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Finding a Sense of Values

I'M browned off!' How often have we heard this expression from growing girls and boys, and what have been our reactions? Have we paused to examine it carefully, or have we passed on deploring the modern slang used by our young people?

Boredom is surely at the root of many of our troubles today. Young people crave variety and action and if we do not meet this need it will find outlet in ways which run counter to the well-being of the community. They want colour and self-expression. They want to experiment, to try their wings, to discover life for themselves. They want to give themselves to a great cause which they are prepared to fight for, and if this is not forthcoming they will find the adventure and do their fighting as members of a street gang, or find their pleasures in potted entertainment, in dance halls and fun fairs, which not only fail to satisfy but add to the meaninglessness of life, and often to their downfall.

The real need of our young people is to be helped to find a purpose in life, to feel that they are important and have a real contribution to make to the community; that they have talents and skills given them to be used to help themselves and to serve others, and that life lived fully is in fact a great adventure.

Our dealings with young people must be based on a real understanding and an awareness of each individual. Often they appear to be so sure of themselves

that we are apt to deprecate many of their actions, but that very sureness is often only on the surface, arising from a sense of insecurity, and they require much more help to be their best and to live constructively than many people realise.

The leader must open up avenues for them and cater for a wide variety of activities so that these adolescents may find out for themselves what interests them and the things that they can do. She must start to build from where they are and help them to develop along their own lines, ever stretching their capacity and bringing out the best in them, so that only the best will really satisfy them. The adolescent girl and boy want to feel grown up and to be done with childish things, and it is of vital importance that work done with this age group should be handled from a wholly adult point of view.

This then is what, ten years ago, we set out to achieve in

our Square Centres. These Centres are mixed youth centres, sponsored by the Girl Guides Association, and cater for the needs of the fourteen to eighteen-year-old girl and boy, for whom Guiding and Scouting as such have no appeal, and who are not attached to any other Youth Organisation. The aim of the Centres is to help the girl or boy to develop as an individual, to find a purpose in life and to serve the community.

The Centres are open each night of the week and there is a wide range of



More than once Edinburgh has successfully blended the old with the new and now, building on Scout foundations, the city leads the way with new recreation centres for boys and girls

activities which include singing, dancing, drama, skipping and physical training, discussion groups, cooking and baking and management of the canteen, handicrafts and poster painting. There are junior and senior Boys' Clubs, junior and senior Girls' Clubs, and several evenings are devoted to mixed activities for the senior members. Each evening finishes with an Epilogue. There are also Rangers, Guides, Brownies and Cubs. In addition to the activities in the Centres there are many out-door activities which include hiking, swimming, cycling, week-end and holiday camps. In one Centre there is a Community Club for ex-members, mothers and fathers and their friends.

It is the aim of each Centre to become self-supporting and the members pay a small nightly subscription which, in addition to special efforts and sale of handwork, meet the running expenses. The Centres are run by the members through their own committees and the girls and boys are trained to take responsibility. Each Centre has two full-time trained leaders and they are assisted by a team of voluntary helpers, who include in some of the older Centres selected ex-members who have attended a training course to enable them to act as helpers, and they are giving valuable service.

There are now five Square Centres in Scotland, in Edinburgh, Methil, Coatbridge, Alloa and Musselburgh. It is felt that the scope of the work should be extended and training courses, part-time and full-time, are offered to prospective leaders. Square Centres have drawn their inspiration from Guiding, and are trying, alongside Rangers and Cadets, to make a real contribution to the older age group.

The work of the leader is exacting but for the right person, aware of the needs of young people and trained in the field of informal education, it is full of interest and variety. Training is evenly balanced between the theoretical side, which includes lectures, tutorials and written work, and the practical side in a Square Centre, including Guide training, Junior, Senior and Mixed Club work. To meet the needs of those who are drawn to full-time salaried leadership, but who may be uncertain of their vocation, or unable to give up their employment to undertake full-time training, a new scheme has been started called 'Train as You Earn'. A prospective leader remains in her present post if near a Centre, or gets nearer work, trains in the evening and, when ready and accepted, is offered a Junior leader's post and finishes training. Application forms and other particulars may be had from the Organiser, 39, Learmouth Grove, Edinburgh, 4.

Let it not be imagined that life in a Square Centre is peaceful, running smoothly and surely to its goal. There are many ups and downs and many disappointments, but our leaders often build out of apparent failures something really worthwhile, for they have determination and grit, a keen sense of vocation, and a complete faith in the Guiding and Scouting principles on which our work is built. The rival gangs, and drink problem, the readiness to use force instead of reason to solve their difficulties, are often there, but although the toughness is evident, so also are the latent qualities of our young people. Our leaders have faith in their members and know that a good builder must build slowly and surely on sound foundations, and not look for quick results. The results, so often longed for, are evident in boys and girls who have passed out of our Centres, now young men and women, who are building good homes, doing an honest job of work, equipped and willing to contribute to the wider community, and who, through the Centre training, have found a sense of values and a purpose in life.

GRETA COLLYNS

Random Reflections

THE radio was giving a short programme of Lewis Carroll nonsense, and as I listened and repeated it with the mellifluous voices I pondered whether there is not a lesson for Guiders in the inspired nonsense of 'The Walrus and the Carpenter' and 'The Hunting of the Snark'.

'They wept like anything to see
Such quantities of sand:
"If this were only cleared away"
They said "it would be grand".'

We have ridiculous notions, too! And then came the lines:

'Four young Oysters hurried up
All eager for the treat:
Their coats were brushed, their faces washed
Their shoes were clean and neat'.

There are eager Oysters who hurry up to us, whether they be Guides or Guiders. We don't exactly devour them with streaming eyes, but their enthusiasm is damped till 'answer came there none'. When the reading of 'The Hunting of the Snark' came to the description of the map, I couldn't help thinking of the blank way Guides sometimes look at an ordnance map, and how pleased they would be if they could have said

'But we've got our brave captain to thank
that he's brought us the best—
A perfect and absolute blank!'

Like the captain whose only notion for crossing the ocean was to tinkle his bell, there are Guiders whose only notion for running a lively crowd of Guides is to blow their whistle. What are our Snarks I wonder? Ranger Guiders? District Commissioners?

A young Green Cord who acts as a District Commissioner in a distant county where she has a post as kindergarten

mistress in an important school spent the day with me. We happened to consult THE GUIDER for December and she blew up. 'Did you see that article about the work of a District Commissioner? Isn't it *frightful*? I couldn't cope with all that. How could I do all that and keep my job? Am I not to have *any* private life? I may as well resign at once'. I hadn't read it, so hastily did so. We all do far more than that in reality, but I doubt if it is a good thing to put down in print just how much we get let in for!

Snow is deep all round us, our telephone wires are down, a blissful seclusion encircles a house whose bells usually ring all day. I went out to the library and brought back Cecil Woodham Smith's magnificent biography of Florence Nightingale. I couldn't put it down and finished it between 7.30 one night and 10 o'clock the next. It is worthy of its subject, and of how few biographies can we say that? I wonder what F.N. would have thought of Girl Guides? I fancy not much; she would have thought us all very diletant types! 'A Week in the District' would have seemed 'faddle' to her. It hardly seems possible that a woman could have lived her life of heroic self-sacrifice.

Listened to 'The Lifemanship Lectures' and felt they could have been translated into Guidese. At our Training Centres a little bit of Basic Conversation is practised—mine often remembers how once at either Foxlease or Wad-ergetic bout of 'Ten in a Bed', her neighbour turned to her and said soulfully: 'I always feel that song is so very *unworthy*'.

MARY JANE

'Thank You' Juliette Low World Friendship Fund

INTERNATIONAL Guiding certainly became a reality for those of us privileged to take part in the American Girl Scouts' Exchange Camp Counsellor Programme last summer. Under this scheme, financed by the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, twenty-two Guiders and Rangers from Great Britain, Denmark, France, Greece, The Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland visited different communities in the United States and twenty-four Girl Scout Leaders went abroad for three months.

On arrival in New York, we were taken to International House, Columbia University, where we stayed four days being 'orientated'. One outstanding feature of the trip was the friendliness and kindness of our hostesses who did everything possible to make us feel at ease. When we had to part for our separate destinations in Texas, Oregon, Minnesota and elsewhere, we really felt we were leaving old friends, and with a 'Cheerio, see you in the fall', we wondered what would happen in the meantime!

Apart from the amount of travelling, my experiences were similar to the other visiting Guiders and Rangers. My hostesses were the Girl Scouts of Sacramento, California. To reach them I had a three-day train journey, with a few hours' break in Chicago, during which I was taken to visit a day camp by a hostess and then on a lightning tour of the city. On the westward journey I was very fortunate to travel in a 'roomette'—a completely self-contained single compartment with all kinds of gadgets including a tap for iced water!

For hours at a time the scenery was very similar, flat farming areas, followed by the rolling prairies, the Rockies, the Great Salt Lake, desert, thickly wooded mountains, and finally the fruitful valley of the Sacramento river and the city itself. Next day I was driven up to Camp Bear Paw in a 1930 two-seater Ford, piled high with luggage, including a colony of termites for the Nature Nook, who travelled in their box wedged between my legs.

Camp Bear Paw is a wonderful, permanent camp on the shore of Rucker Lake, 5,000 feet up in the Sierra Nevadas, and ninety miles east of Sacramento. Four years ago it was virgin forest, but now, through the leadership and vision of

the director, aided by parents, there is accommodation for a hundred and fifty campers. There is a central dining area and cookhouse with running hot water, gas stoves and refrigerator, presided over by three professional cooks.

Each unit takes up to thirty girls, usually of the same age, who are divided into patrols, each one in charge of a counsellor who helps them plan and carry out their activities. The furnishings of three units consist of a shower-house—containing showers, wash basins and flushing W.C.s—a large ridge tent with a wooden floor for each patrol to keep clothes away from dust and wild animals, and iron beds arranged to form a 'nest' (wet weather is extremely rare during the camping season). The fourth unit was more primitive for girls of fifteen and over. They slept in hammocks and had a tap and fire-place as their basic equipment! Sleeping on the

ground is inadvisable as deer-mice and pack-rats have a great liking for cotton and woollen goods and some porcupines have their paths through the units! The centre of each unit is its fire-circle with the craft tables and tools.

During the first week, the counsellors were preparing the site and receiving training from the camp director who is a professional Scout leader. Most of the counsellors are paid university students who stay for eight weeks. The children come for fortnightly sessions and 'change-day' has to be seen to be believed! Each counsellor has twenty-four hours off each session and a half-day, during which she is free to leave camp.

For the first two sessions I had patrols which I took for hikes, cook-outs and overnights, and helped them with camp and unit capers (patrol jobs). During the third session I spent much time on nature and gadget-making with all units. At meals I had opportunities for talking with all the campers, who were always asking me about things in England.

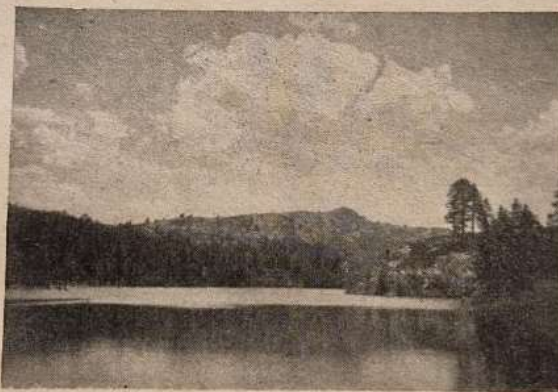
Each day began with Flag raising, followed by breakfast, capers, swimming and unit-leaders' meeting, to which I was always invited. Two very important features of this camp were its waterfront activities, swimming, rowing, sailing and canoeing, and its nature programme, all of which were in charge of specialists. After lunch, patrols carried out their own programmes or those of the whole unit, which included visiting a forest fire look-out or some prospectors and their gold mine, exploring, or planning campfire stunts. Life was full of many and varied activities so that time passed all too quickly and we were soon saying 'good-bye'.

Ten days later as we leant over the rail of s.s. *America*, homeward bound, each of us hoped that one day we would welcome some of our new friends to our own countries.

BERYL MARTIN



American Girl Scouts enjoy the beauty of Blue Lake



Camp Bear Paw, over 5,000 feet up in the Sierra Nevadas, is set on the shore of Rucker Lake



A glimpse of Camp Edith Macy, another memorable visit for the overseas Guiders and Rangers

Is It Fair?

FIRST Class and Proficiency Badge tests are exciting occasions for Guides even if they are sometimes a worry for Commissioners. The Guides are naturally keen to prove themselves and secretly hope for a high, yet achievable, standard to be demanded of them. Above all things they ask for a fair test. First Class and Proficiency badges are tested outside the company for these reasons: that the standard may be kept level and that each Guide may have a fair chance to show if she has reached the required standard.

During the past year there have been many letters from Guides to the 'Patrol Leaders' Parliament' in THE GUIDE on the subject of these tests. Nowadays Guides from different Districts meet at school and they naturally discuss their tests. There seems to be a feeling that standards vary considerably and that while one Guide may have had a very thorough test and another from a neighbouring District or Division may have got through all too easily. The Guides think this is 'not fair'. What can we do about it? It might be possible for the Commissioners of neighbouring Districts and Divisions to get together and discuss the standard of testing. If tests are made really practical there is little danger of the standard being too low or of Guides feeling that too little has been asked of them. Throughout P.O.R. the words 'show how' frequently occur. If we could be sure that the Guides are asked to demonstrate their ability practically, and not merely answer questions, much would have been achieved. In the case of First Class testing there is also too much variation in the time allowed in which to complete the test. This may be anything from six months to an indefinite period.

Another question which is frequently asked through the Patrol Leaders' Parliament is: 'How many proficiency

badges may be taken in a year?' Some Districts allow any number to be taken, and others restrict the entries to four or five a year for each Guide. There may be an occasion at a school when Guide uniform is worn. One Guide, aged fourteen, has an armful of badges and is smugly self-satisfied while another of the same age has many fewer because of a restriction on entries laid down by her District. There is no easy answer to this question. We do not want to encourage 'badge hunting' as the chief activity of any Guide. It often means that information is hastily gathered and as quickly forgotten, and although at first sight the Guide with about twenty badges may appear efficient she may sometimes be much less capable of useful service than another girl with a few badges for which she has prepared with care.

At the same time we do not want to give the Guides a chance to say; 'It isn't fair'. Could this matter be discussed by Commissioners? It might provoke an interesting discussion at a Guiders' meeting and at the Companies' Courts of Honour. Our badge system has great value, but it can be abused both by 'badge hunting' and by too rigid restriction. In the latter case, individual Guides may feel that they are being kept back. Although we want to have a level standard and find some solution to the question 'How many badges?' in neither of these matters is there a case for a ruling from Headquarters or from the County. It is a case for realistic thinking on the part of Commissioners and Guiders, to make sure that the Guides in any given locality have no legitimate grounds for saying 'It isn't fair'. Can we talk it over?

GWEN CLAYTON

[Commissioner for Guides, I.H.Q.]

Future Leadership

NORTHERN Commissioner writes:—'With all the many activities for girls today we cannot expect every Guide on leaving her company to choose Guiding as her spare-time activity. Many are lost to the movement, however, because they are kept too long in their Guide Company. The Guide Captain who forms a senior patrol in order to keep her useful older girls in the company with the excuse that 'she couldn't manage without them' is running the very real risk of killing their interest in the movement.

'It is hard for the Guide Captain to appreciate the fact that the time to encourage the change from Guides to Rangers is when the Guide is still keen on Guiding. The age depends on the girl, but the right moment may come at any time between fourteen and sixteen. If Guiders kept Rangering before their Guides in the way they expect Brown Owls to keep the company before the pack many more Guides would become Rangers. Many Guide Captains know nothing of the Ranger training, and their Guides do not even know where the nearest company can be found.

In my Division we have tried, with some success, inviting the patrol leaders to take part in a Ranger evening run by each company or crew in turn.

We have a steady stream of young Guiders and Lady Cubmasters from our Land Ranger Companies. Sea Rangers seem to have less time as boating takes every moment they can spare. Cadets have not been a success in this town Division, except for a time about twenty-five to thirty years ago when people passed on to Cadets after a period in a

Ranger Company. Failure to provide Guiders was due to the fact that most of the Cadets were in their last two years at school when school work was all important. Meetings became so infrequent that they lost all interest, and at eighteen most of them went away to University or College rather tired of Guiding. Cadet Companies tend to fade out from lack of recruits. Unless a Cadet has had a period in a Ranger Company it is very hard for her to acquire a sound understanding of Rangering.

I would suggest the abolition of all Cadet Companies (except perhaps those in Training Colleges) and the addition of 'Guide Guiding' and 'Brownie Guiding' to the list of Ranger Certificates for which a Ranger may qualify. This would keep all girls of Ranger age in one branch. Cadets so often miss much of the fun since they only attend Ranger or Guider festivities when someone remembers to ask them! Our Rangers usually become attached to a company or pack as Ranger helpers and are ready to be warranted at about eighteen. They may, and generally do, continue as Rangers for a year or two after this.

A Ranger Company which offers opportunities for training to those who want to become Guiders, and at the same time offers the full Ranger training to the young recruit just up from the Guide Company, is an enormous help to the Division or District to which it belongs. If our Ranger training is planned to develop and encourage the best that each girl has in her to be, spiritually, mentally and physically, surely it is also the best training for future Guiders.

The Bumble Bee and Me

As the C.A. approached the campers tried to stand on their heads, then rushed around the field, only to stand on their heads again. 'What', the C.A. panted, 'are we doing?' A thrilled cockney voice answered: 'Photographing a bumble bee'.

That company had discovered the secret of woodcraft—just to be interested enough to make friends and to take trouble enough to keep records. As Guiders, we are often afraid of woodcraft because we do not know enough to 'teach' our Guides. If we feel like that, we would be wise to re-read the foreword to *P.O.R.* in which Baden-Powell tells us that Guiders and Guides should go about in the open together, picking up information as they go along. Most of us belittle the law of friendship with animals, turning it into 'kindness to animals', which is a different and lesser thing, helpful to the animal but much less joyful and right for ourselves. Kindness is a duty; friendship is a privilege.

Let us think of this, starting from the angle of human friendship. We know where our friends live, what they like to eat, their general behaviour; we are at home in their homes. So a woodman knows the wild creatures and the world that is their home. On the other hand, few of us could give a detailed, accurate description of even our best friend; rather we love and remember her by some endearing quality, by a trick of the head or voice, by a preference for gaiety or silence. It is this individual quality which constitutes what the Irishman calls the man's or woman's 'jizz', the thing that is specially his—and which leads to the giving of nicknames. Many of us have friends who are never called by their official names; their friends gave them a name because of some quality in them. This is how the country folk named and knew the living things about them. No instructor but their own senses taught them to say: 'Blackbird, fly-catcher, swift, may on the thorn and toadstool in the thicket'.

Try this method out for yourselves and with your company. I know no greater pleasure than to look at some unknown flower or moss, to look and look until a nickname rises to the mind, and then to discover that one has hit very closely an age-old country name for a new friend.

March is a fine month in which to start woodcraft. Curiosity in children is easily aroused, especially if a little competition is involved. Now, while the trees are bare, let each Guide 'adopt' some tree, preferably unknown to her, which she sees daily. Prepare a chart and have a competition on which tree comes into leaf, flower, fruit first. Compare the folded pattern of sprouting leaves, protection, softness and so on. Many children are surprised that forest trees have flowers.

Bird-watching interests many grown-ups but few children, yet opening the door on a new interest for even one child is always worth while. March, or earlier, is the best time for starting to notice birds, as the bare branches be-

tray them and we can track down the few that are singing. Ask the patrols why the missel and the song thrush have got the morse on their breasts all wrong (the missel thrush wears dots and the song thrush dashes!); see if any Guide has the favourite evening perch of a blackbird (his voice a serene contralto) in her garden.

If children bring in a report of a 'sparrow that sings' it will be a hedge sparrow. Tell them to look for the neat red legs, and the sharp beak that proves it no true sparrow, but an insect eater. The bird is confiding and sticks to a given area in a garden so it is a good co-operator for the new bird-watcher. Tell the Guides to listen for the bubbling notes in the starling's song. I remember how they used to amuse me as a child.

In all big subjects the secret is to start little by little. Suggest to your leaders right away that the company should have weekly competitions for a month, with a patrol prize of some suitable book or charts from Headquarters at the end of the month. Here are some suitable weekly challenges:

1. Warn company the previous week. At meeting give five to ten minutes for patrols to make a list of as many birds, flowers, insects, etc., as they can think of which have names that *describe* them, e.g., as above, cuckoo, old man's beard. Give one mark for each accepted name; two for any not given by any other patrol.
2. Send Guides down a short, familiar route. Challenge each Guide to notice something on the route which she has never seen before. Lots of time must be left for going back on the route and admiring each other's discoveries. Encourage the giving of nicknames to plants, etc., noticed for first time. If any girl seems specially keen suggest hunting out books from local library, especially to see how country folk named plants for real or supposed medical properties.
3. Get each Guide to *write down* her answer to the question: 'How high up does the red of a Robin Redbreast's breast go?' Unless your company is exceptional, the answers will vary enormously. *Don't tell them which is correct answer*, even if you know. Challenge them to stalk a robin by next week. Mark for right answer, and also for one got by observation.
4. Provide each Guide with a reasonably sized piece of paper and each patrol with an india rubber. Tell each Guide to draw the simple outline of a bird in profile—any bird which *hops* (e.g., sparrow, robin, canary). Place completed drawings out for an academy show. Provide each Guide with a bean. They vote (by placing bean below any one to three pictures which they consider best portray birds which could *hop with comfort*!) After acclaiming star artists, discuss the discomfort and pain of hopping on two stiff legs, one inserted in the chest and one in the stomach (this is the way so many people draw a bird!) Throw out Baden-Powell's challenge that we can *all* draw if only we will take the trouble to *look* at things.

P. STEWART BROWN



Ask the patrols why the Missel and Song Thrush have the wrong morse on their breasts!



While the trees are still bare let each Guide 'adopt' a tree

THE GUIDER

The Hostess Badge: Clause 4

Entertain the tester at a company meeting (being responsible for welcoming her, introducing other Guides to her, taking charge of her for at least half an hour, explaining what is going on, etc.)

A Tester to a Captain

Dear Miss Black,

I shall be very pleased to come to your company meeting on Thursday week to test Mary Brown for her Hostess badge. Will you ask Mary to bring with her to the meeting the letters and invitations which she has written? I think that as she is the first Guide from your company to enter for this badge I ought to warn you that I do like to have these letters written properly on notepaper and put into envelopes, not just done on scrap-paper or in a notebook. If it will not interfere with your programme perhaps I can have about a quarter of an hour with Mary during the evening to test her on the theoretical part; this would save her from having to come to my house another day.

Yours sincerely,

GERTRUDE GREEN

Another Tester to another Captain

Dear Miss Jones,

I am trying to collect all the Hostess candidates at my house on Friday, March 16th, at 6.30 p.m., so I hope that your Jean can come along then. She should come ready to write invitations, answer questions and, in fact, be prepared for the whole test, except Clause 4.

This last section will be tested, in Jean's case, by Mrs. Thompson, who is a member of our Local Association. She has never seen a Guide meeting so I will leave it to you and Jean to decide upon a night when your programme will be a fairly varied one. If Jean likes to write the invitation before the 16th and bring it with her it can count as one of those she has to write for the test.

Yours sincerely,

PAULINE PETERS

A Captain to a Tester

Dear Mrs. Grey,

We are expecting to have a visitor to our company meeting in three weeks time—Mrs. White, our new vicar's wife. She is very interested in the company and I wondered whether Sheila Smith might look after her for the evening and count it as the test for Clause 4 of her Hostess badge? Sheila is not yet quite ready for the rest of the test, but she is genuinely working for it and it seems a pity to miss this chance of letting her entertain a real guest. If you approve of the suggestion I expect that you will want to talk to Mrs. White about what Sheila is supposed to do; the vicarage number is Littleton 125, and the most convenient time for Mrs. White to be rung up is after tea. I am sure that she would not mind giving a report on Sheila after the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

ROSE ROBINSON

A Tester to the Secretary of the local Trefoil Guild

Dear Margaret,

Once again I turn to you for help—this time over the Guide Hostess badge which has been slightly altered in the 1950 P.O.R. to make the test a more practical, possible and personal one for most Guides. The tester is now supposed to spend an evening at the company meeting where the Hostess candidate looks after her, introduces her, and so on. Now in this colossal Division how can I possibly do that for every child who wants this badge—and masses of them do want

it because of the Little House emblem? Would some of your members like to renew their youth by going as guests to these Guides? It would only mean an occasional evening, and as there are companies meeting on every night of the week we can be very accommodating about dates. I will prime the guests beforehand with the points to look out for—or if you like I'll come and talk to the Guild *en bloc* about the test; I expect some of them have plenty they would like to say about the manners of the young!

ELIZABETH

A Commissioner to a Tester

Dear Mrs. Pink,

These big companies are a problem for their Hostess badge tests, but I think that we ought to be able to find a way round the difficulty for ourselves. I can quite see, too, that a school company like St. Margaret's, with very limited time for meetings and a large number of candidates, feel that they will never again have a meeting without a Hostess tester present—that is, assuming that you could find enough testers!

Don't you think that we should be fulfilling the requirements if we stuck to our old system which worked so well, when you, or someone approved by you, went to the Guide's home and saw her there, being given a cup of tea and staying for about half an hour? If we continued with this you could then make just one visit to the company, when you would interview all the candidates and test them on making introductions. You could also question them and look at their written work. On the other hand there is the occasional Guide who has not got the sort of home where our old test could be carried out and for her the new Clause 4 will be excellent.

I suggest that we try this combination of old and new for a time, watching carefully to see whether it is in any way affecting the standard of the Guides who enter. If it works well we could send it up to H.Q. as a constructive suggestion.

Yours sincerely,

EDITH ELLIS

A Householder to a Commissioner

Dear Madam,

I have a young Swiss girl living with me for a few months to help with the children. She has no friends here, but she tells me that she used to be a Girl Guide at home. Of course she would be too old to be a Guide now, but she is excellent with children and is a very outdoor person and I wondered whether perhaps she could help Miss Parsons with the Guides at all while she is singlehanded. Do you think that Ida could be invited to spend an evening with the Guides just to see how she gets on; she speaks good English.

If Miss Parsons is planning to take the Guides to camp in the summer and would like Ida's help I am sure I could arrange to give her a short holiday then. She is often talking to my children about camping in Switzerland, and I feel sure she would enjoy camping in England. Perhaps we could chat about this when we next meet.

Yours sincerely,

JANE JOHNSON

Does your Hostess badge tester see THE GUIDER? Probably not, unless you show it to her. If she is not a Guider she may not know that variations such as those suggested in this article are very much in the Guide tradition of common sense and decentralisation, and that, provided the purpose and standard of the test are kept clearly in mind, the tester should always interpret it so that it gives the best possible test to every Guide according to the local conditions.

S.B.

Operation Friendship

IT is a wonderful moment when a dream comes true and the pleasure is shared between those who made it a reality and those for whom it was born. Such a moment occurred the other day at a house in Wandsworth. There, after three years of ceaseless effort, members of the Refugee Housing Society, with whom the G.I.S. have been working in close co-operation, welcomed their first guests, ten old people (four men and six women) from Displaced Persons Camps in Germany.

All those years ago it was realised that these widows and widowers, parents of European Volunteer Workers who came over to work here, lost their homes and countries through no fault of their own, and have grown to old age in the war concentration camps of Germany and Russia. Now they are alone in the D.P. camps, with little hope of security for the future. They could not return to their own land and they were not young enough to make a fresh start unaided in a new one. But there was just one chance for those whose sons and daughters or young relatives had managed to emigrate to this country to work here. So the idea came into being that, after so many years of distress and separation, families might be reunited if some place could be found for them to live in during the transition stage. After long search this old, bomb-damaged house has been put into commission again and, in

the charge of a warden who spent four and a half years with the Red Cross in Germany, offers a temporary home in which these old folk can look after themselves.

In this way it is hoped to rescue more and more of these lonely people from their present sad circumstances. Each one of the new residents at Wandsworth is sponsored by a son or daughter or other close relative working in this country who will contribute towards the expenses of their care.

They were selected in the first place by the G.I.S. relief workers who have known most of them a long time.

To nearly everybody nowadays a home of one's own is a joy. To these wanderers the realisation that they have really landed in Britain and achieved the delight of living in a real home is beyond our imagining. Instead of herding in a camp with hundreds of others, they share a room with not more than three other people. It is not surprising that the smiles and bows of pleasure, which had to take the place of words, were mixed with a few incredulous tears.

This is a brave scheme and deserves its success in

achievement. These ten are the first of the twenty the home will accommodate and, as they join their own folk, so others will come in to renew their hopes and share in this happy venture.

J.W.



All Displaced Persons who emigrate receive about £2 in British currency for initial expenses in this country and here we see three of them obtaining their money from an I.R.O. representative

The Scottish Annual Meeting

IN spite of the general feeling of disappointment that the Princess Royal could not be present at the annual general meeting held in the City Chambers, Glasgow, on January 31st, it was a very interesting and well-attended meeting. The Council which met first, and the general meeting to which five hundred members and friends were welcomed by Lord Provost Victor D. Warren, were presided over by the Viscountess Colville of Culross, Scottish Chief Commissioner, who read a letter from our President, expressing her sorrow at being prevented from attending. Her Royal Highness referred to the hard work and sacrifice of much leisure by many to whom leisure is a very treasured and precious commodity, and said, 'I am confident, however, that every hour we spend, every thought we give and every effort we make for Guiding is very much worth while . . . May God's blessing be on all the work you undertake together'. A message of regret at her inability to be present and good wishes for a speedy recovery was sent to Her Royal Highness.

Sir Edward Appleton, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Edinburgh University, and a brilliant scientist who has recently been awarded the Albert Medal and the Royal Medal of the Royal Society of London, paid warm tribute to the work of the movement and said that it was readily accepted nowadays that schools and universities should fit students for life as well as fit them to earn a living, and teachers and

professors realised how much their efforts to do this were supplemented by the voluntary organisations which operated out of school hours. Sir Edward said that Guides had much in common with scientists. They were both experimenters and observers. They learned that nearly always the best way of doing something was the most simple and most elegant way. The scientist was not only concerned with the best way of doing something but with understanding why it was best to do that something in a particular way. He thought wherever possible the 'why' as well as the 'how' should be explained.

The presence of the Chief Scout was warmly welcomed at the meeting. Referring to Sir Edward Appleton's speech, Lord Rowallan said he was delighted to hear him stress the value of simplicity. The simple way was always the best way—this was the key to the success of Scouting and Guiding. We should not tie ourselves up in rules and regulations. Scouting and Guiding must never become academic exercises.

Three excellent five-minute reports were given by a Brownie on 'Pack Activities', by a Cadet on 'The World Conference at Oxford', and by a Sea Ranger on 'Camping in the United States of America'. In thanking the speakers, Lord Rowallan spoke of the delightful self-confidence of Brownies, of the family spirit and the wealth of hospitality that exists in this largest family in the world.

The Guiders' Parliament

Interpreting the Promise to the Recruit

A DISTRICT Commissioner writes: 'With regard to the question whether a child should be asked and expected to make the Guide Promise after one month's attendance, particularly when it is known that her home background is anything but Christian in its belief, though I think myself that there is a great deal to be said in favour of the French point of view that the actual Promise should not be made until the child more fully understands the meaning, and possibly not for a year or even longer, I feel also that there is the positive value of a *promise made*; this may be especially so when there is no support at home and Christian ideals are ridiculed and scoffed at. Having made the Guide Promise does give the child something to hold on to—an anchor and a goal to aim at'.

'After all, we all of us fail in living up to the Promise, but it is there to help us. When one thinks of it, a good deal is promised at baptism by the godparents which only as the child grows up can she possibly comprehend and come to understand. No doubt many other people in this most interesting discussion will bring this point of view forward, expressing it far more ably than I can'.

'Possibly, in many cases, it may only be through Guiding and the Promise and Law that the child will ever come into contact with the Christian way of life, and making the Promise may give just the incentive that is necessary'.

The Chairman of the Religious Panel Sums up:

Miss A. Thompson writes: 'The answers to that important question raised in the November GUIDER about the enrolment of a girl whose home background is not helpful to the understanding of the Promise have been for the most part of one mind, namely, that however difficult it may be to live out the Promise in such conditions, the Promise cannot be ignored or watered down for that reason. The parents must have the position made quite plain to them, and the recruit must be carefully prepared and then the enrolment should not be unduly postponed, for the very making of the Promise is itself an inspiration and a strength. One writer did advocate the postponing of the making of the Promise as is done in some countries. The importance of the support and solid fellowship of the company was stressed by more than one, and the point was made that the Promise must be demonstrated by the company'.

'If I might add two things I would say this. To some natures opposition acts as a spur and a challenge and we must not forget the Guides who do not have to face opposition so much as apathy, and even those who live in homes where the Promise is used as a goad to righteousness! These Guides may be in greater need of help than those who have to face hostility. Secondly, any attempt to live the Guide Law in our own strength, or solely on the inspiration of Guiding, is merely another form of humanism. Everything depends on whether each Guide can discover God for herself and live day by day in touch with Him, then "duty" becomes an adventure and experience quickens faith'.

The World Bureau

Just as THE GUIDER went to press came the news that Dame Leslie Whateley, D.B.E., had been appointed Acting Director of the World Bureau of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in succession to Lady Pile (formerly Mrs. Home). Whateley, Director of the A.T.S. from 1943-1946, and their Guiding, thanks to Lady Pile for all she has done for international

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1. Which creatures (a) carry their young in flight; (b) cannot stand on the ground; (c) sleep with their eyes open because they have no eyelids; (d) have the most teeth?
2. What was the earliest form of road transport?
3. Sort the following under the headings of Stars, Constellations and Planets: (a) Capella; (b) Orion; (c) Earth; (d) Jupiter; (e) Hercules; (f) Sirius; (g) the Sun; (i) Rigel; (j) Neptune; (k) Leo.
4. Give the names of the Roman Roads which ran: (a) from Chichester to London; (b) from Axminster to London; (c) from Dover to Chester; (d) from London to York.
5. What is the connection between the Commissioner for Rangers, I.H.Q. and the oldest stone at Stonehenge?
6. Why was the north door of a church left open during a baptism?
7. How did the two cardinal points of the compass, known as east and west, get their names?
8. Which tree has air pockets in its joints?
9. Which of the following knots can be tied without using an end of the rope (or ropes)? (a) bowline; (b) clove-hitch; (c) sheetbend; (d) fireman's chair knot; (e) sheep-shank; (f) middleman's; (g) double overhand; (h) fisherman's bend.
10. During whose reign was the Welsh dragon included in the Royal Arms?
11. What is tumblehome?
12. When is a sailing ship said to be 'in irons'?
13. What is the name of Princess Elizabeth's yacht?
14. How many feet are there in a nautical mile?
15. What is the 'watch below'?
16. What does a garland at the masthead of a R.N. ship denote?
17. What is a seaman said to be able to do when he has been seven times round Cape Horn?
18. Who said: 'Whoever commands the sea, commands trade; whoever commands trade commands the riches of the world, and consequently the world itself'?
19. What is the origin of the word 'Ahoy'?
20. Who is Commodore of the Sea Section of the Ranger Branch?
21. Do you know why Air Rangers must not wear lanyards round their scarves in a similar manner to Sea Rangers?
22. Do you know what an Air Ranger must learn before she visits an airfield or gliding site?
23. Do you know what an Air Ranger must do before she goes flying or gliding?
24. Do you know what alternative tests an Air Ranger may carry out to complete the L.A.R. test, if, for health or other reasons, she is not allowed to fly?
25. Do you know why knowledge of meteorology is so important to a gliding pilot?
26. Do you know why a knowledge of splicing should be of special use to an Air Ranger?
27. Do you know why an Air Ranger is never seen wearing Air Ranger Wings and the L.A.R. badge as well?
28. Do you know what special significance the words 'Training for Flight' have for Air Rangers?
29. Do you know the name of the bird, the wings of which have been chosen as the new Air Ranger Wings?
30. Do you know the design of the Air Ranger flag?

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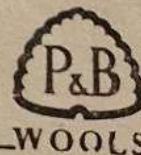
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THE GUIDER Making Plans for a Pack Holiday

'PACK Holiday' to the Brownies is a magic word. It conjures up pictures of a Brownie house to look after, potatoes to peel, tables to polish, woods and fields to play in, picnics and paddling, prayers under the trees, shopping for presents and all the fun and adventures that can be packed into seven days.

What preparations are needed? The first step is to go as a helper to an experienced permit holder. Here Brown Owl learns what to expect on a holiday and picks up tips from an 'old hand'. When a satisfactory report and a recommendation from your Commissioner reaches your C.A. she will make arrangements for your permit test.

Your first task after this will be to find your house for your holiday. You may be fortunate and hear of a suitable place which has already been used and recommended. Visit it, if possible, and make sure that the C.A. of the district knows of it and approves. Sometimes your C.A. can help you to find your house, but quite often the Brownie Guider herself must search around for a suitable building. If funds allow it is sometimes possible to use a small residential private school or a boarding school which caters for parties.

It is not likely that you will find the ideal place, but these are the essentials you must look for. Distance from home, transport facilities, position of building, distance from shops and, of course, cost must all be considered. The building itself must be weatherproof and its size and number of rooms will determine the number of Brownies you can take.

See that there is ample space for the Brownies' beds and make sure you have a room you can put a Brownie in who may be ill and needs to be isolated. There must also be a room large enough to play in in wet weather. Trestle tables for meals are satisfactory as these can always be moved when more space is needed. Guiders may have their own bedrooms or cubicles, or can manage to put up beds at night in the playroom. It may be possible, too, to use tents (provided one of the Guiders has a camping qualification and the permission of the C.A.) as long as Brown Owl sleeps indoors in case a Brownie wakes.

Check that ventilation is adequate. French windows are attractive, but if they are in a room used as a Brownie bedroom see that the children feel quite safe at night. If there is somewhere to dry wet clothes it will be most useful.

Your cook will want to know beforehand what kind of stove she will be using and ensure she has adequate space for storing food. Usually shelves and cupboards can be improvised from boxes, odd pieces of wood and biscuit tins. Look up the hints in *Campcraft* on storing and remember to take butter muslin in your kit.

Inside lavatories are ideal but adequate elsans are quite satisfactory. Two will be your minimum requirement and remember to make enquiries about the emptying of these. It is important to check the water supply and usually the C.A. of the District will help you here. Washing arrangements must be thought out. If there is a hot water supply and a bath that is luxury! More likely it will be necessary to heat the water and provide your own bath. Bath-time is one of the highlights of the Brownie's day. It is a good idea to have 'all hands on deck'. One can supervise cleaning teeth, another bathing, helped by a partner for drying, another hair brushing and settling into bed. When baths are over the Brownies will demand that everyone shares with story-telling, and at last comes Brown Owl's signal for tucking up, prayers and lights out.

For the morning wash small bowls are easily obtained. Try, if possible, to give each Brownie a place to keep her washing kit so that face cloths can be hung up and tooth brushes kept apart.

Camp beds can be hired, or perhaps by inquiring among friends and relations they can be borrowed and sent on by lorry or rail. The Brownies will then have to provide their

own blankets, pillows and sheets, or sleeping bag. A wise Brown Owl will take some spare blankets or rugs. It is much more comfortable for the Brownies to have some kind of palliasso, too. This may be bought or home-made, but of feathers or straw, or even an extra blanket, but stuffed with feathers or straw, the children have sufficient bedding, it is essential to see that the children should not sleep on the floor, it is beneath them. If bedding is provided, check that it is aired. too draughty. If bedding is provided, check that it is aired. too draughty. If bedding is provided, check that it is aired. too draughty.

It sometimes happens that you need to borrow tables, chairs, cooking utensils, crockery and cutlery—to say nothing of brooms and buckets. Start to make your plans in good time and perhaps you can borrow some things locally.

You will certainly need to do careful packing at home, as you gradually collect all the extras you decide to take. There will be pictures for the wall, and charts of all kinds, books and games for rest hour and wet weather, spare pencils and crayons, paper and paste, scissors and paints. The Brownies themselves usually like to bring a doll or teddy, books, writing materials, brush and comb bag and pyjama case. Balls and a skipping rope are useful, too, and if there will be paddling, remember the odd towels. Bags to hold dusters and cleaning materials are well worth making, and perhaps one of your helpers will like to make a post bag or a post box. Someone must be responsible for bringing mending materials, and also spare hair grips, ribbons and elastic. Brown Owl will pop in last of all groundsheets if she can borrow them and perhaps tea towels and table cloths. A complete First Aid chest, usually Nurse's responsibility, is essential. It should, of course, include a hot water bottle.

Side by side with these preparations, Brown Owl must plan to meet her Brownies' mothers. They will need a prospectus with permission form, kit lists, etc., also details of rations, travelling arrangements and cost. It may be possible to arrange for a visitors' day. Brown Owl must contact the butcher, the baker, the milkman and the grocer, and arrange for deliveries of supplies. It is a good idea to inquire about obtaining fresh vegetables locally.

When it is all over and Brown Owl unpacks the last box and checks up that the last 'thank you' letter is written and the last bill is paid it is more than likely that a voice will pipe up (with great faith in our powers of recuperation) 'Brown Owl, shall we go there again next year?' F.G.

Miss M. S. Sandeman

When Miss Sandeman leaves the staff at I.H.Q. after twenty-six years service she will carry with her the good wishes of many friends in her new work. Mrs. Bernays, Commissioner for Extensions from 1938 to 1945, writes: 'Marjorie Sandeman became Secretary to the Extension Department in 1937, but it was twenty-three years ago when she took charge of the Extension Handcraft Depot. Here her eye for design, good taste and stimulating criticism helped many crippled girls to reach a measure of independence which they had never even dreamed of. Her attitude to handicapped children was kindly and imaginative and though she was eager to bring Extension Guides into the centre of Guiding she was insistent upon standards being kept high. Her leisure will still, I am sure, be generously spent in the movement she loves and to which she has given so much'. And Mrs. Gibbs, formerly Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, writes: 'When Marjorie Sandeman was appointed Publicity Secretary in 1946 she did a good deal of spade work in making contacts with the Press, the B.B.C. and various other agencies, and her initiative, patience and perseverance laid the foundations of what has proved to be a most essential job. Last year her work was crowned at the World Conference, and her advice and ready help to Counties and will miss her wide knowledge and devotion to Guiding'.

Guiding in the Frozen North

JUST a year ago I visited Guides and Brownies in the Mackenzie River area, a four thousand mile journey starting in Edmonton, Alberta, and going north to Tuktoyaktuk, about two hundred miles inside the Arctic Circle. This was a joint trip sponsored by the Canadian Councils of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Association and I was accompanied by Mr. Herb Northcott, Field Commissioner from Ottawa. Between us we visited twenty-six companies, packs or troops and made plans for the organisation of nine new groups, and I met over two hundred Guides and Brownies.

It was bitterly cold when we met our pilot, Johnny Bourassa, at Edmonton airport, but we were well prepared for that, since March is not the warmest month to go down to the Arctic although it is the best month for flying conditions. I wore navy blue gabardine flight overalls over my uniform, a navy blue parka with hood, Guide hat and flight boots and we all had sleeping bags in case of emergency. We travelled in a ski-equipped 'Stinson' plane, just big enough for three and a small amount of luggage but with no room at all to move about, and landings were made on frozen lakes and rivers.

Our first stop was at Fort McMurray, Alberta, and although it was twenty-five degrees below zero we went out of doors with the Guides and Brownies for a game. Next day we stopped at Fort Smith to meet people interested in Scouting and Guiding, and since then a company and pack have been started. The third stop along the way was at Fort Resolution on the south shore of Great Slave Lake, and here I met the most enthusiastic group of sixteen Brownies, in uniform and ready to be enrolled. What a great day it was for them, and for the community who take a great interest in the pack.

We crossed Great Slave Lake to Yellowknife where Guiding and Scouting are well established. Nearly two hundred people attended the joint rally of Scouts and Guides, Cubs and Brownies, which ended with a campfire.

Our next stop was at a small settlement about fifty miles north of Yellowknife, Discovery Mine. There are only eight children in this mining centre—all girls and all Brownies with the enthusiasm of a pack of twenty-four! At Port Radium on Great Bear Lake we found only two girls of Brownie age, but they are going to form a joint Cub and Brownie pack with four boys. One of the younger men in this mining centre offered to be Akela and did not seem to mind acting as Brown Owl, too!

Across Bear Lake we flew on to Norman Wells and next morning we took off for Aklavik, hoping to reach there at noon. Up to this time the weather had been perfect, although cold, but soon we noticed a fog blowing in from the Arctic Ocean and the pilot decided we would have to make a landing on one of the small lakes. He sighted a trapper's tent and down we went to wait until the fog lifted. The

trapper, his wife and five children were living in the tent which was surprisingly warm and cosy, although crowded! We had coffee, bannock and jam—it did taste good. A few hours later we took to the air and through the thinning fog reached Aklavik. We met the leaders that evening and for three of us it was a reunion because two of my ex-Rangers are here, one a Guide Captain and a nurse in the hospital, and the other, Akela and a teacher at the school. Fifteen miles from Tuktoyaktuk we were hemmed in by fog but the pilot decided to fly on. It was hard to tell the difference between land, ocean, sky and fog, and to make matters worse the plane windows were frosted. However, we landed safely at 'Tuk' where we were greeted by the Captain - Scoutmaster who has the most northerly Scout and Guide group in the world. Measles, 'flu and trapping had reduced the joint group of ten Scouts and Guides to three, but they were on hand to see their captain receive her Scoutmaster's warrant. They showed us some of their work and I was interested in the book of pressed flowers which grow at Tuktoyaktuk in August



Designed by Marie Bisson, of Guernsey, this map shows Miss Riddoch's 4,000-mile plane journey to visit Guides and Brownies in the Mackenzie River area

during the short summer. When we left we took one of the seriously ill Eskimo Guides to hospital at Aklavik.

In Aklavik membership in the various groups is composed of Indian and Eskimo children attending the All Saints' Anglican Mission School and Scouting and Guiding play a large part in the school life. I met twenty-four Brownies and thirty Guides, all in the same uniform as that worn by Canadian Guides and Brownies, except that beaded moccasins are worn instead of shoes. Some of the girls will have earned their Second Class badges and Golden Bars by now.

A brief stop at Fort McPherson, an overnight at Norman Wells, and on we flew to Fort Simpson, arriving just in time to attend a party in our honour given by the joint Brownie and Cub pack and in the evening I met the Guides. Hay River was our next stop where Scouts and Guides were already running, and after the evening meeting four women volunteered to start a company and a pack. The Guide company at Fort Vermilion on Peace River were also very smart and enthusiastic.

Soon we were leaving Fort Vermilion on the last lap of our journey. A brief stop-over at the town of Peace River was made to re-fuel the plane and the take-off was not easy as the snow was soft and sticky. The weather closed in and we wondered if we should have to turn back, but finally we arrived back at Edmonton four hours late.

It had been a long journey, but the trip was most worth while. Guiding and Scouting are well established in the North-west Territories, and to the leaders working under unusual conditions must go the credit for bringing B-P's game to the Eskimo, Indian, Metis and white children living in the far distant north.

BETH RIDDOCH
[Field Secretary, Alberta, Canada]

From the Chief Commissioner's Diary

THE GUIDER

'All Experience is an Arch'

WHEN I read the very short concise reports of the English weather on our ship's Daily Radio News Sheet I long for a fleet of magic carpets to bring those of you who hate the cold, have had 'flu or have a house specially difficult to keep warm to these southern seas.

We are gliding along the coast of Australia looking at a school of porpoises and at hundreds of flying fish which seem to be keeping the ship company this morning. It is calm and hot and one can just see the coast line of Australia, and last night as we sailed north from Adelaide we could see the wonderful opalescent colour of their hills—so different from any colour one sees at home. Every changing aspect and light makes one feel with Ulysses that

'I am a part of all that I have met;
Yet all experience is an arch where thro'
Gleams that untravelled world, whose margin fades
For ever and for ever when I move'.

Part of the fascination of travelling as a Guide is that from the moment one's ship sails into a port one is in a way part of the life of that actual country. One isn't just an outsider looking on at Guiding. One is a Guide among other Guides taking one's part, just as they are, in Guiding in the British Commonwealth.

Because of this it is possible to dip at once right into the life of the place, and one has a common background of interests and enthusiasms and so can talk at once of mutually interesting things instead of, as otherwise so often happens, skating about on a surface of conversation for too long a time. With only a few hours in a place this is invaluable.

Another thing that is fun about Guide travel is that in the most unexpected places very often the most unexpected people suddenly shake you by the left hand or show you a Trefoil or just rush up and say, 'I'm a Guide'. At Aden I had been fetched off the ship by the Deputy Colony Commissioner and Colony Secretary, in their immaculate white uniforms and straw hats (which I may say I greatly envied!) and as we were walking along through the most fascinating Arab and Indian shops, among Arab vendors and Somalis with their shawls, I was electrified to receive suddenly a salute from two of the smartest looking Boy Scouts I had ever seen.

My visit to Aden was a most delightful one and had been most thoughtfully planned to give me an opportunity of seeing and really talking with as many Guiders and L.A. members as possible during the very short time that I was there. I was given a wonderful Arab dinner party at which we all sat down cross-legged and barefoot on the floor round a beautifully spread tablecloth and in the centre was a big hubble-bubble pipe. My ship had come in too late for it to be possible for me to see any of the children, which was sad, but in every other way my visit was completely delightful.

Then Ceylon, that lovely island of flowering trees and brilliant shops, with life going happily along at a much slower tempo than in our hustling bustling world. There is, however, one branch of industry at which the Cingalese beat us for hustle very easily and that is tailoring. If your ship comes in in the morning and you choose some stuff before luncheon, your new frock will be measured, stitched and completed by the time your ship sails in the evening. So far as one could learn this would happen for any number of people!

The Chief Commissioner, Deputy Chief Commissioner and Secretary of Ceylon very kindly came on board to meet me and took me ashore where an extremely smart Guard of Honour of Guiders and Rangers welcomed me. I must confess to feeling great pleasure that my fellow passengers should see just how smart Guiders can look!

Here, too, I had the opportunity of attending a Council meeting and at luncheon afterwards of meeting many Guiders

and Council members in the delightful Girl Guide Headquarters. It is really a bungalow with one very large room and several smaller ones. Then outside is a garden with big trees and a green lawn and borders of glowing cannas.

It was there that we had our campfire later in the day and a gay background it was for the happy white-clad children who sang remarkably well, both the songs we all know and Cingalese, Tamil and other songs. A Cingalese folk dance was danced by Guiders clad in their traditional white draperies, each with a frangipane flower in her hair and holding a small metal bowl. It was a thing of great grace and beauty and the Guiders might have been Tanagra figures in the fall of their robes and in their carriage.

Many of the Cingalese Guiders told me of their longing to go to Foxlease and Waddow, and I greatly hope they may some day—and so it was an revoir and not goodbye.

Now as I write I am getting my first sniff of Australia. It is balmy, and a faint and very delicious tang of eucalyptus is being wafted out from the land. How exciting it all is!

Jan Strickland

[CHIEF COMMISSIONER, IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS]

The Gardens of the Bible—III

(Tragedy in the Garden. Genesis iii.) This month we are to begin to study Genesis iii—a chapter, mysterious as it is, clear enough in its meaning because the consequences of its happenings remain with us to this day. Never be content with reading a chapter through once, read it many times.

The first mystery is the presence of evil. What can be said except that if man is a moral being with the power of choice, he must of necessity be able to choose other than good, or he were not moral. You will find the same mystery in the days of Jesus Christ who chose twelve disciples one of whom was a traitor. The Tempter and the Traitor had a common origin. So we come to the temptation of Eve and her husband Adam.

Look at the doubt the Serpent throws upon the Word of God, 'Yea, hath God said?' (iii. 1). Look at the same Satanic if in the temptation of our Lord in S. Matthew iv. 3. Look at the lie he told in Genesis iii. 4.

Eve was faced with two attractions, should she follow morality or instinct? Should she obey God in spite of its seeming unreasonableness or follow instinct which promised to taste so sweet. Beware of following your instincts when they clash with revealed morality. Beware, be wise *before* not after the fall. Eve's four steps down are found in the four active verbs of Genesis iii. 6. Underline them and think about them.

Did you notice the Devil's half truth in verse 5? He said in effect 'You will know good'. He said 'You will know evil', but he did not add 'You will lose the power to resist it', but that is in fact the real truth.

Sin comes from an old English word which means to separate, and that is exactly what happened that day. The four harmonies which God designed were damaged that dreadful day.

These suggestions for Bible study, begun in the January issue, have been compiled to help the Ranger Guider and Rangers 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'.

In Summer Holiday Mood

THERE is one district on the continent where you can be almost certain of continuous sunshine for your summer holiday—that is in the Rhone Valley, in the Canton Valais of Switzerland. Camping is not organised in the Valais, though there are some localities set aside for campers, as in Sierre, for example. In general, you can camp where you like, except on private property of course, without paying any 'rent'. However, we were advised not to bring tents, as the ground is too rocky in the lateral valleys off the Rhone that we hoped to explore. You need your sleeping-bag and then you can spend the night either in the open (the Valais Tourist Union particularly stresses that: 'We do not think there would be any danger whatever for Guides camping in groups in any part of our Canton') or in any of the really excellent Swiss Youth Hostels at Les Haudères, St. Luc, Zinal, Saas-Fee or Zermatt.

The cost for the night in one of these dormitories is very cheap, ranging from 70 cts. to 1 franc, plus a small supplementary fuel used in cooking your own food. For this the necessary dishes and pans are provided. The age limit for these hostels is twenty-five, and you meet some extraordinarily interesting young people from all over the world.

There are also small hotels and pensions which advertise a dormitory for passing campers, where you can sleep on hay for about the same price. During our wanderings we made it a rule to have a good meal at mid-day; and whenever possible made for a place bearing the 'Alkohol Frei' sign. A Women's Temperance Society runs a chain of these hotels at very cheap rates and one can lunch well for 2.50 to 3.50 francs. For the rest, we managed to live quite cheaply, even though the Swiss

franc is now worth about 1s. 8d. It is best to take your tea and coffee with you.

We first stayed at Sion, the capital of the Valais, where, centuries ago, the Romans built a settlement. The old quarter of the town has some beautiful and ancient buildings, including the Tour des Sorcières, a name suggesting that witches once dwelt there!

We then walked in easy stages down the wild Val d'Hérens, that climbs past Evolène and La Sage to Les Haudères, a windswept group of Chalets by the rushing Borgne. From there a steep mule track winds up to Arolla, a lovely spot with a magnificent view of the mountains—the Aiguilles Rouges, Mont Collon and the Pigne.

The wooden villages huddled round the white church towers are baked with sun and black with age. Crazily tilted barns are perched on stone 'mushrooms' to discourage vermin, while the houses are built in two or three tiers, connected with rough ladders, and with a balcony crowded with washing and firewood and window-boxes tumbling over with geraniums and petunias.

Although most dwellings have electric light, none bar a few hotels have an indoor water supply and every drop has to be brought in from the communal tap at the stone trough where the family washing is done. Water is carried to the parched fields in a series of 'bisses'—shallow, wooden channels that sometimes span a precipitous gorge or go climbing along a rock wall. Never drink from these, however clear the water may look, as they are used by mountain cattle.

We next moved down the Rhone Valley a few miles further eastward to Sierre, buried deep in vine terraces, first introduced by the Romans, when they planted slips from Italy. We had the good fortune to be shown round the 'Nouveau Sierre' wine cellars of M. Arnold. They are the most up to date in the district, with huge glass tanks containing thousands of litres of wine slowly maturing behind white tiled walls, deep underground.

After bathing in the little green lake at Sierre we took the funicular up to Montana-Vermala where there is one of the finest mountain panoramas in the Valais, from Mount Blanc on the French border to Monte Rosa on the Italian.

South of Sierre lies the Val d'Anniviers, so lovely that we could easily have spent the whole holiday there. From Vissoie roads branch off to delightful villages, St. Luc and Chandolin, one of the loftiest hamlets in Europe, to Grimontz, with its cluster of 'mazots', as the old chalets are called, or to Ayer and up the steep mule track to Zinal, from whence you can see peak after peak etched against the sky.

If you are near Vissoie on August 15th do go to the Harvest Festival there. The whole village takes part in this yearly fête of 'Seigle et Vin' (rye and wine), young and old wearing the dignified Annivard costume. There is an open-air service at the foot of the mountains, when lads and lasses bring to the altar for blessing the implements they use in field and vineyard; a procession through the village of lively charades, showing every phase in the production of the local bread and wine and an amusing open-air play of peasant life.

Our time, unfortunately, was at an end, but we returned happily enough with a host of memories and snapshots of some of the loveliest valleys in Europe.

EILEEN BARKER



The annual blessing of field and vineyard implements at Vissoie harvest festival



The village of Chandolin, approached by a steep but lovely climb

Notes of the Month

Kim's Game is Filmed

We know that the Founder and Rudyard Kipling were friends who had many aims in common, and in the books of the latter we find expressed some of the ideas which have been put into practice in Scouting and Guiding. Several of them have a place in the story of 'Kim', in particular, duty to God and King, kindness to others, loyalty, service, and the immense value of observation. Now this story has been filmed, and against the colourful background and thronged highways of India the adventures of the ragamuffin orphan boy come to life. He is a mischievous young rascal because he has had to fend for himself, but he, too, can recognise and respond to the good qualities shown in the simple faith of the old Buddhist priest and in the men he meets who teach him to 'play the game'. Because this book has such an interest for Scouts and Guides, the makers, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, are sponsoring an interesting 'Kim' competition the main prizes for which will be trek-carts—a valuable addition to any company. There will also be consolation prizes of copies of Kipling's story signed by the stars of the film, among whom are Errol Flynn, Paul Lukas, Robert Douglas, and the boy, Dean Stockwell.

This should be an exciting competition because Scouts and Guides will be trying to win those trek-carts and test their observation and knowledge of the story, so take the first opportunity of letting your company have this advance information. Full details of Kim's Competition, together with entry forms, may be obtained from any cinema playing the film or by writing to Mr. R. A. Lee (who is an ex-Scouter), at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's Pictures Ltd., 9, Arlington Street, London, S.W.1.

Helpers Needed at Woodlarks

Campers—Guides over the age of sixteen, Rangers and Guiders—are urgently needed as helpers for badly crippled women and girls at Woodlarks Camp, near Farnham, Surrey. Woodlarks is beautifully situated and is equipped with everything needful to make an Extension Camp easy to run. Cripples and helpers alike pay 2s. a day.

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Secretary, Woodlarks, Farnham, Surrey, for further details. All offers of help should be made after consultation with your C.A. and Commissioner and, in the case of Guides over sixteen and Rangers, Captain's permission must also be obtained.

The Trefoil School

The permanent home of the Trefoil School for Physically Handicapped Children at Kirklands, Hermiston, Midlothian, will be opened by H.R.H. the Princess Margaret on June 28th. The staff and children are hoping to move into their new house in the Easter holidays. Guiders from overseas are very welcome at the Trefoil School, and there will be two vacancies on the staff that cares for the children at the beginning of May. Applicants from Great Britain for a permanent post or from overseas for at least six months should write to the Honorary Secretary, 33, Melville Street, Edinburgh.



'How is it done?' asked Kim, when the Hindu boy had beaten him at the jewel game. 'By doing it many times over till it is done perfectly'

World Assembly of Youth Camp

The British Committee of the World Assembly of Youth invites 1,000 young people from Britain and many countries overseas to camp at Chigwell, Essex, from July 7th to 21st. This is a standing camp with its own swimming pool and facilities for all kinds of sport. Beds and bedding are provided in marquees and tents and there is a cafeteria service. In addition to the opportunity of meeting people from many countries (many of whom will probably be Scouts and Guides) there will be opportunities for visiting the Festival of Britain in London. The Girl Guides Association is invited to send twenty-two members between eighteen and twenty-five years of age. The charge for two weeks will be £3. All meals are extra and will cost approximately 5s. per day. Grant aid for members of the Girl Guides Association will probably be available. Inquiries and applications may be sent, with the written approval of her Commissioner, by any Guider, Cadet or Ranger to the International Commissioner, Imperial Headquarters, by April 15th, 1951. If there are more than twenty-two applications a selection of the most suitable will be made.

A Visit to Greece

It is hoped that it may be possible to arrange for a party of thirty young Guiders, Cadets and Rangers to visit Greece for two weeks at the end of July. The cost will be approximately £40 and grant aid will probably be available. Will those interested send their names as soon as possible, with the written approval of their Commissioner, to the International Secretary, I.H.Q. Travel will be by air and the visit is dependent on a party of Greek Rangers visiting Great Britain at the same time.



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Collecting and Making Camp Equipment—II

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TENTS may be treated with a solution of paraffin wax. Cut the wax into shavings so it will dissolve readily. Put 2 lbs. of the wax in 2 gallons of turpentine (for a 7 x 9 tent or thereabouts). Place the vessel in a tub of hot water until solution is completed. Then paint it with the hot solution, working rapidly and using a stiff brush. Meantime set up the tent and let tent stand until quite dry. Do this on a sunny morning and let tent stand until quite dry. The turpentine adds a certain elasticity to the wax.

An alternative is to boil one ounce of isinglass in one pint of soft water until it is quite dissolved, and strain through a piece of clean linen into an old cooking pot. Dissolve a quarter of an ounce of white Castile soap into a pint of water, strain through linen, and add to the isinglass solution. Dissolve one ounce of alum in two pints of water, strain and add. Stir and simmer slowly the whole solution. Apply the solution while hot to the outer surface of the erected tent with a small flat brush. Work the solution well into the seams. One bell tent takes three gallons of proofing.

Skewer pegs and lightweight alloy poles, Italian cord guys and aluminium runners all help to save weight. Nylon cord does not shrink in wet weather. Even in a standing camp, bulk weight can be saved by careful choice of kitchen equipment. Aluminium dixies, with handle at each end, are light enough for two Guides to carry and should nest together for packing. When choosing steamers for puddings, see that two will fit easily into one dixie to save space on the fire. A basin which fits into the top of a tea urn is most useful for steaming or keeping food hot. In a large camp a galvanised bin is useful for storing and heat-

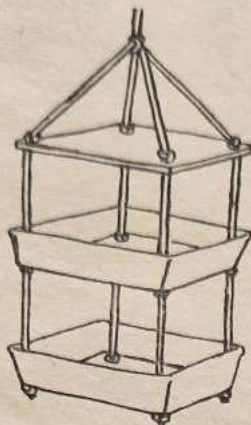


FIG. 1.

ing hot water. This can be heated on a separate brick fire-place or by the sawdust drum method described in *Campcraft*.

The company, of course, must have a share in all camp plans, and the Court of Honour could draw up a list of things which might be made as 'useful articles' for the Second Class test. Muslin covers, with elastic in hems, for jugs, drinking water buckets, and basins; pot holders, dish towels and net cloths, cooking aprons, are all needed for the kitchen. Tins can be collected and painted for the store tent. Brightly coloured bags are useful for individual plates and cutlery.

A hanging larder will be needed for meat, covered with muslin. Instead of flat boards, two deep meat tins, with a hole bored in each corner for the rope to pass through, will prevent the meat falling out in a gale, or touching the muslin. (Figure 1).

Old oilskins or groundsheets might be cut up to make covers for lat paper, 'sitter' groundsheets, and bags for clothing. All personal kit should be packed in separate little bags, inside the kitbag or rucksack, and these can be made from any scraps of material, possibly proofed. Long-shaped ones are convenient, either with drawstring top, or a flap to tuck in over rolled-up clothes (Figure 2).

The notice board can be a rolled-up one of canvas, bound in colour, with canes slipped through top and bottom. A mailbag to match would be handy. Recruits could use their whipping on the flag halyards, and the company's packing rope. Bundles of light tent poles, which are awkward to tie up, can have a little gadget to hold them, consisting of a small canvas pocket to slip on each end, fastened together with strong elastic.

Every camp brings fresh ideas and dodges to be tried out next year. Planning and scheming is fascinating, but only when the whole company shares in it from the very beginning will it be a real prelude to adventure.

M. M. WATSON



FIG. 2.

A Suggestion for Raising Company Funds

AT this time of the year when arrangements for camp are in course of completion, Guiders may be glad to hear of a new salvage drive which should prove profitable for company funds. Owing to world conditions and the heavy demands on dollars we are faced with a serious shortage of paper in this country and must depend for essential supplies of pulp on reclaiming our waste paper. Many thousands of tons are required every week by the pulping mills.

The Waste Paper Merchants Association have made a special offer to Guiders all over the country for the recovery of this salvage in four different grades, and details of the terms and conditions are announced on page 60. All enquiries for the names of collectors in your area should be addressed direct to Mr. A. P. Hughes, Waste Paper Merchants Association, 21, Devonshire Street, London, W.1 (phone Welbeck 0281).

It is important to remember that Grade 4, which is the most valuable, must be *flat newspapers only* and no pins or metal fasteners of any kind must be included. The *Radio Times* and other similar papers should be put with magazines. No string, tin or wax should be included with any grade because very valuable machinery, at present irreplaceable, is employed in the process of reclamation which can be seriously damaged by contact with these materials.

This appeal for paper is expected to last for a period of years, so there is no fear of refusal after Guiders and Rangers have worked to collect it. Sacks and string will be supplied

by the merchants, but Guiders are advised to select a safe storage place until the minimum amount has been collected.

Newspapers and magazines are quite heavy in weight and if each member of the company brought a bundle, carefully sorted into grades, every week, the goal for despatch would soon be reached and company funds raised accordingly. Here is a way of giving help to one of our vital industries while offering Guiders and Rangers a means of earning their own funds.

All England Schools' Camp

AN ALL ENGLAND SCHOOLS' CAMP will be held at Blackland Farm from Monday, September 3rd to Monday, September 10th, 1951. The purpose of this camp will be to provide a meeting ground for Guiders from boarding school companies and Lone Guiders who are at boarding school. Applications from day-school companies will be considered if space permits.

The camp will be run in groups and a Ranger group will be added if there is a demand for one. The number of places available for any one company will be limited. It will help very much in planning this camp if Captains of interested school companies (or Lone Captains with interested Guiders) will send a postcard now (or in any case before Easter) to the Commissioner for Guiders for England, Miss Branson, Reynards Retreat, Monk Sherborne, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

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Executive Committee Report

It has now been decided to publish a quarterly report in *THE GUIDER* on the subjects discussed at the monthly Executive Committee of the Council. This will summarise the decisions made for the past three months and will take the place of the shorter report.

Coming Events

The London and Middlesex Guiders' Choir will sing Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* with soloists and string orchestra on Sunday, March 11th, at 6.30 p.m. at St. Saviour's Church, Eton Road, N.W.3, and on Sunday, March 18th at 6.30 p.m. at Christ-church, Albany Street, N.W.1.

The Empire Circle speaker at the evening meeting at the Guide Club on March 29th at 6.30 p.m. will be Miss Audrey Bourne from Kenya.

The Evening Social will be held at the Guide Club on April 9th, at 6.30 p.m. During the evening a talk will be given on are for Empire Circle members and overseas Guiders. Refreshments will be on sale at both meetings from 6.30 p.m.

A Rally for Baptist Guiders and Rangers will be held on Saturday, April 7th from 3.30 to 6.30 p.m., at Horseferry Road Baptist Church, Westminster. The chair will be taken by Dr. Grace Newell, formerly of India; the speaker will be Miss Lily Jenks, of Kibentele, Congo Belge. Further details from Miss Page, Baptist Mission House, 93 Gloucester Place, London, W.1.

This Our Heritage. There will be stage productions of the Albert Hall Pageant by English Rangers, in co-operation with Surrey North, as follows: April 10th and 11th at the Wimbledon Town Hall. Box Office Secretary: Miss M. Heys-Jones, 23 Denbigh Gardens, Richmond (Tel. Richmond 2587). Seats: 7s. 6d., 5s., and 2s. 6d. Special terms for parties of Guiders.

Empire Youth Sunday. The fourteenth anniversary will be held on May 6th, 1951, and Empire Youth Week from April 30th to May 5th, 1951. Service forms and list of addresses for applying for speakers can be obtained from the Secretary, Empire Youth Sunday, 44 Rutland Court, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.5.

The International Song and Dance Training at Foxlease will now be held for a week from July 24th-31st.

Brownie Exhibition at I.H.Q. There will be an exhibition of Brownie handicrafts, pack equipment, apparatus, charts, nature collections and so on at Imperial Headquarters from Monday, August 27th, to Saturday, September 1st. Further details in April *GUIDER*.

English Cadet Rally, 1951. There will be a rally in London for all English Cadets, and for Guiders who may have been Cadets between October, 1950, and October, 1951, during the week-end of October 6th-7th, 1951. Details are being sent to counties so please keep in touch with your Cadet Representatives, County Secretaries or Training Committee.

Awards

Fortitude

Badge of Fortitude. Guide Margaret Crouch, aged 11, 1st Sutton Coldfield Company, Warwickshire. Margaret has been in hospital since last April suffering from miliary tuberculosis with tubercular meningitis. However distressing the treatment, she has shown great fortitude.

Company Leader Marion English, aged 17, 1st Heacham Company, Norfolk. Marion has been suffering acute pain for over a year as a result of tuberculosis, and is now in a plaster jacket in which she will have to stay for another year. Her pluck, quiet example and cheerful acceptance of her illness have endeared her to all those around her.

Guide Jacqueline Higgings, aged 14, 1st Heacham Company, Norfolk. Jacqueline has suffered from a spinal deformity for many years due to tuberculosis, and has been in hospital for long periods at a time. Without her cheerful, patient outlook and co-operation with the doctors and nurses she could not have made such rapid progress.

Guide Kellina Ngubeni, aged 15, 10th Swaziland Company, South Africa. By her cheerfulness and courage this Guide has been a source of inspiration to the whole company. In spite of mutilated hands and feet due to leprosy she has set a standard

of loyalty to the company that could not be bettered, particularly in helping a blind Guide in the company.

Life Saving

Gilt Cross. Brownies Julia Button, aged 10, and Sylvia Elley, aged 9, Sawbridgeworth Pack, Hertfordshire.

The two Brownies were taking their dogs for a walk by the river Stort when they heard cries for help and saw a nineteen-year-old girl and her dog struggling in the river, which is eight feet deep at that point. At first the girl thought the Brownies were trying to push her further into the water when they went to help her. Eventually, through one Brownie lying flat on her tummy and gripping the girl under her arms while her friend held her feet they managed to drag the girl out.

Good Service

Medal of Merit. Miss Cave Brown Cave, Division Commissioner, North Uganda.

Called to Higher Service

Miss Janet Allan, on February 8th, 1951, in Westminster Hospital, London. For thirty-five years Miss Allan gave generously of her gifts to the movement, despite the handicap, in later years, of failing eyesight. From 1928-1949 Miss Allan was Division Commissioner for Wallington, Surrey, and many Guiders owe much to her encouragement and optimism. Queen Mary's Hospital at Carshalton was the scene of much of her inspired work for Guiding. Friends used to say 'Janet is never daunted by any obstacle' and if she found herself baffled she possessed the gift for finding the right person to surmount the difficulty. Miss Allan was Commissioner for Extensions from 1934-1938 and in 1939 she was awarded the Silver Fish.

Mrs. Clara Alice Arnold, on January 14th, 1951, Division Secretary of South East Manchester Girl Guides' Association since 1928. Those of us who worked with her will remember with joy and thankfulness the inspiration she gave us by the courage and beauty of her life.

Miss E. S. Kellard, Captain of the 4th Lamorbey (Holy Trinity) Company, on January 1st, 1951, after a very short illness. The movement has lost a very loyal supporter.

Ivy Peart, on February 12th, 1951, at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, after years of suffering most valiantly borne. Brownie, Guide and Company Leader and much-loved Lieutenant in the 1st Langton Matravers Pack and Company. Awarded the Badge of Fortitude, 1948.

Audrey Robinson, of smallpox, on her 25th birthday, January 10th, 1951. Despite a serious operation on her hip in 1947, after which she was on her back for fourteen months, Audrey continued in her nursing career. She volunteered to nurse a suspected case of smallpox in the Bevendean Isolation Hospital, Brighton, where she caught the disease herself.

Vera Kathleen Sigrist, on January 25th, after years of suffering most courageously borne. A former Brown Owl and Ranger Captain she was awarded the Medal of Merit in 1949. Wise in counsel, just and generous in judgment, her steadiness and reliability were rocklike.

Greta Ward, on January 29th, 1951. A former Guide Captain and Ranger Captain in Keswick, Greta Ward was one of those utterly dependable people who like to work behind the scenes. She used her gifts to the full in the service of others.

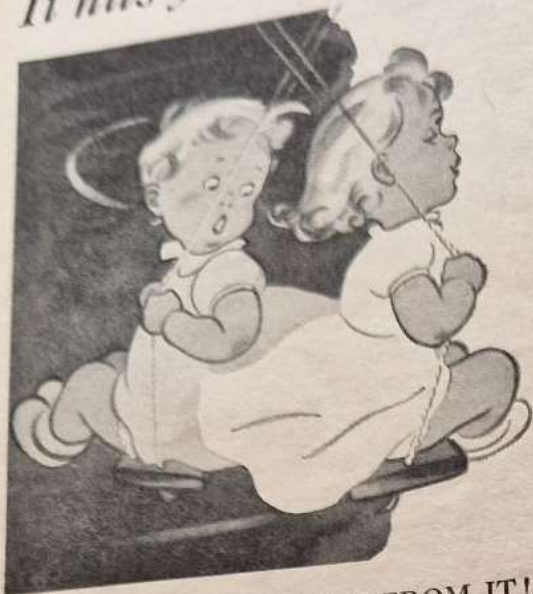
Notice Board

Cheap Fare Vouchers are again available on request from Headquarters. It is understood that during the coming season there will be no restrictions to their use during the week-end.

Headquarters Film Library. 'Welcome to World Guiding' is a new two-reel colour film running for 25 minutes and can be hired for 12s. 6d. for one show and 6s. for subsequent shows. It includes shots of the World Conference delegates in London on July 15th and 16th and at Foxlease, the Air Ranger camp at Somerford, the Sea Rangers at Christchurch Harbour and the Extension Camp at Didsbury. 'Journey of Goodwill' will be available for hire from March 15th at the same charge as above. It is a three-reel black and white film, running for 35 minutes, and shows some of the incidents in the Scrolls of Friendship journeys in England, Scotland, Wales and Ulster and the campfire at Oxford.

(For other notices see page 68)

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Where to Train

IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS FOXLEASE

- 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
16-20 Holiday for members of Local Associations and Trefoil Guilds
24-31 International Song, Dance and Drama
- August
3-13 Guide and Brownie
17-24 P.L.s (full)
28-4 Sept. P.L.s (full)
- September
7-11 Rangers (all branches)
14-18 Guide and Brownie
21-25 Guide and Brownie
28-5 Oct. Guide Pre-Warrant
- October
16-23 Guide Guiders and Commissioners
26-30 North Surrey
- November
2-6 Queen's Guide Testers
9-13 Guide and Brownie
16-20 Camp
23-27 Music Party
*Guiders from other counties welcomed.

WADDOW

- March
2-5 Durham
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 Guide and Brownie
11-21 General (special sessions for Rangers) (Whitsun)
25-28 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
25-1 Aug. Holiday Period (Guiders, Cadets or Rangers)
- August
3-10 General
14-21 Patrol Leaders (full)
24-31 Patrol Leaders (full)

September

- 4-11 Guide Guiders and Lone Guiders (separate sessions)
14-17 Brownie and Ranger
21-24 Yorkshire N.R. County week-end
28-1 October. Derbyshire

October

- 5-8 Camp Fire
12-15 Guide and Brownie
19-22 Manchester
26-29 Guide and Brownie

November

- 2-5 Camp and Handcraft
9-12 Commissioners and General
16-19 Guide and Brownie
23-26 S.E. Lancs.

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 Guiders
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 Warrants 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 Commissioners' 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.

Lone Guiders' Training. A non-residential training for Lone Guiders will be held at I.H.Q. on Friday, March 29th to Sunday, April 1st, 1951. Applications should be made to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

ENGLAND

Extension Section (Hospital Group). A training for Hospital Group Guiders (Guide Branch) will be held on Saturday, March 17th at I.H.Q., from 3.0-6.30 p.m. There will be no training fee. Tea will be available at 1s. The trainer will be a candidate for the Extension H.I. (Hospital Group). Entries to the English Training Department at I.H.Q. as soon as possible.

Commissioners' Training. A short course of three trainings for Commissioners will be held at I.H.Q. on Wednesdays, May 23rd and 30th and June 6th from 11.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Fee for the course 3s. Lunch and tea will be available in the H.Q. Restaurant. Please apply to the English Training Department at I.H.Q.

SCOTLAND

Netherurd

- 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 Fire
28-1 Oct. Dundee
- October
5-8 Stewartry of Kirkcudbright and Wigtownshire
12-15 Commonwealth and Empire
19-22 Brownie
26-29 Pre-Warrant
Fees. Shared room, £2 10s. a week,

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7s. 6d. a day. A training fee of 2s. 6d. course will be charged, and an additional fee of 2s. 6d. for a single room. Applications, enclosing a deposit of 5s., to the Secretary, Netherend, Rlyth Bridge, West Linton, Peeblesshire.

WALES

- Broneirion**
- March 1-4 St. David's Day Celebration (Pageant Film and Nosen Lawen each evening)
- 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 Woodcraft
- May 11-15 (Whitsun). General Training
- 25-28 Cardiff and East Glamorgan (some open places)
- June 5-12 Guide Guiders and Commissioners (Children under 5 years may be brought)
- 22-25 Advanced Guiders (by invitation)
- 29-2 July. County-Week-end
- July 10-12 Welsh Local Association Conference
- 24-31 International Week (by invitation)

August 3-11 Holiday week and General Training

14-21 Patrol Leaders (open)

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**
- March 2-4 International Guide Pre-Warrant
- 9-11 Derry City and County
- 16-18 Brownie
- 23-26 April. Co. Down
- 30-1 April.
- 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.

Please state in the original application the date of the camp (giving alternative dates where possible) and approximate number. 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. Some sites at Foxlease are still available in the school holidays.

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.

PLEASE NOTE

We are planning to publish a series of articles by Mrs. Griffith, a Chief's Diploma, which will discuss the various ways in which Brownies, Guides and Rangers can grow in understanding and practice of the Promise and Law. If Guiders have suggestions to make or care to send in difficulties which they meet will they send them in to the Editor of THE GUIDER as soon as possible?

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The Trefoil Guild

THE Conference in May: All Guilds should now have received a circular giving full details of the conference which is to be held at Imperial Guide Headquarters on May 19th and 20th. We have grown so much in the last two years that it is no longer possible to invite a delegate from every Guild to the conference, as we did in 1949, and still hold it at Headquarters. The question of the size and place of future conferences will be discussed in May, and I hope all Guilds will give the question very careful consideration. It should be possible for the counties to arrange their delegations in such a way that they represent both the various types of Guilds and the differing outlook and interests of their members, as well as reflect the actual opinions of their on the various questions which you are all asked to consider. One or two of these are definitely controversial, and there will be sharp differences of opinion. Your delegates can be instructed to vote in a certain manner, or if the opinion in the county is divided, they can be asked to use their discretion in voting, after hearing all the pros and cons of the argument. Many Guilds have asked for suggestions for Guild activities, and we are therefore having a small exhibition. All exhibits should be brought or sent to the library at I.H.Q. on Friday evening, May 18th, at 7 o'clock.

Guilds from the more distant parts of Britain find the heavy fare to London a great problem, and we have tried to find some way to share this burden. A complete pooling of fares has proved to be too difficult, but we are asking all delegates whose fares are 30s. or less, to pay an extra 10s., and the 'pool' so formed will be divided amongst those whose fares exceed £2. A further suggestion is to share the expenses of the delegates amongst all the Guilds in a county, as the delegation will represent all the members.

If you are not clear about any points please refer to your County Recorder, and *not* to the Conference Secretary.

The Annual Reports of the County Recorders prove that nearly everywhere the Guild has grown in usefulness as well as in numbers, and is giving increasing service to the Guide Movement and to the community. Many Guilds are co-operating with the local branches of the B-P Guild of Old Scouts.

Trefoil Guild members in the north of England attended the Guiders' Conference at Butlin's Camp at Filey, and came away filled with enthusiasm and inspiration. Many counties report that their members shared in the World Conference celebrations. One member acted as escort to one of the Scrolls on her motor-bike, a County Recorder was one of the stewards for the campfire at Oxford, five members were at the Extension Camp at Dudsbury, which was visited by the delegates, and the Oxford Guild served morning coffee each day of the conference.

Many counties again report supplying a number of new Guiders, and much help has been given at camps, including Woodlarks. Parcels have been sent to the G.I.S., Guernsey having collected ninety-six sacks of twenty-two lb. each. Many Guilds have

done good turns to old folk and London reports a collection of six cwt. of coal for this purpose.

York entertained a party of Norwegian Guiders and Rangers and Winchester acted as hostesses to a party of American Girl Scouts. As one county says: 'Whatever we do, we enjoy doing as members of the Trefoil Guild'.

The Link is a fascinating compilation of news issued for the benefit of the Old Guides of the Paris-British Companies. I quote a point of interest to all British Trefoil Guilds: 'Some Extensions are quite unable to go to Woodlarks, but they do appreciate a holiday. One bed-ridden girl who was taken into another person's home, while her own family had a holiday, said that it was a real holiday for her just to lie in a different room with new surroundings. It was thought that Trefoil Guild members with nursing experience might be able to give someone like this a week's change in their homes and that as many of the Guild as possible should undertake to visit and entertain her'.

The Trefoil Guild by Post: Quite a number of Guild members rely on the post for their link with each other, and it would be most interesting to hear more of the form taken by their 'Letters'. Whether written as a News-Letter, a magazine or a circular letter it should always be a co-operative effort with every member having some share in producing it. One Guild, though it has regular monthly meetings, also runs a 'circular' letter to link together the members who can meet regularly and those who can only join their friends on very rare occasions. The letter travels in a stout calico bag all over England. On the cover there is always a large envelope for photographs, Guild news, reports, cuttings from THE GUIDER or from newspapers. Inside there is a list of names and addresses with space to enter date of receipt and despatch. Then the officers of the Guild, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, write their 'bits' and the others add their quota of news, views, and comment on other people's contributions. This type of postal Guild needs no 'leadership'. In fact, even the Chairman usually changes each year, so that the work involved in starting off the letter is shared round. Certainly the members of this Guild can recommend their experiment to others.

A Viola for the Trefoil Guild. Through the generosity of Mrs. Gibson, an Italian viola has been offered on loan to the Girl Guides Association on the following conditions: 1. The viola is to be lent for a year, with the possibility of renewal, to a Trefoil Guild member who has satisfied the Secretary as to her competence as a player. 2. The viola, which is insured against all risks for £60 by Mrs. Gibson, is subject to recall by the owner at one month's notice. 3. Any damage to the viola to be reported at once to the Secretary. Applications for the use of the viola to be made to the Secretary, Headquarters Instruments, Mrs. Anthony Jeffreys, 13, Cheyne Gardens, London, S.W.3, by March 31st.

MARY PORTER
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