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Forty Nations Meet at Beaconsfield



Groups of Guides and Girl Scouts, led by their national flags, wait to take their place in the circle of nations at the Golden Ball Display during the International Camp at Hall Barn, Beaconsfield. Earlier in the Display the Golden Ball of Scouting had been tossed to the boys of the world. When their sisters clamoured to join in at the Crystal Palace rally in 1909 they, too, received a Golden Ball which was quickly passed to many other countries, among the first being Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland and Sweden

The International Camp at Hall Barn

By Elizabeth Hartley

LIKE forget-me-nots', said Lionel Gamlin, in his broadcast about the giant campfire at the International Camp at Hall Barn last month, 'like a great bed of forget-me-nots'. I would have chosen gentians, had I been asked, to bring to mind that bank of vivid blue, on the green grass, beneath a sky which, cleared of threatening cloud, became clear and lovely, touched with sunset colour at first and, later, pricked with stars.

At the forefront of the picture was the fire, built and tended by Rangers and Cadets from the adjacent camp, a fire of magnificent proportions which burned clear and high and lighted the dancers who added so much to everybody's enjoyment by their performances and their gay costumes. The fire had been lighted by a Greek runner with a flaming torch, a torch symbolising the thoughts and good wishes of all those who were unable to attend the gathering.

Eight thousand visiting Guides were present, and over a thousand campers and they contributed as much to the success of the programme as they received in return, singing so well that it was hard to believe that they were not members of a giant choral society which had been rehearsing for weeks beforehand. In one sense, I suppose, that was what they were, because that capacity for concentration, that co-operative spirit and that self-control which are the results of Guide training contribute very largely to the success of any performance.

With the camp only so recently over (lorry-loads of campers are arriving at Headquarters as I write), the memory is full of pictures, as gay and changing as quickly as the patterns in a kaleidoscope. Let us try to catch some of them as they pass.

The day the visitors arrived. Dozens of Guides, waiting by the Information Tent, for the coaches from London. They are carrying placards with names like 'Suomi Finland', 'Sweden', 'Tanganyika', 'New Zealand' printed on them and many of them are quite literally hopping up and down with excitement. When the coaches arrive and Guides and kitbags and rucksacks tumble out of them together, hostesses collect their guests, with the help of the placards, and lead them off to their group homes. The tractor works overtime collecting and transporting luggage—transporting campers, too, for three or four of them always seem to be perched on top of the pile.

There are twenty-six groups dotted about the camp. In each group there is a family of about thirty Guides—twenty British and ten visitors, a Commandant and a staff of three. The groups have exciting names—names of mountains like Ben Ledi and Mourne, or of ancient districts in the British Isles like Mercia, Uriconium and Lyonesse. There is a central group of Commandant and staff and, all day and every day, visitors arrive, invited or uninvited. On the Open Day, six thousand people pay at the gate to visit the thousand Guides in residence. On another day the camp is proud to receive a visit from the Minister for Education who lunches with one of the groups.

What must it be like to feed all these people? The Central Q.M. told us that one hundredweight of tomatoes, twenty dozen lettuces and fifty-two cucumbers provided salad for one meal and that camp appetites were reaching such splendid proportions that groups which had been ordering nine loaves a day were now ordering twenty. And yet, a casual visitor to the camp, seeing the crowd of Guides round the booths on the village green where sweets and cold drinks and ices were sold might easily have been led to believe that the poor children were positively starving.

The village green did a roaring trade throughout, not only in things to eat and drink, but in souvenirs for family and

friends, in postcards to send home (the camp had its own post office with a scarlet pillar-box outside) and in equipment of all sorts. Close to the stalls stood a maypole with multi-coloured ribbons.

On several mornings and afternoons during the camp, the crowds left their shopping and chatting and strolling and the endlessly fascinating business of making friends, to gather in a big circle to watch national dances and stunts, to listen to singing and to take part in demonstrations of handcraft. Above their heads fluttered the flags of all the countries represented in camp, with the World Flag at the centre of them.

Camp life, as all campers know, does not consist only in strolling on the village green, or in dancing, and in this camp life went on as in any other, except that it was all much more exciting as we learned how other nations make camp, cook food and plan their training. The whole camp came together only occasionally—for campfires, for central 'Colours', for the day-long excursions to Windsor and London and for the display. On the last Sunday there was a United Service in the hollow close to the campfire site, and each Sunday morning, Anglican, Free Church and Roman Catholic Services were held. One of the unforgettable moments was when hundreds of Guides in their vari-coloured uniforms hurried across the green grass of the Park in the early morning sunshine, moving in different directions but with one purpose—to worship God. The altar fittings which were used by the G.I.S. Hospital Team were lent to the camp and erected in the camp chapel.

Camp personalities? There were about a thousand of them. Impossible to list them all. If you wish to speak to our hostess, Lady Burnham, there is only one place where you will *not* find her—on a cushion in the drawingroom, sewing a fine seam. She is probably in that pony-trap over there or eating a choc-ice on the village green, surrounded by a group of Guides, or—no, there she is! Yes, over there, helping to pitch that tent. Yes, that is the sort of hostess *our* hostess is, and the rousing cheers that greet the vote of thanks to both Lord and Lady Burnham and to their staff, at the closing campfire, speak far more loudly than any words can do to show the gratitude and affection of their temporary family. It was very satisfactory for everybody that the same campfire should have been the occasion for the presentation of the Silver Fish to Lady Burnham by the World Chief Guide.

Was the Chief Guide there, too? Of course. What Guide gathering is complete without her? Our Chief flew back from the World Conference in Norway to be with us on the Sunday and to speak at the last campfire. It was easy for those of us who were not escorting her to plot her progress by the cheers and applause and the singing which greeted her as she moved slowly, from group to group, in an open car. She was accompanied by Lady Stratheden, our Chief Commissioner, who also had returned early from Norway in order to be with us, and by the Commandant of the whole camp, Miss Ruth Tuckwell, I.H.Q. Camping Adviser, who was so quietly confident that every camper would pull her weight and that, if the camp were flooded with rain or with visitors, there was no excuse for hurry or worry, that her influence permeated the whole gathering and the atmosphere was noticeably happy and peaceful—even at our busiest moments.

And the weather—the weather which can spoil so many occasions—how did it behave? There was heavy rain over the first week-end, before the visitors arrived, there was a sharp thunderstorm on Friday night and (alas!) a steady, penetrating rain when we started to strike camp this morn-

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Our Royal Patrons

EVERY member of the movement both in the British Isles and overseas in the Dominions and Colonies will be proud to know that Her Majesty The Queen has been graciously pleased to grant her Patronage to the Girl Guides Association.

They will also recall with pride that it is fifteen years ago this autumn since the Queen, as Princess Elizabeth, was enrolled as a Guide by H.R.H The Princess Royal, our President, in the 1st Buckingham Palace Company.



[Photo by Dorothy Wilding]

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

Six years later Princess Elizabeth was enrolled as a Sea Ranger, his late Majesty King George VI performing the recommissioning ceremony when the Crew was renamed S.R.S. Duke of York.

In 1947 Princess Elizabeth became Chief Ranger of the British Empire, a title she now relinquishes.

All Commissioners and Guiders will also have heard with joy and pride that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has most graciously consented to continue her Patronage to the Girl Guides Association.

Our President at Waddow

On August 6th H.R.H. The Princess Royal paid an informal visit to Waddow Hall where she was received by Mrs. Fleetwood-Hesketh, the Chairman, and other members of the House Committee. Guides who were camping at Wad-



[Photo by Dorothy Wilding]

Her Majesty the Queen

dow formed a Guard of Honour in the drive for the arrival of Her Royal Highness.

Our President took luncheon with members of the House Committee and Guiders who were training at Waddow, and afterwards the Guider-in-Charge and other members of the staff and the trainees were presented to her.

A tour of the six campsites followed and at each the Guides had arranged a different form of welcome. In our picture below Her Royal Highness is seen in the newly opened Pack Holiday House near the vegetable garden. Here Brownies of the 10th Rochdale Pack, on holiday at Waddow, had the honour of serving tea.



The Commissioners' Meeting Place

Badge Tests in the District

THE points raised by Miss Branson's article in the August *GUIDER* are here further discussed. A Rural District Commissioner writes: There is an ancient adage which asserts that hope deferred maketh the heart sick. A good Guide is a great adventurer who seeks to acquire the skill to make her a competent, interesting and useful person. Through the great wisdom of the Founder testing and badge winning has been used to provide the means and enthusiasm for acquiring these skills. Nothing is more likely to damp enthusiasm, however, than a disorganised and much delayed system of training and testing. If the District Commissioner is to fulfil her duty to the Guides she must provide an efficient and comprehensive system to cover the varied enthusiasms of her district and bring them to badge winning standard.

We have a scattered rural district with all the delights and drawbacks of such an area and as District Commissioner I am seeking to provide a dual system which will cover the common needs of the First Class goal and the varied needs of the individual odd test when required.

Such a system is being built up in the following way. A sincere appeal for experts as badge testers has been presented to the Local Association Executive who have put me in touch with many most helpful people who have either volunteered to help as testers or trainers to assist many of our Captains who run their companies single handed.

The staff of the nearby school has been most helpful. The domestic science mistress has consented to examine all the housewifery badges once a term. The Local Education Authority has co-operated by loaning the domestic science centre for this purpose. This becomes a static arrangement notified to companies who may begin training for these badges well in advance.

The physical training mistress from the same school comes to a central meeting place twice a year to test P.T. badges. The Red Cross Society has been most kind in allowing their representative to train Guides for First Aid and Sick Nurse Tests and then by providing a tester. An experienced parent has arranged to visit companies to train for Child Nurse, and will then let the Guides loose individually in a church crèche in the nearby city.

The Proficiency Badge Tests required for the First Class Badge are organised regularly and the less usual ones when required. Arrangements for the former are permanent and known to all, but for the latter it is left to the Captain to contact the approved examiner herself, although it is advisable in a large area to appoint a Badge Secretary who will act as a Liaison Officer between Guider and Tester to relieve the District Secretary and Commissioner of work.

The building up of such a system is a very slow process, but is nevertheless well worth while for it brings into the orbit of our Guiding so many talented and interesting people. Here the District Commissioner has great opportunities for fostering public relations.

If the occasional badge is tested at school it is most essential for the Captain to write to the mistress concerned explaining her requirements and sending the syllabus with the certificate. A school teacher objects quite strongly to having a child wave a certificate at her saying 'Please will you sign this, it's my Athlete's'.

To conclude, I believe that the enthusiasm of the District Commissioner and her contact with the Testers and Guiders, and her understanding of the requirements of testing and training, oils the wheels of the successful District machine. I also believe that the Court of Honour should be told the exact procedure of their District organisation in order that they may understand necessary delays in testing, and also the debt which they owe to the many who give of their time in this particular aspect of Guiding. Delay on the part of Guiders in sending for the Badges when they are gained is

unforgivable and brings me back to the ancient adage with which I began this article.

The Commissioner and the Badge Secretary of a London District add their comments: Our Badge Tests are taken at stated intervals throughout the year and these are well known to the companies. We have three Badge Tests a year and dates are fixed for both entries and tests. This helps any Guide in her preparation for the test as far as a year ahead, for example, Naturalist, entry in spring, test in the summer, after three months' preparation.

The number of badges (excluding the outdoor tests of Pioneer, Hiker, etc., which are tested by Division Camp Advisers) is limited to three at each Badge Test, giving the minimum preparation of one month for each badge which seems quite necessary.

From the Testers' point of view this gives a definite date on which we ask for their help. They seem more willing to hold the position if they know when they will be needed and are quite helpful about the odd Guide who has been prevented by illness from attending the test. The Secretary can keep the records more easily, and it simplifies the ordering of certificates and badges and keeping of accounts. She can also make sure that the badges that are still difficult to obtain are not entirely overlooked.

We do not encourage testing in schools, feeling that with our tests arranged as they are, and the Testers we have 'acquired', the standard throughout the District is much more level than when tests are taken in various schools by different teachers. I should add that the testers on our panel are as near 'experts' as we can manage!

With this system it should be unnecessary for any Guide who has not obtained her Second Class to take a Badge test—but in a case where the Second Class badge could be awarded within two weeks an exception might be made.

The Guides themselves write often on the subject of Badge Tests to 'Patrol Leaders' Parliament' in *THE GUIDE* sometimes lamenting that they have won badges and are still waiting for them months and months afterwards. Sometimes this is due to slackness on the part of the Guider, who forgets to send in the order at the right time. Sometimes it is due to slowness of the local badge order secretary with no conception of how long a month seems to a twelve-year-old. Can we point out that it is part of the District Commissioner's job to: (1) See that the Guiders are prompt in ordering badges at the time appointed by the Badge Secretary. (2) That the Secretary passes things on promptly—in both directions. (3) That when badges are ordered and not obtained, the reason is given by those above and passed on with full explanations to those below.

Summing up this discussion these points may be made.

To the Guide: Learn to train thoroughly and don't be in too much of a hurry to cover your sleeve in badges. It is not the wearing of a badge that is most important, but being prepared to use that knowledge in the service of others.

To the Guider: Think well before encouraging Guides to work for a badge in order that they may be tested when they are ready. Be prompt in ordering and distributing badges, and if there is any reason for delay in obtaining them be sure that this is fully explained to the Court of Honour and passed on to the patrols.

To the District Commissioner: The responsibility for Proficiency Badge testing in the District is yours. It is for you to decide how best this may be organised to meet the needs of your area. Get what expert help you can, delegate to a Badge Secretary where you can, but keep an eye on the whole system and the standards demanded. Proficiency Badges are a challenge to each girl's knowledge and ability; when she has achieved she should be rewarded as soon as possible.



The Drumming Squad at Colours

8,000 Strong!

By Alison Tennant



Massed flags at Eskildstrup

EIGHT thousand in one large field! 'Heaven forbid' is probably the reaction of the average Briton, and even world uniform could not prevent a curiosity admixed with doubt as to how such a horde could ever be other than a vast mass of humanity.

No doubt the density of the population in the Danish Y.W.C.A. national camp at Eskildstrup was considerable, with more tents than grass, so it seemed; groups had to be roped off to make the lanes between them easily distinguishable and to ensure a measure of privacy. But I must ungrudgingly concede that the Danes made the most of large numbers and surmounted the disadvantages in a way I should not have believed possible; much of what they attempted quite took my breath away—8,000 on an all-day hike and 2,000 on night manoeuvres—but they took it all in their stride, thanks to much decentralisation and valuable help from Scouts and army.

We all recognise the inspiration of large numbers on special occasions and most counties spend many months organising a rally from time to time; the morning parade was like any county rally, with the drums and massed Colours marching in a body adding a special Danish touch. In this particular camp, too, the four buglers in prehistoric garb gave expression to the Stone Age theme as they blew the ancient horns in harmony with much skill.

A rally is over in an afternoon; a ten-day camp in a small Association enables the campers at least to know their Chief Commissioner as a person, even if she cannot get to know all of them. She spoke to them at Colours, at campfire, at meals in the different groups; since the only condition for acceptance was a week-end camp and 'be able to light a fire and cook on it' there were plenty of eleven-year-olds, and the camp included more than fifty per cent of the Guides in the whole of the Danish Y.W.C.A. (In the United Kingdom, alas, we don't, over all, get fifty per cent of the Guides to any camp, large or small.)

The Stone Age was much to the fore: an ancient tomb, much like our Stonehenge, crowned the summit of the field and made the centre for Colour ceremonial; there was a clay house, built as near as possible in ancient style, complete with two adults, child and goat! The humans were dressed in skins and were a popular feature of the camp. There were competitions in clay modelling, making weapons, dressing up, or mostly undressing, and it was a horde of ancient Danes that assembled for campfire, often with bows and arrows and spears.

One would not have thought it possible, seeing the 8,000 milling around the central arena in a hubbub of excitement, that in only half an hour the countryside would be dotted about with patrols, each with its own map and instructions (places of interest to find, local history questions to get answered, etc.), following between them fifty different routes. They set off about 11 a.m. with sandwiches and returned

mostly about 8 p.m., having done anything from fifteen to twenty miles; a written report was required of their adventures and prizes were awarded.

The night manoeuvres for the over-fifteens were on an even grander scale; 1,000 were expected but, such was the enthusiasm, 2,100 presented themselves. One rather undersized participant was asked her age by a suspicious inquirer: 'Don't ask questions' was the reply; she was certainly not the only one. Three kilometres to the station and then a special train deposited them in groups of two hundred along the railway line in a wood another ten kilometres away. Each 'system' (ten in all) had a headquarters with an army wireless car, linked to the central H.Q. by wireless and to its ten posts by ordnance runner, also military; two hundred Guider judges manned the posts, two to a post, and the patrols made their way by torch and compass, two patrols at a post at a time; fifteen minutes at each post and ten in between was the allowance.

Scouters had organised the competitions, e.g., light a fire, boil macaroni and tie it in a reef knot; Kim's game, feeling objects on a string tied from tree to tree over small ditches; one was a herring! At about 4 a.m. I met a patrol which included a few British, as thrilled as the rest and in fine fettle; 'it's most unusual' (a glorious understatement) was a Scottish comment! Owing to a hitch with the railway, some had to wait an hour for the train back, and they got to camp between 6 and 7 a.m. That day's programme was the same, from reveille at 7.15 a.m. to Taps at 11 p.m.; they just slept as and when they could.

An hour's Bible study daily was taken mostly by a team of missionaries; like a miniature Guides' Own, with questions and discussion added, it made a peaceful interlude in days otherwise crowded with activity. Though reticent in discussion, as might be expected of an English-speaking group, one Briton volunteered quite unasked: 'I enjoy those Bible study times'.

'Do you think they would work at home?' asked the Guider casually. 'I don't see why not', was the reply. We thought the difficulty would be with the Guiders, their lack of confidence and training, rather than with the Guides.

Equipment, chores and cooking were reduced to a minimum, which made the many other activities possible: no meal tents or solid shelter, no partitions to the lats. (except for V.I.P.s) and no filling in, no screening at all for washing, no fire-shelters, all made for less to pitch, strike and look after. Coffee or tea for breakfast, with uncooked cereal (rather like uncooked porridge) and bread and jam, usually one cooked course for lunch and always *hors d'œuvres* on bread and butter for supper must have reduced British cooking time by two-thirds. It rained a great deal and I think campers must have been pretty damp at times, but they seemed quite impervious or at any rate oblivious. The finances were interesting. Guides



The lantern on the cross-bar of this camp gateway was lit at night

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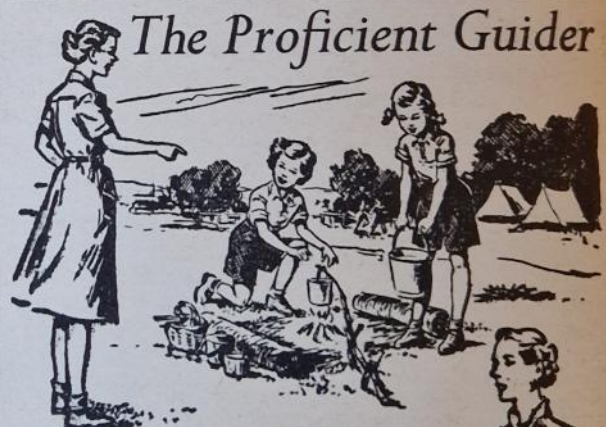
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Testwork Time Can Be Handwork Time



I NEVER have time for handcraft at my Brownie meeting'. Are you a Brown Owl who says this or a Commissioner who hears it? It is indeed a very frequent and genuine cry among us, but is it not perhaps because we have a wrong idea of handcraft for Brownies. If we mean articles to sell at sales of work surely these should be made at home and with the help sometimes of mother and father. If we mean beautifully finished models good enough to send to exhibitions these should be undertaken very seldom, for there is no doubt they *do* take up a great deal of time. But handcraft for the sheer joy of making, and for the sense of achievement in having created something—that need never occupy too much of our precious Brownie time.

As for every other part of a successful programme, we must be well-prepared for handcraft; but in this case, all the preparation can be done at the beginning of the year. The only essentials are two boxes—a 'scrap' box and a 'tool' box. The 'scrap' box, as its name implies, may contain almost anything—match-boxes, cotton reels, empty toilet rolls, milk tops, pipe cleaners, bits of odd cardboard and wood, cotton wool, bits of cloth and coloured paper. This should be emptied out in the corner of the room before each meeting begins and can be put back very quickly at the end, the more mixed up the better.

The 'tool' box is another matter, and may seem expensive but, once furnished, it takes very little to keep it up. It is best to be a box with divisions because it must be kept tidy. It is an excellent 'useful article' for a Guide to make, and pack leader enjoys looking after it. In it there should be scissors, needles and thread, bits of wool, raffia, fuse wire (useful for fixing things by twisting), powder paste, 'seccotine', powder paint mixed up in face cream pots with screw

tops, paste and paint brushes, fine art crayons, plasticine, flour and salt to mix with water into a dough for permanent modelling, a box of small things such as paper clips, rubber bands, drawing pins, pins, etc., and a hack saw.

In addition to these boxes, a pile of newspapers, and small sheets of brown paper or kitchen paper, should be accessible; and, most important, cloths and a brush and shovel with which to tidy up the club-room floor.

It is a good idea to take the tool box into pow-wow once or twice a year, and show the Brownies how to use the 'tools' and how to keep the box tidy. The Brownies can at the same time exchange ideas, and show things that they have made to the others in the pack.

Now what do we find? Testwork time is handcraft time. Here is a new recruit sewing up a long tail of plaited raffia to make a flower mat, and another painting a Brownie with a wonderful smile. Here is a Golden Bar Brownie making flags out of cloth, which will fly from a stick; another making match-box houses for a village street ready for a 'Rules of the



The joy of achievement

Road' talk, another painting a health poster, and more than one modelling food for the dinner table—food which will be played with for many months.

Here, in a Golden Hand group, we find a Brownie illustrating the national anthem and another laying a fire with wood sawn by herself and painted stones for coal. Everyone is busy, and where are Brown Owl and Tawny? In a quiet corner testing Golden Bar or talking to a new recruit.

Perhaps the best thing of all about this method of doing handcraft in the Pack is that Brown Owl need not be good at it herself. It is the Brownies who do the work, and it is the Brownies who have the tremendous joy of achievement.

E. M. R. LAING

Committee Procedure in Ranger Units

ALL those in favour say aye—to the contrary no—the ayes (or is it the noes?) have it'.
'Well, what do we all think? Shall we decide to do it?'

So the formal and informal meetings proceed on their way. Which is right? Should a Ranger Company Council or Committee be formal or informal? This question has puzzled many a Ranger Guider and it is probably true to say that there is no quick answer, as the situation will differ from unit to unit. The object of a Committee is to find out what is the common mind of its members, and, if they differ, to give opportunity for the adequate expression of those differences, and then by vote to discover what it is that the majority agree upon.

It follows that the questions which a Ranger Guider must ask herself are these:—'First, does my Committee carry out its object as described above? Does it, for instance, give opportunity for all to express their views? Are real efforts made to put before the members the pros and cons of difficult questions?'

The Chairman's aim should be to draw all the points out of members themselves; but she should herself, after the other members have spoken, put forward points which have occurred to her but which have not been mentioned. All this is necessary so that the members shall have as clear a case as possible upon which to vote. Secondly, she must ask: 'Is there, in my Committee, some form of vote taken by which every member can record her wishes, clearly understanding for what she is voting?' That the members of a committee or council fully understand what they are voting for is a primary responsibility of the chairman, for which reason it is probably wise for her to sum up the discussion, and then to put the question to be voted on in simple words, immediately before she asks them to record their votes—be that done by saying 'aye' and 'no', by show of hands, or by a secret ballot.

If the answers to these two questions can be truthfully said to be 'yes' then surely that committee is a sound one and the question of degrees of formality takes second place. Committee procedure is based on that used in the House

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of Commons, the Mother of Parliaments. In order to suit this procedure to different types of committees its use has been simplified sometimes so much as to leave practically no trace of its origin. These simplifications are not necessarily wrong; indeed, what is important in the Ranger Unit, is that a balance has to be struck between training the Rangers in the dignity of committee procedure as used at Westminster, and the free and easy way of discussing together informally, and deciding for themselves what they will do. The former course tends to give them a greater respect for committees, and makes the members more aware of the importance of the situation, and that each is, in a measure, responsible for what is decided upon.

The answer to the question 'formal or informal' must, therefore, depend on the group and its Guider; remembering always that there are many types of formalities and degrees of informality; but never must the committee itself degenerate into being 'a mere formality'!

There are other problems, too. From the Guider who says 'I can never get my committee to talk' on the one hand, to the one who remarks 'the trouble in my committee is that I can seldom get a word in edgeways, and we never seem to get anything done because they all talk at once'. The first is by far the most difficult problem! It is important with this type to get the agenda out to all of them with time to discuss it among themselves before they come to the meeting; and to have the more explanatory type of agenda which, to some extent at least, explains what is to be dis-

cussed. Then if the committee cannot make up its mind or the members will not contribute to the discussion, try going out of the room and leaving them to discuss alone, coming back only to put the question to the vote. On other occasions a secret ballot will help shy companies. Another method to train them might be by frequent informal discussions on simple and controversial subjects which intimately touch their own lives.

The company which will not stop talking, or in which everyone talks at once, is an easy one to deal with. Here more formality in meetings will help a great deal. The discipline of always addressing the chair, of catching the chairman's eye before speaking, possibly standing up to address the meeting, and always remembering that when the chair stands everyone else must sit and stop speaking is of inestimable value.

At the back of committee procedure in Ranger Units is the aim of all Rangering—to train character. Just as the patrol system in Guiding is a tool put into our hands for this object, so is the democratic running of the Ranger unit through its own committee or council. This committee or council should be an occasion when each individual is encouraged to consider all points of view; to sum them up, not in her own interests, but in the interests of the whole Group, and to take the responsibility of expressing her opinion by contributing to discussion if possible, but in any event by recording her vote.

VIOLET MERTHYR

The Secret of Success

DO you keep back copies of THE GUIDER? If so, re-read the series on the Patrol System which began just a year ago. They are easily found as each one has an illustration of a patrol busy on some activity. Two points occur again and again in these articles—train your patrol leaders and give them opportunities to practise leadership.

Train Your Patrol Leaders: Ideas for leaders' trainings have appeared in these articles and in others in THE GUIDER and THE GUIDE. A further series on this subject will follow in the coming months. Possibly your chief difficulty in training your leaders is not the content of the trainings but finding time to train. If it is impossible to get your leaders on another evening because of homework or for other reasons, and if they cannot stay after the Guide meeting because they have to see the younger ones home, it is well worth while giving up about twenty minutes of the company meeting to the leaders either every week or on alternate weeks.

While Captain or Lieutenant trains the leaders the rest can have some activity with the other Guider, or, if there is no second Guider, then by themselves. Outdoor scavenge hunts, planning to act a Law or health rule, various forms of 'quiz' or simple handwork, will keep the company occupied while the leaders are trained.

Give Scope for Leadership: In one of this series of articles Miss Hartley quotes B-P saying: 'The best progress is made in those troops where power and responsibility are really put into the hands of the patrol leaders. It is the secret of success with many Scoutmasters. Expect a great deal of your patrol leaders and nine times out of ten they will play up to your expectation; but if you are always going to nurse them and not to trust them to do things, well, you will never get them to do anything on their own initiative'.

Have we made this 'secret of success' our own? Sometimes we all experience that 'tenth time' when a patrol leader does not come up to our expectations. This does not mean that the patrol system has failed, but that the particular leader needs still more training and still more scope. If we believe in Guiding, and in the patrol system as one of its most important elements, we will do our best to see that she gets that training and that scope.

The desire to work and play in a gang without interference from grown-ups is inherent in girls and boys of about eleven to fifteen or sixteen years. It is literally the chance of a lifetime to train them in responsibility, loyalty and the power to think for themselves. If we deprive them of this chance because of our lack of faith in their possibilities, or our fear of failure, we are throwing away what B-P described as 'the most important element in Girl Guide training'. We are, in fact, not running a Guide Company at all.

If, however, we persevere, finding time, by some means, for those leaders' trainings, giving chances of leadership in games and challenges, really letting the Court of Honour be the governing body of the company, beginning again with newly elected patrol leaders when our older ones (who just seem to have become some use) grow out of the company, then we are doing our job as Guide Guiders and results will follow.

Growing-up: Sometimes we have a girl in our company who is a very good leader. We begin to think of her almost as another lieutenant and cannot imagine what we would do without her. Or we have another who used to be a good leader but now only attends irregularly, seldom wears uniform, and will not join in some of the games. In such cases we would be wise to consider whether these particular girls have, perhaps, outgrown the 'gang' stage and should be going on to Rangers or Cadets or some other older group.

It is possible that the 'indispensable' leader is now mothering her patrol and not being a girl leader of girls. It is possible that the one who has 'gone off' has ceased to be interested in the gang and wants opportunities of adventure with girls of her own age. It is of no service to the girls themselves, or to the working of the patrol system in our company to keep them back. We must always be looking forward and encouraging the Guides to do the same, and, strangely enough, although we miss that good patrol leader when she leaves the company, we find that a younger girl was ready to take her place and to benefit, as she did, from the experience of leading a patrol.

GWEN CLAYTON
[Adviser for Guides, I.H.Q.]

Patrol Games on the Highway Code

Apparatus: Two copies of the 'British Road Signs' poster (price 11d. and 1s. 6d.) issued by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, Terminal House, 52 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1. One of these can be used for reference and the other for cutting up. One copy of *The Highway Code*, issued by H.M. Stationery Office, at 1d., and obtainable from I.H.Q. Blank cards and gum.

1. The patrol cuts out the black signs (14 in number) on the chart, separating the sign from its meaning, and mounting each piece on a separate card.



Mount the sign and its meaning on separate cards

Each card is placed face down on the table—signs and meanings being kept apart. Each Guide in turn picks up a card from each set. If they agree (as above) she keeps them and has another turn. If they do not agree, she replaces them and the turn passes to the next Guide. The Guide with the most pairs is the winner.

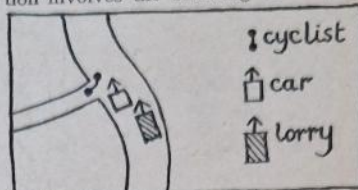
2. The patrol cuts out the coloured signs on the chart. They are numbered and placed face upwards on the table. The leader has a number of questions she has prepared carefully, bearing on the signs the Guides see in their own neighbourhood, e.g., 'What is the sign where Green Lane joins High Street?' The answer may be 'Halt, Major Road Ahead', but the Guides write down the number of the appropriate card. At the end the answers are checked.

3. The leader makes a series of cards depicting instances of the keeping and breaking of the Highway Code. This does not demand any artistic talent, if some such devices as those illustrated in the next column are used. Any number of suitable examples spring to mind, and the making

of such cards might be one of the subjects of a leaders' Training.

It is probably wiser to limit the examples to one or two per card, rather than to make the diagrams too involved.

The cards are passed round and studied by the patrol, the Guides together agreeing as to whether the incident in question involves the breaking or keeping of a rule. A copy of



The cards show examples of keeping and breaking the Highway Code

The Highway Code can be handy for reference where the arguments become very heated!

4. The leader has a list of rules either copied from, or marked in, *The Highway Code*. Before her, on the

table, are five cards printed as follows: 'Car Driver', 'Pedestrian', 'Cyclist', 'Car Driver and Cyclist', 'Everybody'. As she reads out the rule, each Guide decides to whom it applies, the first Guide to put her finger on the correct card gaining a point.

5. The leader takes her patrol out for a sharp, five-minute walk. They move Indian fashion, in single file and silently. The object is for each Guide to see how many times she can spot *The Highway Code* being broken (or kept). Exact details of place, etc., must be noted. Back in the clubroom the leader checks up and awards one point for each incident accurately reported.

These activities have been planned for, and worked out in patrols with success, but with a little imagination it should be possible to adapt them for company use.

ENID PRITCHARD

Suggestions for Teaching Second Class

AS our company has only been in existence for three-and-a-half years we have had to learn by experience how we can best help our Guides to pass the Second Class test and so open the door to all future Guide activities. In response to requests by the Court of Honour various methods of teaching Second Class were discussed and finally, after trying out several different ways, we have found the following method most satisfactory.

We discovered that Doreen and Sylvia were particularly interested in First Aid and as they have Emergency Helper and First Aider badges, amongst others, it was decided that they should take charge of a group consisting of Guides who wanted to learn the Second Class First Aid. On further inquiries being made we found that Pat would be prepared to teach Health, Elaine—bed making, Rose—semaphore, Christine—knots, Ruth—Highway Code, and so on.

Work Groups Meet When They Like

This method has been in operation for some months now and we try to allow sufficient time for the work groups to function satisfactorily once a month or as frequently as desired by the patrol leaders. The patrol leaders give extra assistance to their own Guides during the remaining weeks.

Each 'Trainer' is responsible for the equipment she uses and teaches and demonstrates in her own way with no actual supervision. We would like to emphasise the fact that the 'Trainers' are all perfectly certain of the instruction they have undertaken to give and they have tried to learn more about their own particular subject than is actually required

in the test so that the Guides cannot catch them out with awkward questions.

While we do not suggest this system is likely to be satisfactory for every company it is the one which at the present time suits us. If, however, we find later that it is no longer practicable we shall invite suggestions from the Court of Honour again.

Emergencies are 'Staged'

With regard to the actual teaching we endeavour to keep it very practical. Linen lines are actually put up in the hall, rope ladders are made and hoisted from the beams in the roof and whole patrols climb up and down them. Flags are hoisted with due ceremony. Guides 'faint' suddenly, 'strangers' lose their way and need help to catch the right buses. Ankles are 'sprained' and many other strange things occur during company meetings. Always the Guides who have not yet gained their Second Class are asked to help.

We have now started groups for First Class which we hope will prove equally satisfactory. Once a Guide passes a certain Proficiency badge—and of the remarks on the badge Certificate are good—she then knows she may be called upon to help another Guide taking the same badge at a later date. This keeps the knowledge fresh in her mind and she has the satisfaction of knowing when the Guide passes the badge that it is partly through her help.

We hope these suggestions may help other companies in their efforts to train their Guides.

NORMA REDNALL

Notes of the Month

Help for the West Country

All members of the movement will wish to send their sympathy to the Guides of Devon and Somerset in the loss and distress they have suffered in the recent floods. We would wish, too, to record our sympathy with the 2nd Manchester Scout Troop and the families of the Scouts who lost their lives while camping at Filleigh.

Readers will like to know that, thanks to those who contributed in the early days of the blitz to the Guide Mobile Team Fund, it has been possible to send a cheque for £50 to the North Devon and West Somerset Relief Appeal. It will be remembered that the Guide Mobile Team was formed in the early days of the war as a 'flying squad'. Prepared to go anywhere at a moment's notice to severely bombed places in this country the team was housed and transported in a horsebox, fitted with canteen facilities. On the formation of a national emergency canteen service, called the Queen's Messengers, the activities of the Guide Mobile Team ceased, but the residue of the fund has been held in reserve against such a disaster as has befallen the West Country.

A Memorial to Mrs. Gaddum

Following the Chief Guide's appreciation in the August GUIDER it has now been suggested by several of Mrs. Arthur Gaddum's friends that there should be some form of memorial to her. This idea has the sympathy of the Chief Guide and a fund has therefore been opened. Donations may be sent to the General Secretary, Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1. The form of the memorial will have to be decided later, but it has been suggested that an idea which would have pleased Mrs. Gaddum herself would be bursaries at Foxlease and Waddow where she was the first Guider-in-Charge.

Waddow's 25th Birthday

Waddow's 25th birthday celebrations will be on September 27th, 1952, and will take the form of an 'Open Day' for Guide Patrols only. Details have been sent to neighbouring counties and were published in THE GUIDE of August 22nd, but any Guide Guider who has not yet heard of it is asked to pass on the information to her patrol leaders as soon as possible.

Any Guide Patrol (minimum number four) that is within reach of Waddow is invited to come from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Each patrol must be entirely self supporting for hike or picnic dinner and tea. (Water can be provided but nothing more.) Details will be given on arrival, but the programme will include a Scouting game and campfire. Patrols will be able to visit the Hall as well as the grounds. P.L.s are asked to notify the Guider-in-Charge, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, by September 20th, if they hope to be present. This is an invitation to Guide Patrols only, and it is regretted that individual Guiders (or Guides) or other friends cannot be invited this time.

Fees at Foxlease and Waddow

For the past two or three years strenuous recommendations have, from time to time, been made to Imperial Headquarters that fees at Foxlease and Waddow should be raised. Guiders attending the Centres remark frequently that fees bear no relationship to the steadily rising cost of living, and it is, therefore, hoped that the movement will accept with sympathetic understanding the fact that the following increased scale of charges will be in operation at Foxlease and Waddow from January 1st, 1953. Single room £4 4s. per week, 13s. 6d. per day; double room £3 10s. per week, 11s. 6d. per day; shared room £2 15s. per week, 9s. 6d. per day. Garage 7s. 6d. per week, 1s. 6d. per day.

Those of us who have wrestled with mathematics involved in paying for the extra cups of tea will be happy to know that there will, in future, be no extra charge for these. This increase in fees will by no means make the Training Centres self-supporting. Considerable subsidies will still be necessary from the money contributed under the Finance Scheme, but as the success of this scheme depends so largely on the efforts of the Guiders it is thought right to use some of the money in this way in order to keep the fees within reach of everybody. Guiders are reminded that training and travel bursaries are still available. (See 'Where to Train' on page 197.)

I.H.Q. Film Library

As a result of the economy measures coming into force at I.H.Q. it is regretted that the Film Library has had to close down. No further bookings will be accepted, but any one who booked films prior to July 14th, 1952, will receive them in the ordinary way. This applies only to films booked for 1952. All those who have applied for films in 1953 will not unfortunately be able to receive them.

'Mandy'

'Mandy' is a film made great by careful handling of a very moving theme and the acting of seven-year-old Mandy Miller, who takes the part of a deaf and dumb child who is being taught to speak. Adapted from the book *The Day is Ours*, by Hilda Lewis, it is really two stories in one; it shows the effect the realisation of the child's affliction has on her parents (who cannot agree on how best to equip her for life) and, in documentary style, it gives a picture of the work that is being done for these children in such schools as the Royal Residential School for the Deaf, in Manchester, where all the school scenes were filmed. The acting throughout is sincere and convincing, and Mandy's performance is faultless—she really conveys the misery and torment suffered by a child who has no means of contact with those around her. The story develops naturally, but at no time does it overshadow the main problem—that of helping, understanding and educating children like Mandy, some of whom come to our packs and companies.

Mrs. H. Burrell

When Mrs. Burrell resigned last month from I.H.Q. staff after thirty-three years devoted service we realised afresh how the movement has grown. When, as Miss Hilda McDiarmid, she joined the staff in 1919 (and was enrolled by the Chief Guide two months later) Girl Guide Headquarters consisted of several rooms above a bank in Victoria Street and the files had just emerged from their drenching in the bath! Then Scout Headquarters offered us a floor in their Headquarters and here Mrs. Burrell's office was like an enquiry bureau—everyone came to it for information. Some years later Guide Headquarters moved again, to our present site (only there were shops below) and finally, in 1931, the present building was opened. All through these years Mrs. Burrell has worked on cheerfully and the many friends she is leaving at Headquarters will miss her friendly encouragement. Every one who knows her will realise she has all the qualities for a Brown Owl and are not surprised to hear she was running a pack in Lambeth in 1922 and another in Selsdon a few years later. Here she also ran a Guide Company and a Ranger Cadet Company.

During the last war Mrs. Burrell served from the first day to the last as a warden and was also a fire-watcher at I.H.Q. In 1945 she was awarded the Medal of Merit. In her Scottish good humour is allied to kindness and sincerity and all her friends join in wishing her and her husband many years of happiness in their retirement.

From the Chief Commissioner's Diary

THIS month the things I have done and the people I have met have been so varied and diverse that I have sometimes felt that I must be several different people! However, I remember it all so vividly, and have enjoyed each different occasion so much, it really must have been me all the time, I suppose.

There was the wonderful party the Empire Circle gave at Westfield College, Hampstead, where we had supper in the garden and welcomed the Chief Guide back among us and where I met many, many friends from overseas, a number of whom I had not seen since we met in Australia, Ceylon and India last year.

What a grand job is done by the Empire Circle. There can be few gatherings where the bond of Guiding is so strongly and gladly felt as it is at theirs. It made a heartening picture, this lovely green lawn bespattered with groups of people from other lands—blue saris mingling with khaki, white, green and our own blue—all talking nineteen to the dozen and so thrilled and happy to see the Chief Guide once more and to meet and know each other.

Then back in the office most full and interesting discussions with the Chairmen of Committees and the Heads of Departments to see how we can best effect economies and reduce our expenditure by several thousands a year. To retrench is never an easy thing to do, or an agreeable thing, and we know very well that we cannot do it without affecting some of our very valuable service to the movement.

We have tried very hard to see that our economies affect you as little as possible, and we hope that the good things we have had to cut may be only temporarily suspended.

There is a great thrill in looking at my desk when I come into the office these days for one never knows what number of cheques may have come in or what size! I have today heard that the Bank of England is sending us £2,000 for our Endowment Fund and each of the five big banks have given £1,000, which is a splendid encouragement to us in every way.

The contributions from the counties are rolling in now—some got going sooner than others and some, for some special reason, have delayed their appeal to fit in with local events and conditions. At the moment I believe Yorkshire W.R.N.W. is giving everyone a most splendid lead.

This month the G.I.S. held their last service all together at All Hallows by the Tower of London, and I felt it was very fitting that a service of such beauty in so lovely a place should bring this glorious venture to a close and send those who shared in it out upon their ways. All of us who have seen the Guide International Service in action and known the creative force of Miss Rosa Ward, undaunted by any

difficulty and trouble, will remember it with great pride.

During these last weeks Chief Commissioners from the Dominions and Commissioners from Colonies had been gradually arriving in Great Britain, and on Monday, July 21st, the Grocers' Company gave us a most glorious party in Grocers' Hall. The Master and many of the Wardens welcomed two hundred of us there, and showed us round themselves, and I think we vied with Guiders from the Dominions and Colonies in interest and appreciation of the many interesting things they showed us and pleasure in the magnificent plate we saw.

The following morning the Lady Mayoress welcomed our Overseas Conference to the Mansion House and we had, besides a delicious mid-morning cup of coffee with her, a tour of the Mansion House, and just as we were leaving the Lord Mayor, having got back from an appointment,

asked us to come back as he would like to meet us. He is, of course, the first Australian Lord Mayor or, indeed, from any of the Dominions, and as he shook hands with us he seemed to have been to every part of the Commonwealth and to know about us all.

From there we went straight to Foxlease for three glorious days together. The sun shone, the flowers blazed, wafts of scent came in at the windows (when we had to be indoors, which was seldom) and beloved Foxlease was at its most blissful best.

This sounds as if we did no work at all, but that is not really the case. For myself I can truthfully say that I have never learnt more from any conference; nor, I think, have I ever felt discussions more worth while.

The day-to-day problems of so many of the smallest Colonies are often part of the great basic world problems of today and throw some new or vital light on them.

I don't think one could possibly assess all we got from being together and learning from, and with, each other—and oh, the fun of it!

And now here I am in Norway at the World Conference with the post just off!

If this is to reach London in time for this month's GUIDER not another word must I write, though I long to tell you a thousand things.

Frank Stratheden

[CHIEF COMMISSIONER, IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS]



Some of the Overseas Commissioners who attended the reception at Grocers' Hall on July 21st. Seated in front are (l. to r.) Lady Stratheden, The Master of the Grocers' Company, Mr. Peter Martineau, and the Hon. Mrs. Geoffrey Gibbs

The Guide International Service

EVERYONE who climbs the stairs to the first floor at Imperial Headquarters will walk with a prouder step when they look at the plaque on the wall now honouring the work of the Guide International Service. It was unveiled by Lady Stratheden at the G.I.S. Reunion on July 21st as an expression of 'our homage, our gratitude and our admiration'.

The plaque has been carved by a Kentish craftsman and shows the G.I.S. badge in colour surrounded by a wreath of laurel leaves. At the four corners of the badge are: left, the badges of the Central Mediterranean Force and the South-East Asia Command, and right, the 21st Army Group and the Control Commission, Germany. On either side of the laurel wreath are the initial letters of the International Relief Organisation and the United Nations Organisation. These badges and initial letters represent the various Army Commands or other organisations, under whose auspices the teams served.

Earlier in the afternoon G.I.S. Volunteers and a few representative members of the movement and other friends had joined in a service of thanksgiving and commemoration at All Hallows by the Tower, conducted by the Rev. P. B. Clayton, C.H., M.C. (This church, where Crusaders had prayed before setting out for Palestine and had returned to give thanks, had been chosen because it was here that the Hospital Team had attended a service before setting out for the Netherlands in 1945).

After the Chaplain had exhorted the congregation to 'render unto God high praise and hearty thanks both for the work that the Guide International Service was enabled by His grace to do, and for the well-being and safe return of all its members' he called upon them to pray for those Displaced Persons and Refugees 'whose sorrows we must ever bear in our hearts and whom we are still called to serve by prayer'.

Appropriately enough it was a hymn written by the Rev. P. B. Clayton (sung before the lesson) which seemed to express the compelling ideal of Christian service behind the Guide International Service.

'Blest be the day when moved I was
A pilgrim for to be,
And blessed also be the cause
That thereto moved me.
Blest work, that drove me back to pray,
To strive to be sincere;
To take my cross up day by day
With love that casts out fear.
Yet long it is since I began
And little have I done;
God give me grace to play the man
And heed my heart and tongue.
He that me seeks shall now be sought:
Surrendered here I stand,
A truant eager to be taught
His purpose for my hand'.

In his address the Rev. P. B. Clayton reminded the congregation that All Hallows had been used through the centuries by men and women who had come here to pray, with their hearts full of purpose, before going on a great errand and where in ancient days the Crusaders came back from Palestine. 'You have come from farther than that—from Malaya, to which you took the blessing of medical aid to the people there, from Athens, helping the needs of Greece, from Europe . . . and now you have "come home". You come back today with a deep sense of thanksgiving and further purpose within the providence and love of God'.

The preacher urged everyone to follow the example of the many wise women who must have been praying in that church many hundred of years ago (it has recently been discovered there was a church on this site in A.D. 604) and he then read a meditation, by an unknown author, on the thoughts which might have been in St. Philip's mind at the feeding of the five thousand, part of which is quoted here:

'When we returned and told Him
all we had done,
I for one was emptied out like a
husk
That has scattered its seed upon
hard ground.
I wanted to shut my mind, that
my thoughts close
on my own peace, I wanted to
close
the peace of my love in my heart
like dew in a dark rose.

'But He saw the flocks wanting shepherd and fold,
pity in Him rose a clear spring
for the world's thirst, and love was a pastureland.

'So it went all day,
always the open hand,
always the dull mind,
always the slow heart,
always the nameless fears,
and self-pity, self-pity and tears.

'We thought "Now it is night. He will send them away",
"The hour is late", we said, "This is a desert place";
"Send them away, Lord, to buy food and be fed";
But He, "You give them to eat".'

'Matthew and Mark and Luke
have written these things.
They tell of the boy who brought us two little fish
and some loaves of bread.
The boy was one of the crowd, he went as he came,
As long as the world lasts, the world will remember him,
but no one will know his name.

'The Lord blessed the bread.
He put it into our hands
and it multiplied,
Not in His hands, but in mine:
I gave and my hands were full, again and again'.



The plaque on a wall at I.H.Q. which now honours the work of the G.I.S.

Birthday Party at Our Chalet

ON the twentieth birthday of Our Chalet the sun broke through the small clouds drifting around the mountain peaks as if to share with us in our special celebration. As the clock struck ten, delegates from twenty-two countries, and members of the World Committee, gathered together for morning Colours with hundreds of Guides of various nationalities who were camping up the valley. During the early hours of the morning twenty-two flagstaves were erected as a birthday surprise to Falk, and standing by each flagstaff, ready to hoist the flag of her country, stood a Guide of that nationality. Suddenly the hush was broken by the clear call of Swiss buglers, and all the flags slowly rose to their mast heads; lastly, 'Pen' Wood-Hill (the new Guider-in-Charge), wearing the World Uniform, walked slowly forward and hoisted the World



The World Chief Guide tells the story of Our Chalet



Some of the twenty-two flagstaves erected as a surprise for Falk

Flag and the birthday celebrations had really begun.

It was a happy coincidence that Falk's own birthday was on the same day, and from early morning onwards the path leading up to the Chalet was filled with well-wishers bringing their gifts. Messages of congratulation and of goodwill from all corners of the world poured in until sunset. Quantities of flowers and other gifts were sent from friends in Adelboden—indeed the village was *en fête*.

At three o'clock the official birthday celebrations began, and by that time the surrounding hillsides were covered with Guides and their families and hundreds of friends of the Chalet. The National Commissioner of Switzerland started the proceedings with a speech of welcome and then the Chief Guide spoke, giving a vivid history of the Chalet and reminding us of our gratitude to Mrs. Storrow for her generous gift of twenty years ago.

Mrs. Choate, Chairman of the Chalet Committee, then gave the birthday speech and, amid deafening applause, made the presentation of the World's gift to Our Chalet and to Falk and her able assistant, Cigogne. During the afternoon an aeroplane unexpectedly appeared flying low over the thrilled spectators and, at the third attempt, dropped a gift by parachute from the Scandinavian friends of the Chalet. This gift included a travel voucher so that Falk might visit the Scandinavian countries in her future leisure time.

The Mayor of Adelboden, speaking for the people of Adelboden, expressed the village's deep appreciation of the spirit and ideals of the Chalet and presented a marvellous cake made in the form of Our Chalet.

Tea was served to well over a thousand guests by the Chalet staff; then the fun began—an excellent entertainment, brilliantly produced by members of the International Camp and the Singing Camp who had had less than a week's preparation. The whole entertainment, which depicted the Story of Our Chalet, was outstanding in its originality, spontaneity and humour.

'A green baize cloth, top hats, speeches and noise—are not these symbols of humanity in search of common ground?' As soon as we had read this sentence, printed in the programme, several severe-looking gentlemen dressed in black (with beards made from saucepan scourers) came on the scene to settle the troubles of the world in conferences. Alas, in spite of fine speeches (which just consisted of saying 'Wah, Wah, Wah') quarrels arose. Just as they reached their climax a Fortune Teller appeared with a pack of cards who danced round her. She picked a card for good luck—which was, of course, *our* symbol, the ace of clubs. The Fortune Teller spread the good news of world friendship among passers-by and then the Guides rallied round.

In the final scene a figure dressed in gold symbolising the 'Spirit of Guiding' descended slowly from the hill and was met by crowds of Guides with arms outstretched to lead her along the path to the Chalet. As they reached the door the eight brightly coloured shutters were flung



Falk, Cigogne and Mrs. Choate

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The Guiders' Parliament

Tradition—or Regulations?

The citizen must bind himself that the city may be free

AFTER having been out of touch with Guiding for a considerable time, it now seems to me to have grown, deepened and widened very considerably'. Such was one general criticism of Guiding which reached the Speaker of Guiders' Parliament this month. Two others, very different, are printed below. Each decade may bring to a social movement entirely new opportunities—and the danger of old age if they are not met with courage and vision. Christian humility demands that tradition should be an inspiration: a yard-stick for daily effort; an anchor in moments of storm; a constant spur against mental and physical laziness. Human pride is tempted, on the one hand, to reject tradition as a barrier to getting one's way in everything. On the other hand is the temptation, which comes with responsibility, of glorifying all one's own little pet theories in to a 'tradition of the elders' to shackle others? Our Founder avoided both sins: he offered 'not regulations', but 'a guide to our fellow-workers' (see the Founder's Foreword in *P.O.R.*)

This post-war decade is perhaps peculiar in Guiding in that we are of necessity saying good-bye to the active co-operation of many who were pioneers in our movement. Only those of us who knew them and early Guiding can realise something of the riches we inherit from them. Are we, in our turn, likely to leave behind some inspiration for those who follow—or are we just busy trying to insure that the rightness of our way shall be acknowledged in perpetuity?

It is well periodically to stop doing and listen to the critics—yet there is a healthy balance to be kept. In general, little is heard from the satisfied customer. Will Guiders of all ranks please rouse themselves from post-camp calm and tell us their opinions. We have always to remember that in a movement as big as Guiding individual opinions are, in general, mainly coloured by individual and local experience. It needs many straws to indicate the true direction of the wind! Here are the letters for debate:

A Guide Captain, holding the Camper's Permit, writes: 'Our Movement is top-heavy and I want to suggest a remedy. My complaint is that there are too many organisers in Guiding. My plea is for a youth movement, not a youth organisation.

Why not do away with most C.A.s and Commissioners? Are they necessary? Couldn't each become a Captain, Brown Owl or Badge Tester? If there was a panel in each county or large town, consisting of a few Commissioners and C.A.s to whom a Guider could go for advice, who would deal with licenses and warrants, wouldn't the Guides themselves and the individual companies become more important?

'A Guider, having obtained her warrant, may run her company with a certain amount of freedom. I suggest that a Guider with a Camper's License (endorsed after one camp) should not require to fill in a camp form—camping statistics could be added to the census form. Guiders taking their first camp should, of course, be inspected, but surely if this is satisfactory a Guider could be trusted to take necessary precautions to safeguard her Guides at camp, including adherence to the bathing rules? After all, the Guides' parents are willing to trust her, and if our Guiders are unworthy of trust then the future of Guiding is very dim.

'I think *P.O.R.* is becoming too binding, the tests becoming too narrow and definite. We don't want a type of qualifying examination replacing Second Class. Each company is different, and only its Guider can judge how best to apply Guiding to it—if she is not capable of this she should not be warranted. If a Guider is really fond of children and agrees with the principles laid down by the Founder, surely

she doesn't want to be promoted to Commissioner? Let us have more adventure, more outdoor, and fewer indoor, functions, but leave this to the individual Guiders, or groups of Guiders, if they want to join together, and do away with organisers of functions that Guides feel they, and their Guides, must attend "to support the District".

The organisers will, no doubt, put forward the argument that new Guiders will not be attracted to the movement if there is no one to help them—but do Guiders really want to be spoon-fed? Surely the fact that they have freedom to run a company on the lines suggested in *Scouting for Boys*, with advice from a Commissioner if requested, and with voluntary week-ends at a Training Centre as a stimulant, is more attractive to the sort of person who should be a Guider, than a large Book of Rules which must be adhered to. If the organisers are afraid that the standard of Guiding would be lowered by lack of their supervision, aren't they just proving that they don't trust the Guiders? My own opinion is that the standard would rise considerably.

'There is little enough freedom in the world—can't we have it in Guiding?'

A Commissioner of wide experience writes: 'We are all, Commissioners, Guiders, yes, and Cadets, Rangers, Guides and Brownies each in our various ways, messengers. The Chief Scout has given us the message; it is up to us not only to deliver it, but, too, to help to interpret it to the girls and through them to the public. We should not forget the story that there was once a blind messenger who ran with a message he couldn't read, to a destination which he could not see. From time to time he wandered from the path. Moreover, though the message was inspired, he did not know either its importance or its meaning.

'Let us as a movement be completely frank with ourselves. Can we pause a moment and consider what in these modern times we are trying to achieve? Outwardly our house is in order; but do we lack courage resolutely to examine those dark corners, and to stir up the dust of time which has accumulated in our cellars and attics. Perhaps we make the excuse that there is no time, when really we are waiting and hoping that someone else will make the start. Have we become a little too complacent, and a little bit of a mutual admiration society, welcoming only those who conform to a set pattern, but not those who have the courage to be original? We can gain inspiration from reviewing the past; are we using this in our interpretation of the message we are carrying?

'There is a terrible danger, in these days, and to Guiding as a whole, in sheltering behind rules—particularly restrictive rules—committees and sub-committees and agendas, and unthinkingly in spinning such a web that the spirit of Guiding—that which makes it such a grand game—becomes submerged under a top heavy organisation, and it seemingly becomes a matter of conforming to rules, and playing safe, so that we follow meekly where we hope others will lead.

'Lord Rowallan has said: "Scouting is a very wonderful thing". Guiding must be so, too. To achieve this, we must never make too much of a formal business of Guiding. Guiding is a Youth Movement, but are we afraid, from our desire to be safe, to hand over some of the reins of government to youth? Do we use this desire to be safe as an excuse for clinging on to office for too long? Above all, let us remember that for Guiding to succeed we must maintain the spirit of joyous venture. Before the youth of today the path of the future winds steeply. To light the way ahead we need the bright flame of idealism. It is our duty as Guiders to see that that flame is never dimmed'.

Introducing the Executive

Miss Helen McSwiney

THE City of Worcester has a motto: 'Always faithful, I scorn to change'. Fortunately for the Girl Guides Association Miss Helen McSwiney does not believe in the second part of it. As a schoolgirl she was heard to remark: 'What! Wear that stuffy dark blue uniform and crawl through hedges—no, thank you!'

What was it that made her change her mind and give a great deal of her time and talents to the Guide Movement? Once again it was the need of the children which produced the Guider. A company in a London slum had got started in the early 'twenties without a captain and a cousin of Miss McSwiney persuaded her to 'step into the gap'. She was enrolled in Cornwall in 1922 and when, some ten years later, she found that so many current problems, including those of youth movements, were linked with social conditions she decided to take a Social Studies Certificate at London University. In this way she gained valuable knowledge of educational and other influences affecting the lives of the children she was serving which has helped her not only in the Guide Company but as Chairman of Public Relations Committee at I.H.Q.—a post she has held for the past few years. One interesting point she made when we were discussing juvenile delinquency is that the Guide Company is far more stable if there is a good Brownie Pack to 'feed' it.

A glance at the appointments Miss McSwiney has held shows that she quickly grasped the Founder's original aim that Guiding is an 'outdoor game'. A year after she became captain of the 3rd Pentonville Company she was ap-



Miss Helen McSwiney, County Commissioner for Middlesex East

pointed Camp Adviser for North London and five years later Assistant County Camp Adviser for the London Area. All her Guiding as District or Division Commissioner for Hackney, or as Assistant Division Commissioner for North London, has been done in London until her appointment in 1951 as County Commissioner for Middlesex East. She was elected a member of the Council of the Girl Guides Association in 1947, and as a member of the Executive Committee in the same year.

A love of travel (she has been round the world, trekked round South Africa in a caravan and flown from the Cape to Kosti in the early days of Imperial Airways) has convinced Miss McSwiney of the contribution Guiding can make to international friendship between the youth of different countries. She represents the Association on the World Association of Youth and on the European Youth Campaign and arranged the talks and discussions for British Rangers taking part in the recent European Ranger Gathering.

Outside Guiding Miss Helen McSwiney is Vice-Chairman of the London Clubs Committee of the Y.W.C.A., and has been a member of the London Y.W.C.A. Executive Committee for the past three years. She lives at the Lady Margaret Hall Settlement, and here again the versatility of her work for the people of Lambeth may be judged from the fact she serves on the Executive Committee and also on the Duke of Clarence Club Committee responsible for the well-being of clubs for all ages from the 'under fives' to grandfathers and grandmothers.

Alterations and Additions to Sea Ranger Tests

IT has been realised for some years that the majority of Sea Rangers leave their crews before having attained the A.B. badge, and this was again abundantly proved by the statistics provided by the English Sea Ranger Crews at the time of the last census. In consequence, very few Sea Rangers progressed to the Seamanship Certificate, which was intended as the next step after the A.B. had been gained. It appeared, therefore, that the A.B. syllabus was too long to be completed within a reasonable time and, in view of this fact, the A.B. and the Seamanship Certificate have been divided up and made into three tests, to be called the Ordinary Sea Ranger, the A.B. and the Leading Sea Ranger tests.

It must be stressed that the *standard* on which the different clauses are to be passed has in no way been lowered or made easier, but it is hoped that by the new arrangement Sea Rangers will now more speedily have the satisfaction and encouragement of qualifying for a badge. While practically all the clauses in the old tests have been included there are slight alterations and additions that have been made in response to suggestions and criticisms that have been sent in by Sea Ranger Conferences and individual Crews.

It will be noticed that practical boat-handling is not included in the first test; the reason is that many recruits joining in the autumn are, through lack of facilities in their area, unable to swim fifty yards or to get rowing practice until the following summer. It is hoped now that in many cases they may be able to pass the first stage without this delay. On the other hand, if a recruit joins in the spring she may be passed for her boat-handling during the summer months, even though she has not completed the Ordinary Sea Ranger test.

Those Sea Rangers who are part way through the old A.B. may complete it and qualify for the badge; or they may adopt the new tests, in which case the clauses already passed in the old test may be used to qualify them for the same clauses in the new syllabus.

A notice will be published in THE GUIDER and THE RANGER when the badges for the new tests are in stock at Headquarters.

The alterations and additions to these tests are published in the September RANGER, obtainable at 6d. (postage 1½d.) from I.H.Q.

Sylvia Clarke
[Sea Ranger Section Adviser, I.H.Q.]

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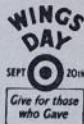
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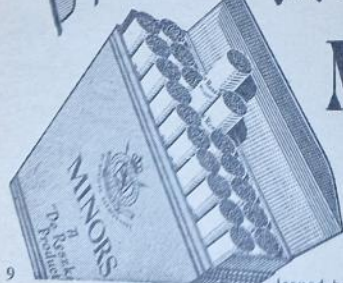
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The Eighth Law

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Baden-Powell gave us many stories of heroism. He knew that boys and girls admire brave and resourceful deeds and often imagine themselves performing them. Guides have often done great acts of great courage, and it has always been the tradition that a Scout or Guide should be ready to save others, even at the risk of their own lives, and that they should bear pain or discomfort cheerfully and keep smiling in adversity.

In the Guide company: How can we help the Guides to find the courage that is needed by everyone at some moment in their lives, so that whether the issue be great or small they do not fail? Partly by practice, because through our outdoor and woodcraft activities we are more likely to find occasions where cheerful endurance is appropriate in the open than in the cosy club-room. The long walk home in the rain, the climb up the difficult hill, the geese in the farmyard that come towards us so alarmingly, these are the small challenges that we can use to practise the 8th law.

As in the law of obedience the company tradition is an ally. If the Guiders and leaders set the standard of taking what comes adventurously and without grumbling the Guides are more likely to do the same.

Much courage depends on knowing what to do. We often fail in a difficult situation, not because we are not brave enough, but because we are not sure enough of what to do to act quickly. Guides can bring newspaper cuttings which describe emergencies and the patrols or company can discuss them. Was the right thing done? Was it done quickly enough? Could we have done it better if we had been there? It is best if the action can be put into practice so that everyone knows exactly what to do should the same situation happen to them.

Stories of heroes great and small can play a big part in training the company to keep this law. Remember to give due place to the quiet heroism that faces poverty, drudgery and ill health and makes something splendid of them.

The real foundation for the Guide is belief and trust in God, the knowledge that no situation is so bad that it cannot be transformed and used.

For Discussion: Do you think it is true that if you make yourself smile and do a thing with simulated cheerfulness you soon begin to feel more cheerful?

Are there occasions when 'smiling and singing' might not actually be appropriate and others when they would be a help? What are they?

It has been said that the moment courage fails is the moment when another way out is pictured, i.e., so long as we feel there is no alternative we do whatever is to be done, but as soon as we begin to feel we might 'get out of it' we are in danger of turning back. Is this true?

JOSEPHINE GRIFFITH

THE PACK GARDENER'S BADGE

1. The Pack Gardener's badge has been added to the list of pack badges.
2. It does not entitle the Brownies to wear a badge, but a certificate is awarded as in the case of Handwork and Player pack badges.
3. Two-thirds of the pack must work for a pack badge.
4. The ordinary Brownie Gardener's badge may still be taken by individual Brownies and a badge awarded.

E. D. HARRISON

Book Reviews

The Commonwealth Painting Book, compiled by Gladys Commander, B.A. (Girl Guides Association, 2s. 9d., postage 5d.) is a book every company will want to possess. It contains pictures of the Guides and Brownies in Europe and Africa and short descriptions about their countries and Guiding. Details of the colours of the uniforms are given and Guides could consult books in a public library to find the correct colours for flags and colony crests. The information in this book has been reprinted from *THE GUIDER* and current, or back, copies can still be obtained. Later on two other painting books on Guiding in Asia, Australasia and the Pacific and the Americas will be published.

The Widening Path, by Anne Bradley (Girl Guides Association, 7s. 6d.) Here is a story which will not only appeal to all Guides and most Rangers and Cadets because of its lively portrayal of a young girl's adventure, within and without the movement, during her transition from a Guide company in her old home town to a Ranger company in a new one, but will be of interest to all Guiders because of its fresh outlook. You may remember it as a serial in *THE GUIDER* during 1950 and 1951. Every Guide library will need a copy and it is suitable as a gift-book for all occasions. The illustrations by Alice Bush are delightful, and the book is obtainable at 7s. 6d., plus 6d. postage, from Imperial Headquarters and all branch shops.

The Wonderful Adventures of Nils, by Selma Lagerlof (Dent, 8s. 6d.). This delightful Swedish book, written about the same time as *Scouting for Boys*, has been translated into many languages all over the world. Now, at last, it has reached England. It is a fascinating story for any child who finds joy in the magic of bird and animal life. Nils is a naughty boy who delights in being unkind to animals, but one day he finds himself bewitched and changed into a very tiny creature. The story of how, as an elf, Nils wins the friendship and trust of all the animals he has once teased makes an exciting tale. It is a book which should rapidly become a real addition to the children's classics of this country. Brownie Guiders and their Packs should find much enjoyment in the adventures of Nils and at the same time learn a great deal about the ways and habits of animals and birds. B.H.G.

Handbooks of European National Dances (Max Parrish, 4s. 6d. each). The last four of these little books are as attractive as their predecessors. In *Dances of Poland* Miss Helea Wolska gives a description of four dances of varying character, including the Góralski—a brigand dance from the mountains—the Krakowiak danced at village weddings and the more stately Mazur, for Poland is the birthplace of the Polonaise and the Mazurka. In *Dances of the Pyrenees*, Miss Alford shows the great variety that exists in these provinces, and notes that classical ballet steps are the foundation of practically all the men's dances! In *Dances of Roumania* you will be interested to read of the popular chain dances such as the Hora and the Sarba. In *Dances of Yugoslavia* chain dances found in great variety are well described. Detailed illustrations of the appropriate costumes to be worn for all the dances in these books are given, together with the music and step notations. K.C.C.

The Observer's Book of Ships, by Frank E. Dodman (Warne, 5s.). This pocket-sized book might well be described as the seaman's encyclopaedia since it is packed full of useful information and well illustrated. It deals in a comprehensive manner with ships of all types from a battleship down to a harbour-craft, including ancient ships of other countries. There are also explanatory notes on tonnage, the plimsoll line and various terms of seamanship. I recommend this book to all members of the Sea Section and to anyone who is interested in ships. Every page is of interest and it is five shillings well invested. E.N.S.

King Solomon's Ring, by Konrad Lorenz (Methuen, 15s.). King Solomon's ring, so legend says, enabled him to understand animal speech. Konrad Lorenz has learnt the hard way, through years of patient apprenticeship to the birds and living creatures themselves. A revolutionary book for any adult who seriously wishes to understand 'the infinite beauty of our fellow-creatures and their life', it is presented with such simplicity, humility and humour that the veriest amateur will be enthralled. P.S.B.

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Coming Events

The Empire Circle autumn party will be held at Imperial Headquarters on Wednesday, September 24th, at 6.30 p.m. when the speaker will be Miss Margaret Pilkington who will talk about the World Conference in Norway.

Invitations will be sent to Empire Circle members and to visitors from overseas. If you know of an Overseas Guider who would like an invitation, and who has not received one, please let the Empire Circle Secretary know.

A conference for Students 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. till 4.30 p.m. (Uniform optional). The conference will be open to all University, Training and Technical College students who are interested in the movement, including members of Guide Clubs and College Cadet or Ranger Companies. Conference fee 1s. payable at the door on the day of the conference. Further details will be announced later.

In Memoriam

Hanna Benka-Coker, who died on June 17th, was Commissioner for Sierra Leone from 1947 until her death and the first African Colony Commissioner. She gave fine service to her country, especially in women's education, and was a devoted member of the Guide Movement in Sierra Leone for over twenty years.

Miss Dorothea Smith, Oxfordshire County Coxswain, C.A., Division Commissioner and for many years Skipper of S.R.S. *King George V*, Henley-on-Thames. Her kindness and unselfishness earned her many friends in the movement.

Awards

Good Service

Silver Fish: The Lady Burnham, J.P., Chief Commissioner, England. Miss Gwen Hesketh, Guide International Service.

Beaver: Miss Meta F. Stevenson, Scottish Ranger Adviser.

Medal of Merit: Miss M. Pateman, lately Island Commissioner, Gilbert Island. Mrs. Stuart, Vice-President and Member of Council and Executive Committee, Uganda.

Certificate of Merit: Mrs. Redrup, Captain 1st Bear Cross Ranger Company, Dorset.

Fortitude

Badge of Fortitude: Guide Recruit Jennifer Ann Stone, aged 11½, 7th Beddington Company, Surrey East.

Since 1947 Jennifer has had continuous spells in hospital undergoing treatments and major operations following poliomyelitis. These have been long, tedious and painful and have been complicated by attacks of asthma, bronchitis and scarlet fever. Throughout the whole time her attitude has been unflinching brave and cheerful, and she has made every effort to overcome her disabilities.

Letter of Commendation (from Chief Commissioner, England): Brownie Sixer Margaret Brown, age 11, 3rd Kingsbury Pack, Middlesex East. For fortitude during treatment for severe burns.

Notice Board

New Method of Artificial Respiration: After October 1st all candidates taking Examinations of the Royal Life Saving Society will be required to know the Schafer and the Holger Neilsen methods of resuscitation. It therefore follows that a knowledge of both methods will in due course be required for all badges and tests that now require a knowledge of the Schafer Method. Illustrated leaflets on the Holger Neilsen method of artificial respiration can be obtained at I.H.Q., price 4d., or from the Royal Life Saving Society, 14 Devonshire Street, W.1.

Second Supplement to P.O.R.: A second supplement to *Policy Organisation and Rules* is now on sale, price 2d. This contains all amendments that have been approved since July, 1951 (i.e., those published in the February and July, 1952, issues of THE GUIDER). All Guiders are recommended to order a copy in order to keep up to date with syllabuses and other important matters.

The Commissioners' Register for 1952 is now on sale at I.H.Q., price 5s.

The Catholic Guide Advisory Council is arranging a Pilgrimage to Lourdes from April 8th-16th, 1953. The approximate cost will be £22-£26, according to age and accommodation. Roman Catholic members of the Guide Movement wishing to go must apply between November 1st, 1952, and January 20th, 1953, to Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son Ltd., Pilgrimage Department, Berkeley Street, London, W.1.

A London Diocese—Residential week-end for Anglican Guiders will be held at Whan Cross, Chalfont St. Giles, on November 14th-16th. The week-end will include sessions on the religious difficulties of Guiders, the First Promise, and visual aids, and a demonstration Church Parade. Chaplain: The Rev. F. H. Hopkins, M.A. Cost: 25s. (Friday to Sunday); or 14s. (Saturday-Sunday). Applications to Miss K. Johnson, London Diocesan Council for Children, Youth and for Further Education, The Vicarage, Nutford Place, London, W.1.

A Retreat for Church of England Rangers and Guiders will be held at the House of Retreat, Pleshey, Chelmsford, from October 25th-27th, 1952. Conductor: The Rev. E. A. Metcalfe. Fee: £1, including 2s. 6d. booking fee, not returnable. Applications to, and further information from, Miss G. E. Cowmeadow, 115 York Hill, Loughton, Essex.

The Thames Sea Ranger Association are holding their annual regatta on October 4th, at 2.15 p.m. off the Home Park (just above Kingston Bridge). Events include skiffs, single dinghy, sculling over stern, gig, dongola and style. Programmes, price 6d. each (1s. if bought at the Regatta), obtainable from Miss J. Bennett, 62 Leith Mansions, London, W.9.

The Air Ranger Ceremonial is published in the September RANGER, obtainable at 6d., postage 1½d.

For Lone Guiders: A short Correspondence Training Course will be held in the autumn for Lone Guiders who have not previously taken such a course. The fee will be 5s. 6d., which should accompany each application. Will applicants please give some details of their previous experience, and also the name of the Lone Company with which they are working. Numbers will be limited and applications should reach the Secretary of the Lone Advisory Committee, Mrs. R. E. Pain, Ripple Lodge, Kearsney, Nr. Dover, Kent, not later than October 1st, 1952.

The World Assembly of Youth (British National Committee) Commonwealth Study Group is planning to hold a new series of lectures this autumn at the British Council Students' Residence, 1 Hans Crescent, London, S.W.1. The lectures will take place on October 14th, 28th, November 11th and December 9th, and their theme will be 'Education in the Commonwealth'. Further details obtainable from the British National Committee, World Assembly of Youth, 10 Stratford Road, London, W.8.

Alice Behrens

What happy memories that name evokes! I first became aware of her in 1919, though I may have met her before as she was a great friend of my mother's (Mrs. Mark Kerr), but at the age of twelve I regarded all grown-ups as my natural enemies and usually took prompt evasive action at the earliest opportunity. In 1919, however, my sister and I accompanied my mother to a Guiders' Training Camp at Pax Hill and found ourselves in Miss Behrens's patrol—the Robins. She soon broke down all barriers for she did not try to 'improve' us, a common failing of our elders, but enjoyed things with us on our own level and always seemed to have time and genuine enthusiasm for our sometimes peculiar interests—peculiar that is to the average adult.

I remember her, too, three years later at Foxlease. Three of us youngsters were sleeping on the floor of what is now the library during the move in. We must have been somewhat in the way, for I cannot recollect doing anything in the least useful, but Miss Behrens always had a smile and a joke for us as she hurried endlessly along corridors bearing huge piles of blankets in her arms. To the grown-up world she may have been an efficient Guider-in-Charge, but to us she was 'our Miss Behrens'—a truly lovable character.

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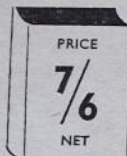
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Fee Bursaries. This entitles a Guider to attend Foxlease, Waddow and the M.T.B. at half-rate.

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Guiders wishing to apply for either of the above bursaries should get in touch with their District Commissioners, who will get the appropriate ticket or form from the Secretary, Training Department, I.H.Q.

FOXLEASE

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
- 29-5 Nov. International Promise and Law

November

- 7-11 Music and Drama
- 14-18 Camp and Handcraft
- 21-25 Guides and Commissioners

December

- 30-6 Jan. New Year Training—General

January

- 9-13 Cadet Guiders
- 16-20 Guide and Brownie Guiders
- 23-27 County Booking
- 30-27 Feb. Spring Cleaning

February

- 27-3 Mar. County Booking

March

- 6-10 Ranger (all Sections)
- 13-17 Guide and Brownie Guiders
- 20-24 Guide and Brownie Guiders
- 27-31 County Booking

WADDOW

September

- 5-12 Guide and Brownie Guiders
- 16-23 Commissioners and General Training
- 26-30 Guide and Brownie Guiders with special pre-Warrant sessions

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 Guiders
- 21-25 Campfire

December

- 30-6 Jan. New Year Training—General

January

- 9-13 Guide and Brownie Guiders
- 16-20 County Booking
- 23-27 Guide and Brownie Guiders and Commissioners

- 30-3 Feb. Promise and Law

February

- 6-10 Guide and Brownie Guiders
- 13-17 County Booking
- 20-24 Guide and Brownie Guiders
- 27-2 Mar. County Booking

March

- 6-10 Cadets
- 13-17 County Booking
- 20-24 County Booking
- 27-31 Outdoor Activities

Applications for Foxlease and Waddow should be sent (with a deposit of 7s. 6d.) to the Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants, or to the Secretary, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs. The fees for these centres (minimum 10s.) are: single room, £3 a week, 9s. 6d. a day. Double room, £2 10s. a week, 8s. a day. Shared room, £2 a week, 7s. a day. (For change of fees in 1953 see page 186.)

M.T.B.

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. With Commissioners' approval Guiders may enter for Boating Tests, but this is optional.

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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 County'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. Further information about the programme will be published later.

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

An Air Ranger Guiders' Training will be held at I.H.Q. on Friday, October 24th, from 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, October 25th, 10.30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, October 26th, 1.30 to 5 p.m. The training will be held in two parts, elementary and advanced, and it is hoped that every Flight will be represented. Applications should be made to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department at I.H.Q.

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 3-4 p.m. and 5-6 p.m., preceding the Square Dance Party, in the Library, Guide Headquarters. Price 1s. for two sessions, or 6d. each session. Applications as above.

SCOTLAND

Netherurd

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 Brownies
14-17 East Lothian
21-24 Cadets
28-1 Dec. Peebles and Selkirk

December
5-8 Trainers
12-15 Rangers

Fees: Shared room, £2 10s. a week, 7s. 6d. a day. A training fee of 2s. a course will be charged, and an additional fee of 2s. 6d. for a single room. Applications, enclosing a deposit of 5s., to the Secretary, Netherurd, Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peeblesshire.

WALES

Broneirion

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 five years or more)

December
5-8 Welsh Trainers Conference

Fees for Broneirion are the same as those for Foxlease. Applications, enclosing a deposit of 5s., to the Guider-in-Charge, Broneirion, Llandinam, Montgomeryshire.

ULSTER

Lorne

September
12-14 Guide

October
10-12 Folk Dancing

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

Camping and Holidays

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 stamped addressed envelopes.

The Brownie Pack Holiday House at Waddow is now available for booking by companies of Rangers and Cadets in charge of a Guider, up to the end of the year. For particulars of cost, facilities available, and qualifications required, apply to the Camp Secretary, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancashire.

8,000 Strong!

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and Guiders paid 35s. for the ten days and companies brought their own equipment. Camp fees normally cover catering (done by a Scouter army Q.M.) and all expenses which, this time, included £100 for maps for the hike (four Ordnance sheets per patrol), £25 for prizes, the special nocturnal train, an intricate water system and other major items. Then the Guide-shop, restaurant run by Trefoil Guides, canteen and visitors' days are clear profit. Two visitors' days brought in £600 alone and altogether the National Headquarters has, in the past, lived on the proceeds of its national camps! A committee of five, meeting once a fortnight for a year, had organised the whole camp, 'farming out' the many jobs. All instructions were printed in their GUIDER, so no circulars or postage were necessary. No doubt a great deal of time on the part of many people had been given to the project, and whether Guiding as a whole was best served through spending it thus might be queried; but the inspiration, sense of unity, widened horizons, spirit of enterprise, and much else, difficult to define, could in no wise be challenged.

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The Guiders' Postbag

Are We Fostering the Spirit of Independence?

I WAS unable to read our Chief Commissioner's article on Finance in the June GUIDER until recently. I am probably voicing the opinion of a minority—but such has a right to be heard. In the world of today, when there is so much which is given to so many objects by State control, it seems more necessary than ever to foster the spirit of independence which we aimed at in seeking to be self-supporting. This may decrease our numbers, prevent many from joining a movement in which everything is not 'all found', but it will ensure that those who do join are joining because they wish to follow an ideal way of life. By accepting unearned money we forfeit some of our ideals—and this will inevitably seep through all levels of the Guide World. It is better to have a small harvest of fine grain than a larger yield of poor quality.

M. HOLMES GORE
(District Commissioner, Henley-on-Thames)

The 9th Law

'A Guide is thrifty'. Is she? Would it be truer to say 'A Guide was thrifty'? In the early days of Guiding companies took a pride and delight in carrying out this law, now there are times when I feel Guiders would be ashamed to be thought thrifty.

Here are some examples of what seem, to an 'old hand', to be stupid extravagance. One company at Christmas spent a pound on buying Christmas cards. Why did they not make their own? Two Guides had a birthday in camp and the Guiders ordered a cake costing a pound. Could they not have done something original and amusing with penny buns? Six weeks after registration a company bought two flags. They then had to stop all Guide work for weeks to get up a concert for company funds.

Some time ago a Guide said to me 'I am trying to teach things to me sister at home. Me mum says she can't afford to have more than one in the Guides'. Last year a Guide went to her Commissioner and said 'the company are camping in Scotland. I cannot afford to go. I should be just as happy camping near home, couldn't you run a camp in the county I could go to?'

We live in a world where people are saying 'if I want something it is right I should have it' and 'you cannot enjoy yourself without plenty of money'. Do we agree, or have we something better to offer to the Guiders?

'OLD HAND'

Sea Ranger Guider Hats

'Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery' it is said, but one wonders whether the W.R.N.S. is really flattered by the new hat designed for Sea Ranger Guiders? To say that this hat is an imitation of the W.R.N.S. officer's hat is rather a stretch of the imagination. It may be called a 'Tricorn' but that is as far as it goes. The W.R.N.S. Tricorn is made of an extremely good velour, professionally blocked, with an outstanding badge, i.e., the Naval Crown. The Sea Ranger Tricorn, which has been ordered to be worn by all Sea Ranger Guiders, is not a blocked hat but the ordinary Guider's felt hat which has to be stitched up so as to make it into a Tricorn shape, consequently no two hats are quite the same shape. A good many of these hats have already seen good service, and now that the shape has had to be altered little resembles the W.R.N.S. officer's hat.

A point that might have been considered by those authorising this new mode of head-gear is the expense to Guiders that will occur. There are some Guiders who, unfortunately, hold more than one warrant; she may be a Commissioner, Guide Lieutenant, or a Brownie Guider, but as she cannot be for ever altering her Sea Ranger hat, she must therefore go to the expense of buying a new hat? No wonder it is said that Guiding is an expensive game. Also why is this Section to be deprived of the wearing of the county badge on the hat. All Guiders are extremely proud of their county badge. In its place all that is provided is a very small insignificant badge which looks

just like any ordinary yachting club badge. One more point. Over and over again it has been stressed, and rightly so, that all three Ranger Sections belong to one branch, the Ranger branch, first and foremost; then why must the Sea Section wish to be different? Does this call for unity? It is difficult to understand why, and by whom, this change has been asked for and authorised, as it is known that many Guiders dislike this change, and in view of expense why has it not been made optional?

SEA RANGER SKIPPER

The Right Age for Patrol Leaders

At a county gathering in the southern Area two Guiders I know, seeing two Patrol Leaders with nowhere to sit, offered to take them on their knees. They were emboldened to do this by the size of the Leaders—they were little, if any, bigger than Brownies! In conversation it turned out that one was nearly eleven, but she was wearing a Second Class badge with the full insignia of a Patrol Leader. The other was about the same age.

Is not this a travesty of the whole patrol system as given us by B-P? In his day Leaders were considerably older than the Tenderfoots in their patrols and were really expected to lead in adventurous outdoor pursuits as well as in camp, to teach most, if not all, Tenderfoot and Second Class work, and, in fact, be the well-trained, efficient Scout or Guide the younger ones could look up to and who would be an inspiration to the whole patrol.

Fortunately there is a brighter side. A fellow-trainer (not knowing what was in my mind) remarked the other day that at last it was ceasing to be 'the thing' to leave at fourteen and that Guiders were staying in their companies until of an age to benefit from Ranger or Cadet training. If she be right the Guide companies will once again have a chance to work the patrol system as it should be worked, and not only should Ranger and Cadet companies be recruiting better trained Guiders from now on, but also be able to swell their numbers. But, in the meantime, do not let us pretend that girls of eleven are in any way qualified to be Patrol Leaders.

V. M. SYNGE

Birthday Party at Our Chalet

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open revealing at every window a young Swiss Guider with a visitor from another country, shouting their welcome to the approaching spirit. Taps ended the day's proceedings and as the guests wended their way homewards every heart must have been filled with gratitude for those fine pioneers who, in the past, gave so much to our movement and equally to those of the present who are carrying onward that torch, the Spirit of Guiding, for the future generations.

Nor could anyone fail to have been deeply impressed by the moving tributes paid to one who has given the best years of her life to creating a unique centre of friendship in the world. So rarely is honour given where honour is due. Well done, Falk! Our gratitude, our love and our friendship will be with you always.

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YEAST-PAC

The International Camp

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ing. Apart from that the camp was blessed with good weather, and the nine thousand on Wednesday and the seven or eight thousand on Saturday were able to stroll about in the sunshine and enjoy the beautiful Park.

Into the blue sky on Saturday afternoon floated ten large yellow balloons, symbols of the golden ball which B-P tossed to the children of the world when he gave them Scouting. That story was told to the audience by the campers, with the help of the local Scouts and Guides, in an entertainment which the camp had rehearsed only on the previous day. The mass 'run on' of a thousand Guides, each one tossing a golden ball in the air, at the beginning of the display, made an unforgettable picture. But then so did so many other moments during those ten days—the picture of the giant campfire itself, of the Guides moving down the long lane of light marked on the hillside by Rangers and Cadets with torches when the singing was over, of groups in national costume dancing and singing together, of thousands, with arms linked, swaying to 'Loolah' (the camp signature tune), of one smiling brown face, luminous with excitement 'because I have shaken hands with the Chief Guide', of one small poodle sitting staring hopefully into the sky to see the Chief Guide's plane fly over, of colour, of laughter, of smiles. . . . Each camper now has a collection of her own to which to turn for refreshment of the spirit from time to time, and to share with others so that more and more people will wish to play ball with us, and may the golden ball be within reach of every child who wishes to join in the 'best game in the world'.

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LOST

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