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When Brownies cry, 'let's go out',
do you say 'yes'?



The Christian Opportunity

From a talk by the Bishop of Willesden at I.H.Q. on March 10th

IN considering the problem of the challenge of Communism to our time it is very important that we should not confine ourselves merely to condemning something which we do not like. The only way to oppose Communism effectively is to offer something positive which is better in its place. The reason for this is that man is a spiritual being and he must have some religion to satisfy his spiritual nature. The reason why so many people are restless in these days is that they have lost their faith in God, they have found nothing to replace it and therefore they forget themselves. One of the factors in the growth of Communism is that it is a religion and that it supplies some sort of answer to the spiritual longings which arise naturally in man. If we remove his faith in Communism, without giving him something better, we may be doing something worse than we ever contemplated.

If we are to oppose Communism effectively it must be, therefore, by offering a better alternative. What is that alternative? The answer can be given in one word—the Truth. I say this purposely rather than saying 'Christianity' for there is a danger in suggesting that we should be Christians merely in order to oppose Communism. There is, although people do not always realise it, a very close relationship between faith and conduct, and therefore it may be that people who enjoy the way of life which has been bred by Christianity may oppose Communism simply because they are afraid of the discomfort that it will bring to them personally, and will support Christianity merely because it is the useful weapon with which to strike Communism. We have to remember that we Christians oppose Communism not for the reason that if it were to be established in our land it would bring considerable discomfort to ourselves. This is not a sufficient reason for opposing Communism; for indeed there are many people to whom Communism would bring great material comfort; at the same time it may also be that the pursuit of the truth may bring considerable discomfort to each one of us which we must accept. The reason why we oppose Communism is because we believe it is not based on the truth. The reason why we desire to propagate Christianity is because we believe it expresses the truth about the Universe, about ourselves, about God.

How then can we see this contrast between Christianity and Communism? It can be brought out under the three following headings:—

(1) Christianity believes that God is the centre of the Universe, that He is the Creator and that man and all created things exist to do His will. The Christian believes that God is holy, righteous and loving. The Communist denies the existence of God; man is the centre of the Universe, God does not exist, there are no such things as spiritual values or an after life.

(2) The Christian believes that because God is good therefore man must regulate his behaviour according to God's moral law. The Communist, in denying the existence of God, denies the existence of any moral law or obligation which is binding upon man. The only thing which need govern his conduct is the welfare of the State. Any expediency which is going to lead to that may be employed. Thus treaties may be broken, lies spoken, treacheries approved if they lead to the welfare of the State.

(3) The Christian believes that because God has created man, because through Jesus Christ he has redeemed him, therefore each individual man and woman is of value in the sight of God and man has rights simply because he is the child of God. The Communist believes that the individual has no distinctive dignity. The only rights that he can possess are those which are granted to him by the Communist State.

Here, then, we see the contrast between the truth as expressed in Christianity and the untruth as we believe it is

expressed in Communism. How then are we to oppose Communism effectively? The answer is simply by being better Christians; and I suggest for your consideration the following ways in which you may seek to establish that.

(1) Be perfectly certain that in yourself there is the heart of the matter. Christianity is essentially a religion of a person, Jesus Christ, and the first essential of true Christianity is for the individual to be living in fellowship with his living Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

(2) Be a good member of the Christian Communion to which you belong. Be perfectly sure why you belong to it and for what it stands and at the same time do your best to work for the re-union of the Christian Communions.

(3) Be a well-informed Christian so that you are able to answer the attacks or enquiries which may be made upon you by those who are not Christians.

(4) Use your intelligence in promoting Christianity in every way that is possible. See that Christians are in positions of authority and influence so that they may bring the quality of their Christian lives to bear upon their surroundings.

(5) Do your best to remove those social injustices upon which Communism batters and grows.

(6) See that in your personal behaviour you respect those principles for which Christianity stands. You cannot, for instance, protest against those who do not value the dignity of human personality if you yourself bully those who are in subordinate positions to yourself.

The title of my talk is 'The Christian Opportunity'. In the days in which we live when humanity is in the melting pot, when the old standards are no longer accepted, and people have no stable principles on which to build their lives there is both danger and great opportunity. People are in a receptive mood and it is the responsibility of the Christian to see that they have the opportunity of knowing and accepting the truth as it is revealed in Jesus Christ. By bearing our witness fearlessly to the truth we shall rescue the world from the disharmony, despair and suffering which is always brought into the affairs of man when truth is forgotten and ignorance and sin reign in his relationships.

The Gardens of the Bible

(*The Garden of Gethsemane*. St. John xviii.) The Garden of Gethsemane was often resorted to by our Lord yet this is the only record we have of His going there. He went to pray. Here the Traitor sought for Jesus, but notice this, Jesus did not hide from His searchers as Adam and Eve hid from God, for Jesus was innocent and had nothing to hide. It reminds me of the saying of Oswald Chambers: 'A Christian is one who has nothing to hide'. There was a sword in this garden as in Eden; here it was the sword of Peter's revenge, there it was the protective sword of the Angel. Truly God's thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are our ways His ways.

This Garden was for Jesus Christ a place of choice as Eden had been a place of choice for Adam. Take time to think about our Lord's deliberate choosing of the right way in spite of its being the hardest way. So He left that Garden of peace a willing Captive, thereby demonstrating that obedience to God is the only true freedom; but Adam long years ago left his garden of pleasure unwillingly captive, and ever since mankind has been in bondage in countless ways to his master the devil. Yes, Jesus went forth a willing Captive to face an unjust trial and cruel crucifixion. What for? In order that through it He might bruise the head of the Devil himself (Gen. iii. 15) and 'lead captivity captive'.

This experience of being freed from bondage, whether it be to bad thoughts, fears, evil habits or temperamental weaknesses, God means everyone of us to share, for 'if the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed'.

G. M.-H.

The Chief Guide's Talk

NOW we come to British Guiana where Guiding has been well established for many years. Owing to my ship's sailing being suddenly advanced by two whole days my proposed programme of eight days had to be curtailed into five. The Guides and their leaders gave me the most charming welcome at the four centres that I was able to visit—by air or by launch up the Demerara River—and as if by magic all the various functions sorted themselves out!

The most exquisite birthday treat was given to me by the Demerara Bauxite Company, who put on a 'plane and flew me up country over the Kaieteur Falls, one of the highest in the world, and set in the most superb forest scenery—an unforgettable experience.

My last day in British Guiana took me out by good fortune with the Governor to visit New Amsterdam. Thanks to the courtesy and consideration and gallant efforts of the Guiders—aided by police, Government officials, Education authorities and firms and other helpers—all the far-away Guides

were brought in to this centre in the Province of Berbice (some by boat, some by lorry, and some starting even at three o'clock in the morning) to rally together on the day earlier than had been originally arranged! Commissioners who arrange rallies for a fixed date will know the sort of nightmare that would be! But everything went off well—even if it did mean strenuous re-planning and special effort. But to help Guides on, calls for effort, and it is effort well spent.

The programme for that day for me was like this:—7 a.m., Get up and pack; 8 a.m., Fly to New Amsterdam where met by Guides and Scouts at the wharf; 9.30 a.m., March Past and rally with displays; 11 a.m., Public meeting in Town Hall, with large room packed with grown ups, school children, Guides and Scouts; 12.30 p.m., Lunch party; 1.30 p.m., Guiders' meeting; 2 p.m., Meeting of the Local Association; 3 p.m., Fly back to Georgetown; 4.30 p.m., Broadcast; 5 p.m., rally and campfire and birthday cake party; 6.30 p.m., Press conference; 7.30 p.m., Dinner and write letters, and 9 p.m., go on board the *Lady Nelson* and sail for Trinidad.

By great good fortune the *Lady Nelson* landed me in the evening of Thinking Day at St. Vincent. It was delightful to find such a happy cheery bit of our Guide family at this beautiful little island of the Windward Island group. They gave me the sweetest welcome, as well as a huge birthday cake, with sixty-two candles alight upon it.

In the four hours ashore we all got to know each other so well, and never shall I forget the generous-hearted friendliness shown to me by the general public, and the lovely touching scene at my departure, leaving

those eager waving hands and little flashing torches at the wharf, as our pinnacle rushed me off into the warm dark velvety night.

Before I end this talk I must quote to you two most encouraging letters. I could have wept—with emotion and pleasure—over them both. They shall be anonymous—and I will only say that the writer of one is a Commissioner, and the other is a Brown Owl, married to a Gilwell Wood Badge Scouter.

'It was good to see you here again. . . . I have to thank Guiding for the joy and power it has been in my life ever since I was enrolled in 1918. I felt it was "the way of life", and would be the perfect way of life if our human frailties did not prevent us from always keeping our Promise and Laws as we should. . . . The phrase "I am a Guide" is a strong pole to which I have clung and which has saved me from many serious temptations. . . . I thank God that I am able to do my share in it all, and to be a link in our chain of world fellowship and goodwill'.

And the other letter said among other things:—

'We have such happiness helping with Guides and Scouts. In fact we feel it is a privilege to serve in this great movement, and give happiness to children. We have none of our own for God thought it best to take back the four babies He gave us soon after their birth. But we know His will is for the best, and we are quite content to give our affection and friendship to other people's children, and the happiness we derive from this no words can describe. The ideals of Scouting and Guiding have laid the foundation for our own very happy marriage, and no matter where we go, come what may, we intend to do our best and, pray God, to do it well'.



The Chief Guide visits a Brownie Pack at Nassau, Bahamas



One of the highest waterfalls in the world—the magnificent Kaieteur Falls—dropping eight hundred and twenty-two feet into the valley below

An Enormous Demand

HOW does it seem to Sally or to Sue to be presented with an Enormous Demand when first she goes to Guides? A warm welcome there is, but there is also a bracing and astringent quality about the challenge thrown out to her in the Tenderfoot test. 'We're glad to have you; but before you can really be a Guide you must prove yourself, and show that you mean business'. That is what Guiding says to a recruit when it faces her with the Tenderfoot test.

With Sally it may be just what she is expecting, what she has been secretly preparing herself for while she has been waiting to join. Already she may see herself as Rescuer, Knight Errant, Backwoodsman, or other Useful-Person-to-Have-About, and woe betide a Guider or P.L. who tells her that the Tenderfoot test is not hard, and that it will not bother her much. She *wants* it to be hard, and she *wants* to be bothered. What is the good of a proof of valour that is no proof?

With Sue it may be that the demands of Guiding come as a surprise to her, that she had no real idea of what it was all about before she came. How important is it, then, that she should meet the challenge where it belongs, and respond to it there, at the beginning of her career in the company; how foolish to make little of it and to waste the opportunity it offers for showing her what Guiding is; how unfair to allow her to become a Guide without understanding as far as she can, what she is taking on.

But how do we do it? How do we fulfil Sally's expectations and rise to her self-imposed standard, and at the same time present Sue with an unexpected challenge and help her to respond to it, without frightening her off by some arbitrary standard at the moment beyond her?

The first thing, I think, is to remember that the Tenderfoot test comes as an individual challenge to each child, be she a Sally or a Sue or someone 'in between'. It is *her* best that the Promise demands of her and neither anyone else's nor anything less. We must be continually exercising our imaginations and seeing things from her point of view; and we must therefore *know* her point of view. That is one reason why the Tenderfoot test and preparation for it must never be hurried. A Guider for whom it has become a routine piece of formality to be got through, instead of an exciting challenge to achievement, the earnest of greater adventures to come, must recapture her vision or retire (there are no two ways about that one). Read a bit of *Scouting for Boys* or *Be Prepared* and act on it, if you are feeling stale.

Then 1. Be sure that you know what the Tenderfoot test requires; do not assume that you do know because you have 'been doing it for years'. (That is one of the best reasons for not knowing.) Get out a 1950 P.O.R. and check up now.

2. Look at each part carefully; weigh the significance of the wording; try to see what it is aiming at—what the child is going to expect from it, and what, from an adult point of view, we see its purpose to be. See how everything is there for a particular reason—either to state the way of living required of a Guide, and to give opportunities for practising it; or to give an introduction to Guiding as a 'game'

played largely out of doors; or to increase skill of hand and eye and to put into action the ideal of being prepared; or to help the realisation of belonging to a world-wide movement; and ask yourself whether the training and testing in your company do achieve those aims.

3. Check up on your own knowledge if you are doubtful, and check it in practice with the company. (A company that *tracks* will find neither that signs the size of pokers, nor signs the size of match sticks really work. What does work will give you the clue to what is the right standard in that case, and in many others.)

4. See that training and testing are 'all-of-a-piece' in your company. It is not much good for the recruit to try to follow a trail round the garden or park if her only preparation has been the *drawing* of tracking signs in a notebook; and neither will your reputation be enhanced if her patrol has shown her how to hoist a flag and you merely ask her to tie a clove-hitch round a chair leg. And why test her solemnly on her own for 'whistle signals' when she made instant response to all those used in the last company meeting? That was the best kind of test, and she proved both her knowledge and self-discipline in the place where they were needed.

5. Face the fact that when it comes to testing the knowledge of the Promise and the Law you cannot really *test* at all. A reef knot is either a reef knot or it isn't; and it is the same with many other practical things—either they are or they aren't. But with the Promise, things are not so cut and dried. A recruit must, of course, know the words; no one could expect to prove her willingness to try to live according to a certain standard without being able to call easily to mind what the standard is. But more than that, she will have to show that, as far as she is able, she understands what it implies. She may be stumped by words like 'courteous', 'loyal', 'thrifty', though once they are explained she may well be able to show that she understands their meaning in daily life in ways that are eye openers to you.

Has she been brought up in the faith of some religious denomination, or has she no idea at all of what her duty to God may be? (The stories of the Saints of the Flag are a good jumping off ground in the latter case.) You will need to discover that and to act accordingly. See that the Promise is not disassociated in her mind from the rest of the test; that she discovers (not necessarily by explanation, but by what she experiences in the life of the company) that the good turn, good workmanship, self-discipline and alertness, are all part, though not the whole, of her duty to God and her neighbour,

and that she feels the impact of a way of life in which work and worship go hand in hand. Having done that you must trust her, be she Sally or be she Sue, to do her best.

If when she hears the words, 'You are now a Guide', she feels that she has earned the right to be one, and has begun to Be Prepared, you need have little fear that the standard of Tenderfoot training and testing in your company is not the right one. Your further proof will be in the sound foundations that you have together laid, for meeting the progressive challenges ahead of her.

JANET COZENS



'If, at her enrolment, a Recruit feels she has begun to "Be Prepared" then the standard of your training and testing is the right one'

Do Your Guides Watch Nature's Clowns?

INSECTS are such fun—so easily findable, so satisfactorily pokeable, even too easily transportable! As pets they are adoptable and discardable as a child's whim dictates. Above all, they can be relied upon to climb about, stand on their heads, go to sleep and wake up at unexpected moments—in fine, to play the part of Nature's clever and amusing clowns. You don't agree? Ah well, you are grown up, while I am thinking back to my childhood when, rather lonely and anxious, because of a sister's illness, I was not infrequently turned out to play quite by myself in a small town garden. I found consolation—in the companionship of insects!

I can still remember my delighted unbelief when a small black creature suddenly turned itself into a twig of the branch up which it had been marching; no amount of prodding would turn it soft and go-able again. That discovery was much better than a fairy tale! What had the spider been doing overnight in the potting shed? Would there be a new kind of web to examine? Once I dug up a couple of chrysalides. I could see the hidden butterfly wings inside their hard cases. Then suddenly the warmth of my small palm stirred the life in them. They wagged their tails vigorously and I was enchanted. Gently I hid them away and daily they were retrieved to wag for me again. I don't suppose that I did the future butterflies much good, but no one told me that—and they were a joy to show to the convalescent later!

Armour in museums has never attracted me, but, looking back, I believe that I really appreciated the beautiful and complicated device of the armour on the wee 'slaters' which rustled and ran in the beech mast and rolled into tight tickling balls if I picked them up. (Now I see them with double interest, for I know they are a survival of a very early form of insect life—their nearest relations being sea-creatures like prawns and shrimps!)

I once knew two small boys who returned exhausted and unenthusiastic from Whip-snade: 'Yes', they had seen the tigers, 'Yes', the lions had roared; then suddenly the two little faces lit up: 'Oh, and Auntie, we found a lov-er-ly worm!' One is inclined to laugh at all the wasted adult effort behind that true story, but it contains two pertinent pointers for us as Guiders. The worm was 'lovely' firstly because they had discovered it themselves; but also because their sense of wonder and admiration had not been spoilt by grown-ups. Their attitude was that of the scientist—and in line with that of the Creator. While it is not incumbent upon us as Guiders to be able to instruct our Guides, yet we have no right to let the shadow of our prejudices fall across the child's recognition of the wonder of Creation or to spoil her joy in being a friend to animals.

The adult attitude springs partly from early fear of the unknown. I have seen a child jump back in fear when a 'devil's coachhorse' beetle cocked up its tail at him. When it was explained that the beastie was very frightened because to him a boy's foot was the foot of a giant, he was enthralled; I left him lying flat to watch the new plaything better. There is also, of course, the attitude due to training—the healthy knowledge that insects are harmful in our

homes. It is quite illogical to keep up the same attitude when we choose to visit, on hike or in camp, the homes of these same creatures.

There are hordes of insects over which only the scientist could wax enthusiastic, yet I believe that it is our job as Guiders to interpret the sixth law partly as a courtesy of behaviour towards all living creatures. Of course wasps can not be tolerated in the jam, or earwigs in the bedding, but it is generally our fault if camp life becomes a constant slaughter. As a visiting C.A. I have sat through revolting meals where Guides counted the wasps they squashed on their plates and the more sensitive children looked as if they would never want to remember a camp meal. At other camps, I have watched children, some obviously still a bit nervous, really interested in seeing that a wasp's mouth opens sideways, in its muscular lift power—and in the best means of dodging it to the jam! In such camps it was noticeable that a sting was not popularly regarded as a tragedy, but as a challenge to courage; something to 'write home about', provided you had not yelled!

Yes, as in everything else in Guiding, it depends upon us as leaders. 'No, Jane, don't squash that spider'. 'Why not?' 'Well, it likes to live just as much as we do and, after all, what right have we to kill it? This field is its home. It was here before we were'.

Children readily appreciate the fairness of such an argument. The next step comes very quickly. 'Coo, isn't it queer?' 'Go on, Nellie, let it walk on your hand, you baby'. (A competition about being brave about insects is developing.) Then, 'Oh look, what's it carrying?' 'Here, let me see'. 'I know', some small Tenderfoot pipes up unexpectedly, 'it's a mother spider. She's got her eggs in that silk ball. Daddy told me. Don't hurt her—oh, it's gone!' The transformation has taken place in a minute; an interest for life may have been started.

Yet, when all is said and done, there are some people who just loathe insects and for them I think there is little use in trying to pretend they like them—for children quickly see through pretence. Probably the best line here is to say quietly: 'No, I've never learnt to like insects, but I don't know them very well', and to try to find someone who can give the children the lead we are unable to provide. Before getting to camp contact with some country society may provide a keen naturalist or the local W.I. may invite the Guides to see a local beekeeper's hives. Obviously, one would not try to push insect study at the nervous child. Equally obviously, a little self-discipline in controlling squeals does none of us any harm.

One fundamental cause for dislike of insects is that they may be in repulsively large hordes and that they run so fast. However, it is a point to remember and we can keep an eye open for beautiful insects which have not these unpleasant characteristics. Watching a bee packing down pollen into the little fat sacs on her legs; collecting a glow-worm and persuading it to settle down beside the tent so that it can be admired at night; seeing how a butterfly unrolls her long tongue—all such activities delight children.



A child is enthralled by watching a stag beetle cock up its tail



Guides can lose a fear of wasps when they notice their mouths open sideways



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'Be Prepared' is our motto and we must make careful preparations before going to camp, but however careful your plans may be 'Be Prepared' for them being upset! Try to do some careful planning with your company and prepare during the winter months for your summer camp.

To do this, you may find the following hints useful: collect and paint tins for the store tent; make muslin covers for drinking water, larders, jugs and bowls; bags for tea, etc., and harding gloves for pan holders.

Look out for a useful larder—an orange box covered with perforated zinc (this can be bought in sheets and nailed on); have plenty of rope ready for your clothes line and hanging larder. A fire shelter could be made from any waterproof sheeting, with strong eyelets for the guys, and a wood shelter is also useful.

Be sure to have plenty of spare pegs to put your boxes on in the store tent; a small tea chest is useful for your bread and this can also be used as a table. An old bucket, with holes pierced in the bottom and sides, ready to be stuffed with straw for your grease trap costs nothing and is a necessity. This may sound a big list but it is not costly if spread out over the winter months.

It is your duty as Q.M. to get in touch (and if possible, visit and make friends with) the farmer and tradespeople with whom you are going to deal, and the goods you require should always be ordered at least three weeks before going to camp. This means your menu must be carefully thought out beforehand, and the Guides will thoroughly enjoy helping with this. On arrival in camp, always plan ahead, keeping tomorrow in mind; for instance remember to scald jellies, soak prunes and dried peas, make porridge and milk pudding and put in hay box.

Evening meals can often be prepared in the morning—making a blancmange or custard, washing lettuce and leaving it in water to crisp, grating cheese for cheese dreams, etc. The value of the hay box cannot be stressed too strongly—

a Quartermaster who had one this year has demanded two for next year. Porridge made and cooked in the hay box overnight will save this remark: 'Oh, it's pouring with rain. We won't bother with porridge this morning'. Cocoa heated and left in the hay box will enable Q.M. to go to camp-fire with an easy mind.

Rice pudding can be lovely if made in the following way: heat the milk in an enamel pan; when at



'Silence is golden' when Q.M. is presented with a cullender instead of a billy can

boiling point, add rice (previously washed) and sugar; bring back to boiling point and transfer quickly to the hay box. Leave over night and re-heat next morning—the addition of a tin of evaporated milk will give a creamy flavour, and at dinner time you will produce from your hay box a pudding which the Guides will describe as 'smashing'.

Tea Leaves. The use of muslin bags fastened to the handle of the tea-pot makes them much easier to deal with. The bag should rest on the bottom of the pot leaving room for the leaves to swell.

Containers marked clearly and placed near the kitchen for (a) fruit stones and egg shells, (b) refuse from the plates, (c) tea leaves, will prevent Q.M. finding these in the most unexpected places. Salt in small meat paste jars will save continually taking off the salt pot top as it will not run from salt pots when damp. If syrup is used for porridge or puddings, warm by standing in hot water in order to speed up serving. Mittens made from hessian, with palms of double thickness, are useful when handling pans and dixies on a hot fire. Rope handles on tea chests make lifting easier.

Arrange with leader of Cook patrol the night before about what is required for breakfast so that she can organise her patrol—vegetables can often be prepared before breakfast. Place quantity of potatoes required in a bath or bucket, with a bath of clean water beside it: every camper can then peel her own potatoes before 'elevenes' and prevent potato peeling becoming a wearisome task.



Have plenty of rope ready for your hanging larder

The Q.M. will find it useful to have a box containing such things as spare muslins, elastic, pins (safety, straight and drawing), string, pair of scissors, notebook and pencil, rubber bands, labels, needle and thread, recipe book (Q.M. in Camp), emergency first aid. Metal caps from jam jars saved before camp are useful to replace cardboard ones which can be pierced by wasps. A pint measure or mug of known quantity is invaluable. Be sure if 'Vim' is used to scour them that they have been well rinsed!

A clock or watch that keeps good time is essential. Meals continually late can ruin a camp and are usually due to lack of planning. Before sitting down to a meal be sure to have an ample supply of hot water for washing up afterwards—a tank or bin at one end of the fire fulfills this purpose admirably. Inspect dixies after washing up to ensure you have clean dixies for the next meal.

Use up bread and milk systematically before fresh supplies are started. Washable American cloth to cover tea chests and boxes, etc., in the store tent, although expensive, is well worth saving up for and makes all the difference to the look of your store tent. Clean up fireplace after dinner, lay fire and fill kettles for tea—this will speed up preparation for next meal after a game or excursion.

A good Q.M. must 'Be Prepared' and, like many important people, remember the motto 'Speech is Silver and Silence is Golden' when presented with a cullender in response to a request for a billy can! A happy camp is a well-fed camp and a well-fed one must be organised. Let the Guides do the cooking, they love it, but be there when needed to give help and advice. Don't ever be downhearted—it is the greatest fun to be a Q.M. in camp.

A. V. SIMPKIN



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Out with the Pack

THE primary concern of any Guider planning to take her Brownies out is to make sure that she has the ability to get them in again! Once the pack, in its usual whole-hearted enthusiasm, takes possession of a park, wood, or other largish area, it often develops a characteristic not unknown in the Guide 'wide game'. That is, several members tend to stray from the main flock—generally with the best of intentions—and are not gathered in again till the principal activities are over. So the wise Brown Owl makes sure, before setting out, that a few basic signals or boundaries are understood by all.

One way of keeping the Brownies within reasonable distance is to let them go where they will—provided they can still see Brown Owl. She can then, when she wishes, signal in semaphore 'C' for 'Come here', or, if a truly rapid response is wanted, the letter 'T' for 'Tea-time' may be more effective. When some such plan has been agreed upon, Brown Owl can embark calmly upon the widest of activities.

Any form of collection or treasure hunt is generally popular. Have your Brownies ever tried to furnish Pixie Palace from outdoor things? A cradle will be needed—perhaps half a hazel nut shell would do—pots and pans of all sizes, a pipe for the king, needles for the queen, and wouldn't an oak-apple make a splendid football for a Pixie Prince? Some Brownies like to hunt for Goblin gold: most realistic coins can be made by wrapping up farthings in gold paper. Others enjoy looking for nature objects beginning with the letters in the name of their Six, while some go off armed with a match-box and see how many treasures they can find to fit in it.

Perhaps you feel, however, that you can only very rarely take your pack into the country and that the best you can do, as a rule, is to borrow a friend's garden. At first, a well-kept garden may not appear to offer much scope, but here are two possible ideas. Scatter the paths with coloured scraps of paper or cloth; show the Brownies part of a plant; send them to discover the colour of its flower and bring you the coloured scrap which matches it best. In this way, no treasured blooms need be picked!

Perhaps the main feature of the garden is the lawn. If so, the pack can play 'Magic Circles'. Let each Six plait some coloured silks (about a yard in length), join the ends in a reef knot and the magic circle is complete. The Six then puts its circle down on the lawn and tries to find in it a given variety of things such as two kinds of leaves, any sign of a living creature, etc. The finding can be compared.

We all want, if we can, to take the Brownies out for part of every pack meeting, so it is worth while to consider the possibilities of the school playgrounds near many pack halls. Even here we can give outdoor thrills, including simple stalking games such as 'Mother Rook's Nest'. Mother Rook is asleep amidst a collection of twigs. Each Brownie in turn tries to help to build the nest by picking up a twig and placing it close to her. If the Brownie makes a noise Mother Rook flaps her wings and cries 'Caw! Caw!' and another Brownie has a turn.

For a change you can play 'King Neptune and the Sea Imps'. King Neptune sleeps somewhat fitfully, surrounded by golden shells which he has taken from the Mermaid Queen. The Sea Imps try to retrieve the shells, keeping out of sight by darting from rock to rock. (Each 'rock' is made by two Brownies holding up a mackintosh.) Any Imp seen by King Neptune in one of his waking moments is sent back. This game has the advantage of not needing any natural cover.

Outdoor activities may need extra thought and planning as they present difficulties and opportunities not experienced within the safety of four walls. Are they worth the extra work? Try taking your Brownies out and probably they will rush up to you at the end of the meeting and say: 'Brown Owl, can we go out again next week, Brown Owl? Please, Brown Owl'. And that, I think, is your answer.

A. BRAMBLEBY

Exploration Under Sealed Orders

FOR anybody to whom the thrill of adventure appeals, an Explorer week-end', working under sealed orders, can be both good fun and interesting. The fact of not knowing where one is to spend the night adds that touch of pioneering which makes the adventure more real.

What is necessary to set about such a week-end? First of all the company must have someone, or another company, to help, by arranging the route and accommodation for the night, seeing the farmer, notifying the C.A. to ensure that the camping rules are observed. Sometimes the C.A. herself will make the plans, but C.A.s are busy people and cannot be expected to make a habit of such activities! Having found someone to co-operate, the date must be fixed and plans made for food and kit. It is usually best to sleep in a barn so that a minimum amount of kit is needed. It is also a good thing to have 'hard tack' rations, i.e., food which will keep almost indefinitely and can be eaten without preparation. For an exploration lasting from Saturday midday to Sunday evening, Saturday tea could be sandwiches, supper a good substantial cooked meal, a cooked breakfast, and hard tack for the remainder of Sunday.

The first instructions, which can be given some time before the actual week-end, may say 'Take the 12.30 p.m. train to Rowsley and book a single ticket. At Rowsley station open Note 2'. It is much better if nobody in the party knows the route, but it is essential for the Rangers' parents to be able to contact the party if necessary, and this can be done by someone, e.g., the captain's mother, having the address.

The second note, to be opened at Rowsley station, may give a map reference or the name of the farm where the night is to be spent, and such instructions as 'Find out all you can of the history of Beeley village, including any local customs. The farm where you will be staying was built in the 17th century. Was it a farm when it was first built? What was farming like in the 17th century?'

It is best to split the party into twos or threes so they can explore different parts of the village, or take different routes, then perhaps at campfire they can compare notes, which is more interesting when contributed from various sources. The mileage covered on the first half day need not be very great—four or five miles or even less—so that there is plenty of time to chat to the country people who are usually glad to chat about the history and customs of their village.

At the end of the day the third set of instructions can be opened and plans made for the following day. If this is Sunday then it should be possible to get to a church service.

The second day's exploration may include a visit to an interesting house, church or other building, and the Rangers can note types of agriculture, industries or crafts, depending on the country through which they are passing. This type of expedition undertaken as a company holds many possibilities and is training for Part I of the Ranger Service Star.

Similar explorations can be undertaken by Rangers who have gained their over-night hike Permit, and these can be arranged by the captain, in consultation with the C.A. The following was carried out by three Rangers.

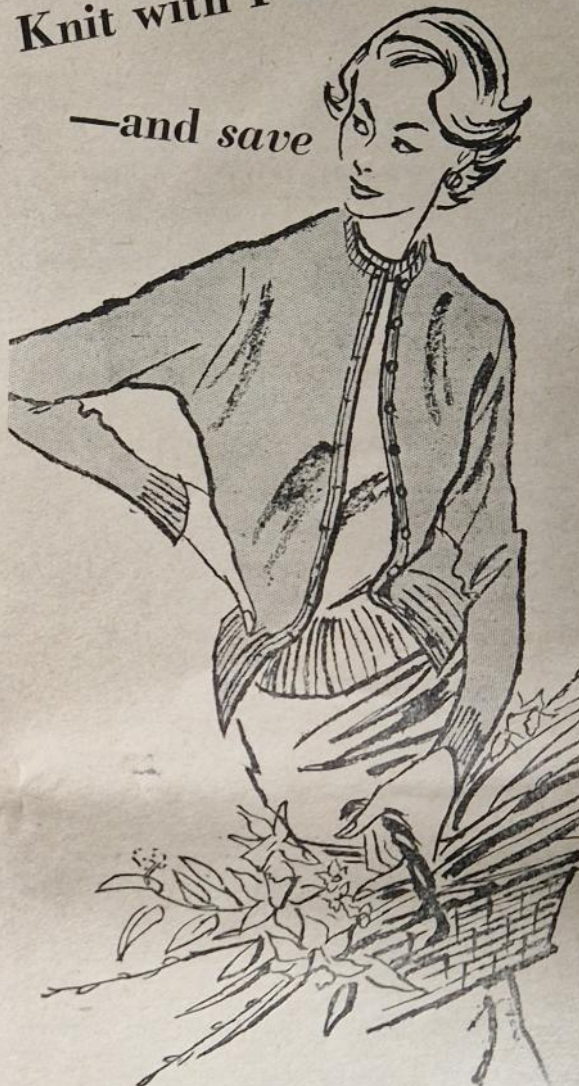
1st Note. Book a return ticket on the 2.35 p.m. Quarnford 'bus to the 'Traveller's Rest'. If the weather is good, open Note 2, if it is wet, open Note 2(a) on the 'bus. **Note 2.** Find the source of the River Manifold then make your way to Flash Bottom farm. On the way, find out how the village got its name, and anything else of interest about the district. **Note 2(a).** Make your way straight to Flash Bottom farm and settle in. When the weather permits, find out how the village got its name and anything interesting about the district. **Note 3.** Catch the 10 a.m. 'bus from Flash post office on Sunday morning.

This expedition was undertaken in the late autumn in very bleak moorland country, and the three 'explorers' were back in the town in time for morning service, having spent a most profitable and interesting 'over-night'.

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The Commissioners' Meeting Place

Future Leadership

From a County Ranger Adviser: The time appears to have come for considering whether the Cadet Section still has a special contribution to make to Guiding. My own experience, formerly as a Guide, Ranger and Cadet and now as a Ranger Guider, leads me to agree that that contribution can be better made within the broad framework of present-day Rangering. There appear to be three main considerations: 1. *The wider conception of Rangering today.* The Ranger Branch (Land, Sea and Air) now offers ample variety and Ranger training is capable of interpretation at such different levels that it can embrace all that Guiding can offer to the 16-21 year-old, including the Training College student.

2. *The admitted inadequacy and even unsuitability of some Ranger units as training grounds and of some Ranger Guiders as 'trainers' of future Guiders.* Such a state of affairs is no argument against bringing Cadet training within the scheme of Rangering, for it can be remedied. I would suggest that the situation is brought about in no small measure by the tendency to deny to the Ranger Branch many of the 'best' Guiders and Guides by inviting them into the Cadet Section, and by the lack of 'vetting' of potential Ranger Guiders in contrast to the care taken over the selection of Cadet Guiders. In many districts the 'best' and keenest Guides are urged into the Cadet Company as soon as possible. Small wonder that many a keen Guide of sixteen is attracted by the prospect of Guiders' work and status and fails to realise the loss to her own full development, and to her Guiding, through bypassing the broader training of the Ranger Branch.

3. *The question of the correct place in the movement for specific Guiders' training for the teen-ager (theory and practice).* In practice Ranger Companies are more and more fulfilling the function of supplying Guiders, and I should suggest that here, as so often in the past, practice and common sense are pointing the way to important theoretical principles. Specific training for Guiders' work should be supplementary to, and not divorced from, the general Ranger training towards a full life of service. Only thus can the 'unbalance' of the 'Guider' type be avoided. Granted that such general training can also be part of any good Cadet Company's training. Surely then in practice such a company is merely a Ranger Company by another name.

I think that ideally Cadet training should be given in the form of specialised 'Guide Guiding' and 'Brownie Guiding' certificates having a period of successful experience with a company or pack as one of their requirements. A Guider, trained in this way within her natural Ranger Company group, rather than in the Cadet group with its relatively short-term membership, would have richer experience of a vital company spirit and would gain fellowship and understanding to guide and inspire her contacts later with her own company or pack.

A **Midland Commissioner** who is in touch with both Rangers and Cadets writes: I feel 'Northern Commissioner' misunderstands the purpose of the Cadet Company and its programme. The Ranger Branch has a very full programme and the girl who joins the Ranger Company does so because she wants to enjoy this programme, and no one would wish to underestimate its value for the development of the girl. To take a specialist certificate after she is eighteen, however, is a poor substitute for two years' training in a Cadet Company, and the Ranger thus equipped is not likely to have the thorough grounding which will enable her to pass on her knowledge to other people.

If the Cadet programme is well balanced and suited to the girl of 16-19 it is difficult to see what the Cadet is missing by

not being a Ranger. Many people think that the Cadet programme consists mainly of 'training sessions' and that the Cadet misses all the fun, but this is far from being true. The Cadet should get plenty of lightweight camping, over-night hiking, expeditions and opportunities to use her ingenuity, and common sense as well as taking part in cultural activities. By the time she is sixteen the Guide knows quite well whether or not she wants to be a Guider. The majority of girls who come to the Cadet Company do so because they want to lead younger girls. Knowing their own minds they are eager to train for leadership. The Cadet Company, and not the Ranger group, is therefore the answer to their needs.

The Commissioner for Cadets, I.H.Q. sums up this discussion: I have read a 'Northern Commissioner's' letter in the March GUIDER, in which she suggests that Cadet Companies should be abolished, giving it as her experience that they are not needed and tend to fade out through lack of recruits. The following statistics show that this is not generally the case. According to last year's census figure, the average number in a Cadet Company is ten which is comparable to that in a Land Ranger Company or Air Flight. Cadet Companies fluctuate in membership; a batch of Cadets take the training and leave. A new batch do not necessarily join at once. In many companies, however, there is a steady flow of recruits. Over the last two years roughly half our Cadets have become Guiders on leaving the Cadet Company. Many of the remainder will come back as Guiders later on when opportunity offers and their Cadet training will stand them in good stead. Of those joining the Cadet Companies, sixty-four per cent come straight from their Guide Companies, twenty-five per cent come from outside the movement or after a gap in their Guiding, and ten per cent from the Ranger Branch.

In the first case the movement rightly tries to provide what the girl feels she wants and the keen patrol leader wants to train to be a Guider. If she cannot be a Cadet she very likely will remain marking time in her Guide Company. In the second category provision is made for the potential Guider to get her training with friends of her own age. In the third the older Ranger begins to think she would like to be a Guider and realises she needs specialised leadership training.

I would like to see far more Cadets starting first as Rangers and coming on to the Cadet training, but to make this happen both Cadet and Ranger Guiders must recognise it as a good thing and encourage it. The Cadet section benefits from the inclusion of the girl who has had experience of the Ranger Branch and she can form the link between Cadets and Rangers. The Cadet Section shares with the Ranger Branch the ultimate aim of helping each individual girl to develop to the full extent of her powers, but where the Ranger Branch widens out its programme and its appeal to suit every girl of Ranger age the Cadet Section's specialised programme has in mind the development of leadership, and in particular the production of good future Guiders for the movement. This aim necessitates the finding of specially qualified Guiders to lead our Cadet Companies, and where this is impossible the Cadet training cannot be offered to the girl. Where a good Cadet Guider can be found there is no doubt that the local Commissioner has in the Cadet Company an excellent training ground for the provision of future Guiders for the companies and packs.

(Note: Commissioners are advised to read the new illustrated Cadet folder just published by Headquarters, price 3d. It is reviewed on page 100 of this issue.)

Notes of the Month

Two Royal Occasions

THERE was 'royal' sunshine when H.R.H. Princess Margaret, Commodore of the Sea Ranger Section, was piped aboard the M.T.B., dressed overall with flags, for an informal visit on April 2nd. Her Royal Highness was greeted by the Guider-in-Charge and Miss K. Parker, County Commissioner for Devon, who represented the Chief Commissioner for England. After Commissioners and Guiders had been presented Princess Margaret inspected Sea Ranger crews drawn from Torquay, Paignton, Brixham and Dartmouth and then made a tour of the ship below decks. The royal visitor was much amused by the comic regatta and soon left the shelter of the wheelhouse to follow the proceedings more closely on deck. Daffodils and other spring flowers and an iced cake with a model of the M.T.B. on top decorated the tea tables in the engine room, and when the time came for her Royal Highness to leave Sea Rangers and Guiders 'manned ship' and gave three rousing cheers.

Fifteen Sea Rangers and fifteen Sea Cadets formed the Guard of Honour for Princess Margaret when she attended on April 12th the film premiere of 'Captain Horatio Hornblower, R.N.', in aid of the *Foudroyant* Fund and the King George's Fund for Sailors. Readers of C. S. Forrester's tales will be glad to know great care has been taken over the historical details and setting of the film and Gregory Peck plays Hornblower with sincerity and imagination.



H.R.H. The Princess Margaret, accompanied by Lord and Lady Mountbatten, receives a bouquet from Sea Ranger Pamela Malyon, of S.R.S. *Dreadnought*, Greenwich, on her visit to the film premiere of 'Captain Horatio Hornblower, R.N.'

The Opening of 'La Nef'

Lady Davies, International Commissioner for Wales, writes: 'I was privileged to attend the opening reception of 'La Nef', the new Guide House at 10, Rue de Richelieu, Paris 1. "La Nef", the ship which figures on the crest of the City of Paris, was "launched" by Madame de Kerraoul, Chairman of the joint Committee of the Guides de France and the Eclaireuses who are sponsoring this new venture and Mlle. Beley, the Secretary and Guider-in-Charge, also spoke. "La Nef" will provide hospitality to members of the movement, and even their friends if they go between the holiday seasons, at reasonable cost and it is a delightful place for a holiday or for individuals who are studying or who are on their way to jobs'.

Baby Sitters Wanted at Foxlease

Obviously 'Mothers and Babies' week at Foxlease (May 29th to June 5th) is the topic of the day among the 'Under-Fives'. 'House Full' notices are already up on the nursery accommodation which causes the Foxlease staff an occasional sleepless night, as the staff for the nursery is not at present forthcoming. Guiders who have had experience with children, or Rangers or Cadets who would like to take the

opportunity of acquiring some, are invited to write to the Guider-in-Charge. Helpers' expenses are, of course, paid.

A New Swimming Film

'The Young Swimmer' is a film that cannot fail to inspire all keen swimmers whatever their ability. What is more important it will help them to improve their stroke for this film is sponsored by the *News Chronicle* and made in conjunction with the Amateur Swimming Association. There are demonstrations of the

crawl stroke at different speeds, both in and out of the water, by three of our national champions (two present and one past) and any young swimmers who see this film will have a concrete idea of what they are aiming at. There is an excellent commentary and this 16 mm. film, which runs for twelve minutes, may be hired for 5s. from Sound Services Ltd., 269, Kingston Road, Merton Park, S.W.19.

'The Council Fire'

What is happening in other countries? Read *The Council Fire* and find out. The current number contains for Ranger Guiders: 'Réflexions sur la Branche Aînée (Belgium); 'Pioneering in Social Work' (Greece). For Guide Guiders: 'A New Company Gets Going' (Canada); 'Camping in Brazil, Papua and New Guinea'; 'P.L. Training' (Denmark). For Brownie Guiders: 'The First Deaf Bluebird Flock in Pakistan'. Of general interest: 'Children's Village Centres' (Greece); 'La Nef' (French International Guide House); 'Use of Visual Aids' (U.S.A.). Single copies of

The Council Fire are obtainable from I.H.Q., price 8d. The annual subscription from the World Bureau, 9, Palace Street, London, S.W.1, is 3s.

The 'Discovery' Exhibition

Opening on May 1st, and running throughout the period of the Festival of Britain, will be the Boy Scouts Association third annual exhibition on board R.R.S. *Discovery*, moored in the Thames off the Temple. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the launching of Scott's old ship and the theme of the exhibition is 'Fifty Years of British Antarctic Exploration'. Admission is 2s. and 1s. for children and for Scouts and Guides in uniform. Scouters and Guiders in charge of parties of not less than eight Scouts and Guides, 1s.

Training Centre Bursaries

The attention of Guiders is drawn to the new Travelling Bursary scheme made possible by a grant from the B-P Memorial Fund. Assistance will be given to Guiders attending Foxlease, Waddow or the M.T.B. for the first time on a basis of four-fifths of the fare in excess of £1. Applications to your District Commissioner who will obtain the necessary application form from the County Training Committee. Unless in exceptional circumstances, or in the case of the M.T.B., a Guider must attend her nearest Training Centre.

From the Chief Commissioner's Diary

More 'Pictures' of Australia

THE last letter I wrote to you was finished in the air as I flew with Mrs. Fairbairn, Chief Commissioner of Australia, from Melbourne to Tasmania. That night we were at Ross, a most lovely place in the middle of the island, roughly the same size as Scotland, where the Tasmanian Commissioners' and Guiders' Annual Conference was being held. It was a perfect setting for a camp and tents were dotted round shearers' quarters where we conferred after dark. In the day-time many of the sessions were held in a marquee just beside it.

I took away with me such vivid memories of a happy, interesting conference and of a campfire, and the friendly faces of Commissioners and Guiders, some of whom I'd met in England and so were old friends, and many new friends with whom I'd shared this happy time.

I can't tell you of all the interesting things I did and saw there—of the miles of fruit farms with Tasmanian apples on the trees, of the view, mountainous and wonderful, from the top of the mountain at Hobart—for we must go on to my next port of call, Victoria. There again I found a Commissioners' Conference in session and had the chance of meeting people from all over that lovely State, and later of meeting many of the Local Association members.

One of the most exhilarating experiences I have had was my visit to the Victorian Rangers' Camp at the Guide House. The House itself seemed to me perfection—on a hill looking across to a wonderful range of wooded mountains and really as though it was built in a tree, so close is it to a lovely elm through whose branches you get this lovely view.

There was a swimming gala at the bathing pool a little down the hill, and cool and deliciously tempting the water looked in the great heat of that day. The Rangers themselves took complete charge of me and, indeed, of the whole day and showed me round the camp and then up the hill a little to the Pack Holiday House where some Extension Rangers took me round. Several of them had been able to sleep out for the first time the night before, and all the Rangers, Sea, Extension or Land, integrated so happily to make one of the gayest camps I've ever been to.

Another highspot in my Victorian visit was a garden party given by the Governor of Victoria, Sir Dallas Brooks, in the wonderful grounds of Government House, Melbourne, with its green lawns and flowering shrubs and gay blaze of flowers. It was for all Youth Organisations and about four thousand children were there, of whom four hundred were Guides, and I had the opportunity of talking with many of them.

From there to New South Wales, where I had the joy of seeing every branch of the movement in three days. Guides and Brownies the first day at a perfectly lovely rally on a great green lawn, sloping down to the busy blue of Sydney Harbour, and there too, I was able to give their certificates to twelve Queen's Guides, which is something I very much enjoy. Everyone has heard of Sydney Harbour as the most beautiful harbour in the world, but it is hard for us who come from grey northern climes to anticipate the colour of it—bright blue sea and bright blue sky, and this year, because there has been a lot of rain, bright green land. Lucky, lucky Sydney Sea Rangers, I can't conceive a more perfect haunt for a crew, but they did seem to me to be taking full advantage of it and enjoying their opportunities to the full.

And then Glengarry, the New South Wales Foxlease! What a perfect place with its rocky climbs to the waterfall and bathing pool and wonderful camp sites, round which I toured with a happy party of delightful Rangers.


In Sydney it was that I met a Local Association member who told me she had come six hundred miles for the meeting. We in England find it hard to grasp the vast size of Australia, and I found myself left gasping by the light-hearted fashion

in which people speak here of distances as great as from us to Rome or further for a week-end or even a night.

Talking of distances, what about Queensland? The aeroplane trip after I saw the last of a little group of Guide folk waving to me from the ground as my plane took off from New South Wales to Queensland certainly did something towards opening my eyes to the size and fertility of this vast continent. One seems to fly over everything, forests, wheatland, sugar plantations, cattle land, dairy land, sheep land and everything else you might choose to think of. All of it beautiful and all of it with so few people in it. What opportunities!

Finally, however, down we came in Brisbane and again, oh joy! more Guide folk to meet me; and then a rally that afternoon. This time on the lovely park-like bank of the river. The distances in Queensland are even more fantastic than in any other part of Australia, so I thought myself very lucky to have been given the chance of meeting so many Commissioners, Guiders, Rangers, yes, and Cadets, too. We had such happy meetings in their delightful Headquarters, which is complete with their own excellent shop, and its gay, cheerful, big room was the scene for a Ranger tea-party and a delightful morning reception for Local Association and Trefoil Guild members. I've been thrilled to find how many new Trefoil Guilds are forming in different parts of Australia, and very good work they do. The Local Associations, of course, are the wonderful support and strength to the movement that they should be, and nowhere, I think, more than in Queensland.

I feel almost ashamed of my letter to you this month for I've only been able to give you a few thin pencil scratches of what has really been a vast, great glowing picture. But if I wrote for a week I still could only give you a faint impression of the vast size and great beauty of this Australia, of the kindness and delightful hospitality and charm of the people who live there and of the grand work and the Guide spirit of our Australian sister Guides.



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New Publications

A new Cadet Leaflet, price 3d., is now available. This is in line with the other Branch leaflets and states briefly the aim and purpose of the Cadet section. Photographs of Cadet activities are included and the leaflet will prove very useful for all propaganda purposes.

A *Child Nurse Badge* leaflet available at Headquarters at 6d. is a welcome aid to Guiders as their Guides can use it to work up their own theoretical knowledge on this subject. It is simply written, and for those who feel the information is too brief, the blank pages at the end will be useful for supplementary notes, and Guides will find the space valuable for individual jottings on their own practical work.—B.B.

Church Membership Card (Published by the Kent Girl Guides Association. Price 3d., stocked at H.Q.). Kent has produced this attractive card which has been designed in such a way that it is equally suitable to be given in connection with Confirmation or, in the case of members of the Church of Scotland and the Free Churches, when full membership has been reached. It is also suitable for all branches of the movement, the trefoil being in outline so that the recipient can paint it the correct colour if she so desires. I am sure that many Guides and Rangers would welcome such a card from their Captain or Commissioner and, with its emphasis on the strong link between Guiding and the Church, I can see great value in its use and heartily commend it.—A.A.T.

Watching Wild Life

By B. Melville Nicholas

THE most wonderful thing about bird life is migration and, because of its geographical situation, this country becomes the breeding-ground of many migrants. They cross hundreds of miles of ocean to reach here and for centuries men's minds have striven to find an explanation.

We know that to some extent migration is the result of a search for food; yet by what faculty, instinct or power the birds are guided on these hazardous journeys nobody is able to say. The word 'hazardous' I have used advisedly, for migration is far from being a pleasure trip. The weather plays an all-important part, and fogs and gales send the birds off their course, while another danger to be encountered is the lighthouse, for although its continually flashing beams are a boon to the sailor they have a fatal attraction for feathered travellers and many of them dash into the building and are killed. To lessen this risk certain lighthouses, known to be in the direct route of migration, have now been fitted with perches at the expense, I think, of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

During their migratory journeys some birds fly at a great height, and it has been suggested that, at such an altitude, distant places are visible to their keen sight so that, stage by stage, they are guided to these shores. Such a theory is quite plausible up to a point, but it has to be remembered that low-flying migrants also reach this country safely, as well as those other birds which travel by night.

Among the first to arrive is the chiff-chaff which, by plumage alone, is a difficult bird to identify because of its close resemblance to the willow-warbler, but the former's legs are darker and the greenish-browns of its plumage duller in tone. Its song is, however, very distinctive, and consists of a series of 'chiffs' and 'chaffs', with a few other notes added by way of variation. The melody carries a long way for so small a bird, and although the chiff-chaff is not definitely confined to any particular type of territory it is never happier than when exploring the outskirts of a coppice.

One such coppice in my own district has been home to a pair of chiff-chaffs for years where, each summer, a family is reared in the tangled herbage of the hedgerow. I do not suppose the same pair of birds have returned annually throughout the long period, but it is singular to record that for the last nine years each nest has been placed within a few feet of earlier homes, and maybe some of the youngsters have chosen to nest in the vicinity where they themselves first saw the light of day. The nest is carefully made of grasses, lined



A chiff-chaff's carefully-made nest of grasses, lined with feathers

with feathers, and domed in shape with a neat circular entrance in the side. It is placed about eight inches above the ground and both sexes help in its construction. The five or six white eggs are thinly speckled with reddish-brown and incubated by the female alone.

It is not an easy nest to find, and the best way to locate it is to hide in the herbage nearby and let the owners themselves betray its whereabouts. One afternoon while I was crouching behind some hazels I saw a male blackcap alight on a twig with his beak packed with insects and then disappear amid a clump of honeysuckle growing round an elm. I watched very carefully and later discovered his nest, in which were five recently-hatched chicks.

The blackcap is also a summer visitor to this country, the male being easily distinguished by his glossy black cap from which, of course, he gets his name. The female's head is brown. The wedded pairs are very devoted to each other, and when taking his turn at brooding the eggs the male often bursts forth into song, thereby unconsciously advertising his whereabouts with unhappy results.

On several occasions I have also heard the male white-throat singing while sitting on the nest, but a wood-warbler which I once photographed loved to stand on a projecting stone, a few inches above his sitting wife, and pour forth his high-pitched thrills as if his little throat would burst.

In the field, the wood-warbler may be recognised by its green back, yellow chin and breast, greyish-white underparts and prominent yellow eye-stripe, its wings and tail being brown with yellowish-green edges. It shows a distinct preference for the vicinity of oaks and beeches, where its domed home, placed on the ground, is extremely difficult to find amid the fallen leaves.

Unfortunately, all the warblers are difficult birds to photograph because their nests are built in shady situations where the lighting conditions do not allow the short exposure necessary to arrest their quick movements. This was particularly true of a pair of garden-warblers, whose nest I found in a bramble-patch of a woodland corner.

It was a frail cup of grasses, lined with hair, and although the owners were not gaudily attired, there was a quiet beauty about their varying shades of buffs and browns which I admired. The sexes were alike, and on two or three occasions I was fortunate enough to watch the change-over as one bird slipped off the nest for the other to begin duty. The male of this species has a wonderfully loud song which is confused with the blackcap's, but a careful listening reveals that the former's warbling phrases continue for a much longer time.



Hungry young whitethroats clamour to be fed

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The Week for the Company Guider

A GUIDE Captain has written: 'The articles "The Week in the District" and "The Week in Mufti" interested me immensely. I am a Guider, not a Commissioner, but I am also the mother of two children aged three and two. This is my week's work for the Guide Movement. Tonight, Sunday, it is our monthly Church Parade. Tomorrow night I have two Guides coming to the house to have their morse tested for Second Class. On Tuesday night there is a Guiders' Training in——. On Wednesday it is the Divisional Guiders' meeting. On Thursday I shall spend most of the evening putting the finishing touches to plans for the weekly Guide meeting on Friday! And this isn't a particularly exceptional week—it recurs about every six weeks! Almost every Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday are similarly occupied. The necessity for doing some testing at home arises as the company is very large and it is almost impossible to get the necessary peace and quiet during a meeting'.

'Is it Fair'

The March GUIDER has brought a response from a married Guide Captain who has a company of thirty-four Guides which includes a Queen's Guide and seven First Class Guides as well as many Guides holding Proficiency badges. She writes: 'Surely the reply to "Is it Fair?" depends on the Guider. Guides respond to their Guider's outlook on the question of First Class and the achievement of badges. A girl in one company may be trained and encouraged to go in for badges, while in another company a girl of equal intelligence may only complete her Second Class and one or two easy badges. This depends on the time she is prepared to give, her interests and her attitude to the winning of badges.

'Badgework is difficult to fit in at meetings. If a Guider has spare time and will open her home and perhaps her garden, she can do wonders with badgework and First Class tests in small groups. A Guider's circle of friends affect this too. A Guider with a wide variety of interests—sport, swimming, welfare work, First Aid and nursing, handicrafts, art, music—can offer her Guides more opportunities for special badge work with experienced helpers or advice from experts. We can't do all these things but most of us can do some of them.

'Badges are a challenge from our Founder and they should be fun to prepare for and provide a thrill at the testing. A Guider who has herself passed badge tests, including the First Class, can enter into the Guides' excitement, and her own past efforts will make her realise just how much it means to a Guide to get that special badge or do that bit of First Class. Hence the Guider will do her utmost to get the Guide prepared and tested.

'Testing is often a stumbling block to First Class and some of the Woodcraft badges. I think that is why so few Guides complete the Woodcraft Emblem. Apart from the time and equipment involved in training we have so few testers for these special badges. If their Guider is an adventurous person and a camper, how can the Guides help wanting to take these outdoor badges? Let us keep a high standard, but remember it is most frustrating to a Guide to be rationed on badges, especially if they have visions of First Class and All Round Cords or even one day of becoming a Queen's Guide. In our company badgework is far from being our only activity. We camp, hike, have concerts and bazaars. We also do quite a few good turns, both near home and abroad. Being a housewife I can give my Guides quite a lot of time and go out with them, too'.

An ex-Guider adds: 'Is the movement for the Guide or the Guide for the movement? Do let us avoid becoming entangled with rules. The more we make the further we get

away from the spirit of our wise Founder. As an ex-Guider with wide experience I feel I know the Guide's outlook. In my school company as a Guide and Cadet Patrol Leader *Girl Guide Badges and How to Win them* enthralled me, opening up many new and exciting trails. The school holidays were full of interest as I learnt how to light a fire in the rain, to wash and iron, to cook and to knit my first jumper. I did my swimming when on a summer holiday abroad, working hard at it in heavy seas and finally returning to school with a fine sense of achievement and a certificate signed by two public school boys. Then my arms became covered with badges. I was accused of "badge hunting" but to me each test and badge was a rung on the ladder towards becoming a developed person, with many interests, capable of tackling responsibilities. How often I have thanked my early Guide training!

The Hostess Badge

The Beaconsfield Commissioners write: 'We would be interested to know if other Commissioners are happy about the change in the Hostess Badge syllabus. As a Division we found the old test excellent and popular. The results of the training were evident in the courtesy and poise of individual Guides; in some cases, where the value of this badge was appreciated by the Guiders, it had a marked influence on the whole company. We agree with the comments of an examiner: "I enjoyed testing under the old scheme. It was practical and therefore satisfactory as a test. It helped to prepare the Guides for the art of homemaking. The present test seems awkward for the tester, the Guides and the Guiders. The original test called for spontaneous effort and initiative; the present merely for behaviour on a set pattern. The children used to enjoy the test; now they appear to be going through an ordeal".'

Speaker: The last paragraph of the article in the March GUIDER on the Hostess Badge, Clause 4, answers this question very satisfactorily: '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'.

The same Commissioners ask: 'Would it not be possible to re-establish the pre-war custom of publishing in THE GUIDER for general consideration and comment any proposed major changes in Guide proficiency badges? We realise that much thought goes into the preparation of these changes and also that paper shortage limits publication. Yet we believe that it is important that the responsibility of keeping Guiding up-to-date should be shared between the senior Guiders and the younger Guiders who in some ways must be in closer touch with the rising generation'.

(The Guide Branch Committee would be glad to receive any constructive criticisms of Guide proficiency badges during the coming autumn as it is intended to review all these tests before P.O.R. is reprinted.—EDITOR.)

For Cadet Guiders

AT THE REQUEST of the Cadet Guiders' Conference questions for discussion will be published in THE GUIDER over the next few months. These will be in pairs, one for Guiders, and one for Guiders to discuss with their Cadets, and Cadet Guiders are invited to send answers and comments to Miss D. A. Glenister, St. Katherine's College, Tottenham, N.17.

A summary of answers received, and a summing up of the discussion, will be published in THE GUIDER later.

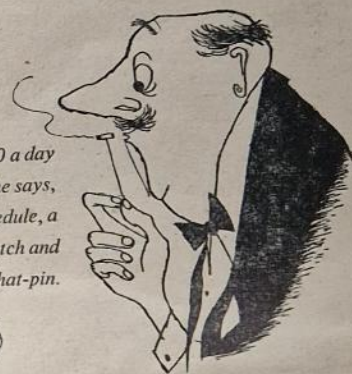
For Guiders: How far would it be desirable to run Cadet companies so as to make them (a) acceptable, (b) profitable, to young unwarranted Guiders needing training?

For discussion with Cadets. Should the pre-investiture test be abolished, retained in its present form, or be given a 'standard' form?

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Ideas for Knotting Practice

ARE your Guides really interested in knotting, or do they think of it as merely part of a test? The answer greatly depends on you—how you approach the subject, the materials you use, and the practical character of your instruction.

Take, for instance, square lashing! So often it is demonstrated and practised with morse and semaphore sticks from which the flags have been removed. It is not impossible to learn to square lash perfectly in this way, but the whole activity lacks reality.



Fig. 1. The sheepshank should be taught with a rope that is not free at the ends

How much more interesting to do something constructive—to lash a cleat to a flag pole, to make a patrol notice board, or to rig up a stretcher. My own company needed some hoops for team races, but we did not feel we could afford to buy any just then. We therefore cut a number of green sticks of approximately equal lengths and the Guides who were learning to square lash made them into 'square hoops', which served the purpose of the game just as well as proper hoops would have done.

Then there is the sheepshank knot for shortening a rope! The realist says: 'If a rope wants shortening, why not cut it?' If the length is to be permanently shorter, certainly that is the most sensible thing to do. Or, 'Why not take up more rope at one end?' Again, this is a sensible suggestion, if the end is free. But, the ends are not always free, and then the sheepshank is a very useful knot to be able to tie. It should therefore be taught in its right context, with a rope that is not free at the ends, so that the Guides learn to make it by 'pleating' the middle section of the rope, and securing the pleat by half-hitching the standing part over it at each end. Even so, it will only stay secure while there is tension on each end of the rope, for which reason it is important to seize it. The illustration shows two ways of seizing; 'A' is self-explanatory; 'B' has the advantage of providing an opportunity for the Guide to use whipping, and is more permanent than 'A'. (Fig. 1.)

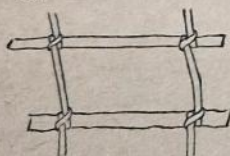


Fig. 3. Clovehitches are used for this rope ladder

is an immediate use to which they can apply their knowledge, they should also be taught that it is a good method of seizing ends, of covering handles, of mending frayed flexes and split sticks, and of lashing poles together. The method most commonly taught is plain whipping, as described in *Scouting for Boys*, page 99 (Memorial Edition). Twine is the best material to use, and in whipping a rope by this method care should be taken to wind the twine in a contrary direction to the lay of the rope. Another type of whipping is called West Country whipping—a variation of the reef knot, consisting of overhand knots tied alternately on opposite sides of the rope (Fig. 2).

Have you tried this? Give each leader a supply of paper, packing and string, and ask

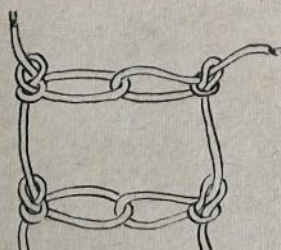


Fig. 4. Another ladder made with sheetbends and double-overhands

each patrol to parcel together two entirely different articles, e.g. a ball and a book. When all the parcels are ready, hold an inquest. Can you tell from the outside what is inside, or failing that can you slip the string off the end and have a look? Can the knots be undone easily, or will it be necessary to cut the string? Have the Guides thought of wrapping each article separately so that one will not mark the other?

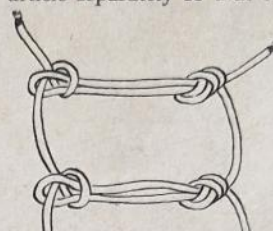


Fig. 5. A third ladder made with bowlines

Try to draw out their ideas on the need for protecting soft things with cardboard or corrugated paper, on adequately protecting anything that is likely to poke through the wrapping paper, on the use of different thicknesses of string according to the size of the parcel, on the value of newspaper both for wrapping round the article and for filling gaps. Attention should be drawn to the need for parcels to be firmly packed and tied without too much wrapping paper, particularly at the ends. Allow just sufficient to give a good wrap over on the top, and a neat mitred fold at each end. And then the actual knots—a slip knot at the beginning and two half-hitches wherever string crosses string.

ENID PRICHARD

In the April GUIDER, on page 83, suggestions were included for making rope ladders. We are now publishing the illustrations and apologise to readers who were mystified by references to diagrams in the previous issue. Our illustrations show rope ladders made by rope clove-hitched to sticks (Fig. 3); sheetbends tied to loops of double-overhands (Fig. 4), and bowlines looped through each other (Fig. 5).—EDITOR.)

Miss Norah McIntyre

BY THE RETIREMENT of Miss McIntyre, Secretary to Publications Department, Imperial Headquarters loses another of its most experienced people on whom those responsible for the conduct of affairs had learnt to rely in ever increasing measure. Miss McIntyre joined Headquarters' staff in 1928 as Secretary to Registrations Department, a post which she held till 1937 when she transferred to Publications. In 1935, when for a time it was decided not to appoint another General Secretary in place of Miss Montgomery, Miss McIntyre became, in addition to her other post, 'Secretary to the Council' which meant that she was senior Secretary at Headquarters. Since those days nothing has tempted her to leave her work in Publications Department for which she has great gifts.

All through the war during the worst of the blitz 'Mac', as she is known to many friends, was at her post and the Executive Committee recognised her devotion to duty by the award of the Beaver. In these post-war days when the lot of a Publications Secretary is still made hard by paper shortages, inflationary printing costs, delays and other frustrations, Guiding owes much to her unremitting work and zeal. *Royal Guides*, *The World Conference Brochure*, *The Guide Gift Book*, to mention only three of our recent publications, owe a great deal to 'Mac's' taste and judgment.

Norah McIntyre's sense of humour was a constant delight to all who worked with her. The sense of style which gave her success in the publishing field was also shown in her own clothes! There was elegance and distinction in her appearance which, while being the envy of those not blessed with her figure, again gave pleasure. All at Headquarters, and many up and down the country, will wish me to express their good wishes to Miss McIntyre on her retirement.

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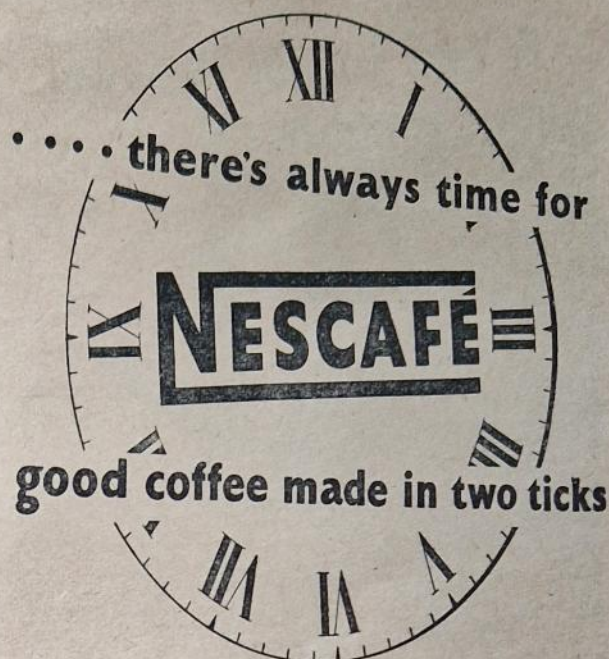
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IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS

Guiders are reminded that a warm welcome awaits their mothers as well as themselves at Foxlease from June 15th to 22nd, but that there are places too for unaccompanied Guiders. A condition of entry is not 'one Mother'.

Would Commissioners and Guiders note the dates and pass on information about the holiday week for members of Local Associations and Trefoil Guilds at Foxlease from July 16th to 20th?

FOXLEASE

- 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
- ### WADDOW
- 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.

*30-3 Dec. Queen's Guide Testers
* Open to any tester in England but counties may reserve one place if they wish for a county representative.

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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- May
11-21 Whitsun (ten days)
23-30 Guiders
- June
2-9 Sea Rangers
12-19 Guiders
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.

PAX HILL HOMECRAFT TRAINING CENTRE

The next Homecrafts Training Course at Pax Hill, Bentley, near Farnham, Surrey, for the National Institute of Houseworkers' Diploma will begin on Wednesday, October 10th, 1951. Applications for training should give date of birth, Guide record and Captain's recommendation. Enquiries for further information and applications for training should be sent to the Principal at Pax Hill.

I.H.Q. CONFERENCES

Drama Conference. A non-residential Drama Conference for all County Drama Advisers and other Guiders interested, will be held at I.H.Q. from October 19th to 21st, 1951. Applications should be made to the Secretary, Imperial Training

Department, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope and deposit of 2s. 6d.

C.C.A. Conference. A C.C.A. Conference will be held at High Leigh, Hoddesdon, Herts., from November 23rd to 27th. It is open to all holders of the Camp Training Diploma and to one representative from counties where there is no Green Cord. Applications should be made to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope and a deposit of 5s.

ENGLAND

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

- May
4-7 Glasgow—S.E. Division
11-14 Perthshire
23-24 Scottish Executive Committee and County Commissioners
25-28 Ranger Guiders
- June
1-4 Guide
8-11 Glasgow—S.W. Division
15-18 Cadets
22-25 Commissioners
29-6 July. P.L.s—two groups of four days each
- August
7-14 P.L.s—Representative
17-24 Guiders' Training Week
28-4 Sept. Holiday Week (Guiders and Rangers)
- September
7-10 Refresher (Warranted Guide Guiders)
14-17 Guide and Brownie—until Monday evening (Edinburgh holiday)
21-24 Fife
28-1 Oct. Dundee
- October
5-8 Stewartry of Kirkcudbright and Wigtownshire
12-15 Commonwealth and Empire
19-22 Brownie
26-29 Pre-Warrant
- November
2-5 Advanced
9-12 Guide
16-19 Commissioners and Ranger Guiders
23-26 Available for County
30-3 Dec. Trainers' Conference
- December
7-10 Available for County
14-17 Rangers
- Fees: Shared room, £2 10s. a week, 7s. 6d. a day. A training fee of 2s. a course will be charged, and an additional fee of 2s. 6d. for a single room.
- Applications, enclosing a deposit of 5s., to the Secretary, Netherurd, Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peebleshire.

WALES

Broneirion

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

May
4-6 West Belfast
11-14 Guide
13-20 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.

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.

The All-England Schools Camp will be held at Blackland Farm, near East Grinstead, Sussex, from Monday, September 3rd to Monday, September 10th. It will be run in groups of about twenty-four Guiders and it is hoped to invite guests from abroad to attend so that campers will have the opportunity to widen their

experience of Guiding in the atmosphere of a normal company camp. Boarding-schools with registered companies may apply for three places each, which will be reserved for them until July 1st, by which date names of individual campers must be received. Day-school companies may apply to be placed on a waiting list until July 1st. Lone Guide Captains may apply on behalf of Guiders in their companies who are at boarding-school. Campers must be thirteen years of age, or older, and should be Second class Guiders if possible. The cost of the camp, excluding travelling expenses, will be approximately 35s. per head. Application forms and kit lists can be obtained from the Camp Secretary: Miss E. M. Nuttall, Wentworth School, Boscombe, Bournemouth, Hampshire. Please send a stamped addressed envelope with all enquiries.

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A Report of business dealt with by the Executive Committee of the Council during February, March and April, 1951

Financial Matters

The finances of the Association were kept fully under review, the quarterly report being received in February and the monthly interim reports in March and April. A preliminary consideration was given to the annual Statement of Accounts at the April meeting. A variety of matters concerning grants both in Great Britain and overseas were dealt with; administrative arrangements made in regard to the finance of England in relation to I.H.Q., and estimates for departmental expenditure dealt with. In connection with Foxlease, Waddow, the M.T.B. and Pax Hill, estimates for repairs to property, tree felling and re-planting, and staff salaries were considered. Amongst other matters dealt with were business regarding trade with the Colonies, payment of the premium for the Guiders' Indemnity Policy, modernising of office equipment and the economic running of the restaurant at I.H.Q. The question of the rising costs of uniform was fully discussed, particularly that of Commissioners, and it was agreed that it should be made more generally known that the *alternative* uniform is less expensive and is correct and official uniform for all Commissioners (i.e. as in P.O.R. Rule 86, 10, white or Headquarters blue shirt, navy blue battle blouse and skirt, felt hat or tailored beret). Amendments were authorised in the scale of expenses payable to members of the movement travelling on essential Guide business.

International Affairs

A number of matters outstanding from the business of the World Conference 1950 continued to be dealt with.

A variety of invitations were considered for British Guides to join foreign Guides at their national functions and the World Assembly of Youth Camp in England, and the names of those selected for the Juliette Low Award at Our Chalet 1951 were approved as follows: Marianne Cope, Leicester (Cadet), Margaret Macdonald, Yorkshire, W.R.N.E. (Ranger), Margaret Pillar, Suffolk (Cadet), Margaret Sellin, Bristol (Ranger), Ruth Arthur, Kenya (Guide), Yuniya Majara, Uganda (Cadet) Reserve: Jane Price, Ulster (Cadet).

British Guides abroad were authorised to wear a badge to correspond with the County Badge, and arrangements were made for the production of this.

A report was received from Dame Vera Laughton Mathews of her meeting with German Guides in Dusseldorf and Cologne.

Commonwealth Affairs

In addition to appointments included in the list below, news was received and considered from Hong Kong, Sudan, Tanganyika, Antigua, South Africa, Canada and St. Kitts. Necessary amendments to Guide and Brownie tests in the Colonies were authorised and a new appointment of a Commissioner for County Empire Representatives (who would co-ordinate the work of County Empire Representatives) was considered and agreed.

Training Business

A proposal to establish a reserve list of Trainers was agreed and plans for closer co-operation between Rangers and Cadets in respect of Guiders' training were fully considered. A syllabus for a Ranger Certificate for General Knowledge of the Guide Movement was agreed, details of which will be published later. The award, endorsement and cancellation of a number of Diplomas were approved.

Awards

Recommendations from the Awards Committee were received each month; details of these are published monthly elsewhere in THE GUIDER.

Legal Business

Recommendations from the Parliamentary Agents and Legal Adviser on various subjects were received, and action taken in accordance with their advice in relation to certain Private Parliamentary Bills.

Administration

A report of a meeting of the chairmen and secretaries of all Headquarters sub-committees was considered, and a number of recommendations devised to simplify administration were

approved, including amendments to the constitutions of several committees.

Arrangements were made for the holding of the annual meeting of the Council on May 9th, and a large amount of preparatory business was carried out to obtain the necessary nominations for the election of members to the Council and Executive Committee, in accordance with the Charter and Bye Laws. Discussion took place on the question of appointment of officers in order that recommendations could be made to the Council.

Public Relations

Approval was given for contingents to attend several non-Guide functions and representatives were appointed to kindred societies. The Home Office report on Children and the Cinema was considered. The Association relationship to the World Assembly of Youth was discussed and it was agreed to continue to support the Assembly through the British National Committee.

Religious Matters

The appointment, as members of the Religious Panel, of the Bishop of Willesden, as representative of the Church of England (in place of the Bishop of St. Albans), the Rev. Edward Bushey as representative of the Roman Catholic Church (in place of the Rev. Bernard Bussey) and Miss Jean Green as representative of the Baptist Union, were reported.

A report on the very successful Conference on 'Christianity and Communism' held at Headquarters for Rangers, Rovers and Senior Scouts, was received. It was hoped that similar conferences might be held in other areas. Arrangements were made for the printing of a leaflet on Communism in co-operation with the Boy Scouts Association.

Proposals for amendments to the Constitution and Terms of Reference of the Catholic Guide Advisory Council were submitted by the Catholic Guide Advisory Council and discussed.

Publications

Consideration was given to the revision of certain textbooks and a number of recommendations for publications, including a publicity handbill and a new series of cultural and educational subjects, for which a subsidy from General Funds was authorised to enable them to be sold at a lower price.

Civil Defence

A report was received from the *ad hoc* Committee set up to consider the ways in which the Association as such might take up in Civil Defence, and preliminary discussions with the appropriate authorities were authorised.

The Guide International Service

Reports and business for consideration were received each month, and the many details of special interest will be incorporated in an article in the June issue of THE GUIDER.

Appointments and Resignations

The following were approved during the quarter: Mrs. Greaves, Deputy Chief Commissioner for Ulster; Miss Doreen Maguire, Commissioner for Camping for Ulster (vice Mrs. Scott); Mrs. Philbin, Commissioner for County Empire Representatives, I.H.Q. and England; Mrs. Sanders, Commissioner for Cadets for Wales; Lady Monroe, Chairman of the Empire Circle (vice Lady Thomas); Mrs. Macnio, Colony Commissioner for British Guiana (vice Mrs. Turner); Dr. Marjorie Steele Hallett, Island Commissioner, Bermuda; Mrs. Goodban, Colony Commissioner for Aden (vice Mrs. Bruce); Mrs. Cheverton, Colony Commissioner for the Gold Coast (vice Mrs. Wilkinson); Lady Abayomi, M.B.E., Commissioner for Nigeria (vice Mrs. Cotgrave).

Coming Events

The Empire Circle lunch hour talk on May 24th will be held in the Council Chamber at Imperial Headquarters at 1.15 p.m. when the speaker will be Miss Clare Lawrence, a Diploma'd Guider, recently returned from the Transvaal, who has also trained in Nyasaland and Tanganyika. All members of the movement are welcome. Sandwiches may be brought and coffee will be on sale.

The Empire Day party will be held at I.H.Q. on May 24th and invitations have been sent to all members.

A Synagogue Parade for Jewish Guides and Scouts will be held on May 20th at 3.30 p.m. at Dukes Place Synagogue, Aldgate, London, E.1. After the service a campfire will be held at Brady Boys' Club, Philpot Street, London, E.1. Further particulars obtainable from Miss R. Myers, 63 Gorseway, Romford, Essex.

Woolwich Divisional Rangers, Guides and Brownies are joining with the Woolwich Boy Scouts Association in a Festival Jamboree, on Saturday, May 12th and Whit Monday, May 14th. The Jamboree is to be held in the Co-operative Woods, Abbey Wood, S.E.2, and will be opened on Saturday, May 12th, by Sir Percy Everett, and on Monday by Lady Cochrane at 3 p.m. The Guides are responsible for three scenes in a pageant and for figure marching, country dancing and Brownie singing games to be held in the arena. There will be a combined campfire each evening, and on Saturday afternoon part of the programme will be broadcast by the B.B.C.

Brownie Exhibition, August 27th-September 1st.—Plans for this week are now well in hand, and many counties and divisions are having exhibitions to choose the most suitable exhibits to be sent to Headquarters. Programmes, price 3d., giving details of demonstrations and exhibits will be on sale at the end of May and may be obtained from any of the Countries' Headquarters or, in England, through counties. It is hoped that every pack will have at least one programme.

1951 Retreats for Church of England Guiders: October 12-14th at the Retreat House, Catherington, Horndean, Sussex. Conductor: The Rev. E. J. Townroe. November 23rd-25th at the Diocesan House, St. Albans (waiting list only). Conductor: The Rev. K. G. Simcox. Fee: 27s. 6d., including 2s. 6d. booking fee, not returnable. Applications should be sent to Miss A. Thompson, Little Meadow, Burcot, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

Awards

Fortitude

Badge of Fortitude. Patrol Leader Mary Binning, aged 15, 139th (S. Filton) Company, Bristol.

While suffering from T.B. meningitis she has been a constant source of encouragement to other patients.

Guide Hazel Brown, aged 12, 1st Aston Company, Oswestry, Shropshire.

Hazel has been attending hospital for treatment for tuberculosis of the spine and hip for seven years, two of these as an in-patient. Her Second Class tests were passed under great difficulties in hospital and her patience and courage have won her many friends.

Guide Ursula Anne Strettle, aged 13, 15th Preston (St. Cuthberts), North West Lancashire.

Anne has been a cripple for four years. Although she has never been to school she earns money by writing stories and poems for children's magazines and uses it to help bedridden cripples whom she visits in her wheel chair. At Guide meetings she is always cheerful and hard working.

Brownie Rita Willmore, aged 8½ years, 1st Llangwyfan Pack, Denbighshire.

Rita has been suffering from a diseased hip for over four years and in spite of disappointing setbacks in her treatment has always been uncomplaining and cheerful. She takes every opportunity to help others, especially other Brownies.

Good Service

Beaver. Miss Kathleen Murmann, County Camp Adviser, Berkshire.

Certificate of Merit. Miss Margaret Annand, Division Secretary, Warwickshire.

Mrs. Gluning, Guide Captain, Dorset.

Called to Higher Service

Miss Violet Cruiks, on March 29th, Acting Captain of the 5th St. Leonards Guide Company.

Mrs. Ellen Mary Edwards, former Captain of the 1st Chiswick Company and the 1st Kensington Company.

Mrs. A. Hinsby (née Powell) on April 8th, after twenty-five years' service in West Wandsworth, and previously in East Wandsworth, Divisions.

Rona Lilian Lee, a Ranger and Acting Brownie Guider in the 5th Brownie Pack, Rochester.

Sheila McKinnon on February 13th, Brownie Guider of the 2nd Glasgow Pack.

Miss Marianne Moubay on February 26th. One-time District

Commissioner and County Camp Adviser, Kinross-shire, Commissioner and C.A. Yorkshire, North Riding, and Guider-in-Charge, Broneirion. A Guide at St. James's School, West Malvern, Maimie Moubay was later one of the pioneers of Guiding in Scotland. As a member of the F.A.N.Y.s and, later, the A.T.S. she served as an ambulance driver with the Polish Army and with the Y.M.C.A. in Egypt, Jerusalem, Normandy, Brussels and Berlin. Soon after demobilisation Maimie Moubay became Guider-in-Charge at Broneirion. Her steadfastness and quiet courage made her an outstanding comrade.

Guide Shirley Simpson of the 1st Knayton and Borrowby Company, Yorkshire, on Easter Sunday.

Miss Mary Tucker on April 1st. For twenty-seven years Miss Tucker has served the Guides of Bermuda as Lieutenant, Captain, District Commissioner, Island Secretary and, since 1944, Island Commissioner. Her gentle charm endeared her to all with whom she came into contact.

Notice Board

The following donations to the Girl Guides Association are acknowledged with thanks:

The Merchant Taylors Company, £15 15s. (General Account); Mabel Fletcher Technical College, Liverpool, £5 (Extension Fund); Lustleigh Local Association, £2 2s. (Extension Fund).

The following American 16 mm. films (in colour with sound track) will be in the Headquarters Library (on loan from the World Bureau) until May 31st. 'The Story of a Girl Scout Troop' (running time fifteen minutes); 'The Story of a Brownie Scout Troop' (running time fifteen minutes); 'Girl Scouting Returns to Japan' (running time ten minutes). Only postage is charged for these films.

The winners of the Quiz, published in the March GUIDER, are: 1st prize: Miss S. E. Elder, Bramber, Sussex. 2nd prize: Miss V. Close, Swanage, Dorset. 3rd prize: Miss Jean Hewetson, Hove. 3rd prize: Miss K. Lewis, Bristol.

To Ranger Guiders (Land, Sea and Air). Would Guiders please note that when taking their Rangers for holidays of any kind, including holidays afloat, they must first fill in form C.12 obtainable from C.A.s.

W.A.Y. Camp: There are still vacancies for the World Assembly of Youth Camp at Chigwell from July 7th to 21st, which H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth has graciously consented to visit. Approximately four hundred have applied from overseas, a number of whom will be Guiders and Scouters and it is important to send a strong Guide contingent. The heads of camping for England and Scotland are helping to run this camp and for details of application see page 58 of the March GUIDER.

Music Lover Badge for Blind Guiders

In a forthcoming issue of *Adventurers All*, the magazine for blind Guides and Rangers, there will be an article on the Music Lover badge. The attention of Guiders and Testers for this badge is drawn to clause 4 of the syllabus which, in the case of a blind Guide, may now be interpreted as: 'Know the formation of an orchestra and recognise the following instruments from pictures, or cut-outs, or by touch or sound'. (A partially sighted Guide may still be able to take the test as it stands).

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Now's the Time for Scouting Games

BEGIN at the beginning', said Tweedledum, and certainly that is by far the best place to start with Scouting games. The earlier the company is introduced to them the better, but the introduction must be made gradually if the games are to succeed. If meetings are held out of doors whenever and wherever possible, and if tests and training for test work are made realistic, the right outlook will develop and Scouting games will be greeted with enthusiasm.

It is easy to base games on test or badge syllabuses so that they fit naturally into a company's programme and increase in difficulty and adventure as the company progresses. In the case of a new company, let the first games teach specific parts of the Tenderfoot and Second Class tests, or provide an incentive to learn a particular bit of test work. (You cannot be rescued from a drifting ice-floe unless you can tie a rope securely round your waist). Later the scope of the games can be extended to develop initiative and resourcefulness in training candidates for the First Class test and the Queen's Guide Award.

In a new company, or an old-established company which is being introduced to Scouting games for the first time, patrol leaders' trainings are of the greatest value, having the double advantage of providing a 'testing-ground' for new games and giving the P.L.s that added experience they need if they are to be capable leaders of their patrols. These trainings also provide an excellent opportunity for the inexperienced Guider to try out her own ideas and to distinguish between the good and the not-so-good!

One simple game played by the leaders and seconds of a new company with a 'new' captain will serve as an example. This was 'Stop, Thief!' The 'thief' (Captain) was given two minutes' start and ran off, dropping 'stolen jewels' (red wool). The Guides gave chase following the trail of 'jewels' and endeavouring to catch the 'thief' who had to remain at large for fifteen minutes and get back to the base without being seen. A time limit of twenty minutes was set, at the end of which everyone had to be back at H.Q.

Then the six leaders and seconds were shown how to follow a trail in patrol formation, and were reminded of the value of Scout's Pace for covering any distance at speed, while a hint was dropped of the value of hand signals and secret patrol calls when a patrol is operating in the open. The following week the game was played with the whole company,

in patrols, seconds acting as 'thieves' and the leaders organising their own patrols.

If the Court of Honour is used to plan the games there will be a greater appreciation of the necessary rules. These should be kept to a minimum, but some are essential, and it is often a good idea, if games are to be played in any particular area for any length of time—as for instance at camp, or in the company's own district during the summer months—to draw up a set of 'standing orders'. The actual rules will vary according to the locality and the individual company, but it is advisable to state that Guides are not to work alone, and to fix a time limit, an emergency H.Q.

and an emergency rally signal. Particular rules applicable to any one game, such as boundaries and distinguishing marks, can also be settled by the Court of Honour.

Below are given the 'bones' of some Scouting games for Guides at various stages of training. The 'meat' must be added, and will depend on the appetite of individual companies.

The Challenge Trail (for recruits): The recruit has to follow a simple trail, along which at intervals are stationed members of her patrol who challenge her for the 'password' (Be Prepared) or the 'secret sign'; one might be dressed as one of the Saints and demand that the recruit should recognise him before being allowed to proceed. At the end of the trail she has to hoist the patrol flag by means of a sheetbend and clove-hitch. (Similar 'challenges' can be invented based on the Second and First Class tests, and can be played by individuals or in patrols.)

Rival Dispatch Bearers (a stalking game): Two patrols choose bases some distance apart—anything from two hundred yards to two miles, depending on the nature of the country and the length of time the game is to last. Each patrol sends out a dispatch bearer whose aim is to penetrate to the rival H.Q. without being caught by the patrol on guard. (This has infinite variations; played in a confined area with little 'cover' it became a thrilling game on a night of full moon and scurrying clouds.)

The Blockade Runners: Similar to the above. Several experienced Guides are chosen to 'run the blockade' and are taken out, preferably blindfolded and in a car, and are then left to discover their whereabouts and to make their own way back to camp or H.Q. Everyone else forms a 'blockade' to prevent them.

Under Sealed Orders (for 'old hands'): Guides are warned the previous day that they are to be sent out 'under sealed orders'. They should report for 'briefing' at a given time, in pairs with whatever they consider necessary for a day in the open. 'Emergency rations' will be provided. Be Prepared! On reporting they are given (a) Sealed orders, (b) 'Emergency rations', i.e., ingredients for a hike meal; (c) instructions to make a sketch map of the route they follow.

If possible each pair should have a watch and there should be a strict time limit. A map, sealed, should be taken for real emergency use only. The 'sealed orders' might direct the Guides by a compass bearing to the start of a track, at the end of which would be further orders. Any 'emergency' can be included; some orders might be written in code. Younger Guides can act as 'casualties'. The final instructions should direct each pair to return to camp by the shortest route—from their own sketch map!

Crash Landing: Patrols, scattered over a wide area, must send back to their own bases news of a 'plane crash' and details of help required. Any signalling method, or runners, may be used. Marks are given for accuracy, speed and for action taken on receipt of message.

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Commissioner, mother of three little girls, needs domestic help. Guiding opportunities.—Stewart, Eglon Bridge, Yorks.

Resident Bursar-Caterer required end of May or early June for Training House (30 students and 3 resident staff) for Moral Welfare Work. Responsible home-making post for women interested in training side of Christian social work. Domestic Science and Book-keeping experience desirable. Further particulars, salary, etc., obtainable from the Warden, Josephine Butler Memorial House, 34, Alexandra Drive, Liverpool, 17.

Shorthand-typist, with some knowledge of office work, required for the Estate Office, Blackmoor, Liss, Hants. Further particulars available on application to the Office Manager.

Bury and Rossendale Hospital Management Committee—Fairfield General Hospital, Bury. Pupil assistant nurses are required at this hospital. Salaries and conditions of service in accordance with the Nurses and Midwives Council. Application forms may be obtained from the Matron, Fairfield General Hospital, Bury, Lancs.

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Senior Clerk required for Finance Department.—Apply, giving qualifications, salary required and age, to the Financial Secretary, Girl Guides Association, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

General Clerk, aged 18 to 19, required as soon as possible in the Registrations Department. Must be a keen member of the movement. No special training is required, but the work needs accuracy and a sense of responsibility. Salary at 18, £3 per week.—Apply to the Secretary of the Registrations Department, Girl Guides Association, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

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School Nurse, S.R.N., or Assistant Nurse required September, for the Trefoil School for Physically Handicapped Children, Hermiton, Midlothian.—Apply, giving age, qualifications and previous experience to Honorary Secretary, 33, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

LORNE

Guider-in-charge required for Ulster Guiders' Training Centre, Lorne, Craigavon, from November 1st, 1951, preferably with some Guide training qualification.—Applications, stating experience and salary expected, to the Ulster Commissioner for Training, Girl Guide Headquarters, 50, Upper Arthur Street, Belfast.

EDUCATIONAL

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Scotland—The Scottish Association of Boys' Clubs Permanent Camp and Training Centre, Dalguise House, Dunkeld, Perthshire. Is now available for conferences, camps and training courses. Accommodation 65 in house, camp site fully equipped for up to 200. Further particulars from The Warden (Telephone Dunkeld 339), or The Scottish Association of Boys' Clubs, 12, Alva Street, Edinburgh, 2 (Telephone Central 7087).

Switzerland—Few vacancies, cheap chalet holiday, Adelboden, August 3rd to 19th.—Details from Essex, 37, Rosenthal Road, S.E.6.

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Ferring-on-Sea—Eccles caravan owned by Guide Captain; 4 berths, calor gas, fully equipped. Available June, July, August, September, from £5 5s. per week.—Wills and Smerdon, 6, Station Road, East Horsley, Surrey. Tel. East Horsley 3333 (3 lines).

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