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Her Majesty Queen Mary

THE thoughts and prayers of Guides all over the British Commonwealth and Empire are with Her Majesty The Queen, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, H.R.H. The Princess Royal and all the members of the Royal Family in their sorrow through the death of Queen Mary.

The following telegram was sent to Her Majesty by the Chief Commissioner from the Girl Guides Association: 'All members of the Girl Guide Movement throughout the Commonwealth and Empire offer to Your Majesty their humble duty and deepest sympathy'. Messages of sympathy were also sent by the Chief Commissioner to H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and to H.R.H. The Princess Royal and by Mrs. Mair, Chairman of the Ranger Branch, to H.R.H. The Princess Margaret on behalf of all Rangers.

Looking back to the long years of the first World War we remember Queen Mary, by the side of the King, sharing our sorrows, sustaining us by her fortitude and inspiring us by her example. To give only one instance of her courage she went with the King to France in 1917, to Haig's headquarters. She

also visited both the dressing and base hospitals. 'Life is made up of loyalty, beautiful and good', Queen Mary once said. How faithfully she carried out her

own ideal may be judged not only by her steadfastness and sense of discipline but also by her personal encouragement of painting, music, drama, needlework and all the practical arts of home life.

We remember with pride the happy occasion of Queen Mary's visit to open Imperial Headquarters on March 20th, 1931—a day of sunshine and blue skies. The Princess Royal, as President of the Association, presented the Queen with a golden key with which she unlocked the doors. The Chairman then told Her Majesty, 'This building has been made possible by the work and enthusiasm of Guides in this country and the Dominions. All over the world they will be thinking of Your Majesty . . . in their name we thank you'.

To-day, as we look back at a life of devoted service to our nation, we echo the Prime Minister's words: 'Queen Mary will long live mellow and gracious in all our memories and in the annals of these tumultuous times'.



Her Majesty The Queen accepts a basket of wild flowers from a Sussex Brownie during a visit to Hartfield in 1929, when Guides formed a Guard of Honour.

The Commissioners' Meeting Place

A Young Guiders' Club

A YOUNG Guiders' Club was started, as an experiment, three years ago in the Bournemouth Division and has proved well worth while. The idea originated in the minds of several Commissioners who were worried over the post-war situation. In each District there were companies and packs run by older Guiders, with very young Lieutenants or Tawny Owls, and the problem was how to keep them enthusiastic and enable them to meet others of their own age group.

As a result the Young Guiders' Club was formed by the Division Commissioner and one of her Assistants. The objects of the Club are fun and fellowship, and the only rule is that the members must be under the age of twenty-five. It is a somewhat haphazard affair, but very friendly. Meetings are held about once a month, no register is kept, Guiders and prospective Guiders come if they can, names of new Guiders are supplied by the District Commissioners, and no charge is made, as all expenses are borne by the Division. New Guiders have enough to pay in getting uniform and all the other incidental expenses.

The programmes are very varied, not always on Guide subjects, and have included International Guiding, Elementary Drama, The History of the Coronation, Brownie work, Extensions, Woodcraft, a lively evening taken by Miss V. Synge, and an amusing one on 'Etiquette of all kinds', which included many questions on wedding etiquette, a vital topic with several weddings imminent.

Almost at the beginning a day in London was planned. Although only a few were able to go they thoroughly enjoyed an extensive programme of sightseeing, which encouraged them to have holidays on their own and discover more for themselves.

In 1950 the delegates to the World Conference saw a pageant of the 'History of Guiding' at Foxlease. The young Guiders acted one episode, dressed in national costumes. Their meeting and talk afterwards with the real representatives of those nations was a thrilling and broadening experience, never to be forgotten.

No account of the Club's activities could be complete without mention of those parties at the Division Commissioner's home, where in a friendly, informal atmosphere members are entertained to simple food well served—in itself an education. After three years the success can be measured, not in the attendances which are sometimes disappointing, but at the Division functions, where the young Guiders feel quite at home as there is always someone they know. There are now over fifty young Guiders, under twenty-five, which augurs well for the future.

From the personal point of view of the Division Commissioner the venture has been a success. She has had the opportunity of keeping in touch with the younger element in each District, and if even a little of that intangible Guide Spirit has been caught by these young Guiders, and so handed on to the children, then the work put into the Young Guiders' Club has not been in vain.

A Letter from Germany

(This most welcome contribution comes to us from the British Guides in Germany, giving us an interesting account of some of their problems and successes and also, surely, a fine example of Guide Spirit in difficult circumstances.)

DEAR MADAM,

So overcome was I with remorse when reading your poem on this page in the February GUIDER, that I feel that I must pen this letter to start the ball rolling. I am a 'retiring' Commissioner, so perhaps I hardly qualify for the page at all. By that I do not mean that I am shy; but after eleven

months as a very new, green, raw and frightened District Commissioner for British Guides and Brownies in a District in the British Zone in Germany I am having to retire because my husband, who is an Army Officer, is being posted to another part of Germany.

I wonder whether, in spite of Miss Fripp's very understanding remarks about us in her article in the February GUIDER, other Commissioners have any idea of our difficulties here. By far the greatest is that of continuity. Ours is such a continuously moving population that even we Commissioners are often quite new to the Guide Movement when we agree to step into the shoes of some distraught Guider, suddenly removed to some other part of the world. Even within the packs and companies the same difficulty arises. The children very often only stay a few months. One just has time to get their uniform made, enrol them, get half-way through the Golden Bar tests, and off they go!

The Golden Ladder test is proving a great boon to us. With such a varied pack it is virtually impossible to get even the keenest Brownie up to Golden Hand standard. She is probably whisked off just as her crocus bulb is beginning to show, or she is half-way up the second side of her baby's cardigan. But the Golden Ladder tests she can pass week by week, with a Brown Owl willing to give an extra ten minutes before or after the meeting.

As for the Guide companies here in the Zone, only the boarding schools can really run full ones. Most of the stations only have a handful of children of Guide age. Yet how rewarding it has been, even in my preponderantly Brownie District, to watch three small Guide Companies grow in one year, and the children in them 'grow up'.

I have enjoyed my year enormously. Everyone has been so welcoming wherever I have been, and taught me so much about Guides, Brownies, Guiders—and myself—which I shall never forget. What a contrast between my first District Court of Honour, when I waited tremblingly for the first questions to be shot at me (I wasn't quite certain in those days which came first, Golden Hand or Golden Bar!) to last month, when I had to say good-bye so regretfully to all my friends in the District. Yet, of the twenty-eight Guiders present at that last meeting, only four had been at my first! In spite of all these changes in eleven months the packs had kept going and the Guide companies had started, because someone can always be found, even at the shortest notice, to carry on something which is so palpably worth while.

Yours sincerely, ELIZABETH SEWELL

Coronation Publications

Two Coronation Prayer Cards are now available from Headquarters, price 1½d. each, plus postage. 'Coronation Prayer for Catholic Guides' is the official card for Roman Catholic Guides and 'Guide Coronation Prayer' is for all other Christian members of the movement. It is hoped that every member of the movement, of whatever faith, will pray for the Queen regularly, now and throughout Her Majesty's reign. Special prayers are asked for during the week preceding the Coronation, and it is hoped that on Sunday, May 31st, we shall all be in our places of worship, praying in our own way with our fellow worshippers.

A Form of Service to commemorate the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is available at Headquarters, price 1s. 6d. per dozen, plus postage, or 2d. each for single copies, plus postage.

The Record Cards and Envelopes. The coloured envelopes, bearing on the outside a loyal message to the Queen, and containing one card, cost 4d.; single cards (without envelopes) cost 1½d.

It would be the greatest help if Guiders would send in orders as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Exploring England-II

ONE of the best ways I know of 'taking a walk' is to follow the track of some ancient monument: to trace, with map and compass and a pair of keen eyes, the handiwork of men who knew and loved England centuries ago. With them I share in spirit the effort of creation, and the ultimate triumph of achievement. Last month we took such a walk along the line of a wall raised by alien people. This month we set out to find one built by men who belonged to the soil they worked on.

The boundaries that separate the countries of Great Britain have a charming feature, unique in these unsettled days. They are so often hard to find! No frontier posts bar the way into Scotland; there are no Customs Houses on the roads that lead to Wales. A modest signboard, and an unobtrusive notice bidding you welcome to the new country, is all you will find. Even changes in place-names are not reliable, for constant traffic across the border has carried these, too, into 'foreign' territory.

Follow-the-Border can be a fascinating game, particularly in the case of the Welsh Border, for, contrary to what I have just suggested, there is actually a physical line of demarcation running almost the whole way from Chepstow on the banks of the Severn, to Prestatyn on the north coast of Wales. What is more, it has been there for twelve hundred years, yet I have met few people who know much about it.

Offa's Dyke is a rampart raised by the serfs of the English King Offa to mark the boundary between his Kingdom of Mercia and the Principality of Wales, and to act as a protection for his people against the marauding Welsh tribes.

It was no Hadrian's Wall, stone-built and sturdy, constructed by trained engineers. The men who built it worked with antler picks and the shoulder blades of oxen. Their material was the crumbling earth at their feet. Yet the wall they built was, in some places, eighteen feet high, and the ditch on its westward side often twelve feet deep. The finished earthwork was planned to run for a hundred and fifty miles. It took them eighteen backbreaking, hand-blistering years.

A good deal of the Dyke is no longer visible. Modern roads have slashed it; farmers have ploughed it up; housing sites and factories obliterated it. North of Wrexham it is hardly to be found at all. But the destruction has, happily, ceased.

The Dyke is now protected by law.

South of Wrexham 'Follow-the-Border' becomes 'Hunt-the-Dyke'. One third of it still marches with the present-day political boundary, the other two thirds lying only very slightly to the east or west. It invariably stands on a westward-falling slope. Why? Because this gave a natural advantage to the Mercians—and after all, they built it! This fact is often a help to the puzzled explorer faced with several possible humps in the ground.

For alas, there are places where the Dyke is only a hump in the ground—and sometimes hardly that: an undulation only; a curving shadow at sundown; a mere subtle suggestion. In places you will find the Ordnance Survey maps mark it simply as 'Offa's Dyke—site of'. You will need all your detective ability, as well as your maps and compass, if you are to follow the Dyke along its fifty lovely leagues.

And lovely the country is—some of the loveliest in all England. Symonds Yat stands on the line you must follow, and the stiff scramble to the summit brings as reward one of the most delightful views I know. The only one in this part of England that can compare with it lies just a little way south, and still on the Dyke, where the Devil's Pulpit looks down over the serene dignity and peace of Tintern Abbey—a scene which inspired Wordsworth to write:

... with an eye made quiet by the power
Of harmony, and the deep power of joy,

We see into the life of things.

Much of the track lies through the Wye Valley, the river itself acting as a barrier in places, for south of Bridge Sollers, to Redbrook in Gloucestershire, there is no trace that an actual fortification was ever built.

Northwards from here it strides over the open heights of Radnor Forest, where it is seen at its best. On Llanvair Hill, north of Knighton, it stands out like a great weal across the face of the hillside, for mile after mile. ('Ware rabbit holes here, though—the surface is as brittle as pie-crust.')

Sometimes it drops down into sleepy little black-and-white villages, past farms, often built on the foundations of old strong-points. Once it even loses itself in the market town of Hereford. Here the only remaining clue is in the name of a narrow alley close to the Town Hall. On a plaque, high on a

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The Dyke becomes a roadway at Llanymynech



Chirk Castle, built by Roger Mortimer in the reign of Edward I, overlooks the Dyke near Wrexham

Preparing for Eternity

By the Rev. Wilfred Wade

IN Nieuwerkerk, a tiny village on the island of Schouwen, there was a pack of twelve Brownies. Six of them and the Guider were drowned. Suddenly a dyke gave way and the village was completely surprised'. The following report of a talk by the Rev. Wilfred Wade at the Trainers' Promise and Law Conference in February will, it is hoped, help every Christian Guider to face the challenge of suffering and sudden death, an instance of which is quoted above from recent flood news from Holland.

As you look round your company during a meeting you do not know what the future holds for any of the members. All you can do is to give them a sense of values and do your part in shaping integrated characters. They have immense possibilities but you cannot foretell their future. So many unpredictable circumstances may change it. The only thing that is certain about every girl in your company, and the only thing that is certain about every one of us, is that she will die, and we shall die. That is the only thing that you can foretell about the future of any human soul. The day will come when you no longer care for a cup of tea, or open a letter, or answer the telephone. Time will be over.

Although we know that we run away from the thought. Yet we are not playing fair with the girls in our companies if we do not prepare them for this; we who teach them how to bandage a fractured patella, knowing that it is very unlikely that they will ever see a fractured patella; we who teach them semaphore, knowing that it is extremely unlikely that they will ever be in circumstances where their safety or anyone else's depends on a knowledge of semaphore. We prepare our Guides for so many emergencies that may never come, why do we not prepare them for the emergency that is sure to come? And how much we are able to help them, we who possess the Christian faith, for Christianity affirms that existence has another dimension, that alongside the dimension of time there is that of eternity, and that allegiance to Jesus makes one sensitive to that other dimension here as well as preparing one to live in it hereafter.

To many of our contemporaries it sounds incredible, but because it sounds incredible it does not follow that it is untrue. You are familiar with the story in the Gospels of a man who was blind from birth. Can you imagine attempting to explain sight to such a man? How can you explain colour to him, or perspective or distance? And yet, sight is a reality, it is only that he is unaware of it. He would be lost in a world of vision and would have to feel his way home, as he had done all his life, until he had adjusted his mind to the reality that had always been there, but which he had not been conscious of. I suggest that it is like that in the matter of eternity. Eternal life, life, at its most intense, is there, in the gift of Jesus. To commit yourself to the obedience of Jesus is to taste the new life even here; the fullness is discovered hereafter.

Let me make the same point again—what a lovely thing it is to take photographs that will live for years and years. You take them as a matter of course, but if you had produced a camera in Tudor England, if you had photographed your friends in the days of Queen Elizabeth I instead of Queen Elizabeth II you would have been burned at the stake; it would have been regarded as Black Magic. Yet all the elements were there in the days of the first Queen Elizabeth to make photographs possible; there are no new elements to make this thing feasible in our century that were not there then. In the same way I suggest that the reality is there; eternity is there; but so many go through the days without being conscious of it. The fact that they are unaware of it does not discredit it, it merely fails to reflect upon their own sensitiveness.

Christianity is incomplete without its affirmation of eternity. That affirmation is an essential part of the teaching of Our Lord. Do you remember His words on the last night He shared with His friends before they were parted? 'Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again and will receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also'.

These words, so precious to every Christian, can be paralleled all the way through the Gospels. Jesus is assailed by the high priestly party, the Sadducees, who have no faith in life after death, and answers them from their own scripture. He turns to the Book of Exodus and, by a passage there, He points to His own faith: 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'—not 'I was' but 'I am'. Although they are long dead, as He comments, He is not the God of the dead but the living, for all live unto Him. All the way through the Gospels there is this affirmation of Our Lord's faith in a richer, intenser life than that which we know here.

Now I believe that the teaching of Jesus on this matter, as on every other, is guaranteed by the Resurrection. I stand with St. Paul in this matter. 'If Christ be not risen from the dead, then is our teaching vain'. The guarantee of Our Lord's authenticity is the Resurrection, and if our personal faith is to have solid foundations we shall need to examine the evidence for the Resurrection with the most scrupulous care. I believe so deeply that you, who are moving among girls, must be preparing them for the one certain emergency of their lives, and that you can best prepare them by knowing that He lives, that death is not the end.

Let me summarise the evidence as it impresses me. First of all, it is worth noting that the Resurrection surprised the disciples as much as it could surprise anyone. They were not a group of credulous old ladies sitting in the dark holding hands round a medium, three-quarters convinced before anything happened. Easter Day took the disciples completely off their guard. No invented story would have had so many natural tokens of incredulity and confusion from the moment when the disciples heard the women's disjointed story and put it down to women's chatter and assumed there was no truth in it. They are hard-headed men, refusing to believe this, that smacks of the supernatural. It is true that Peter and John are persuaded to go and look at the empty grave themselves, but though they admit it is empty, there is no suggestion at first that He who had lain in it was alive.

When Mary is confronted in the garden by One, she at once jumps to the conclusion that it is the gardener; there is no readiness in her mind to jump to the conclusion that it is the risen Christ. I think the surprise of the disciples should weigh with us; it is part of the evidence.

Secondly, look at the negative evidence. The tomb is empty. Now some people have questioned that; they have suggested that the disciples went to the wrong tomb. But read the story carefully and you will discover that there are four different, separate excursions to the tomb, made by different people at different times. It is asking us to believe rather a lot to believe that four different groups of people made the same mistake and even more that the Jewish authorities did not lead them by the hand and show them the real tomb. If the grave was not empty why weren't these men taken and shown the lacerated body that could destroy completely all they were going to tell the world?

None the less, the real evidence for the Resurrection is positive not negative. It is made up of a series of personal encounters with the risen Jesus, independent of each other and under widely different conditions. Mary Magdalene meets Him in the Garden. She is crazed with the horrible memory of Calvary. She had been mad—that is what possession of seven devils means—and she has gone back to insanity after the brutality of Calvary. Then she encounters Him and life has sanity again.

Now, quite unaware of that, two others of His followers are taking a country walk out to one of the suburbs of Jerusalem and on the road they become quite convinced that He is with them, so much so that although they have planned to stay away for the night, they cannot control their excitement and they go tearing back to Jerusalem, to the disciples whom they had left in despair, only to discover that the party in despair are jubilant, for He has already been with them. But Thomas will not believe even that accumulation of evidence—Thomas with the scientific mind. He must be convinced. He is convinced. There is one personal encounter after another; there is nothing woolly and vague about it; it is not just a fleeting appearance that might or might not have been the Lord; there is conversation, there is fellowship. Life is maintained at the high level that they had known in Galilee. They recognised Him for the Leader of massive mind and deep personality and understanding and they know it is the Lord.

Again I am impressed by the publicity and timing of this event. These people announced the event when and where it happened and I think that is massive evidence. It is in

Jerusalem that they declare this, where it can be disproved in a moment. They speak in public. 'This Jesus whom you crucified', they say, 'God has raised from the dead'.

Further, it seems to me that the evidence is supported by the change it made in the character of the disciples. These frightened men, who ran away like rabbits from Gethsemane, within a matter of days have such courage that they are prepared to brave the anger of all the authorities in the world, and almost every one of them died a martyr's death in the conviction that it was better to die a martyr than betray this conviction.

The teaching of Jesus about eternity is guaranteed by this Resurrection. Will you think again, then, about these girls in your company? This one, only a child now, in another ten years may lose her baby in childbirth. The husband of that patrol leader may be killed in a mining disaster. However much you and I shrink from the thought and call it morbid the girls we care about are going to confront the fact of death. How much is it going to mean to them if they are able to confront it in the Christian faith?

The tragedy is that so often you, and still more people like me, parsons, have given the wrong impression of religion—it is really a personal relationship to the living God, made possible by the love and grace and tenderness of Jesus, so that in one's own prayers and comradeship here one begins to live with a new intensity and a new certainty of what life is about. We have not really done our job with the girls we care for unless we have prepared them for a personal committal to Christ our Saviour.

Cleaning Up After the Floods

FURTHER news has reached us of how Lincolnshire members of the movement, with the aid of Rovers and Scouts, have been helping householders in Mablethorpe clean their homes after the floods. On Thinking Day a busload of Rangers and Guides from Grimsby and Cleethorpes with Miss Toder, District Commissioner for Grimsby North, set out for Mablethorpe. About four hundred volunteers from many voluntary organisations descended on the little town and worked hard all day. Rovers with shovels removed tons of sand from outside and inside houses, while Rangers and Guides took bedding and furniture into the sun in the gardens. They took up linoleum from wet floors which had to be scraped before they could be mopped, before they could be scrubbed. Mrs. Boys, County Commissioner, writes: 'I was rather amused when one of the officials asked me somewhat diffidently whether we would clean out the library as the smell was so bad that the staff of the N.A.B. who had to work there really could not stand it any longer. We poured disinfectant into pails of water, but we had to dash to the front door for air at intervals!' On the previous week-end the C.C.A., Miss Kinnis, had organised a team to feed two hundred lorry drivers in a sand-pit near Lough.

Norfolk Guiders, Rangers and Guides have also been helping to clean up the dirt and slime from some of the flooded houses. In the Great Yarmouth Division, where 3,500 homes were affected, the Division Commissioner, backed up by Commissioners, Guiders, Rangers and Guides did a grand job in organising relief work. Typical of other service in the county was the 8th Lowestoft's company and pack who cleaned a big church, and the King's Lynn Guides who borrowed a washing machine to cope with the wash from many families.

London, Middlesex and Surrey Rangers and Guiders, within twenty-four hours' notice, organised teams to clean up homes in Canvey Island and Essex Rangers and Guiders have worked at Jaywick, Tilbury and Harwich.

This letter, written by a Rover Scout Leader, Mr. A. G. Wright, pays tribute to their work.

'I should be very grateful if you would allow me to use the hospitality of your columns to sound a note of praise in honour of the Rangers who are working at Canvey Island. It is, perhaps, invidious to praise any above the others, but I think that the following is a fair example of the sort of work that was carried out, and I quote it because I saw it. Some of our crew were moving the furniture from a flooded bungalow when we were hailed from the gate, and a party of Sea Rangers appeared from the mud. Now, neither my crew nor myself have ever thought very much of the idea of Rover-Ranger co-operation and I must admit to a sinking of the heart as they appeared. Closer inspection was even more alarming—they were beautiful ("most attractive", as one of the crew put it, gazing thoughtfully) and, most alarming of all, they seemed anxious to be friendly. "These won't be much use here", I thought.

'I was wrong. Unlike the wife of the Wee Cooper of Fife, who, you will remember, "Would nae bake nor would she brew, for a'spoilin' of her comely hue", these Sea Rangers set to with amazing energy on all the dirtiest, coldest and wettest jobs they could find, and suggestions that anything was too heavy for them to lift were treated with scorn. Saturday's work finished, the crew relaxed and waited for a supper, which, we were told, had been "laid on". So keen were the chaps on Rover-Ranger co-operation by now that they saved seats for the girls at the table; but the girls didn't appear—at least, not until supper was served—the Rangers were serving it and had been cooking it!

Sunday was a repetition of Saturday, scrubbing, washing and all the rest. None of it easy work and the Rangers doing some of the hardest. These girls came from S.R.S. Renown, and, if they hadn't earned it before they certainly have now. Their names? Elizabeth, Anne, Rita, Leslie and Shirley—Earls, and they certainly have no peers. Having now said my piece I beg leave to retreat, blushing, to the safety of the crew and the Rover Den, although I hope we have not seen the last of that cheerful ship's company'.

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Nursery Rhyme Queens at Brownie Revels

FOR our Coronation Year Revels we decided loyalty to the Queen was to feature at the beginning and end of our programme. In between Brownies were to visit the Courts of Nursery Queens and play appropriate games. (The following programme could also be adapted for pack meetings.)

In the centre of our field was a Union Jack hoisted by Guides before the Revels began. Beside it was the largest Brownie Toadstool we could borrow from a pack.

All the Brownies made a large Brownie ring, and saluted



Under the Queen's chair is a small Brownie 'mouse'

our distinguished visitor, the County Commissioner, with a Grand Howl. A short explanation of our theme, 'Loyalty to the Queen', was given, and then Brownies were told that they were going to visit Courts of Nurseryland. Fairy Sixes were to go to 'Sing a Song of Sixpence', Elves to 'Queen of Hearts', and so on. This divides the packs so that Brownies can make

new friends, but leaves the group of six together to give them confidence. At each Court Brownies sang or chanted the appropriate rhyme. In the lesser-known 'Rock-a-bye Baby' and 'Looking-Glass Queens', Guiders in charge had the rhyme printed in large letters on a sheet of cardboard. Each Court had a poster to illustrate the Queen of the song.

PUSSYCAT, PUSSYCAT, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? A Brownie is selected as Queen and wears crown and robe. She sits on a chair facing the Brownies and under her chair is a small Brownie mouse, wearing a long tail made of stockings pinned to her uniform. While Brownies sing or recite rhyme, Pussycat Brownie, wearing a cap with ears stuck up, and a tail made of stockings—not so long as mouse—acts the rhyme. Then all the Brownies turn into cats and mice and play the well-known game 'Cat and Mouse'. If they can wear appropriate headgear and 'tails' so much the better.

ROCK-A-BYE BABY: Tableau of Brownie dressed as Queen rocking a cradle with baby doll, and nobleman standing beside. (Cloaks and cradle could be borrowed or made of crêpe paper.) After everyone has sung the cradle-song, Brown Owl explains the baby is now a grown-up Princess and the Brownies will all play this acting game.

There was a lovely Princess (Repeat twice)	Skip round, chanting words
Long, long ago	
A Witch she came to see her (Repeat twice)	Stalk round like witches
Long, long ago	
The Princess pricked her finger (Repeat twice)	Hold out pricked finger
Long, long ago	
A hundred years she slumbered (Repeat twice)	Pretend to be asleep
Long, long ago	
The thorns grew all around her (Repeat twice)	Make circle, arms shoulder-high
Long, long ago	
A Prince broke through to see her (Repeat twice)	Drop arms
Long, long ago	
They had a lovely wedding (Repeat twice)	All take partners and dance round in pairs
Long, long ago	

LOOKING-GLASS QUEENS: Brown Owl recites the rhyme. Two Brownies are dressed as Red and White Queens and all the Brownies are told they are to make bouquets and curtsy to the Queens. Then they are divided into small groups. Each Brownie is given a silver milk-bottle top, with a hole punched in the middle. They have to gather small bouquets of flowers to fit into the milk tops—like Victorian posies. As they are ready they advance in a line one after the other and curtsy to the Queens. Helpers can teach Brownies to curtsy while they await their turn. The prettiest bouquet and curtsy could be chosen perhaps. Below is the rhyme, which may not be as well known as the others.

To the Looking-glass world, it was Alice that said,
I've a sceptre in hand, I've a crown on my head;
Let the Looking-glass creatures, whatever they be,
Come and dine with the Red Queen, the White Queen and me!

SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE: Select a Queen. She wears a crown and red robe (made of crêpe paper, or borrowed from acting chests) and sits on a chair eating bread and honey. After the rhyme the Brownies divide into two groups, according to numbers. They all turn into serving maids and while one group tie thick string or rope to clothes poles (Scout poles), joining any pieces with correct knot, others make clothes from newspapers. These are pinned up and the Queen judges the best line, or Guides can judge. If anyone ties a wrong knot, 'blackbird pecks off her nose'.

QUEEN OF HEARTS: One Brownie (or more, depending on numbers) is selected as Queen. She dons gold crown and red robe and sits on a chair with back to Brownies. Behind her chair are plates of tarts. Brownies have to creep up and try to steal the tarts. The Queen looks round every now and then and if she sees a Brownie moving she points to her and she has to go back to the beginning. This goes on until one Brownie succeeds in stealing a tart from the plate. She then becomes Queen and they all begin again. (It is important to see that numbers are not too great and that Brownies are well spaced, and that they do not rush madly!)

At the end of each fifteen minutes a Brownie runs round with cap and bells tinkling to warn the Courts of the Queens that they must be ready to move on. Two Signallers are chosen from each Court to signal, one at the incoming and one at the outgoing end. The outgoing end signals 'Ready' and then has to read the message from the Court ahead of them. This Court signals back 'Fly', 'Swim', 'Run', or any method of locomotion they choose. Meanwhile, the incoming end of Court has signalled their message to the Court on the other side; this may be 'Train', 'Ride', 'Coach', anything they choose. When a trumpet is sounded (whistle perhaps) they all move on to next Court, so each group of Brownies travels round all the Courts before the end of the afternoon.



'The Knave of Hearts, he stole the tarts'

Finally Brownies gather in a large ring round the Flag and Toadstool for a story. Both *Alice in Wonderland* and *Alice Through the Looking-Glass* can give material for this and stories of Queen Elizabeth's own childhood would prove popular and can be found in *Royal Guides*.

Then, standing at the salute, all enrolled Brownies rededicate themselves to the Queen by repeating their Promise. Brownie Bells and so Good-night. SHEILA CUTHBERTSON

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Notes of the Month

The Princess Royal in the West Indies

Just as we were going to press news reached us about the welcome given by members of the movement to our President during her tour of the West Indies. In Georgetown, on February 14th, the British Red Cross Society invited fifty Guides and Rangers and three Guiders to take part in a combined parade with units from the Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Her Royal Highness carried out an inspection and afterwards took the salute at a march past. Two days later the Princess Royal visited the Guide pavilion, where the Commissioners were presented to her, and on her visit to Berbice on February 17th, Guides were again included in the welcome.

Barbados Guides sent our President some flowers for Thinking Day, and were honoured by her presence at a Scouts' and Guides' Own at St. Michael's Girls' School. Next day Her Royal Highness also paid an informal visit to Pax Hill, the Guide Headquarters, where she was given a royal welcome at 8.40 a.m.

Denbigh's Coronation Tribute

Denbighshire Commissioners, Guiders, Rangers, Guides and Brownies have already achieved part of their Coronation Tribute—the planting of double cherry trees by the main road near Trefnant. Each of the seven Districts sent one Ranger, Guide and Brownie from the oldest company, crew or pack, who planted the trees, with the help of the County Surveyor's men and the County Commissioner's gardener, on the eve of Thinking Day. Twenty-one years ago Denbighshire had planted another avenue of trees to celebrate the coming of age of the movement.

Friends of Our Ark

Some of us feel that the time has come to link up all those who have stayed at Our Ark into a fellowship of friends and well wishers; to have a group of people who, wherever they may be in the world today, will still be interested in the people they met there and the work that is being done at Our Ark. To create this fellowship we would like to launch this venture which might be called Friends of Our Ark. We would hope to have occasional meetings when those who are members may meet each other, and to send a yearly letter telling of the happenings at Our Ark. There may also be other interesting developments which will strengthen the links between all who join our fellowship.

In return for membership we would ask that a small subscription be paid on joining, say 2s. 6d. minimum. There would be no annual subscription, but from time to time we may let the members know of our needs, mainly material (in kind or work), but also possibly financial—but this is primarily a venture of friendship and not a money-raising effort.

We would ask all who join to try to interest others in the

world-wide aspect of the work of Our Ark; though perhaps you are not actively engaged in Guiding you will still feel that you are a member of our world-wide sisterhood and will think of our Law: 'A Guide is a friend to all'. Perhaps friendship is the greatest need today in trying to create an atmosphere of understanding between the nations, and, in some small way, through this fellowship, we hope we may be building something that is good and lasting which will contribute in some measure to the peace of the world. If you would care to join us will you please write and let us know and we will send you a membership card. Please send to me, Mrs. Banham (on behalf of the Committee), c/o Our Ark, 11 Palace Street, London, S.W.1.

The Flood Relief Fund

All those who have contributed so generously to the fund opened at I.H.Q. to help members of the movement affected by flood and tempest in England, Scotland and the Netherlands are thanked for their gifts. At the time of going to press this fund has reached a total of £1,070. Gifts of money may be sent to the General Secretary, Imperial Headquarters, marked 'Emergency'. Donations will not be acknowledged unless requested.

Volunteers for the Flooded Areas

In response to the many inquiries which have been made about teams of Guiders, Rangers or Cadets helping in the flooded areas, it has been decided to keep a list of offers of help in case a request is made for them. Anyone who wishes to volunteer should be physically strong, adaptable and prepared to turn their hand to anything and to stay at least a week. (Cadets and Rangers should have the written approval of their Guider). Names, with available dates, should be sent to the Secretary, I.H.Q. Training Department, marked 'Volunteer'. There will be no financial aid.

The Irene McKibbin Memorial

Friends of Irene McKibbin, whose tragic death in an aeroplane accident robbed Guiding of a devoted leader, may like to know that a memorial fund has been opened and donations may be sent to Mrs. E. T. H. McBride, 17 Adelaide Park, Belfast, or to Miss D. McGuire, Glenbank, Bangor, Co.

Down. It has been suggested that the sum raised should be used for the benefit of the 14-21 age group and might include the building of a two-roomed cabin on a Ranger site at Lorne for all-the-year-round camping.

The Watch House at Blakeney

Until the National Trust has decided about flood repairs the house is uninhabitable. Would any Guiders or Rangers wishing to hire it this summer apply to Miss C. E. Patteson, Great Hautbois House, Coltishall, Norwich, for further details.



Lady Myddelton, County Commissioner for Denbighshire, plants one of the Coronation Tribute trees by the roadside near Trefnant



The Guide Coronation Tribute



A VERY happy Easter to all Tribute-makers. Only two months to Coronation Day! Nearly every day I receive letters from Guiders or Guides who have 'only just heard about the Tribute Scheme'! Some are new to Guiding as new companies and packs are starting up each week, and it is not a bit too late for them to plan their Tribute—but they need our help. Please spare a moment, and a thought, and a helping hand, to those new, inexperienced Guiders who write and ask me: 'What is it all about? What are we meant to do?'

I do feel that if there is real co-operation in a District these newcomers ought to be able to find out from someone closer at hand. The January and February numbers of THE GUIDE, with all details of the Tribute Scheme, have been sold out, but surely they can be borrowed from someone in the District? If you hear of a new company or pack starting up in the neighbourhood, do find out if they know about the Tribute and if they have seen THE GUIDE and THE GUIDER? *Lend them your copies.* I can also send a printed resumé of those back numbers if wanted.

Coronation Scrapbooks and Picture Books: Try to see every book *yourselves* that any of your Brownies or Guides are making before they are packed up and sent to overseas companies and packs. These scrapbooks and picture books will be regarded as a sample of the handwork done by British Guides and a very high standard will be expected. Don't accept slipshod efforts, pages with grubby finger-marks, badly stuck-in pictures, covers that may fall to bits the moment a pack of excited African children seize upon it to devour its contents. Apart from the disappointment to the recipients it is bad training for our own Guides and Brownies. Encourage a real pride in workmanship.

Packing and Dispatching Parcels Overseas: Here again we cannot be too careful. Imagine the bitter disappointment, and embarrassment, if the longed-for parcel from the Guides of Britain comes to you in your far-distant outpost of the British Empire and the postman demands a heavy Customs duty, or Excess Postage, before he will hand over that gift! That is what may well happen if a parcel is badly done up, incorrectly marked or carelessly posted. Consult the Post Office *before* parcels are packed up. There are some islands and territories where the Customs officials have unexpected local rules and where certain articles are not allowed to enter the country. In order to avoid disappointment at the other end, do please impress these facts upon your Guides, and make it your personal responsibility to see all parcels before they are dispatched. If you are in doubt your own County Empire Representative will be able to help you and the Post Office Guide tells you *everything*.

1. Write the name and address to whom the parcel is going on *both* sides of the parcel; 2. write in clear block letters; 3. write 'From . . . and senders own name and address'; 4. write: 'Free Gift to Guide company (or Mission or Leper Colony or Brownie pack, etc.) . . . of no commercial value'; 5. if only books are sent, leave one end open and mark 'Book Post'. This is very much cheaper; 6. if boxes of equipment, clothing, toys, etc., are being sent out, write to the Guider-in-Charge, or Headmistress, Missioner or Superintendent to whom the parcel is going, and ask if any special things are dutiable, and what things to avoid sending; 7. inform the recipient by air mail (6d. air letters are best) as soon as the parcel has been dispatched.

Tribute Gifts for the Lepers: A great many companies and packs have asked to be linked up with Leper Settlements overseas. As other Guiders may want to ask questions about this, here are one or two facts: 1. The responsibility attached to 'adopting' a Leper child means guaranteeing to give £5 a year for two years at least. This is through the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association. 2. Things most

needed by B.E.L.R.A. are: bandages, blankets, sports' gear, gym kit, scarves, children's clothes, picture magazines, etc.

Before sending gifts direct to any Leper Settlement it is most important to write first and find out what things are most wanted. The above things mentioned can be sent to the Headquarters of B.E.L.R.A. who then distribute to the most needy Settlements and Missions.

Children's Country Holiday Fund: Several companies have decided to use the Queen's Head Pennies they are saving for this purpose and no lovelier Tribute could please the Queen more. To pay the cost of a fortnight's holiday in the country for a child from the East End of London the sum of £2 5s. can be sent to the Children's Country Holiday Fund. The donors will be given all particulars about the child chosen to enjoy the holiday by their gift. These children are very carefully chosen from the Primary and Elementary Schools in London, and only those children whose parents genuinely cannot afford to give them a holiday, and who are in real need of a change, are selected. Hostesses in the country and by the sea receive the little visitors and give them a really lovely holiday. I can send you further details about the Fund if you are interested.

Extension Guides: From letters I have received it appears that many Guides are not even aware of the Extension Section of the movement. Do make a point, Guiders, at some future meeting of including a short talk in your programme on Extensions. It is such a grand side of Guiding, with so many splendid people in it; so many, too, who are taking part wholeheartedly in the Tribute scheme and making valuable contributions to Company, Pack and District Tributes, or working away on their own to send in fine records of Tribute done. Tell your Guides and Brownies, when you talk to them, there are forty-six Post Guide Companies, thirty-three Post Ranger Companies and twenty-two Post Brownie Packs in Great Britain today.

If you want to 'adopt' a home-bound child, do bring her into Guiding. Get in touch with your County Extension Secretary and she will tell you how to set about it. Guiding means just everything to these children who are in the Post Group, and the more we can bring in this year as part of our Tribute the more shall we be spreading happiness and Guide spirit throughout our land.

Trefoil Guild Tribute News: Lovely it is to be hearing of so many Trefoil Guilds Tribute-making, both on their own and taking part in District and Division Tribute plans. News has come in from Guilds in Guernsey, Kent, North Surrey, Glamorgan, Bacup, Kensington, Colne (Lancashire), Sussex and Sheffield Trefoil Guilds, and from overseas.

Record Cards: All information about Tribute Record Cards was given in last month's GUIDER. Please do not send in any Record Cards yet. *You will hear all final details from your own County.*

Do not hesitate to write to me if you want advice or help over anything to do with the Tribute. I can still give you: 1. Names and addresses of companies and packs overseas who are longing to receive Royal Picture Books, Coronation Scrapbooks, Books about Britain, etc., as suggested in THE GUIDE of January 30th. 2. Names and addresses of firms and charities willing to receive salvage when your Guides and Brownies have 'scavenged' their towns and villages for tinfoil, metal tops of milk bottles, used postage stamps, etc., as suggested in THE GUIDE of February 6th.

M. VERA ARMSTRONG [Hon. Secretary, Coronation Tribute]

All queries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Coronation Tribute, c/o Imperial Headquarters, 17, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for reply, please.

The Open Mind and the Wide World

RANGERS aren't so keen on camping nowadays—trips abroad are all the fashion'. With some such careless words a brick was dropped into a training session on Ranger activities. The modern Ranger not keen on camping! Most reprehensible! After the brick dust had subsided the careless one explained that all she had meant was that the Guide type of camp—camping for a week or more with programme of camp chores, games, hikes, campfires, which had been enjoyed 'in old days'—no longer had so much appeal. Of course the present-day Ranger camps, and loves it, but camps not so much for camping's sake perhaps, for the sake of living in a tent, but as a means to an end—or ends.

At the top of the chapter in P.O.R. on camping there is this quotation: 'A wise Guide does not "rough it"; she knows how to look after herself and how to make herself comfortable by a hundred little dodges'. Certainly a Ranger should do no less, rather more; she should be able to look after herself, and to do so *en passant*. A Ranger should aim at being able to leave behind her the camp where she had to stick to the routine ways of camp hygiene, camp meals or tent welfare in order to learn these, not because she is now going to do without hygiene, food or tents, but because she knows the essentials of good camping and can turn her attention to other things and can adapt herself and her camp to the relaxation of a business girl's holiday and to the whims of everyday plans.

Why not breakfast at 10 a.m. and sup at midnight, or more healthfully, get up at 5 a.m. and go to bed accordingly, if this makes for a good programme? Or, thinking of gadgets. Make a gadget if you need one, but don't feel you must spend the precious spare moments of a week-end making gadgets because every good British camper makes them. But, if the gadget is needed, know how to make a simple one that will not fail to do its job. Or again, thinking of possible guests from overseas, they may have different notions on this and that, different ways of doing things: but they must be campers who, knowing how much they can 'play about' with camping essentials in our weather and in our way of life generally, can pick up good ideas and have an open mind on the great art of camping. To know the essentials of the art, and to stick to them, but to use one's common sense with time and circumstance, to be able to use camp as a base for further plans, this makes for a good holiday and good camping combined.

'The Continent without cash'. 'Oh, dear', every one said, when the £25 limit came in, 'no more Continental holidays!' But in a strange and yet most normal way there are hundreds of Continental holidays. By hook or crook, or merely by economy and enterprise, we go to the Continent for holidays. For some, not so luxurious as of yore, but with more adventure. We have learnt again that there is more than one way of doing the same thing. But let us be sure that we get our money's worth abroad, not in goods (someone will think of that all right) but in getting to know the country's people as well as its historical buildings and its food. There is more thrill in travel than just in travelling, so to speak: there is the thrill of new friendship, the buildings and customs of the country.

Or what about a 'mixed bag' of plans sometimes? For a company to go together for a camp or trip is perhaps best, but dates do not always fit and it seems a pity not to be able to do this or that unless in the company of all

one's friends. Hunting in couples might be a good idea. In a 'Combined Ops' company two Rangers went to an M.T.B. week, two a gliding course, two to the European Ranger Gathering, one to the United States, two to a T.A. Training Camp, one to a harvest camp, and four to help at a Guide camp. Someone said recently that about a quarter of the people who travelled for holidays went to the same place as the year before—the place felt like home. A holiday is going away from home.

Where do our week-ends, our 'overnights', our pre-enrolment expeditions take us. Thank goodness, there is more to go and see than there is time in which to go and see it! A hike for a climb, a hike to see some old, interesting place or building, a hike to explore a stream—or sausages in the nearest wood? Well, a Ranger must be able to look after herself and her companion in the open (i.e., cook a meal and know the respect due to the land on which she is hiking) and why not a sausage in the good old way? Have a look beyond. In most places there is a great deal to choose from besides cooking a sausage in the nearest wood.

To end these musings. There seem to be two morals. Never let us be stuck, abashed or embarrassed, which ever applies, when we find our established ways are not the only ways, and probably not the best of the lot, but have a try at another. Don't let us sit down, literally or metaphorically, content with our recurrent plans, but rather be up and doing, and, if we Guiders haven't always the required energy, couldn't our Rangers be persuaded to push or pull? Couldn't they do the looking for, and the planning of, the next major or minor adventure? Good luck to their enterprise!—M.F.S.

Orderlies at Waddow

THE TWO POSTS of temporary orderlies at Waddow are now filled, but a resident orderly is required for a longer period. The post offers an excellent opportunity to older Guides, Rangers and Cadets for learning practical homecraft. It would be ideal for someone leaving school before going to further training. For further particulars apply to the Guider-in-Charge, Waddow Hall.

A Coronation Round By Mary Chater

1 The bells of the kingdom are clashing and swinging,

2 The Guides of the kingdom are chanting and singing,

3 E - liz-a-beth, E - liz-a-beth, E - liz-a-beth, E - liz-a-beth,

4 God save our Queen, Long live our Queen.

This Coronation Round has just been composed for the Girl Guides Association. There are many massed campfires and festival occasions this year when I feel people will need something short, appropriate, gay and rejoicing to sing, so here is my first contribution to the Tribute of Service for our Queen. In learning this Round, pay special attention to the *third* beat of each bar; the first beat will look after itself. The 'E' of Elizabeth sounds like the 'e' in 'well'.

[MARY CHATER, Music Adviser, I.H.Q.]

From the Overseas Commissioner

ON a lovely sunny morning, with the mist just rising off the little islands round Auckland Harbour, the T.E.A.L. flying boat carried me away from New Zealand and I felt that same reluctance to go that I suppose always haunts you when you have enjoyed yourself very much and go away too soon!

New Zealand must be surely one of the loveliest places in the world with its glorious mountains and lakes, fascinating birds and trees and excellent climate. Besides all this it has so many interesting and unique places to see, like the Glow-worm Caves at Waitomo, and the hot springs at Rotorua (it is really true that people can go out of their houses and cook on permanently boiling water which bubbles up between the stones within five yards of their front door—in fact I saw potatoes cooking there!). The trout fishing—if you can get off the beaten track—is the most glorious in the world and the climate is so good. It is difficult to believe anything could be more fun than to fish with light rods and tackle, looking across the lake at a stretch of country of such unparalleled beauty that is etched in your memory for ever.

To see this country by moonlight, when the mildly erupting mountain, Ngauruhoe, glowed red in the distance, or in the early morning with the sun just rising and large clouds of smoke coming from the mountain top is something that brings pure enjoyment to a very high peak, I should think.

Then one thinks back about the people of New Zealand, so kind and so friendly whether they be British or Maori. I thought about their history, with its carefully planned colonisation, of honourable dealing between Maori and settler, of the influence of the missionary and the churches, of the hard work and the quiet progress of a quiet people towards the very high standard of living and social services they have now achieved. A very thrilling experiment that the world will watch.

We flew across the Pacific for many hundred miles without seeing a ship, an island, anything, until after lunch, when we saw the first islands of the Fijian group. Did you know that there are three hundred and sixty of them? Nearly three hundred of them are inhabited, though by perhaps only one family. Even from the air these islands looked fascinating—green, tree covered, with small hills, and the sea round them, streaked with brilliant blue and green and a line of surf far out from the shore where the coral reefs broke the surface.

All this beauty was suddenly blotted out by a thunder storm, and we arrived in pouring rain and were met by brown men with orange umbrellas to cover us while we walked along a wooden pier to the customs buildings. There I was met by Mrs. Jardine, Commissioner for Fiji, and her two District Commissioners, all smartly dressed in buff colour uniforms, by the A.D.C. from Government House,

and the manager of the Australia and New Zealand Bank—so, of course, one couldn't feel lonely any more, and it was lovely to be made so welcome.

The Governor and his wife, Sir Ronald and Lady Garvey, with whom I stayed, were immensely kind and were so interested in, and encouraging to, the Guide Movement. Fiji are very lucky to have them.

Suva, the capital, is a very pleasant town built round a bay and looking across to the most fierce and spiky mountains, rather like those of the Wizard of Oz. It is

teeming with people—Fijians, and islanders from Tonga and Samoa, Indians (such thousands of them there seemed, and the children so tiny and very pretty) a few Chinese, and, of course, some British. It was the hot season and it certainly seemed stifling, and the humidity was very high indeed so that everyone simply dripped! Each day there was rain at some time, generally a tropical storm in the afternoon, but the ground dried very quickly.

I had only three days to spend in Fiji before joining my husband on the aeroplane



[Photo: J. H. Richards, Marton]

A group of Rangers—Fijian, Indian, Chinese, English and part European—on their way to give a national dancing display at the Pacific Ranger Gathering in New Zealand

at Nandi, the other end of the island, on our way to America, so everything had to be tightly packed. We started off with the most lovely ceremony at the house of Sir Lala Secuna, leading Fijian member of the Government. His wife, Lady Maria, is a vice-president of the Girl Guides, and had invited Lady Garvey and me, and many Guide people to a wonderful Fijian feast at her house, where we sat on the floor and ate from fascinating rush trays and polished coconuts on which were set the most wonderful selection of delicious food, while the Guides sang to us! Before this a group of Guides in their national dress crept secretly on to a platform outside the house, then two Fijian men in European dress appeared, one to make a presentation and one to be my representative and give thanks on my behalf. This is the custom and I was not allowed to say a word of thanks.

Lady Garvey and I, with beautifully arranged flowers hung round our necks, were asked to sit facing the platform and then the first Fijian man made a long speech in Fijian and presented me with the Tambua, a whale's tooth, which is the traditional gift of friendship that the Fijians give to those whom they wish to honour. This I received and had hung round my neck, while the second Fijian who sat at my feet then made a speech of thanks on my behalf. Then came the presentation of the Manioc Root, and more thanks. The Fijian Guides gave me a most enchanting musical box in the shape of a Fijian house which played 'Isa Lei', the Island's special song, a lovely haunting tune which I heard many times.

By this time I was feeling so overwhelmed with such kindness and generosity that I persuaded them to let me say one word, the only Fijian one I learnt, which was 'vi-naka'—'thank you'. The tambua is getting so rare nowadays that special permission has to be obtained before one of them can leave the Island, which the Governor arranged for me

in order that I could bring it back to Guide Headquarters in London, and today, as I write, it will be given to the Chief Commissioner, Lady Stratheden, at our Executive Meeting, in order that it may be kept in a place of honour as a symbol of our special link with Fiji.

After the feast we had an annual meeting, very well attended, at which I met people of all races, and which was strangely the same as ours at home. The report showed an increase of a hundred and there are now over eight hundred members of the movement in Fiji and an excellent record of Guiding (six All-Round Cords, fourteen First-Class Badges and six Golden Hands—among other achievements).

I was able to see the Guides in action the next day when, after a lovely Indian feast in the Guide hut where we were given delicious curries, and an equally warm welcome, we all went on to a rally, preceded by a March Past. Fijians as a race are particularly good at marching and drill, and their Guides marched magnificently. There was no band and they wore no shoes, and yet the marching was of a very high standard, and the Indians and the English Guides marched very well, too.

The rally opened with the signalling of a message of welcome and good wishes to the Guides at home, and we saw displays of first aid, rope ladders, and bridge building, lovely Indian dancing, Fijian action songs, Brownie games (Punchinello and so many others just like ours), and the most popular item of all, a billy-boiling competition when the first patrol gave Lady Garvey and me excellent cups of tea. A short interval—and then we all met again at a Guide campfire with the Scouts. A great feature of this was the new songs the Fijian Rangers had learnt in New Zealand. It is fascinating to have heard American Girl Scouts teaching 'Do Lordy Do' only a few weeks before in New Zealand, and to sing it again 1,500 miles away with this huge gathering of many island races who had learnt it so quickly. Singing is another great talent of the Fijians—and quite beautiful.

I was really sad to leave this enchanting island the next day, but I did drive one hundred and forty miles round it through tropical forest and cane fields, lunch at the 'Beachcomber', a luxury hotel where Warner Brothers had made a film 'Mr. O'Keefe', which I can now hardly wait to see for in it are several of the lovely villages we drove through.

I found my husband safely at Nandi and we went on together at 11.30 p.m., flying very comfortably through the night to Canton Island where we arrived at 4.30 a.m. This really seemed like the very end of the world to me and you felt quite detached from ordinary life. For one thing, you gain a whole day—it is the place where the International Date Line is crossed—and though we left Fiji on Friday night we still arrived in Honolulu at tea-time on that same Friday, having flown nearly 1,500 miles. If you go the other way, of course, you lose a day.



The Overseas Commissioner is handed a Tambua, a whale's tooth, the traditional gift of friendship



[Photos: Public Relations Office, Suva]

A Fijian feast given by Lady Maria Secuna, Vice-President of the Fijian Girl Guides, to Lady Garvey and Mrs. Geoffrey Gibbs, Guiders and friends of the Movement

I suppose at 4.30 a.m. on a remote coral island with just an airstrip in the middle of the Pacific you feel fairly peculiar anyway. We got off while the refuelling was done—a motley collection of rather untidy, drowsy passengers, with a few inhabitants waiting about to meet friends flying through. I saw a rat, the only sign of animal life, and I talked to an English woman whose husband was on the airstrip. She had lived there eighteen months—loved it—said the fishing and bathing was superb—that there were about three hundred people, European, Hawaiian, and various kinds of Islanders—a school for the children—and two birds, 'Goonie birds' she called them, which I believe are a kind of albatross.

Again it was maddening not to have a look round this tiny place, but after buying stamps (Gilbert and Ellis Islands are used here) and drinking some pineapple juice (tinned in the United States) we flew on again and arrived at Honolulu.

Here we spent two days bathing and sleeping (the most perfect climate in the world) and then flew off again to San Francisco. The sun was rising as we flew through the Golden Gate, the name given to the heads of each side of the bay in which this beautiful, white, shining city is built. It is one of the pictures that will always stay in my mind. We were met by a most delightful Girl Scout Leader who drove us to our hotel and then made every kind of plan to entertain us—such a warm, welcoming feeling.

One day we drove to see Muir Woods where the largest trees in the world grow—dark, silent and immense. Another day I went to the San Francisco Girl Scout Annual Meeting and was fascinated by their methods of presenting the facts of all annual reports, each speaker being compèred by the President and Director talking to one another on an imaginary telephone across the stage.

That night we left for New York where we spent a week and met many Girl Scout people among other friends, and visited a New York Brownie Scout Troop, then home in the *Queen Elizabeth*.

It is so wonderful to be back again and so lucky to have gone—so much to remember and so much to tell. I think perhaps a journey like this makes you want to give more than you have ever given before when you realise what wonderful people there are in the world.

Two things stand out in my mind—how good it is to be born British and how proud you feel of it everywhere you go. And the other is the lovely, funny, simple, tender, and yet immensely powerful link of Guiding round the world. That was a British invention, too—and something very precious to give.

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Hints on Touring Camps

TOURING Camps fall into two groups. One, where a minimum amount of kit and equipment is carried and the party depends on hostels, barns or huts for its accommodation; the other, where the party is quite independent and carries everything with it.

Kit for all trips should be as light as possible and the sharing of many items can be arranged. It may help to put ready everything you consider essential and then, if space and weight allow, to add those things which give you special comfort. Warm bedding is necessary; those



Woe betide you if you overload!

sleeping in barns may be tempted to cut down on this, but my experience has been that sleeping inside, on the floor, requires quite as much bedding for comfort as sleeping in a hike tent.

The choice of kit and equipment depends on the experience of the party, the duration of the trip, the season of the year and the way of

travelling. Lists, and a weight limit if necessary, should be issued early. Expert advice at this stage may be needed, and C.A.s have much to offer overnight hikers and touring campers in this respect, as well as tips on routes and sites.

Expense will have to be considered. Lightweight things are costly and can only be collected and made over a period. For beginners this may rule out walking if everything is being carried, but a cycle tour may be the solution. Here, with strong panniers (and nothing on the handle bars, please), it is possible to carry with comfort a bedding roll and tent in addition to the contents of the bags. Pannier-bags can

be home-made, but a properly fitted frame is advisable. There is, however, a limit to the weight carried, and woe betide the optimist who overloads, and whose front wheel leaves the ground. Mine did, so I know!

Another method that allows for heavier equipment is trek carting. It may be possible to borrow one, getting the owners to show how it should be cared for and handled. A canoe trip is a great adventure but it rules out non-swimmers, and it requires boating qualifications. Canoes are expensive to hire and the same applies to pack ponies.

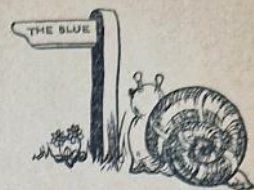
When planning the route we often underestimate the time it takes to strike camp, pack up and get away, and, at the end of the day, to pitch and settle in before dark. When 'hostelling', because we have a whole day ahead, we may not realise that some of the party may be unable to walk for so long a period. It is better to arrange short hops, and have time to

enjoy the country through which we pass. We must consider the capabilities and fitness of the party, and then work out a suitable tour for the Cadets, Rangers or older Guides concerned.

Camping in itself is a satisfying thing, and a moving camp will provide extra adventures, chances for team work, activity, good fun and, above all, a sense of achievement.

Good camping to everyone at Easter—and later in the year.

PHYLLIS HOLMES



For a canoe trip you must be able to swim and handle your craft

'Cover a Mile at Scout's Pace'

DOES your company look on this clause as one which the newly enrolled Guide can pass among the first in her Second Class career because it looks easy and she wants to get a tick on her test card? Or do you see in it endless opportunities for adventure games, combined with message carrying, disguises, judgment of time, and all the other romantic trappings of the imagination?

Much of the value of the clause will be lost unless there has been adequate practice. Each Guide's pace will vary, and it is far more valuable for each one to know, by practice, exactly how long she takes to cover a measured mile at Scout's Pace in such a way that she may arrive in good condition, than it is for her to attempt to get there within a shorter time, and on arrival be unable to deliver her message or help deal with some emergency. In these days of organised bus travelling it may well be that practice in walking and running over the length of a mile will be very necessary before the standard required by the second half of the clause, 'and arrive in good condition', is reached.

Any patrol leader who has herself passed this clause with a good standard should be capable of teaching her own patrol. What points should we make sure she gets across?

Courtesy: However exciting may be the reason for which the Guides are sent off on their Scout's Pace practice there is no excuse for a crowd of wild young things to dash along the pavements in a bunch to the annoyance of Saturday afternoon shoppers. A word to the patrol leaders on the subject of courtesy in relation to this clause will remind them to pass it on to their patrol before they set off.

Road Safety: The same sort of reminder to the leaders during Leaders' Training on the subject of the *Highway Code* and the rules of road safety will be valuable. Perhaps the two clauses can be practised or tested in conjunction with one another.

Planned Practice: It will be helpful if plans are made at Leaders' Training to give point to the practice of Scout's Pace. Ideas might include covering the mile and delivering a message over the telephone at the end, or, on arrival, being asked various points of observation along the route, i.e., 'How many letter boxes did you pass?' 'What sort of trees are planted in the avenue by the station?' 'Was the flag flying on the Parish Church, or not?'

The Reason for using Scout's Pace: If it is understood that a different set of muscles is used for walking and for running it will be seen that a Guide using Scout's Pace (twenty walking and twenty running) will arrive less tired, and in better condition to cope with anything, than if she had run all the way.

One company that I know uses the Scout's Pace clause, practice and test, as part of the Exercise section of the Health Rule clause. The test will mean much more to the Guide if some practical use is made of Scout's Pace, and the Guider who thinks she lacks imagination enough to weave the story in when the test takes place will find all the help she needs from her leaders at patrol leaders' trainings. They will enjoy thinking out emergencies and making plans for introducing them into company meetings.

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Methodism and the Uniformed Organisations

FOR this conference at Mottram Hall, Cheshire, the Methodist Youth Department had assembled sixty-one Methodist representatives of five uniformed organisations so that they might consider the implications of the twofold loyalty of, say, a Guide Company to the whole Guide Movement and to the Methodist Church. The main emphasis was on the need to recognise the existence of this double relatedness so that the company may have an integral part in the life of the Church to which it is attached and the Guider may accept responsibility for helping her Guides to grow towards Christian experience and full Church membership. Too often the company is an alien appendage. It was suggested that this situation is usually a reflection of the attitude of the Guider, and if she is firstly a Christian, playing a full part in the life of the Church, and secondly a Guide, a sound relationship to the Church is likely to follow spontaneously.

Relationships with the Methodist Association of Youth Clubs were discussed and the suggestion made that for many Guides the next best stage, when they leave the company at fifteen or sixteen, is a mixed youth club.

A valuable reminder was given that Methodist Guiders have available in the Methodist Youth Department experienced advice on worship in the life of the company—advice which all too few of us use.

Consideration of the salient characteristics of our Methodist tradition, and the sharing of corporate worship, served to drive home the responsibility which we, as Guiders, carry towards our Guides if our leadership is to help them towards the maturity of balanced development.

Twenty-four hours was too short a time to hammer out practical details or really to meet those whose organisations have different emphases from one's own—everyone was a little too polite! However, this was the first conference of its kind and the next one is to be longer. Grange Farm, Chigwell, Essex, has already been booked for February 12th-14th, 1954, and Methodist Guiders would be well advised to note the date and keep it free.

E.C.W.

Exploring England—II

(Continued from page 71)

crumbling wall, you can read 'Offa Street', and know that you are on the right track.

Talking of north and south, here's a tip. Whenever you are following a track which runs south-north, walk in that direction, and not north-south. Then you will never have to screw up your eyes against the glare of the mid-day sun, and that same sun, coming from behind, will light up the landscape ahead, so that you see it in its full glory.

The country through which Offa's Dyke runs is in strong contrast to that which flanks Hadrian's Wall. It is softer, kindlier—the sort of country we think of as essentially English. Go there and see for yourself, remembering with thankfulness that here, at least, is a frontier stronghold no longer manned by soldiers.

Before you go: Read *And Far Away* (Section One) by Garry Hogg (Phoenix House) and *The Southern Marches*, by H. J. Massingham (Robert Hale), from the topographical section of your library.

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ELIZABETH GREY

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Book Reviews

Leading School Worship, by John G. Williams (S.P.C.K. and the National Society, 1s. 3d.) This small book, addressed to teachers, is equally suitable for Guiders. Mr. Williams, who is well known to most of us through his Children's Hour broadcasts, takes as his starting point the fact that no one who has to plan and conduct worship with children can escape the responsibility of teaching religious truths. Theological and devotional truths are implicit in the very existence of any act of worship—we cannot pray without conveying some ideas about the nature of God and about the nature of our own relationship with Him. From this beginning the book goes on to discuss the selection of hymns, readings and prayers and the way in which they can be used. Any Guider who is seeking sound and simple advice on what material to choose for her company prayers and Guides' Own will find it here, and she will also find convincing reasons why the right material and the right way of using it are so important. S.B.

The Four Gospels. A New Translation by E. V. Rieu (Penguin Classics, 2s. 6d.). That the four Gospels should be newly translated and take their place in the Penguin collection of world classics is something for which every Christian must be devoutly thankful. In an enlightening introduction Mr. Rieu explains his purpose, namely to make a translation which would as closely as possible interpret the spirit of the original Greek. He has been able to make use of the oldest and best of the Greek manuscripts, the fourth-century 'Codex Sinaiticus', as well as two other early manuscripts which have helped him 'to get back nearer to the Evangelists' own words'. Mr. Rieu finds in the Greek 'a starkness, an urgency, and a reality' which are 'slightly blurred' in the majestic English of the Authorised Version, and these qualities he has successfully captured in his translations. It is hard not to read St. Mark's Gospel through at a sitting, it has all the freshness of an eye-witness account of deeds newly done.—A.A.T.

The Path of Kings, by Helen Hardinge (Blandford Press, 16s.) Lady Hardinge's husband was secretary to their Majesties George V, Edward VIII, and George VI, and from her privileged place she has seen much pageantry of State. Cosy chat about the Royal Family will not be found here, yet the author's immense admiration for the dedicated yet happy lives of our present Queen and her parents is evident in her rather rambling historical survey of the various families who have reigned over England. Fantasy and imagination, deeply permeated with religion, are found in these pages for, as Lady Hardinge says, she is a romantic, not a historian. She warns us that as citizens we must prove ourselves worthy of the sacrifices we demand from the Queen. 'Let her have in us a poetical, gay, good talented set of followers . . . surely all of us can bring some gift to that shrine where Queen Elizabeth herself worships, and there join our offerings with hers'. D.E.K.

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Guiders' Indemnity Policy

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Rallies and Fêtes, etc.: It has been agreed that our policy shall extend to cover liability to the public as applying to forms of public entertainment organised by any local Guide unit or district, i.e., dances, whist drives, concerts, displays or similar functions, in or out of doors, but where any function of major proportions is organised at division, county or higher level it is essential that Headquarters be notified beforehand as it may well be that payment of a special premium may be required to secure adequate cover for the Public Risk liability.

Air Ranger Flights: Guiders in charge of Air Ranger Flights should in no circumstances allow any Air Ranger to take a flight by 'plane or glider until she has completed a form, giving indemnity to the Girl Guides Association. This form should then be held in the Guider's safe keeping. This is most important.

Claims: If any claim is made against a Guider in respect of an accident or damage to property, Headquarters should be notified immediately giving full details.

No liability of any sort should be incurred or admitted, or any offer of payment made without written consent from Headquarters or the underwriters with whom the insurance is placed.

Personal Accident and Medical Expenses Policy

Since November, 1949, Imperial Headquarters has paid the premium for this insurance and all members in Great Britain and Ulster are automatically insured. Experience has shown us that there is still a need for our policy in spite of the National Insurance Act; there are for instance various expenses which are not provided for under the Act and for which a Guider may feel morally liable, and it is the object of our policy to cover such expenses.

What is covered:

The primary object of the insurance is to cover the moral liability of Guiders for accidents sustained during Guiding activities throughout the year.

The policy will pay the sums within its limits in respect of any accident sustained during any organised Guiding activity, including the necessary travel thereto and therefrom, and any illness which may be contracted during the period of any Guide camp, pack holiday or visit abroad.

The policy is normally restricted to the limits of Great Britain and Ulster, but it shall extend to cover camping, touring, holiday or sightseeing parties in Eire and/or the Continent of Europe, including travel between.

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(b) Trefoil Guild members.

(c) Non-Guide helpers when undertaking any specific voluntary service in connection with any Guiding activity.

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(d) Any Dominion, Colonial or Foreign Guides visiting this country on an official Guide invitation.

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It should be borne in mind that the policy is a private one arranged for the Girl Guides Association, its intention is only to cover such expenses as would have been incurred did no such policy exist, and all claims will be considered on that basis. It follows from this that Guiders and parents when arranging treatment should first take all possible steps to obtain such treatment under the National Insurance Act.

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8. **Medical expenses:** Including cost of conveyances by ambulance or other means of transport to hospital or home, necessarily incurred by or on behalf of any individual:

(a) Following an accident occurring whilst under the control of any officer or other authorised official; or

(b) By reason of illness (common to both sexes) arising during participation in any recognised or official indoor or outdoor camp, training course or other activity involving domicile away from home. Provided always that the illness be diagnosed or the indisposition such as to require initial treatment during the period of camp, course, or activity but in no case shall the benefit extend to infectious or contagious diseases developing after the individual concerned has left the scene of camp, course or activity.

N.B.—No claim arises for services rendered under the National Services Act, 1946.

Anywhere in Great Britain or Ulster—Limit any one individual ... £20

Anywhere in Eire and/or on the Continent of Europe—Limit any one individual ... £30

9. Out-of-Pocket Travelling or Personal Expenses

Where necessarily incurred by or on behalf of any one individual following an accident or illness as defined under Benefit 8.

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The Guiders' Postbag

'Wanted—Your Views on Hitch-Hiking'

Doubtless you will get many views on this but I would like to ask a question. Do the Guiders in charge of the camps where Guides 'thumb' strange car drivers feel that they are fulfilling the trust placed in them by the children's parents, their Commissioners and their C.A.?

VIOLET CLOSE [Camping Adviser for England]

I hope that the Girl Guides Association will follow the example of the Boy Scouts and ban hitch-hiking by members of the movement in uniform. And I hope that enough support is given to the Powers-that-ban-things to enable them to act quickly before any more disgruntled drivers are hailed by us with the commanding, persistent, bad-luck-to-you if you don't give me a lift, jerk of the thumb.

Sometimes, while hiking in uniform with others, here and abroad, I have been offered lifts by all sorts of motorists in all sorts of automobiles (jeeps, lorries, baby Austins and ordinary cars—even a du luxe Buick once) depending on the number of foot travellers to be picked up, and have not always accepted these offers. All this was always unasked for and is a quite different thing from 'thumbing' a lift from a passing vehicle as if it were a bus running a free service for healthy, comfort-seeking, spoon-fed, lazy (thinks the driver) Guides, Rangers, Cadets and Guiders. I somehow do not think that Commissioners hitch-hike, so don't blame them. Nor Brownies.

Let us be independent and proud and capable of achieving a self-set target by our own efforts—knowing our own limitations. It is dishonest to plan a pleasure journey which is likely to be beyond our strength or to exceed the speed, distance and time limits possible, hoping all the while that we may 'thumb a lift' or be offered one.

N.B.—I don't think girls should hitch-hike anyway, but if they must let them do so in plain clothes.

Yours, with the support of two Pack Leaders,

W. H. O'CONNOR (Brown Owl)

'Showing Off to the Public'

As you asked in the February 'Postbag' for other Guider's experience of arranging stands at exhibitions this is what we did at a 'Church and Home' exhibition. We covered the wall at the back with a back cloth, at the top of which we had a Guide poster denoting our aim and we painted the outline of a tree, with three main branches, and at the bottom we wrote the word 'growth' and in the branches the words 'body', 'mind' and 'spirit'. Then we carried out this threefold idea below, dividing the stand into three parts under the headings, 'physical', 'mental' and 'spiritual', and illustrating each section with appropriate Guide activities. Under the heading 'physical' we had a poster portraying hiking, camping, swimming and so on, and on the table placed in front of the back cloth (which was also divided into three) we placed a model camp and some health cards. For 'mental activities' we put all the test work and illustrated it in front on the table with Guides, made of pipe cleaners and dressed in blue felt, doing test work. In the 'spiritual' section we showed the

religious side of Guiding, including the Law and Promise and photographs (which we borrowed from H.Q.) of a Church Parade and company prayers. On the table for this section we put various prayer books and books and pamphlets on the Law and the Promise.

Each section had coloured ribbons running down either side from the back cloth to the table to show that the models on the table applied to that section. At the side of the stand we had a bookstall of books from H.Q. which we obtained on sale or return. The general effect was quite good and our 'public' admired the stand. I think the company benefited from it as much as anybody as we all found the preparation of it a most valuable experience in itself.

NORAH CROFT [Lieutenant, 8th Purley Company]

The Value of Guide Training

As a letter written on Thinking Day by a Guide who belonged to the 1st Wimbledon company many years ago shows once again the value of Guide training, Miss Maynard has kindly sent us extracts: 'I have so often wanted to write to you and let you know that your efforts on behalf of a gawky P.L. were, and are still, appreciated. . . . My husband and I hold a jointure as Head and matron of a home and school for a hundred and sixty-eight educationally sub-normal boys, many of whom are delinquents. We went into this sort of work a couple of years after our marriage and began with a smaller establishment in London. . . . Here I ran a Ranger company for a short time and when I came out here I hoped that I should find a niche in the Guide world still. But no one seemed to want me so I turned to Scouting and have been an A.D.C. for some years now. The work entailed in this scattered rural area is not arduous, but I find it a healthy corrective after handling E.S.N.s all day. . . . I want you to know how big a part Guiding has played in my life. Technical training, of course, I have had and could not have done without, but the ability to cope with the unexpected, to size up a situation and to organise accordingly is largely, I feel, the outcome of the training which you and Miss Archer first gave me. For that I am, and always shall be, very grateful.'

Headquarters' Insurance Policies

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N.B.—Extra Travelling Expenses incurred by an officer or a parent summoned to attend are recognised for the purpose of this Section.

Anywhere in Great Britain or Ulster—Limit any one individual £10

Anywhere in Eire and/or on the Continent of Europe—Limit any one individual £20

10. Weekly Compensation as a result of Temporary Total Disablement

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Where to Train

IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS

TRAINING BURSARIES AVAILABLE

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

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

Guiders wishing to apply for either of the above bursaries should get in touch with their *District Commissioners*, who will get the appropriate ticket or form from the Secretary, Training Department, I.H.Q. When applying, District Commissioners should state the date of the Training the Guider wishes to attend. Applications must be made at least a fortnight before the training.

FOXLEASE

- April
2-13 General Training open to all Commissioners and Guiders (Easter) (full)
*17-21 Outdoor Activities
24-1 May. Guide and Brownie Guiders
- May
5-8 Local Association
8-12 Guide and Brownie Guiders
15-18 London S.W.
†22-1 June. Guide and Brownie Guiders and Commissioners (Whitsun)
- June
5-12 Guide and Brownie Guiders
†16-23 Commissioners, Guide and Brownie Guiders (Guiders may bring children under five)
26-29 London North-East
- July
3-10 Guide and Brownie Guiders
14-21 General
17-21 Assessors
24-28 Guide and Brownie Guiders
31-10 Aug. General Training
- August
14-24 P.L.s (10 days)
28-4 Sept. Cadets
- September
8-15 Guide and Brownie
18-22 N.W. London
25-2 Oct. Guide and Brownie
- October
9-13 Cambridgeshire
16-20 Guide and Brownie
23-27 Campfire
30-3 Nov. Folk Dance Society
- November
6-10 Guide and Brownie
13-17 District Commissioners
20-24 Rangers (all sections)
27-1 Dec. Guide and Brownie

WADDOW

- April
2-13 Guide, Brownie and Ranger Guiders
17-21 Guide and Brownie Guiders
24-28 Music Party
- May
8-12 Guide and Brownie Guiders
15-19 District Commissioners
22-26 Guide and Brownie Guiders (Whitsun)

- May
†29-1 June. Ranger Guiders (All Sections)
- June
5-12 Guide and Brownie Guiders
23-30 Extension Guiders
- July
3-7 Commissioners and Secretaries
10-17 Guide and Brownie Guiders
20-27 Ranger Guiders Adventure Week
31-4 Aug. Guide and Brownie Guiders
- August
7-17 P.L.s.
21-28 Rangers
- September
1-8 Guide, Brownie and Ranger Guiders
11-15 Guide and Brownie Guiders
15-18 Local Association
18-22 Guide and Brownie Guiders
25-28 Yorks W.R.N.W.
- Oct.
2-6 Music and Drama
9-13 Guide and Brownie
16-20 Yorks W.R.S.
23-27 Leicestershire

* This training will include such subjects as hiking, stalking, tracking, fire lighting, nature, mapping, etc.

† Separate trainings. Please state which when applying.
‡ Guiders may stay on until June 2nd if they wish.

Applications for Foxlease and Waddow should be sent (with a deposit of 7s. 6d.) and a stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants, or to the Secretary, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs. Fees: 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.

M.T.B. 630, DARTMOUTH

The following trainings for Guiders will be held on the M.T.B. in 1953.

- April
2-9
23-2 May. Maintenance
- June
20-30 Sailing opportunities
- July
25-29 Maintenance
- August
7-14
- September
1-11

Fees: 3 guineas per week. All applications should be made to Miss V. Lees, 6 Middleton Road, Torquay, enclosing a deposit of 10s. and a stamped addressed envelope.

I.H.Q. CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

Week-end for H.I.s. This training has been postponed owing to lack of entries. It is hoped to arrange it later in the year.

General Training in Camp. This training which was advertised in the last *GUIDER* will not now take place. The Chief Commissioners' Conference has been cancelled and therefore there will be a general training in the house from July

14th to 21st instead of the general training in camp.

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.

An Adventure Training Camp for Ranger Guiders and prospective Ranger Guiders will be held at White Hall, near Buxton, the Derbyshire Centre for Open Country Pursuits, from Saturday, September 5th—Sunday, September 13th, 1953. Cost 10s. 6d. per day. All kit lists, travelling instructions, etc., will be issued after application. In addition to the expert staff at White Hall Miss Hillbrook and Miss Brindley will be there as Ranger Trainers. Application should be made to the Secretary of the English Training Department before June 1st. If all the places are not taken by Guiders they will be offered to the Ranger Adventure Camp which will be taking place at the same time.

SCOTLAND

Netherurd

- April
2-7 Easter: Guide and Brownie Guiders
10-13 Square Centre Leaders
17-20 Guide and Brownie Guiders
24-27 International
- May
1-4 Guide and Brownie Guiders
8-11 District Commissioners
15-18 Handcraft
22-25 Ranger Guiders
- June
1-3 House Party for Coronation
5-8 Patrol Camping (for Guiders)
12-15 Campfire
26-29 Available for county
- July
3-7 Patrol Leaders
10-17 Patrol Leaders

The fees for Netherurd are the same as those for Foxlease. Applications to the Secretary, Netherurd, Blyth Village, West Linton, Peeblesshire.

WALES

Broneirion

- April
2-7 General Training at Easter
9-14 P.L.s (open)
17-20 County Booking
24-27 Guide Guiders

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

- April
3-8 (Easter): Patrol Leaders
10-12 Co. Down
- May
1-3 Co. Down
8-10 Pack Leaders
15-17 Fête

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May
22-25 (Whitsun): Brownie Guiders
29-31 East Belfast Division

June
6-8 Old 34th Company
12-14 Belfast Ballet Club
15-30 Closed for spring cleaning

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.

Lorne is open once more for holiday bookings during July and August. It makes an excellent centre within easy reach of the sea, country or town and there are many pleasant and interesting excursions possible by coach. Patrol duties are kept to a minimum; uniform need not be brought; packed meals can be provided—in fact, Lorne is a Guide Hotel for two months. Fees have to be raised this year and are now 15s. a day unless one of a party of ten or more, when the fee is reduced to 12s. 6d. a day. Applications should be sent to the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne, Craigavad, Co. Down, and accompanied by a 5s. deposit.

CAMPING and HOLIDAYS

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

Foxlease or Waddow. Applications for campsites for 1953 should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Applications must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from your C.A., together with a deposit of 5s. (which will be forfeited if the booking is cancelled), and the necessary stamped envelope.

The written recommendation of the C.A. is necessary, as everyone will realise that all camps at the Training Centres must be of a high standard. No site may be booked for more than one week for one company during the main camping season to allow as many as possible to have the privilege of camping at Foxlease and Waddow.

Please state in the original application the date of the camp (giving alternative dates where possible) and approximate

numbers. The maximum number on any one site at Foxlease is 30 campers; at Waddow there are two campsites for a maximum of 40 campers and four campsites for a maximum of 30 campers.

The Brownie Pack Holiday House at Waddow. Applications may be made by experienced Pack Permit holders (must have run at least two Pack Holidays) and should be addressed to the Secretary, Waddow, Clitheroe, Lancs, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for details.

Hindleap Warren (a new campsite): Campers will be pleased to know that the Girl Guides Association has, through the generosity of The Manor Charitable Trust, been given the use of a large enclosure called Hindleap Warren, situated near Forest Row, Sussex, as an unequipped site. The enclosure is wooded, with large open spaces suitable for camping. Water is laid on and there is plenty of wood available.

Any Guider interested in booking this site should apply to the Camp Adviser, I.H.Q., Miss R. Tuckwell, Berthorpe, Puttenham, Near Guildford, Surrey, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. A small charge will be made for the use of the site. It is booked up at Whitsun and during August.

Please Note

Railway Fares: Application for vouchers to obtain cheap fares when travelling by rail to camp, rallies, etc., should be made to the Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1. Details of numbers, journey, etc., are not required when applying for the voucher.

Dedication and Events in Honour of Her Majesty the Queen. It is understood from Buckingham Palace that events and entertainments held during Coronation Year may be introduced by any formula indicating their connection with the Coronation. It is suggested that an appropriate one would be 'Given in honour of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II'. It should be borne in mind, however, that it is against the Queen's custom to accept dedications.

A Hall is available in London, near King's Cross, at week-ends in May and June, at no charge for hire of hall, to organised parties of Guides, Rangers or Cadets, etc., wishing to visit London to see the Coronation decorations. Cooking facilities are available. *The week-end of June 21st is already booked.* Details from Mrs. J. Braithwaite, of 25 Crouch Hill, London, N.4. Please enclosed a stamped addressed envelope for details.

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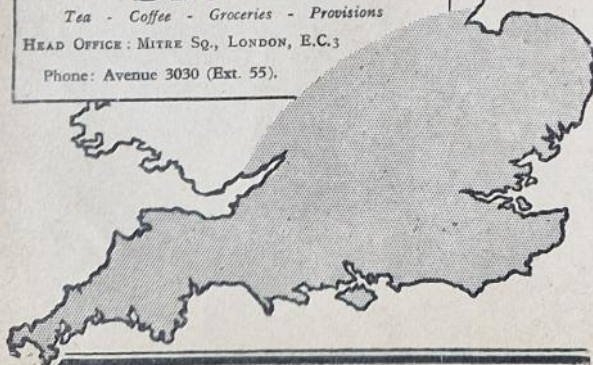
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Headquarters' Notices

Coming Events

The Empire Circle St. George's Day Party will be held at Headquarters on Thursday, April 23rd at 6.30 p.m. The speaker will be Lord Tweedsmuir. Will members please let the Empire Circle Secretary know by April 13th if they can come?

The Empire Circle Empire Day Party will be held at Headquarters on Monday, May 11th at 6.30 p.m. The speaker will be Lord Rowallan, the Chief Scout, and overseas Scouters as well as overseas Guiders will be among the guests. Empire Circle Members names should reach the secretary by May 4th.

London's Coronation Pageant: An extra performance of 'Royal Sovereign' is being held on Thursday, April 16th, 1953, at the Central Hall, Westminster, at 7 p.m. Seats at 5s. and 3s. 6d. (It is anticipated that the cheaper seats at 2s. 6d. and 1s. 6d. will have been sold by the time this notice is published.) Postal application to Mrs. Chapman, 11 Woodside Park Avenue, Walthamstow, E.17.

Box Office hours during April: From Wednesday, April 1st to Friday, April 10th (excluding Easter week-end) the Box Office at I.H.Q. will be open from 12 noon to 5.30 p.m. From Saturday, April 11th to Thursday, April 16th, the box office will be at the Central Hall, Westminster. At the time of going to press only a few seats at 5s. and 7s. 6d. remain for Monday and Tuesday, April 13th and 14th. On Saturday, April 11th, the house is sold out.

Parking: Private cars will park on the Horse Guards Parade (near Birdcage Walk) and buses in the British Legion Car Park, Abingdon Street, Westminster. (This is on the Embankment.) Police wish drivers to drop their passengers at the Central Hall.

The Chief Guide's Overseas Challenge: Some of the entries received for this Challenge will be on view at I.H.Q. on Friday, April 17th, and Saturday morning, April 18th, 1953.

The Story of Foxlease: It is hoped to produce the pageant of 'The Story of Foxlease' on July 6th and 7th at Foxlease, and further details will be published later.

In Memoriam

Phyllis Charlton, who died on November 16th, 1952, gave many years of loyal service to the Guide Movement in Ashford, Middlesex. She will be remembered with real affection by all associated with her in the work which meant so much to her.

Awards

Good Service

Medal of Merit: Mrs. Brooke Anderson, Colony Commissioner, Kenya.

Medal of Merit: Lady Cumings, Commissioner for the Sudan.

Medal of Merit: Mrs. G. H. Heap, Division Commissioner, Rochdale, Lancashire.

Notice Board

A Hospitality Camp for Official Representatives to the Coronation who cannot find their own accommodation is being run at Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex, from Saturday, May 30th to Saturday, June 6th, and volunteers are needed to staff it. Any Guiders wishing to help must obtain their Commissioner's and C.A.'s approval and should send their names to the Camp Adviser, I.H.Q., Miss R. Tuckwell, Berthorpe, to the Camp Adviser, I.H.Q., Miss R. Tuckwell, Berthorpe, Pottenham, near Guildford, Surrey, stating if they have any special camping qualifications such as Camper's Licence, Quarter-master's Certificate or First Aid Certificate, etc. It will not be possible for volunteers to see the Coronation Procession. It is hoped to help them with their travelling expenses.

The Coronation: The Guide Club would be glad to hire camp beds for the Coronation from anyone living in London or the Home Counties. Please write to the Secretary, The Guide Club, 46 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

Guide Films for Hire from the Central Film Library: Arrangements have now been completed for the two following 16mm films to be available on hire through the Central Film Library, Government Buildings, Bromyard Avenue, Acton, W.3. 'The Trefoil School' (Undaunted), black and white, sound—Cat. No. U.K. 1725. Hire charge: 10s.. This film shows the activities of the Trefoil School in Scotland which is run by the Scottish

Girl Guides Association for handicapped Guides and Scouts. 'Hands Across the Sea', colour, sound—Cat. No. V.299. Hire charge, £1. This film shows camping scenes in the U.S.A., Great Britain, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

The following 16mm Girl Scout films are also available at the United States Information Service Film Libraries in: Northern Ireland (Belfast) 'World Friendship' (colour, sound); 'The Growing Years' (black and white, sound); 'Hands Across the Sea' (colour, sound). British Guiana (Georgetown) 'World Friendship', 'The Growing Years'. Gold Coast (Accra) 'World Friendship', 'The Growing Years'. Kenya (Nairobi), 'World Friendship', 'The Growing Years'. London (The United States Information Service, American Embassy, Grosvenor Square, London, W.1) 'World Friendship', 'The Growing Years', 'Hands Across the Sea'.

An International Course for Youth Leaders on the 'Social, Educational and Political Aspects of Youth Work' will be held at the International People's College, Elsinore, Denmark, from August 31st to September 18th, 1953. The course will be in English. Applications, with details of age, experience and present position in youth work should be sent to Mr. P. H. K. Kuentsler, Research Fellow in Youth Work, University of Bristol Institute of Education, 22 Berkeley Square, Bristol, 8. (The International Secretary, I.H.Q., will be interested to hear from any Guider planning to attend and, upon receipt of the appropriate Commissioner's approval, will issue her with an international introduction card).

Magilligan Camp Site, County Derry, Northern Ireland. There are two fully equipped campsites for twenty-five persons each, and a hut for solid shelter. Fuel is turf, which is supplied at the site. Beautiful beach, sandhills and mountains, specially suitable for advanced campers and Rangers. Applications to Mrs. R. F. Scott, St. Paul's Rectory, Garvagh, Co. Derry.

Holidays Afloat: The attention of all Sea Ranger Guiders planning a holiday afloat with their crews is drawn to the swimming clause on the Camping Form, C.12 A. 'No non-swimming Guider or Ranger may attend a holiday in a ship moored in more than four feet of water'. All vessels on the Norfolk Broads approved by the Association for holidays afloat are moored in more than four feet of water and all Guiders and Rangers going there must be able to swim at least fifty yards.

A Guiders' Training will be held at Thamesfield, Henley for all interested in the Sea Ranger Section from Friday evening, May 8th, to Sunday evening, May 10th, 1953. Applications, enclosing a 5s. deposit, should reach Miss Staley, 65 Butts Hill Road, Woodley, Reading, by April 20th.

Congratulations to the London Guiders' Choir: At the Chelsea and Westminster Musical Festival on March 7th the London Guiders' Choir won the cup for the Advanced section of the 'Female Voice Choirs' class for the third year in succession. They also sang a short programme of campfire songs in the non-competitive 'madrigal group' class.

The Foyer at Berck: Everything is not yet completed but—the heating works, there is hot water for the showers and the decorations are slowly progressing. Any girl wishing to stay at Berck, either on her own account or to visit one of the patients, should apply to the Guider-in-Charge, Foyer International d'Accueil et de Culture, Chemin des Prés, Berck-Plage (Pas de Calais). Parents or friends visiting patients at Berck can have meals at the Foyer and should apply as far in advance as possible. Please note that the Foyer is unable to accept any lung cases as the climate at Berck is quite unsuitable for them.

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