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'The Magic of the Campfire Never Dies'



This month all over the country Rangers and Guides in their thousands will be enjoying the varied delights of camping—some for the first time and some as seasoned campers. In our picture, taken at Waddow, an American Girl Scout Leader is teaching a new song from her country at a company camp. Guides and Girls Scouts from all over the world will be singing round many campfires in Great Britain during the next few weeks, including, of course, the big campfires at the International Camp at Hall Barn, Beaconsfield, from August 8th to 18th. May all campers fall beneath the spell of the campfire, 'its fellowship, its firelight, its music and its mystery'.



New York City's 'Skyline'

The Chief Guide's Talk

I AM just back from one of my habitual 'jaunts' overseas. I left home in January with my greatly valued volunteer honorary secretary-cum-aide-cum-travelling companion, Bridget Ramsden, and together we have travelled about twenty-five thousand miles by day and by night, almost without a break. We visited forty-two cities in turn, in seventeen of the forty-eight States of the United States of America, to begin with, and then continued on to 'stop over' also at eighteen towns in six of the Provinces right across, from west to east, of the great wide and most beautiful Dominion of Canada to wind up with.

We met hundreds and thousands of Girl Scouts and Guides and their Leaders and supporters, and through the many meetings and functions, radio talks, interviews, lectures

So when this invitation was made, out of the blue, to go and do lectures on any subject I liked, to clubs, women's societies, 'citizenship forums' and so on, all plans and arrangements being made, and expenses paid, by the Peat Agency, it seemed almost too good to be true, giving me the chance of meeting many old friends again, and helping to advance our cause of Scouting in 'outside circles' as well. Though not meant to speak specifically about Scouting as such, the title chosen for me was 'Boys and Girls of Today — Tomorrow's Leaders', and it was quite a venture to enter this new field of 'professional' speech making. I had very 'cold feet' about my ability to make good as a lecturer, but was stirred by the remembrance that my husband had done this self-same thing, for the same purpose, exactly forty years ago. Also I had hopeful expectation that there would probably be some Girl Scout friends in the audiences at various places.

I need not have worried. They were there indeed, and with the kindest of welcomes; and, in fact, when it became known that I was in their country many Girl Scout Councils invited me to be their guest, and my scheduled 'lecture tour' grew into a series of one delightful Girl Scout gathering after another.

I have come back inspired and invigorated by all that I experienced, and greatly touched by their quite lovely generous welcomes. It was most inspiring to find what a



The World Chief Guide with a Girl Scout Leader and Miss Bridget Ramsden (right) at Knoxville, Tennessee

and approximately one hundred and sixty 'talks' of varied length and substance, I hope that this tour has done some good in spreading information about our movement and given some measure of encouragement for its furtherance.

Actually this trip was of quite an unusual character for me, since I went across the Atlantic under the auspices of a 'lecture agent', Mr. Harold Peat, whom I had met, completely by chance, for a few fleeting moments on the very last day of our tour round the Caribbean Sea in the spring of 1951. With the currency restrictions of Great Britain being what they are, and my own personal means now halved to what they were, it is impossible to go gaily hopping around to visit Guides or Girl Scouts far afield as of yore.



Three Canadian Guiders, Miss Betty Martin, Mrs. Gandier and Miss Beth Riddoch, show Lady Baden-Powell the National Park at Banff

tremendous position the Scout organisation now holds in the life of the nation and how widely its influence has percolated through into the community of city and country.

It has, with the Boy Scouts, got full recognition and a Charter from the Government, it receives much financial support in cities from the 'Community Chest' (to which it also gives its own service, thereby earning the right to such aid) and through the years it has been fortunate in receiving as gifts some splendid properties, camp grounds, houses, huts, offices and even motor cars!

There is no doubt that the United States branch of the



Black bears in the Rockies

great Guide-Scout family is much to be admired, much to be congratulated, and—speak it low—even perhaps much to be envied in its size and its wealth and its possessions.

But it has its handicaps to overcome, as we all have, and its difficulties and problems, too. Even its vastness can be its worry as well as its pride, for travelling those enormous distances is extremely expensive, and it takes so long to 'get across' information and knowledge to so large a field, stretching three thousand miles across a whole continent. Close touch between headquarters and the field, between the chief leaders and trainers and the rest, becomes extremely difficult.

Over seven thousand delegates attended their last national convention, held in Boston, last autumn, some of them travelling several days, or even a week, to get there!

There are two very marked differences in the methods used in Scouting for girls in the United States and elsewhere. One is the use of the patrol system, which was not fully grasped or completely introduced in the first early days of 1912, when the movement was brought from England to the United States by Juliette Low, and which is only partially adopted and used in some places. It is, however, gradually being taken up more, as its character training value is more fully recognised, and we need to remember that each country has, in some way at some time, slightly altered the original programme given to us by the Founder, where they have found it necessary to suit local conditions.

Because they talk our language in the United States, we think they will adopt our ways *holus bolus*, whereas even if they use English as their language, they have very much their own national character and outlook, and this is reflected somewhat in their method of 'Girl Scouting'.

The second noticeable difference that met me at every turn is the fact that when a Brownie Pack or Girl Scout Troop is formed, it contains only the girls of the same 'grade' in school, who are thus automatically of the same age. They start with their Brownie Leader (Leader in the United States

being, of course, the name for the Guider) and they all move along together, up into the Girl Scouts when the time comes, and then perhaps, in a few cases, on up into 'Senior Scouts'. Then that little bunch of friends who have kept together comes to an end, and a new Leader has to be found, and a fresh unit started. This necessitates the finding and training of a new Leader, and the registration and starting of a new group, and this appears costly in time and effort, and even perhaps loses something of that continuity and tradition that—to many of us—is so valuable and precious. But it is the way it happens there, and it is not for us to question why, and I only refer to it, to point out one of the small changes in being. The eagerness with which both adults and girls wanted to learn more about Scouting in other countries was indeed most moving and impressive; individuals and whole groups being so thoroughly 'world minded' and most anxious indeed even to help if, and how, they could.

In many places I was able to share in the celebrations of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of their movement, by Juliette Low, and the fact of my having known her (and even being on board the s.s. *Arcadian* on the momentous voyage in January, 1912, when she carried back the seed of Guiding from England to plant it in her own homeland) appeared to bring me into the picture, and brought thoughts of their 'founder' more fully into the minds of her present-day followers.

Her name is remembered more gratefully, however, each year, as the great 'Juliette Low World Friendship Fund' is



Miss Riddoch poses for a 'snap' by 'Bridget' against the background of the Rockies

promoted and collected; and during March—and especially on the twelfth, which is the day on which the first Girl Scout Troop was registered in the United States—Girl Scouts, in their thousands, individually and collectively, are hard at work, earning their personal contributions to that fund, which mounts up each year into a very big sum. Much of this large fund is given to the World Association, added to the 'Thinking Day Fund' to which so many of you give generously when you can.

My one regret—if it can be called such a thing—is that this happens in *March* instead of February, so that all this immense volume of kind and friendly thinking and generous giving goes on just one month after we—in the rest of the world—have been holding our Thinking Day celebrations. But, no matter, and we do not limit our giving or our thinking to Thinking Day on February 22nd do we? No!

And you will have more places and Guides to think about now, for as we came across Canada we found numbers

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The Commissioners' Meeting Place

Proficiency Badge Tests

Miss Branson has kindly written the following article so that we should know what are the ideal arrangements for badge testing and some of the difficulties which arise. Two District Commissioners, one from a town and one from a rural area, have added their notes on how they plan their tests, so the discussion will be continued in the September GUIDER

THE District Commissioner is responsible for all badge testing in her District. She may arrange with other District Commissioners that the testing shall be arranged on a Division basis, or, in a scattered country district, she may find it necessary to have a separate panel of testers for each isolated village, but whatever the circumstances, it is still her responsibility to adopt some system which will work satisfactorily and which will ensure that testing is available for all Guides, Brownies and Rangers when required. There will be every possible degree of variation in the management of testing from the highly organised 'badge day' in a city to the single Guide making her own appointment with the tester in a country village, but throughout there are certain principles which apply in all cases.

Fair and Practical Tests

The aim of our badge system is that it should attract girls to acquire knowledge and skill in subjects which will be useful to them, enable them to render service and introduce them to hobbies and professions. The tests must therefore appeal to the girl as fair ones, requiring a degree of knowledge which will be of practical use and which will be recognised as useful by other people.

Guides feel great satisfaction when they are tested by someone whom they recognise as an expert—a trained nurse, a pony club instructor, a fireman; they also accept failure from such a tester without resentment. The Commissioner, in approaching such experts, will also look for the enthusiast who will fire the Guides with a love of her own hobby and who will teach and inspire while she tests. It is important that the test, as well as being real, should be fair. The true expert will always recognise other right ways of doing a thing—the crank will condemn all ways but his own. The Commissioner's tact in introducing these testers to *P.O.R.* (1s. 6d.), *Hints on Girl Guide Tests* (2s. 6d.), and the *Hints for Testers* leaflet (3d.) will do much to ensure that the actual test is confined to the syllabus as laid down.

Where it is possible for the tester to meet the Guider (or the person who is instructing the Guides) before the test, this is a great help towards arriving at the same interpretation of the syllabus by teacher and tester. A hurried test cannot be a fair test because the whole syllabus cannot be covered and the Guide may chance to be asked only those things which she knows, or vice versa. The Commissioner should see that proper time is taken for tests and that the element of chance is, as far as possible, eliminated.

The standard for Guide tests should take into account the amount of effort expended as well as the actual degree of proficiency attained. This implies that the test must be a personal one. This involves more than just a meeting between Guide and tester. It implies that the tester must be the sort of person who knows what a girl in question could do and who can tell whether the girl in question could do better if she tried. Contact with the Guider can be a help here as she is the person who is most likely to know how much time has been spent by the Guide in preparing for the test and how much of the effort has been her own. The Commissioner's knowledge of both Guider and tester will help her to pass on this knowledge with the right amount of emphasis.

If the Commissioner has found the right tester she will feel certain that each test will be a fair one, that it will be per-

sonal and understanding without being slack, and that it will therefore present a challenge which will call forth the best in each Guide.

When we come to consider the organisation of testing the main things to remember are, first that the Guides who are being tested are girls only just out of childhood, to whom delays seem far longer than they do to ourselves; next, that our testers are busy people, doing this job for the love of it, and that they should therefore be inconvenienced as little as possible; and finally, that badge tests, like everything else in Guiding, can be made into opportunities for training in citizenship.

Whether there is an organised system of testing, or none at all, there should be the shortest possible interval between the dates when the Guide completes her training, when she takes her test, hears the result and receives her badge. The Commissioner can train her Guiders to inquire about testing before setting Guides to work on a badge, or, where tests are held at fixed dates, by making sure that these dates are known in good time.

It is apparent from letters received for 'Patrol Leaders' Parliament' that some Guiders also need training on the necessity of sending in orders for badges at the first opportunity. Where numbers entering make a certain amount of delay and restriction over testing inevitable the Commissioner can make sure that the reasons for this are known and understood in the companies. New Guides are always coming in, and if these things are not constantly explained they may appear as senseless hindrances to progress. Wherever possible have some method by which a genuine 'hard case' can be tested out of the ordinary routine.

It is in connection with these badge tests that one of the most frequent complaints from Guides themselves arises. Two Guides from neighbouring districts meet at school. One finds that although she is only allowed to enter for four proficiency badges per year, and must be tested only on a stated day, her friend may prepare for any badge she likes; can ask to be tested when she is ready, and is not restricted in any way as to number. Obviously in some places testing must be more organised than in others, but it is part of the Commissioner's responsibility to see that as few additional rules as possible are made, and to do her best to avoid any which clash with neighbouring Districts or Divisions.

A Training in Courtesy

The convenience of the testers and the training of Guides (and I fear we must also add the Guiders) in courtesy are linked together. The Commissioner can get her Guiders to discuss what should be expected of each Guide in the way of greeting and thanks to the tester and help them to work out ways of training the Guides in this before tests, remembering that it is usually shyness or lack of knowledge, rather than the intention of giving offence, which causes discourtesy. The Commissioner will also come to know which of the testers have the understanding of girls and of Guiding which will make them co-operative in this matter. Where a tester is willing there is great value in letting the Guides make their own appointments for testing, but the Commissioner will only allow this when the tester is a person of sufficient understanding to make the occasional failures in courtesy profitable rather than disastrous.

Miss J. Frith, O.B.E.

DURING the war I had noticed at several of the meetings I had to go to a gay young Superintendent of W.R.N.S. Very blue eyes and a charming smile she had, and I remember thinking she looked surprisingly young for such an august position.

Several years later I was introduced to the then newly arrived General Secretary at Headquarters, and to my delighted surprise found she was the young Superintendent, and, later on, when I came to work so closely with her I found she is indeed young in spirit and gay.

Miss Frith brought to the complexity of this very big job a tremendous zest and interest in all human beings as well as a profound belief in the part Guiding can play in this world we live in. I have often thought that we Guides could have no better example of the second part of our promise than our General Secretary. For her cour-



General Secretary at I.H.Q., 1947-1952

tesy is of that high order which is the outward and visible sign of a kind heart. Because she loves humanity she notices individual human beings and never fails to think of them rather than of herself.

It is partly this, of course, which has made her years at Headquarters such happy ones. She has drawn us all together and helped us to work as a team, putting everyone's well-being before her own.

For five years Miss Frith has given of her very best and now that she has decided that the time has come to leave us, and take up a less arduous but interesting job, we do indeed wish her well and thank her for all she has so joyfully and generously given to the movement during these important and successful five years.

JEAN STRATHEDEN
Chief Commissioner, I.H.Q.

The Seventh Guide Law

EVERYONE is under discipline and has to learn to obey. To feel that our private judgment is always best lacks humility and balance. The really dangerous leader is one like Hitler who owes no obedience to anyone but himself, the only leader who should command our obedience is one who himself acknowledges obedience to a higher law than his own ideas.

Educationally we tend to swing over this question of discipline. On the one hand there is the child's need for self-expression, and learning to form sane, independent judgments, to be self-reliant, and on the other there is need of security, stability, and learning how to obey.

We have come a long way from the writer of Ecclesiasticus who said: 'Give him no liberty in his youth . . . bow down his neck while he is young, and beat him on the sides while he is a child'—so far that the whole passage seems a literary curiosity. Today parents and leaders of the young are sometimes in a quandary, between the two ideas of discipline and freedom.

Is there any way in which we can define when we should ask for obedience and when we should give freedom of choice? All situations are not the same and do not demand the same response. There are areas in everyone's life where obedience is necessary and no questions should be asked, and others where it is necessary to make one's own decision. Instant obedience is always necessary in activities where safety is at stake—climbing, boating, swimming and so on—and in games where the enjoyment of all depends on the obedience of each one to the rules. In any co-operative effort under a leader, in home and camp life, as well as in the company, everyone has to give up a little of what they want, and give obedience to the leader (whether it be mother, captain or teacher) for the sake of the smooth running of the whole. Nothing worth while was ever achieved without obedience and discipline.

As we grow older there are more occasions when we are free to choose but the responsibility of choosing rightly is still there. Ultimately, obedience is living by the Promise and Law, not what we *want* to do, but what we *ought* to do.

Suggestions for the company: The foundation of company discipline is the patrol system. People seldom wish to disobey rules they have themselves helped to make. The quality of the leadership of the patrol leaders profoundly affects the discipline of the whole company.

Tradition is an ally, too. Once there is in the company the tradition that orders are obeyed at once as a matter of course newcomers quickly fall in to the same attitude.

When taking games and drill instant obedience should be expected and the Guider should never proceed until she gets it. Teach the whistle and hand signals by games and competitions till they are obeyed at once. Instructions should never be repeated unless they are so difficult that it is really necessary, everyone should be expected to listen the first time. (Arrange practices such as 'club-room on fire' which show how necessary obedience is for personal safety and to save property.)

Rangers should know some of the laws of their country as they concern them.

Stress that discipline to others is really self-discipline. For instance only those practised in self-discipline can continue to do drill without turning round when a fire-work goes off outside.

For discussion: Can a subordinate be blamed for carrying out orders given by someone higher up? At what point does a personal belief in right and wrong interfere with obedience to orders from Government or employer? What will you do if given orders you believe to be wrong?

Why does democratic government allow people to be exempted from some of its rules? (e.g., vaccination, conscientious objection to military service, right of parents to withdraw children from school prayers, etc.). Is it right to do so?

Bring a picture of some public figure whom you admire (film star, ballet dancer, etc.). Do they ever have to obey orders, undergo discipline? Whose and why?

JOSEPHINE GRIFFITH

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Extracts From Letters of a Small Fish Who Was 'Hooked'

April 15th: What fun it is being in the country after years of city life! The children are in the seventh heaven. I suppose by the way I ought to stop calling them children now that they have reached the advanced ages of eleven and thirteen, but they don't act like young ladies or even bobby-soxers—more like Ancient Britons with a horror of civilised life. They found a book left behind by the previous tenants called *Lincoln Green*, by the founder of that well-known youth organisation, 'The Girl Foresters', and since then they have even changed their names and only answer to 'Robin Hood' and 'Little John'.

Instructed by 'the book' they have built a greenwood shelter in the copse and spend their time stalking through the undergrowth and cooking nameless messes on sticks on a very smoky fire.

April 18th: My dear! Who should blow in today but Mildred! You remember her at school—captain of hockey and all that? I saw her last three years ago. She was then serving on twenty-three committees, including the National Board of the Girl Foresters.

'Goodness', I said. 'What are you doing in the depths of the country?' She explained that she had been sent down by the National Board to organise the area.

'But', said I, 'you told me last time we met that you had disbanded the girls because they interfered with the work of the committees'.

It turned out to be a mistake. At first everything went splendidly. We made hundreds of regulations, very complicated but really beautifully drafted, and we got out heaps of excellent leaflets and so on, but then things started to slow down. When there is nobody to apply the regulations to it gets a bit dull. One begins to long for somebody to misinterpret a rule so that one can add a rider, or for someone else to do something quite idiotic so that one can make a new regulation. So in order that we committee members could enjoy life once more we just had to start up the girls again. But when I was sent down here to reorganise I discovered the most amazing thing. I found Bands of Girl Foresters actually carrying on in the same old way as if they had never been liquidated four years ago! I suppose they had just not read the hundreds of circulars we sent out from Headquarters. I daresay you won't believe me when I tell

you there is not a single Planning, Organisation and Propaganda Board in the whole area!

It dawned on me in time that Mildred had a purpose in visiting me. I don't know how I managed to get out of being chairman of a P.O.P. Board but, fortified by the idea that the children probably knew all about it, I found myself promis-

ing to start a Band of Foresters in the village.

April 21st: An enormous parcel of literature has arrived from Mildred. They only answer to the names of 'Robin Hood' and 'Little John'. A ponderous tome called F.O.G. (Foresters' Official Guide Book) containing all the regulations finally did for me. I sat down hastily to write and say I could not possibly embark on Foresters and was trying to think up several insurmountable reasons when the children bounced in with a rabble of friends and said: 'Here are the first recruits—come on, Mummy, let's start now'.

I showed them the leaflets, but after a cursory glance they waved them aside. 'Oh, you needn't bother about all that rot. Just stick to *Lincoln Green* and we'll be O.K.'

So I seem to be committed.

May 3rd: That book *Lincoln Green* is amazing, chock full of ideas. We have built another shelter as four more girls have joined and we now have two gangs of five, so each have got their own den. Susan is gang leader of the Eagles and Olive, our postman's daughter, of the Red Deer.

May 30th: Yesterday I got a telegram: 'EXPECT COD 3 P.M. SATURDAY 31ST'. Signed: 'FAIRLY ODD'. The signature was the only thing that made sense. After puzzling over it for hours we decided we would rather have salmon.

At 3 p.m. precisely a car dashed down the drive and Mildred emerged. 'You got my telegram?' she asked crisply.

'Oh, yes', I answered. 'But what is it for? The fish I mean'. Mildred look quite blank.

'It said "Expect Cod".'

She went off into a bellow of laughter and explained that C.O.D. stood for Co-ordinating Director (herself) and that one, Miss Fairly, was Organising Deputy Director.

'Fancy your not knowing that. Haven't you read F.O.G.? You ought to know it inside out by now'.

COD's inspection was not a success. It seems we are doing everything wrong. It was raining and the children were out in the woods. Mildred was horrified. 'Out in this weather? As a mother I should have expected you to have more sense'.

'They've got macs', I said, but she was not impressed.

'I saw a rabble of girls in a field as I came along—I hope I am mistaken, but I fancied I recognised your Susan amongst them.'

I longed to say she *was* mistaken, but a Forester never tells a lie so I nodded miserably.

'My dear', said Mildred, 'they were so terribly untidy—berets on the backs of their heads and carrying poles!' She was obviously shocked. 'Such a bad impression on the public'.

'But they are tracking the Sheriff of Nottingham', I explained, 'and the only public likely to see them is Mr. Maggs, our cowman, and Olive's father'.

I understood (a) We should hire the village hall. (b) We



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should buy some bean-bags to encourage the team spirit. (c) That I should read FOG, Regulation 956, para. 22, section CXVI.

I told the children about the inspection and how annoyed Mildred was because they were not there to be inspected and they promptly named her 'The Fish-Faced Sheriff of Nottingham'.

June 15th: Mildred came again but the children weren't caught out this time. Ever since the last inspection they have organised a system of 'look-out'. Cod's approach was signalled and by the time she arrived they were sitting in subdued groups fiddling with little bits of string. Mildred was quite pleased. 'You're coming on nicely', she said, 'only the berets aren't quite right yet. And can't you get the village hall? This barn is very unsuitable—draughty and insanitary. Rats, you know—I can smell them'.

After she left the Band got a bad fit of the giggles.

September 28th: In a moment of absent-mindedness I have been dragged on to POP. We are planning an Area Assemblage for next June.

October 20th: Although the Assemblage is nearly a year away a score of *Ad Hoc*s have already been formed. TOF—Transport of Foresters; SIC—Synchronisation, Information and Circularisation; FIB—Finance, Indenture and Bribery (no, I don't think it can be that, Brokerage perhaps?); GAS—Guests, Admirers and Sundries; FIE—Filing, Indexing and Enumerating; CANT—Cups of Absolutely Necessary Tea.

January 30th: We have all been working at full steam for months and I must admit it is very exciting fitting together all the arrangements. Mildred is superb and enormously efficient. She has rented a large empty house for an office and hired filing cabinets and tea-urns, and the place simply buzzes with activity. TOF has got a huge map on the wall stuck full of coloured flags, which advance and retreat to show at what place, and at what time, a battalion of buses will pick up how many. SIC has a series of lovely coloured charts showing how many circulars, with what amendments and alterations, have been sent to how many Band-Leaders.

We are having the Assemblage in the Lecture Hall of the Bacteriological Institution in Smokeville. Right at the beginning I made rather an ass of myself by suggesting it should be out of doors, as I thought it more fun for the children, but Mildred explained that that was not the

object. It is for Propaganda and Publicity, which I had forgotten for the moment. Besides it would be impossible to arrange a big thing like this in the open; to begin with it might rain and the girls would not look smart in macs. Then at the Institution we can use their canteen and their splendid cloakroom accommodation, both so important.

May 15th: A perfectly appalling thing has happened. It seems there is a major financial crisis and orders have come from the National Board to make drastic economies. They are no longer prepared to give us the pretty substantial grant we were expecting from National POP funds and there seems to be nothing to do but to disband our committees and cancel the Assemblage. We are all sunk in gloom.

June 2nd: COD and ODD have disappeared and a quiet little woman I had never noticed before has taken control. She has sent a circular letter to all the Band-Leaders saying that as it would be a pity to disappoint the girls there will be a Get-Together on the Saturday fixed for the Assemblage at a place called Forest Hill, a wood up on the Downs belonging to a good friend of ours. The letter goes on to say that if we would like to come will we make our own arrangements, bring our own food and arrive about midday if possible? There is no need to answer.

I can't believe anything requiring so little central organisation can possibly be a success! And what about cloak-rooms?

June 23rd: One of my gangs started for Forest Hill on Friday and had a bivouac camp *en route* and the rest bicycled over in the morning. (It was all right about the cloakrooms. The local Bands had had trenches dug and screened them with bracken and things—shades of COD who always said screening meant hessian!)

As we are only ten miles away we got there early and watched the others arrive. We didn't know who would turn up, but nearly everyone did, even the farthest off. Some came part way by bus or train and then walked and quite a few rode over on ponies. We danced and sang and played games and the children are already asking when the next one is to be.

All the same I can't help feeling sorry for poor Mildred with no maps and charts and files to play with—and think of all that lovely organisation quite wasted. It is rather sad, don't you think?

ALIX LIDDELL

Have You Tried this Game for Rangers?

RANGERS go out in couples at fifteen-minute intervals. They are given directions (verbal, written, compass or map, as may be most suitable to the locality) for visiting three houses in turn.

They are told that at the first house Mrs. A is re-decorating a room and will discuss with them what pictures will go best in it. When they ring the bell they hear a crash and a cry. Mrs. A has upset a boiling kettle over her foot. She notes how they react and what they do for her. She can say that she is quite all right to be left as her husband will be in shortly, but asks them to forgive her for not talking about the pictures for the present.

At the second house they are told that Mrs. B will show them the house. They are only to stay there ten minutes and to make *mental* notes about number and size of rooms, and when they get to the third house Mrs. C. will give them details of a family and ask them to decide if the house would be suitable.

At the third house, however, Mrs. C rushes to the door and gives them a long-winded and garbled message about a series of misadventures which have occurred making it impossible for her to have them in. She asks them to telephone to Mrs. D. to cancel an engagement.

On their return to headquarters the Rangers are questioned about the second house, to see how much they have remembered. Later, Mrs. A, Mrs. B, and Mrs. C are asked for their reports on how the Rangers conducted themselves, and Mrs. D for the message that they were asked to telephone.

This game is not very suitable for a large company as it takes too long for the couples to get round. It can, of course, be amended so that three couples start simultaneously, No. 2 going first to house 2, and No. 3 first to house 3.

N.B.—Among one's long-suffering friends who help on these occasions it is important to find a good actress for the garbled message part so that it doesn't sound too 'put-on'.

A.B.

The Guide Tests

IN CONNECTION with the article, 'The Guide Tests', on page 116 of the June GUIDER, will Guiders please note that they were not asked to consider the suggestion that knowledge of the Signs (clause b) (whistle and/or hand signals) should be deleted from the Tenderfoot test. The suggestion was that before passing her Tenderfoot test the recruit should know the whistle and hand signals.

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She was a wonderful person. I met her at Waddow 1929, just before she got married. THE GUIDER he used to wear her, because her name rang up every night at 10pm!

Alice Gaddum, 1885-1952

TO the present generation of Guides and Guiders that name is perhaps just a name on paper, but to those of us who have been in Guiding for many years the name of Alice Behrens (as she then was) means something quite unique, something very special and something very precious, and—in her heyday—it was indeed a 'name to conjure with'.

'Get Miss Behrens to come and everything will be all right'. 'Oh, Miss Behrens will settle that little difficulty in no time'. 'She stirs us to action the moment we see her'. 'I would do anything she asks of me'. 'It is an inspiration even to be in the same room with her...'. 'You feel you can conquer anything when she talks to you' and so on, and so on.

Those are the things that were said, and so truly said, of Alice Behrens in those great days in the early history of our movement; and now that she has been called to Higher Service those of us who had the good fortune to know her and to work with her in those pioneer stages, think back with a sense of deep gratitude for her life, for the example she gave of utter selfless devotion to her tasks, for her greatness of heart in service to others, and give thanks for the gladness that her sweet and loving friendship gave to us.

In *The Story of the Girl Guides* mention is made of her first entry into our ranks, in 1913, and it was then that I first met her, staying in London, learning all she could from my husband, eagerly absorbing his suggestions, and drinking deeply from that well of knowledge and inspiration. As the daughter of a very leading citizen, and busying herself with various forms of public service in the city of Manchester, she became Commissioner for the Guides there, even before that position as such had been invented.

The movement was still at that time in its chrysalis stage, the title and functions of Commissioners had not yet been evolved, but with her natural charm and genius, and her amazing understanding of people and girls she was called on from many parts of the country to come and help and advise in the struggling beginnings of Guide Companies.

She was an amazing personality—vigorous and energetic, attractive and gay, and tremendously alive. Nothing daunted her when she felt the call to action. And yet withal she was a deep thinker, a devout churchgoer, a lover of music and poetry, of fine pictures and colour; and birds and trees and flowers and all the out-of-door beauties of God's creations seemed indeed part and parcel of her very being. Here was in fact a dreamer and a visionary, and yet someone who could steer and weld all these qualities into her day-to-day life, and harness them, by steady and slogging hard work, into practical material.

The whole programme of Guiding and its power and its possibilities made an instantaneous appeal to this lovely person; and as the urgent desire to be trained and 'up and doing' stirred girls during those years of the 1914-18 war, so came the urgent need for our movement to cope with this,

to open its doors wide, and become fully organised as quickly as possible.

In 1915 my husband became the Chairman of the then rather frail Headquarters Committee, and he immediately turned to Alice Behrens, whom he trusted fully, to come and help with the new developments. There were, at that time, about twenty-five Commissioners scattered over the face of Britain, and Alice was deputed to call a Conference at

Matlock in 1916; and from then on—having been chosen to be the first Chief Commissioner—I leant on Alice, I depended on Alice, I sought her advice unceasingly, and had her fine wise help and support in every conceivable way. Freely and lavishly she gave of her help and of her very self. Up and down the country she went, speaking at meetings, pushing, pulling, encouraging and firing people with her own magnetic cheerfulness and ardour for Guiding, in her own unique and unrivalled manner.

Those who had already taken up Guiding were stirred to greater zeal; and whilst writing endless letters, attending meetings, and dealing with other societies, she was drawing more and more valuable people as if by magic, to come into our ranks and build up our movement to a secure and progressive state.

Headquarters claimed her, counties claimed her, and, in spite of the many calls upon her in her own family circle, she never flagged or failed; and when the training of Guiders loomed, as a thing that was much needed, she took the lead in that as the first 'Head of Training'.

The forerunners of the Rangers of today—then called 'Senior Guides'—in 1917 became her special care. All through those busiest years of our British Guide history, she coped with first one Headquarters Department after another, even turning her attention to 'Equipment' at one stage, and all through that time acting as County Commissioner for her beloved Lancashire, as well as taking all the North of England under her dear good care as 'Deputy Chief'.

And then came the day of days—or one of them—when Foxlease was offered to the movement by Mrs. Archbold, from America, and, with Alice as its first Guider-in-Charge, its success was assured. To each and every person, old or young, whoever it was and wherever they came from, a generous warm-hearted welcome came pouring out to greet them, from that fine great-hearted leader, her eyes shining, kindly words tumbling out of her mouth, so fast and so emphatic, that there was hardly time to hear or to catch them! She loved Foxlease; she ran Foxlease; she created the Foxlease that we know, and she gave to it that spirit of friendliness and goodwill that will never die.

Tours overseas followed after. Australia wanted someone to lift them up in their new developments, to train their Guiders and to inspire their Guides, and Alice went off round the world, blazing a trail that still remains today in that vast continent 'down under', and in New Zealand, too, calling in on Canada on her way back, and leaving



The first Guider-in-Charge of Foxlease and Waddow, Alice Behrens (afterwards Mrs. Arthur Gaddum)

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there also impressions and memories that do not fade. South Africa came next, catching at her heart with its space and its sunshine, its problems and its needs. Her name is found written in many a Log Book, and her name is spoken gratefully in Guide ranks there still.

Her well loved 'North of England' claimed her again when she returned and—in some measure planned and thought of in her honour—the counties of the North got busy and with Headquarters they raised the funds for buying and equipping Waddow, as the 'second Foxlease'.

Modest and yet triumphantly happy she returned from her travels. Wedded she was to Guiding. Wedded—we thought—for life to our cause, with this burning zeal for what our training and our influence could, and would, be in the world. Filled she was with an almost passionate love for helping and giving and serving people and girls in numbers, and holding openly and uppermost in her mind this ideal of helping, by her own unstinted giving, to make God's Kingdom alive in this world.

And then all this came suddenly down to solid earth as she gave her gifts in their entirety into the hands of one man—Arthur Gaddum—her lifelong neighbour and family friend. As a leading Scout Commissioner he had done his own share of splendid work for Scouting, and had been sent to tour South Africa; and coming in her tracks, hearing her praises on every side, he 'woke up', and in 1929 they were so happily married, living in Cheshire, near their former homes.

After a short few years spent in that steadily increasing built-up area, they felt the call to quietness together, and bought and settled at Orielton, a large isolated house on the Pembrokeshire coast, content and satisfied, both of them at

last having a richly earned life of ease, with their daughter, Mary, growing up in this beautiful unspoilt countryside.

Alice still gave her name as a Member of Headquarters Council, and sometimes we could wheedle her into coming back among us for an annual meeting. Occasionally she could be tempted to talk of the old days, to a generation of Guiders who, having been born and grown up into the present-day ranks, can know little enough of those former days of our movement's foundation and, listening, would hardly realise that here among them was someone who had been one of the greatest, and indeed the most loved and revered, Guiders that we have ever known.

Painfully and woefully crippledom came gradually upon her, and of recent years the added cruelty of blindness has driven her back on to herself, and yet never once has she wavered. Cut off more and more from entering into other people's doings, and suffering the agony of her husband's sudden death in 1948, she still thought always about other people, and held on bravely to her own amazing and most wonderful inner strength and stands as an example that we, her friends, can never forget.

There was not a murmur of complaint, never a whisper of defeatism, never a moan or a groan over her afflictions, nor one word of bitterness or self-pity, to which the strongest may so easily and so naturally give way. With relations staying in her house, she ran up the stairs, saying: 'Oh, a pain in my heart'—and she was gone. Gallant and courageous she has stood and lived, noble to the end.

Olave Baden-Powell

Drama with Extension Guides

DURING the last few months I have visited homes and schools for handicapped Guides with the object of seeing how much they can enjoy drama. Anything that gives these Guides pleasure and, at the same time, enriches their knowledge of human emotions should, I am sure, be encouraged. You so often find that the handicapped Guide's imagination is far more sensitive and vivid than that of the 'active' child, and unless this imagination is given an outlet through one or the other forms of art, we are ignoring the one means by which she can take her place, side by side with, and even have an *advantage* over, the 'active' child.

Explaining the Main Idea

At one home for cripples I had about twenty-five Guides for a drama session—some spastic cases, others crippled from birth and one bed-case of a child with rheumatoid arthritis who was unable to move. After explaining the main idea of acting, which is to be someone else for a while, to think and feel as you would imagine that person would think and feel in a given situation, stressing, of course, the necessity of absolute sincerity, we tried out a little simple mime, beginning with a mimed action and developing into thumb-nail sketches. We went on to spontaneous drama, building it up in the same way. It was amazing to see what moving little sketches these children were able to do. One particularly good performance came from a spastic who could not move out of her chair, while the child in bed with rheumatoid arthritis gave us an amusing little study of a heavy sleeper who was quite undisturbed by the antics of a mouse.

At a school for blind children I introduced glove-puppets. It was a fascinating experience. First they felt the puppets all over, carefully describing the face, the clothing and the personality. Then they spoke with the voices of the puppets, at the same time using their first two fingers to work them. It was most exciting, and moving, to listen to the charm-

ing stories told by these children, their faces alive with expression, while their eyes remained sightless.

May I say that anyone who has time to make glove-puppets would find many eager Blind Guides ready to receive them. 'Glove puppets need just a head and hands attached to a single wide-ended garment, with trimming stitched round the neck and wrists. The head, however, must have character and be expressive for as the head tilts, so the expression appears to change. If you watch a puppet closely in a mirror you will be surprised at the apparent variations in his look caused by the slightest movement of the head'.

I quote the above from an article written by Miss J. Conyngham Green. I would like to add that in puppets for the blind carved or papier mâché heads are not necessary, stuffed material heads with features raised by means of beads or stitches will be sufficient so that the Guides can feel the faces. These are very simple to make from any odd materials you may have by you, but the more varied in texture the more they will be enjoyed.

Sketches at Campfire

When visiting deaf Guides I found puppets a help as well as a pleasure. It helped them to form words through the puppets and so encouraged them in the difficult art of speaking. Because a child cannot move, or another cannot speak, it does not mean that they are unable to take their place in drama. On the contrary, if they are encouraged to do such sketches during campfire it will soon become part of their Guiding activities.

There is no doubt about all these children's obvious enjoyment, and in time they will give pleasure to an audience who will be lucky enough to be present on such stimulating occasions.

PHYLLIS BERGEL
[Drama Adviser, I.H.Q.]

Notes of the Month

The Coronation

Information is being obtained by Headquarters from the authorities concerned if places on the Coronation Procession route can be allotted to the movement for representatives from overseas and from the United Kingdom. A comparatively small number of places was allotted to us for the Coronation in 1937, and as soon as definite information is received about allocations for 1953 it will be circulated. In the meantime members of the movement are asked to refrain from addressing inquiries on this subject either to I.H.Q. or to any other authority. Information about any general plans for Coronation Year will appear in due course in *THE GUIDER*. I.H.Q. is not organising any representative camp such as was held in 1937.



Miss Toft, General Secretary at I.H.Q.

The Royal Show

The Scout and Guide Movements were honoured by a visit to their stall at the Royal Show, at Newton Abbot, by Her Majesty The Queen. Devon Scouts and Guides were acting as stewards to judges and helping in a number of other ways, and over ten thousand visitors came to our tent to see photographs and models from Devon and Headquarters illustrating part of the story of Guiding. Great interest was shown also in the film exhibitions on a daylight screen.

The Guernsey Trefoil Guild

The dispatch of clothing to the Displaced People in Germany, particularly to those in Pinneberg Camp, is part of the Guernsey Trefoil Guild's social service. Interest in this camp arose through the Welfare Worker, Mrs. Funkiene, replying to a message of good wishes in one of the parcels which she received from the Guernsey Guild through the G.I.S. Clothing and toys to fill nearly 300 sacks of twenty-two pounds in weight have been collected by means of appeals in the local newspapers, and at Christmas hundreds of toys and over 100 pounds of sweets have been sent for the children. In their letter the children illustrated it with the flags of their countries: Estonia, Yugoslavia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and the Ukraine.



A corner of the Scout and Guide tent at the Royal Show

The General Secretary

The Chief Commissioner writes: 'Until Miss Toft, our new General Secretary, joined the A.T.S. in 1938, she fitted Guiding into a busy life and now, after a very distinguished career, ending up as full Colonel in the W.R.A.C., she returns to the movement. Her last appointment as Deputy Director A.T.S., in command of British Zone of Germany, gave her an opportunity of seeing something of the work of the G.I.S. and of British Guides in Germany where she again became interested in Guiding.

Miss Toft has been a Guide from the age of eleven, later started a Guide Company and eventually became a Ranger Captain and a District Commissioner. So she has seen a great deal of Guiding, within and without the movement, and it



Miss Gwen Kesketh, awarded the M.B.E. for her work with the G.I.S. in Germany, receives the award from the High Commissioner for Australia, Sir Thomas White

is because she believes in the contribution that it can make to the future that she has come to this most important job at Headquarters. We welcome her back to Guiding with great joy and promise her our help and our friendship in her strenuous work'.

The Guide Club

The Committee of the Guide Club have decided to extend membership of the Guide Club to *all* members of the movement—Cadets, Rangers and Guides (active or otherwise)—over the age of eighteen. Until the end of 1952 no entrance fee will be charged. Subscriptions for all new members will be £3 3s. per year (£1 11s. 6d. for this half-year). Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, The Guide Club, 46 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

Bookings at 'Our Ark' in 1953

As it is expected that many Guides and Girl Scouts from overseas will be coming to England in 1953 for the Coronation, Our Ark Committee has decided bookings for May and June, 1953, will be accepted from October 15th, 1952. Bookings from members in Great Britain may be sent in from December 15th, 1952. Applications should be made to the Warden, Our Ark, 11 Palace Street, London, S.W.1.

The Guide International Service

HEARING of the withdrawal of the G.I.S. Volunteers from Germany at the end of March people are apt to conclude that the G.I.S. is no longer active. This is far from the case as, so long as funds are available, we shall carry on with our existing projects and continue to try to respond to some of the many appeals for help on behalf of Displaced Persons still left in Germany.

We have been privileged to help in several special cases. An old Latvian lady, whose husband died of cancer six months ago, is left quite alone in Germany. Her daughter, living near Rugby, is willing and able to support her in her own home, travel documents are in order, but who will pay the fare at once so that the old lady can travel from the German border to London? Here the G.I.S. steps in—but such unexpected inroads into our funds cause anxiety about the future.

In connection with the Education project nineteen girls are already in schools in Britain. The G.I.S. is committed to defray their travelling expenses from, and back to, Germany, and must earmark a considerable sum for these return fares. Several girls have been invited to England for a holiday, but the hostesses sometimes need some help with the cost of fares.

One girl, invited for a short holiday, has now been asked for an extended period, but the parents wish her to visit them during the school vacation. This is another unforeseen expense and the G.I.S. will contribute towards it. These are only a few isolated instances of the work which we are so far still being enabled to do and which, failing the G.I.S., would remain undone.

From Lady Harding comes the news that parcels have been arriving in heartening numbers, and the contents distributed by the members of her Committee among the very needy Displaced Persons in hard-core camps located in, or near, towns where British wives are stationed. As Lady Harding will be returning to England when her husband takes up his new appointment of C.I.G.S., she has very kindly arranged that the distribution of parcels will continue to be done if they are addressed in future to the Honorary Secretary, Central Committee for Aid to Displaced Persons, c/o Commander-in-Chief's House, H.Q., B.A.O.R.1. There is still a very great need for clothing and food for Displaced Persons of the 'hard-core', and every parcel sent to the Committee brings some comfort and joy to a number of friendless people.

From the Chief Commissioner's Diary

HOW odd it must feel to live in a part of the world where one knows for certain that a date one has chosen for the rally is bound to be a fine day—odd but very restful. At the same time, I believe one would miss that final almost intoxicating delight, that sense of being fortunate which is added to one's joy in the sun and the warmth and the gaiety, when we *do* happen on a fine day for one of our functions.

Such a day was the Saturday on which North-East Lancashire held their rally, and I don't believe I have ever seen a more perfect background for the Guide blue. First, as seen in the distance, like a huge mass of delphiniums against the trees, and then as company after company marched past on a long terrace, on one side of which were banks of azaleas and rhododendrons, all in bloom for the occasion (so it seemed), and on the other a view right over the fair county of Lancashire.

Lovely as that park must be every day, I felt our blue made it far lovelier. What luck to have such a day one thought gratefully, and yet a rally so well organised as our rallies often are, and this one was most excellently planned, one has the impression that even if there is a cloudburst or a flood it will have been coped with before it happens, and that it will still be fun and a great occasion for both Guides, Guiders and visitors alike.

Since I last wrote to you I have had so strongly the feeling of being at the centre—the centre of a big movement in a great Commonwealth with lines of communication and of friendship coming from all over the world. News seems to pour in—lots and lots of letters and then at this time of year especially, so many visitors from the Dominions and Colonies turn up and give one first-hand news of doings in their own lands. From India we hear that through the outstanding service rendered by the Cadets and Guides of St. Mary's Girls' School, Deogarh S.P., Bihar, at the time of the Punjab mail disaster, the Donald Ross trophy has gone to India.

This trophy, given by Mr. Walter Donald Ross, of Vancouver, is awarded annually, as you know, to a Girl Guide or Girl Scout Troop for service or outstanding achievement.

The points taken into consideration are corporate effort, Guide or Ranger (as against adult) initiative, application of the patrol system if the Guide age is applying, perseverance, efficiency, resourcefulness and Guide or Girl Scout training involved and originality.

In South Australia we learn that each Guide brought an unused 3½d. stamp to her company meeting. When they were mounted in a design and sent to their State Headquarters the stamps were used and the money paid for them sent to Our Chalet Birthday Fund.

News of preparation for Canada's great camp comes from there and most Canadian folk who have been over seem to be hurrying home for it, and Miss Chater has gone to be at their campfires.

Letters come also from Miss Kay, Chief Commissioner for Wales, who seems to be seeing a great deal of Guiding in Canada and enjoying it to the full.

Nearer at hand we have news, too, for donations have started to come in to Headquarters from business companies and firms up and down the country. Among the many cheques is one for £2,000 from the Imperial Tobacco Company—a most exciting thing to pull out of an envelope! This, together with the appreciative letters that have accompanied some of the other gifts, gives us a warm glow of encouragement that our work should be so generously recognised.

Don't forget, if the chance should come your way, to give our Appeal a fair wind, as sailors say, will you? A little jog in the right direction in an office or a very brief explanation of what we do, to a friend in industry who has received the Appeal letter, can often have wonderful results, not only financial ones, but much may come of sowing the seeds of a real and continuing interest in our movement.

Frank Strickland

[CHIEF COMMISSIONER, IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS]

Waddow's Pack Holiday House

YOU don't need me to tell you what a happy day this is for Waddow—you can feel it in the air! Yes, you could feel it on that lovely sunny Saturday, June 28th, and the Guider-in-Charge, Miss Janet Cozens, was only voicing the feelings of Commissioners, Guiders, Cadets, Rangers, Guides, visitors and, of course, Brownies, who had come to the opening of the Pack Holiday House at Waddow.

There it now stands, close to the banks of the Ribble and just behind the delightful walled-in garden as you come up the drive. Following Guide tradition many people have had a hand in this new enterprise. Miss Walker, Guider-in-Charge

Divisions, Districts and individual friends began to reach Waddow. (They will all have heard already how much their practical help is appreciated but Mrs. Fleetwood-Hesketh, Chairman of the Waddow House Committee, wishes to record Waddow's thanks in print.)

And now what did visitors find inside the Pack Holiday House when, as soon as Miss Pilkington had opened the door with a key handed to her by a Clitheroe Brownie, everyone trooped inside to look? (The key, by the way, has a place of honour in the hall on a carved silver birch tree with an owl looking down on a toadstool and a pool.) The dining room has many windows, a fireplace, cream tables and chairs which can easily be stacked in a corner when Brownies want floor space in wet weather. Of course there is a hatch through to the kitchen next door, where there is a gas stove; roomy green cabinet and kitchen equipment given by Clitheroe timber merchants.

'How Brownies will enjoy washing up here', Miss Harrison remarked when she thanked Miss Pilkington on behalf of the Brownie Branch. She said, too, how much Guiders would appreciate an opportunity of putting into practice at

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South-East Lancashire has 'adopted' the dining room

at Waddow from 1945 to 1951, first had the idea that a Pack Holiday House was *needed*, hopefully cherished it and began to plan for it. Then, two years ago, Miss Christine Pilkington (who has served the movement so well in so many ways as South-West Lancashire County Commissioner, C.C.A., Ranger Captain, Head of Brownie Training and as a member of the Council, to mention only a few of them) gave £1,000 to the Girl Guides Association. The Executive Committee decided that this generous gift should be given to Waddow for a Pack Holiday House. Imperial Headquarters has also given £280 (£80 from the King George's Jubilee Trust Development Grant) to be used for a hot water boiler, wash-basins and bath when a further building licence is obtained.

Miss Brierley, County Commissioner for South-East Lancashire, who, as Mrs. Gibbs said at the opening, has 'seen everything got done and kept a watching brief on every one', has also entered a deed of covenant with the Girl Guides Association for seven years for a certain sum to be used for equipment and maintenance. And as soon as the site for the Holiday House had been chosen, the first sod cut and building begun, news of this new venture went round and most generous gifts from many of the northern counties,



Miss Christine Pilkington opens the door of the Pack Holiday House at Waddow



Visitors watch Brownies making 'model' gardens

THE patrol system is a sufferer from lip service and the stock complaint that in company meetings there is too little time for training and testing is ample evidence of this. The necessity for training and testing should not occur first to the captain and be inserted into the programme at her arbitrary decision, but should be discussed at the Court of Honour. The leaders will indicate there which Guides are ready for tests, and the Guider, forewarned, will have time to make plans, at the very least, one week ahead.

Perhaps the Court of Honour advises that two Guides want to try their Second Class fires. A morning or afternoon must be surrendered for this anyway, and so why not suggest to the leaders that those who are ready for tracking or signalling or knots come along too: while the fires are proceeding the other Guides can be engaged in an activity of the wide game type which will take in the test desired. Again, with the co-operation and organising ability of the leaders, a challenge can be devised which will cover a test such as health or nature.

Then there is camp. It is always possible to suggest to the Court of Honour that many of the tests can be planned to take place there provided the Guider is warned in good time what is wanted, so that she can have time to make the tests interesting and challenging.

That leaves the question of training. Now the Guider who asserts that she has inadequate time for this is surely taking a very narrow view of the subject. Asked what she is aiming at in Guide work she will never reply: 'Five First Class badges, ten Second Class, everybody through Tenderfoot, and seventeen Proficiency badges', but will reply glibly, 'Citizenship'. And in the next five minutes she will point out that her difficulties arise from the upset caused to her regular programmes by special training needed suddenly for a church parade, by a Commissioner's visit, by an evening given up to raising money to buy camp equipment.

What is the attitude of the rational outsider to this sort of statement? No housewife can run to an absolutely calculable programme; she plans to wash but it rains, to begin

The thing to remember is that an easy solution lies through the Court of Honour, where training and testing can often be planned to go hand in hand, as already indicated. If the Guider sees to it that her own patrol of leaders is properly trained, they will each, in their own patrols and with a much more intimate knowledge of the individual Guide's problems, tackle the training for test work at a down to ground level that the adult finds difficult to achieve. The decentralisation of training through the patrols is very important; if the Guider tries to do most of the training of the company directly herself she is depriving the leaders of purpose, everyone is too dependent on her, and instead of aiming at her ideal of citizenship, she is running the very grave danger of 'pattern-making', with its resultant repression of individuality; she is fitting her Guides for the groove, the rut, for obscurity, and denying the very aims to which she pays unwittingly only lip service.

Where does the time to train the leaders come from? asks the busy Guider who has all too often a job and home responsibilities to face, as well as her voluntary work. There are several solutions; let the seconds take over the patrols every so often, so that the Guider can work with the leaders alone; if there is no lieutenant to see to the normal running of the programme, give a chance to each leader in turn to organise the meeting. If this is impracticable, because of a crowded clubroom or comparable difficulty, make one meeting in four or five for leaders only. Or ask them to stay for half an hour longer on the nights when there are Court of Honour meetings and train them then. There is always a way, and it must be taken if any of our Guide work is to be effective. Study the lives of the greatest teachers who have ever lived. They were all conscious that they had a mission, they may all have felt that life was fleeting, but in their wisdom they realised that the very shortness of life meant that an attempt to dissipate their ideas widely over too many people would lose the personal touch and defeat their object. So they gathered round themselves small bands of disciples whom they taught thoroughly, and they never forgot that example was more important than words. Our idea of working through patrol leaders is not a conception unique to Guiding and Scouting; in its wisdom it is as old as history.

MARY NIXON



Maps Can Be Fun!

OUR Guides are growing up in an age when everything is explained pictorially. What a chance this gives us with the sketch map, for the occasions a pictorial map can be made and used in the company are innumerable.

Why not start off with one of the clubroom, something everyone can see around them? A small group during your testwork session could do this, or you could use it as a patrol competition.



Guides can begin by making a map of their own street

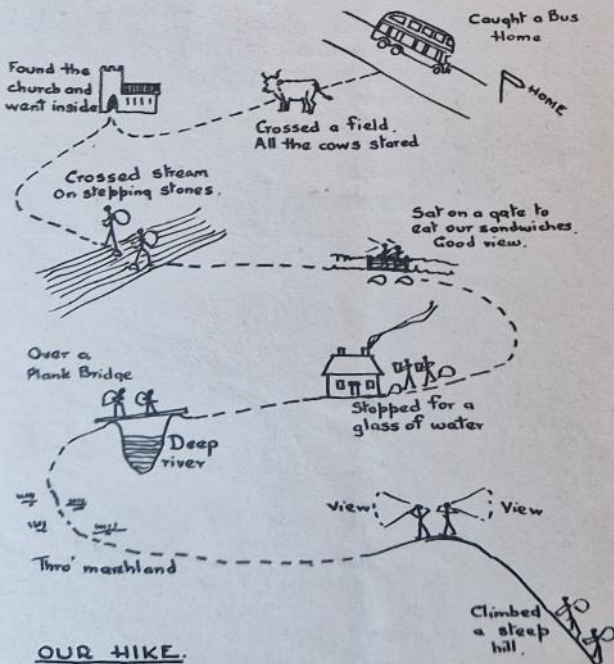
First a simple outline plan of the hall; white kitchen paper would do quite well as it needs to be fairly large. If the edges are bound with coloured 'celotape', it won't tear and it will add to the effect.

The 'fixed' furniture can be drawn on, and, if you have Col-

ours, the Union Jack or World Flag shown. The Guides can then let themselves 'go' on their Patrol Corners, possibly using pictures of their emblems or using some of the highly coloured transfers which are available at the moment. These are fun to use and there are good flower and bird sets. Wonderful effects can also be obtained by the use of pin figures.

Where do your Guides live? It gives a Tenderfoot a thrill on the night she is enrolled to be able to stick a trefoil (available in packets at H.Q.) on her home. The simplest outline road map is suitable for this and can be shared with the Ranger Company and the Brownie Pack.

This map, or a similar one, can be used for local knowledge. The pictures can be drawn and then coloured or,



There is plenty of scope in the choice of symbols



Pillar and Telephone Boxes in bright red.

A Fire, again in red, for the Firestation.



The Church, in grey or brown



The Theatre

The Post Office (or by sticking on a stamp!)



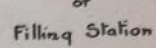
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The Garage



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Childrens Playground.



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Pub.



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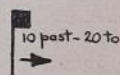
School



Station.

The patrol hike for the log book

better still, cut out of brightly coloured gummed paper and then stuck on. Quite a large group of Guides can work around the same map. Whatever happens make your map bold with bright colours, treating it as a poster. Guides will have great fun working out the symbols for the various landmarks and will have to go out and explore (even on a cold winter evening) to ensure getting the position



10 past - 20 to



5 mins.



Showing the times of buses

accurate. The illustrations on this page will give you a few ideas for symbols, but many different ones can be used and if these are done in really bright colours a gay map will be the result.

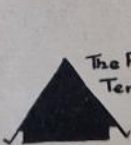
There is no need to worry if you can't draw—probably many of your Guides will be able to. In any case the small drawings in some advertisements may be useful to copy. The simpler the shape of the symbol the more effective will be your map: If your map is large enough you can add the local bus routes either by means of a bus stop or, if you prefer, by showing the actual buses.

You may not be able to take your Guides with you to visit the site of your next camp, but when you get back you can rough out a general plan on a sheet of brown paper and the P.L.s can work with you in laying out the site. This makes an interesting map to show parents when visiting them before camp.

Pictorial maps also make good invitation cards and many counties make them for Christmas cards. Bus companies sometimes use them as covers for their time-tables so you should have no difficulty in getting a copy.

Finally, there is always the map to illustrate a patrol hike for the log book—perhaps the greatest fun of all to compile.

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ALTHOUGH many and varied are the problems which face our wild animals they do not have to contend with a housing shortage. Short of food they sometimes may be, especially in winter, but never short of homes, for they are their own architects and building materials are theirs for the gathering. Indeed, some of them are lucky enough to have two homes, as in the case of the dormouse, for this attractive individual has both a summer and a winter residence; but the majority of people see it only in spring and summer when, dressed in a yellowish-buff jacket and white waistcoat, it lives in its hammock of interwoven grasses placed at a height of from six to nine feet above ground.

Not nearly as many people know the dormouse as a sound sleeper, tucked away in a cosy nest where neither frost nor snow can penetrate, but that is how it spends the winter, for as soon as the leaves tumble from the branches this furry creature discards its home aloft and proceeds to construct a winter residence in some sheltered cavity of the hedgerow.

I once got a glimpse of a dormouse thus employed and although a keen easterly wind whipped the tears from my eyes as I peeped through a clump of holly, I shall long remember the thrill of watching that industrious builder gathering materials for its winter home.

What first attracted my attention was a movement in the hedgerow and thinking it to be a vole or shrew I watched, until a small furry face emerged and a dormouse and I stood looking at each other. In its mouth it carried a leaf, but it was only for a second that I watched it, before it shrank away from my gaze. However, my interest was aroused, so moving back to where a clump of hollies afforded me cover, I waited, and although a cock blackbird, annoyed at my presence, gave vent to his abuse in language loud and shrill, the dormouse took no notice.

Again it poked its head out of the herbage and after waiting a brief space, to satisfy itself that all was well, it hurried across the mossy woodland floor still carrying the leaf. But what was that? My heart almost stopped as a stoat suddenly appeared on the scene, but, fortunately for the dormouse, the slim bandit was on the trail of some other denizen (probably a rabbit) and with its nose to the ground pursued its course.

Alas, I had lost trace of the dormouse, but after I had waited twenty minutes and was about to retire I saw it slip out from among the roots of an old ash stump, where I later discovered a small cavity filled with grass and leaves. The arrangement of the materials gave no evidence of pattern nor skill, the probability being that when, eventually, the owner had gathered enough of them it would get into the centre of the accumulation to turn round and round until a suitable chamber had been formed; then it would drop off to sleep, and there remain, quite oblivious of the outside world, until the advent of warmer weather. The sleep is profound, for dormice are the most classic examples of hibernation to be found in this country, and on many occasions I have stroked them without their being aware of my presence. Once I lifted one from its bed, photographed it, then placed it back again, and it never moved a single whisker nor blinked an eye-lid.

When active, most of the dormouse's excursions are undertaken at night, but like most of its nocturnal neighbours, it has no aversion to a daylight stroll, and shows a distinct fondness for honeysuckle by often placing its breeding nest amid the stalks of the plant and making extensive use of the bark for its construction. Being definitely arboreal, its little hand-like paws serve their owner in good stead as it runs

nimbly along the hazel twigs in search of nuts.

Autumn is its season of plenty and before 'turning in' for its long winter repose, it eats and eats until it seems almost ready to burst, for when, at last, it passes into a state of torpor it has to live throughout the winter on the fat of its body. Whether in autumn it feeds lavishly in conscious preparation for its winter needs is extremely doubtful, the chances being that it acts merely in obedience to a blind instinct. Even so, it is an instinct which serves the dormouse extremely well and is yet another example of the amazing way in which Dame Nature meets the need of her children.

The most outstanding difference between the dormouse and other British mice is that its tail is clothed with hair instead of scales, and because at present it is not so widely distributed as the other mice it deserves protection wherever it is found, for it is a harmless little animal with a desire to 'live and let live'.

A friend of mine recently told me how, while cutting away some hazels in his orchard, he dislodged a round nest which came tumbling to the ground. He thought it to be the home of a bird and was surprised when a dormouse popped out of it; but the frightened little occupant ran only a few feet before turning to look back at the man who, although unintentionally, had so ruthlessly sent its nest crashing to the ground. Then, much to my friend's surprise, the dormouse ran back and entered the nest to emerge a few seconds later carrying in its mouth a tiny baby. This youngster was placed a short distance away beneath some grass and then the brave mother returned to rescue another of her family which she deposited alongside the first.

In the meantime my friend peeped into the grassy hammock to see that it contained two or three more babies, so in the hope of helping the devoted mother he placed the nest near the spot where she had taken the two rescued ones, and returned them to it. Immediately the mother entered the nest and when my friend left the scene she was still within. Next day, however, the nursery was empty and no trace was ever seen of them again until the following autumn when two individuals were found hibernating, each in its own dormitory, only a few yards from where the breeding nest had been.

If, during your walks next winter you come across a hibernating dormouse, don't succumb to the temptation to take it home to a more congenial atmosphere, for although warmth would probably revive it, specimens thus artificially aroused seldom live many days. The sleeper is best left where you find it, but mark the place and, when spring returns, go there again and you will probably find the dormitory empty. Maybe you will also get a glimpse of the little builder preparing its summer residence.



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Wide Games for Town Companies

'IT'S all very well to talk', said the Town Guider, 'but how do you expect me to play wide games—bang in the middle of London and not a square yard of greenstuff for miles? Well, there is a park, but if you so much as look at a tree the keeper descends on you, and we're not supposed to play organised games there anyway. And if you try tracking in the streets the boys move the signs and the Guides can't find them, and anyway it's not a very nice area for them to be out in'.

'Quite so', said the Country Guider hastily, seeing the Town Guider taking a deep breath preparatory to going on with her list, 'but couldn't you—well, I don't know, it must be awfully difficult and all that—but isn't that just one of the reasons why it's so important? I mean, the harder it is to play wide games the more worth while it is to try; and the more difficult it is to get out of doors the more need there is to do it'.

The Town Guider looked unconvinced. 'As I said before', she replied, 'it's all very well to talk. The point is, how do you intend to do it? I'd like to see you play a wide game with my company!'

'Have you ever tried?' asked the Country Guider.

'Well, no, but then, how would you set about it?'

'Personally', said the Country Guider, 'I wouldn't. At least, I wouldn't try playing a wide game straight off. I'd start by getting the company used to the idea, and used to being out of doors, in patrols, or in pairs, perhaps—never alone. B-P always told the Scouts to work in pairs, as you'll find in *Scouting for Boys*. The sort of thing I'd do', she went on, as the Town Guider seemed inclined to listen, 'would be to send them out to find out things like the times of the collections from the nearest pillar box, the address of the local doctor, the number of a nearby call box; or to see what 'buses pass the end of the road, where they are coming from and where they are going. It could all be made part of an inter-patrol competition on the Second Class test. Then you can go on to something more definite, like "shops", or "window-shopping"'.

'What's that?' asked the Town Guider, becoming less hostile.

'Well, "shops" is really a memory-training game. Ask your patrols to write down, in order, the name of every shop in a given street, starting from the north end. Then you send them out to check up their own answers. "Window-shopping" teaches observation as well as training the memory. Send each patrol to visit several shops in turn, and put them on their honour to study the contents of each window for two minutes only. When they get back ask them to write down the contents of one of the windows, or to say in which shop they saw certain articles. Games like that help the Guides to get used to being out of the hall, and you can control the area they go to and the time they're out. You'll find more of that sort in *Scouting for Boys*—the Founder planned for town troops, too'.

'And what happens next?' asked the Town Guider. 'Couldn't we do something a bit more exciting? It's all right so far, but it's going to get a bit dull if we just keep on looking in shop windows'.

'Well, there's a "Compass Treasure Hunt"', said the Country Guider. 'You send the Guides out in patrols, or in pairs, to hide a very small object, and tell them to write down the compass direction of the route they follow—say ten paces N., six paces NW., twelve paces W. and four paces S. Then they come back to the hall and try to find the treasure that another patrol has hidden. The obvious advan-

tage of that one is that there are no tracking signs for boys to move or for passers-by to kick off the path—and if you're a Guide you should be able to hide a very small object without letting any one know what you're up to! You can extend that game by hiding a letter at the end of the compass trail, giving the next clue—for example: "Ring Valley 2351 and give the password, Be Prepared". You've probably got a friend on the 'phone who'd "stooge" for you one evening'.

'If you want something really exciting try *Blockade Runners*. You just detail one set of Guides (say two pairs) to meet at a given spot and time and to get to the company's H.Q. without being caught. They can use any disguise they like, but on their way they have to collect various articles—we used to play it over about three quarters of a mile, and some of the things they had to collect included a lump of coal and a copy of the local paper! My company loved that—the P.L.s made it up and played it, as a matter of fact, while I was away! Another thing was, the Court of Honour made up three very important "standing orders" for all our wide games:—

1. There was always to be a definite time limit.
2. No Guide was to be out alone.
3. Every Guide was on her honour to behave always as if Captain were there.

Once we'd got those as company tradition, we could play anything, any time, anywhere!

'It all sounds much more possible', said the Town Guider, slowly, 'though I'm still a bit worried about risking the traffic and letting them get down the back streets'.

'Couldn't you make it all part of the game?' suggested the Country Guider. 'Make a point of stressing they must look out when crossing roads because the thieves are believed to have stolen a car and will be driving recklessly to escape the police. And if your "undesirable neighbourhood" is in the south, then, strangely enough, the bandits were last seen making their escape towards the north! I don't believe in telling people not to do a thing—it's like the small boys, if you put down tracking signs of course they'll move them, so the only thing to do is to have such good signs that they don't see them, or else none at all, like our compass game. And the way to get your Guides to do what you want is to give them a very good reason for wanting to do it—without letting them know that it's what you want. Sounds a bit double Dutch, but you probably see what I mean?'

'Yes', said the Town Guider thoughtfully, 'I think I do begin to see what you mean'.

IDA M. DALTON

A B.B.C. Competition

The B.B.C. are running in the autumn, in the 'Under Twenty Parade' programme, a competition open to any Youth Group to find a group which shows outstanding enterprise, self reliance and service to the community. The provisional plans state that it will be open to any Youth Group of not less than twelve people between the ages of fifteen and twenty-one, meeting together regularly, i.e., the group could be a unit of one of the big youth organisations or an independent social club.

After sorting out a generous short list of 'probables' from the entries sent in, observers would visit the groups on the list and select the best in each region. A mobile recording car would record interviews and eye-witness descriptions of one of the group projects in action by a B.B.C. staff commentator. These recordings would be broadcast in successive 'Under Twenty Parade' programmes. The winning group would be chosen either by a panel of judges listening to recordings of the broadcasts, or by a post card poll.

In order to obtain full details send a stamped addressed envelope marked 'B.B.C. Competition', to Girl Guide Imperial Headquarters, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

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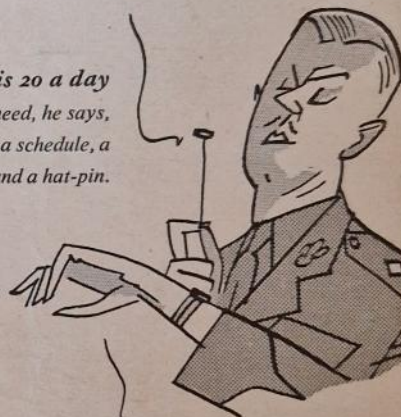


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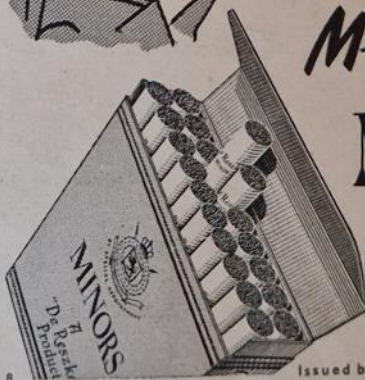
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Where to Train

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Rangers. The training at Waddow, August 26th to September 2nd, is for Rangers and will include expeditions and specialised training.

August 29th to September 5th at Foxlease. If you are a Guider who wants help with outdoor activities, come to Foxlease from August 29th to September 5th. First Class and Second Class woodcraft will be included in the programme together with hiking, mapping and compass, etc. There will also be opportunities for bird watching with a specialist, and part of the week will be set aside as 'holiday' when Guiders can explore the surrounding countryside and visit Winchester, Buckler's Hard and many other places of interest.

TRAINING BURSARIES AVAILABLE

Fee Bursaries. This entitles a Guider to attend Foxlease, Waddow and the M.T.B. at half-rate.

Fare Bursaries. Assistance will be given to Guiders on a basis of four-fifths of the railway fare in excess of £1. Further details from the Secretary, Training Department, I.H.Q.

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 the Secretary, Training Department, I.H.Q.

IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS

FOXLEASE

- August
1-11 Bank Holiday. Guide and Brownie Guiders
14-25 Patrol Leaders (full)
29-5 Sept. Woodcraft and holiday
- September
9-16 General Training
19-23 Commissioners and Secretaries
26-30 English Trainers
- October
3-7 Guide and Brownie Guiders
10-14 Essex
17-21 Guide and Brownie
24-28 Hampshire
31-4 Nov. International Promise and Law
- November
7-11 Music and Drama
14-18 Camp and Handcraft
21-25 Guiders and Commissioners

WADDOW

- August
1-8 Bank Holiday. General Training
12-22 Patrol Leaders (full)
26-2 Sept. Rangers (full)
- September
5-12 Guide and Brownie Guiders
16-23 Commissioners and General Training
26-30 Guide Pre-Warrant
- October
3-7 South Lancashire
10-14 Guide and Brownie Guiders
17-21 Camp and Handcraft
24-28 Guide and Brownie (Cadets and Rangers working with companies and packs will be specially welcomed at this training)

- 31-4 Nov. North-East Lancashire.
November
7-11 English Trainers
14-18 Guide and Brownie
21-25 Campfire.
(For Fees see July issue)

M.T.B.

- August
1-11 Sea Rangers
13-20 Guiders. Permit and Sailing
23-1 Sept. Sea Rangers
- September
4-11 Guiders. Sailing
13-20 Guiders
23-30 Guiders
30-14 Oct. Guiders (Maintenance and closing down). Open to all.

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

Training at Guiders' weeks will normally consist of Boat Permit and Charge Certificate work as required and will include sailing whenever possible.

PAX HILL HOMECRAFT TRAINING CENTRE

The next homecraft Training Course at Pax Hill, Bentley, near Farnham, Hampshire, for the National Institute of Houseworkers' Diploma will be held from September 5th, 1952, to April, 1953. Applications should be sent as soon as possible to the Principal, Miss Plater, at the above address.

I.H.Q. CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

Cadet Conference, 1953. There will be a Cadet Conference at I.H.Q. from January 2nd to 4th, 1953, beginning on Friday evening and finishing on Sunday evening at 6 p.m. Representation at the Conference will be arranged through counties by each Country's Cadet Adviser. Cadets are asked to arrange their own hospitality but should this prove difficult application should be made to the Secretary of the Training Department, I.H.Q.

Lone Training, 1952. A Lone Training will be held at I.H.Q. on October 3rd, 7-9 p.m.; October 4th, 10.30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; October 5th, 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Applications, enclosing a 2s. 6d. deposit, should be made to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department.

ENGLAND

The following trainings will be held at I.H.Q. and are open to all Guiders. Applications, enclosing the training fee, to be made to the Secretary, English Training Department.

Ranger Guiders. All Sections. Six weeks' course. Sept. 30th, Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, Nov. 4th. Fee 5s. 7-9 p.m.

Warranted Guide Guiders. Six weeks' course. Oct. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, Nov. 3rd, 10th. Fee 5s. 7-9 p.m.

Warranted Brownie Guiders. Week-end. Friday, Nov. 14th, 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 15th, 2.30-6.30 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 16th, 2.30-6.30 p.m. Fee 4s.

Extension Guiders. Saturday, Nov. 8th, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Particulars later. Fee 2s. 6d.

General Training. Brownie and Guide (Commissioners welcome). Wednesdays, Oct. 22nd, 29th, Nov. 5th, 12th. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Provision will be made for children. Fee 4s.

Campfire Week-end. Sat., Sept. 20th, 2.30-7 p.m.; Sun., Sept. 21st, 2.30-6 p.m. Fee 3s. 6d.

A Square Dance Party has been arranged for Guiders and Scouters, Rangers and Rovers, at the Queen's Westminster Rifles Hall, Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.1, on November 1st, 1952, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. Tickets, price 3s., will be obtainable from the English Department, Imperial Headquarters, Girl Guides Association. When applying for tickets please mention whether they are for ladies or gentlemen, and enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

A Folk Music Afternoon has been arranged for Guiders, on November 1st, sessions 3.0-4.0 p.m. and 5.0-6.0 p.m., preceeding the Square Dance Party, in the Library, Guide Headquarters. Price 1s. for two sessions, or 6d. each session.

SCOTLAND

Netherurd

- August
12-19 Guiders' Training Week
22-29 Commonwealth and Empire (Edinburgh Festival)
- September
19-22 Guide
26-29 Ayrshire and Bute
- October
3-6 Glasgow, N.E. Division
10-13 Clackmannanshire
17-20 Stirlingshire
24-27 Advanced
31-3 Nov. Commissioners and Ranger Guiders
- November
7-10 Brownie
14-17 East Lothian
21-24 Cadets
28-1 Dec. Peebles and Selkirk
- December
5-8 Trainers
12-15 Rangers
(For Fees see July issue)

WALES

Broneirion

- August
1-8 Patrol Leaders (Open)
12-19 Patrol Leaders (Open)
22-29 Patrol Leaders (Open)
30-22 Sept. Closed for Autumn Cleaning.
- September
26-29 Brownie Guiders
- October
10-13 Folk-Dance Week-end
17-20 Guide Guiders
24-27 Promise and Law
- November
7-9 Central Glamorgan (Some open places)
21-24 Guide Guiders, Refresher Training (Guiders with a Warrant of 5 years or more)
- December
5-8 Welsh Trainers Conference

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Report of Business dealt with by the Executive Committee of the Council during May, June and July, 1952

General Business

At the June meeting the Executive Committee welcomed the newly-elected members: Miss Anstice Gibbs, Miss E. Hartley, Mrs. H. S. Mair, Miss E. Parker, and also Mrs. Fairbairn, Chief Commissioner for Australia. At the July meeting Mrs. Gresham, State Commissioner for Queensland, Australia was welcomed.

A number of amendments to *Policy, Organisation and Rules*, proposed by the various sub-Committees, were fully considered and the decisions will be made known at the time they are due to come into effect. The formation of a new group in the Extension Section for Educational Sub-Normal Guides was agreed.

Special plans for the development of the Trefoil Guild were made, and business from the Standing Conference of National Voluntary Youth Organisations was considered, with special reference to financial matters.

Legal matters dealt with included the renewal of the lease of Broneirion and a successful application for exemption from certain clauses in the Essex County Council Bill.

In connection with Pax Hill matters relating to staffing, the house and estate, future enrolments and the award of diplomas were dealt with.

Preliminary consideration was given to recommendations regarding plans for the Coronation Year, and a notice appears on page 163 in connection with this.

Approval was given for the holding of a Students' Conference early in the New Year.

The awards as announced each month in *THE GUIDER* were approved.

Financial Matters

A quarterly report was received from the Honorary Treasurer in May, and a monthly report in June and July. Matters discussed on recommendation from the Finance Committee were staff salaries, the allocation of grants from the King George's Jubilee Trust and the annual estimates of expenditure of sub-committees. Very full and detailed consideration was given to the recommendations from every Branch and Department, regarding economies. A number of decisions were made which will be published as soon as the plans can be put into effect.

Commonwealth Affairs

Reports have been received of the progress of the Overseas Challenge and of arrangements made for Trainers to undertake Overseas tours.

News was received from the following Dominions and Colonies: St. Helena, Tristan da Cunha, Tasmania, Hong Kong, Nigeria, Kenya, India, Australia, Bahamas, and the Gilbert Islands.

International Affairs

Invitations were reported from The Netherlands, the United States of America and Suomi Finland.

Business was dealt with concerning: The Chalet Birthday; the Empire Ranger Gathering; the International Camp; the World Assembly of Youth Council Meeting; the European Youth Campaign; the World Conference; the International Promise and Law Conference for Protestant Guiders; the Gathering of International Commissioners; the World Song, and the visit of a Trainer from The Philippines.

Publications

Details of the Ranger Poster Competition were reported, and authority was given for the publication of articles on the Oarsman Test and of the Overseas Painting Book.

Guide International Service

A report was given each month of the final stages of the Guide International Service work for Displaced Persons in Germany, and of the efforts to ensure some provision for their future welfare. Plans were reported for a G.I.S. reunion and publication of the history of the G.I.S.

Branches

In the Brownie Branch the main news was of the opening of the Pack Holiday House at Waddow.

From the Ranger Branch a full report was received from

a special committee set up to consider future plans for the Air Ranger Section and a form of Air Ranger Ceremonial was approved.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

The following appointments and resignations were reported during the three months.

Appointments

Miss H. A. Toft, O.B.E., General Secretary, I.H.Q.
Mrs. Reith Gray to be Deputy Chief Commissioner for Wales during the absence of the Chief Commissioner.
Lady Pilditch to be Deputy Overseas Commissioner in the absence of the Chief Commissioner.

Mrs. Farquharson, Island Commissioner, Jamaica (vice Lady Agar); Mrs. Jullion, Island Commissioner, Monserrat (vice Mrs. Horner); Mrs. Waddell, Colony Commissioner, Gambia (vice Miss Thresher); Miss E. Williams, Colony Commissioner, Sierra Leone (vice Mrs. Benka-Coker); Miss Longden, Trefoil Guild Secretary (as from Oct. 1st, 1952); Miss M. Sandeman, Chairman, The Advisory Council of Jewish Girl Guides; and Miss U. Smith, Adviser for Universities and Colleges, I.H.Q.

Resignations

Miss J. Frith, O.B.E., General Secretary, I.H.Q.
Mrs. Burrell, Secretary, General Office, I.H.Q. (as from August 29th).
Mrs. Jeffree, Island Commissioner, St. Helena.

Competition Results

HERE are the results of the Patrol Box competition organised recently for Guides in hospital companies: 2nd Chailey (85), 66th Newcastle (83), 3rd Taplow and Hitcham (82), 4th Marple (80), Queen Mary's, Carshalton (80), 1st Chailey (76), 2nd Coventry (75), 1st Harlow Wood (72), 1st Tehidy (72), Adeline Patti (70), 1st Eastcote (68), 32nd Bath (76), 50th Southport (75), 5th Edgware (72).

Miss Eileen Peake, Assistant Extension Adviser for England, Hospital Group, writes: 'Every one of the fourteen entries had some good points and the judging was difficult. The winners, the Swallow Patrol, 2nd Chailey Company, had some well-made charts, clear and practical, and in the usual apparatus for practising test work they had included various games that two or three of the patrol could play together. The flags of the Union Jack were made of material (I recommend this to P.L.s as lasting longer than paper ones) and the triangular bandages were demonstrated on figures made from pipe-cleaners.'

The results in the Brownie Chart Competition for hospital packs are: 1st Llangwyfan (46), Queen Mary's, Carshalton (44), 2nd Sevenoaks (40), 6th Bournemouth (38), 2nd Mobberley (36), 1st Crawfordburn (36), 2nd City of Coventry (36).

Waddow's Pack Holiday House

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Waddow's Pack Holiday House all the things they had learned with their packs through the year.

How well Brownies can sweep, lay tables, make salads and wash up was shown by the 6th Eccles and 36th Leigh packs who blissfully demonstrated these 'arts' as visitors streamed through the House. The long bedroom, running the length of one converted brick-built army hut, has twenty-four beds, each with its 'orange box' locker by the side.

Some Brownie packs have already tasted the joys of a holiday at Waddow and many more who came to the opening will beg Brown Owl to make plans for them. Brownies, as we know, are determined people like the one who, unable to hear one of the speeches where she stood, exhorted her neighbour in broadest Lancashire to 'Coom on, let's shoove!'

Brown Owls and Tawny Owls who come here, too, will realise afresh that 'there comes to them from the heart of Waddow a wider vision of the power that lies in their hands'.

T.W.M.

Headquarters' Notices

Coming Events

The Empire Circle: There will be no Empire Circle meetings in August. Details of September meetings will be published in the next issue.

A conference for all University, Training College and Technical College students interested in the movement (including members of Guide Clubs and College Cadet or Ranger companies) will be held at Imperial Headquarters, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, on Friday, January 2nd, 1953, from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (uniform optional). Conference fee 1s. payable at the door on the day of the conference. Further details will be announced later.

The Catholic Guide Advisory Council Weekend for Rangers. A Duty to God Course and Weekend for Roman Catholic Rangers and Ranger Guiders will take place at Harborne Hall Convent, Harborne, Birmingham, on Saturday and Sunday, September 20th and 21st, 1952, under the guidance of the Rev. Desmond Ford, S.J. Visits to local places of interest and recreational activities will also be arranged. Fees: £1, Friday evening to Sunday evening. Those unable to attend for the whole time will be welcome for any part of the week-end. Names should be sent to Miss Overton, Harborne Hall, Birmingham, 17, by August 30th. When applying, please give times of arrival and departure.

In Memoriam

Miss Beryl Ashton, who died on March 27th, had been Brown Owl of the 1st Bowers Gifford, Essex, pack for six years and had previously served the movement for many years in Birmingham.

Miss A. S. Chalmers, who died on June 11th, gave thirty-two years' loyal service to Guiding, first as Brown Owl and afterwards as Ranger and Guide Captain in Gourock. Her generous help to the movement will long be remembered.

Awards

Good Service

Medal of Merit: Mrs. Marjorie Bateman, Assistant Commissioner for British Guides in Egypt. Miss Elizabeth Rosa Gibb, Division Commissioner, Ipswich, Suffolk. Miss Dorothea Smith, lately Division Commissioner, Oxfordshire South.

Gallantry

Letter of Commendation: Miss Barbara Tilley, aged 19, Acting Lieutenant 2nd Brixham Company, Devon.

Fortitude

Badge of Fortitude: Brownie Ann Brotherton, aged 9, 5th Welwyn Garden City Pack, Herts.

Ann has been ill for nine months, during which time she suffered from long and painful treatments, operations and immobility. She has been a wonderful patient whose main thought has been consideration for others, and who has had an extremely good influence on other patients.

Brownie Sixer Elizabeth Wass, aged 10½, 4th Hucknall Brownie Pack, Nottingham.

Elizabeth has impressed everyone with the extraordinary cheerfulness with which she has faced a long illness and operation on her knee joint. Throughout various stages of disability Elizabeth has always made the maximum effort to be as active as possible.

Certificate of Merit: Ranger Joan Osborne, aged 26, 2nd Essex Post Rangers.

From the age of four Joan has been paralysed in her spine, arms and legs. She has never been known to be anything but cheerful and good tempered, bearing her disability with great courage, and trying hard not to be any trouble to other people. She is always resourceful and she has been a very enthusiastic member of a Post Company for 17 years. With the help of active Rangers she has taken Part I of the Ranger Service Star on an active basis, and has camped and attended county functions on every possible occasion.

Letter of Commendation: Ranger Mary Coleman, aged 20, Baildon District Ranger Company and 2nd Yorks. West Riding Post Ranger Company.

Notice Board

Queen's Guide Certificates: It is very much regretted that Guides obtaining their Queen's Guide Award in the last few months have not received the Certificate which has always accompanied the badge in the past. This is due to the fact that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth has most graciously agreed that we may use her Coat of Arms and autograph on the Queen's Guide Certificate in future, and it will be realised that it takes some time to have new certificates printed. When the new certificates are obtained all those who have gained the Award since the Queen's accession will be sent a certificate.

Party Concessions for members of the movement: Parties of Guides or Rangers up to, and including, sixteen years of age, will be admitted to Madame Tussaud's at the special price of 1s. per head. No application form is necessary.

New Publications: Headquarters and all Branch Shops are now stocking a new poster in green and black. It shows a Guide lighting a fire against an attractive background of fields and hedges. There is plenty of space for notices and the price of each poster is 9d., plus postage.

A photographic postcard of H.M. The Queen, as Princess Elizabeth, in the uniform of Chief Ranger of the British Empire, is now in stock at Headquarters and in Branch Shops at 4d. per copy, plus postage.

The Commissioners' Register, 1952, is now obtainable, price 5s. The Register is an essential reference book for all County and Assistant County personnel as it gives the names and addresses of Chief Commissioners and Advisers, together with all Commissioners in England and Wales and national appointments in Scotland and Ulster. It will be necessary to refer to the July list of appointments and resignations when bringing the new Register up to date.

The Oarsman Test: There is now available at Headquarters a leaflet containing the two articles on the Oarsman's Test which appeared in the March and April, 1952, issues of THE RANGER. It is full of detailed instruction on the Oarsman Ranger Certificate test and is highly recommended to all Sea Rangers and Sea Ranger Guiders. It is punched for filing in a standard looseleaf cover and costs 3d. per copy, plus postage.

The Chief Guide's Talk

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going up there, and they have leapt up recently to over eighty thousand, and there are tiny wee groups of Guides in their far north, right up in the Arctic Circle—Eskimo and Red Indian, and the daughters of fur trappers, lumber men and miners, hundreds of miles from anywhere!

And one of the best bits of news that met me on my arrival home was that our world membership has gone up by over half a million, since the last World Conference was held in Oxford in 1950. That's pretty good, isn't it?

And it isn't only the numbers that are so stirring, but it is the unexpected places that start up too, as we now hear of several groups beginning in Korea, and when you think of what is going on there *what a wonderful thing* this is.

When with Guides and Rangers lately in Gloucestershire I met a Girl Scout Leader from the Philippine Islands, looking most charming in her green linen Guide uniform. I introduced her to the Campfire, saying that I had read in a report that there were about ten thousand Guides in her islands, and she corrected me and explained that there were now about *fifty thousand*!

Quantity up—quality up—and how encouraging it is that, in the midst of many worrying anxieties, bothers, hardships, restrictions, and things that are *not* so good in ordinary life, Guiding goes on, and always will! You will see to that—won't you?

OLAVE BADEN-POWELL

Classified Advertisements

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

EMPLOYMENT OFFERED

Bootham Green Hospital, Cambridge Heath Road, London, E2 (313 beds). General Training School for Nurses. Applications are invited from Young Women between the ages of 18 and 35 years, for three years' training in General Nursing. Preliminary Training School courses commence in August, November, February and May, 1953. Resident or non-resident. Training allowance in accordance with Whitley Council recommendations. Full particulars can be obtained from Matron.

Keighley and Ringley Joint Hospitals Training School for Nurses (Yorkshire). (Incorporating Keighley and District Victoria Hospital, Highfield Lane, Keighley and Ringley Hospital, Bingley.) Student Nurses of 18 years and over required immediately for three years' training in above Training School situated within easy reach of Yorkshire Dales. The first twelve weeks of training are spent in the Combined Preliminary Training School, Park Parade, Harrogate. Salary: 1st year, £200; 2nd year, £210 plus £5 on passing Preliminary Examination; 3rd year, £225. Less £100 per annum for board and lodging. Dependents' allowances may be claimed in certain circumstances. Application forms and forms of conditions of service obtainable from the Matron of either Hospital.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes Headquarters require an experienced Shorthand-Typist. Worthwhile job for someone interested in Social Welfare.—Apply Miss Chavasse, 18, Stepney Causeway, London, E1.

House Matron wanted for Girls' Training Home, ages 16 to 18 years. Average number 18 to 20. Help with walks and recreation. A real piece of work for one anxious to help with girls. Guide Company. Episcopal church.—Apply Sister Superior, St. Andrew's Home, Joppa, Midlothian.

Surrey. Wanted in September for a Girls' Independent Day and Boarding School, a resident Cook and Assistant Cook. (Positions would suit two friends.) 150 mid-day dinners from Monday to Friday, 28 (approx.) at other meals and at the week-end. Veritable maid kept. No rough work. Posts up till now have been filled by visiting staff. One whole day and half-day off each week, 3 hours every day. Good cooking essential with varied menus. The Headmistress considers it one of her duties to make sure her staff are happy and comfortable. Applicants must be young, well educated and belong to some religious denomination. References must be sent and amount of salary required stated.—Box 548.

House Mistress wanted in September for Boarding School. A lady able to take Guides and Brownies desirable. Duties chiefly supervision, an interest in games, hobbies and walks an advantage.—Apply Alexandra College, Sidbury Manor, Sidmouth.

Boys Convalescent Home needs young woman interested in boys 6 to 10 years. Resident post.—Further particulars, the Warden, South Meadow, Pensarn, Abergelle, North Wales.

EDUCATIONAL

Frankfield Secretarial College, Seal Chart, Sevenoaks, Kent. Comprehensive training for well-educated girls. Resident and day. Run by ex-Guiders. Full particulars from Principals.

GUIDER WANTED

A Congregational Church in Fulham, S.W.6, wants a Captain for its Ranger Company. Anyone interested in Christian work should apply to the Rev. Anthony Green, 45, Eilerby Street, S.W.6.

HEADQUARTERS VACANCIES

Registrations Department. Junior Clerk wanted. Aged 16 to 17. Work needs accuracy and a sense of responsibility. A knowledge of typing an advantage. Must be keen member of the movement.—For further details apply to The Secretary, Registrations Department, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

Sales and Purchases Ledger Clerk required for Finance Department.—Write, stating experience, age and salary required, to the Financial Secretary, Girl Guides Association, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

Foxlease.—Orderly wanted, as soon as possible, or two together in August.—Apply the Guider-in-Charge.

Foxlease.—Secretary required for Training Centre early August. Knowledge of book-keeping an essential.—Apply to Guider-in-Charge, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants.

PAX HILL

A Guider is wanted to join the staff of the Homecraft Training Centre at Pax Hill, Bentley, near Farnham, Hampshire, on September 1st, 1952. Domestic Science Diploma not required. Interest in cultural subjects, reading, drama, social studies a recommendation. Salary according to experience and qualifications.—Apply by letter to the General Secretary, Girl Guides Association, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

BRONERIRION

Flat available at Broneririon for Guiders and their friends (2 or at most 3) for holidays.—Apply, Guider-in-Charge, Broneririon, Llandinam, Mont.

ACCOMMODATION OFFERED

London.—Accommodation in Students Hostel. Vacant Aug. 2nd to 16th and Aug. 23rd to Sept. 6th, for parties up to 30. Meals provided to suit parties' arrangements; near Tube.—Green Cross Club, 2, Holford Road, Hampstead, N.W.3.

London.—Refined accommodation, 3, Westbourne Terrace Road, W.2. Bed and breakfast from 10s. 6d. nightly, central for places of interest.—Phone: Cunningham 2373.

Bungalow Guest House, open all year, run by ex-Guider. Two minutes harbour, sea, Swanage ferry and buses. Terms moderate. Ideal surroundings and magnificent view from grounds.—'Summerhill', Banks Road, Sandbanks, Bournemouth.

Come to Paris in 1952.—Inexpensive accommodation during summer holidays in our 'Centre d'Accueil', near Arc de Triomphe. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, in our restaurant.—Write Rencontres Internationales, 1, rue Denis Poisson, Paris 17.

New Forest.—Ideal centre for your holiday. Come and relax in comfort at Balmer Lawn House, Brockenhurst.—Apply Miss Sandy.

Lake District and magnificent mountain scenery, Eskdale, Wasdale, Great Gable. Wonderful walking, climbing. Children welcome. Sea-Golf-Licensed.—Irtton Hall Hotel, Holmrook, Cumberland. Tel. Holmrook 42.

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

Poole Harbour.—Guest House; easy reach Bournemouth, Dorset coast, New Forest; home comforts.—Rosemond Douglas and Doris Marshall, Tower House, Ashley Cross, Parkstone, Dorset.

Castle Gay, Parnanage Road, Herne Bay, for a leisurely holiday; parties welcomed; open all the year.—Miss Ashby (Tel. Herne Bay 1872).

Newport I.W.—Excellent centre to all parts. Bed, breakfast and supper, 3 gns.; Aug. to Sept. 15th.—Box 550.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Young Guider, teacher, getting married, urgently requires Flat north or north-west London.—Box 549

WANTED

Commissioner's Uniform. Bust 40 ins., hips 42 ins., waist 34 ins., length of skirt from waist, 27 ins.—Box 551.

FOR SALE

Raise funds quickly and easily. Pencils, combs, brushes, gold stamped any name; repeat orders guaranteed.—Particulars from Northern Novelties, Denton House, Undercliffe, Bradford.

250 scent cards, 17s. 6d., 1,000—52s. 6d. Concert tickets, 150—11s. Memos, posters. Samples free.—G' Tices, 11, Oaklands Grove, London, W.12.

Russae, steel frame, good condition, 35s.—Mrs. Parkinson, 5, Woodland Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

TYPEWRITING AND DUPLICATING

Newsletters, bulletins, notices, minutes, programmes. S.a.e. for specimens, please.—Miss Midgley, 46, Hart Hall Lane, King's Langley, Herts.

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

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Where to Train

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Ulster

Lorne

September

12-14 Guide

October

10-12 Folk Dancing

August open for Holiday Bookings (see special notice below).

(For Fees see July issue)

Camping and Holidays

Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex. Applications for camp sites should be made to the Warden. Indoor camping facilities are available all the year round and 'Restrop' is furnished for parties of ten.

Foxlease and Waddow. Applications for camp sites at Foxlease or Waddow should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Application forms must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from your C.A., together with a deposit of 5s. (which will be forfeited if the booking is cancelled), and the necessary stamped envelopes. The written recommendation of the C.A. is necessary, as everyone will realise that all camps at the training centres must be of a high standard. No site may be booked for more than one week for one company during the main camping season, to allow as many as possible to have the privilege of camping at Foxlease or Waddow. Please state in the original application the date of the camp (giving alternative dates where possible) and approximate numbers. The maximum number on any one site at Foxlease is thirty campers.

Lorne is open once more for holiday bookings during August. It makes an excellent centre within easy reach of the sea, country or town and there are many pleasant excursions possible by coach. The cost is 12s. a day unless one of a party of ten or more when the fee is reduced to 10s. a day. Money is refunded for meals out. Applications should be accompanied by a 5s. deposit.

The Pack Holiday House, Waddow. Invitations have been accepted by a number of packs and no further bookings can be accepted this summer. The house will be available for Guide Guiders, with their P.L.s or companies, from September 1st to the end of the year for weeks or week-ends. All Guiders wishing to apply should write to the Camp Secretary, Waddow Hall, enclosing a stamped envelope for details of cost, facilities available, and qualifications required.

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