light.

Great wedges of wild geese come flying over—honking their wild cry. I know no more northern sound, nor one with a more haunting lure. Like the little boy in Selma Lagerlöf's story who was sitting on the back of a tame farm-yard goose which suddenly took off with him and joined his friends the wild ones, I'd love to fly on goose-back over the shining great lakes and black mountains, over winter seas to the far, far north. But at this time of year, it's true, they are all flying southward and I, too, shall be going south before long in a more prosaic way—by ship! For on January 5th if all's well I sail in the *Orcades* for Australia.

I have wanted to go to Australia all my life, but until now the opportunity of going there never seemed to come at the possible moment. I am quite sure that it is important that we of the British Commonwealth of Nations should link up with each other in Guiding as much as we possibly can; and the best way of doing this is to know as much of one another as possible.

This summer Australia has sent us so many people to visit our training centres and to learn about our Guiding, but the

traffic must not be too much one way and I am one of the lucky ones who will have the chance of learning something of Australian Guiding. I know I shall come back to you immeasurably richer in experience and knowledge of Guiding.

I can't tell you how thrilled I am to be going there and on the way I shall have the chance of hearing at first-hand news of Ceylon Guiding, as my ship is due to stop at Colombo for twelve hours—daylight ones, luckily.

All the same I shall be very sad to miss many things in the next two or three months. I find I very often wish that I could be in two places at the same time.

Among the events I shall be sad to miss are the Cadet Guiders' Conference, the Conference for University and Training College Students, Scotland's Annual Meeting, the County Commissioners' Conference (England) and the Trefoil Guild Conference. I do wish these events the greatest success, and send you all my good wishes for 1951. Though a little belated, as I shall not arrive in Australia until February, I know you will want me to give all Australian Guides and Guiders your love and New Year good wishes.

Frank Strachan

[CHIEF COMMISSIONER, IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS]

Budgeting for a Company Camp

Is that your bugbear? Are you one of the people who say 'I am no mathematician'? Then this article is for you, because I hope to show you that it is not mathematical ability that is needed, but rather a methodical approach to the whole matter.

You are going to camp? Then you will have to (a) get there—you, your Guides, your kit and equipment; (b) live there, needing tents, groundsheet, pots and pans, etc.; (c) eat there, needing food and drink; and (d) incur expenses in arranging for all this, which we will put under the convenient heading of 'sundries'.

Transport. Will you travel by train, taking advantage of the cheaper fares for parties, and send your equipment also by rail, or by hired coach or 'bus, with equipment by lorry? 'Luxury tour' people are usually much too expensive, but often the type of garage which has coaches used for regular transport to and from factories will quote cheaply, and sometimes 'throw in' the lorry. Or will you travel by normal 'bus service, with equipment and kit by lorry? Make inquiries early in the year and find out which is the best for the place you have selected for camp.

Tents and Equipment. Decide what equipment you will need. How much of this do you possess? How much can you borrow from another Company, District, Division or County, free or at a nominal charge? How much must you hire at commercial rates? (Costs can often be very much reduced by pooling your equipment with another company which will follow or precede you on the same site, or by both hiring from the same firm, as there is often a reduced charge for hiring for more than one week.)

Food. At the present time it is fairly easy to judge the cost of rationed food, but co-operation with your Q.M. enters largely into this matter. Suggested menus can be compiled, and quantities and cost estimated, but allowance should be made for the fact that the Food Office may allow slightly more than rations, and that food prices, for other than rationed

goods, will vary in different localities. Never stint on food, but remember, for instance, that potatoes are usually cheaper bought by the sack, and see that out-of-season fruit or vegetables are not included. I once had my budget for an early week-end camp upset by a Q.M. who thoughtlessly ordered carrots when the only ones obtainable were the new variety at 2s. 6d. per bunch!

Sundries. What, if anything, will the farmer charge for the use of the camp site? (Sometimes a fee of 1s. per camper per week is payable, or a round sum of 10s. or £1 is fixed.) Will he charge for digging? Is the water supply free, or is there a charge for connecting a tap? Is there sufficient wood on the site, and may it be used for the fire? If not, what will a local man charge for a load? (It has cost 30s. for wood for a week's camp.) Postage and the C.A.'s fee must not be forgotten. They will probably amount to anything from 10s. to 15s. Ribbon for tent inspection, tape, rope, spare tent pegs and guys, camp forms, etc., can 'run away with' quite a sum. Is the camp fee to include any outings, such as bathing, visits to local places of interest, etc., or will these be optional and come out of the Guides' pocket money?

Find the cost of all these things, add them together, divide by the number of campers, and you know how much you must charge for camp. As a pointer, here are figures of a fairly typical company's first camp of twenty-two in August, 1950:—

	£	s.	d.
Transport	10	3	4
Hire of Equipment (very little owned)...	10	7	5
Food	18	18	6
Sundries	3	19	8
	£43	8	11

K. B. WHARTON

The Pack Prepares for Thinking Day

BIRTHDAYS are always a subject of interest to children, so here is an approach to Thinking Day which will immediately catch the attention of Brownies. How surprising that the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, and his wife, our Chief Guide, should both have February 22nd for their birthday. After telling this to the pack you will probably have to allow a little time in which Brownies can report on any birthday coincidences which are known to them. 'Brown Owl, my brother has the same birthday as auntie'. 'My birthday is the same as grandad's'.

This reporting of birthdays is not a waste of time, it is the Brownies way of relating February 22nd to their own experience. When a member of our family has a birthday we think of them and wish them well, so on February 22nd all members of the movement think of their Chief Guide, remember the Founder, and include in their birthday thoughts all members of the movement throughout the world.

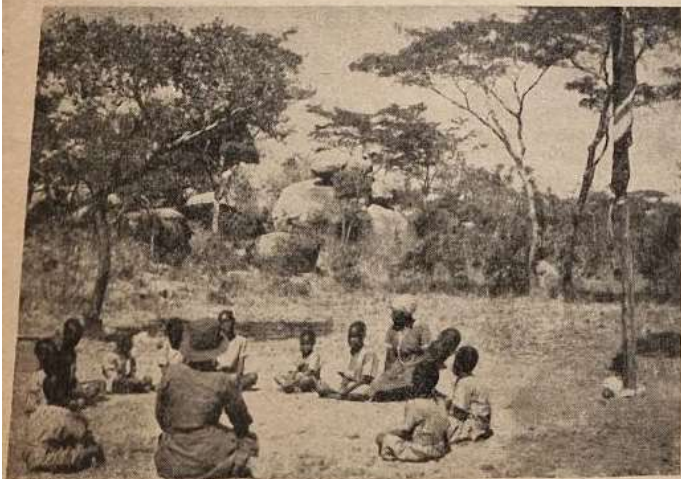
Having got as far as this with the pack, and shown them pictures of the Chief Guide and the Founder, the next step will probably be to decide which country, or countries, the Brownies wish to think of this year. The whole Guide Movement is too large a subject for them to grasp, and they will get further in their realisation of the worldwide aspect of Guiding if their thoughts are centred on a few countries. Perhaps each Six could choose one country and collect pictures for a scrap-book or display in the Six corner. The picture of the appropriate Brownie, her badge and country flag can be cut out of *The Guide and Girl Scout Painting Book* (2s. 6d. from H.Q.) and coloured. A tracing of the picture of the World Flag can be coloured by each Six, so helping the Brownies to realise that this is the flag common to the Guides of every land. If you are in the habit of wearing the World Badge test your Brownies' powers of observation by asking them if the World Flag reminds them of anything they have seen on your uniform. You could tell them about the World Badge.



French Petites Ailes step out gaily to greet the New Year



Brazilian Brownies (Fadas) learn to serve tea



Sunbeams in Africa enjoy a Pow-Wow

If the preparations for your Thinking Day meeting are spread over several weeks it will make a much more lasting impression on the Brownies than something which you have prepared alone and produced on the day without their co-operation. When the countries to be visited have been chosen the next thing to decide is how we shall travel there. Shall it be by sea, air, train or magic carpet? The Brownies see nothing incongruous in first going to Canada by air, then to France

by magic carpet.

A map of the world will be needed when making travel plans, for Brownies have been known to suggest going from England to Australia by train. Another week the Brownies could colour small flags of their own country to pin on their uniform during their travels, just as Guides wear a small Union Jack when travelling abroad. Compass points can be practised in preparation for the journey by sea or air; everyone can learn to fold their coat so that luggage shall be tidy. Remind the Brownies why they hold up two fingers in the salute,

for this sign and the left hand-shake are used everywhere.

While these preparations are going on in the pack meeting the Guiders and Pack Leader will have their own preparations to make. Help will probably be needed by the Sixes with the collection of pictures of their chosen country, so put aside any you have, either of Brownies or views of the country. Postage stamps from their chosen country are a delight to the Brownies, as is any other small treasure.

In one of the countries to be visited you may be telling a story. Where are you to find this tale? *Here and There* Stories also *Stories from Everywhere*, both by Rhoda Power, are excellent collections. The books by Elizabeth Clark usually contain a story from a foreign land and there is Hans Andersen and the legends from Greece and Rome.

In another country a game is probably to be played and some adaptation of a known game or invention may be needed. For example, a ball game can be adapted into snowballing in Switzerland. The following games from the *Brownie Games Book*, by A. M. Knight, can be used. The game 'Menagerie Races' can be adapted into a game using the animals found in India or Africa; 'Crab' is played by the Sunbeams of Africa but is there called 'Mice and Mealies'. 'Good Morning, Brownie' can be easily adapted. The singing game 'Punchinello' is French; 'Seven Capers' is Dutch and these are in *A Baker's Dozen* (1s. from H.Q.).

And so the hunt for games, stories, pictures and news goes on. It is a fascinating hunt for both Brownies and Guiders, so allow plenty of time and begin your preparations for February 22nd well before the day.

JEAN CLAYTON

Impromptu Acting

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along to find her brother. They talk the matter over and agree that there must be another organisation and discuss the name. (To make this lively make sure the girls realise the opposition these first Girl Scouts were up against—from the boys, from the parents.)

2. Theme: 'The Story of Taps'.

Scene: The first International gathering at Oxford in 1920. It is the evening of arrivals. America and Switzerland are chatting. The Chief Guide enters and welcomes them, and others, and at once an atmosphere of friendliness is generated. They are going to their rooms when 'America' says, 'Aren't you going to sing Taps?' The others ask, 'What's that?' and so on. The Chief Guide suggests they all learn Taps to take back to their countries—which they do.

3. Theme: 'The Story of the World Flag'.

Scene on board a liner bound for New York, 1926. The South African representative is in search of Norway. Meeting a French Guide she asks her and explains that at the last Conference South Africa put forward the idea of a World Flag for the Guides and that now she hears that Miss Kari Aas (pronounced Orss), of Norway, has made a design. Miss Aas appears with several Norwegian Guides and they demonstrate the design by means of cut-outs, pointing the meaning of the various signs (as found on the World Flag post card obtainable from H.Q.)

4. 'The Story of our Scroll of Friendship'.

Topical scene in our village, or town, signing of the log book, etc.

5. Final scene: 'Our Chalet', Thinking Day, 1951.

Characters: Falk, Guider-in-Charge. Guides from Britain, South Africa, Norway, United States of America, Germany or any other Tenderfoot country.

(Guides are heard singing one verse of the Chalet Song.)

FALK: (Enters). Time to light up. (She lights the campfire.) Our campfire light will be a help to the Guides as they climb the mountain to our birthday party.

BRITISH GUIDE: (Off) Coo-eee.

FALK: Here's someone on the path. (Enter British Guide.) Welcome to Our Chalet!

B.G.: Am I the first?

FALK: Yes, and so you should be. Britain, the country where Guiding started forty-one years ago.

B.G.: Yes, at the Crystal Palace, just a few patrols and millions of us. You should have seen us last summer carrying the scrolls of friendship to Oxford for the 13th World Conference.

FALK: You must tell us all about it at the campfire. Look there's someone else on the way.

B.G.: Two of them. Carrying a flag.

FALK: It must be South Africa. (Norway and S.A. enter.)

NORWAY: Gosh, what a climb!

FALK: It's hard to climb carrying a flag.

S.A.: But we couldn't come without it on Thinking Day.

FALK: Of course not, South Africa. Your idea to have a World Flag. Thank you.

S.A.: And Norway designed it.

NORWAY: So we take it in turns to carry it today.

U.S.A.: (who has arrived while they were chatting): Hullo, All!

FALK: Welcome, America.

U.S.A.: It's grand to meet you all again.

FALK: You've brought music?

U.S.A. (undoing scroll): The American Song that has gone all round the world. Taps!

B.G.: It's lovely the way every country brings something special to the party. Falk, do you know what everyone will bring?

FALK:

Well, nearly always, but sometimes I get a happy surprise. Particularly at our birthday parties. (enters in ordinary dress): May I come in?

GERMANY:

Yes, yes, of course.

FALK:

Who are you?

U.S.A.:

Germany. I'm quite new.

G.:

Welcome to Guiding and welcome to our birthday party.

FALK:

I haven't brought anything. Whose birthday is it? The Chiefs'.

G.:

Yes. It is the birthday of our Chief Guide and the birthday of her husband Lord Baden-Powell—the man who invented Guiding. He started it for his own country.

ALL:

But it soon spread all over the world.

FALK:

We all wanted it.

U.S.A.:

We wouldn't be here at all if it wasn't for them—the B-Ps.

NORWAY:

So on their birthday, which we call Thinking Day, we always meet to say 'Thank you' to them both and to send loving thoughts and prayers to our Sister Guides everywhere.

FALK:

Can anyone be a Guide?

G.:

Yes, of course.

OTHERS:

Anyone who will try to keep the Guide Promise and Law. Your country is only a Tenderfoot member of the Guide family, but if you will make the Promise we will all stand by you. Guides (speaking to all in the room) will you stand up and make the Guide sign?

FALK:

(Germany then makes the Promise and this may be followed by prayers and Taps.)

Note. One or two small alterations have been made to the original scene to bring it up to date for 1951, and the suggestion for the fourth scene added in case you have four patrols to cater for. This scene is not for public performance.

EILEEN PEAKE

The Guider's Post-Bag

The Guide Club

I have been back in Canada for two months and my visit to Great Britain seems to be a rosy dream. One thing, however, stands out more than ever in looking at it from this distance, and that is what a part the Guide Club played in making my visit so happy. Arriving in England alone as I did can be a rather lonely business, but when I stepped inside the Guide Club I knew that I had come among friends. The attention I received there during all my visit was one of unfailing friendliness and helpfulness, and I certainly know that any time I have the privilege of visiting England again I hope that there will be a room for me at the Guide Club.

D. E. S. WISHART (Chief Commissioner for Canada)

Guiding in 1910

Having been one of the privileged people to be able to attend the Ranger Rally at the Albert Hall I would like to congratulate all those responsible for the show. It was most inspiring. I am one of the original Guides, having joined in September, 1910, after reading about Guides in *Home Notes*. Would it not be interesting to find out through the medium of *THE GUIDER* how many 1910 Guides are still working in the movement?

ROSINA FICKEN (Division Secretary for Lewisham)

(Names of those enrolled in 1910 and still serving in the movement should be sent in to the Editor.)

If you are interested in singing, dancing or miming why not join in the training at Imperial Headquarters on March 2nd-4th? It is not often the Training Department can offer you Miss Chater, Mrs. Bergel, Miss McNamara and Cheftaine Cockenpot at the same training. For more details see 'Where to Train' on page 17. Some reservations at a hostel in the neighbourhood have been made and as this is limited it is essential that you book quickly.

Notes of the Month

A Message from the Chief

May I offer my best wishes for the New Year to all Guides and Guiders everywhere. I would like also to take this opportunity of thanking many senders of messages for their generous, kindly thoughts for me at this time.

I am off in a few days' time on another tour, by sea and air, to visit the Guides and Girl Scouts in seventeen islands round the Caribbean Sea.

Looking ahead a little I find that I shall be at sea on Thinking Day, and thus uncatchable and un-get-at-able. So may I say that I shall of course be doing my own private little bit of thinking; and may I throw out the humble suggestion that if there were any friends who had it in their minds to send me a message for that day personally, would they remember what the 'Thinking Day Fund' does, and perhaps send the equivalent to the World Bureau for the help and expansion of World Guiding and the idea and ideal behind it all.

Blackland Farm Camping Ground

The Girl Guides' Camping Ground, Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, is about four miles from the old town of East Grinstead, Sussex, and on the borders of Kent and Surrey. The site of a hundred and twenty-seven acres, of which fifty are woodland, is between 300 and 500 feet above sea level



A lovely woodland site at Blacklands Farm, East Grinstead, and (right) one of the field sites

and was once part of Ashdown Forest. A stream runs through the woods joining the 'infant Medway' on the northern boundary. There is a wonderful flora, ample opportunities for birdwatching and star gazing and, being in open country, there is little fog.

There is room and equipment for three hundred and fifty Guides under canvas, also plenty of space for companies with their own equipment and sites are available in the woods or in open fields. The sanitation is mainly Elsanal but those who require trench latrines can have them. Water is laid on for all sites, and there is adequate solid shelter. Overnight and other hikes and rambling expeditions can be planned in the lovely Ashdown country, beautiful at all times but perhaps at its best in May and June and again in the autumn. Services are held when numbers justify it in a lovely old barn and there is also a granary used as a chapel or quiet spot by companies and individuals.

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two blankets per camper. The bungalow, caravans or hut are ideal for week-end camps or as an inexpensive headquarters for those who wish to explore London and S.E. England. Last year there were companies from Scotland and a wide area of England and many more would be welcomed. Further particulars can be obtained from the Warden, Blackland Farm, East Grinstead. (Tel.: Sharpthorne 93.)



I.H.Q. 'At Home' to Local Associations

'To me this meeting is indeed joyous because we are meeting old friends . . .'. It was with this warm greeting that the Chief Guide expressed our welcome to the thousand members of Local Associations who came to the Headquarters 'At Homes' on November 22nd and 23rd. The Chief also took the opportunity of thanking every Local Association who contributed to the World Conference Hospitality Fund when she said: 'We do indeed thank you deeply for the response that you gave so freely and generously. You have done by that good turn far more than you know. It was not just as Guides but as individuals they appreciated it so much. "We had not been to England before; we did not know what England was like", and they have gone away inspired, encouraged with that heart-warming kindness shown to them everywhere. So we have given something in building up a fresh aspect of British life in the minds of these delegates and visitors who came from places very, very far afield'.

Congratulations to Miss Chater

All readers will want to join in sending their heartiest congratulations to Miss Mary Chater, our Commissioner for Music, upon her award of the Silver Fish. As the Chief Guide said when she presented the award: 'Whenever we are planning anything we say, "Oh, we'll get Miss Chater. It will be all right". And so we give her our highest award with our gratitude and thanksgiving for all she has done in her own inimitable way'.

The World Association

At the Thirteenth World Conference full membership of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts was granted to Haiti, and Tenderfoot membership to Germany. The resignations of Hungary and Poland were accepted with regret and that of Czechoslovakia was regretfully assumed as no replies had been received to communications sent to her.

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Where to Train

IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS FOXLEASE

- January
12-19 Guide (special sessions for Commissioners, 15-19)
23-30 Brownie (special sessions for Commissioners, 23-26)
- February (Spring Cleaning)
23-27 Dorset
- March
2-5 Middlesex West
9-13 Oxford
16-19 Berks and Herts
22-3 April. Guide and Brownie (10 days) (Easter)
- April
6-8 N.E. London
13-23 Sussex
27-4 May. Guide and Brownie
- May
8-15 Guide and Brownie (Whitsun)
18-25 Woodcraft and holiday
29-5 June. 'Mothers and Babies' (Commissioners and Guide Guiders)
- June
8-12 S.E. London
15-22 Guide (Guiders may bring their mothers)
26-3 July. Guide and Brownie
- July
6-13 Empire
27-31 International Song and Dance
- August
3-13 Guide and Brownie
17-27 P.L.s
31-7 September. Rangers (all branches)
- September
11-18 Guide and Brownie
21-25 Cadets
28-5 Oct. Guide Pre-Warrant

WADDOW

- January
12-15 Guide and Brownie
19-22 Music Party
26-29 Guide and Brownie (pre-warrant)
- February
2-5 N.W. Lancs
9-12 Commissioners and Secretaries
16-19 Guide and Brownie
23-26 Cadets
- March
2-5 County week-end
9-12 Guide and Brownie
16-19 Westmorland
22-27 (Easter) General
30-6 April. Extensions
- April
10-17 International and Empire
20-23 Guide and Brownie
27-30 Cheshire
- May
4-7 Booking for England
11-21 General (special sessions for Rangers) (Whitsun)
26-28 Conference for Roman Catholic Guiders
- June
1-29 Spring Cleaning
29-2 July. Yorks, W.R.N.W.

- July
6-13 'Mothers and Babies' (Commissioners and Guide Guiders)
17-24 International Trainers' Conference
25-31 Holiday Period (Guiders, Cadets or Rangers)
- August
3-10 General
*14-21 Patrol Leaders
*24-31 Patrol Leaders
- September
4-11 Guide Guiders and Lone Guiders (separate sessions)
14-17 Guide and Cadet
21-24 Guide and Brownie
28-1 October. Derbyshire

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. The fees for these centres (minimum 10s.) are: Single room, £3 a week, 9s. 6d. a day. Double room, £2 10s. a week, 8s. a day. Shared room, £2 a week, 7s. a day.

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- March
20-12 April. Fitting out.
- April
14-21 S.E. Area
24-1 May. Sea Rangers
- May
4-8 Weekend
11-21 Whitsun (ten days)
*23-30 County Booking
- June
2-9 Sea Rangers
*12-19 County Booking
22-2 July. Sailing (ten days)
- July
4-11 Sea Rangers
14-21 Training in maintenance of small boats
24-31 Guiders (Elementary)
- August
3-14 Sea Rangers. Twelve days
17-24 Guiders
27-3 September. Sea Rangers (Regatta)
- September
5-12 Guiders (Elementary)
14-21 Sea Rangers
24-1 October. Guiders

Applications to the Secretary, Florence Court, Torquay, enclosing a deposit of 7s. 6d. and a stamped addressed envelope. Fees: 2 guineas per week.

Training at Guiders' weeks will normally consist of Boat Permit and Charge Certificate work as required and will include Sailing whenever possible. The 'Elementary' weeks are primarily intended for newcomers to the Sea Section who want coaching for A.B. and Warrant Tests in rowing, and coxing boats' crews, but all Guiders will be welcome at any week, and individual needs will be catered for as far as possible. With Commis-

sioners' approval Guiders may enter for boating tests, but this is entirely optional.

* The weeks marked with a star are available for county or area bookings and will be kept free for such bookings until April 6th (for May 23rd) and April 28th (for June 12th) after which they will be open for all Guiders. The M.T.B. accommodates eighteen Trainees, plus staff. Applications by Counties to the Secretary, I.H.Q. Training Department.

CONFERENCES AT I.H.Q.

Extension Training. A Training Week-end (non-residential) for County Extension Secretaries will be held at Imperial Headquarters on Saturday, January 27th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, January 28th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Commissioners and all others who are interested will be welcomed. Applications should be made to the Extension Secretary at I.H.Q., enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for programme. Fees: 1s. Saturday, 6d. Sunday (lunch 2s. 6d., teas 1s.) to be paid on the day.

Lone Guiders' Training. A non-residential training for Lone Guiders will be held at I.H.Q. on Saturday and Sunday, March 30th to April 1st, 1951. Applications should be made to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

An Anglo-French Song, Dance and Miming week-end training will be held at I.H.Q. on March 2nd-4th, 1951. There will be English and French Singing and Country Dancing, and also a session on miming activities for campfires. The trainers will include Mlle. Cockenpot, Chetaine of the Guides de France, Miss Chater, Commissioner for Music, Mrs. Bergel, Drama Adviser for Hertfordshire, and an Instructor from the English Folk Dance and Song Society. It has not been possible to arrange this training as a residential one, but a limited amount of accommodation has been booked at a local hostel (bed and breakfast: 10s. double room; 11s. single room). Applications, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, should be made to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department. Please state when applying whether you would like accommodation at the hostel.

ENGLAND

Area Ranger Trainings. The following trainings are being arranged by Areas, but any Ranger Guider will be welcome at either of the trainings. There will be general sessions and specialised sessions for Guiders of all sections. Please state to which Section you belong when you apply. Feb. 3-4—London and neighbouring areas at I.H.Q. Sessions, Saturday 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Applications to the English Training Dept. I.H.Q. Feb. 17-18—Midland Area at Guide Headquarters, Blucher Street, Birmingham. Sessions, Saturday, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Applications to Miss Hanson, 85, Alexander Road, Birmingham, 27.

Brownie and Guide Training. In response to requests a course of three train-

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SCOTLAND

Netherurd

- January
5-8 Guide
12-15 Brownie
19-22 Ayrshire
26-29 Lanarkshire
- March
2-5 Advanced (by invitation)
9-12 Guide
16-19 Clackmannanshire
23-26 Berwickshire and Roxburghshire (Easter)
30-2 April. Square Centres Conference
- April
6-9 Pre-Warrant
13-16 Brownie
20-23 Renfrewshire
27-30 International
- May
4-7 Glasgow—S.E. Division
11-14 Perthshire
23-24 Scottish Executive Committee and County Commissioners
25-28 Ranger Guiders.
- June
1-4 Guide
8-11 Glasgow—S.W. Division
15-18 Cadets
22-25 Commissioners
29-6 July. P.L.s—two groups of four days each
- August
7-14 P.L.s—Representative
17-24 Guiders' Training Week
28-4 Sept. Holiday Week—Guiders and Rangers
- September
7-10 Refresher (Warranted Guide Guiders)
14-17 Guide and Brownie—until Monday evening (Edinburgh holiday)
21-24 Fife
28-1 Oct. Dundee
- Fees. Shared room, £2 10s. a week, 7s. 6d. a day. A training fee of 2s. a course will be charged, and an additional fee of 2s. 6d. for a single room.
- Applications, enclosing a deposit of 5s., to the Secretary, Netherurd, Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peeblesshire.

WALES

Broneirion

- January
12-15 Welsh C.A.s
19-22 Thinking Day (Plans and Activities for companies and packs)
- February
9-11 Welsh Diploma'd Guider's Conference
13-16 Commissioners (Mid-Week)
23-26 Brownie Guiders and Commissioners
- March
1-4 St. David's Day Celebration (Pageant Film and Nosen Lawen each evening)

THE GUIDER

- March
16-19 Folk Culture Series. 1. *Dancing*. Welsh Traditional Dances, Guide and Brownie singing games
22-27 (Easter) General Training
30-2 April. Patrol Leaders (Open)
- April
6-9 'Have a Go'. Come and introduce a friend to Guiding
20-23 Folk Culture Series. 2. *Handicrafts* for Brownies and Guides
27-30 County Weekend
- May
11-15 (Whitsun). General Training
25-28 Folk Culture Series. 3. *Singing*. Welsh Songs, Campfire Training
- June
5-12 Guide Guiders and Commissioners (Children under 5 years may be brought)
22-25 Advanced Guiders (by invitation)
29-2 July. County Weekend.
- Fees for Broneirion are the same as those for Foxlease. Applications, enclosing a deposit of 5s., to the Guider-in-Charge, Broneirion, Llandinam, Montgomeryshire.

ULSTER

Lorne

- January
5-7 East Belfast Cadets
12-14 Brownie
19-21 South Belfast
26-28 Camping Committee
- February
2-4 North Belfast Camp Training
9-11 Ranger Guiders
16-18 Ranger Office Bearers
23-25 Co. Antrim
- March
2-4 International
9-11 Guide Pre-Warrant
16-18 Derry City and County
23-26 Brownie
30-1 April. Co. Down
- April
6-8 Co. Tyrone
13-15 Co. Armagh
20-22 Patrol Leaders
27-29 S.E. Belfast
- May
4-6 West Belfast
11-14 Guide
18-20 Pack Leaders
21-6 June. Spring Cleaning
- June
7 onwards—open for Holiday bookings
- Fees: 8s. per day (garage 1s. per night). Applications for trainings at Lorne to the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne, Craigavad, Co. Down, enclosing a deposit of 5s.

CAMPING AND HOLIDAYS

Foxlease and Waddow. Applications for camp sites at Foxlease or Waddow should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Application forms *must* be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from your C.A., together with a camp fee of 5s. and the necessary stamped envelopes. The written recommendation of the C.A. is necessary as everyone will realise that all camps at the training centres must be of high standard.

No site may be booked for more than one week for one company during the main camping season, to allow as many as possible to have the privilege of camping at Foxlease and Waddow. Please state in the original application the date of the camp (giving alternative dates where possible) and approximate numbers. The camp sites at Waddow can only be booked from Saturday to Saturday or Wednesday to Wednesday. The maximum number on any one site at Foxlease is thirty campers.

Foxlease Annexe. Applications for holidays at Foxlease Annexe should be made to the Secretary, Foxlease.

Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex. Applications for camp sites should be made to the Warden. Indoor camping facilities are available all the year round.

Lorne is beautifully situated on the shores of Belfast Lough. Guiders and Rangers may book accommodation between the advertised trainings, fees 9s. per day. Applications to the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne, Craigavad, Co. Down.

On the Road to Freedom— Green and Red Lights

(Continued from page 4)

of this big machine, but their part in it is specifically to deal with the individual before, during and after processing, and each individual presents his or her own problem which, as I have tried to show, can often be solved only by cutting red tape—even though the tape be good and clean. It would take far more space than I have at my disposal to begin to make you aware of the value of the work the G.I.S. is doing, and of the degree to which it is appreciated. Let me sum it up in the words of one D.P.—an educated Polish woman who was acting as interpreter on the day I was being shown round—by courtesy of the German officials—camps, homes and hospitals in which some of the 'hard core' are living. My G.I.S. companion was leaving here a book or two, there a little fruit, occasionally a pack of cards or some cigarettes. 'The G.I.S.' said the interpreter, 'is poorer than the other organisations' (naming those that worked among them in the early days of liberation) but they are more energetic. If they went, I don't know what these people would do. They would have nothing to look forward to'.

MARGARET PLAYLE

The Chief Guide's Patrol Challenge

HAVE THE P.L.s in your company heard of this Challenge? It is not too late to begin to work for it. Reprints from *THE GUIDE* for December 8th, giving the first part of the Challenge, can be obtained from your area 'checker'. Her address has been published in *THE GUIDE* of December 29th and has also been circulated to each county. In order to complete the Challenge a start should be made during January so your patrols have no time to lose!

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, S.W.1, on Wednesday, December 13th, 1950.

Present: The Lady Oaksey, O.B.E., J.P. (Chair), The Lady Baden-Powell, G.B.E., The Lady Stratheden and Campbell, Mrs. Miles Burdett, B.E.M., The Lady Burnham, J.P., Miss J. Clayton, J.P., The Hon. Lady Cochrane, The Viscountess Colville of Culross, Miss Danielsen, Mrs. Douglas of Mains, Mrs. Fleetwood-Hesketh, The Hon. Mrs. Geoffrey Gibbs, J.P., Dame Vera Loughton Mathews, D.B.E., Miss M. L. Martin, Miss J. McSwiney, Miss D. Powell, J.P., Mrs. I. H. Powell Edwards, Mrs. C. Traherne.

By Invitation: Miss A. Thompson (during items 1, 2 and 3), The Lady Somerleyton, M.B.E., J.P.

Apologies: Mrs. Davies-Cooke, Mrs. J. W. Haughton, O.B.E., Miss I. H. Kay, J.P.

In Attendance: Miss J. Frith, O.B.E., Miss M. White, M.B.E., Miss Isherwood (during item 1), Commander Brickdale (during item 5).

The Committee was in session from 11 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and matters under the following headings were discussed.

1. **Correspondence:** It was reported that a letter of thanks had been received from the Boy Scouts Association for the contribution to the John Weeden Memorial Fund.
2. **Publications Committee:** Report.
3. **Religious Panel:** Report.
4. **Imperial Headquarters:** Report.
5. **Honorary Treasurer:** Report.
6. **Chief Commissioner:** Report on Brownie Exhibition Week at I.H.Q. from August 27th-September 1st.
7. **Chief Commissioner for Wales:** Appointment of Miss K. Jones as Commissioner for Guides for Wales in the place of Miss F. Gibbins whose appointment has terminated; appointment of Miss Freda Gibbins as Commissioner for Brownies for Wales in the place of Miss B. Gibbon whose appointment has terminated.
8. **Commissioner for Overseas:** Appointment of Miss Thrasher as Commissioner for Gambia; amendment to Northern Rhodesian constitution.
9. **World Conference Ad Hoc Committee:** Report.
10. **Public Relations Committee:** Appointment of Miss Lawrence (Assistant C.C.A. Surrey West) to represent the Association on the Casualties Union; report on the disbandment of the 18-30 Conference; report on the Boy Scouts Association's agreement to the Jamboree Programme on February 22nd (6.30 to 7 p.m. on the Light Programme) being devoted to a Thinking Day Programme.
11. **Training Advisory Panel:** Report.
12. **Guide Club:** Report.
13. **Awards Committee:** Recommendations.
14. **Appointments and Resignations.**
15. **Any Other Business:** Report on King George's Jubilee Trust and South Africa Research in Youth Work.

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

Olive Adams, on November 7th, 1950, a member of the 1st Essex Post Trefoil Guild. Olive had been in the movement for twenty-seven years and through all her suffering always remained cheerful and an inspiration to all who met her.

With the passing of Margaret Hotchkiss, Scottish Guiding has lost one of its original pioneers, and through the course of forty years, a well loved figure and adviser. As the second Captain of the 1st Company of Guides in Scotland in 1911, Margaret Hotchkiss blazed the trail, and she took with her the same enthusiasm and true perception of Guiding when she became Honorary Secretary of Guiding in Scotland and, five years later, in 1913 when she was appointed the first General Secretary of Scottish Headquarters. For sixteen years 'Hotchie', as she was affectionately known, laboured cheerfully to build up the organisation of Headquarters as we now know it. During that time many hundreds of Commissioners and Guiders came in contact with Miss Hotchkiss, and something of her goodness seemed to radiate and go with them out through

her office door. She never forgot a face, a name or its connection, however long the lapse of years might be.

In 1934 Miss Hotchkiss laid down her arduous task as Headquarters Secretary, and her valiant conception of retiring was to step back twenty years and to begin again where she had left off as a Captain. She became District Commissioner in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright in 1939, and later, when indeed many would have felt that they had earned their rest, she took on one of the most arduous jobs in Guiding, that of County Secretary. Her last appointment was County Inter-national Representative for the Stewartry, and this she only relinquished very recently when her illness prevented her from keeping up that high standard of service which she had given to Scottish Guiding for almost forty unbroken years. Her original Tenderfoot badge, belt buckle and Silver Fish of unfamiliar design hang in the Secretary's office at Scottish Headquarters, but to very many of us no reminder is needed of that eager, familiar figure, the very embodiment of all that is best in Guiding.

Daisy Kendall, on November 9th, 1950, a member of the Barrow 2nd Division Trefoil Guild. Although arthritis prevented her from walking or feeding herself she managed to write and knit and her keen sense of humour and thoughtfulness for others won her the affection of many friends.

Mrs. Jean Sampson, on November 6th, 1950, a member of the Hinchley Wood Guide Committee and formerly a District Commissioner in the South West District of Glasgow.

Mrs. Yeo, County Treasurer of Bristol, on December 1st. The County of Bristol, and indeed the whole Guide Movement, has suffered a severe loss in the death of Mrs. Yeo who was killed in a motor accident. During almost twenty years of service she has filled in turn the position of Brown Owl, Division Secretary, Badge Secretary, District Commissioner, Public Relations Officer, County Treasurer and a member of Headquarters Public Relations Committee. To all those posts of responsibility she brought her own special contribution, a clear judgment, a penetrating intelligence and a kindly sympathy and humour. She held strictly in her own life to the great principles of Guiding and, because of this, her relations with outside bodies as our representative were on the highest possible level. All gatherings and committee meetings were enriched by her presence. Discarding with almost stark realism the unimportant issues she was able to throw up into bold relief the essence of every discussion. All our deliberations benefited by Mrs. Yeo's council for she possessed a rare and balanced mixture of maturity and youthful enthusiasm. Always of unfailing courtesy, she showed great charm of manner when she disagreed with a suggestion. The structure of our organisation has lost with tragic suddenness one of its essential pillars. She was a zealous member of the Baptist Church and an outstanding example of sincere Christian living. We who are left to carry on must try to develop in ourselves the gifts which she used so unstintingly in her service to the Guide Movement.

AWARDS

Life Saving

Gilt Cross. Patrol Leaders Audrey Smith, aged 15, and Avril Smith, aged 14, 1st Wollaton (St. Leonard's) company, Nottinghamshire.

Audrey and Avril Smith were responsible for saving life in the course of the following bathing accidents. The incident concerned Mr. and Mrs. William Smith (the parents of Audrey and Avril) Mrs. Smith's brothers, Jesse and Albert Smith and Mr. Crocker. Mr. Crocker was bathing in the sea sixty yards from the water's edge in a place where there are known to be strong currents when he got into difficulties and shouted for help. Albert and Jesse Smith went to his assistance, but could not make any headway and were carried out to sea. William Smith then swam to Jesse's rescue, Audrey went to help her uncle, Albert, and Avril succeeded in getting Mr. Crocker and catching hold of his hand just as he was sinking. She then took him into shallow water, where he was helped ashore and Albert and Jesse Smith were also brought safely to land. Avril has not had much experience in swimming, Audrey being the stronger swimmer of the two and their uncles swim very little.

Fortitude

Badge of Fortitude. Guide Joan Chisholm, aged 15, 38th Brookland company, Bristol.

Joan has been in hospital since May 1949, suffering from tubercular meningitis. For months on end she has had extremely painful daily injections, which she has borne with great courage and cheerfulness. She is keenly interested in the welfare of the other patients, and never complains about her own illness.

Good Service

Silver Fish. Miss M. C. Chater, B.Mus., Commissioner for Music, I.H.Q.

Medal of Merit. Miss Patteson, Division Commissioner, S.E. Norfolk.

Certificate of Merit. Mrs. M. Mainwood, District Secretary, Newhaven, Sussex.

COMING EVENTS

The Empire Circle Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25th at Imperial Headquarters at 6.30 p.m. and is for members only. Miss Clare Lawrance, a Diploma'd Guider from the Transvaal, will be the speaker. Invitations have been sent to all members.

The Thinking Day Party will be held at Imperial Headquarters on February 22nd at 6.30 p.m. All overseas Guiders will be welcome and should ask the Overseas Department for invitations if they do not receive them.

A residential week-end for Methodist Guiders will be held on February 3rd-4th, at the Ockenden Educational Centre, Woking, Surrey, at 12s. per head. As there is only accommodation for 34 please apply early (enclosing a 2s. booking fee), to Miss Todd, Methodist Youth Department, Ludgate Circus House, London, E.C.4.

A week-end Conference for Catholic Guiders, under the auspices of the Catholic Guide Advisory Council, will be held at Waddow from May 25th-May 28th, 1951. Owing to limited accommodation a supplementary camp for forty will be arranged, the charges for which will be at lower rates. Applications, with stamped addressed envelopes for reply, should be sent to The Hon. Joan Hope, 20 Paultons House, Paultons Square, Chelsea, London, S.W.3, stating preference for house or camp. It is hoped that every diocese will be represented and in the eventuality of applications exceeding the available accommodation the allocation of places will be determined on a diocesan basis. Further details, programme, etc. will appear in the February GUIDER.

GENERAL NOTICES

The Girl Guides Association acknowledges with grateful thanks donations of £100 from 'The Sunny Saxon', £500 from F. W. Woolworth, £25 from Patons and Baldwins, £3 3s. from Miss June Mills, £2 2s. from W. Gulliver, Esq., and £2 2s. from W. R. Warner, Esq.

The Festival of Britain. The question of hospitality during the Festival of Britain is under consideration by the *Ad Hoc* Committee. In view of the fact that accommodation will, of necessity, be very limited visitors should make their own arrangements whenever possible. If anyone wishes to make enquiries about accommodation they should write to the Secretary, Festival of Britain *Ad Hoc* Committee, I.H.Q., enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, so that details can be forwarded to them in due course.

Exhibition of Skills. No further details about this exhibition are available from the Festival authorities at the moment, but competitors are urged to go ahead with their entries. It would be most helpful if counties could arrange to judge their own exhibits and to forward the best *three entries only* to Imperial Headquarters for final selection not later than March 1st, 1950. They should be addressed to the Secretary, Festival of Britain *Ad Hoc* Committee. Further information, if available, will be circulated in the January issue of the County Commissioners Bulletin.

'The Lion Gives a Party'. I.H.Q. has a set of animal heads for this pageant available for hire. Early application is urged as there is likely to be a run on them for the Festival year. The charge is £2 to cover a week's hire of twelve heads, the lion's costume and cut-outs of Our Chalet, Our Ark and the Post Box.

The new **Thinking Day** cards, designed by Freda Hands, are now in stock at 2d. each. This year we have an unfurled World Flag and against the blue ground are outlined Guides and Girl Scouts of many nations. As a background to the flag are the symbols of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Headquarters Film Library. The following addition to the film library will be available from January 15th: 'Royal Occasion'. 16mm. 1 reel, black and white, silent. Price 7s. 6d. for one show, 3s. 6d. for each additional show. This film is a record of the visit of H.R.H. The Princess Margaret to the *Foudroyant* last May, the campfire at Oxford in July and the All-England Ranger Rally in October. The following American films (on loan from the World Bureau) will be in the Headquarters Library from January 1st-March 31st. They are all 16mm. colour with sound track and only postage is charged for them. 'The Story of a Girl Scout' (running time fifteen minutes), 'The Story of a Brownie Scout Troop' (fifteen minutes), 'Girl Scouting returns to Japan' (ten minutes). The above are the only films now available between February 12th and March 5th. Bookings should be sent to the Publicity Secretary at Imperial Headquarters.

Huddersfield Rover/Ranger Conference. If you have not yet procured your ticket please send fee (10s. 6d. inclusive) to Mrs. Mackness, 421 Wakefield Road, Huddersfield, before February 14th. Late applications cannot be accepted. This conference is only for *active* Rovers and Rangers and their leaders, and cadets, all of whom must be in their official appropriate uniform. Squires and recruits to Rangering are specially invited. Owing to the large number of applications from Rovers and Rangers this rule must be rigidly adhered to.

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Fee 26s. Anyone interested please apply for details as soon as possible to Miss Dearden, 10 Somerset Road, Douglas, I.O.M.

GUIDER

Miss R. O'Brien has been appointed Extension Camp Adviser for England in place of Miss P. Simmons, who has resigned.

North Surrey Guiders' Retreat, February 10th-11th at Southwark Diocesan House, Warlingham, Surrey. Conductor: The Rev. E. Harrison. Charge £1 is. All particulars from Miss J. K. Taylor, 4 Meadow Road, Ashted, Surrey. Guiders from other counties may apply.

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Lost in Mason Street, Southwark, two First Class Guide Scrapbooks. Will finder kindly communicate with Miss E. A. Earle, 43 Copers Cope Road, Beckenham.

'English Rose' channel cruises will be resumed from Saturday, April 7th, 1951. Sea Rangers wishing to apply should communicate with the Ranger Secretary, Imperial Headquarters, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road London, S.W.1, who will forward details.

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Catholic Guiders who are not already in touch with their Diocesan representative are asked to send her their names and address, together with particulars of their companies and packs. Catholic Guiders in open companies or packs should also contact their diocesan representatives so that they can receive notices of special events such as retreats, Church Parades, etc. etc. In dioceses where there is no representative names should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Miss E. Fry.