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## The Brownie Exhibition

THE Brownies have taken possession of our Headquarters', said the Chief Guide, speaking at the Brownie Exhibition held at Imperial Headquarters, from August 27th to September 1st. No one who entered the building could be in any doubt about the truth of this statement. From start to finish there was a never-ceasing whirl of small brown figures, and a general atmosphere of Brown Magic penetrated into every corridor and corner of 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road.

This Brownie week was the culmination of a great surge of activity throughout the United Kingdom for the past six months. During that time nearly every pack took some part in the effort to show the public what Brownies are—some by contributing to demonstrations and some by local exhibitions. From these, the best examples of Brownie work and equipment were sent by land, sea and air for the main exhibition and were stacked in massive heaps in the waiting room at Headquarters.

'The great secret', said the unpackers, as they tackled the mountain of parcels, 'The great secret of any show of work is to avoid the crowding of exhibits'. They continued to say this at regular intervals, but with diminishing hope when after two days of unpacking they were faced with a pile of magic carpets several feet high, a host of toadstools, enough knitted garments to supply a shop, test work apparatus, treasure boxes and every conceivable kind of stuffed owl. Could chaos be averted?



One of the many hundred delightful exhibits at the Brownie Exhibition made of acorn cups and poppy heads, and other 'treasures' from commons and gardens, by the 9th Wimbledon Brownies

At first it seemed impossible, but eventually, by following the skilful advice of Miss Sidney Foott, the Council Chamber was transformed in a most colourful and orderly display of Brownie life.

Then came the public. Everyone had warned us repeatedly that only a handful of people could possibly be expected to visit us in August, so we were not fully prepared for the vast number of visitors that queued for admittance. However, the Brownies dealt with them firmly. They led large parties of adults through the maze of corridors with all the aplomb of the experienced usher, and only occasionally did they lose both themselves and their party. Their vigilance and resource put many of their elders to shame. Who among us would have dared to check the progress of Headquarters' General Secretary, ask her if she were an 'official helper', and then demand her sixpence? Then, too, one admires the young Brownie who, on being asked if she knew the way to the library, promptly replied, 'No, but I'll find it', and another who, on being briefed for her duties by a Headquarters Secretary, said with confidence, 'Don't worry. I know everything'.

The same confidence and efficiency was shown by all the Brownie helpers and especially by the demonstrators in the window. Not only did they calmly tie up parcels, make tea, fix up clothes lines and clean shoes under the scrutiny of a critical pavement audience, but also took it for granted that it was their duty to interview the press. Much propaganda was done here, especi-



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ally by the Brownie who, after a long session with a journalist, plucked him confidently by the sleeve and added: 'And I think you ought to know this . . . We are convinced that the press now have an entirely new slant on the Guide Movement.'

The Brownie openers were delightful and all of them spoke clearly and made their visitors feel welcome. The demonstrators in the library also did well and were so popular that many extra performances had to be given. And here we should like to give our Brownie audiences their share of praise. Many of our adult visitors, including directors of education and experienced youth leaders, commented repeatedly on the orderly behaviour of the children, and the considerate way in which they treated the exhibits. They were also helpful in the restaurant where, owing to most generous gifts of food from Australian Brownies, and to Miss Cooper's patience they were served with excellent meals.

No two days were alike. Monday brought a galaxy of press photographers who took pictures of the Brownie opener from every angle. One even followed a party on to the roof: while he grouped a few children into an attractive pose, a harassed Guider plucked ecstatic Brownies off the parapet. They were leaning over it on their tummies—feet well off the ground—trying to see how much of Buckingham Palace Road was visible from this new vantage point.

On Tuesday we gave our first official welcome to an important visitor, the Brownies forming a guard of honour from the shop door to the lift. On Wednesday we were thrilled by a visit from the Chief Guide who not only spoke to the general public, but also generously spared time to talk to the Brown Owls and Brownies.

With Thursday came the television. The arrival of two enormous lamps, some very delicate apparatus and a hundred yards or so of flex (which on no account must be trodden upon) coincided with one of our record crowds. But, of course, no one minded. All spare personnel were enlisted to stand on guard astride the flex and to hold up the lamps which were liable to fall at the faintest touch. The operator's requests were varied and as one Guider went off in search of one tall step-ladder, three 'pretty Brownies', a piece of green baize material and the lid of a large cardboard box, she was appreciated as never before the valuable experience she had gained by frequent participation in the traditional Guide scavenger hunts.

Friday brought us more V.I.P.s and more crowds, and by the end of Saturday over five thousand visitors had viewed the exhibits. And we wish that many thousands more could have seen them as even the most experienced Brownie Dips were amazed at the excellent standard of the work, and at the ingenuity and originality which had been shown.

The Brownie Committee aimed through this Exhibition to give the Branch some publicity, to raise the standard of work in the packs and to recruit more Guiders. The first two aims have been achieved beyond all our expectations, but what about the third? Here there is still much to be done and we appeal to every Guider to help us. Please will you follow up any likely person who visited the exhibition and was impressed by it, and explain to her what she can give and gain by becoming a Guider. If you will do this our last aim will be fulfilled and many more children will have the fun of becoming Brownies.

A. BRAMBLEBY

## The Second Law

Who comprehends his trust, and to the same  
Keeps faithful with a singleness of aim.

Wordsworth.

THE original meaning of 'loyalty' is 'obedience to the law', faithfulness to the lawful authority or king. Loyalty is something that we owe first to any government or person rightly set over us, or to any one whom we voluntarily link to ourselves—husband, wife, friends. The primary loyalty is to God. We owe our loyalty and allegiance to Him because we are His creation, His subjects, and we have a clear duty to try to understand what He wants us to do and to carry it out. This includes our loyalty to our particular Church; we have a duty to adopt the standards set by our Church for private and public worship and behaviour.

Then we owe loyalty to our King, as the chief representative of the lawful Government of our country. After this comes loyalty to parents, to family, Guide Company and school, employers and friends. All the relationships in which we owe loyalty are two-sided—we receive, therefore we give. The giving, though, isn't a voluntary and gracious act because we feel like it, it is a debt, something we owe and which we are bound to pay.

We get protection, order, public services from the Government of our country and we owe obedience to its laws, a duty to protect the amenities that belong to all citizens. We get love, protection, food and care from home and we owe the same love, devotion and helpfulness. The trust of a friend must be repaid by trustworthiness and so on. Is it true to say that loyalty always involves something given into our keeping as a trust—life from God, the privileges of citizenship from our country, the confidence of a friend, the honour of the Guide Movement when we are enrolled?

As long as loyalties keep themselves separate it isn't so difficult. The trouble begins when they overlap and tug us in opposite directions. If the family disapproves of the friend do we stick to the friend or obey the family? How far do we owe duty to a government we consider wrong, or which our Church considers wrong? What do we do if God seems

to call us to a life dedicated to nursing in Africa and our mother needs us at home? How do we balance the pull of public service and family ties? There are no easy solutions. The clues seem to lie in some sort of priority, starting with the over-riding duty of loyalty to God and a sincere attempt to put self second when making decisions.

The Union Jack symbolises the loyalty to our country, and the company Colours loyalty to the company and the World Guide Movement. By explaining this to Guides at an enrolment, and by the care with which the Colours are treated, valuable teaching about loyalty can be given. If the Colours are taken to church, or kept there, a further symbol is added. All the enrolment preparation is a training in loyalty. 'My promise means that I can be trusted'—a Guide is trusted to be loyal to God and King. Pride in the Guide Movement, Company and Patrol is stimulated by care of uniform, patrol flags and the traditions of the company. The company can give practical expression to its loyalty to country by acts of public service and care for places and things which belong to all, i.e., tidying up a beauty spot or tree planting.

JOSEPHINE GRIFFITH

### H.M. The King's Illness

AS WE GO to press we hear with the most profound regret of His Majesty's illness. On behalf of all Guides in the Commonwealth the following telegram was sent to Her Majesty the Queen by the Chief Commissioner.

*Guides of the Commonwealth send your Majesty and the Princesses their heartfelt sympathy in your great anxiety and pray for a speedy restoration of the King's health.*

The following reply was sent by H.M. the Queen's Private Secretary to Lady Stratheden.

*The Queen sends her sincere thanks to all who have joined with you in your kind message of sympathy at this anxious time.*



# The Danes Build Scouting on the Patrol System

HOW do you like being the father of 5,000 daughters? A reporter asked Mr. Lüttichau, the generous landowner who invited *Det Danske Pigespejderkorps* to hold their five-yearly national camp almost on his very doorstep. As 'the Angel' said at the last campfire, 'It was so very kind of Mr. Lüttichau to have us to camp here', to which 'the Devil' made reply, 'Oh yes! But he got rid of two of his own children into the camp for ten whole days!'

We are not sure that this was such a very good bargain for Mrs. Lüttichau whose house was filled to capacity with a shifting population of friends and relations and foreign Guiders all eager to join in the fun. And what fun it was! The British contingent immediately felt at home when they found that their main topics of conversation, the weather and food, were equally popular in Danish circles. We had much of both!

To those of us who have battled, at one time or another, to organise a camp for fifty the idea of getting 5,000 Guides under canvas is a solemn thought, especially when the nearest village and railway station is seven kilometres distant.

Four special trains brought the majority of the Guides and then they marched (in deluging rain) to the site, their brass bands proving a great asset on this occasion. Their kit was brought by lorry and the small children of the Guiders, who had a special camp for themselves, were conveyed in coaches. In the course of their 'Preparation to receive foreign guests' the Danes had evidently learnt that the British can't walk, for in spite of valiant efforts our party was forced to travel 'on wheels'.

There are those who are dubious of the benefits derived from these vast camps, but before passing judgment they should certainly take part in one. The first advantage of having virtually the whole Association in camp (it was open to all Second Class Guides) is obvious. The children pick up many new ideas and enthusiasms from other districts and even from other countries.

It was fascinating to tour the camp and see, for instance, the different types of fire used for cooking and the various pots and pans. The Danes have an excellent water dixie invented by a Guider. It is a small 'dust-bin' with a funnel right through the middle soldered to the bottom and projecting through a hole in the lid. This funnel acts as a chimney to draw the fire and at the same time heats the water much more quickly.

The outsides of all dixies are painted with whitewash before use, which is renewed every three or four days, so that they simply have to be washed to restore them to pristine purity.



An aerial view of the camp at Rohden, Jutland

A striking feature of the camp was the decorative gateways and fences surrounding each small group site. One Division, who came from a sea-port, had fishing nets, with fish caught in the meshes, draped from the gateposts; another had a turnstile in the form of a trefoil, and there were several amusingly carved totems.

At Rohden there was an almost bewildering choice of activities—handcrafts, games, athletics, 'primitive' cooking, swimming and testwork, all of course taught by experts. The 'Patrol Corner' demonstrated a dozen different types of fire and there, too, were shelters built of spruce. We looked enviously at the wealth of wood used and were told that generally, as with us, wood is a problem, but they were unusually lucky at Rohden and were taking full advantage of a good supply.

As may be imagined the preceding organisation of this camp was stupendous. Thousands of feet of water-piping had been laid, telephone and telegraph wires connected to the site and half a dozen wooden huts constructed. The workmen who built them looked rather wistful when they were completed and one remarked 'to think that all our beautiful work must be undone in ten days' time!'

A most attractive and informative camp-book was distributed beforehand, giving, among other things, the names of the Guiders in charge of the different activities and departments. We observed that the prefix Mrs. or Miss was omitted, Christian names being the rule within the Guide family. Also included in the camp-book was the programme for each day, the menus and the recipe for every dish; many of the latter were quite new to the British, but with a laudable spirit of adventure they determined to carry out the instructions to the letter and were well rewarded as the results in the end



H.M. Queen Ingrid admires a camp totem pole

proved very popular.

The Guider who wore an armband with the simple word 'Mad' on it caused much merriment. She turned out to be the Quartermaster (mad means food), and we thought that weighing and issuing provisions to 5,000 souls, to mention only one aspect of the job, might well result in lunacy. Our Q.M., however, appeared perfectly sane and calm at all times, but we wondered if she counted bottles of milk in her sleep.

Although the basic organisation was superb the atmosphere in camp was delightfully informal. We were never driven about in herds or told to 'do this' or 'go there', and yet if we wanted to see or do anything in particular, it was arranged with the utmost simplicity—at least that is how it appeared to us. Even on the great day of the Queen's visit we were not regimented in any way. It was typical that the Queen had exactly the same food as the children themselves that day; that there was no special display but just the ordinary camp activities. The Queen visited each group in an entirely informal manner, chatting delightfully to the Guiders and Guides in at least four different languages. Incidentally there were fourteen nationalities in camp, including the individual Guides' pen-friends.

The King's Cup competition impressed us enormously. The Danes really do use the patrol system and they use it out of doors. The Divisional Commissioner, who was invariably the camp-chief of her group, picked her best company on their camping standards during the first two days. (Neither Guiders nor Guides knew at this stage that the competition had begun.) Then the captain made up a patrol whose ages totalled less than eighty-three years. This

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## Notes of the Month

### England's New Chief Commissioner

All readers will want to send their good wishes to Lady Burnham upon her appointment as Chief Commissioner for England when Lady Cochrane resigns on October 9th. With her abounding energy, organising ability and keen grasp of the 'essentials' of a problem Lady Burnham has already contributed much to the movement as a member of the Council and of the Executive Committee, Deputy Chief Commissioner for England and County Commissioner for Buckinghamshire. Those who have enjoyed listening to her at a conference or training will appreciate, too, her wit and sense of fun. As she herself urges in her amusing article on page 204 it is 'the spice, the fun, the immense keenness' of the Guides of forty years ago that we want to recapture today.

### Our Chalet, Summer Season, 1952

Bookings for the summer season 1952 at Our Chalet will be accepted from November 1st and should be addressed to Miss Y. Cuénod, Contamines 27, Geneva, Switzerland. Our Chalet will be open from the beginning of May till the end of September. It is never open at Easter. Due to the Chalet birthday celebrations no bookings can be accepted between July 15th to July 30th, 1952. When making your application, enclose your Commissioner's recommendation and please don't forget to give alternative dates and to send an International reply coupon (obtainable at any Post Office). Parties should not exceed twelve in number. For further particulars apply to the International Secretary at I.H.Q. or to Miss Cuénod.

### Ski-ing Holiday at Our Chalet

There is still room for a party of fifteen to eighteen Guiders, Cadets or Rangers at our Chalet for ski-ing from January 4th to January 12th. The cost will be approximately £22 (excluding pocket money) if party travel can be arranged. Full details can be obtained from County International Representatives or from the International Secretary at I.H.Q. to whom application should be made as soon as possible, enclosing the written consent of the Commissioner in the case of Guider, and Commissioner and Guider in the case of Cadets or Rangers.

### Have You Any Suggestions?

*P.O.R.* comes up for revision every three years and the next edition will be ready in about eighteen months' time. The Guide Branch Committee would welcome any constructive suggestions about Guide Proficiency Badges. We do not want to have change just for the sake of change, but if you think that any syllabus could be improved will you please send alterations for consideration through your County to the Guide Adviser for your County, which should reach her by December, 1951. Please note that this request for suggestions refers only to Proficiency Badges. There will be an opportunity at another time to make suggestions about Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class tests.

### Youth will be Led, but it won't be Pushed

Mrs. Mair writes: 'The introduction to *Youth will be Led* by Alicia Percival (Collins, 8s. 6d.) points out its purpose "to show the development of the various voluntary organisations against the background of the time, past and present of their existence; to analyse as far as possible the motives of those who worked or took part in these movements, to indicate something of the philosophy that lies be-

hind these organisations and to estimate the value of the voluntary principle as shown in Youth Work'.

This book provides interesting reading to those of us who are workers in the Guide Movement, one of the foremost voluntary organisations as the writer recognises in the section where she deals with Scouting and Guiding. With the intimate knowledge we possess of our own movement we are able to evaluate the shrewd and understanding mind which the author brings to her review of our work and probably therefore to the review of other organisations of which we know less but ought to know more. Where she deals with the present day co-operation that must exist between the state Youth Service and the voluntary organisations the writer makes some wise observations, especially concerning the danger of assessing values by numbers and of any attempt at controlled uniformity. There is much to attract all thoughtful and inquiring Guiders. It should help us to understand other movements and is instructive training in that somewhat nebulous subject—public relationships'.

### Scottish Headquarters' Secretary

Scotland has this month welcomed as their new Headquarters Secretary Miss Ruth M. Black. Although so far Miss Black's actual Guide experience consists of service as a Brownie and a Training week at Foxlease, she brings with her much that will be of the greatest value to Guiding in Scotland. In addition to secretarial experience in a number of spheres, Miss Black served in the A.T.S. throughout the war, in which Service she had a great deal of experience in Training; during the latter part of the war she was in Canada, and visited every Province in connection with training. She also had experience of recruiting, and her travelling in Scotland will be a link when corresponding with Guiders from distant counties. One of her chief interests is music and both before and after the war she travelled in the Baltic countries, visiting many villages to collect folk songs and to broadcast the songs of our own country. Miss Black speaks several languages, and has a knowledge of Baltic dialects, so international visitors will enjoy their visits to Scottish Headquarters and will share in Scotland's good fortune in finding such an 'all round' Secretary.

### Ranger Poster Competition

The Girl Guides Association is organising a competition for posters designed to attract girls between the ages of fifteen and twenty-one years to the Ranger Branch. It is open to artists and art students aged thirty years and under, and Mr. Gabriel White, Assistant Art Director of the Arts Council, has kindly consented to be one of the judges. The size of the poster required is 20 ins. by 15 ins., and the method of working may be in line or colour. The first prize is £15, the second prize £10, and the third, two prizes of £5 each. There is no entrance fee, and the closing date is February 1st, 1952. Artists wishing to enter for the competition should write for an entry form and pamphlet giving information about the Ranger Branch to the Publications Secretary, Girl Guides Association, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, marking envelopes 'Ranger Poster Competition'.

### The G.I.S. Film

Following up the article, 'The End in Sight' in the September GUIDER, Guiders may like to take the opportunity of interesting outside organisations, as well as Guide groups, by showing the new G.I.S. film, 'Christmas in the Hard Core Camps'. It is now available for booking (fee 3s. 6d.) through the I.H.Q. Publicity Department.



# The Founder's Stalking Games



The stalking walk

ONCE Guides have begun to play stalking games they will discover that they can only win if they know how to stalk properly, how to hide, and how to move from one place to another unseen and unheard. There are two ways of moving unseen. One is to mingle with other people, and to behave in such a normal way that no one notices you. The other is to make such use of natural cover that you really are invisible. There are five stalking positions which help a Guide to do this. These are:

1. *The stalking walk.* This is a smooth, unhurried, walk; the balance perfect, and every muscle loose, pliant, and ready to respond to the least suggestion from the brain. The whole foot should be put down together, but lightly, and great care should be taken to avoid any twig that might snap.

2. *The crouched walk.* For this position knees and back should both be bent. Movement must be smooth, and the head must not go up and down, which can all too easily happen. So, though the stalker should bend well, she must not go so low that she jerks as she walks.

3. *The cat crawl.* The stalker goes on hands and knees, and must be sure to keep the tail well down. Right hand and knee are together when left hand and knee are extended, and vice versa.

4. *The side stroke.* The Guide lies on the ground on one side, and then works forward by raising the body on one elbow and the feet; it is quite strenuous exercise.

5. *The seal crawl.* Here the body is as flat on the ground as possible, face downwards. The stalker moves forward by raising the body on the forearms and the toes. This is slow but not difficult.

Having once enjoyed stalking games a Guide will be keen to learn these positions, but the games should come first.

The chapter on 'Scoutcraft' in *Scouting for Boys* will be found to be particularly useful. When planning a game try not to let those who are 'killed' be out for more than a short time, or the very children who most need practice will not have it. There are a number of ways in which a Guide can be 'killed'; by being seen; by having a number printed very clearly on cards worn on the tie and on the back (one patrol should not know the number given to the other patrol) and these numbers being correctly read by the enemy; by changing things on the uniform which the other Guides have to notice; by being hit by a ball, fir cone, chestnut or acorn; removal of a 'tail' from the belt.

Here is a game 'Stalking and Reporting' from *Scouting for Boys* which is fun. This can be played as in the book, with the Guider staying in a conspicuous place and doing things for the Guides to notice without their being seen.

A good variant is for the Guider to go along a pre-arranged path, possibly for quite a distance. Each patrol must so place its members that the Guider is always watched by an unseen member of the patrol. The Guider could do three definite actions.

Marks are gained for each action correctly reported, and

lost by each Guide who has been seen. The whole patrol must decide together what the three actions have been.

Before the game starts the Guides should agree whether or not a Guide who has been 'killed' may report on something she has seen before she was 'killed'. Dead men tell no tales, but it could be imagined that she had sent a wireless message before her 'death'.

The game is more fun if there are two Guiders, who may be generals discussing The crouched walk a plan of campaign. They could for instance draw a rough plan on the ground, or hide a message. The Guide who, unseen, copied a message or collected the note would gain extra points for her patrol. Needless to say, the 'generals' would constantly look backwards as well as forwards. This game can very well be played along a path through a wood.

Here is another game called 'Spider and Fly' from *Scouting for Boys* which you may like to adapt with your company. A piece of country or section of the town about a mile square is selected as the web, and its boundaries described and an hour fixed at which operations are to cease.

'One patrol (or half patrol) is the "spider" which goes out and selects a place to hide itself.

'The other patrol (or half patrol) goes a quarter of an hour later as the "fly" to look for the "spider". They can spread themselves about as they like, but must tell their leader anything that they discover. An umpire goes with each party.

'If within the given time (say about two hours) the fly has not discovered the spider, the spider wins. The spiders write down the names of any of the fly patrol that they may see; similarly, the flies write down the names of any spiders that they may see, and their exact hiding place.

'The two sides should wear different colours, or be differently dressed'.

Stalking is immensely popular with Guides of all ages because of the fun and adventure it gives. Sometimes it is rather less popular with parents, who look askance at uniforms crushed and soiled and shoes thick with mud. The Guider must judge what can be wisely done in her own area. Without some risk there cannot be adventure.

Nowadays our population is increasingly urban, and the town dweller tends to be smart and almost picknickety. We are so keen that our Guides shall look neat and that their appearance shall be a credit to the movement, that the uniform is almost treated like Sunday clothes. This is right at the right moment, but it can also be very wrong. What child ever had fun in its Sunday best?

Perhaps, now, the pendulum should swing back a little. Some mud and a few scratches are only honorable scars of battle. We must think carefully what qualities we most want to develop in our Guides.

If initiative, courage and self control are what we value we should most certainly play stalking games.

MARJORIE COBHAM



The seal crawl



The cat crawl



The 'side stroke'





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## 'Understanding' Children

NOTHING is more cheering than after early failures to find that one is gradually learning to manage children, and to awake response in them, introducing them to the wonders, joys and responsibilities of life.

Anyone who *likes* children and who is willing to take enough trouble can learn to be a competent and inspiring Brown Owl or Captain, who will be able to meet difficulties buoyantly and to enjoy her time with Brownies and Guides, but *liking* and *taking trouble* are absolute essentials.

Obviously there are two main factors to consider in winning happy response from children—the leader and the children. Let us consider the children first. To like children is absolutely essential to any success of a kind worth having. I believe this liking is almost instinctive in most girls and women, but I have had the confidence of some who were trying to work with children who frankly had no liking for them at all, and were naturally unhappy in their work, and made the children unhappy, too. They complained that the girls were tiresome, naughty, badly trained at home and disobedient. They did not seem capable of understanding that *they* were bringing out the worst in those children, or of looking with sympathy at how things must appear to them.

Most of us know very well how fatally easy it was to be naughty, so called, with some older people, but how we never even thought of being tiresome with others, not from fear, but because we felt liked and understood, and probably were given something interesting to do.

Though I feel sure that all Guiders must have, at least, some liking for children, it is true that in most of us this liking can be increased in intelligence and degree, by deepening and extending our understanding of a child's make-up. Girls between seven and fourteen, and often on to sixteen, are apt to be particularly difficult, though very likeable, because five of the twelve primary 'wants' inherited by all mankind come to full vigour during these years, sometimes, indeed, before.

They are:—1. The 'want' to be active, to let off energy, to do and make, to pursue, explore, find out. 2. The 'want' to attract attention, to be noticed, to count with someone. 3. The 'want' to attack, fight, get the better of, be superior to. 4. The 'want' to tend, protect, shower affection upon someone or something. 5. The 'want' to seek companionship, to imitate, to admire.

Now when you think of these 'wants' surging up in a child, you will see how hard it is for a spirited girl of ten, say, to do meekly all day long what someone else arranges for her. If you ponder along these lines, perhaps you will wonder that children are not more difficult than they are, and you will see how necessary it is that we should understand that these keen 'wants' are developing continuously. In themselves these 'wants' are neither good nor bad, but neutral, though the energy behind them may be tremendous, and will, in due course, turn the 'wants' to good, not so good, or bad.

Here comes our chance as leaders. If we like and understand children, we can turn a great deal of the energy behind these 'wants' into healthy channels, enjoyable to the child and helpful to the community. Of course we shall not succeed in turning all of it in helpful directions, and you will see that 'want' 1, for instance, is almost bound to cause letting off steam at the wrong time; 'want' 2, showing off, and 'want' 3, quarrelling and so on; yet 'want' 1 can equally produce willingness to take responsibility, 'want' 2 self-respect and self-control, and 'want' 3 courage.

All human beings have these 'wants', and their vigour is retained in adult life by the potentially finest personalities. The way to be happy is to find ways that are useful and unselfish of satisfying these 'wants'; and happy-spiritedness is, I believe, the greatest asset a leader can have, for it is so infectious and inspiring.

LYDIA S. ELIOTT



## The Guiders' Parliament

### The Standard of Guiding

A BROWNIE Guider says: 'I feel very strongly that this is a very vital subject, needing careful thought and urgent consideration by us all—especially the Guiders themselves.

'The standard of Guiding, especially the standard of test work and the pride and correctness in wearing uniform, has definitely gone down. There is, I feel, one major reason for this. It has for many years been so difficult to find Guiders that we have rather 'embraced' anyone showing the slightest degree of interest, whether or no she would be suitable as a Guider. People who are interested in the movement are not always suitable as Guiders. Warrants have been given far too easily and so often we have been so thankful to find someone willing to help with a pack or company that we have turned a blind eye to faults and failings, inefficiency and unsuitability.

'May I make two suggestions: Could not each County hold Pre-warrant trainings three or four times a year to which every Guider must go before she receives a warrant? I suggest that the Guiders should actually take part of the training, such as a game, teaching test work, ceremonial, so that she is *really trained before* she is warranted.

'Secondly, I would suggest that District Commissioners visit the pack or company at least three times before giving a warrant and that their visits should be unannounced. Surely it is not sufficient to watch a Guider take one meeting. She knows her Commissioner is coming and the meeting is prepared with the utmost care and is not always a typical meeting. Let the Commissioners drop in unawares and watch meetings as they are normally taken, thus getting a true picture of whether the Guider is ready for a warrant.

'I should like to see more County and Division trainings so that we could expect Guiders to attend a training at least once in two years, thus ensuring that our Guiders do not get stale. Many of our Guiders lack training and are short of ideas, many have never even been to a training. It is not possible for all Guiders to get to the training centres, but if we could have more evening or weekend trainings within the county—or, better still, the Division—then we could expect our Guiders to attend.

'The standard of uniform is sadly lacking. Guiders are no longer taking pride in wearing it. I know it is costly these days, but how often it is the minor details which mar the way it is worn. The length and width of ties, the position of badges, stars and stripes, and the wearing of coloured hair ribbons by Guiders—all these minor details would be corrected if only the Guiders set the example.

'Surely the answer to this all-important subject lies with the Guiders. If the Guider is fully trained *before* being warranted, and keeps herself up-to-date and renewed with fresh ideas by attending trainings, if the Guider is smart in her uniform and particular in the small details, if the Guider reads *P.O.R.* and is familiar with the uniform chapter, then we shall have started to improve our standards. If the Guider sets the example then her company or pack will not let her down.

'It will be a much greater thrill to obtain badges if the tests make real demands. The girls are keen, but too often the Guiders are slack. I think we must ask ourselves: "Is it better to have a few packs and companies which are of a really high standard, because their Guiders are well trained and enthusiastic, or shall we have any amount of packs and companies, but with Guiders who are not prepared to give more than one and a half hours a week, who have no inclination to do anything to make themselves efficient? Shall we hand out warrants to all and sundry because we're glad to get hold of anyone and everyone, or shall we make sure our Guiders are sufficiently capable and suitable to hold a warrant? It is up to each one of us to make sure our own pack or company is of the highest possible standard".



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## Woodcraft in Winter—1

**W**HY do so few Guides go in for Woodcraft badges? Is it because they call for more perseverance than others—three months' observation of a chosen area, a log book recording the stalking of four wild animals or birds, knowledge of both winter and summer constellations, or observation of trees at all seasons?

Or is it because we, as Guiders, are not sufficiently helpful and encouraging? I have not said 'knowledgeable' because I do not believe that is the point. Do we tactfully discourage Mary from taking her Cook's badge because we are not as expert cooks ourselves as we could wish? No, indeed! We most probably suggest that, if she cannot get enough practice at home, she should experiment on our own gas stove, and perhaps we may learn some tips. Mary will be thrilled to tell her mother that captain had never used so-and-so to make such-and-such, but is going to try now!

Why not try the same tactics when Jane tells you that she saw a rabbit on the common last week, and stayed so still that she never disturbed it at all, 'so please can I take Stalker's badge, Captain?' Seeing a rabbit may seem a slender foundation for that, but if Jane's interest is kept up by an immediate response on your part, a plan for a Scouting game, the news that Mrs. Brown has seen a squirrel in her garden, the loan of a book about rabbits, or, best of all, a request to go to the common yourself, she may persevere and gain a great deal more than a badge in the end.

### Catch the Interest Now

Or do you find yourself saying, 'Well, it's rather late in the year for that kind of badge. Suppose you wait until next summer?' The rabbit is not likely to wait and nor will Jane's interest, and an opportunity is lost, perhaps for ever. Do we forget sometimes that the sub-title of *Scouting for Boys* is 'A training in citizenship through woodcraft'? How many of the qualities whose lack we so often regret in

our Guides (or in ourselves if we are honest) come into the working for a Woodcraft badge? Perseverance, observation, self-reliance, a sense of wonder, an appreciation of stillness, are only a few.

And what is wrong with winter? It is a beginning time, not an ending. For a Guide thinking of Woodman's badge, it is the time to plant some tree fruits so that her first year seedlings may come up under her eye. Plan a hike with the object of collecting as many fruits as possible, and choose the most likely for planting. Horse chestnuts, acorns, beech mast and sycamore 'wings' would probably be successful; try experiments with others.

### Finding and Making

It is astonishing to find how few seeds of some kinds must germinate in ordinary conditions. Get the Guides to count how many seeds a single pine cone holds, and show them how a squirrel deals with it, holding the pointed end in its paws and ripping off the scales with its teeth to get at the seeds by twisting the cone round and round. They can soon see if squirrels are about by finding little piles of scales and the neatly de-scaled cones, but can they find one that is completely finished right to the last scale?

Collections started now may well be interesting enough to qualify for Naturalist badge. Besides fruits, other suggestions are feathers, wood sections, or leaves in autumn colouring. These last can be kept in good colour like this: Pour melted candlewax on a sheet of grease proof paper, quickly place the leaves in the wax and cover with another sheet, pressing together with a weight. When dry the sheets can be hung against the light, and the colours will be perfect.

So don't wait for Jane to see that rabbit? Don't tell the Guides that they must all settle down to do their Woodcraft badges, but take them out to find something, show them how to make something, and you will be well on the way!

J. E. BARLEE

## 'The Good Old Days'

*Every Guide must, of course, know how to make bread for herself without regular cooking utensils . . . .  
Complete patrols of Guides to be taken out about two miles apart and made to work toward each other. . . .*

**W**HAT are your reactions to these suggestions? Do they startle you at all? Do you think most of the present-day Guides would be prepared to start an ordinary patrol game two miles apart, or would they want a 'bus'? I doubt, too, if every Guide can make bread as a matter of course—but these are ordinary ideas from the first *Girl Guide Handbook*.

I daresay many of you have not been lucky enough to read it, and others not looked at it for years. It only came my way from hearing occasional lighthearted references to it, which inspired me to find a copy so as to be able to compete in lightheartedness myself! I succeeded in borrowing one, and settled down to a good laugh, but I did not laugh much, I was too impressed with the sound sense of it, and the jolt it gave to our present-day ideas.

Of course some of it may seem ridiculous in our 'enlightened' days, it is a glorious muddle of hints on fretwork, savings banks—a candidate for First Class must show her savings bank book—and true stories of real heroism, all mixed up with how to destroy rats and mice in the home, a muddle we have been trying to straighten out in *P.O.R.* ever since! Runaway horses are few, so the very clear paragraph on how to stop them is rather wasted, so too, we seldom need to suck the wounds of a child bitten by a mad dog.

We are unlikely to have time to 'secure a burglar with eight

inches of cord', but this is how it should be done. 'Make a slip knot at each end, tie his hands behind by passing each loop over his little fingers, place the burglar face downwards . . . etc.'. Though we may laugh there is much we can learn, even if it is only a preparedness for eventualities, and it might be fun to try, with an amiable companion, the suggestion to 'get some strong person to let you trip her up, throw her on her back, or hurt her wrist—it's easily done. Ju-jitsu chart card, 2d.'

This book is full of 'must', rather than should, and perhaps a little more discipline wouldn't hurt us today, for after all, as General Slim says, 'discipline—the old Christian virtue of unselfishness, it is the sacrifice of a man's comfort, inclination, safety, even life, for others, for something greater than himself', and in this book, which is so full of ideas, many of them from *Scouting for Boys*, since it was written by Miss Baden-Powell and the Founder himself, we can find pointers for training and for fun with the Guides.

Read the book, thinking and taking stock of forty years and of the Guide companies you know, and ask yourself whether, in removing the superfluous trimmings of the uniform in those days, we have not perhaps lost some of the spice, the fun, the immense keenness visualised in this old book.

ENID BURNHAM

[Deputy Chief Commissioner for England]



# 'They All Wanted to Become Guiders'

JUST over two years ago our Guide Company found itself with half a dozen older P.L.s, all very keen and loathe to leave, but at a stage at which they needed more scope than the ordinary company programme could offer. One thing was certain—they all wished some day to become Guiders. Until then, the word 'Cadet' had meant little more than a chapter skimmed over in P.O.R. However, we now read the chapter, chewed and digested it, and were almost surprised to find that here was the perfect answer!

The company is something of a hybrid. Although it is open to girls in any part of this large county we have normal fortnightly meetings. Most of us are within a seven mile radius of the county town, although three Cadets live sixty miles south of it, and our Lieutenant as many north. In England, someone living in York would hardly contemplate belonging to a company in Manchester, but the population of the Highlands is so scattered that distances have to be treated with a certain contempt. Fares are, of course, high, but so far a kind car-owning parent has come to the rescue on most occasions, and the fact of having first to overcome inconveniences seems to make the Cadets all the more anxious to attend meetings!

We plan on the assumption that a girl will spend the first year of her training working with the Cadet Company only, and that during her second she will also be attached to a Guide Company or Brownie Pack. The main difficulty has been to adjust programmes so that each individual is neither bored nor rushed off her feet, yet covers as much ground as possible. At one end of the scale were some Queen's Guides, and people with five years solid Guiding behind them; then came the ones who had never had anything to do with Guiding in their lives before; finally there were those who had left their companies at thirteen or fourteen, because they were bored. Perhaps the most difficult, these, as they had to begin by unlearning quite a lot, but they were promising, too, as an example of the extraordinary vitality and appeal of Guiding.

Of our two meetings a month, one is devoted to 'Aim', i.e., general work, discussions, teaching methods, principles, and the other to 'Execution', i.e., the technical side, the actual tests, and the reasons behind them, and an outline of the whole system of Guide organisation, and the way in which each country and branch fits into the jigsaw of World Guiding.

We have divided the company into two groups. The experienced, and second year, Cadets concentrate on 'Aim', and come to 'Execution' only when work permits. The less experienced, and first year, attend both. The pace at which the company progresses does vary a good deal. Exams, a busy season in shop or office, means tired Cadets, and at these times the meetings provide relaxation and refreshment rather than definite instruction. The ground lost is more than made up during holidays and slack periods of work, when we arrange extra

meetings, overnight hikes or outdoor Scouting games. Each Cadet aims to do her Camp Permit and, if possible, her First Class, before leaving the Company. So far this has been achieved, and we hope that it will grow into a tradition. It does, of course, mean hard work and work on her own, and we make this very clear to any potential recruits.

Our debates sometimes wind their way along curious and unorthodox routes and the carefully prepared, nicely-thought-out discussion never seems to produce half such interesting or stimulating ideas as the spontaneous arguments which spring up at odd times and places. This applies especially to discussions on the Promise and Law—they are such difficult things for the unpractised to discuss in cold blood, at a set time and place.

Once a month we do, however, have a 'discussion talk' on such things as 'The Patrol System', 'Company Management' or 'Why play Games'; copies of these are typed out afterwards and given to each Cadet for her log book.

Our Investiture tests are much like other peoples, varying for each individual Cadet. An overnight hike seems to meet most cases, together with some sort of quick, unexpected challenge, on the lines of the 'Be Prepared' test, calling for common-sense, calmness, and an ability 'to rise to the occasion'.

The company is forming a reference library and buys out of company funds THE GUIDER, THE RANGER, and *The Council Fire*. We also have a reading list—names of books Cadets have enjoyed and recommended to their friends.

We enlist the help of experts whenever possible, and do all we can to meet new people, hear different points of view, see new places and ways of life, stressing always that the Cadet's job as a Guider will be to turn out balanced, all-round people, not Guide technicians, and that if her training is to be effective she must first be this sort of person herself.

Besides company work, Cadets help with various county activities, acting as aides at rallies and trainings, as A.Q.M.s and P.A.s in camps. Such things do encourage courtesy, reliability, organising ability and the acceptance of responsibility.

Finally, during the whole of our training, we try to emphasise three things:—

1. That the Founder described Scouting as 'A school of citizenship through woodcraft'. Thus the immense importance of camp and outdoor work.
2. That imagination is the vital spark which lights up all training.
3. That an ounce of practice is worth tons of theory—and that the best teaching of all, in the big things and in the little, is by example.

We hope that when a Cadet finally leaves the company she will have learnt to accept discipline, and criticism, to laugh at herself, and to realise how little any of us know about anything! She should be her own sternest critic, appreciat-

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The importance of the outdoor side of Guiding is always stressed with Cadets—and here we see a Scottish Cadet Colour Party in camp





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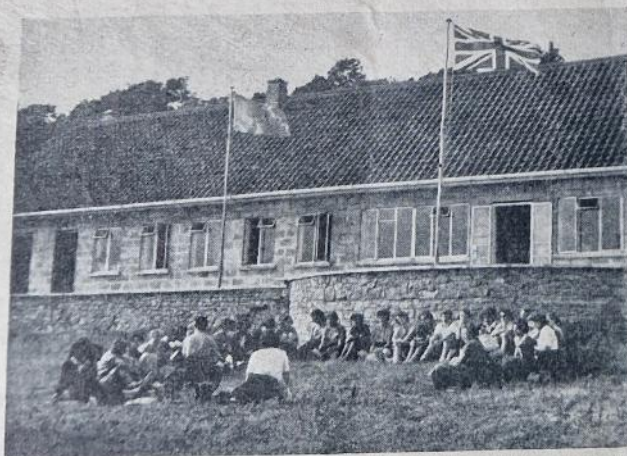
## The Commissioners' Meeting Place

## A Northampton Division Trains at Gorwelion

IT was during the 1950 Guide camp for Northampton Division that the idea was born. 'I wish we could take the young Guiders to camp next year for training, and to show them fresh fields'. 'Their holidays are short, they need relaxation as well as training'. 'It would be good to meet other Guiders'. 'We need more fellowship in our Guiding here'. 'What about Gorwelion?'

There is a one-time Northampton Guider who is Guiding in Glamorgan. She was approached and was as thrilled as we were and promised to broach the subject. Yes, the Guides of Central Glamorgan would love to have us, and there were trainers almost on the spot, and a Q.M. Trainers and Q.M. were approached, too, and would be delighted to help us, and the English and Welsh Training Committees agreed that we could go ahead. Thus plans went on and the proposed trip to Gorwelion at Wigfach, near Bridgend was noised abroad in the Division. Later, a letter of invitation was sent to every Guider. The date chosen, May 26th to June 2nd, 1951, seemed a difficult one, and names came in slowly, so we invited two Guiders from Buckinghamshire, one from South Northamptonshire, one from Birmingham and two from Cardiff, and mustered eighteen in all.

May 26th arrived at last and we travelled by 'bus, train and car to the lovely spot on the South Wales coast where Central Glamorgan has built its County Centre. What a welcome there was! Lying under the wooded hillside, the long, low house with open doors and many windows facing seawards, waited for us, its Colours already flying. Inside were a crackling log fire and flowers of blue and gold, most beautifully arranged by the County Commissioner. 'What a lovely place!' 'A real Guide house'. Here was everything we needed. Ease and comfort, books, opportunities for housecraft and woodcraft as well as tents for our campcraft, sea and sand, flowery sand dunes and even more flower-decked hillsides. There were bluebells, pink campion, cowslips, hawthorn, gorse; and, such a joy, great clumps of deep blue creeping gromwell, which we learned is very rare and therefore to be cherished.



A lovely site for a campfire at Gorwelion with a wide view over the seashore

Apart from our first day we were blessed with perfect weather and, in spite of rain, Sunday was a happy day. Services at the 13th century parish church at Newton, at the little Methodist chapel, and the Guiders' Own, taken by Miss Olive Nicholl, all gave us thoughts on which to ponder during our stay at Gorwelion. Then there was campfire (round the lounge fire) conducted by our Brownie trainer.

Monday dawned bright and sunny and we found ourselves with time to 'stand and stare' on a Stop, Look and Listen expedition. On Monday evening we watched acted scenes on 'how to treat' and 'how not to treat' our Commissioners!

Tuesday found us revelling in the beauties of the Gower Peninsula. Our coach took us to Oxwich, Horton, Port Eynon, Mewslade and Rhossilli. It was a wonderful day of



Rangers from many lands watch a traditional dance by Greek Rangers at the Welsh international gathering at Gorwelion in July

blue seas, golden sands, birds and flowers in profusion and last, but not least, good fellowship.

On Wednesday morning we were tent-pitching with the Green Cord Diploma'd Guider who had come to help us, and thinking of why we should camp. We were also eager, after seeing an excellent set of lightweight equipment, to set forth on overnight hikes at the earliest opportunity. During the evening we learned how to teach semaphore and how to tell stories.

On Thursday morning we set off to visit Ewenny, where pottery is still made by hand and where we could buy jugs, jars, dishes and baskets. This was followed by a visit to Southerndown, which has the only cliffs in the district and a stretch of smooth golden sands. From there we passed on to Merthyr Mawr, a village of thatched cottages, sheltered by the highest sand dunes in Western Europe, which not only boast flowers, but trees and a stream in their midst. This is a most unusual and beautiful place. In the evening the folk dance tunes of many lands rang out from the terrace when we danced under the guidance of another Glamorgan Guider.

Friday was cleaning day! Windows, floors, baths, bowls and basins must all be left spotless, but there was time for a walk over the sand dunes to the sea, and a long rest hour.

Then we summed up by gathering together the thoughts of the week which we hoped would strengthen our purpose for the future, and lead us to new horizons in our Guiding. Here, at Gorwelion, we had found spiritual, mental and physical refreshment.

Thus ended a week which will long be remembered, and which we hope will be an inspiration for the days to come. All that we thought and did and said will not be told or even recorded, but the fellowship which we had sought was there. At times the house was ringing with happy laughter and songs; at others there was the quiet peace which was also needful for our complete happiness.

Gorwelion gave us all this, and our thanks are due to the Guides of Central Glamorgan and our visiting trainers for giving us this great opportunity.

EVA ALLEN



## From the Commissioner for Overseas

THIS month the Chief Commissioner has lent me her Diary space, and I am very grateful for the opportunity to talk to so many people, both at home and overseas. This Festival year has brought an even greater number of overseas visitors to Guide Headquarters than usual—it has also brought literally hundreds of British Rangers, Guides and Brownies to see their own Headquarters which they feel so proud to help through their weekly contributions. The Finance Scheme has made everyone much more interested in Headquarters, which is excellent. We want the whole movement to treat Headquarters as their own, which indeed it is, and we warmly welcome the interest and enthusiasm of Guides and Local Association members which is so evident from their visits.

There is a particular desire among British children to see and find out about Guides in other countries, and the pictures and models sent us from all parts of the world are a source of great interest and pleasure. But there is still a tremendous ignorance, particularly about our own Empire, and this not only among the Guides, but also the Guiders and Commissioners—in fact, one could say, in this country as a whole. We are very glad to answer enquiries and to recommend books to those who come for information to the Overseas Department, so be sure to make use of us.

The Commissioner for County Empire Representatives, Mrs. Philbin, and the Empire Representatives in each county are doing a wonderful job in helping to bridge the gap, and their first big venture in the Brownie Branch proved amply justified by the excellent response and the interest aroused in the Empire Model section of the Brownie Handcraft Exhibition. This is the way it should be done—as an integral part of our ordinary training, not as something special. Some of the models were really excellent, and must have been great fun to make; and the large number of people who crowded round asking questions showed what a demand there is for more information.

Plans are now afoot for a Guide Quiz and for a new 'Do You Know?' series in THE GUIDER, with pictures of Rangers, Guides and Brownies from every part of the Empire, with notes about the places in which they live. Look out, later on, for an announcement about this series.

You will have read with horror about the ravages of the hurricane in Jamaica. Here is a real chance for practical help and many people have already responded. A company in London (without a Guider for the time being) went out and found themselves jobs to earn money to buy clothes for refugees, many of whom have lost everything they possess. How good it is to hear of such quick action, and such a sensible way of going about it. As I write, these Guides are choosing the material which will go in the next boat in two days' time with all the other gifts bought with the donations sent to Headquarters for this purpose. The Overseas Committee today set aside £50 to help build up Jamaican Guiding, when the time comes. Later on, Guide uniform and equipment, and toys for hospitals will all be needed, and the Overseas Department will be delighted to give advice about the best ways in which you can give help.

You will have read, too, about the Stamp Scheme which is to encourage stamp collections (one of the best ways of learning your way around the world without travelling!) and also, we hope, be a means of raising money for the Extension Branch overseas which is at present not very far developed. I believe we may get many very interesting stamps. Today I heard that Tristan da Cunha is just about to have stamps for the first time and hope to send us a set of their first day covers.

The Colonial Office are most encouraging to Guiding in the Colonies and we have a very special link through their

observer who comes to the Overseas Committee. Many Colonies now give quite substantial grants for Guiding from their own funds, and the first purpose for which they generally wish to use this money is to invite a Trainer to go out to help them. There are now salaried Headquarters Trainers in Malaya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Cyprus. Miss Fry has just returned from the Gold Coast, and Miss Pilditch and Miss Newnham go out to Kenya and Southern Rhodesia respectively in the near future.

Besides these very interesting full-time salaried posts, lasting one, two or three years, and for which there will be a steady demand in the future, there is a great need in the smaller territories like Gibraltar, Aden, and some of the West Indian islands for people with good experience as District Commissioners and with company Guiding and camping, but not necessarily of Diploma'd standard. The help required varies from a month to a year or more. In some cases salaries are offered, in others only expenses. I believe that there are many people who might be interested to give a little time in this way, either making a special journey or in conjunction with their own private travelling. The Overseas and Training Departments will be delighted to give further information.

I have just come back from a holiday in Brittany and the memory of looking out to sea across the lovely rocky coast is still very vivid. Many of us must have been holidaying by the sea lately, and I wonder if it gives you the magical feeling it gives me of the limitless opportunities that lie over the horizon, a feeling of resilience, of reaching out, and of putting one's whole thinking into a wider framework. That is what we need to do in our sea-bound islands—to think of that word 'overseas' a good deal more, to realise how the closer contacts and the wider knowledge can be the greatest enrichment of all our lives besides bringing about the goal for which we all strive, the ideals of friendship, understanding and mutual help as the foundation for the good life.

HELEN GIBBS

[DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONER, IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS]

## The Natural History Museum

GUIDERS who live near London and those who are thinking of bringing their companies to London may like to know of the facilities offered at the Natural History Museum at South Kensington. A fascinating place for all nature lovers with its sections on all forms of wild life (insects, fishes, reptiles, etc.), and with many of its mounted exhibits shown in their natural surroundings, it has in addition a special Children's Centre. This is to the left of the main hall and is open during holiday time on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 to 4.30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 2 to 4.30 p.m. (in term time it is open only on Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4.30 p.m.).

In this room there are specimens which the Guides can handle and sheets of paper are given them upon which they can draw and make notes about the exhibits. An adviser is pleased to answer any questions and provide children with coloured pencils, paper and drawing boards and stools if they wish to go out and copy exhibits in detail.

The Junior Naturalists' Club, open on Saturday mornings from 11 to 12.30 p.m., is recruited from members of the Children's Centre who are keen naturalists and who need a workroom and reference library or advice on their own field work. Enquiries about the Junior Naturalists' Club should be made to Miss Palmer at the Children's Centre.



## Introducing the Executive Committee

## The Hon. Lady Cochrane

WE very naturally think of Lady Cochrane and know her best as Chief Commissioner for England—an appointment she has held for the past ten years, during which time she has endeared herself to every member of her large Guide family. (Lady Cochrane once jokingly said she was invited to become Chief Commissioner for England in 1941 because 'I was the only unemployed woman in England when I came home from abroad!')

Lady Cochrane had just returned from Burma where her husband had held appointment as Governor from 1936 to 1941. Apart from her numerous public duties as Governor's wife she was President of the Guides in Burma—the first who had been a Guide herself—and thus brought a richness to Burmese Guiding which was of inestimable worth. 'I was very proud of my Burma Guides' she always says, and we know well she left behind a fine record of service to Guiding and Burma.

How glad we all were to welcome Lady Cochrane home and how lucky England was to find a Chief who was prepared to give so much of her time and ability to encourage and lead Guiding at such an important time in the movement's history.

No request for a visit to a county, or to attend a conference or training or to talk over a difficulty (and there were many during the war years) remained unanswered, and many long and uncomfortable journeys were taken to visit small groups of Guides in all parts of the country.

It was as a Scouter that Lady Cochrane first gained experience as a leader when from 1910-1926 she acted as Scouter and Cubmaster to the Linton Troop and Pack. Guiding claimed her attention as early as 1921 when she became Division Commissioner for Maidstone until 1928, adding to her commitments in 1926 by accepting appointment as County Commissioner for Kent, a post she held till leaving for Burma in 1936. In 1938, when Lady Cochrane's work was recognised by the award of the Silver Fish she said it 'was really awarded to Guiding in Kent'.

As a member of the Council since 1933, and as a member of the Executive Committee for many years, Lady Cochrane has served the movement well and sincerely. Duty as a citizen came foremost to her thoughts and she showed keen interest in many spheres of public life. For twenty-five years she taught in a Sunday School and in 1910 she became a V.A.D. and served with a detachment in World War I. In Rotterdam in 1918 she nursed British Prisoners of War as they came from Germany and later became Commandant of the British Empire Leave Club in Cologne. For these services she holds the Red Cross Long Service Medal and Clasp.

A lover of hunting, squash rackets, cricket and lawn tennis Lady Cochrane is a true sportswoman

and by her happy disposition towards her fellow creatures and her love of the outdoor life has great understanding, particularly with young people. Those who work with her are sensitive to her infectious enthusiasm and charm and her great friendliness. Always approachable and appreciative of any work done for Guiding she is ever ready to encourage the new-comer.

Lady Cochrane hands over her appointment as England's Chief Commissioner in October but we are overjoyed that H.R.H. The Princess Royal has personally appointed her as President for England—a new appointment which will be welcomed by England with joy and pleasure that Lady Cochrane is the first to hold this office and thereby retain personal contact with the country. Lady Cochrane goes forward also as Commissioner for London County, President for Perthshire county and of Kent and Maidstone Trefoil Guilds so her contacts with Guiding are still many. All her friends offer her their heartfelt thanks for her gifts to the movement in the past and look forward to many opportunities of happy association in the future.

## From the Chief Commissioner

SCENE: The C.C.A.s' Conference at High Leigh, 1949.

Enter brand new Commissioner, chilly and rather alarmed at her very first conference as Chief Commissioner. A little polite conversation with the Commissioner for Training and others interrupted by sounds of a very good party and bursts of laughter from next door.

'What on earth is that?' asks the Chief Commissioner at last, anxious not to miss any of the fun.

'Oh, that is the English C.C.A.s with Lady Cochrane!'

But it might just as well have been any other group of Guiders in England for she brings happiness and fun wherever she is. I have worked with Lady Cochrane for a far shorter time than many of you but no one has had more opportunity to admire her wonderful qualities. As you may know we have worked in the same room so I have had a 'close-up' of her kindness, her courtesy and her unfailing and irresistible sense of humour and appreciation and joy in the ridiculous.

If we could capture, each one of us, some of Lady Cochrane's special qualities it would be no mean memorial to these years of devoted service which she has given to the movement. For us Guiders I would think we could best employ her sense of gaiety and fun and see we don't take non-essentials too seriously, more especially ourselves.

For Guides, let us help them to achieve some measure of Lady Cochrane's courtesy and to model themselves in this on their new English President.

JEAN STRATHEDEN  
(Chairman of the Executive Committee)



The Hon. Lady Cochrane with the Standard of England in the Council Chamber at Imperial Headquarters



## The Trefoil Guild Overseas

MISS M. E. ALCOCK, formerly of Mansfield, Nottingham, Colwyn Bay and Denbighshire Districts, writes: 'When I came out to New Zealand in May, 1949, I knew that I should not have time for active Guiding but, as an ex-Guider and a member of an English Trefoil Guild, I at once made enquiries about a Trefoil Guild in Auckland where I am living. I found that one was just being formed, so I joined up and it quickly grew into a very live organisation, holding monthly meetings, except in the holiday months of December and January. Often there were about a hundred members present at a meeting.'

'We had talks on many subjects, among them one on Municipal Health Services by a woman doctor who was a member of the City Council, and on work among refugees in China and Germany by a recently returned worker. We also had a demonstration of home millinery and a visit from one of the founders of the Camp Fire Girls of America. At every meeting we undertook some form of service. Sometimes we brought tins of food to be sent to Trefoil Guild members in Britain, or things for Christmas parcels for Missions, or for old folks in home or hospital, or jumble for a Local Association sale.'

'Auckland Guides and Scouts have a very fine annual service in the Town Hall, and Trefoil Guild members attend. We had an excursion one evening to see over the largest pottery works in the Southern Hemisphere. To this husbands and friends were invited, and the husbands became interested in the T.G. so that when their wives wanted to join in a week-end at Otimai, Auckland's Guide Home in the Waitakere Ranges, they were so co-operative that twenty-nine members stayed the night and many more came up for part of the time, as it is only fourteen miles from the city.'

'Otimai is a lovely spot, high up among the bush. Some Rangers were spending the week-end in their cottage in the grounds and they joined us for campfire on Saturday, and put up Colours on Sunday morning, while we stood round in a horseshoe. None of us was in uniform, of course. And did we talk? For some people it was the first night away from their families for eight years, for the lot of the housewife in New Zealand is a hard one. They said they had renewed their youth. In February we plan an outdoor meeting, with husbands and children to share in the fun.'

Our membership includes everyone from newly left Rangers to those who, not so young, have been in the movement since its early days, and also people like me, who have done their Guiding in other lands. Many old friendships have been renewed. I have met a Guider with whom I camped in 1925 on a previous visit to New Zealand, and a Commissioner whom I met at Swanwick in the early 'thirties. One of our members has lived in Trinidad, Hong Kong, and Kenya, and one evening she spoke about Guiding there. I have also met ex-Rangers from Cheshire and Liverpool who have come out to New Zealand with their husbands.

'The Trefoil Guild has also provided a few new Guiders, and most of us have offered temporary help in our districts. If there are any ex-Rangers or Guiders coming out to Auckland, they are sure of a welcome. I speak from experience.'

### In South Australia

Mrs. Hodges, Secretary for South Australia, writes: 'The most popular form of meeting is our usual informal gathering with the first period for minutes, roll call and business, followed by a speaker with a 'Travel Talk' or perhaps a foot specialist, beauty expert, or a home decorator. We have had some film evenings, including two sacred films at Easter.'

'Our members decide on something to work for each year. Last year we had several efforts for Paxlease, the Guide Training Centre. There is an endowment scheme at Paxlease,

where by giving £5 you may endow a day when Paxlease is yours each year. Our Guild endowed 'Thinking Day', which is also our birthday, and we celebrate this each year by a week-end at Paxlease. This year we are working for the Darwin Guide Library which was bombed in the war and, with many other buildings, destroyed. Books are also to go regularly to the Guides on Crocker Island.

'We were all happy at our last meeting when one of our crippled members was presented with the Guide Fortitude badge. Badly crippled, Flora still writes to some of our Lone members, and has given twenty-two years' service to the Guide Movement'.

### In Brisbane

Mrs. Barke, a new Secretary, writes: 'We were all thrilled to hear of your delight at the food parcel. We got as much pleasure out of sending it. Last year members without the ties of a young family gave voluntary help to the Red Cross Canteen at the Brisbane General Hospital in serving out cups of tea to the relatives of sick people. We also helped at the Civic Day Nursery where children under five are left while mothers are shopping. Donations have been given to the Spastic Guide Company and also towards the buying of a wheeled chair for a crippled Guider. We have now two more Trefoil Guides in Queensland, one at Ipswich, and one at Vail, a suburb of Brisbane.'

### St. Lucia, British West Indies

'The Guild here held their inaugural meeting in June and admitted fifty-two members. In addition to the local members, one had been a Guider in England, two in Dominica, one in Barbados, and three had been Guiders in Trinidad. Plans for helping two new Brownie Packs, and a money-making party for children were discussed, and the meeting ended with a re-affirmation of the Guide Promise and Taps'.

### Home News

The *Trefoil Guild Notes and News*, our new half-yearly Bulletin is now out, and all orders, already received, despatched. It is on sale in the Shop at I.H.Q., or further copies can be obtained, price 3½d., post free, from Miss Seed, 75, Dudwell Lane, Halifax, Yorkshire. We shall be very encouraged if other members of the movement will subscribe to our *News* and pass their copies on to someone who might become a member of the Guild. The Trefoil Guild Page in *THE GUIDER* will still appear, but only several times a year.

### Called to Higher Service

We regret to hear of the death of Queenie Breeze, the Secretary of the Fulham Guild, who was killed in a violent storm on June 22nd. She will be greatly missed, not only by her husband and two children, but by all who knew her for her smiling face and willingness to help in every way.

M.P.

### 2nd. Yorkshire W.R.S. County Guild Reunion

This Guild, a postal group for Blind members, held a reunion in Chester on June 9th. Eleven blind (three of them deaf-blind), six sighted members and a few friends met in the Parlour, a lovely old room attached to the Cathedral Cloisters. Several of us had not met since we used to camp every year before the war, and we were delighted to see Miss Carr who, when C.C.A. of Y.W.R.S., had been Commandant at several of our camps. Miss Pilkington told us of some of her experiences with the G.I.S. in Greece, and Mrs. Edwards, a Cheshire Trefoil Guild member, told us about the recent London Conference.

D. NAPIER



## The 25th Birthday Celebrations at Camp Edith Macy

*The Danish Guides invited all member countries of the World Association to present a shield portraying their country's coat of arms to hang in the national training centre of the Girl Scouts of the United States at Camp Edith Macy. The following article describes the unveiling of the plaques on August 18th, 1951, the anniversary of the opening of Camp Edith Macy twenty-five years ago.*

THE plaque you see below was sitting against the wall in the International Department when I went in on the eve of an unexpected visit to the United States. Had it not weighed a good deal more than the total amount of permitted baggage I would have taken it with me. On arrival in New York I was invited to unveil the British plaque at the Edith Macy Training School. The date was barely three weeks ahead and I did just wonder what hope there was of our plaque arriving in time! But there it was on August 18th, and I learned that the magic carpet called up by our International Department was nothing less than an American naval plane.

Camp Edith Macy, given in memory of one of the early chairmen of the Board of Girl Scout Directors, is a leader of a training camp with five 'Troup Units' tucked away on a beautifully wooded hillside. The 'Great Hall', built of stone with hand hewn beams of pine and Douglas fir, has great dignity and already a strong feeling of tradition. A space between the top of the stone walls and the roof is panelled and it was this which inspired a member of the World Committee to suggest that as Macy has welcomed so many guests from all parts of the world, the member countries of the World Association might like to present national plaques to fill the panels and commemorate the 25th anniversary.

At the unveiling ceremony the visitors gathered on the terrace, and on the lawn below in a circle of countries' flags, carried where possible by countries' representatives, proceedings began with singing and a display of international dancing. The Union Jack was in the hands of Mrs. Appleyard of Durham. The flags were then carried up the broad steps into the hall and each placed beneath its appropriate plaque, the United States flag and the flag of the United Nations flanking the platform. Mrs. Zarifi, of Greece, on behalf of the World Committee, presented the

plaques which were received by the Chairman of the Edith Macy Committee. The plaques were then unveiled. Six countries had a representative present who spoke briefly on behalf of her national Girl Scout or Guide Association. The others were unveiled by Girl Scouts of the United States.

Tea followed and much photography in the famous Avenue of Trees planted twenty-five years ago by representatives of all member countries present at the World Conference which celebrated the opening of the Camp. Since then, on July 4th of this year further trees have been dedicated to countries which have joined the World Association since 1924. Of course the most popular photographer's background was a sturdy pine with the Founder's name on the wooden label.

A fitting end to the ceremony was a talk by Mrs. Bok Holmes a member of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund Committee. Mrs. Holmes told of the work being done by the United Nations on behalf of children all over the world. She not only turned our thoughts outward beyond even the international aspect of Scouting and Guiding but reminded us of the many constructive and successful achievements of the United Nations.

Our illustration shows Great Britain's plaque, hewn from an oak grown four hundred years ago on the Somerleyton estate, designed by a Guide, Freda Hands, and carved by a Scout, Edward Gathercola, at Gilwell, with lettering and background by Mr. Wilson, Somerleyton Estate carpenter. Several of the plaques are decorated in colour; the Greek one is carved in wood and Belgium's is pure white, but it seems fitting that Great Britain's should be of solid oak. All are beautiful and the total effect is so right in design and so significant in symbolism that one feels that the Great Hall of Macy has awaited this occasion since its building.

MARGARET L. MARTIN



## The Seventh Protestant Promise and Law Gathering

ONE evening the country folk at Bièvres, a village a few miles south-west of Paris, saw the 'bus come in more crowded than usual and the roof piled high with luggage. When the doors were opened out burst some forty Guiders from thirteen countries who had come to spend ten days at La Roche-Dieu (the student house) studying 'the faithfulness of God' in reference to our Promise and Law.

Our days began in the chapel where each morning prayers were said by Guiders from a different country, the unifying link being the Lord's Prayer, a phrase from this forming the theme of the devotions. The prayers were not always translated but although we might not understand the spoken word we were united in spirit and enriched by sharing the ways of worship of so many countries and churches.

We saw again a variety of national traditions at Colours and then came the morning sessions devoted to the study of 'God's faithfulness', as shown in some of the psalms, and to discussion of the practical application to our Guiding activities of our belief in His faithfulness.

There were stimulating discussions, too, on our conference

theme and on the work of the church today, visits to Versailles and Sèvres, a memorable Communion service and 'jeu dramatique' when we mimed a series of Old Testament stories illustrating God's faithfulness to His chosen people, ending with their arrival in the Promised Land.

We shall not forget our visit to Sèvres because of its message of hope for the world-wide church. Here we went to a hostel for D.P. students studying in Paris who came from a number of East European countries. Some were Catholics, some Protestants and some members of the Orthodox Church. The Warden, a White Russian and a professor of philosophy, has so impressed the students with the worth of the world-wide church that without any skilled help or financial reserves they have built an oecumenical chapel for the hostel which they all share in the unity of the Spirit.

May I say a warm 'thank you' to the conference officers and to the Fédération Françaises des Eclaireuses, our hostesses, and may I recommend others to go to a Promise and Law gathering as soon as opportunity occurs. It is an experience you will not forget.

BARRARA WOODS



## With intelligent folk — it's save and smoke



John gave it up!  
He's saving 3/7 a day. Splendid!  
Here we see him gazing into a  
future bright with—just what?

Henry cut his 20 a day  
to 14. All you need, he says,  
is an iron will, a schedule, a  
stop-watch and a hat-pin.



Jane, intelligent creature,  
smokes her 20 a day and saves.  
Nothing easier,  
she says—



Mine's a  
**MINOR**



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## 'Training' to Take Parties Abroad

YOU want to take a party abroad? How do you start? Who will help? How do you get money and passport? Are there cheap fares? Does the leader need special qualifications? What about a foreign language? These and a dozen more questions were what we set out to find out when a training party set forth in June to go to the Convent of the Sacré Coeur at Bruges. A sunny calm four hours on the sea and a short train journey carried the party of fifteen to Bruges on a Friday evening, (it is cheaper to travel on Friday than Saturday on a party ticket and fifteen is the minimum number to get one).

In January plans had been laid and Guiders asked to draw up forms, and make kit lists and received 'sealed orders' to check their efforts. All these preparations and all we did in Bruges were discussed during the week in Belgium so that no point should be missed. This led the whole party to the conclusion that a prospective Leader should acquire some definite 'qualification' if she has neither been abroad before nor holds a Licence of any sort. Possibly the 'ability to control a party over a prolonged period' can be one person's responsibility while another acts as courier and linguist—though we felt each should have some knowledge of the other's role.

### Getting the Full Benefit

Think of the language question—several people must be able to understand a certain amount. On Sunday one Guider was hostess for the day and took instructions from a Belgian Guider to meet for sightseeing. She was told to meet at 'la porte de Gand'; by next morning this had turned into 'le pont du gare' and nowhere could this bridge be found. After half an hour's delay the party arrived at la Porte de Gand to find our Belgian friends flown! What an easy mistake but luckily not vital as we later met the Belgian Guiders and exchanged ideas, songs and games. (By the way if your expedition abroad is to have full value do try to get in touch with members of the movement there so that your Rangers and Guides can learn from them about Guiding and their country. If the language difficulty is more difficult in the Scandinavian countries perhaps an interpreter can be asked to join the party).

Madame Tournay, whose wonderful English helped us very much, talked about Belgium as a kingdom and a people while we rested in the midst of a sightseeing tour of Brussels. Mère Marie Ancilla, who is the nun in charge of Guide guests and a Guide herself, helped the training enormously by posing problems and difficulties that had confronted previous parties visiting the Convent and leaving us to find the answers before telling us the end of the story. She also sent us on expeditions, asking the Guiders to find means of transport and to report on the interest and value of the visit for a party of Rangers. Another day the Guiders were sent out to cater, in imagination, for a day for a party of twenty.

Of course the difficulty of a 'training party abroad' is the expense, but we felt that since pleasure can be so easily combined with work it is worth the cost. This trip of eight days only cost about £10 return from London (third class); it gave the right of individual return so that anyone wishing to have a longer holiday could stay on. The £10 included two major expeditions and several entries into galleries.

The general verdict, from both Guiders to whom travel was quite new and those who had been abroad once or twice before, was that the answer to 'Is this really necessary?' was expeditions like this should be encouraged as much as possible if the well-being and high-standard of behaviour of the Rangers and Guides is to be insured.

CLARICE WARREN



## 'World' Camps for Rangers

At the Conference of Ranger Trainers held in France in 1949 it was suggested that a series of World Camps for Rangers should be held in 1952. At Oxford last year the World Committee gave their blessing to the scheme and the first of the camps has already taken place at Porto Rico in June. We, in Great Britain, are concerned with the European Gathering which will be held in France in August, 1952. Others will be held in the United States, South Africa, New Zealand and India. It is hoped that there will be some personal links between the camps through delegates but anyhow the main themes of Fellowship through Rangering and practical service will be our bond.

Here is a brief outline of the plans for our European Ranger Gathering to which it is hoped we shall send a strong delegation of well-prepared representative Rangers.

1,200 Rangers from about twenty-five countries will be divided into three parties and between August 3rd and 17th everyone will take part in the following three projects:

A. *Corporate Service*: This will be in connection with the provision, preparation and staffing of a hostel for girls who will be patients (or convalescent visitors) from the five large hospitals at Berck, a town on the north coast of France. It is hoped that the Rangers of Europe will send appropriate gifts by their delegates, and lists will be available later. Rangers will camp here for three or four days.

B. In their smaller groups of thirty (five from a country) delegates will go for a week's trek through a chosen part of France. They may choose their own area and must be practised at carrying personal kit. They will, of course, be led by French Guiders.

C. For the last three days all the delegates will converge on the outskirts of Paris so that they may visit the city and go to a theatre, and, finally, meet for summing up of the discussion questions which are being sent to the Rangers and Ranger Guiders of each country this winter.

The small international team who are planning the details have already met twice in Paris and will do so again in November and in the spring. But they realise that the success of this vast enterprise depends on the interest and co-operation of the whole of the Ranger Branch in each country. So will all Commissioners, Rangers Guiders, yes, and Guide Captains, spread the news of the Gathering and keep a look out in *THE RANGER* and *THE GUIDER* for further plans just as we did for the All-England Ranger Rally? Articles will be published in *THE RANGER* in connection with the questionnaire, which will be circulated to Rangers, and all Ranger Guiders are advised to read *THE RANGER*.

Companies who mean to try to have a representative among the chosen delegates will find the Ranger Service Star syllabus to be an excellent preparation for them, particularly Part I and Part II (3). Candidates should also have an up-to-date knowledge of conditions in their own areas, should be friendly and adaptable, and have some knowledge of French.

RUTH HEWETSON

(British Representative on the Equipe de Préparation)

## 'They All Wanted to Become Guiders'

(Continued from page 205)

ing the fact that any special talent or ability she may have is not a matter for self-congratulation, but a gift to be used in the service of others. We hope that an emergency will find her able as well as willing, and that, whatever else she may remember or forget of her training as a Cadet, she will take with her a conviction so strong that she will spontaneously pass it on to her Guides, that this game of Lord Baden-Powell's is, above all, fun.

FLORA MACLENNAN

GET AT THE **TRUTH** ABOUT  
WASHING POWDERS?

## Answer this Quiz

Do you know which is the washing powder women use most?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Can washing powders work miracles?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Are all washing powders kind to your hands?

YES ☐ NO ☐

IT'S the housewife who has the final say about washing powders!

You say which one you'll buy. You say whether a washing powder is kind to your hands or not. You know the real truth about wash-day "miracles."

It's up to you!

We simply state a fact—that Persil washes whiter.

The "miracle" about Persil is simply a brilliant formula. It gives you Persil whiteness, the highest standard of cleanness. You see, Persil has something over the others—millions of tiny oxygen

bubbles hidden in the lather. They shift out every scrap of dirt.

Persil washes whiter because it washes **CLEANER**. You can see it does!

And with Persil you get **NO SCUM** even in hard water.

**KIND TO YOUR HANDS**

Persil is gentleness itself. Wonderful for all your fine things. Kind to your hands.

Yes, you can feel it is!

**COLOURED! WOOLLENS!**

Persil will fetch up all your colours brighter, make all your woollens softer and fluffier.



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## washes whiter!

YOU CAN SEE IT DOES!

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# 'The Patrol System Doesn't Work'

## Notes on difficulties and suggestions for overcoming them

1. *In our company the patrol leaders are not particularly keen and the younger Guides lose their first enthusiasm because of this. The leaders do not do anything actively wrong and would very much resent it if they were replaced.*

Enthusiasm, or the lack of it, is as infectious as the common cold and if these girls are called leaders they will inevitably be setting the standard for the company. A leader must lead and not just be good. Do your Guides look on being a P.L. as a job or a reward? If you keep these leaders you are allowing both of them and the rest of the company to grow up in a complete misunderstanding of what leadership means. If you replace them everyone will have learnt something—one of the things which the patrol system exists to teach. A visit to these leaders' parents to explain your point of view, before having a re-election, may save much unhappiness and possibly unpleasantness, too.

2. *We have a regular Court of Honour, but the P.L.s never suggest anything and just agree in a rather dull way with the ideas which Lieutenant and I put forward.*

Do you ever ask them to discuss anything about which they and their patrols feel really strongly? Try suggesting that only Second Class Guides should go to camp—or that the colour of the company ties should be changed. Have you ever at the last moment absented yourselves from the Court of Honour and left the P.L.s to carry on by themselves? Do you really ask the P.L.s to put forward their ideas, or do you only ask them to discuss and agree to yours?

3. *Our patrol leaders are slack (or you can say instead, rude, unreliable, set a bad example, can't keep order; it doesn't matter which). We are always being told by trainers and in books that the Guides must be left to choose their own P.L.s. Have any of the high-ups really tried this, because we find that the Guides just vote for the same bad leaders again, or else choose others with the same faults?*

We let Guides start by trying to light fires in their own way, but when they don't succeed we show them how to improve before letting them try again and, even then, we don't expect them to become perfect all at once. Try to find out *why* they choose the bad leaders; is it because these girls are prefects or captains at school and the younger ones think that they must be in authority as a matter of course? Is it because the younger ones are afraid to vote against them? Is it because they are popular, and if it is, can you find out what causes the popularity? When you have found out the cause you may be able to devise some way of helping your Guides to recognise the qualities of good leadership before you have the next election. Showing is better than talking; a competition in punctuality is better than a lecture to those who come late.

4. *Our Guides always seem to choose the wrong girls as P.L.s.*

Are you sure that they are wrong? Do you fall into the mistake of deciding beforehand who you yourselves think should become leaders? This can make it very difficult for you honestly to use and train the leaders chosen by the Guides.

5. *We have tried to run inter-patrol competitions to stir up interest and keenness, but the Guides just don't seem to care which patrol wins.*

What makes anyone keen on a competition? Either the hope of winning a prize or some praise, or else the sheer

enjoyment of doing whatever the thing may be. Look at your competitions with this in mind. What sort of prizes do you offer? It is no good offering a copy of *Scouting for Boys* when what the Guides would like is chewing gum. Keep *Scouting for Boys* for yourself and read what the Founder had to say about offering as bait 'the food the fish like and not what you like yourself'. What about the subject of the competition—is it something which the Guides enjoy doing or something which you know will be good for them? Often a desirable prize may tempt us to begin doing something which we shall later enjoy for its own sake. Some things are dull because they seem hopelessly difficult. They can be made fun by being broken up into such small stages that we cannot help noticing our progress.



6. *We tried to carry out a suggestion given in the September article and called a Court of Honour before our first autumn meeting to plan the winter programmes.*

One P.L. came; one sent a message to say she now had too much homework and was leaving; one turned up late and the fourth never came at all. So we did nothing.

Did you find out beforehand whether the time which you had chosen was one when the leaders could reasonably be expected to turn up? Did you give them time to let you know if they were unable to come? We must show the same common-sense and courtesy which we hope to receive from the Guides. What did you do in the end?

(a) Start off the company meetings the following week having planned the winter programme yourselves?

(b) Say 'We can't start meetings until the Court of Honour have made plans, and make another attempt to arrange it?'

(c) Hold the company meeting next week, telling the Guides what had happened and asking the patrols to decide what should be done next?

7. *It is useless to have patrol time in our meetings; the leaders don't know enough to teach the Guides; they can't keep order and it takes the rest of the evening to get the company in hand again.*

The leaders must learn before they can teach. They must know how to teach in a way which will interest the Guides—then the problem of keeping order will largely disappear. To do this the leaders must have training on their own, ideally in a separate meeting. Often this is not possible and the leaders' training must be fitted in before, or after, the company meeting. If this is not possible because of catching buses or seeing little ones home, or because other people use the same room, then some other time must be found. A country company closes during the darkest weeks of the winter and only the leaders come each week. Another company holds its Court of Honour and P.L.s' training after the monthly church parade. Some companies only meet three weeks out of four and train P.L.s on the fourth week.

The patrol system is a scheme designed to be used by ordinary Guiders with ordinary Guide companies. It is not something talked about by trainers with their heads in the clouds. (Do you know that when a trainer ceases to be an active company Guider she has to cease being a trainer?) It is not something which will automatically result in a perfect company. But it is the only way in which a genuine Guide Company can be run because without it the Guides will not be getting the training in citizenship which is the aim and object of Guiding.

S. BRANSON.



# Plays and Singing Games

*Led by a Star*, by Jessie Powell (S.P.C.K., 1s. 9d.). This play, recommended by the Religious Drama Society, is in three parts—'The Angels of Preparation', 'The House of Bread', (Christmas) and 'The King's Pages' (Epiphany). The last two are complete in themselves and may be performed alone if a short play is required. The first, when the Angels are allotted their work in the coming events, is in the nature of a prologue, and may be used in conjunction with either of the other two. The approach is refreshingly straightforward from the children's angle, and the dialogue is convincing. Guiders who are looking for simple plays with teaching value will find them most rewarding.—E.P.

*Biblical Costume*, by Marion Logan Wright. (Reprint. S.P.C.K., 3s. 6d.) For Part IV alone this handbook is well worth studying, for here are excellent practical diagrams and advice over such problems as wings, beards, pottery and armour. The earlier sections are scholarly and well informed, and show the great variety and interest of the different races and periods—Roman, Egyptian, Palestinian, Assyrian and so on. Whether you are requiring a Charioteer, a Bedouin, a Warrior Angel or a Grand Angel, Rameses, or Nebuchadnezzar, there are exciting suggestions for all of them.—E.G.

*My Plays—Then Yours*, by Freda Collins. (Harrap, 5s.) Play-making is in the fashion nowadays and this volume is particularly useful as the author gives us six short plays followed by notes, addressed to the children themselves, about how they can re-make them and improve upon them! The author has ranged the world for her plots. There is 'The Maid of Burgos', a Spanish legend of how a small girl saved her city; 'The Magic Snuff', a fairy tale farce; 'The Copper Coin', a Buddhist legend with a slave girl as the heroine; a Robin Hood story, a Chinese burlesque and a version of the Scandinavian Folk Tale, 'The Nail Soup' completes the titles.

The busy Guider may use these plays as they are and then lend the book to any girl who is interested, possibly a Post Guide.—E.P.

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Guiders wishing to apply for either of the above bursaries should get in touch with their District Commissioners who will get the appropriate ticket or form from their County Training Committee, or, in the case of Scotland, Ulster and Wales, from the Commissioner for Training.

### FOXLEASE

- October  
8-15 Holiday week for Guiders, Cadet and Rangers  
12-15 General  
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
- January  
1-8 General  
11-14 English Commissioners (by invitation)  
18-22 Guide and Brownie  
25-29 County Booking  
30-28 February, Spring Cleaning
- February  
29-11 March, County Booking
- March  
14-18 Guide and Brownie Guiders and Commissioners  
21-24 I.H.Q. staff  
28-1 April, International and Overseas
- April  
4-7 General  
10-15 (Easter), Brownie, Guide and Ranger  
17-21 'Dip Week'  
25-29 County Booking

### WADDOW

- October  
5-8 Campfire  
12-15 Guide and Brownie  
19-22 Manchester  
26-29 Guide and Brownie
- November  
2-5 Camp and Handcraft  
9-12 Commissioners and General  
16-19 Guide and Brownie  
23-26 S.E. Lancs.  
30-3 Dec. Queen's Guide Testers
- December  
29-6 Jan. General
- January  
11-15 Cadet Guiders  
18-22 Guide and Brownie  
25-29 English Commissioners (by invitation)
- February  
1-5 Ranger (All Sections)  
8-12 County Booking  
15-19 Guide and Brownie  
22-26 General  
29-4 March, Guide and Brownie

- March  
7-11 Commissioners and Secretaries  
14-18 County Booking  
21-25 Guide and Brownie  
28-1 April, Music Party
- April  
4-8 Promise and Law  
10-21 General Training at week-end followed by Woodcraft and holiday  
25-29 Guide and Brownie
- Applications for Foxlease and Waddow should be sent (with a deposit of 7s. 6d.) to the Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants or to the Secretary, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs. The fees for these centres (minimum 10s.) are: Single room, £3 a week, 9s. 6d. a day. Double room, £2 10s. a week, 8s. a day. Shared room, £2 a week, 7s. a day.

### PAX HILL HOMECRAFT TRAINING CENTRE

The next Homecraft Training Course at Pax Hill, Bentley, near Farnham, Surrey, for the National Institute of Houseworkers' Diploma will begin on Wednesday, October 10th, 1951. Enquiries for further information and applications for training should be sent to the Principal at Pax Hill.

### I.H.Q. CONFERENCES

**Drama Conference.** A non-residential Drama Conference for all County Drama Advisers and other Guiders interested, will be held at I.H.Q. from October 19th to 21st, 1951. Applications should be made to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope and deposit of 2s. 6d.

**C.C.A. Conference.** A C.C.A. Conference will be held at High Leigh, Hoddesdon, Herts., from November 23rd to 27th. Applications should be made to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope and a deposit of 5s.

## ENGLAND

### Autumn Trainings

**English Training Schools.** There are still vacancies for the Pre-Warrant course starting on Thursday, October 18th. Fee 5s. for the course of eight trainings. Commissioners are asked to encourage new Guiders to apply.

**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.

**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.

**English Extension Training Day.** An English Extension Training Day will be held on Saturday, November 10th, 1951, at I.H.Q., from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be training in all handicap groups and in Extension camping. Entries, enclosing 1s. 6d. fee and stating meals required, by October 15th.

**English/Welsh Extension Training.** A joint training will be held on Saturday, October 13th from 11.15 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. at Priory School, Shrewsbury. Fee 1s. 6d. for County Extension Secretaries and Ex-

tension Guiders. Entries by September 29th.

Unless otherwise specified the above trainings will be held at I.H.Q. and all applications should be made to the English Training Department. (Welsh Guiders attending the Extension Training at Shrewsbury should apply to Mrs. Kenyon, Lydbury North, Shropshire.)

## SCOTLAND

### Netherurd

- 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 December, Trainers' Conference
- December  
7-10 Available for County  
14-17 Rangers
- Fees: Shared room, £2 10s. a week, 7s. 6d. a day. A training fee of 2s. a course will be charged, and an additional fee of 2s. 6d. for a single room. Applications, enclosing a deposit of 5s. to the Secretary, Netherurd, Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peebleshire.

## WALES

### Broneirion

- October  
2-5 County Commissioners, County Secretaries and County Treasurers (Separate Sections)—Conference and training  
12-15 Guide Guiders  
19-22 Available for County Booking  
26-29 Brownie Guiders and Commissioners
- November  
2-5 Available for County Booking  
9-12 Welsh Folk Culture Series (3) Folk Songs Campfire  
16-19 District Commissioners  
23-26 General Training  
30-3 Dec. Chairman and Secretaries of Welsh County Training Committees
- December  
7-10 Welsh C.C.A. and C.A.s Conference
- Fees for Broneirion are the same as those for Foxlease. Applications, enclosing a deposit of 5s., to the Guider-in-Charge, Broneirion, Llandinam, Montgomeryshire.

## ULSTER

### Lorne

- October  
5-7 Foreign Travel  
12-14 South Belfast  
19-21 East Down  
26-28 Extensions
- November  
2-4 Old Brigade and ex-G.G. members  
9-11 Rangers  
16-18 Brownie

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## Gloucestershire International Camp

It all began at a County Training week-end at Broneiron. Someone suggested having a County International Camp, and the idea caught on immediately. At the Commissioners' meeting in November the proposal was carried unanimously. The invitation was to be for a week in camp, followed by a week's hospitality in private homes; each Division was to invite two Guides from a country of its own choosing and select two of its own Guides to go to the camp. The C.C.A. agreed to run the camp and by the beginning of December the site had been booked. The C.I.R. made all the preliminary arrangements and circulated all the notices.

The County Court of Honour decided in January that the age range should be approximately 16-19. The cost for the week in camp, covering all expenses, including excursions, was estimated at £3 per head. The overseas guests were asked to pay their return fare only, and no campers paid any camp fees; each Division paid two-thirds of its quota, county funds the remaining third.

At the Commissioners' meeting in March a tentative programme was passed. The Divisions had already chosen the following countries—the Commonwealth, Greece, Luxembourg, Holland, France, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. All Division invitations reached the International Department by March 5th, and the countries, on receiving them, replied to the Divisions. By mid-June our Guides were in touch with their guests and had sent them the camp programme, and on July 24th the camp began. The County Guides and some of the guests came that day; the remaining guests arrived on the 25th.

Each tent accommodated the two Guides from a Division and their own guests, the patrols were made up of two Divisions and the camp was staffed by four Guiders. As well as the ordinary camp activities, one day was spent visiting Tewkesbury Abbey and Gloucester Cathedral, and the Guides were entertained that day by the Gloucester Local Association. Another day, visits were made to country houses, including Badminton House.

On Sunday, a Communion Service was held on the camp site, and also a Guides' Own. During the afternoon many visitors came to the camp, including heads of the County Education Department. After tea the guests gave an entertainment of songs and dances, and campfires each night were open to the Guides and Guiders of the county. All members of the Guide Movement in Gloucestershire who were privileged to be among the campers, as well as those who visited the camp, felt it was one of the most worthwhile events arranged during the last few years in this county. Blessed with a beautiful site, wonderful weather and no real 'hitches', it would be difficult to imagine a happier gathering. From the first evening all nationalities mixed well, and because of the comparatively low numbers it was easy for everyone to get to know each other. It was an experiment we all feel we want to repeat as soon as we can.

## The Danes Build Scouting on the Patrol System

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patrol then set off, carrying a tent and all the equipment they thought they might need for twenty-four hours in the woods and fields.

For their dinner they had to catch trouts from the lake, dig potatoes and pull rhubarb. At midnight they were 'alerted' to spend two hours chasing 'smugglers'. Next day, with map and compass, they had to find ten control points where they were required to build a bridge, identify plants, make something from scraps, do artificial respiration and bandaging, decipher a code from observing somebody knitting and indeed more or less cover the whole Guide programme.

Yes, of course it was tiring, but it was meant to be a test of endurance as well as of knowledge and ability, and the Guides thoroughly enjoyed it. We were told that the first thirty-five patrols of the forty were quite close together in marks, which seemed to us a very high standard and some of the foreign visitors wondered a little guiltily how their own Guides would have shown up in a similar test. The beauty of the competition was that it did not disrupt the ordinary Guide programme for months beforehand, and there were no eliminating rounds. Although the actual organisers must have worked hard to plan the contest, the ordinary Guider and Commissioner had no extra work and the Guides came through on their normal standards of efficiency and initiative. The judges, who included two Norwegian Guiders, had a strenuous twenty-four hours, but they enjoyed it as much as the children, for it involved no preliminary donkey work and the cup was presented by the Queen two days later to the winners who so richly deserved their reward.

ALEX LIDDELL

## Where to Train

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March  
7-9 International  
April  
11-14 Guide (Easter)  
May  
30-2 June. Brownie (Whitsun)

Fees; 8s. per day (garage 1s. per night). Applications for training at Lorne to the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne, Craigavad, Co. Down, enclosing a deposit of 5s.

## CAMPING AND HOLIDAYS

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

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# Headquarters Notices

## Coming Events

The Empire Circle evening meeting will be held at Imperial Headquarters on Thursday, October 25th at 7 p.m. when the speaker will be Mrs. Hewitt, a Diplomat Guider from Canada. Coffee and sandwiches will be on sale between 6.30-7 p.m.

The next Evening Social will be at the Guide Club on November 14th at 6.30 p.m. The guest of honour will be the Lady Stratheden and Campbell who will speak about her tour in Australia.

Simple Sally, the Guide Opera, will be performed at Headquarters on October 9th and 10th at 6 p.m. Admission, by programme only, obtainable from I.H.Q., price 2s. 6d. Please mark application 'Opera' and enclose stamped, addressed envelope in addition to programme money.

The Music Party at Foxlease will be held from November 23rd-27th. The work chosen for study is again Vaughan Williams' 'Songs of the Four Seasons' (O.U.P., voice only, 3s.). Everyone is asked to procure a copy if possible.

An All-England Air Ranger Pageant will be held at Sywell Aerodrome, Northampton, on Saturday afternoon, June 14th, 1952.

A camp for Air Rangers will be held on the Aerodrome Dispersal Field from Friday evening June 13th to Sunday afternoon, June 15th, 1952.

## Called to Higher Service

Emmeline Howden on July 1st, 1951. Assistant County Secretary (Finance) North-East Lancashire and Division Secretary for Burnley. Previously a Guider and District Commissioner for many years.

## Notice Board

The Girl Guides Association acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the General Account: Lady Marguerite Thomas, London, £5; 1st and 2nd Streatham Hill Old Guides' Association, £1 10s.

**Brownie Exhibition:** In spite of the great care taken in packing up after the Exhibition, a few exhibits seem to have been mislaid. Will everyone concerned kindly check up carefully when unpacking and return any unclaimed article to the Brownie Secretary at Headquarters?

**P.O.R. Alterations and Additions:** There is now on sale at Headquarters and Branch Shops a supplement to *Policy, Organisation and Rules*, price 2d. This contains any alterations and additions which have been made to rules since *P.O.R.* was last published in 1950 (i.e., the items listed in the February and August, 1951, issues of *THE GUIDER*). From now on all copies of *Policy, Organisation and Rules* will contain the supplement (inclusive price 1s. 6d.).

An English Adventure Camps Reunion will be held in London on December 1st-2nd. Details in the October RANGER, or from Miss Hillbrook, 10 Overton Road, Sutton, Surrey.



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**Packets of Stamps on Sale at I.H.Q.:** Will readers please note that the packets of stamps for stamp collectors which are being sold at 6d. a packet in aid of a fund for the development of Extension Guiding in the Colonial Empire can only be sold to personal shoppers. Orders cannot be accepted by post.

**International Guide Hostel in Paris:** Owing to the increased cost of living in France, La Nef has had to raise its prices for accommodation to 300 frs. a night (220 frs. for camp bed), 75 frs. for breakfast (no other meals are served), 100 frs. a bath, 50 frs. a shower. Applications (enclosing your Commissioner's approval) should be sent three months in advance for the summer and Easter holidays and one month in advance for other periods to the Guider-in-Charge, La Nef, 10, rue de Richelieu, Paris, 1. (Tel.: Richelieu 30.90.)

## Cadet Questions for Discussion

Cadet Guiders are invited to send answers and comments on the following questions to Miss Stevens, 1, Woodside, Lipson, Plymouth.

**For Cadet Guiders:** What methods have you found successful in inspiring Cadets with the spirit of adventure that they may pass it on to their companies and packs?

**For Cadets:** Some of us are Cadets because we would like to pass on the joy of Guiding to our younger sisters. What has particularly appealed to you in Guiding, and in what way have these activities helped and trained you?

**Errata:** In the article on 'Guiding in Kenya' published in the September GUIDER the latest census for Guides and Brownies was given as 16,000. This should have read 1,600.

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There was the model of the Zulu Kraal with its circle of Sunbeams sitting round a big yellow 'sun' and 'Mother Sun' (Brown Owl) standing near.

The Indian models showed us the inside of a native house with its cooking stove, water pots and containers of rice, the everyday life of a village and its marketable produce, also the two-wheeled cart so commonly used. One model gave us a glimpse of the jungle and many wild animals, and the Canadian models showed us a home in the Canadian Rockies and an Eskimo Pack in the depth of winter.

This Empire section was a wonderful effort on the part of many Brownie Guiders and their packs in various parts of the United Kingdom. Every model was ingeniously contrived—some with real knowledge of life in the Empire, others with vivid imagination, but all of them spreading knowledge of our world-wide movement. If you have not already done so, why do you not try to make an Empire model with your pack?

K.P.

## Co-operation or Hitting Back?

'It was agreed that at the opening of the fête Colours should be hoisted by the Guides and that they should be run down by the Scouts at the end of the evening'.

*From the minutes of a Scout and Guide Fête Committee*

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*En Route* (published under the auspices of the Brussels Treaty countries) is one practical way of helping young people of these countries to get to know each other. The information is in French, English and Dutch. There are useful chapters, amusingly illustrated, on visa, currency and customs regulations and methods of travel. *En Route* (obtainable at 4s. from the Anglo-French Literary Services Ltd., 72, Charlotte Street, London) may interest C.I.R.s and Guiders planning their own holidays abroad.

M. B.

*The Naturalist on the Seashore*, by E. M. Stephenson (A. & C. Black, 6s. 6d.). A scientifically accurate, yet popular, book of reference. It is briefly written, well indexed and copiously illustrated, both in colour and with photographs and diagrams. Here are the answers to a host of questions on the 'how, why and what' of the sandy shore, rock pool, 'flotsam and jetsam' and fossilised rocks.

M. H.

*Handbooks of European National Dances.* (Bulgaria, France II—Provence and Alsace, Germany, Norway.) Max Parrish & Co., 4s. 6d. each. Four more of the attractive little books in this series, each containing notes on the origin of the dances, instructions and music, and delightful illustrations of the appropriate national or regional costumes. Here may be found vivid descriptions of the occasions on which some of the gayest and historically most interesting dances in Europe may be seen. Readers will be interested in the 'Ballad dances' which have been revived, and musicians in particular will like to note the composers who have been influenced and inspired by their own folk music. Those who wish to include national dances in their displays will find in these books a mine of authentic information.

K. C. C.

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### HEADQUARTERS VACANCIES

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