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Brownsea Island reminds us of B-P's First Camp—the model for all that follow



Seen from Evening Hill this lovely view of Poole Harbour, Dorset, looks towards Brownsea Island, recently re-established as a sanctuary for wild birds and animals

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Traditions the Founder Gave Us

I FOUND myself on the high hills that flank the west coast of Scotland, those hills that throw out rugged arms towards the islands on the West. It was night and the track was rough and lonely, and ahead was a star in the sky, shining brightly and filling the darkness. And I thought about Guiding and of a message that I could send you about a star, and I wondered if perhaps the road was not very light for some of us or if we had the wrong hand on the helm and our eyes on the dark waters instead of on the sky?

We have been taught by the Founder that the left hand is the one that we should use on the helm—that we should always have it ready to stretch out in friendship to brother Scouts and sister Guides. It was a strange thing the way that Left Hand Shake came about. In the year 1896 B-P was in a place in Africa called Ashanti. On entering this town, the Founder was met by some chiefs, one of whom came towards him to greet him. As he approached B-P he held out his left hand. B-P, not understanding, held out his right hand, but the old chief said, 'No! You must shake my left hand because only the bravest of the brave shakes hands with the left hand'. B-P appreciated this compliment and as he usually did he thought about it very carefully afterwards and decided it was a fine idea. So many years afterwards, when Scouting and Guiding had started, he remembered this old African chief and his left hand shake, and he thought it would be a wonderful idea for Scouts and Guides to take this tradition and make it their own. Then he read in an old chronicle that in the middle ages in England the people used to shake hands with their left hand as a sign of friendship because the left hand was nearest the heart.

The Left Hand Shake has a far deeper meaning for us in our most responsible position of leadership, and some today are beginning to forget it. Guiders will say that they don't shake hands with the left hand because it is old fashioned; they say these things about the patrol system and about the secret sign of the Half Salute which Guide people are supposed to give to each other when not in uniform. Believe me, you can destroy everything in the way of uniform and practical things, but you cannot destroy those things that are traditional in our movement or you cease to be Girl Guides.

If B-P had invented Guiding and Scouting out of his own brain, refusing to take any of his ideas from anyone else, our movement as such would have been dead long ago. He always said this himself. What he did was far more brilliant. He took as a basis for his thinking, and how rich and how full was his thinking, all the great and good things which had dropped like jewels into men's minds for centuries; thoughts about young people and what would influence them for good; thoughts about the development of the mind and how to stimulate intelligence, quick thinking and common sense; thoughts born two thousand years ago about unselfishness, personified in those immortal words, 'Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends'; thoughts of kindness to God's creatures and thoughts of how to acquire knowledge in order to help other people.

We see our Founder taking great armfuls of these thoughts and stuffing them into Guiding and Scouting. His genius lay in the fact that he was able to collect these thoughts and interpret them in a practical way, and it was because he loved these sort of things with a great and abiding love himself, that he was able to pass them on to other people. If, in the course of our Guide experiences, we ever meet anyone who has thoughts that will be of value to Guiding, let us never lose the opportunity of using that person.

Our Founder was full of magic, too. His whole personality, his whole outlook on life was touched with it. One of the loveliest things about magic is that it is such a happy thing, and one could not be with the Founder for five minutes

without realising this. His spirit was infectious; and now that that great spirit is no longer in the world, we must see to it that as we walk along the rough track, or guide our little ship through the treacherous rocks, we raise our eyes to where his spirit shines like a star to guide Guiding and Scouting. And if we miss the star, it will be very dark. So let us all, the leaders of the movement—and here I use the word 'leaders' with great but humble pride because it is such a privilege to be one and such a grave responsibility—search diligently for tradition; let us copy the Founder and look for great thoughts from past centuries.

It was because the traditions of Guiding and Scouting, the Left Hand Shake, the Secret Sign, the Motto, the broad-brimmed hat, the staff, the knot at the base of the scarf, and perhaps most of all the woodcraft tradition, which distinguishes both Guiding and Scouting as outdoor movements, were so dear to the hearts of the children that the Founder believed in them and begged for them to remain. He knew that they were important and he knew that, presented in the right way, whether it was 1907 or 1951, there would still be even grown-up people who would think that it was a fine thing to give your left hand to a friend because it was nearest the heart.

If we are going to admit that things are so changed in the world today that Guiding has had to give in and fall into line with materialism and admit the death of romance and adventure we shall find ourselves one of many movements and no longer the greatest youth movement in the world.

Look again at *Scouting for Boys*. Open the book at Camp-fire Yarn No. 22, and read the words of the Founder.

'So it is with the life of a man; he comes no one knows from where; he is here in the world for a short time, till he flies forth again, no one knows whither. But now you show us that if we do our duty during our life we shall not fly out into darkness again, when life is ended, since Christ has opened a door for us to enter a brighter room, a heaven where we can go and dwell in peace for ever. Religion is a very simple thing:

Love and serve God.

Love and serve your neighbour.

In the great church of Malta you can see today where the old knights used to pray, and they all stood up and drew their swords during the reading of the Creed, as a sign that they were prepared to defend the gospel with their swords and lives. Besides worshipping God in church, they always recognised His work in the things which He made, such as animals, plants, and scenery. No man is much good unless he believes in God and obeys His laws. So every Scout should have a religion. I often think that when the sun goes down the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven, but the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size; some are big, some little, and some men have done great deeds and others have done small deeds, but they have made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they have made their hole in the blanket your hole in the blanket by good work while you are on the earth'.

And so we close *Scouting for Boys* and sit quietly there with the book in our hands; and we know that we can never be short of a yarn to tell the children; we can never be lost for a thought to pass on to them; we can never fail in our duty towards them, so long as we have the traditions which the Founder has given us, traditions that shine like a bright star in the sky. And the greatest of these traditions is that a Guide or a Scout should have a religion.

MARGUERITE DE BEAUMONT

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The Chief Guide's Talk

I HAD not been to Bermuda for twenty-one years, but here I found many old friends, and here—as so often elsewhere—there were Guiders who had been Guides on my former visit. A former Island Commissioner, Mrs. Lockwood, who had been awarded the Silver Fish, was there at the first meeting, but by a strange streak of tragedy both she and Miss Mary Tucker, who also had been Island Commissioner, died recently. Both these Commissioners were greatly loved, and will be remembered with affection and gratitude.

In Bermuda my mind was vividly transported away from this beautiful little island to our beloved Chalet, in Switzerland, as I called in once more to see 'Fair Winds', the transiting Bermuda home, built and lived in and much loved by one of the best friends that Guiding has ever known, 'Aunt' Helen Storrow. My mind leapt back through the years to Thinking Day, 1930, when my husband and I had stayed with her there that night and, in the course of quiet talking, all of us together, the idea of Our Chalet was born.

The Bermuda visit over (and successfully so with the finding of several new Commissioners) and now taking to the air, we arrived at the Bahamas at 2.30 in the morning to our Island Commissioner waiting for us and four Girl Scout leaders over from Miami in Florida. Then we were whisked off to be the house guests of Mrs. Archibald, whose name is so well known to all Guiders as the donor of Foxlease.

In the Bahamas the movement is small, but good. It has triumphed over the burning race question, and a nice little rally was held on the ground close to their Headquarters, a tiny Brownie Revel, as well as a campfire for all Guides and the Scouts as well.

By great good luck the Western Hemisphere Sub-Committee of the World Committee had planned to hold its session in Puerto Rico—my next port of call. Here an entirely new picture presents itself. A Spanish American Colony, Puerto Rico came under the United States over a hundred years ago, and one finds there a curious mixture of old Spanish customs and tradition, and modern American ideas. An outstanding Girl Scout Leader, Miss Elisa Colberg, has built up a most impressive branch of the Girl Scout Organisation, adapting all the Girl Scout activities to meet

the needs of the young girls of Spanish families, emerging from the more old-fashioned European secluded way of life. There are troops all over the Island, and a fine body of 'Senior Scouts', and they have got a most attractive Girl Scout House on the lagoon in the suburb of Condado.



[By courtesy Central Office of Information]
Girls in Grenada enjoy trying on sun hats

Besides this, they have an office in San Juan itself and they have just opened a splendid 'Camp Elisa Colberg', far out in the forest reserve, where again land has been granted to them, a big hall has been built, equipment has been given, little sleeping huts put up, and they are able to have relays of Girl Scout troops enjoying camping all through the summer months.

One specially interesting and significant meeting to me was that of the Rotary Club, whose lunch I was invited to attend in order to say a few words about Scouting. The chairman had, himself, been a Scout, and when he asked that men present who had been Scouts as boys might hold up their hands, it was found that more than half of these business men, representing professions of all kinds, had been Scouts in their youth. Amongst them was the General in command of the United States Forces, and also a man who had been a Scout in London, as far back as 1907, the year the movement was first founded.

Amongst other charming entertainments, the Western Hemisphere Committee members were all received and given generous hospitality by the wife of the Governor at the beautiful, romantic old Spanish Palace, and also by the Lady Mayor of the town, who presented us with the Freedom of the City in the shape of a Golden Key.

The Western Hemisphere Sub-Committee is a most valuable and happy affair. The reports and accounts of gradual progress in Guide work in many of the Latin American countries were most illuminating and encouraging, and though progress on the South American continent is slow, because of the local conditions, the work done by the Western Hemisphere Centres is effective and fruitful. It is perhaps not realised what a vast and utterly undeveloped field it covers, and the backward conditions that exist in that continent, which we, in Europe, know so little about. It was quite a revelation to me to hear among other things that in Chile we have close on six thousand Guides and Brownies, that Columbia has nearly four hundred Guides and over two hundred Brownies, and some two hundred and thirty-eight Rangers, that Bolivia, Nicaragua and Venezuela



[By courtesy Bermuda News Bureau]

A lovely field of lilies in Bermuda—typical of many supplying bulbs for export

have started their movements, and that Ecuador, El Salvador, Panama and Peru and Costa Rica are coming along, too.

The next lap of our journey took us to Haiti, and this was one of the most interesting and stirring experiences that I have had for many years. As you know, Haiti is one of the newest joined members of the World Association, having been accepted as a full member at the World Conference last year. From nothing, with no support, no financial backing, and in the face of tremendous difficulties of poverty and ninety-four per cent illiteracy, in this strange, mountainous island with its background of disturbed history, a strong, healthy flourishing Guide Movement has grown up, and there are now about seven hundred Guides in the country.

Haiti is a French-speaking negro Republic, with high mountains, deep ravines and thick forests, and practically no roads, so travel is extremely difficult.

Naturally most of their Guide literature comes from France, and this always carries an enthusiastic spirit with it, is well written and quotes the Founder over and over again; the patrol system is carried out to the full, and never have I met a more charming and attractive lot of Guides anywhere. For the first time they put on a rally in the big sports ground, and the stands were filled with an appreciative crowd.

I was received by President Magloire and his wife, as President of the Guides, not only gave a delightful garden party in the Palace grounds for all the Guides and their friends, but she also arranged for plane and lorry transport for Guide Companies to come to the capital, Port-au-Prince, for the week-end. On landing to pick up his consignment of Guides at an isolated air-field, one pilot was commissioned to bring twenty-five, but when thirty-three Guides presented themselves beside the plane the pilot's heart was so touched that all were squeezed in, for the greatest adventure of their lives.

And now we come to my dear Jamaica—a place that I have loved since I first saw it in 1912. Guiding has gone through a bad patch, owing to various local conditions, but now it is on the up-grade again. With nothing in the bank, and on 'faith and a shoe-string' they have embarked on buying a house for a Headquarters, a charming and excellent place

which will be a tremendous asset. This was opened with due ceremony on March 29th, the threshold dedicated and blessed and sprinkled with salt and rice. Besides this the Guides have a delightful camp ground—Camp Arawak—some ten miles out of Kingston, rented for the proverbial song, from the Water Board. An Island rally was planned, and I am quite sure that these larger gatherings are worth while.

The Island Commissioner and I were also able to tour several country districts to meet the members of the Local Associations. If well cherished and encouraged these bodies of our lay helpers can be the most priceless asset. Our Commissioners and Guiders, our uniformed people, are often over-taxed and over-worked and, in their own splendid zeal, apt to do too much themselves, and thereby give the impression that Guiding is terribly hard work, desperately exacting, and altogether a thing to be avoided! We want to spread out our tasks on to more shoulders.

Sometimes I believe that Local Associations are hardly cherished and informed enough; it is even overlooked that it is their responsibility to see that the movement progresses in their domain, and that the work of propaganda, of hobby teaching and badge testing is their affair, just as much as the raising of funds, seeing to supplies of uniform, the obtaining of meeting-places and camp grounds, contacting other societies, putting across our excellent Guide literature and finding new potential Guiders.

So many members of Local Associations have, of course, been active uniformed members in the movement, and during this last tour it has been most impressive to find the numbers of people who have been touched by the influence of Guiding and Scouting. At every turn, men and women of all kinds and have greeted me with the Left Hand Shake, and time and time again have I heard the same moving and overwhelming evidence of how the training they received as Scouts or Guides had helped them in their careers and in their lives.

It 'gives one to think' what a colossal influence we are already and this, in itself, can open our eyes to what we will become as we continue steadfastly along the trail, fortified by what we know of the past, and invigorated for doing the utmost for furthering our cause in the future.

Miss Helen Isherwood

WHEN rejoicing at the increasing strength and growth of our movement over the past forty years perhaps we are apt to overlook the mounting years of service of those who work to achieve this purpose. So it comes with a sense of shock when we hear of the resignation of another 'long service' member of Headquarters staff, Miss Helen Isherwood, Secretary to the Registrations Department since 1937.

Her talent for efficient administration and for collecting and compiling information vital to the growth of the movement has been as invaluable to the Executive as the help and guidance she has given to Commissioners and Secretaries throughout the country. Much of her success is due to a happy knack of working with the County and Registrations Secretaries as friends and partners, and these contacts have been helpful, too, in creating a really friendly atmosphere and breaking down the idea that Headquarters is formidable and unapproachable.

Helen Isherwood's excellent organising powers were given full play when, in 1940, she originated and carried through the Guide Gift Week scheme, when £50,000 was raised for gifts of ambulances or hostels for the R.A.F., the Royal Navy and the Army. A motor lifeboat was also presented to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (which saw service at Dunkirk and has since been named *Guide of Dunkirk*), as well as gifts to the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and the British Sailors' Society. For this Guide service Helen Isherwood

was awarded the Beaver. Three years later she undertook the even greater organisation of the B-P Memorial Fund, which amounted to £100,000. All the ideas for the target weeks and the publicity for them were her own and she carried them through in her department with very little extra help.

Guide friends all over the country will miss Helen Isherwood's live and friendly personality and great capacity for fun. Anyone who could introduce new ideas and interests was sure of arousing her keen support, and it is entirely due to a spirit of adventure that she leaves Headquarters after twenty years' service. Her natural creative ability has taken the form of making the attractive patrol shields, book-ends, plaster and rubber owls which we purchase in the Guide shops, and for some time past she has been building up this hobby into quite a little business, so she has now decided to put her whole energies into establishing a small workshop so that she can fill the increasing needs of Guides for her craft work.

So while we thank her for all she has done for Guiding in the past, and send her our good wishes for success in this new venture, we can still feel that she is continuing to help and benefit Guiding everywhere.

Justy Lockhart

[CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR ENGLAND]

Trials of a Tawny

FULL of zeal and good intentions, I hurried along to the first pack meeting after my Brownie Guiders' Training week-end at Foxlease. My pocket-book was crammed with notes and my head was bursting with ideas for carrying them out. Running a pack meeting on the lines suggested by those trainers seemed so easy—when you knew how. Of course, we hadn't yet all the room and equipment necessary for perfection, but give us time. . . .

Long before I reached the hall I heard a positive babel of voices, and when I opened the door I met the full force of a young avalanche of squirming, brown-clad figures. Brown Owl's attention was occupied for the moment with a parent who wanted to discuss the complications of paying for a uniform in penny numbers, so I disentangled the two nearest Brownies, stood them right side up and, replacing my own hat, enquired what was the matter. Jemima, our popular piccaninny recently imported from the Gold Coast, her black eyes flashing, replied: 'They said I lived in a mud hut!'

Having sorted out that miniature colour problem, I greeted Brown Owl and gave her a brisk, brief sketch of the weekend training. 'A little discipline', I finished with determination, 'is what we need in this pack, but it has to be introduced skilfully, you know. For instance. . . .'

Brown Owl listened patiently. She'd heard it all before, of course, and from her long experience she knew the chasm that lies between the ideal of the 'perfect pack' that inspires everyone who attends a Brownie Training, and the reality of coping with a motley collection of youngsters in one of the poorer parts of London. But she is a kindly soul and she let me talk, until the surrounding hubbub became deafening. Then with a stentorian bellow—oh, so different from the crisp calmness which characterises the perfect word of command—she miraculously produced order out of chaos and we proceeded with the meeting.

While Brown Owl tested knots and knowledge of the Union Jack I supervised the table-laying practice of seven aspirants for the Golden Bar. As we had equipment for only two diners, I hastily invented a game to keep the other five quietly occupied. Two maids were selected to lay the table correctly for relays of guests, who were coming by 'bus, and to while away the time on the journey they were to look out for all the things they could see beginning with the letter A. As I kept an eye on the two little maids I could hear behind me an alphabetical chanting going on among the lined-up chairs which formed the 'bus, and I wondered vaguely whether any of them would think of A for Argument. Almost before we were ready the guests had arrived and, disregarding the usual courtesies, they began their list.

'Ath I wath coming along in the buth', lisped an eight-year-old, 'I thaw an auntie, an atom-bomb and Misthter Attlee'.

She beamed in toothless triumph amid the awed silence that greeted her announcement. Then:

'How did you know it was an auntie?' demanded a ten-year-old.

'Coth she looked like an auntie!' was the unanswerable retort.

'Well, I saw an ackerobat and an anti-cyclone—what is

an anti-cyclone, please, Tawny?'

Foxlease hadn't told me the answer to that one, but I got myself out of it and the next 'bus-load filled up, this time with the letter B. They arrived in record time, but we felt we were right in disqualifying them when they informed us that they'd seen a 'bus-conductor, 'bus-driver, 'bus-seats, 'bus-tickets, etc., and they were sent back to think again.

A game, later on, developed into a free-for-all, but finally Brown Owl and I got the pack into some semblance of a fairy ring and the meeting broke up in an orderly enough way, although as they departed I did hear little Irish Patsy, who has taken the dusky Jemima under her wing, say to her: 'Put your hat on straight, Jemima, and look English'. However, apart from Jemima's half-puzzled, half-defiant 'Why should I?' there were no repercussions.

Brown Owl and I sighed with relief as we saw them off and charted three more climbers a little further up the Golden Ladder.

'We shall have two more Second Class Brownies next week', she said, 'and Dorothy should get her Golden Hand by the end of this term. We're getting on—slowly'.

I went home, tired and a little discouraged and poured out my woes into the not too sympathetic ear of a long-suffering husband.

'Pooh', he said, when I'd finished describing what must have sounded like a mixture of the parrot house at the zoo and a herd of young elephants at play, 'fifteen kids are child's play. How would you like to be first line transport officer, with ninety men and mules to look after?'

'Give me the mules every time!' I murmured wearily, as my head dropped on to the pillow that night. Alas for my bright ideas! Nothing had gone according to plan, I felt, and apparently nothing had been achieved. And yet, as sleep crept comfortingly round me, I remembered eager young faces at a Thinking Day ceremony, the shining look of breathless pride at an enrolment, the meetings that had gone well—and I wondered whether, in poor surroundings, with inadequate resources, we still build better than we know.

M.F.-B.

Knots need concentration



Looking out of the 'bus for things beginning with 'A'



Table-laying practice for Golden Bar



'Youth Speaks for Itself'

Congratulations to the four Welsh Sea Rangers who recently won the Festival of Britain Public Speaking Contest open to all youth organisations, 'Youth Speaks for Itself'. The four Rangers, Jean Ashton (Chairman), Margaret Johnson (Speaker), Maisie Stevenson (Proposer of Vote of Thanks), and Yvonne Rees (Seconder), are members of the St. Germans (Roath) Crew, S.R.S. *Herzogin Cecilie*. For this competition Great Britain was divided into eight areas and in the final were teams of Young Farmers, Scouts, G.T.C., G.F.S., Y.W.C.A., and Rangers. The subject for the final was 'Britain's Achievement in promoting Voluntary Youth Organisations for Youth'.

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WHAT can Commissioners do to help their Guiders to include real Scouting in their weekly programmes so that adventure in the out-of-doors, culminating in the company camp, becomes the natural consequences of being a Guide? Do we always remember to stress the value of outdoor activities in the warrant test? Do we commend and encourage the company which springs a surprise test out-of-doors on the night of our visit, or do we tend to feel safer ourselves with those companies who cling like bats to their rafters and the security of four solid walls?

If we have not been Guiders ourselves we may feel at a loss to know how to encourage and help. In any case why not turn to our Camp Adviser and ask her at the next meeting to give suggestions for training out-of-doors, showing how much of the Tenderfoot, Second and First Class tests can be linked to needs and uses in camp and in outdoor activities even at winter weekly meetings? The Camp Adviser will know the condition under which the Guiders work and so she will not suggest things which are not practical in the area. She can be asked to take an evening's training on outdoor games for company meetings in towns as well as in rural areas. If we are testing a Guider for her warrant we can ask her to show an outdoor game in her programme.

When it comes to camping how can we encourage a new Guider who has not previously been a member of the movement to venture into camp herself? Undoubtedly the best experience for her is to go as an assistant to a well-run Guide camp. If she can also go to a training camp where there will be other inexperienced Guiders it will help her to gain confidence and she will realise that everyone is a Tenderfoot camper at some stage. If it is possible for her to take her patrol leaders with her when she goes to the Guide camp they in their turn will help her to train the company for the following year.

As Commissioners we must guard against suggesting that those who hold Licences should include members of several other companies in their camps. If we have had little camp experience ourselves we may not fully realise the value of the company camp. Here again we can turn to our Camp Adviser for help. She may be able to run a special camp to take companies whose Guider has not yet qualified for her Licence, and in this way the young Guiders will get the training they need. The company camp must never be sacrificed on the altar of 'quantity versus quality'.

The other problem will be the provision of a camp for the Guides of companies whose captains for some good reason are not able to camp. Here, once more, the Camp Adviser may be able to help. She may visit these companies and give the Guides special camp training or arrange training for patrol leaders. Guides who know how to use their knots, to make and roll their bedding, to put the Health Rules into practice and use their Guide knowledge in camp are far more likely to be invited to join another company with a Licensed Guider. The Camp Adviser will be able also to help those Guiders who cannot share the adventure of camping with their Guides, to give them sound training so that their Guides do not go without this very essential activity of Guiding.

Where there is no District or Division Camp Adviser, Commissioners should turn to the County C.A. who will be able to suggest where help can be found. By making full use of the camp training staff of our County we can ensure that the Guides, Rangers and Guiders in our Districts and Divisions do not miss the adventure for which many of them first joined the movement.

P.J.

Is the Company Leader a Menace?

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IN my opinion she is. Before the war this appointment was dying out and company management was the better in consequence, but today the idea that to keep on the older girl in this capacity is a means of helping her and a strength to the company is creeping in again and is a very doubtful blessing.

The Company Leader is *not good for the company as a whole* because the Guides should look for leadership to the P.Ls. in office. Having selected them, then good, indifferent or bad, the Guides must show loyalty to their chosen representatives and discover the difficulties, the responsibilities and the opportunities of democracy. The election of patrol leaders must be preceded by a talk by the Guider on the essence of good leadership. Without this the election may go astray, but whether it does or not, the Guides must learn good 'followership' and to stand by the choice they have made. This is not only a necessary lesson for the management of a company but one that is valuable for the youth of our country.

The Company Leader's appointment is *detrimental to the patrol system* because, in the event of the Guiders being absent, the patrols should work as units, looking to their own leaders for guidance. On these occasions more will be done in patrol groups, perhaps the whole meeting will be run in patrols, and should it be desired to begin with roll-call drill and to end with a company closing ceremony, the P.Ls. will appoint one of their number to act as captain for the time being, this girl's second taking her place with the patrol.

The office of Company Leader *impairs the natural progress of the individual Guides* because one and all of them should learn to take responsibility early and not to rely on a big girl who does not belong to the patrol. The 'carry-on' system should be at work in the company. If a P.L. is absent her second naturally takes the lead; if the second is away, the third steps up, and so on. The Guides are led, taught, organised and considered individually by their leaders, but each one of them must care for her neighbour, prove a good comrade, serve the patrol and uphold its traditions. When the Guiders are away everyone is on test. It is an opportunity for the company to prove its worth and for the Guides to show that they are learning to be responsible people, prepared and willing to give the extra that an emergency calls forth.

To be a Company Leader is *not beneficial to the girl herself*. In such a role, she is virtually acting as lieutenant and for this she needs preparation. The first step is for her to be willing to 'stand down' in the company where she has been for some years to enable younger girls to have the chance of leadership. If she remains among them, she takes opportunities which should be theirs and in many ways makes their job unnecessarily difficult.

There is no reason at all why even young P.Ls. should not prove adequate as leaders and be the link between the Guider and her Guides that ensures the smooth running of the company. With training, young P.Ls. show themselves the useful allies the Guiders need—for the Court of Honour, at company meetings, on hikes and in camp. The link between the Guider and the P.Ls. is a special one and no intrusion by an older girl should spoil their comradeship.

Where there is no Ranger or Cadet Company the older girl who wants to continue in Guiding without a break should, if she is suitable, become a County Cadet, but it is preferable that she be attached to another company and not to the one in which she served as a Guide. The essential thing is for the girl to have such training as will enable her to look at Guiding objectively, developing a balanced personality and the knowledge and understanding that will equip her for her job as a Guider.

MARJORY SHANKS

Errata.—In the article on page 93 of the May GUIDER it was stated in error under an illustration that a 'stag beetle cocks its tail'. It is the 'devil's coachhorse' beetle, as Miss Stewart Brown wrote, which cocks its tail.



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For Ranger Guiders

Discussing Self-Government

I WAS on my way to a Guiders' conference, travelling with an old friend, and the third occupant of the compartment, firmly entrenched behind *The Times*, was apparently bound for the same destination.

The train stopped with a shudder and, watching a couple of seventeen-year-old girls laughing and talking round a tea waggon, I wondered what contributed to the charm of the taller one and thought it a pity her companion spoiled the picture by unbrushed hair. I must have sighed for my friend broke in suddenly: 'Are you comparing them with your Rangers?'

'Yes, I was wondering why they have so much better taste than my old pre-war Rangers and somehow so much less sense of responsibility. Now, when we run the Crew with a management committee and sub-committees, everyone thoroughly enjoys talking, but the office bearers leave so many ends untied that they only kid themselves they are doing fine'.

'Isn't it partly because Rangers are so much younger nowadays?' said Joanna, 'and as yours is a city crew most of the girls had an evacuated and irregular childhood. That's enough to leave them rather irresponsible. Don't you agree that one of the main themes of Rangering is to help girls to think, plan and manage for themselves, even if it does sometimes seem to be getting nowhere?'

'Don't be so glib, Joanna', I answered peevishly. We had left the station and were rocking through a dark cutting. 'I know all that, but if we don't get anywhere how are we going to keep up enthusiasm? This younger generation are keen, lively and impatient to achieve something quickly. If we only muddle along they get bored and drift away.

That is stupid and wasteful because we have such a much better programme than we once had, yet sometimes I think we expect too much of our Rangers when it comes to carrying it out. After all it doesn't come naturally to be good Committee members—often we should achieve more if we worked on a modified patrol system. The small group with its own leader, as evolved by the old Chief, is ideal for exploring and hiking. The Senior Scouts use it'.

Here *The Times* rustled violently and fell to the floor, revealing a District Commissioner who leant forward, and broke in: 'I don't entirely agree with your analogy. Boys of sixteen and seventeen are not necessarily the counterparts of girls of that age, they often grow out of the gang feeling later than girls. I am running village Rangers and we are such small numbers that the Company-in-Council works very well as a committee'.

Here Joanna could contain herself no longer. 'It's equally futile whether it's a Committee or a Court of Honour if the captain dominates it. Of course it's the easiest possible way to run a Ranger Company on the Guiders' personality, and the most impermanent. I have a market town company and the Rangers come from every kind of home, work, and church. We elect a business committee from the Company-in-Council, and otherwise are inclined to gravitate into groups with a dominant interest'.

A tea bell tinkled far down the corridor. 'The odd thing about this discussion is that we can all be right', mused the District Commissioner. 'We can only interpret Rangering as we find it suitable to our widely differing companies, but still self-government is the ideal, everyone contributing to the company as much as she takes from it'. C.C.

From the Chief Commissioner's Diary

IT just did not seem possible when I clambered into the newest possible design in streamlined two-tier 'buses' belonging to the Airways at Northolt on a pale, cold, spring day—more like March than the end of April—that thirty-six hours before I had been sweltering in Delhi, admiring, as we hurried to the air port, the Indian women, with their superb carriage, grouped round a well with pitchers on their heads as they walked leisurely homeward with their day's allowance of water under a blazing morning sun. They made a wonderful picture of grace and colour and a memory of the unchanging India of the last thousand years or so.

I don't know how much I like this 'magic-carpetting' around—not very much I think. One misses the excitement of arrival and departure, moments of anticipation and beauty as one comes slowly into port, with all the small native craft (native to Southampton it may be!) scuttling and swooping and chugging around and beneath one. On the other hand air-arrival or departure has none of the natural, and the so enjoyable, hurly-burly and bustle of a railway station occasion. None of the smells, pleasant or otherwise, no whiff of country scents drifting in at the windows as one goes along. No, from the moment one is taken over by the polite and efficient airway staff I always feel more like a package, divorced from all humanity, ever so hygienically wrapped in 'Cellophane' paper to be carefully tended until delivered at the other end!

But air-travel is quick and I musn't be ungrateful to a magic-carpet which enabled me to lunch with Indian Guiders

in Bombay, and be greeted by Pakistan Guiders in Karachi, all on the same day—the day before I arrived in London!

I wouldn't willingly have missed being in India at this particular time when the B-P Guides and Scouts are merging with Bharat Guides and Scouts, and going forward together into the future. I was able to take them the good wishes of us all in this great new venture.

And now home! And what a lot there is always to hear as well as to tell. Since I got back we seem to have had quite an orgy of such things as the Annual General Meeting, Executive and Conferences—notably the Trefoil Guild Conference held at I.H.Q. on May 18th. Wherever I went during my travels I was apt to find a Trefoil Guild, either quite long established and doing a lot of quiet, good work, or just sprung up—like a mushroom in the night. No one had planned it or thought it out, but because the urge was there to carry the spirit of Guiding into our different walks of life, there was a Trefoil Guild.

It is apparent that there is this urge in other parts of the world, too—and I have an idea that it's going to get stronger and stronger, until the Trefoil Guild will be of a stature to make itself really felt in the world by carrying the Guide spirit into every different sphere.

Frank Straker
[CHIEF COMMISSIONER, IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS]

Lady Stratheden and Campbell

WHEN you read a series of articles month by month in a magazine do you ever find yourself gradually building up a picture of the author? If you do, I wonder if the Chief Commissioner's 'Diary', especially the recent extracts about her recent Australian tour, give you an impression of her lively, yet reflective, personality? Perhaps some of the 'asides' in the diary like 'holidays being an opportunity to catch up and set our course again' make you feel what a human and approachable person she is.

Like many other leaders in our movement Lady Stratheden's connection with Guiding goes back to her girlhood when she learnt knotting and lifeline throwing from her father, and taught herself tracking, signalling and stalking in the Fife hills and then waited impatiently to be tested by a Guider in the holidays. Her love of swimming and sailing, too, goes back to childhood holidays in the Outer Hebrides when she and her brother spent long days clambering over the rocks, learning to row and bathing in the Atlantic.

Lady Stratheden's first Guide training was in the School for Guiders in Paddington, under the leadership of Mrs. Blyth, and then, after her marriage in 1923, she was appointed District Commissioner for Jedburgh in 1926, Division Commissioner for East Roxburghshire in 1932 and County Commissioner for Roxburghshire three years later—a post she held for ten years, in addition to serving on the Scottish Executive Committee.

'I think District Commissioners really have the pick of Commissioners' jobs', Lady Stratheden told me. 'They are in such direct contact with the Guides—and after all the inspiration for our work must come from the children themselves. This struck me forcibly when I was living in Germany

several years ago and Guiding started up there again. Always the demand for it came from the children and companies sprung up like mushrooms.

As the international side of Guiding grows, the Chief Commissioner continued (and she has had the opportunity of seeing the movement in Europe, Africa, Kenya, India and Australia), 'I feel Guiding has more and more to offer the girl of today. I believe nothing would have rejoiced the heart of the Founder more than the increase in the exchange of visits abroad because, as he used to say, "Scouts and Guides have the fun of seeing what other countries are like and, what is more important, they are getting to know one another as friends".'

Guiding is enriched by the influence of all our interests and the contributions we can bring to it from our everyday experience, and our new Chairman is an outstanding example of this. Her reading is wide and, as her 'Diary' has shown, she likes to study the history, traditions and way of life of the country she is visiting. She enjoys riding, walking in the country and playing lawn tennis. During the war Lady Stratheden was

Chairman and Commandant of the Scottish Girls' Training Corps and Chairman of the Committee of the Border Federation of Girls' Clubs and Mixed Clubs. Her flair for quickly getting at the kernel of a problem and then making plans with foresight and common sense also found full scope in her other war work. To her appointment as Chief Commissioner two years ago Lady Stratheden brought her many gifts—courageous leadership, infectious vitality, charm and sympathy—and, as she takes up the added responsibilities of Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Council, all readers will wish to send her their heartfelt good wishes.



The Chief Commissioner escorts H.R.H. The Princess Margaret along a route lined with Guides on the way to the Training Ship *Foudroyant* in Portsmouth Harbour on May 19th, 1950

'The Way of Pax'

By the Chief Guide

I HAVE just spent—on June 1st—one of the happiest days of recent years. Although I live in Hampton Court Palace, in rooms lent to me for my life time, I still have, very naturally, a very deep affection for my former home, Pax Hill, the house at Bentley, in Hampshire, where the Founder and I lived for twenty glorious, busy, happy years, between the two wars. There we lived and worked, and thought about all the Guides and the Scouts during the hours we spent there alone with our children, as well as having many joyous occasions welcoming Guide and Scout friends to our home from all parts of the world.

The war took it from us, but, as you all may know, I gave it to all of you in 1942, making it the property of the Guide

Association for ever. Thus, by not selling it away to strangers, I am able to go back there and see our home looking as charming as ever, and continuing to fulfil its best purpose, helping the movement, and numbers of individual people through being used as a Homecraft Training Centre, where relays of Guides and Rangers may learn home-making in its best sense. 'The strength of a nation lies in the homes of its people', and how valuable it is that this home is available for Guides and Rangers to learn that important 'craft'.

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Besides all the work and the studying the

Besides all the work and the studying, these Pax Hill Rangers have interesting visitors and go for enjoyable expeditions, and even, on occasions, produce plays—though on

On Living the Law

HE was gay and witty yet never cruel, utterly honest and reliable, a valiant friend to all who needed one. Loyal and upright in everything he did, he had a sound streak of practical common sense which was combined with humility that could take orders from others. The courtesy which he showed to all living things sprang from a reverence for creation which made it impossible to mis-use, ill-treat or waste any of God's gifts.

Who is this? The Founder intended it to be a portrait of you and me, and of our Guides and Rangers—at least we have all promised to try to make it so. If we imagine this ideal Scout or Guide living in some other century and civilisation they would also have been admired by those who knew them. This fact is the link between laws and promise—our Guide Laws are not right because we say so, or only right for Guides, they interpret in terms of our own age and country an eternal law, that God has made His creation, man, to achieve harmony only by keeping a moral law which is binding upon everyone. Men of any age or country who try to live according to the highest that they know come to some of the same conclusions about goodness.

It is important to be able to defend the belief that there is this eternal moral law, because this is what we affirm when we promise to be loyal to God and keep the Guide Law. It is a point of view by no means held by everyone. The Communist would feel that the means were justified by the end, and others don't think about it at all but assume that whatever benefits themselves can be justified.

In believing this we are not saying something that is self-evident to the majority, that's why it is important to know just what we are saying when we take the promise, and to be able to defend the point of view which believes in a moral law binding on all men. Any form of totalitarianism—notably at the moment, Communism—must, and does, take the line that ends alone matter and means are secondary. It is then right that a thousand people starve this year if thereby you carry out some essential plan the year after. You may lie, or practise any form of deceit, if the cause in which you believe is thereby promoted.

As Guides, however, we have taken a promise of loyalty to God, and so we start from the point where we believe that God has designed human beings to find their truest happiness by acting in certain ways, ways which are God's ways. We say that by

As Christians we take one further step. We say that by ourselves we can never be the kind of person that B-P pictured as the ideal for the Scout and Guide, that it isn't enough just to *want* to keep the Law and to try our best to do so, that, in fact, however hard we try to do right we constantly do what we know to be wrong. We know that it is only if we can use the power of love that we can hope to begin to keep the Law.

'Love God, and love your neighbour as yourself', remain the two great Commandments from which all others stem, and it has to be done in that order, as we see when we study the individual laws. We have to set our moral compass (so pulled this way and that by all sorts of attractions) to a fixed point—God.

June 1st it was a Pageant that was presented so extremely well. Out on the sunny lawn in front of the house we spent a lovely hour watching the Rangers acting 'The Way of Pax', showing, first of all, the early days of long ago, in stimulating scenes from the Bible and from history—the Crusaders preparing for their adventures, Joan of Arc carrying out her sacred mission and the people who had lived in Bentley in former times. Then we saw the Rangers of today, and how they are carrying on the ideals and the spirit of those brave people of long ago, and how all these high ideals and that brave way of life had given its background to Pax Hill itself, and these good thoughts went out anew through those who dwell there now.

The task of each generation of Guides is to make the Law living and real, something that is constantly being tested and explored, to make obedience to the Law an activity and an adventure, not a useless attempt to apply a fixed rule to every situation. The sharing by Guides and Guiders at every level in this effort make a climate within the movement in which newcomers (possibly from a background which denies any moral obligation) shall find it desirable and possible to try to live the Guide Law, and to become strong enough to take its obligations out with them away from Guiding.

Probably we learn and teach the Law most certainly when least consciously. Our behaviour is governed much more by our adaptations to the way of thinking and acting of the people we most wish to be like than by anything we are told. Any teaching we do about the Law is quite useless if Guides and Rangers don't see it being attempted in practice by their Guiders and the company.

Practical instruction is of course needed too, and it is provided for in the test work at each stage of a Guide's life in the company. The general atmosphere, though, should be that growth in knowledge of the Law is something that goes on all the time, comes into most programmes, if only for two minutes, never that it is something which you learn for a particular test and then forget about till the next stage is reached.

The recruit is going to make a promise, and she must know, even if in very simple terms, something of what she is promising. She is to 'know the Guide Law'. She should be able to repeat the Law in correct order and understand, in the simplest form, what the words mean. It is an obvious convenience to know the Laws by their numbers as they are so often referred to in this way. It is difficult to explain an abstract like 'loyalty' or 'courtesy' to a child and we have to make the Law live in terms they can understand by stories and anecdotes—the nearer home the better. The story of a brave Roman soldier is too far away to have any practical application to herself, and the Law is essentially a practical thing. The much less romantic story of how Mary Smith stayed in with Mrs. Brown's children when their mother had to take Herbert to the hospital may be a much better example of trustworthiness because the recruit can see herself in the terms of Mary Smith. This is not to say that there is not a big place for the grand stories of human achievement, we want them to know these and to experience their greatness, but at the same time to feel that other more workaday deeds are equally great and for the same reasons.

It is essential that the explanation of the Law should be received back again from the child. We constantly find that our best attempts at illustration and explanation have been misunderstood. For example, a Guide having been told about the Eighth Law may suggest as an example of keeping it, 'well, if someone had died you wouldn't look miserable but go about the house laughing and singing'. Here is something to discuss. Is she right, or partly right—and why?

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Training Cadets to Hand on Guiding

My first reaction on being asked to write this article was that the programme planning for the Cadet Company in which I am a Guider was so haphazard that what would emerge would be a contradiction in terms. This sounds a sad confession, but further thought and study of programmes over a period of several years revealed an aim, and although it was impossible to say 'this has been the blueprint' it became clear that, as each group of Cadets had come and gone, we had adapted our programme to the special needs of that set and to the amount of time both Guiders and Cadets had to give.

Our programmes have naturally been conditioned by our type of company. It is an open company in which about fifty per cent are working and the rest are at school or college. During the past three or four years we have had an average of over twenty on the register with an average attendance of fifteen to seventeen. Our planning is also determined to some extent by the fact that both Guiders have posts of responsibility outside Guiding—one has a home of her own and the other also holds a Commissioner's warrant. Partly for this reason, and partly because we consider it the best way of giving training in this very important aspect of company management, we use the patrol system as fully as we can in the Cadet company.

Patrol leaders are elected twice a year and the Court of Honour and Patrols in Council functions almost as it would in a Guide Company. Despite the very limited amount of time many of the Cadets can give this works very well and most Cadets have a period as a patrol leader while in the company. The leaders take considerable responsibility, and we have found that this has been valuable training for the time when they become Guiders and find themselves faced with running a company or pack, particularly in relation to the District and Division.

The patrol system in the Cadet Company naturally differs considerably from that in the Guide Company as a result of the more adult outlook and needs of the adolescent; teaching does not come through the leader nor is there patrol time in the sense that it is used in the company. However, the organisation of the company is on a patrol basis and this Whitsuntide, for example, the company camped in the same field, but in patrols, and we, as Guiders, did nothing except divide the kit into equal heaps.

Looking back over some years it is most interesting to see

how the group has varied in character and correspondingly in need. At present, quite by chance, we have a large proportion of the company who came to us as First Class Guides for whom programmes need to be so different from those we planned a while back, when we had a group who were unsure of themselves and Guiding, and knew only vaguely why they had come

and what it all meant. For these we planned a series of programmes on Guiding—the branches, the history, a good deal on the international aspect, camping and woodcraft. It was surprising how the technical training they so much needed but were not ready for as direct training, fitted in between and, looking back now, we see that in the two years a reasonably comprehensive training was achieved.

Our present scheme is totally different. The majority of the Cadets came to the company with a reasonable grounding and knew their testwork. We felt they needed something more original. For six months our programmes were based on *Scouting for Boys*, taking a chapter a week and

basing the programme on it—testing out whether it worked. This has been a great success and we have linked it with a series of short surveys of the history of Guiding, a subject for which each series of Cadets seems to ask. Since Christmas we have had our summer camp in Holland in mind and we have been collecting lightweight equipment which was tried out on a trekcart expedition at Easter. Now we look forward to a series based on 'we prepare to camp abroad', most of which will be held out of doors.

That this is haphazard you'll probably agree—it is, but it seems to work! Our aim? I think to train our Cadets so that when they leave the company they will be adventurous, with initiative, able to use their common sense and able to interpret Guiding as our Founder gave it to us to future generations of Brownies, Guides and Rangers. Sometimes, when planning programmes, I think we tend to be over anxious to cover all the test work so that we leave no gap in the Cadet's knowledge. In so doing we tend to lose sight of the needs of the girl of this age for adventure, for working out her own attitude to Guiding and finding her own special aptitudes. If these particular adolescent needs, together with sound teaching in the basic principles of running a pack and company, and an introduction to the thrill of Guiding, can be given to the girl in the Cadet Company, she will be the kind of Guider who will soon fill in the gaps in her knowledge of test work when she starts with her company or pack.

We see and hear of so many companies still which are content to sit around in dark and not very healthy halls and which only know programmes of dullness and monotony. Should not our aim be to produce the Guider who will counteract this tendency rather than the one who can teach test work most accurately and comprehensively but who cannot see the adventure just round the corner?

F. M. GREEN



Getting the angles right—a Cadet raises one arm a little



Brownies practise bandaging while a Cadet stands by in case of need

Cadet Guiders are reminded that the new Cadet leaflet, price 3d., is now ready. It contains short notes on the scheme of training, the Cadet Company and uniform, and is attractively illustrated with pictures of a Cadet training camp and other pictures.

Do You Play These Stalking Games?

THE GUIDER

THE most important book for the new Guider to read and the inexperienced Guider to re-read and own is again *Scouting for Boys*. A very large part of this book is about woodcraft, and much of the woodcraft section is about stalking. Is an equal proportion of the time at an ordinary company meeting also given to woodcraft and stalking? Sometimes, when one thinks back over past meetings, and remembers the smart roll call drill, well organised patrol time, the signalling and first aid, all of a high standard, and the team games and songs that may have ended the evening, one wonders if we are not losing sight of the more adventurous side of Guiding.

Why did the Founder set such a value on stalking games? One must remember first that his training is for the individual, rather than for the group as such. He wanted each boy (or girl) to think for himself, make up his own mind, observe and make his own deductions, and then act on those deductions. The small team, the patrol, is an added strength, but each individual must play his part, be ready to follow his chosen leader, but also be able to act alone. Now this independence is not easily learnt in a clubroom, so we must be sure that we do not stay in those rooms all the time. Whenever possible we must take the company out, preferably into the country, but, where that is too distant, then into the parks and even into the streets. In doing this we shall give the Guides that fun and adventure which the Founder planned for them.

Of all Scout and Guide activities stalking is, perhaps, the most valuable for teaching initiative, observation and self-control. The patrol may start out as a unit, but someone is 'killed', someone else is delayed by an obstruction, another Guide goes off to investigate a suspicious noise, and, in a very short time, each member is acting independently. Each must be on the alert and observant, each must exercise self-control. Quiet is essential to the stalker, so whispers and giggling must stop. Even, at times, fear has to be held in check, for queer feelings can run up and down your spine when you are conscious that an unseen person is creeping nearer and nearer to you, even though you know all the time that it can only be Pam or Joan.

Control is also needed when you accidentally put your hand on a blackberry thorn or stinging nettle. Then, too, there is the time when the stalker has only to stay quite still, but with eyes and senses alert. That is the moment when the quietness of the countryside can enter into a child's mind, a benefit of no small value in the noisy, hurried, world of today. It is a moment, too, when wild flowers are noticed, when the bird or mouse ceases to fear the motionless figure, or the rabbit comes near to nibble a choice blade of grass. So the stalking game will stir an interest in nature and will lead on to the stalking and observation of wild creatures.

It is easy to agree that all this is desirable, but how are we to set about it? The best way is again to study *Scouting for Boys*. In it there are a number of games and a far greater number of suggestions on which games can be built. One has to remember that every

game must be adapted to the country and circumstances in which it is played, and to the experience of the children who are playing it.

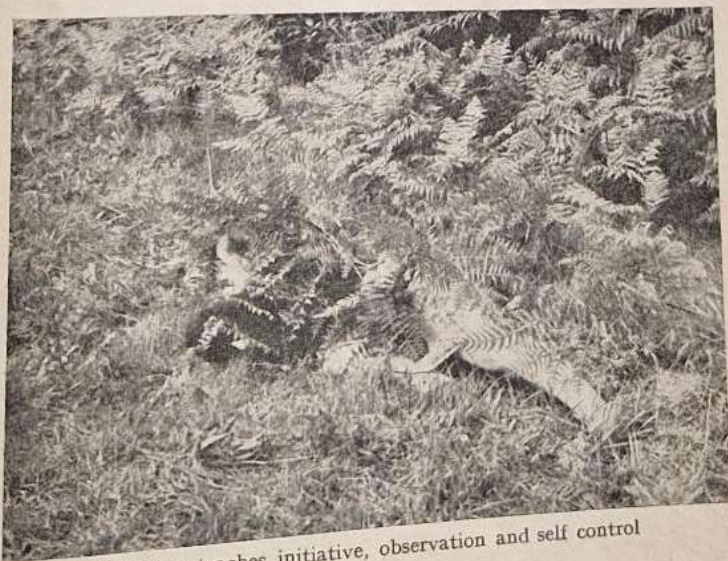
Here are some ways in which games from *Scouting for Boys* have already been used with Guides. Read *Campfire Yarn No. 14*, especially the part headed 'How to Hide Yourself'. Then, turn over the page and read the note on 'How to Teach Stalking'. A game can easily be evolved from this, and it is one that can be played in almost any place, under almost any conditions. Keep one patrol with you. Let the other Guides go and hide against things, not behind them, while you count a hundred. Those hiding must be visible from the place where you are standing. When you have counted you turn round and, staying where you are, try to spot the Guides. You decide, with those who are with you, which Guides are best hidden, and these must stay so that the others can learn from them.

You may also want some other Guide to stay in her place, for she may show some point about stalking which you want to point out to the company. The Guides with you tell those whom you have chosen to stay. Then, by a pre-arranged call or whistle, the rest are told to come to you. Those still hidden are admired and criticised, and then they, too, are called in. The best hidden are told that they are the queen, or princesses of the party. This is repeated, only a different patrol stays with the Guider. It is a good plan to change the position of the watchers.

All the games which follow in that chapter are valuable, but notice specially the third one called 'Stalking'. The Guider is the deer, busy grazing in the centre of the circle. It is a help if there are rough boundaries at the circumference, from which the Guides start to approach the 'deer'. If a Guide is seen her name is called and she goes back to the boundary and starts again. The Guider should be strict or lenient according to the amount of possible cover. If there is very little cover the 'deer' can sit, or even lie down, so making it possible for the Guides to approach. With less cover still the 'deer' need only look up from time to time. If there is no cover at all a Guide should only be sent back to the boundary if she is seen moving, so making the game a glorified version of 'Grandmother's Steps'. The winner is the one who is nearest when 'time' is called. Obviously, the better the cover, the better the game. Long grass or bracken are perfect cover.

It is the adult, rather than the child, who craves for a new game. The child is generally content to play the same game again and again, and is happier playing one in which the rules are so well understood that there can be no mistake. A good game will change and grow as it is repeated.

An old game played in a new place can be just as different as a new game played in familiar surroundings. Whatever game is played be sure to keep the rules and the scoring as simple as possible. Every Guide must understand these rules perfectly. It is often wise to play a new game through quickly in a small area, and then, when it is understood and adapted, to play it with wider boundaries. MARJORIE COBHAM



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THE two questions sent in for this page in the April GUIDER have aroused such interest that contributions from correspondents have had to be cut to make room. The first was: *What answer would you give to the would-be Guider who asked whether there is room in the movement for her now that Rule 3a has been added to the religious policy?*

1. 'Even as the Captain of a closed company I consider it no part of my duty to give denominational teaching to my Guides. The Promise demands of us nothing that cannot be undertaken by anyone who acknowledges her indebtedness to a Supreme Being and to her fellow men. To most people, fellowship of communal worship is a great help in keeping the Law and Promise—particularly so to the young, the majority of whom are gregarious—but religion should be entirely personal and everyone must find his own path; so surely the only religious qualification for a Guider is that she shall try to help her Guides to find theirs', not to force them along her's. If this is so, then I cannot see that your correspondent need have any hesitation in offering her services as a Guider'.

2. A District Commissioner: 'Thinking first of her company, I would ask "Would-Be Guider" to think back to her own childhood, when presumably as a Brownie, a Guide, and later a Ranger, she attended some sort of a Christian church, and to realise that had she—then—had no attachment to any religious denomination she would possibly not be in the happy position she is in now of being able to describe herself as a Christian. She may now be able to live a truly Christian life without belonging to any church (though I doubt it!) but this would hardly suit the young, immature minds of her Guides, and I feel she should be able to realise and accept this. Such an idea put across to youngsters would bring bewilderment and frustration; children need, in reasonable doses, the discipline of community worship in their formative years, to build a sound Christian background to their later thinking. By ignoring Christ's own injunction to communal worship one misses the core of Christianity which can never be a purely personal matter. An individual approach to religion leads to taking more than one gives'.

A Guider agrees that religion is intensely personal and the keeping of the Promise is a personal responsibility. Our personal beliefs direct our actions and shape our influence on others. Christian leadership involves stimulating belief in the fundamentals of the Christian faith. Being a Christian implies acceptance of teaching about Christ and this involves agreeing with some denomination. Personal devotion to Christ and 'organised religion' are not conflicting, but complementary elements in the Christian life. Doctrine provides a framework and personal religion the life-blood of our faith. It is when our faith is formed and strengthened by a creed that we are able to lead others.

A Lieutenant: 'There is no half-way house in Christ's teaching. A Christian cannot ignore the distinct call to worship. "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name there am I in the midst". "This do in remembrance of Me". A Guider cannot make mental reservations about the monarchy in taking a promise of duty to the king. Nor should a Christian choose which parts of Christianity she is prepared to hold. I feel that "Would-be Guider" can in the future be of use if she will straighten her own beliefs first. She will then be of great value to the girls of today because her own difficulties will have taught her sympathy and understanding of others'.

The Ideal Age for Trainers

'Not long ago I was very shattered to hear a young Lieutenant condemn a very competent Camp Adviser as "hopeless—she's so old". I asked why? It appeared the

remark did not apply to the training or the camping or even to the manner, it was merely her age that irked the girl of eighteen. I can remember my own feeling towards trainers as a young Guider and I was never put off by age, in fact rather the reverse. I always found the older trainer more understanding, patient, knowledgeable and approachable than the younger "efficient" type. I think the actual training is little affected by age, it is the manner and approach which are the factors influenced most, and here age is often an advantage. I would certainly vote for a fair proportion of older trainers being retained, though younger people should be encouraged if they have the right attitude and experience'.

'When I was eighteen I attended one of Miss Maynard's training weeks and was asked to return the following year and "take my Dip", but the age for Dips was then raised to twenty-one. Many Guiders and even Commissioners were then under twenty-five. Do let us encourage young Guiders to become Trainers. One of the tragedies of Guiding in these days is the lack of trust by those in authority. Safety-First ideas are an attribute of age, adventure is an attribute of youth and the two cannot go together'.

'I feel that age does not really matter so much. Having enjoyed the friendliness of the younger Trainer as a contemporary and gleaned from the older ones their valuable experience I feel it is personality which counts every time. If the Trainer is the possessor of an understanding heart she wins the confidence of her trainees, regardless of age. Tact is essential in a Trainer'.

'Since Guiding is a game for youth, let the Trainers as a whole be young. Age and experience can be valuable; but so are the zest and enthusiasm of youth. Provided a candidate has tact and understanding, a wide outlook and qualities of leadership, age should be no bar to her taking a Training Diploma. Where two equally suitable candidates present themselves I would unhesitatingly say "take the younger one".'

A new Trainer (Guide Certificate): 'I know the question from both sides as I am only twenty-four myself. As a trainee, I think the old and young trainers have both real value. I like an older trainer who has had much more experience than myself, and there is a great thrill in knowing those who have helped to "make" Guiding, and whose names are known and revered, and I have not found them out of touch with the young Guider.'

'On the other hand, I think the eighteen to twenty-five-year-olds who come to pre-warrant courses probably do feel that a young Trainer is more approachable, and that the standard she has reached must be possible also for them and is not attainable only after many years. That was certainly my own feeling when I was "pre-warrant" myself. Of course I cannot answer for the older trainees, but all the over-thirties whom I have met, who have been training as Guiders for the first time, have been such good sports I do not think they would mind. As for the young Trainers at more advanced courses, dealing with more experienced trainees—I just don't know. But it is nice, if I'm to be a Trainer, to be one early, and to be one of a group all young and very keen'.

'I do not think the age of the Trainer really matters, but I do think she should be an active Guider'.

'I do feel that future training talent should be drawn from amongst the younger Guiders. There is no doubt that we still need the older Trainers who are wise and have gained their knowledge in the hard field of mundane experience. We sadly lack, however, the spirit of adventure, the humour and the laughter which so very definitely belong to youth. Could we not, perhaps, have our apple and eat it as well, with younger Trainers, giving the more practical side of the training and the older Trainers, with their wealth of wisdom and experience, putting on the polish? By this method one would temper the other, and we would obtain the best of both, which must inevitably be for the ultimate good of Guiding as a whole and the children in particular'.

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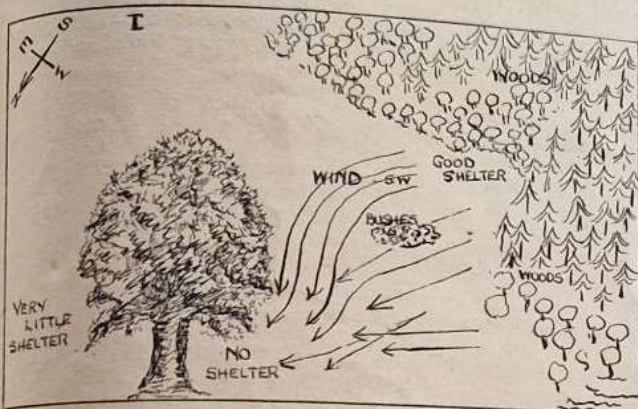
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THE GUIDER Weather Wisdom

IN our homes we are accustomed to adapting our activities and meals to varying circumstances. In winter we draw our chairs up to the fire and in summer we take tea on the lawn. We are inclined to think of these actions as 'just common sense', but in reality we are acting from knowledge gained through experience. In just the same way the experienced countryman will make himself comfortable out-of-doors, while others blame the weather for the misery mainly produced by their lack of country 'common sense'.

As Guiders we are supposed to live out-of-doors and like it. Few of us are born and bred to country lore and it behoves us to use another type of common sense which comes to us through our Guide training—observation, some hard thinking and adaptation of the knowledge we have.



Indoors we would never think of trying to sit or cook in corridors or passageways which are notoriously draughty. At times we find the out-of-doors one big draught, but that is because we have not learnt to use a varying technique to meet differing conditions. There are draughts in the open, plenty of them, but there are also plenty of tips for escaping them! Until we come to know almost 'by instinct' which is the 'cosy corner' in a field we must just hunt it down, if necessary sitting in first one spot and then another until we are satisfied that we have discovered a suitable 'kitchen' or 'sittingroom'. The one rule is not to sit just anywhere!

In avoiding chilly spots it helps to picture what the invisible wind is doing—and why. Think of a strong tide at the seashore. It is around rocks and between obstacles that the tide boils and races. Where waves strike an obstacle some leap over it, coming down hard on the other side, and the rest crash downwards at its base and swirl back. With this picture in mind, it is easier to realise why there is little shelter in the lee of an isolated tree in rough weather. To windward there is stormy weather—worse than in the open.

Nor must we allow ourselves to be tempted by the apparent shelter and seclusion of that quiet spot between two copses. If we dig our campfire there the small evening breezes will turn themselves into cold winds to chill us.

We would not dream of moving into a new house without spending a considerable time in thinking out the best use to be made of the rooms at our disposal, and it is essential to use the same common sense before settling in for a week or a night in camp or on trek. It is impossible to see all the advantages or snags of a site from any one place. The time we must give to pioneering a site will vary with experience, but it is noticeable that it is the old hand who takes the longest and has the morning sun to air her tent. The new hand dumps her tent and later moans over an anthill and the worst driving rain! Try to picture your new home under the worst conditions. If the water drains from an upper field through that gate, the old cart-tracks hidden in the grass will channel

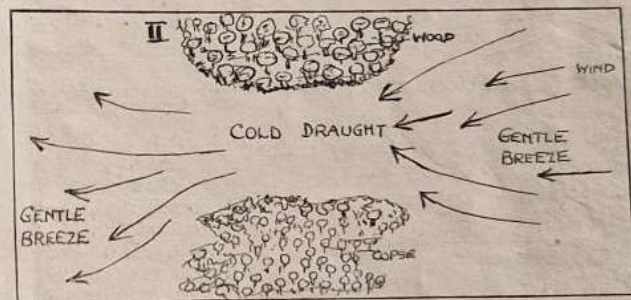
in through your site. A few feet to one side or the other will mean comfort or repitching.

When you strike camp it is not enough to remember that you suffered or were happy. Work out the causes. Some people seem to collect experience in their heads and have it always on call, others find it best to keep a 'Wisdom notebook'. Gradually we find that we are using a good deal of new 'common sense' and each hike teaches us something.

We sleep under blankets because they are bad conductors of heat and conserve our body warmth. For the same reason sites can be hot or cold as the earth has, or lacks, blankets at night. I have slept warmly on the high moors without a tent in April. Our beds were spread in sun-warmed hollows and the heather kept in the day's warmth through the night. On the other hand, I have shivered in sultry August weather, and this while another group of campers in the same field were complaining of the heat. The secret was that our tents were chilled by cold ground draughts that flowed down from a hanging copse that 'sheltered' our end of the field! The heavy soil in that copse never saw the sun and was still sodden with a previous month's rain. We will not pick a like site again; for we were able to work out that puzzle.

In winter trekking we found that some trees and crops, like people, were cold-blooded or warm-blooded. To walk, bare-legged, along a field path in autumn was sometimes like walking in and out of rooms of different temperatures, and it was not slope or exposure that made the difference. Perhaps thick-leaved crops give out moisture and cold at night, though I know nothing so chilly as a good crop of 'Jack-by-the-Hedge' around one's bivouac.

Of trees, cedars seem almost to give heat in the darkness. In rain, beeches—well placed on a shelf above the meadow



levels—mean comfort. The trees, with the hard dry ground underneath, form a natural marquee. If you can also find their last year's leaves then you will sleep bone dry, even if you get up to a dewy outside world.

If the weather is uncertain or your skill slender think out your hike menus before you start. Wet foods (raw potatoes, meat, fish, dampers), take a long time and strong heat to cook. There are many foods which require little heat to prepare, and some which are palatable half-cooked, for practice, or raw in emergency! Bacon, eggs, tomatoes, respond to tiny flames. Cheese and apples can be 'cooked' to a friendly warmth.

As regards the fire and the woodpile, remember that a roof keeps you dry at home and try the same logic on these. The dixie is the best roof you can give the fire, provided that you give it air as well. If you must turf, remember that you need not be guided by the size of the turf that Q.M. took off for the week's camp! Your hike fire, especially in wet weather (unless you are baking in ashes), should do little more than heat your dixie. There is an art in doing things—and in leaving unnecessary things undone!

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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

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
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26-29 Guide and Brownie

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ENGLAND

Autumn Trainings

Brownie, Guide and Ranger Training. A short course for Guiders of all three branches will be held on Tuesdays, September 25th, October 23rd and November 20th, from 11.30 a.m.-4.30 p.m. each day. It is hoped to be able to offer to look after children under five if any Guiders attending the course would find it a help to bring them. Early notification is asked for and Ranger Guiders are particularly asked to apply early. Fee 3s. for the course. Applications by September 15th.

English Training School. As the last E.T.S. had a waiting list it is proposed to run another course which will be held for eight successive Thursdays, starting on October 18th. Time: 7-9 p.m. Fee 5s. for the course. This course will be Pre-Warrant and the first thirty-six applicants will be accepted.

Commissioners' Training. A short course will be held on Mondays, October 15th, 22nd and 29th from 7-9 p.m. Fee 3s. for the course. Applications by September 15th.

Special Training for Guiders interested in taking their Companies abroad. This will be held on Saturday, October 27th from 11.30 till evening. Fee 1s. This training will only be held if numbers justify it. Applications should be sent before September 15th, after which further details will be sent out.

All the above trainings will be held at I.H.Q. and applications should be sent to the English Training Department.

SCOTLAND

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August
7-14 P.L.s—Representative Guiders' Training Week
17-24 Sept. Holiday Week (Guiders and Rangers)

September
7-10 Refresher (Warranted Guiders)
14-17 Guide and Brownie—until Monday evening (Edinburgh holiday)

21-24 Fife
28-1 Oct. Dundee

October
5-8 Stewartry and 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
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WALES

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July
10-12 Welsh Local Association Conference
24-31 International Week (by invitation)

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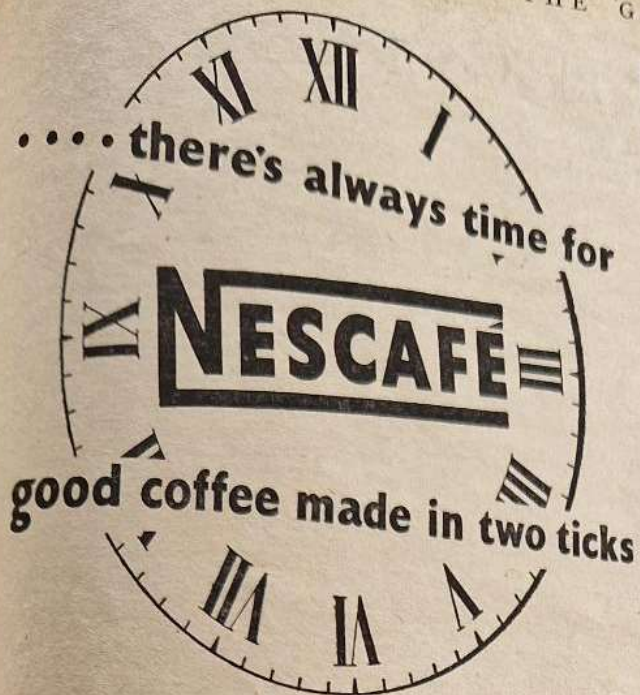
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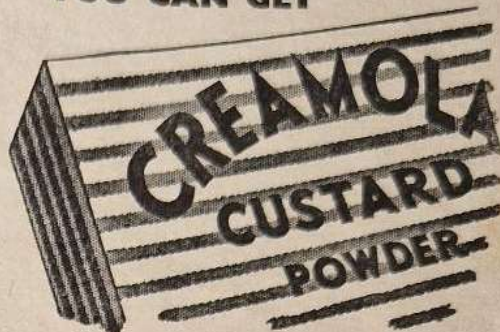
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The Trefoil Guild Conference

THE growth of the Trefoil Guild can be measured by the fact that at the second conference it was only possible to accommodate County Recorders and a percentage of Guild delegates from each county in the library at Headquarters. Hospitality had again been offered by the London and District Guilds, who had also looked after our welfare at Headquarters during the conference and made all the arrangements for the week-end. For those who wished there was a visit to the South Bank Exhibition or a sight-seeing tour of London.

In the library at Headquarters we were able to see examples of Guild activities in an exhibition of Log Books, News Sheets, Circular Letters, handicrafts made by Extension members and charts of Guild activities. The Commissioner for Extensions told us that she would be glad to hear of any ex-Extension member of the Trefoil Guild who would like to work for the Extension Handcraft Depot.

At the opening of the conference the Chief Commissioner, Lady Stratheden, told us of her recent trip to Australia and of the enthusiasm for Guiding she had seen there. In Australia the women have an even busier life than we do, but they still find time to join Trefoil Guilds. They are particularly interested in all that we do at home and are eager for news and ideas from us.

In her talk, 'The Ranger's Future', Lady Merthyr, Commissioner for Rangers, took us back twenty-five years and showed us how the changing world had made the girl (who had not changed) demand a more adventurous programme from her Ranger Company, but she stressed the fact that this must also be purposeful and worth while. Her emphasis on our duty to try to lift the whole standard of the nation by our practical example in carrying out the Law and the Promise in our lives showed us the bond between ourselves and these Rangers whom we hope later to welcome as members of the Trefoil Guild.

It was with the greatest pride and pleasure that we welcomed the Chief Guide at our service on the Sunday morning—a service into which Miss Porter had introduced the theme of the Promise and the Law. In her talk the Chief Guide reminded us that the Founder had invented the game for the children, but said that its ultimate fulfilment is shown in the Trefoil Guilds and the B-P Guild of Old Scouts. We are part of the whole movement but, with our wide variety of ideas, we shall make our own traditions and gain our individual place as all the other sections of Guiding have done. The Chief Guide also told us of her recent tour of the West Indies and took us in imagination to the many islands, and told us she was amazed at the courage and determination of the Guiders and Guides in most isolated places.

Many of us were rather ignorant about the activities of our fellow organisations, the B-P Guild of Old Scouts and the Guilds of St. George in Denmark. After listening to Mr.

Potter, the Honorary Organiser of the B-P Guild, and Miss Powell, we felt much encouraged to know that these two great organisations were marching beside us, ready and willing to seek our co-operation. Miss Powell, Assistant Recorder for England, a member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Educational Panel, had spent the whole of a sun-drenched week-end representing Miss Porter at an international conference in Copenhagen of former Scouts and Guides from twelve countries. Both she and Mr. Porter had many interesting things to tell us of this conference, and the honour that was paid to the delegates in granting them permission to hold some of their meetings in the Hall of the Knights in Hamlet's castle in Elsinore. The Guilds of St. George, with their very high standards, lead public opinion in Denmark, and are recognised by nation and government as a great force for social betterment. It would be a wonderful thing if the activities of our Guilds could achieve that status here.

On the same subject of co-operation, Miss Holness, Assistant County Commissioner for S.E. London, gave us a most practical talk on ways in which we can help 'active' Guiding in our own neighbourhood. She said that such co-operation was essential to the Trefoil Guild, and that we must volunteer our help to Commissioners without waiting to be asked when we see anything we are able to do.

Our last speaker, Mrs. Davies-Cooke, talking on 'The Trefoil Guild and the Community', congratulated us on our achievements since the last conference, but said that we still did not know what we were capable of doing. It is essential to move slowly to get the best results, but it is now generally agreed that we are ready to move ahead. The Scout and Guide Movements are accepted as youth organisations, but it is not always realised that they represent a 'Way of Life' continuing far beyond youth and adolescence. We, of the Trefoil Guild, are still upholding the spirit of Guiding and are also trying to give back to Guiding some part of what we have learned. We are thinking men and women, taking the Guide and Scout spirit into the life of the community, and we must combat the evil influences and unrest which are rife today. It is the power and strength of Guiding which has caused us to flourish.

Those of us who attended this conference returned home full of new ideas and enthusiasm which we hope to be able to pass on to the Guilds in our counties. We agree with the speaker who said that it is a privilege to belong to the Trefoil Guild, and hope that many more former members of the movement will seek that privilege.

M.B. and P.S.C.

(A fuller report of the discussions and decisions made at the conference will be sent to all Guilds shortly. The next Trefoil Guild page, containing mainly news from Overseas, will appear in THE GUIDER in October.)

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on her own and then discuss afterwards with a P.L. Each card has a picture cut from a magazine, or anecdote bearing on the Law; they have to be sorted into appropriate piles, and the recruit must add one new one of her own to each pile.

It has already been said that the Law should be kept steadily in front of the company the whole time as the back-ground to everything else. It is worth while seizing on unprepared incidents to remind the company what the Law means, or to discuss some particular point.

A Book of the Law can be most useful, whether done by individuals, patrols or companies. The idea is that the book is divided into ten sections, in each of which is noted some aspect of the Law, which can be constantly added to. One particular Law might, for instance, be studied for a week, or for a month. If it is a company book, at one meeting a Guider might tell a story about the particular Law under discussion and get a few suggestions from the company about further meanings. Then the patrols are challenged to find examples from daily life in newspapers during the week. The Patrols-in-Council discuss individual contributions from the Guides, the two best from the patrol are told to the whole company, and the best ones written in the Law Book, which can, of course, also be illustrated and contain cuttings and quotations.

A surprise practice in the particular Law being discussed can very often be arranged and discussed afterwards. Patrols can also write or choose a prayer or a Bible reading which would fit a particular Law, get up a play, or carry out some patrol activity or good turn which will bear upon the Law being studied.

JOSEPHINE GRIFFITH

Notice Board

The following donations to the Girl Guides Association are acknowledged with thanks: The Chloride Batteries Ltd., Manchester, £10 (General Account); Manchester Guides and Scouts, £5 11s. 6d. (General Account); 8th Hendon (St. Mary's) Guide Company, £5 (Extension Fund); Miss Beausire, £3 (General Account); Berkshire Trefoil Guild, £2 (Extension Fund); Miss Stubbs, 1st Shaftesbury Guides, £1 (Extension Fund).

Life-savers Wanted: The need for life-savers for Guide Camps, Pack Holidays and expeditions to the sea is very urgent. If you are over seventeen and are keen on swimming have you thought of taking the Royal Life Saving Society's Bronze Medallion or the Guide Life-saver Badge and offering to help? If you are not already qualified to take the tests why not make a point of doing so by the end of this season so as to be ready to offer your services next summer?

Free Milk for Juveniles in Camp. Please note that the 'Milk in Schools' scheme applies to Guides in camp, i.e., one-third of a pint of milk per day is allowed free to children under eighteen years of age. Application should be made to the food office in the area in which the camp is to be held, stating location, duration, type and organisation of the camp, and the number of children under eighteen years of age attending. If approved the applicant is sent Form S.M.A.4 to complete.

The new address for G.I.S. letters and parcels is Miss G. E. Hesketh, M.B.E., Guide International Service (British) H.Q., c/o 400 I.R.O. Zonal Office, Hamburg, B.A.O.R. 3.

The Viola for the Trefoil Guild, generously offered on loan to the Girl Guides Association by Mrs. Gibson, has been awarded for one year to Miss K. Rees, Brown Owl of the 3rd Tenby Pack.

Do you read 'The Guide'? The County Commissioner for Yorkshire West Riding North East, Miss A. Shepherd, writes: 'I would like to thank the Chief Guide's daughter for her excellent articles "In the wake of the Chief Guide", which have appeared in THE GUIDE. The stories of the Chief's travels are always interesting to us, but these have the added charm of telling more of the Chief Guide herself'.

It hits you in the eye!



Read what 7 million women say ...

WHAT do women really think about all these washing powders that are cramming the shops? Which is really the best?

A nation-wide house-to-house poll shows that more than half the housewives in the country — 7 million! — have got the answer.

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THE PLAIN TRUTH!

They've tried the others, of course. But seeing is believing. They are now more certain than ever that Persil washes whiter. After all, it hits you in the eye!

That's why more and more women are asking for Persil every week!

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Persil's secret is just plain, honest, through-and-through cleanness. Those millions of tiny oxygen bubbles certainly shift the dirt out!

A Persil-washed sheet is white

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Because Persil's secret is cleanness, you'll find your coloureds will come up flashing-bright in Persil's rich lather.

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Listen to Ellis Powell...

Mrs. Dale to you!

"I do all my own housework," says Ellis Powell. "Like most housewives, I'm always on the look-out for new ideas. So I've tried every washing powder in the shops. And I've found out one thing — these Persil advertisements are true! When they say Persil washes whiter, I feel bound to say, 'Yes, it does!'"



PERSIL
washes whiter!

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Notes of the Month

Our Ark

Owing to the continued rise of the cost of living Our Ark Committee has decided with much regret that a slight increase must be made in the charges for accommodation. The new charges, including bed, breakfast and bath, are as follows: Single room, 10s.; bed in room for 2, 8s.; bed in room for 3, 7s.; camp bed in room for 6 or 7, 5s. The charges for meals are: supper, 2s. 6d.; lunch (Sundays only), 2s. 6d.; tea (Saturday and Sunday only), 1s. 3d. Inclusive charges for one week or longer (including bed, bath, breakfast, supper, and lunch and tea on Sunday) are: Single room, £3; bed in room for 2, £2 10s.; bed in room for 3, £2 5s.; camp bed in room for 6 or 7, £1 15s. Non-Guide friends can stay in Our Ark when there is room at an extra charge of 1s. per night or 5s. per week. No rations need be brought for guests staying one or two nights, but guests staying for five nights and over must give up Emergency Cards for that period. They are also asked, whenever possible, to bring their own towels. Applications for bookings (which are not accepted more than two months in advance) should be made to the Warden, Our Ark, 11, Palace Street, London, S.W.1, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope or an international postage coupon.

New Films for Hire

The new American Girl Scout Film, 'The Growing Years', has been kindly lent by the World Bureau to Headquarters

Film Library for three months. A 16 mm. black and white sound film 'The Growing Years' tells the story of a new girl to town meeting friends and learning to take part in the life of the community through Girl Scouting. Running for twenty minutes the narration is by the stage and screen star, Henry Fonda.

Rangers, Guides and Brownies who had a hand in sending the 1,902 Christmas parcels to the G.I.S. for distribution in the 'Hard Core' camps in Germany will be interested to see the film, 'Christmas in the D.P. Camps', obtainable from the film, 'Christmas in the D.P. Camps', obtainable from the I.H.Q. Film Library from September 1st. Produced as a 'thank you' for a good turn this film, a 16 mm. silent one running for fifteen minutes, may be hired for 3s. 6d., plus postage, from the Film Library.

The Demerara Beauxite Company has presented a copy of their film, 'Overture to Aluminium', to the Girl Guides Association after the Chief Guide's visit to their works in British Guiana. This film gives the story of the people working and living in Demerara and also shows the discovery of the aluminium ore and the development of the works. It is a 16 mm. black and white sound film, running time twenty-five minutes, and is now available from the Headquarters Film Library, with a charge for postage. The following films have been withdrawn from the Film Library: 'Folk Dance Festival', 'Camping in Uganda', 'Our Chalet', 'Guide Newsletter II'. Additional copies of 'Royal Occasions' and 'Welcome to World Guiding' have been obtained.

Campfire Vesper

This two-part Canon has been composed by Miss Chater for the English Cadet Rally on October 6th. It is published this month so that Cadet Guiders can introduce this Vesper now and Cadets can learn it for the rally campfire.

Not too slow

* 2nd voice enters

Good night, good night to each and all, our day is at an end. And

ere the dreams of dark-ness fall, our spir-its we com-mend In-

to our Fa-ther's ten-der care, and for all joy and grace We

praise Him, we praise Him, we prai- se, we praise Him.

Headquarters Notices

The New Deputy Chief Commissioner

As reported in the June GUIDER, it has been agreed that there should be a Deputy Chief Commissioner to assist Lady Stratheden in her combined appointment of Chief Commissioner and Chairman of the Executive Committee. Members of the Movement will be interested to know that the Hon. Mrs. Geoffrey Gibbs has now been appointed Deputy Chief Commissioner. She is combining this appointment with her present appointment of Commissioner for Overseas. Mrs. Gibbs will be remembered as County Commissioner for Hertfordshire and she was also Chairman of the Public Relations Committee at Headquarters from 1945 to 1948. Her many friends in the Movement wish her well in her new work.

Coming Events

The Empire Circle Summer Party will be held at Westfield College, Hampstead, by kind permission of the Principal, on July 3rd at 6.30 p.m. when the Chief Guide will be the Guest of Honour. Invitations have been sent to all members and to overseas Guiders who are in or near London. If anyone from overseas would like an invitation and has not received one will she please write to the Overseas Department?

The speaker at the lunch hour meeting on July 26th will be the Hon. Mrs. Gervas Clay, daughter of the Chief Guide, who will speak on Guiding in Northern Rhodesia. The meeting will be from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Sandwiches may be brought and coffee will be on sale. All Guiders, Rangers and Cadets are welcome.

There will be no evening social in July and no Empire Circle meetings of any kind in August.

Retreat for Church of England Guiders and Rangers at The House of Retreat, Pleshey, Chelmsford, from Saturday, September 15th to Monday 17th. The Conductor is the Rev. Father Edward, S.D.C. Fee: £1 1s., with booking fee of 5s. All enquiries and bookings to Miss G. E. Cowmeadow, 115 York Hill, Loughton, Essex.

English Cadet Rally.—Visitors' tickets will be available for the afternoon rally and evening pageant on Saturday, October 6th, 1951, price 3s. 6d., and not 3s. 9d. as stated in the June issue. Applications, with stamped addressed envelope, should be sent to Cadet Rally Secretary, English Department, Guide Headquarters, 17/19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1. Please say whether you wish to come in the afternoon and/or evening.

Called to Higher Service

Mrs. Cope, on May 21st. For ten years Brown Owl to the 4th Brownie Pack, Welwyn Garden City.

Miss Morag W. Innes, on March 14th. Formerly Lieutenant of Whitecroft Road School Company, Bolton, Lancashire, Captain of the 1st Singleton Company, Poulton, Lancashire, and Captain of the 1st Penrith Company, Cumberland.

Miss Doris Ridley on May 22nd. Doris was a member of the 2nd Trefoil Guild, Barrow-in-Furness, and had been a Post Ranger. Crippled by arthritis for nineteen years her courage and fortitude were outstanding.

Miss Winifred Senior on April 24th. For many years Brown Owl of the 21st Cardiff (St. Stephen) Brownie Pack. Her loyal service to her pack and District will long be remembered.

Awards

GOOD SERVICE

Silver Fish. Begum Khan, Chief Commissioner, Pakistan.
Beaver. Mrs. A. M. Bakewell, Chairman Beaconsfield Local Association.

FORTITUDE

Badge of Fortitude. Patrol Leader Heather Levett, aged fifteen, 2nd Chailey Company (Heritage).

Heather has been in hospital since she was two and a half years old with Stills Disease. She is now unable to walk, only has the partial use of her arms and hands and has lost the sight of one eye. In spite of this and most painful treatment Heather is always alert to help others and carries out faithfully anything she undertakes.

Training. Chief Guide's Diploma—Miss Sutherland, Scotland. Camp Training Diploma—Miss Stevens, Glasgow; Miss Tyson, Southern Rhodesia. Headquarters Instructors—Miss Chance, Cumberland (Sea Ranger A.B.); Miss McAndrew, Lancs., N.W. (Camp Fire).

Training Personnel

Guiders will be interested to know of the following changes in training personnel:

Foxlease: The appointment of Miss R. Hoare as Guider-in-Charge of Foxlease (vice, Miss Hartley, resigned) as from July 1st.

Waddow: The appointment of Miss J. Cozens as Guider-in-Charge (vice, Miss Walker, resigned) as from September 1st.

Lorne: The appointment of Miss E. Nuttall as Guider-in-Charge (vice, Miss Kennedy, resigned) as from September 1st.

Commissioner for Training for England: The appointment of Miss M. Walker as Commissioner for Training for England (vice, Miss Newnham, resigned) as from September 1st.

Hospitality for Cadet Rally: We have had a generous response but we still urgently need week-end hospitality for a further two hundred Cadets for October 5th to 7th. If you can help will you please write to Miss D. A. Glenister, St. Katherine's College, Tottenham, N.17.

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A New Holiday Centre in Norfolk

Guiders and Rangers who want a restful and interesting holiday and are keen on bird watching are advised to write to the C.C.A. for Norfolk, Miss C. E. Patterson, Great Hautbois House, Coltishall, Norwich, for details of Blakeney Watch House which can be rented for week-ends or longer. It is owned by the National Trust who have let it to Miss Patterson who, in her turn, has kindly offered to rent it to members of the movement.

There is a living room with a fireplace, two small rooms opening off it and a third room which gives access to the look-out post upstairs. Drinking water has to be brought from the mainland but there is a large soft-water tank outside and an Elsan closet and milk can be obtained from the old lifeboat house.

The nearest town is Blakeney and there are two methods of approach to Blakeney Watch House—the first a long walk or cycle ride over the marshes from Cley-next-the-Sea, the second, a boat trip from Morston Quay. Blakeney Point is preserved as a bird sanctuary by the National Trust. This long stretch of salt marsh, sand dune and shingle beach is famous as a breeding ground for terns, and over two hundred species of migrants have been recorded here.



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THE GUIDER Classified Advertisements

The Girl Guides Association takes no responsibility for statements contained in any advertisement, nor for subsequent correspondence in connection therewith. The right is also reserved to refuse any advertisement not considered suitable. Advertisements for the sale of clothing cannot be accepted. Charges 3d. per word per line. 1s. 3d. for box numbers. Advertisements must be received by the 10th of the month for insertion in the next issue.

EMPLOYMENT OFFERED

Young nurses (age 18-30) are required at Lewisham Hospital, London, S.E.13, as student nurses. This large general hospital is an approved training school for the qualification of State Registered Nurses. Training allowances: first year £200 second year £210, third year £225, less £100 p.a. for board and lodging. Modern Nurses' Home with individual bedrooms. Uniform provided. Four weeks annual leave. Write to the Matron for application and further particulars.

Couple Guide requires useful domestic attendant late August. Strong, able to lift, nursing experience a help, but not essential; some housework, a little cooking. Age 28-30 preferred. Bed-sitting room. Good free time and salary. Interview.—Write Miss Jeffery, 2 Lathbury Road, Oxford.

Embroidery for girls keen to learn an essentially feminine craft. We will train in both hand and machine work. Five-day week. Applications to Robert Stevenson Ltd., 9-10 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London, E.C.1.

A well-educated girl as Resident Assistant Matron (one of two) wanted under the supervision of the Matron in a boarding house (15) in Surrey, to work under a qualified Matron. Applicant must be a member of some religious denomination. No previous experience necessary. Two hours off every day, one day a week, half a day at week-end. Guides or Brownies essential. Salary £100 a year.—Box No. 475.

Domestic Science mistress wanted for September. Boarding school, 130 girls. New Burnham scale salary. Resident or non-resident. Staff house. Most week-ends free. Guide preferred.—Apply Miss Sayle, Ellerslie, Malvern.

Capable young girl wanted to assist Matron and help with light domestic duties in Junior School.—Apply Headmistress, Little St. Margaret's, Bushey, Herts.

Young partner wanted for small pottery, or lady (own work) to share home. South.—Box No. 471.

Resident cook wanted for settlement in East London (near Liverpool Street). Numbers approximately 30.—Warden, St. Hilda's, 3 Old Nichol Street, Bethnal Green, E.2.

HEADQUARTERS VACANCIES

Clerk and Junior Clerk required as soon as possible in the Registrations Department. Ages 16-20. No special training required, but the work needs accuracy and a sense of responsibility. Must be keen members of the Movement. Salary up to £4 per week according to age and ability. Hours 8.30-5 p.m. No work on Saturdays.—Apply to the Secretary to the Registrations Dept., 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.

A clerk aged 18-20 years, good at figures, is required for the Finance Dept. Salary according to scale.—Write, giving full particulars, to the Financial Secretary, Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

THE WORLD BUREAU

Applications are invited for the post of Assistant General Secretary in connection with international work in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The qualifications include: a knowledge of shorthand and typing, ability to write good English and draft letters, minutes of meetings and correspondence, and a knowledge of French or German is an advantage but not essential. The work in this post is varied and interesting. Five-day week. Salary according to experience.—Applications should be sent to: The Director, The World Bureau, The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, 9 Palace Street, London, S.W.1, giving particulars, including age, qualifications, experience, and two references.

EDUCATIONAL

Shorthand, Pitman or Gregg, typewriting, commercial correspondence. Rapid personal postal courses.—Albert Shaw, A.M.Inst.B.E., F.B.S.C., Principal, Shaw's Commercial School, Lancaster.

Training in Child Care.—Dr. Barnardo's Homes invite women candidates between the ages of 18 and 35, who wish to gain the National Certificate in Child Care, to train at their residential Staff Training Centre, Woodford Bridge (Greater London). Full particulars, including grants, can be obtained from The Secretary, Staff Training Committee, Dr. Barnardo's Homes, Stepney Causeway, London, E.1.

ACCOMMODATION OFFERED

Milford-on-Sea.—One (or two) ladies welcomed as paying guests, comfortable bungalow one mile sea. Two single bedrooms, share sitting room, garden, garage, beach hut. Peace and comfort.—Brown, Woodside, Shorefield Way.

Cornish Coast.—Paying guests taken, comfortable small house on two 'bus routes; safe bathing; two bedrooms to let, single or double. Might let furnished occasionally. Moors easily reached.—Miss Whittingham, Penwarren, Crackington, Bude.

Visit Paris in 1951 during the Bi-millenary of this city. Inexpensive accommodation during summer holidays in our 'Centre d'Accueil', near Arc de Triomphe. Also in our restaurant.—Write Rencontres Internationales, 1 Rue Denis Poisson, Paris 17.

Lake District.—National Park, Irton Hall Hotel (Lic.). Holmrook, Cumberland, amid most magnificent scenery in England. Scafell, Great Gable; bathing and golf at Seascale; children welcome; table tennis.—Tel. Holmrook 42.

Garden Hut to let, on 'bus route' (7 miles Folkestone, 10 miles Canterbury); 2 beds; all equipment provided except linen; week-ends 15s.; by the week 30s.—Cloverland, Lynton, Folkestone.

The New Forest is a grand centre for a holiday; lovely walks, riding, tennis, etc., and every comfort assured at Balmer Lawn House, Brockenhurst.—Apply Miss Sandy, London.—Refined accommodation, 3 Westbourne Terrace Road, W.2. Bed and breakfast from 10s. 6d. nightly; central for places of interest. Phone: Cunningham 2373.

Pumble View, Housel Bay Road, The Lizard, Cornwall.—Private Guest House open all year, run by ex-Guider. Lovely position. Extensive sea view. Few minutes from beach.—Miss G. Maundrell.

Come to Castle Gay for a leisurely holiday; open all the year.—Miss Ashby and Miss Rutherford, Parsonage Road, Herne Bay.

Bungalow Guest House, open all year, run by ex-Guider, two minutes sea and 'bus. From 4½ gns. Ideal surroundings.—Apply 'Summerhill', Banks Road, Sandbanks, Bournemouth.

The Lake District.—Miss Buckley welcomes Guiders to her 'holiday house' open all year round.—19 Southey Street, Keswick.

Bed-sitting room, country cottage, Sussex Downs. Supper, bed and breakfast, 10s. 6d. per night. Bed and breakfast 2 gns. per week.—Box No. 474.

Four-berth Caravan, fully equipped, near Bognor, close to sea.—122 Brighton Road, Sutton. Tel. Bellwood 9287.

Caravan to be let on Norfolk coast (Brancaster) on small, quiet site; comfortable, equipped except blankets, 3 gns. per week.—Miss Lambert, 38 Gayton Road, Harrow.

Caravan for two at Pevensey, Sussex. Fully equipped except for linen.—Apply Taylor, 11 Garden Road, Anerley, S.E.20.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Guider getting married requires unfurnished flat or rooms in South London suburbs.—Box No. 473.

Guider getting married September; requires unfurnished accommodation, 7 days, London or suburbs.—Avis, 8 Sixth Close, Mitcham, Surrey.

Guider and friend require unfurnished accommodation in Oxford area. Permanent.—Box No. 476.

WANTED

Any magazines, children's encyclopaedia, Council Fire, other magazines wanted for Post Company.—Lemmens, Gianson, Haverfordwest, Pembro.

Old Copies.—Any magazines, children's encyclopaedia, Council Fire, other magazines wanted for Post Company.—Lemmens, Gianson, Haverfordwest, Pembro.

Guider's uniform wanted, hips 40 ins., bust 36 ins., to buy, or part exchange for smaller size.—Box No. 478.

Guider's uniform coat and skirt wanted; bust 36-38 ins., hips 38-40 ins., white shirt if possible.—Box No. 472.

FOR SALE

250 Scenteads, 17s. 6d.; 1,000 52s. 6d. Concert tickets, 250 10s. Memoirs, posters, Samples free.—G. T. Ties, 11 Oaklands Grove, London, W.12.

Tooth brushes, pocket combs, dressing combs, etc., stamped in gold with any name. Repeat orders assured.—Samples from Northern Novelities, Denton House, Gillingham, Dorset.

Huonae, used once, frame 17 ins., weight 4 lb. 8 ozs. £2 10s.—Box No. 477.

Down sleeping bag, used once, £4 10s.—Telephone evenings: Bowes Park 6600.

Pre-war Pioneer tent, 8 ft. long, in excellent condition. £10 or near offer. Or give up camping.—Miss Cynthia Stocker, Weeke Manor, Winchester.

Badminton set (net, posts, 4 racquets and 12 shuttlecocks), £5.—Apply, Sister Margaret Oayth, St. Peter's Convent, Woking.

WATCH REPAIRS

Special rates for Guiders. Send your watch by registered post to Time and Jewels Limited, 430 Greenford Road, Greenford, Middlesex, for an estimate.

TYPEWRITING AND DUPLICATING

Newsletters, bulletins, notices, programmes, minutes. Minimum 25 copies.—Miss Midgley, 46 Hart Hall Lane, King's Langley, Herts.

Advance Duplicating Service.—All classes typewriting, duplicating. Prompt accurate service. Guiders 10 per cent discount.—5 Warwick Avenue, South Harrow, Middlesex.

All Classes of Duplicating and Typewriting neatly and accurately executed by Guiders. Prompt delivery, special terms to Guiders.—Alert Typewriting Bureau, 1 Peasmarsh Lane, Gillingham, Dorset. Tel. Gillingham 231.

Invalid Guider would be pleased to print private notepaper; also headings, tickets, post cards for District Secretaries, etc. Samples sent.—Miss Doble, 4 Howlands Terrace, Gillingham, Dorset.

HELP FOR TOWN COMPANY

Country Guide Company wishes to collect woodcraft specimens for a city or town company.—Anyone interested write Miss Ralphs, Old Woodbury, Everton, Bada.

CAMPING

Lifesaver wanted for camp, about 20 Guiders, Sheringham, Norfolk, August 11th-17th. Expenses paid.—Smith, Colwyn, Wymondham, Norfolk.

Quartermaster wanted, Blacklands, last week August. Room for few of her own Guiders.—Atkins, 46 Eastcote Lane, South Harrow, Middlesex.

Could any Company camping by the sea include 6 or 8 very keen Guiders?—Channell, 'Brails', Compton Lane, Horsham.

Can any Company include 1 or 2 Guiders anxious to camp August?—Jones, Glenwood House, Dorking.

Camp, Eastbourne, August 10th-20th, would include Guider and 8 Guiders.—Write Arnold, Alvington Lodge, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

Can any Company include a few extra Guiders, please?—Sadler, Abbotsford, Abbots Langley, Herts.

Two Lifesavers wanted. 'A' bathing, Morteheo, North Devon, August 4th-12th.—Miss Hopgood, 75 Kensington Road, Reading.

Q.M. wanted August 4th-18th for camp of approximately 30 at Peasmarsh, Essex. Wallis, 33 Agate Road, W.6.

Any vacancy Pack Holiday for 6 Brownies, also Brown Owl.—Broomfield, Arrow House, Hartley Wintney, Hants.

Catholic company can include 6-10 Catholic Guiders in camp, August 6th-17th.—Box No. 479.

For Cadet Guiders

CADET GUIDERS are invited to send answers and comments on the following questions to Miss Strong, Lady Annes House, Stamford, Lincolnshire.

For Guiders: What suggestions for contacts with other organisations, or with people, can Cadet Guiders offer in order to give Cadets, especially those in small companies, the widest possible experience?

For discussion with Cadets: Would it give Cadets a feeling of achievement if, having completed their training or having to leave the company after a sufficient period of training, they took a kind of pre-warrant test in whichever branch of Guiding they wished to carry on?

For Lone Guiders: A short correspondence course will start in October, 1951, for Lone Guiders (Ranger or Guide), intended primarily for those who have not previously taken such a course. The course will deal with 'Lone adaptation' and the making of Company Letters. Numbers will be limited to twelve, sent by September 1st, 1951, to Mrs. R. E. Pain, Ripple Lodge, Kearsney, Nr. Dover, Kent.