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Buckinghamshire's Rally at Hall Barn



Lady Burnham arrives for the opening ceremony of Buckinghamshire's Coronation Rally, preceded by the County Standard and accompanied by Beaconsfield Scouters, Miss York and Lord Burnham. After the County Commissioner's welcome to her home at Hall Barn, Beaconsfield, everyone listened to a record of Princess Elizabeth's twenty-first birthday broadcast from South Africa in 1947 and then every Guide and Brownie renewed her Promise. Later, on the natural stage by the lake, with the pavilion, yews and firs making a striking background, eight hundred Rangers and Guides from all parts of the county acted the Pageant of the Union Jack. A boat on the lake was used in the scenes for St. Andrew and St. Patrick, and St. George, mounted on a charger, slew a most formidable dragon

With 'Eyes Looking Far Out'

WATCH that lad going down the street, his eyes are looking far out. Is his vision across the prairie, or over the grey-backed seas? At any rate it isn't here. Don't I know it! These words from *Scouting for Boys* were written by a man who was young in mind. He understood the dreams of the lads—and lasses 'going down the street'. He knew that the young aim high, that they long to do brave deeds and be noble and friendly. In fact he, too, had a vision, right across the world, of boys and girls of many countries putting to good use this natural enthusiasm and desire to do good.

Last August a contingent of Cadets was included in the British Delegation to the European Ranger Gathering in France. This Gathering was surely a part of B-P's vision. Rangers and Cadets of thirty nations forgot differences of race and creed as they lived and worked and sang together. As tolerance became understanding and then friendship, one felt that this was real Guiding, an experience of the utmost value to Cadets. And yet it was an experience that could only be enjoyed to the full by people who had been well prepared for it during their previous training. Do all our Cadets, one asked oneself, receive that kind of training? And if they don't, shouldn't they? For this was the exciting, world-minded Guiding that B-P visualised, the sort of Guiding we want the Cadets to pass on to their companies and packs.

The whole scheme of asking the Rangers of the world to come to France to serve the sick, to discuss mutual problems, and to travel in international groups round the French countryside, was a triumph of imaginative planning. It was a daring scheme, and it asked a lot of the Rangers—but it appealed to them, so it worked.

Imagination was everywhere, in little things as well as in big. We were not woken in camp by a whistle, but by someone singing, or a tune played on a pipe at the tent door. One night we were to sleep in a town, so we climbed for about a mile up a hillside till we found a beautiful spot for our campfire. Another night—the last we spent *en route*—four people (Greek, Austrian, Spanish, and British) were suddenly seized in the dark by masked figures. When the campfire was lit they were discovered sitting in a row beside it, bound and gagged. After performing alarming feats of skill and endurance, they were made to drink the nectar (coffee, vinegar, and salt), and then, with wonderful solemnity, and a ceremony involving plenty of fire and water, the honour of French totem names was bestowed upon them.

The Gathering was a tremendously exciting affair. We never quite knew what was going to happen next, because although the general programme had been carefully planned, the detail had been left deliberately vague. As a result, we had always to be on our toes, whether it was to pack our kit and be *en route* at fifteen minutes' notice, or erect our tents at a late hour in pitch dark and on very hard ground indeed, or suddenly to perform a comic turn at a crowded street-corner in Berck during a parade to advertise a children's fête. We had to be ready to improvise, too. If you found yourself without a mallet or a pole for your tent, or if you wanted to make sideshows for the fête and had no materials to do it—whatever your trouble, you were never stuck. You just improvised with a stone or a tree-trunk or paper and flour-paste.

The person who could give most to this Gathering, and could get most out of it, was the one who was accustomed to making the best of a situation, who was never surprised by the unexpected, and who enjoyed doing the 'mad' things as well as the serious ones. What can we, and our Cadets, learn from this?

First of all, let us get used to surprises. There can be a notice on the door of Headquarters one week to say the company will meet in patrols at least ten feet above ground

level. Or the lights may fall one evening and the Cadet meeting continue in the dark. Or a hurt, groaning stranger may be found on the doorstep in the course of the meeting. The important thing is that it should never be possible to forecast just what is going to happen at Cadets; if they are used to surprises they will train their Guides that way too, and that is vital, because life is full of the unexpected.

Let us learn to improvise. Lightweight camping is good for this—the kind of camp that includes the kitchen stove is not. There is much value in cooking without utensils, direction-finding without a compass, and sleeping beneath a shelter made on the spot from the materials at hand. And if we don't know the correct knot with which to tie our boat to the ring on the shore, do let us be sure that we invent a knot, rather than allow the boat to drift away. Our admirable desire for careful planning and correct methods and equipment must not oust opportunities for improvisation.

And let us give our Cadets every chance to use and develop their imaginations. The spell of the campfire light or the thrill of a wide game do wonders to break down shyness and reticence. Our job is to do a few of these 'mad' things with the Cadets, and then get them to invent their own, for the most successful activities in a company are the ones that the Guides and their Captain concoct for themselves.

Nowadays it sometimes seems that Guiding is losing a little of its magic, as if the huge organisation that has grown from B-P's vision has forgotten its own beginnings. Perhaps it may be that we are thinking too much about 'playing safe' and doing the 'sensible thing'. Standards are important and we are right to keep them high but, if in so doing, we turn our Guiding into something we inflict on the Guides, rather than a thing that appeals to their aspirations and desire for excitement, then standards are worthless.

Cadets are young and enthusiastic people. They are keen on a high standard in all they do, but have a healthy dislike of too much of the safe and the sensible. In them we have an opportunity, and therefore a responsibility, to train for the future Guiders of vision and imagination, who understand their Guides because they, too, have 'eyes looking far out'.

ELIZABETH CARNEGIE [Cadet Adviser for Scotland]

Do You Know These Leaflets?

DO YOU KNOW the difference between a viper and a slow worm? (Oh, Captain! It's a snake! Kill it quick!). Can you, watching the swift passage of a bird against the sun, identify it by its flight? Have you been properly introduced to the sea anemones and the tiny darting fish in the rock pools which you love to explore? I didn't, couldn't and hadn't been until I read recently some of the leaflets published by the School Nature Study Union. Now I have found one source of much of the fascinating information which can be of enormous help to the non-specialist Guider who is herself interested in the out of doors and wants her Guides to become interested in it, too. These leaflets cannot, unfortunately, for trade reasons, be stocked at I.H.Q., but they are available from Mr. A. C. Funnell, 23 Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich, London, S.E. A request for leaflets on any particular subject, e.g., deciduous trees, stars, etc., would, I am confident, be helpfully answered. In the meantime, here are the names of a few pamphlets of special use to Guiders: 'Nature Tracking' (which includes food tracks, foot tracks, habits of birds and mammals, and plaster casting out of doors) is excellent value for a shilling, and 'How to Identify the British Snake-like Reptiles in the Open' and 'Sea Shore Life', both at 1d. (postage on one leaflet, 1½d.), will, respectively, save panic on a picnic and enormously increase the fun and profit of an afternoon's paddling.

The Coronation Thanksgiving Services

I went to the Coronation Thanksgiving Service in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, to the service at the Brompton Oratory and to the service in the Willesden Synagogue. I thought during each of these services, which you will read of here, of all Guides of the British Commonwealth who were with us in spirit at that time—many at services in their own part of the world—joining with us in prayer and joyful thanksgiving. We have been one in loyalty, in service and in worship. These services have been the climax, too, of our Guide Tribute to the Queen, but not the end of it because the inspiration we have gained through joining in this wave of service, and from the glory of Windsor and Westminster Abbey and all our other Coronation Thanksgivings, will be lasting and strengthen us in our pledge to serve, to the glory of God, our Queen, each other and mankind.

JEAN STRATHEDEN (Chief Commissioner, I.H.Q.)

Westminster Abbey

THERE have been many memorable services in the story of the Scout and Guide Movement, but none more significant than this. These were the words with which the Bishop of Chelmsford began his address at Westminster Abbey on the afternoon of June 21st. The two thousand Scouts and two thousand Guides seated in khaki and blue ranks behind the drapings in nave and galleries must have realised the truth of the words. The faldstool where the Queen had knelt so recently to dedicate herself to the service of God and her peoples was there before them. The Throne, the Chair of State, the 'Theatre', the thick golden carpet that had muffled the tread of their feet as they took their places in this historic and ancient building gave a unique reality to this Coronation Service.

The Bishop took as his theme the adventure of fellowship and service. He referred to the Scouts' pageant in the Albert Hall, saying, 'For me, the most moving episode was at the conclusion of the first part. From every corner white, ghostlike figures poured into the arena. They represented the pioneers and adventurers of centuries gone by; men and women of every age who have served this Commonwealth and the world and have now passed on into the greater Life beyond. . . . As I witnessed this scene my mind turned to these words from the Epistle to the Hebrews: "Seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus".

'We, who are gathered here this afternoon, represent the great British Commonwealth of Nations, the greatest adventure of fellowship among nations which the world has known. We are united together in fellowship because we share a common

ideal, the ideal of service. We are pledged to serve one another and together to serve the world'.

The Bishop then went on to speak of the adventure of Guiding and Scouting: 'We are united in fellowship because we are pledged to put the service of others before our-

selves. . . . We are adventurers together in the service of mankind and in this adventure the secret of success is "looking unto Jesus", the greatest adventurer in service whom the world has known, who ventured His life unto death and died for you and me upon the Cross and Who still lives to be our Leader today. To Him we must look for inspiration and to Him in prayer day by day we must look for strength'.

Next he spoke of 'our well-beloved Founder, B-P, our pioneer in this great adventure, and finally of, our Royal leader, a Queen . . . inspired by the spirit of adventure. It was upon an adventure in an African forest that she became our Queen, for it was during a night spent on a tree-top, watching wild beasts in the jungle, that her father, our beloved King George, passed on and she succeeded to the throne. As she approached the tree up which she was to spend the night, a herd of elephants drew near, but with complete coolness and courage she went forward and climbed the ladder with no sign of fear. The next day, as the Queen left the forest, these words were addressed to her: "If you have the same courage, Ma'am, in facing whatever the future sends you as you have in facing an elephant at ten yards, we are going to be very fortunate"'. . . .

The Bishop reminded his hearers of the occasions when the Queen publicly dedicated herself to service—in her Commonwealth broadcast from South Africa, at her Coronation and in her broadcast message last Christmas. 'When', said the Bishop, 'we renew our Promise, we share with our Queen in her act of dedica-



Outside the Annexe of the Abbey and (below) H.R.H. Princess Alice, escorted by the Dean, arrives for the service in St. George's Chapel



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tion to the service of others. Let us remember that this act of dedication must lead to a dedicated life—a life given wholly to the service of God and of our fellow men.

With what fervour did the Scouts, led by the Chief Scout, and the Guides, led by the Chief Guide, then repeat their Promise! It had been truly a memorable service, and each and everybody present must have left the Abbey determined that they would endeavour to be worthy of their great heritage and set out steadfastly upon the adventure of the future.

St. George's Chapel, Windsor

'We feel close to those first Elizabethans here in Windsor, and they were certainly a romantic lot. They had courage, dash and initiative', the Dean of Windsor reminded members of the movement gathered in St. George's Chapel on June 21st to commemorate the Coronation. (And surely the imagination of those first Elizabethans would have been stirred had they stood in the Horseshoe Cloisters and watched people who had travelled by land, sea and air from all parts of the Commonwealth file into St. George's Chapel, or seen the many Colour Parties raise their flags in salute as Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, accompanied by the Dean of Windsor, passed through the great West Door).

In his address the Dean went on to claim that the news of Everest which came home 'surely significantly on the very day of the Queen's Coronation' proved that 'the spirit of dash and adventure is not dead'. But he warned his congregation of 'a vivid contrast between the sixteenth and twentieth century. In the old days this country was Christian in a way in which we cannot call it Christian today. The foundations of the faith were never challenged. . . . If we are not careful we may lose the secret that made the first Elizabethan age so fine, so colourful, so strong. . . . The best pages of our history could never have been written except for the faith of our forefathers. When the history of these days comes to be written, how splendid if it can be said truly that we, and especially you, followed the lead that was given us by our young Queen and that a new and still more glorious Elizabethan age began to be built up on the one sure foundation—a living faith in Christ'.

After the address the Dean received at the Altar a token record card representing the Coronation Tribute of Service of the whole Commonwealth.

Brompton Oratory

A Coronation Church Parade, arranged by the Catholic Guide Advisory Council in conjunction with the Catholic Scout Advisory Council, took place at Brompton Oratory on Sunday, June 21st. About two thousand Scouts and Guides from all parts of England, Scotland and Wales attended.

Lady Baden-Powell, G.B.E., Chief Guide, and Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout, were present, also Lady Stratheden, Chief Commissioner, Imperial Headquarters, Sir Rob Lockhart, K.C.B., C.I.E., M.C., Deputy Chief Scout, Lady Burnham, Chief Commissioner for England and the Hon. Lady Cochrane, C.B.E., President of England. Dame Mary Tyrwhitt, D.B.E., T.D., Chairman of the Catholic Guide Advisory Council, and Sir Henry Digby Beste, Chief Scout's Commissioner, received the guests.

His Grace Archbishop Myers gave Pontifical Benediction, assisted by the Very Rev. Canon Charles Davidson, and the Rev. Walter Ormsby. The Rev. Joseph Christie, S.J., preached the sermon. After the service the parade was addressed by the Chief Scout and the Chief Guide in the forecourt of the Oratory House.

In his address the Rev. Joseph Christie, S.J., said: 'There is every reason why we should rejoice with our fellow countrymen in the Coronation of our new Queen. Amongst the many blessings which flow from it perhaps the most important is the renewed sense of family which this common devotion

creates. . . . This age in which we live has seen the rise of a theory which exalts mutual dislike and division into a means of social progress. As Christians we are bound to condemn any such attempt to foster hatred and compelled to take every natural means to create a sense of unity and to take every natural means to create a sense of unity and common purpose. We are fortunate that loyalty to the Queen gives us such a means of helping one another. . . . We need the help of our Lord to strive after mutual love, hope and faith. These are the three great gifts He came into the world to give us and which He described as Life. By turning to Him at a time like this we acknowledge our weakness, thank Him for the natural means He provides in the Queen for dealing with it, and ask Him for the supernatural help which will ensure that we will succeed. That is why we come to church so solemnly during a Coronation period. . . . Love shows itself in service. We therefore re-dedicate every ideal of service that we have ever striven to follow. There is something holy about one's country because it is committed to us by God. It is the part of His glorious creation committed to our care. Patriotism seen in that light is a virtue. Therefore we pray for the Queen and each other, we are filled with confidence in ourselves and hope for the future and we resolve to serve our country and love it with all our hearts'.

Willesden Synagogue

The Coronation Service for Jewish Scouts and Guides at Willesden Synagogue on Sunday, June 14th, was essentially an occasion of happiness and friendliness for two thousand Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts and their friends who packed the Synagogue.

The value of Scouting and Guiding to the Jewish community was recognised by the fact that the address was given by the Rev. Israel Brodie, Chief Rabbi of all the Orthodox Congregations in the Commonwealth. The place of the Jewish members of both movements as an integral part of the whole was shown by the presence of the Chief Scout, the Chief Guide and the Chief Commissioner; the world-wide character of both Judaism and of Scouting and Guiding was emphasised by the composition of the Colour Party for the Chief Guide's Standard—representatives from Switzerland, South Africa and the West Indies.

The Service itself, with its emphasis on praise and thanksgiving, will be long remembered for its traditional simplicity, and for the rich beauty of the music, led by the choir.

The comparative smallness of the Synagogue made it possible for the Scouts and Guides to lead some parts of the Service themselves, such as the reading of one of the Psalms, the prayer for the Queen, written by the Chief Scout, and the Laws and Promise of both movements, giving an informal and very personal atmosphere, with real feeling behind it. Much of this was due to the Rev. Myer Berman, a member of the I.H.Q. Religious Panel, who had given many hours' work and patient thought to its preparation.

In his address the Chief Rabbi reminded his congregation that 'by thinking of the Bible teaching that we all have one Father who created us in His image we become aware of the equally important lesson that human beings are constituted as families of nations who ought to be related to each other as neighbours in spite of differences of colour and creed. That is a hard and difficult teaching. And yet it is worthy of tackling by the brave and faithful. The Boy Scout Movement and the Girl Guide Movement have demonstrated the possibility of carrying out its demands. The boys and girls are reminded and taught to be prepared for all kinds of service, without any idea of reward. The motto is "Be Prepared". The Hebrew word usually translated "be prepared" bears in addition the meanings be firm, be your step, be steadfast, be correctly fixed in your heart, direct of Scouting and Guiding, its motto includes those meanings which are discovered in the corresponding Hebrew word. . . . In the words of the Psalmist, may every one of you be blessed "with a heart prepared, confident in the Lord" '.

'Welcome' from Wales

IT happened by accident' is a remark we sometimes hear, and it might almost be applied to the Coronation Overseas-International Gathering in Wales for if the Chief Commissioner for Wales had not happened to listen to the seven o'clock news when plans for the Queen's visit were announced this event might not have taken place. In her mind's eye she saw Guides of all countries among the vast audience that would acclaim Her Majesty at the International Eisteddfod at Llangollen and, acting with unusual speed for one woken from sleep by the telephone, the International Adviser for Wales procured seats immediately the box office opened—which was sold out half an hour later.

Plans were made and invitations sent and when June 30th came representatives of twenty countries travelled into Wales. For the first three days they stayed with hostesses, taking part in widely contrasting activities such as visiting castles, attending Quarter Sessions, climbing hills, lying asleep in long chairs in the sun, meeting local Rangers and Guide Companies at campfires, visiting industry, swimming and picnicking. After this they met, fifty strong, at Broneirion, with representatives from Wales and from England, for the next stage of the Gathering. The theme was the 'Strength of the Spirit of Guiding'.

The days spent together were full of interest, friendliness and fun; they seemed to carry the theme to its full meaning. The discussion 'What influence can Guiding have in national life?' brought many different points of view. The importance of the individual and the responsibility of each enrolled member of the movement was stressed many times. There were sessions when the interchange of countries' methods, ideas, handcrafts and activities caused endless interest and a great deal of amusement as everyone tried their hand at the various new activities that were introduced to them.

The greatest regret at leaving Broneirion was expressed but, mounting their buses, the gathering whirled away through the hills to Llangollen to camp. Guiders and Commissioners were in one camp and Rangers in another. High up on a

hillside they saw the strange and lovely setting for the International Eisteddfod in the Vale of Llangollen. The Choirs and dancers from all over the world could be seen, gaily dancing or singing in national costume in the streets, in boats on the canal, or in fact anywhere and everywhere. In the great Eisteddfod marquee 8,000 spectators

were gathered every day throughout the week. On the day of the Queen's coming excitement knew no bounds, and the fact that Her Majesty looked continually at the Guide International contingent who were seated to the right of the platform gave them a greater thrill than any words can describe.

After three more days with Welsh hostesses, this time in North Wales, our guests were on their way home again and this country's tribute, added to the hundreds of other offerings of homage to Her Majesty, was over. Yet perhaps International Gatherings are never quite over because world friendship lives on in the memory of all those who, like these, from twenty different nations, lived together, thought together and laughed together. In the words of one country after another, expressed on the last night, 'Always will we remember'.



Scouts and Guides line a gateway when the Queen is shown Caernarvon Castle by the Constable, Lord Harlech

A Hiking Experiment with Rangers

IN West Surrey we tried an experiment with Rangers to help them to realise the wide scope of activities which can be covered if the over-night hike is made full use of instead of being treated as just a test to be passed for the Ranger Service Star!

A broad outline of the scheme, and the reasons for wanting to try it, were discussed at a Ranger Guiders' meeting. They were asked to discuss it with their Rangers and then let the C.R.A. know approximately how many of their members would like to take part.

All companies and crews were sent instructions covering dates, times, equipment per team, what would be provided, what the expedition would be likely to consist of, what they would be judged on and minor details. Attached were entry forms for the leaders of each pair wishing to take part. The leader filled in name and address of herself and her companion, camp experience, if any, means of transport, starting place and approximate time and whether or not she wished to be tested for Part I of the Service Star.

When all entries had been returned to the C.R.A. different routes of approximately the same distance and interests were worked out for the groups of Rangers from various parts of the county. These started from a point near their own headquarters and finished at the site chosen for the night. Those walking had to bus the first part of their route to take them away from the well-known parts of their own districts and even up their time with the cyclists. Directions for following

their route, and the places of interest to be visited on the way, were sent out to each team a week before the hike. Those Rangers unable to start out early because of work could leave out some, or all, of the places of interest so as to be able to arrive at the given time.

Though it was not made a definite rule, it was suggested that the leader of each pair should be an experienced hiker, or one wishing to be tested for this clause, and her companion should be inexperienced and able to learn as she went.

Teams were judged on the following: 1. General appearance on arrival and departure, including packing and distribution of equipment. 2. Equipment used, as for Service Star, with weights of all items and total weight carried by each Ranger. 3. Menus, with cost of food brought. 4. Cooking. 5. General organisation. 6. Following route correctly and rough log of the journey.

A list of equipment, with weights, and menus, with costs, were written out beforehand and given in with the logs on arrival. Everything else was judged on the spot. Lats. were provided. Water was on the site, and also milk, if ordered from the C.R.A. beforehand.

Teams had to arrive on the site not earlier than four o'clock and not later than seven, and be ready to leave it again by noon the next day. During this time they were free to plan as they liked.

All companies and crews were asked to collect from their teams suggestions and criticisms and send them in for future

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use. The main points from the letters sent in were: All enjoyed it and would like it to happen again, if possible every year. They would prefer it later in the year (this one was May 2nd), when the weather might be warmer and more reliable. (Some had doubts!) Those being tested for Service Star said they gained confidence from having others near instead of being alone. Busy Rangers wishing to be tested and take part in the competition found it a saving in time to have the two combined. It helped 'old hands' to keep up their standard of equipment and to improve on methods. Some felt there should have been more testers to make more frequent visits round the sites, but others felt it was thorough enough, especially the judging of equipment last thing in the morning after its use. They appreciated advice given on the spot to correct faults and all feel it will raise the standard in the county and that now they have once done it they will not need to make so many preparations next time.

The general standard throughout was high. Two teams who were delayed by punctures sensibly followed the instructions for 'late starters' and cut their routes to enable

them to arrive in time. Equipment was very good—mostly home-made, including four tents which were excellent. Some Rangers lacked water-proof bags for essential articles and covers for billies. First Aid outfits had been carefully planned and *not* bought ready done from the chemist! Weights varied from 20 lb. to 53 lb. for the two members of a team, with the majority about 25 lb., but one or two have confessed to the need for more bedding next time! Costs for food varied from 2s. 1d. to 7s. 7d., some teams being able to save with home-grown produce while others had to buy everything. Menus were good and most of them adequate though one or two teams might have needed something more filling if the weather had been cooler. Some cooking was done without utensils but most teams used billies, and all the meals looked most appetising. Some teams were a little messy on their sites and left messy fireplaces behind them, but the majority were neat and orderly throughout. Every one, including the testers, seem to have enjoyed it!

A. S. SALMON
[C.C.A., West Surrey]

Survival of the Fittest!

DURING the first World War Guiding was largely kept alive by Patrol Leaders who acted as young Guiders, and the summer after the war ended one of these Captains decided to take her village company to camp. As only seven Guides were willing to take the risk the Captain collected five friends between the ages of thirteen and sixteen and persuaded them to join the camp.

I had already been a Guide for a couple of years and was thirteen and a half, but the other four all passed their Tenderfoot test and were enrolled the evening before we started. The camp site was about three miles from the Captain's home, the whole party were under nineteen and none of us had ever camped before. We arrived by lorry about five in the evening and pitched four bell tents with the aid of a Boy Scout book. The following is an account of our first day in camp, written over thirty years ago.

TIME, 6 A.M. I turn over on my uncomfortable bed, which is made of a mackintosh coat, two blankets and a copy of *The Times*. The patrol consists of Muriel (who has been a Guide for twenty-four hours), Mary and Jenny from the company.

ME: I think it's time we got up. Didn't we say we would cook?

MURIEL: Do let's. I haven't slept a wink.

I get up and put on my bathing dress. At the bottom of the field is a stream. We all wash, wearing our bathing suits. I go over to the fire. It is circular in shape and has a tripod fixed over it. I wander over to the Captain's tent as she keeps the stores at one end of it.

ME: I say, Margaret, have we any eggs?

CAPTAIN: Oh bother, no. Send Sonia over to the farm, and look here, you *must* call me Captain.

ME: Aye, aye, Captain.

CAPTAIN: Now we will have physical jerks.

Camp proceed to career madly round the field in their bathing suits. Mary and I boil eggs in a billy, but cannot see how to boil water for tea on the same tripod, so we all drink milk.

CAPTAIN (*suddenly at breakfast*): Oh botheration, I knew I should forget something. We haven't brought a flag.

ME (*cheerily*): Never mind, we'll bike back and get it. There is one in your garage, isn't there?

MURIEL: I say, don't we get into our uniform now? (*She is a tidy soul and does not like our mixed garb of coats, jerseys, knickers and gym tunics.*)

CAPTAIN: Yes, rather. Inspection in quarter of an hour.

We get into our solemn clothes, complete with hats, poles and stockings. We lay all our kit outside the tent and have a

lengthy inspection. We all wear large bunches of our patrol flower in our hats. After inspection we swiftly wash up the breakfast things.

CAPTAIN (*at 10 a.m.*): I tell you what, let's make a bridge over the stream.

SONIA: How about a raft?

We possess ourselves of stakes, poles, rope, and the invaluable Boy Scout book and repair to the stream.

1 P.M. We are all soaking wet, but there is a rickety bridge spanning the stream. The raft is unfortunately at the bottom, and salvaging operations are unsuccessful, owing to the mud. We have forgotten to cook any dinner so we eat bully beef and bread and cheese.

ME: Look here, Mar—Captain, suppose Jenny and I go back and get the flag and bring back a tea tray too. We could toboggan beautifully on that slope.

CAMP: Good idea.

CAPTAIN: We will assemble for signalling. Anyone who does not know morse can wash up the dinner things.

Jenny and I cycle back to Margaret's home, where her father gives us some rabbits to bring back. We find the flag, some extra jerseys and a tin tea tray. Thus laden we struggle back. When we arrive, the camp all appear to be out playing despatch running, so we start trying to skin the rabbits. Jenny has some notion how to proceed, but we progress very slowly. The camp returns rather breathless.

ME: Behold the tea tray! What price tobogganning?

Some of the energetic ones experiment on the slope with a certain amount of success. Captain joins the rabbit skinner and we make what we call a 'hunter's stew' with rabbit, potatoes, carrots and onions. It is very good. Supper.

CAPTAIN: Now for a sing-song.

She kicks up the kitchen fire, puts some rubbish on to burn, hangs a billy full of cocoa on the tripod, and we sit round and sing.

9 P.M. We eat ginger biscuits and chocolates and drink the cocoa. Then we sing 'God Save the King'. A few hardy people wash in the stream. We turn in, cannily piling coats, sacks and newspapers on the beds.

We sleep surely the sleep of the just. C. COLERIDGE

'Grateful thanks are extended to all those who generously gave donations, prizes, refreshments, and to the ladies who helped to serve the "eats"', which included four of the girl guides.

Keep one on ice for this week?
Great and Little Leighs Magazine
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Has Your Company Tried Whittling?

WHAT do you know about logs? Maybe the word brings to your mind visions of the logging forests of Canada, of vast quantities of logs floating down the wide and fast-running rivers of that Dominion. Maybe you think of the piles of logs in our woods waiting for the timber yards. Or perhaps your mind moves to the logs which are dumped near your door, ready for burning on your own fires during the winter.

But I would like to direct your interest to even smaller logs than those—two or three inches in diameter and seven or eight inches long, or even less. Add to these three simple articles—a small hack-saw, a strong penknife, and a gimlet—and, with the average patience and initiative, you need not worry about the wet day at camp.

From such small pieces of wood—logs—can be made a variety of useful articles which can be used not only in camp but at home, and some of them will make gifts to take to parents and younger members of the family.

All the objects illustrated were fashioned from logs of two to three inches across. The clock, candle-holder, toast-rack, ashtray, matchbox-holder, picture or menu-holder, and notice-board can all be made in camp spare-time, and when you are able to gather the wood. Under the heading of 'toys' can be included the ladder, the rake, chair and the model boat.

Material in plenty is to be found in and around any camp-site. Oak, ash (easy to work) and beech are the best of the hard woods to use, but practically any variety can be fashioned with the same simple tools. Sycamore is a most attractive wood, and so is pine, but I would not suggest this for the toast-rack, as its smell might not mix with the break-fast toast! Alder is fairly plentiful, and thin willow and sweet chestnut bend without snapping. Most thin pieces of wood, if gathered green and soaked in water, will bend, however, so your work need not be held up because the kind of wood you want is not to be found near camp.

THE CLOCK: Brownies can use this to tell the time. Take a log $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. in diameter, from which about $1\frac{1}{2}$ ins. are cut. The hands can be split wood or bark, though bark is tricky to handle; to keep them in position on the face put through the centre a small piece of wood with a fork-shaped end. Fits into a tiny hole in the clock face made with your gimlet. Remember—the longest (minute) hand is on top!

CANDLE-HOLDER: Same diameter wood as for the clock, but twice as long. Soft wood is best. The hole for holding the candle should be $\frac{3}{4}$ in. deep and the diameter of the candle. Start to make it with a gimlet and finish with knife. At the bottom of the candle place a milk-bottle top—if the candle burns through it doesn't damage the wood; nor does the final hot wax remain in the hole.

TOAST-RACK: The diameter of the log and the length can suit one's own taste. Start the first groove at least half an inch from the end and leave the same width at the other end. This will then stand the pressure of the knife cutting the slots. An easy way to cut the grooves is to make several saw cuts close together, and chip out the wood between

them with the knife. An idea for a handle is to pierce a hole in the centre, and in it place a forked stick. A more elaborate handle can be a small, hard fir cone sawn through the middle and fitted into a slot or hole in the centre of the toast-rack.

ASHTRAY: Wood of same thickness as for candle-holder. To make the rests for the cigarette, take a poker or piece of iron, heat it in the campfire and lay it across the wood, first one way and then the other, like a cross. Semi-circular slots will result. Mark out the centre, leaving a quarter-inch

or third of an inch all round, and then scoop out. Rub off all traces of burning with glass paper, a plentiful supply of which (fine, medium and rough or coarse) should be taken to camp. All the articles can be improved by rubbing down. Brown boot polish stains beautifully and makes a very good finish, particularly to ashtrays.

PICTURE OR MENU-HOLDER: Use a piece of wood $5\frac{1}{2}$ ins. by $2\frac{3}{4}$ ins., with one side flat enough to prevent the log from rolling. Saw a slot lengthwise and deep enough to hold tightly a piece of cardboard.

MATCHBOX-HOLDER: Pine, fir or silver birch can be used for this. Only a small piece is required, but its width must be exactly that of a box of matches, and it should have one side sawn flat for the base. In the centre of the top cut a

groove to take the matchbox, and then on either side make slots down which the casing can slide.

MALLET: Recommended wood for the head is good old English oak. The ideal size is 3 ins. by 2 ins. It is a little difficult to bore a hole right through the centre to take the handle, and it needs a good deal of patience if you are using only a gimlet and knife. An alternative method is to use a red-hot piece of iron, but care must be taken to remove all scorched wood, otherwise the handle will slip. For the handle I advise the use of soft wood, and to avoid the head coming off, soak the finished job in water and allow to dry.

LADDER: Split alder will provide the sides for the toy ladder and do this job before boring for the rung holes to ensure that the sides are straight. The wood might split diagonally. Making the rungs is, of course, an easy operation, but they must fit tightly into the holes. The overall measurements can be $6\frac{1}{2}$ ins. long and 2 ins. wide. A ladder of this size is ideal for the budgerigar's cage or for tame white mice.

RAKE: The trickiness in making a rake is in boring holes to take the wooden tines, but it can be done quickly with care. Do not try to find little pieces of wood for the tines of all the same length. Fit any lengths into the holes, and then cut to uniform length with a pair of scissors. Any thin piece of wood will make the handle.

BOAT, OARS AND PADDLES: Cut in half lengthwise a piece of wood 2 ins. to 3 ins. in diameter. Shape for the bows, saw off the waste, and smooth the sides with glass-paper. Then scoop out inside to about a quarter-inch depth, leaving about a quarter-inch all round for gunwale. Rowlocks can be pieces of wood with forked ends, sunk into holes in gunwale. Paddles and oars are shaped from thin wood.

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Equipped with a hacksaw, penknife and gimlet—and average patience—Guides can make all these things with small logs

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Beautiful knitting is a secret you can share when you have the right beginnings. The Sirdar knitting leaflet for this lovely jumper, for instance, takes you stitch-by-stitch through every detail of its creation. Sirdar Majestic Wool 3-ply has been specially chosen to give just the right feel and appearance. Successful knitters say that knitting is easier the Sirdar way.



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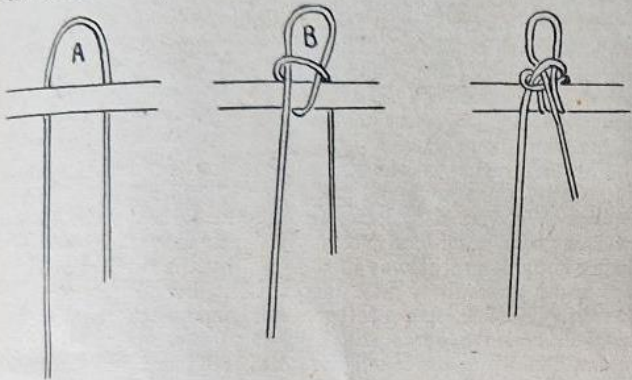


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Games to Build Up with Your P.Ls

IT all began with 'Operation Highwayman'—a simple activity which I had put into the company programme one evening because I felt we were all rather stale on the subject of knotting. In brief—while the leaders learned to tie a highwayman's hitch, the rest of the company sorted out lengths of rope and cord so that there was one length of two yards approximately for every two Guides. The leaders then returned to their patrols and taught the Guides how to tie a highwayman's hitch.

This stage took about ten minutes, after which we divided into horses and highwaymen. From then on it was a race. The highwaymen tied their horses to a fence, ran a distance of 100 yards, picked up some booty (bean bags), returned to their horses, released them, and hanging on to the rope ran with them to where Lieutenant was waiting to award points to the first three pairs.

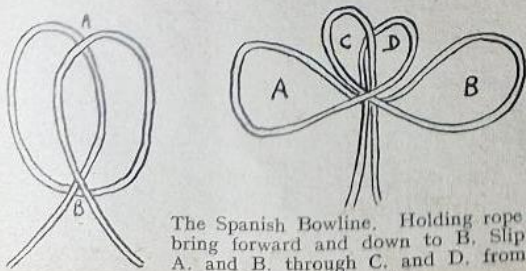


The Highwayman's Hitch. Attach the standing part to the object to be secured. Make a loop in the standing part, slip it through A. and pull end. Make a loop in the end, slip it through B. and pull on standing part

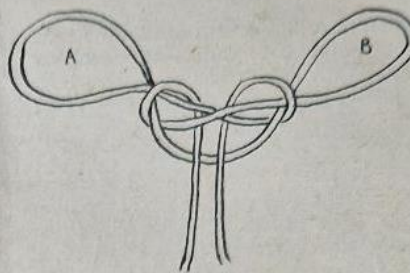
In order to prove that the knot had been correctly tied, it was as important that the horses should pull on their ropes, as it was that the highwaymen could release them in a second, and therefore we arranged that horse and highwaymen should belong to different patrols, and that while the highwaymen were fetching their booty, any horse that pulled loose could claim a point for her patrol.

We were very broadminded in our attitude towards the other knots that were used. Each halter had to be tied to the horse, and so long as the ropes did not come asunder, nor part company from the horse, we considered the knots used had done their job, and we did not inquire any further.

Another scheme that Guiders and leaders built up together was a casualty evening. We had been learning the spanish bowline—a knot which shares with the clove-hitch and one or two other knots the advantage that it can be tied when neither end is free. The leaders were intrigued to find how easily it could be undone when no longer wanted, and we spent a little time discussing the rival merits of knots from this point of view—for instance, the reef knot, which can



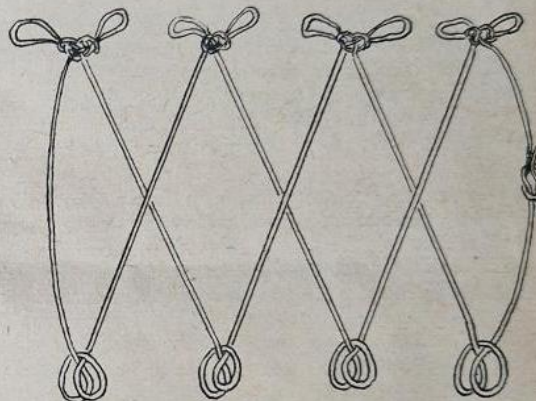
The Spanish Bowline. Holding rope at A. bring forward and down to B. Slip loops A. and B. through C. and D. from front to back



Pull loops A and B to tighten knot

be undone in a second, by jerking one end away from the standing part on the same side, and then slipping it through; the double overhand, which jams so badly when subjected to any strain that a rope ladder made of double overhands takes hours to untie; the packer's knot which can be left tied permanently, so that when needed it only has to be slipped over the object and pulled tight; the timber-hitch, which comes undone as soon as the standing part is slackened, and finally knots like donkey-hitch, highwayman's hitch and slippery sheetbend (or hammock hitch) which are designed to slip undone easily when required.

After a while we returned to the spanish bowline, and tried



Two methods of making rope stretchers. (Top) Spanish Bowlines for carrying without poles; (Bottom) Clove-hitches in position for pole to be slipped through

using it as handles for a stretcher. Someone suggested we might slip poles through the handles, if we had them, but, if we used poles we might just as well use clove-hitches, as we always had done. Then we suddenly realised we could make a stretcher with ropes and poles much more quickly by laying out the rope on the ground, and tying clove-hitches by the quick method at each point, pushing the poles through as we moved along, than by the old method of tying the rope to the poles. I am sure this is not an original idea, but as far as we were concerned, it was our own discovery, and arose from working it out for ourselves. ENID PRICHARD

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CHAIR: Several of these can be made for small sister's dolls' house. Seat thickness is a quarter of an inch, and can be shaped round, square, or to suit yourself. Four holes should be bored for the legs, but take care not to make them too near the edge. The back pair of legs can form also the curved back-rest, made from willow or sweet chestnut. Bend the piece of wood before putting it into the chair, starting from its centre. Do not worry if the bark splits and peels.

You need not wait for the wet day in camp. Each Guide, for instance, could produce one article before the end of camp and the collection will make a good beginning for the patrol competition.

SELINA E. G. THOMAS (Handcraft Headquarters' Instructor)

Have You Played This Wide Game?

DEAR MARGARET,

Here, as I promised, are the details of that wide game which went off so well at camp, but remember, you play it you'll have to adapt it for your own company.

As you know, our problem was to make up a game that would provide excitement for our three experienced Cadets and would also be fun for the Guides—all new to camping and to wide games. In actual fact, once 'The Magic Scarf' had started everyone was in it, even Q.M. and I, who knew the details. I made up all the orders before camp, to save time, and just filled in the hiding-place of the scarf when I had ascertained that the village shopkeeper (who was most co-operative) would 'play'. During the Monday I made sure that everyone saw the scarf—a green Guide tie covered with cloth County badges—distinctive and easily seen and with an air of magic about it! We also took down the flagstaff and added an extra pair of halyards, and Q.M. and I dropped mysterious hints about strange goings-on, in order to create an atmosphere of expectation and excitement.

Before camp. Explain everything to Q.M., the only other person to know the details. (Essential, because of raids on the store tent!).

Monday morning. Brief the shopkeeper as follows: 'Later today a green scarf will be delivered to your shop. When the messenger has gone, please place the scarf in a spot where it is accessible and visible, but not too easy to reach. Do not go to any special trouble, but please keep an eye on it, and don't let anyone have it, if you can help it, before 6 p.m. tomorrow'.

Monday evening (before campfire). Leave the following note, headed 'Ultimatum', in the Cadets' tent: 'A magic green scarf has been stolen from this camp. The thief is not known, but it is believed that she has entrusted the scarf to the village shopkeeper. He has discovered its magic properties and will surrender it to no one. It is, therefore, likely that the thief will return tomorrow to try to regain possession of the scarf.'

You are accused of being spies, in league with the thief, and a price is being put on your heads, which will be announced to the camp at breakfast time tomorrow. You have until 7 a.m. to make your preparations, and get away from the camp, without arousing suspicion. If you are caught after 7 a.m. tomorrow you will be brought back to camp and tied to the flag-pole for the remainder of the day.

If, as evidence of your good faith, you can obtain the scarf and deposit it within the camp so that it is found safely, you will be ransomed. A flag of truce will be hoisted below the Colours and you may then return to camp'.

Note. A general truce will be declared at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

N.B. Emergency Signal. If a Red flag is hoisted below the Colours, return to camp immediately.

Tuesday morning (before breakfast). Hand the following note to the thief (Lieutenant). (Lieutenant knew nothing previously, except that it was she who had taken the scarf to the village, and she had been told that it was part of a wide game about which she would hear more later.)

'The magic properties of the green scarf which you stole from the camp yesterday have been discovered by the person to whom you entrusted it. He will now not give it up to anyone. The only way by which you can regain possession of it is to steal it back and hide it elsewhere.'

Note. The magic power of this scarf lies in the fact that anyone who steals it must retain it—if she loses possession of it for more than twenty-four hours the hair will fall out of her head and she will be revealed as the thief unless she can avoid being seen.

Note. There will be a general truce at 6 p.m.'

Tuesday morning (after breakfast). Rally the camp and make a general announcement, including these points:

Two people must touch the spies or the thief to constitute a capture. (This ensures that even in the excitement the Guides will not break the camp rule of not going off alone); the emergency signal and the time of the truce.

As a precaution, Q.M. and I had arranged to add a note to the 'Ultimatum' delivered to the Cadets, saying 'Please don't take the eggs!'

One thing went wrong. Owing, we think, to the darkness the Cadets failed to find their instructions and were still in bed when I awoke about 7 a.m. Hastily considering the situation, I decided we could still play; it merely meant retiming the game to start a few hours later. I pointed out the note to the Cadets and gave them until 10 a.m. to get away. This was really more difficult for them, as they had to steal their food and make their escape while everyone was about their normal business, and both Q.M. and I kept quite a close watch on them. The thief was given her instructions about 10.15 and the camp rallied and were told the whole story (very seriously!) about 10.30. We decided afterwards that the later start was really an advantage, and saved the game from dragging.

Thereafter the whole game went off remarkably well, although I must confess I played on all sides to keep things going. We were very lucky in that the Cadets succeeded in securing the scarf and getting it back into camp without being caught, and it was then found by the thief, who gave the game an entirely new lease of life by escaping with it herself. Neither flag of truce nor emergency signal were needed, and the game ended at 6 p.m. when a tired but triumphant thief produced the scarf, retrieved from its final hiding-place under the very noses of her pursuers only two minutes earlier!

Yours sincerely,

IDA M. DALTON

Are You An 'Old Girl'?

It has been suggested by the Education Panel at I.H.Q. that Guiders who are members of school 'Old Girls' Associations' could help in the recruitment of Guiders by making Guiding and the need for leaders better known among their fellow members. Possible methods of doing this might be:

1. If the Old Girls' Association magazine includes articles on different forms of social service Guide Headquarters would be willing to submit an article on 'Guiding and its Opportunities' if a Guider member could arrange for her Association to publish it.
2. Some 'Old Girls' meetings include speakers on social subjects and Guiders could ask for Guiding to be remembered. Headquarters cannot undertake to provide speakers for small meetings but the Public Relations Department will always give advice on local Commissioners who might be approached.
3. Guiders should mention their own Guide activities in an informative way when sending notes for such features as 'What Old Girls are doing', in school or Old Girls' magazines.
4. Guiders attending school reunions can be ready to talk in an adult and intelligent way about Guiding to those who ask 'What are you doing now?'

Recent statistics have shown that only three per cent of present-day Guiders are ex-pupils of 'Public Schools', and it is to the Old Girls' Associations of these schools that this notice is mainly directed because of the emphasis which these schools place on training for social and public service. Almost every Guider is probably a member of some Old Girls' Association, and it is probable that every such Association contains at least one member who, if approached in the right way by a fellow member, would welcome the opportunity to become a Guider.

Notes of the Month

Honoured by the Queen

All readers will wish to send their congratulations to Mrs. P. M. Noaks who has received the M.B.E., in the Coronation Honours List. Mrs. Noaks was Chief Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia from 1942-1947 and, later, Commissioner for Training, and she has just been appointed International Commissioner for Scotland. Miss Mona Byer, Commissioner for Grenada, was awarded the M.B.E., for 'service to the Girl Guide Movement in the Windward Islands' and Miss Muriel Wyatt, Division Commissioner for Fareham, was awarded the O.B.E., in recognition of her service to the British Red Cross Society and the Girl Guide Movement.

The Coronation Naval Review

Another page in the history of the Sea Ranger Section was written on June 15th when, moving slowly through the Line, Yacht *Terminist* sailed to take up the berth given to the Section at Her Majesty's Coronation Naval Review. Forty members of the Section were on board the yacht, representing Great Britain, Canada, Australia and Bermuda. Our picture shows the Admiralty Recognition pennant being hoisted with due ceremony. This pennant was the one awarded to S.R.S. *Duke of York*, of which H.M. The Queen and The Princess Margaret were members, and permission was given for it to be flown by the Sea Section on the day of the Review. A full report of the Review, and the cruise that took place beforehand, appears in the August issue of THE RANGER.

The Foxlease Pageant

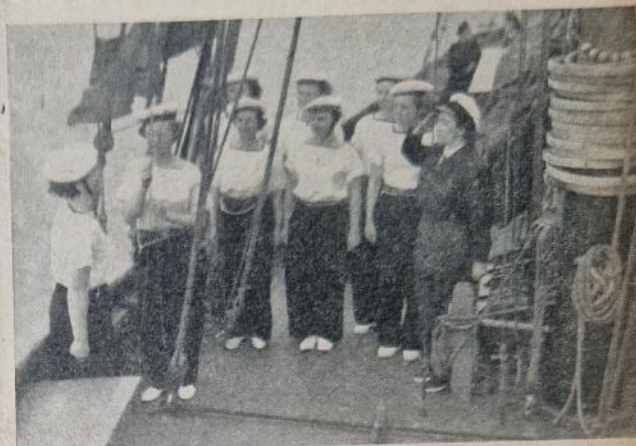
When you next go to train at Foxlease do ask to see the delightful photographs of the Foxlease Pageant, devised by Elizabeth Hartley and presented by Hampshire members of the Scout and Guide movement and their friends on July 6th and 7th. Our picture shows King Charles II and his courtiers with John Cole and Mistress Mabel Cole (to whom he has just presented the leasehold of Foxlease) on the way to plant a Scots pine to commemorate his visit. A later scene showed a ball in the newly built Georgian home of Sir Philip Jennings Clark and a discussion with Robert Adam about the decoration. We pass to the present day history of Foxlease to a Guiders' training. Then, finally, a Brownie calls from the window to Puck (who, you will remember, through his offering of seizin has enabled



spectators to 'see what they shall see and hear what they shall hear'); 'Don't forget me. I'm the future'.

News from Scotland

From Scotland we hear that seventy Rangers and a hundred and eighty Guides had the honour of lining part of the route when Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of



Hoisting the Admiralty recognition pennant on board *Terminist*

Edinburgh drove in State to receive the keys of Edinburgh Castle from the Governor. Eighty Guides (two from every Scottish County), guests of the Chief Commissioner at Netherurd, were also allotted places to watch the procession of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to St. Giles for the national service of thanksgiving and dedication. A Guide at the Trefoil School for Physically Handicapped Children, who watched from the playground of Milton House School, Canongate, writes 'We heard a band coming down the street so we all rushed out to our "grandstand" to see it pass . . . the only people who had a better view than us were some workmen up on a scaffolding rebuilding a house. . . . At last came the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, escorted by the Royal Company of Archers . . . we were very sorry the procession had to come to an end so quickly'.

From Ulster

In Ulster over four thousand Guides, with other youth organisations, paraded at the Balmoral Show Grounds, Belfast, for the visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, and Ulster's Secretary reports that 'every Guide enjoyed every minute of the afternoon'. Mrs. Greeves, Ulster's Chief Commissioner, was just able to welcome Her Majesty with the Guides before hurrying back to Stormont where she listened, with other Senators, to the Addresses to the Queen by the Senate and Commons and Her Majesty's reply.

A Pageant in a Castle

Suffolk celebrated Coronation year with a service and pageant in the Castle ruins at Framlingham. At the

service Tribute envelopes were handed to the Bishop of Dunwich and then, in the lower court, the pageant written by the County Empire representative round the theme of the British Commonwealth was skilfully unfolded. 'Ghosts' of great empire builders—Drake, Montcalm and Wolfe, Clive, Captain Cook, Stamford Raffles, Livingstone and Disraeli—with representative groups of people from the lands with which they were associated, introduced each section. At the end four heralds, 'Ghosts of the Future', brought the theme back to the twentieth century.

At West Ham Stadium

London-over-the-Border Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Cadets held their rally in West Ham Stadium when the Deputy Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Geoffrey Gibbs, took the salute at the march past. In her talk she urged the Guides to pledge themselves afresh in love and loyalty to God, the Queen and their country. A vote of thanks was given by the Commissioner for London, Lady Cochrane, and then the Brownies presented St. George and the Dragon, happily discovering in the mouth of the 160 foot monster (after he had been subdued!) gifts for the guests of honour, one of them made by handicapped Brownies. A thousand Guides took part in massed country dancing, and Rangers presented a pageant based on the golden days of Queen Elizabeth I and passing on to the days of our own Queen Elizabeth.

Westmorland's New Standard

In Westmorland recently in Kendal Parish Church seven hundred Rangers, Guides and Brownies from all parts of

the county took part in a service to commemorate the Coronation and to dedicate the new County Standard. The various emblems of this beautiful standard, worked against a background of white and scarlet, include the Orb, the a background of the county badge, the Herdwick ram Trefoil, the Curlew (the county badge), the Herdwick ram (Ambleside), the leaping salmon (Upper Lunesdale), the wool hooks (Kendal), the ship (Kent Valley-Milnthorpe), the apple tree (Eden Valley), the wild boar (Windermere), and the cross (Lowther).

Northamptonshire's Pageant of the Flag

In Northamptonshire on July 4th seventy-two Brownie Packs dotted over the Northampton Football ground watched breathlessly as the County Standard preceded Lady Stratheden through the Guard of Honour and then miraculously turned themselves into a garden of flowers. Twelve hundred Cadets, Rangers and Guides marched past the Chief Commissioner before taking part in the pageant of the Flag.

Devonshire's Rally

Devon managed to show much of the 'Story of Guiding' in their rally in the County Ground at Exeter. Visitors saw scenes depicting the building of Imperial Headquarters, the raising of funds for the Guide International Service and the B-P Memorial Fund. Other Divisions erected a model camp and showed the international side of Guiding while Rangers depicted their many-sided programme. The day ended with an impressive service in Exeter Cathedral.

The Loyal Address and the Tribute of Service

IN the June GUIDER we published the text of the Loyal Address which was being sent to Her Majesty the Queen from the Girl Guides Association. Now we are able to show you a picture of the original vellum scroll with its beautiful lettering and decoration, executed by a Guider. The decoration at the top is of raised gold leaf surrounding the York roses and lettering in blue and red. The design at the foot is of Lancastrian roses red and gold.

The following letter has been received by the General Secretary of the Girl Guides Association from the Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Right Hon. Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Q.C., M.P.: 'Madam, I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the Loyal and Dutiful Address of the Members of the Girl Guides Association on the occasion of Her Majesty's Coronation, and I have it in Command from The Queen to convey to you Her Majesty's warm thanks for the expressions of loyalty and devotion which it contains. It gave The Queen much pleasure to be reminded of the days when she was a Guide and Ranger'.

The Tribute

'I shall always, always believe my Tribute Card went to Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace' said the Brownie—and the happy truth is that at seven years old one really and truly *does* believe. It was in that spirit and sureness that we went to the Palace on July 16th at half-past two, bearing with us those few Record Cards

representative of the thousands of Tributes of Service that have been done to show the abundance of love and loyalty members of the Guide Movement have for their Guide Queen.

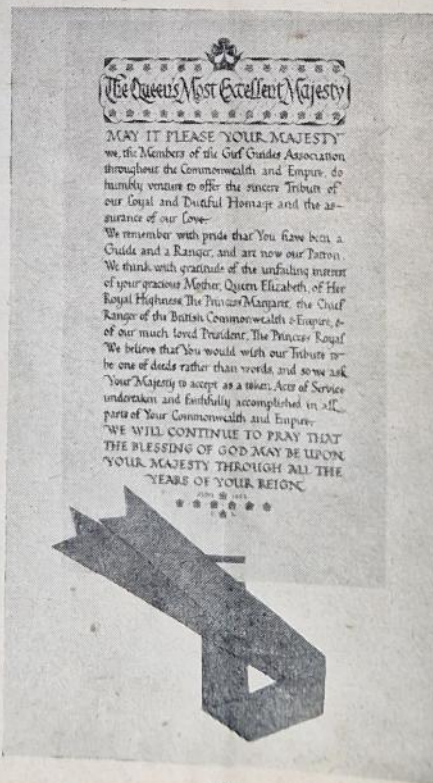
From those thirty-two cards Her Majesty has seen some of the Tributes done for her by Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Trefoil Guild members in the United Kingdom, in the Dominions and Colonies and by British Guides in foreign countries.

Three of the Coronation Sub-Committee saw all the cards that finally reached Headquarters where the Chief Commissioner picked those that went to the Palace. These were enclosed in covering envelopes, sealed with the Tribute emblem seal, to be opened only by the Queen.

Eight members of the movement, representing the whole Commonwealth and Empire, took the Tribute Cards to the Palace where they were received by two of Her Majesty's Ladies-in-Waiting who were much impressed at hearing of the wide variety of tributes. They told the Brownies, Guides and Rangers they felt sure the Queen would enjoy seeing the cards and hearing about the Tribute.

The representatives included two Brownies, one Lone Guide, one Air Ranger, one Land Ranger (a blind Ranger) and a Cadet from the United Kingdom, one Guide from Malaya, and one Sea Ranger from Tasmania.

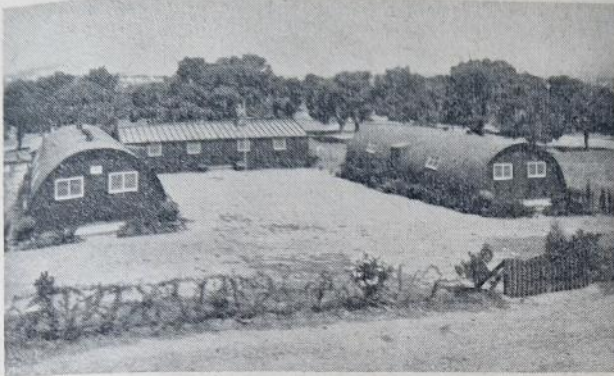
M. VERA ARMSTRONG
(Hon. Secretary, Coronation Tribute,
I.H.Q.)



Six Wonderful Weeks

THE plane flew up the Gulf of Corinth, along the northern shore of the Peloponnese, over grape vines, over the beaches where fishing boats lay on the sand, over Corinth and the Corinth Canal. The Canal is cut through the isthmus where in ancient times a fleet of ships was rolled across the ground! It joins the gulf to the sea and is a wonderful piece of engineering.

On each side of the Gulf are ranges of rust-coloured mountains which, when seen in brilliant sunshine with very blue sea and sky, were quite perfect. As we circled round the



Cholargos, the new Greek Training Centre

bay before landing at the airport a little to the east of Athens, one got the impression of a cream-coloured city lying in a plain surrounded by mountains, with the Acropolis hill crowned with the Parthenon standing out in the sunshine and the little hill, Lycabettus, rising steeply on the other side of the town.

The three mountains that lie round the city are Hymettus, the honey mountain (in the sunshine it takes on a rich honey-coloured glow), Pendeli, a mountain mainly composed of glistening white marble, and Parnes.

We had a week-end training among the greenest of green fir trees on the slopes of Pendeli where the earth was full of pieces of white marble. Long ago the marble for buildings and statues was quarried here—and still is today.

At the airport I was met by the chairman of the Training Committee, Mrs. Tsimbouki, and 'Kalliope', and from that moment began a wonderful six weeks packed with every kind of interest. It was truly an inspiration to be allowed to share in Greek Guiding, and it is not until you work with Greek Guiders that you realise their vitality and courage.

The Guide Movement restarted in Greece six years ago in times of great national stress and difficulty. These were the years of Communist guerilla warfare along the Macedonian frontier when twenty-eight thousand children were abducted from their homes, only about two per cent of whom have been returned. In order to shelter and save the other children they were brought to southern Greece to be cared for in Children's Colonies. During these three years the Guide Movement did everything within its power to help in this national emergency. Indeed, Guides gave such good service that when it was over a letter came to Greek Headquarters saying: 'Now it is all over surely there is no need for Guides!'

Since this time Greek Guide leaders have been building up their movement, starting new companies and packs and changing to a Guide programme. They realise that Guiding has much to give the youth of their country after these years of stress and tension. One Guider said to me: 'You see, we have to teach the children to play'.

The shortage of buildings means shortage of schools and in

many places the schools have to work in shifts. Some children go to school from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and others from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Parents do not like their children to be out late in the evening and it is difficult to get them all during the daytime so company and pack meetings are mainly on Saturday or Sunday.

Although the movement is well backed nationally the general public, specially in the country, still have to be educated about the worth-whileness of the Guider's job, and the value of Guiding for the girl herself. Apart from the big towns like Athens and Salonica, older and experienced Guiders are difficult to get. Most of the companies and packs are run by young Guiders as parents consider that when their daughters are about twenty-one it is time they settled down at home and concentrated on making their dowry. Those who have seen embroidery on the old Greek national costumes know how exquisite this work can be.

I went to see the Guiders, Rangers and Guides at Xylokastro, a seaside town on the Gulf of Corinth in the Peloponnese. They were very keen and showed me their headquarters, an old stable decorated by themselves, with attractive patrol corners and tables and chairs made from woodcraft materials. They presented me with a starfish for the sea, a fir twig for the land and a mountain plant for the mountains. We exchanged songs and danced a Swedish dance and next morning I was shown a Guide meeting in a beautiful pine wood by the sea. An interpreter came with me and worked very hard as only my hostess spoke English. The Guide jeep, which has done many miles on mountainous roads, came to fetch us.

On the way back we visited Old Corinth, the excavated city, where St. Paul taught, and also Mycenae, where we saw the wonderful Lion Gateway to King Agamemnon's city built 2,000 B.C. Here, in the tombs, many priceless treasures have been found.



The Parthenon, which crowns the Acropolis hill above Athens

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The following week was spent at a Guiders' training at Cholargos, the new training centre of which Greek Guiders have every right to be proud. It is built on three sides of a square with a flag staff in the middle of the quadrangle. The green and white huts on two sides contain two dormitories each and the centre hut is divided into dining room, training room and small kitchen. It is attractively furnished and the local pottery is most colourful.

The Guiders at this course came from all parts of Greece and from the islands of Crete and Corfu. The next training course I attended, after taking some evening trainings in Athens, was at the American Farm School in Macedonia, just outside Salonica where, across the Gulf, we could watch the sunset behind Mount Olympus. Here we had Guiders from Salonica, Kavalla (where St. Paul landed for the first time in Europe before he travelled to Thessalonica) and from many small Macedonian villages. The sessions at both courses included demonstration Brownie, Guide and Ranger meetings besides discussions, games, songs, dances and test work.

The American farm school was started in 1912 by the father of the present Principal and was then a small hut and a few fields. Now the farm covers acres, and houses one hundred and eighty boys from villages all over Greece who learn, during a four-year course, all the modern methods of farming. As Greece is a mountainous country the soil is often very poor, but with modern methods it can be made more productive and thus help the Greek farmer to raise his standard of living. During the guerilla raids forty-one boys were taken from this school one night. Fortunately they all escaped, one boy standing in water up to his neck for hours to prevent his recapture. In the grounds in some army huts left by the Germans there is a domestic science school for girls run by the Society of Friends. I went to call on the husband and



The bronze charioteer at Delphi

wife who are running it and found a Scottish Guider whom I already knew.

This article would be incomplete without reference to the latest work connected with the Queen's Fund with which the Guide Movement in Greece works so closely. Money for the evacuation of children from the villages to the children's centres came from the Queen's Fund for which Her Majesty works most energetically. Now the emergency is over the children are being sent back to their villages—many of which are still desolate and battered. So that there shall be a welcome for them and a community feeling Children's Centres are being opened in as many villages as possible, helped by the Fund and the village people themselves. Their aim is to help these boys and girls to be self-supporting, to give them spare time activities, relaxation and fun as well as to create a sense of responsibility to their Community. Many Guiders are taking a keen interest in these Centres.

I visited a school, financed by the Queen's Fund, where older girls are having a two-year training in needlework, weaving, knitting by machine and laundry work so

that they can eventually go back and help staff other centres for teaching girls to be self-supporting with these crafts in their own homes.

Space does not allow me to tell you of all the many lovely things Greece gives—the wonderful mountain scenery, the ancient buildings, Byzantine churches, specially the beautiful one at Daphni with its superb mosaics. Then there is Delphi, with the temple of Apollo, grey stone theatre and stadium, around which the chariots and horses raced, and the fifth century bronze statue of the charioteer, one of Greece's great treasures, and the magnificent view between the mountains along a valley of olive trees to the sea. All I can say is, if you get a chance to go to Greece, don't hesitate, go at once!

IRIS MORRISON

The Secret Watcher

MISS MAYNARD tells us the art of stalking lies in the ability to 'see without being seen, and to hear without being heard'. How can we train our leaders to help their Guides achieve this? We all know Guides enjoy stalking but so often games are ruined because they don't really know how to set about them—they are disappointed, and what could have been fun and adventure turns into a failure.

Don't let's think that because we live in the middle of a busy town it's impossible to practise with our P.L.s. At the next leader's training suggest that each leader demonstrates the stalking positions while the rest offer constructive criticism. Then put all sorts of obstacles—dead twigs or leaves, two or three milk bottles, a rope across from two points—in the hall, room or playground or wherever you are and each in turn negotiates them in complete silence. Next time, to make it harder, each Leader can carry a little bell and in winter the lights can be turned out in the hall. After this practice the leaders can try out this stalking with their Guides in patrol time—it's quite possible even in a confined space.

Have you ever asked your leaders to discover your Saturday morning activities when you are doing the week-end shopping. Perhaps you leave the Town Hall at 10 a.m. and land up at the Clock Tower an hour later where the leaders meet you and tell you where you went, what you bought, whom you met. But did you see *them*? Were they 'seeing' without being seen?

At your next Guide meeting the leaders could take out

their patrols and try out the same stalking. Shops may be closed but the 'housewife' can post letters, look up buses, find out the time of the village fête.

In the country, with the wonderful silence that comes with evening, it's a grand opportunity to take your leaders to a field and listen for various sounds. Can the leaders really keep still for, say, ten minutes? (You tell them afterwards each noise they made.)

When the leaders in their turn take out their patrols for the same sort of listening it's as well to suggest they spread out the Guides a little—if one gets the giggles it's hard for the rest not to join forces! If they are just out of sight of each other, but all within earshot of the leader, and under her eye, this game can be fun and does help the younger Guides to learn the art of keeping still and quiet.

On another occasion one patrol could challenge another to get from a given point to the meeting hall without being seen—perhaps in disguise. (The challengers should be well spread out and keep their eyes open.) In the country this is a golden opportunity to use all stalking positions. In towns we have to resort to shop doors, mingling in a bus queue, watching cinema next week.

If we can get over to our leaders the thrill of stalking they will soon pass it on to their Guides. Doing things in secret is fun to anyone young—or old, we hope—but, like everything else, it needs practising before we become experts.

HILARY BURGESS

The Commissioners' Page

Headquarters' Finance

COMMISSIONERS and Guiders all over the country are deeply concerned over the future financial position of the Guide movement. This month's page is given to some letters, queries and suggestions on this subject and it is hoped that other Commissioners will give their opinions. Since these points were raised the Hon. Treasurer's Report has been published in the July GUIDER and readers will, no doubt, wish to refer to this report when considering their own answer to the question of finance as it affects their District, Division or County.

First, a letter from Mrs. Philip, of Birkenhead, Assistant County Commissioner for Cheshire: 'Are we to appeal to the public for funds, or are we to be self-supporting? When we first began to receive Government and Local Authority grants we ceased to be self-supporting. We have already appealed to Industry, we have appealed to the Rangers, Guides and Brownies and still more is wanted. Our work in other organisations shows that this same problem is facing all the voluntary organisations today. Is it not time that we said to ourselves: 'We can count on an income of so much a year, how can it best be used' instead of 'We need so much a year, how can we raise it?'

If we start, as we should in all our planning, with the pack and company we find their needs are modest but quite definitely cost more than they used to cost in the days when 1d. a week per Guide could keep a company solvent or nearly so. Churches, which formerly allowed Guides to meet rent free, are now compelled by their own financial needs to make a charge that will at least cover heating and lighting. Where a weekly rent is paid it takes most of the Guides' subscriptions and leaves nothing over for equipment, badges, test cards and other necessities. For both Guide and Guider the cost of uniform is high and it is all too common for the company to draw heavily on the Guider's own purse.

The child of today has many interests and often belongs to several organisations as well as Guides. Each organisation is urging that she can easily afford an extra penny a week so that it is not one penny but many pennies that the parents are asked to produce. Already there are children kept out of Guiding by the cost and any increase in the subscriptions would keep out many more. In the eyes of the parents 2d. a week is enough for one night a week when many clubs open every night of the week for 3d. or 6d. It is useless to say the cinema costs more—parents and children do not compare Guiding with the cinema or with the price of a bag of chips but with other youth clubs.

It has been said that there is more enthusiasm among Commissioners and I.H.Q. staff than among the Guides. We Commissioners certainly enjoy our Guiding, our conferences at home and abroad, our many contacts with people from other countries and our ever widening vision as we look at our World Association with pride and satisfaction. If one day we became so inflated with our enthusiasm for International Guiding that we floated away to start an Interplanetary Association from Mars how long would it be before our Guides and Brownies noticed that we had gone?

It is right that we should be proud of our World organisation and that we should realise what a chance it gives us of increasing understanding among the people of our world but we must ever remember that our first responsibility is to give Guiding, at its very best, to the Rangers, Guides and Brownies of our own towns and countryside. If the busy Guider has to spend much of her time raising money for her company and for I.H.Q. she has so much less time and energy to give to the training of her Guides and Brownies.

The strength and value of our movement lies in the standard of Guiding in the company and pack and nothing should be allowed to make it harder for the Guider to reach

the highest that she and her Guides and Brownies can achieve. So, may we ask ourselves some questions.

Are the present demands for financial support worth the cost, which is less time for real Guiding in our companies? Are the adult members of the movement enjoying themselves at the expense of the children?

Our training centres are splendid and the work of Trainers there is beyond praise, but if they are such a financial loss to the movement are we justified in keeping them on? Training could be given in less lovely places, places where the city Guider would be less discouraged by the contrast between the beauty of the countryside and her own city street.

If we cannot afford to receive so many visitors from abroad, or send so many delegates to distant places for conferences, let us reduce the number to what we can afford—unless there are those willing and able to go at their own expense. Let us face economy at every level and cut our coat according to the cloth we have in the good old fashioned way. Let us not join in the popular chorus of our day: 'What I need I must have. If I cannot pay for it others must pay for me'.

Money is definitely much harder to raise than ever before and we cannot go on increasing our demands indefinitely. Let us now, with our thinking centred on our companies and packs, consider how we can best use the money with which we have been entrusted to further the aims laid down by our Founder, remembering that in Guiding much can be done with very little—provided that we have enthusiasm, enterprise and courage!

Another Commissioner asks: 'Is it remembered at Headquarters that it is as hard a struggle today to raise the money for I.H.Q. at the company level as when the scheme began? That when this was launched the Guide movement was told that it was hoped gradually to reduce the contributions? That it was said the Thinking Day pennies would not be needed as well as the contribution of one penny a week?'

IMPRESSIONS FROM LOCAL ASSOCIATES: The Finance Scheme is a burden that is being carried conscientiously and loyally but it is felt that already the discrepancy is too great between the amount available for expenses and administration of companies, Districts and Divisions and the amount paid to Headquarters. No objection is made to the principle of appealing to the public for money—but to whom should the appeal be made? A nation-wide appeal can only spring from a national crisis, disaster or celebration. All businesses are having to curtail expenses, so are they likely to give generous donations to a general appeal? Any Headquarters Guide appeal not made on a national scale but through Counties, Divisions and Districts would cut across their local financial support. It would also antagonise many supporters who consider that the proportion of funds allocated to Headquarters is already excessive.

SUGGESTIONS FOR BALANCING THE BUDGET: Mrs. Hammond suggests: 'That the present Finance Scheme should be fully supported by all Counties, Divisions and Districts as a moral obligation.'

That the balance sheet of County Contributions, with their Census numbers, should be published in Headquarters Annual Report. That if the full year's income does not cover the same period as the census it should be brought into line, so as to make a correct account.

ECONOMIES AND ADJUSTMENTS: 'That the restaurant charges should be increased. (Special terms for staff, or increase of pay to cover cost).'

'That cheaper goods should be stocked in the shop. Many Guiders, Rangers and Guides cannot afford the best quality and therefore go to shops other than our own.'

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Goblins Galore!



HAVE you the kind of fertile imagination that leads you with delightful gaiety and ease into every kind of Brownie activity, your head bursting with original and spontaneous ideas? Or—have you a one-track mind?

Perhaps you may feel you can answer 'Yes' more readily to the second half of the question than to the first. If so, please don't despair—the one-track, the single idea has its uses sometimes and may lead you much further than you have ever believed possible.

Take the one idea of Goblins—and take it out of doors. What can you make, or adapt, in connection with these creatures? Try adding just one word to them and you have such things as Goblin Gold, Goblin Gardeners, Goblin Grab. Aren't all these suggestive of possible Brownie games or activities? Here are a few ideas worked out along this one track which you may care to try with your Brownies. Many of them start with a story which you can make as long or as short as you like, and any rules that are needed will be suggested by the limitations or the possibilities of your meeting place.

First, there's the Goblin who loved Bright Colours. So greatly did he love them that his house was the most garish spectacle in the land, and eventually the Goblin King received so many complaints about it that he decreed that the Goblin was, in future, to use one colour only. At first he was very downcast, but suddenly he thought of the colour green. He went into the country and found all the different shades of green and painted his house in them so that it was nearly as gay as before. And now each Six goes off and collects up as many different shades as it can for the Goblin.

Then there's the Good-luck Goblin who leads to a simple stalking game. Tell the Brownies that in the middle of the woods (or behind the bushes or air-raid shelter) there's a Goblin, and if you touch him you have good luck for a year. He has a magic pipe (Pan-pipe version) which entrances him so much that while he is playing it he is oblivious to all else. The Brownies move towards him while they can hear the music but 'freeze' the moment it stops.

The Goblin theme can be used for tracking as well. The Red Goblin has had a grand wash-day and has hung out a red tunic, red cap and shorts, vest and several pairs of socks (easily cut out of red paper). Unfortunately a strong wind (from a certain given direction) has blown them from the line. Will the Brownies help the Red Goblin by hunting for them in the direction in which the wind has blown? This can be played as a Six activity, each Six following a different colour. If you prefer a simple trail suggest that the youngest Goblin has been kidnapped. He was wearing a blue jersey and wisely decided that if he unravelled this and dropped bits of the wool, his friends might be able to find him. A simple trail of blue wool can be laid, leading to the unfortunate Goblin (made perhaps out of plasticine or pipe-cleaners, and clad in the remains of his blue jersey).

'Goblin Twins'—a very simple adaptation of a well-known Brownie activity—is popular. In Goblin Town there lived very mischievous twins who were always playing tricks on the Wizard. At last, in his rage, the Wizard made a powerful spell which turned all the Goblin twins into acorns, leaves, pebbles and other outdoor objects, and threw them out of his window. The Brownies are told that one of each pair of twins has been found. If they can find an exact partner the twins will be rescued and the spell broken. Each Six is then given a collection of acorns, leaves, pebbles, etc., and tries to bring back others exactly like them.

If your Brownies like this kind of activity try to follow up other 'one-track' ideas in the same way. There are witches,

who at once suggest enchanted broomsticks, magic cats, cauldrons and spells; gipsies, who have to capture wild ponies, make baskets, collect plants and make bright necklaces; and explorers who have been sent out to discover if certain specimens can be found in an unknown wood, who follow a trail to reach it and who may quite easily be captured by savages along the way.

So you see, a one-track mind may lead you on trips on a magic broomstick, into the jungle with explorers or on a wild pony hunt with the gipsies. In fact there are no limits to your journeys. And the exciting thing is that if you follow your 'one-track' far enough you will find that it will lead you into so many unexpected highroads and byways that before you know where you are, you will have joined the first group of people mentioned on this page: that is, you will be setting off to your pack meeting with a fertile imagination and a head bursting with original and spontaneous ideas!

AILSA BRAMBLEBY [Brownie Adviser for England]



Cape Province Brownies Send Their Tribute

'BROWN OWL, how do we begin? Do we put "Dear Queen" or "Dear Your Majesty"?'

The Pow-Wow thought about this, and then the Sixers decided that as the envelope was already addressed to Her Majesty we could just begin. Two meetings ago we had a competition to choose the best writers, and had picked the best three, just in case someone's mother should not be able to bring them, for if you live on a fruit farm in the Cape Province you may have to go quite a long way to Brownie meetings. Last week we had another competition to see who could decorate our envelopes best. An amazing silence reigned while everyone thought of the luckiest and gayest symbols they could put on paper and, having thought, chose the brightest chalks to give expression to their feelings.

Ingrid, Marialena and Rosalind were to write a line at a time, with Brown Owl's best pencils in red and blue, and Colleen was to decorate the envelope, with a new box of coloured pencils.

The Sixers had gone apart, with Tawny Owl, and had decided what was worthy of record. There was the dog's blanket, made of squares knitted by all the pack. 'And a recruit, Brown Owl, who's coming next term, but I told her she could just knit a square now'. There were two blankets for sick cats, many bandages, torn from old clean sheets and orange pockets and bushel baskets and paper bags full of washed medicine bottles of all sizes, all for the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals. 'Daddy says these are all we've got just now, Brown Owl, till some of the cows are sick—oh, I hope they will be'. Brown Owl thought of the valuable Jersey herd and could not echo the hope!

The royal scrapbooks were full of interest and somewhat strange variety. They were to go to crippled Brownies in hospital and Sunbeams in the native territories. Each maker had her own idea of what was gay and fitting. 'That's such a nice dog, the Queen would love that'.

And now the moment had come when these things had to be written down. The chosen ones sat apart, and while the rest of the pack played games, they drew and wrote their very best.

Just at the end one of the recruits said: 'Brown Owl, won't we ever know?'

'We'll never know for certain, but we'll always think', said Brown Owl.

'I'd rather know for certain, even if it wasn't good enough', said Elspeth.

R.C-D



Eileen Joyce SAYS:

"Luck isn't enough—only hard work and initiative lead to success."

Anne Brown:

"What a wonderful gift to be able to play like you, Miss Joyce."

Eileen Joyce:

"Thank you, Anne. I suppose most of us have some kind of gift, but it takes hard work to develop it. I had to learn music as you had to learn to type—starting right from the beginning and developing through years of hard work. I still spend many arduous hours every week studying and practising!"

Anne Brown:

"Yes—I suppose all jobs must be the same in that way—you always have to work hard if you want to get on, don't you?"

Eileen Joyce:

"You're right there, Anne. You can't rely on luck. You have to keep on trying and use all your initiative and enterprise."

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Headquarters' Notices

Coming Events

The Empire Circle: There will be no Empire Circle meetings during August. The Autumn Party will be on Wednesday, September 23rd.

Retreats for Church of England Guiders: The Retreat House, Catherington, Horndean, Hampshire, from Friday, September 25th to Sunday, September 27th, 1953. **Conductor:** The Rev. B. L. Spurgin. Fee: 30s. (including booking fee of 2s. 6d., not returnable). (Please book as soon as possible for this retreat. Beginners specially welcomed.) 1954 Retreat: Advance notice. Diocesan House, St. Albans, from April 30th to May 2nd. Applications and further information for both retreats from Miss A. Thompson, Little Meadow, Burcot, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

In Memoriam

Miss Barbara Pomfret Nutter, who died on June 16th, 1953, filled the post of Secretary of the Moor Park District of Preston for seventeen years with patience, efficiency and firmness. In 1944 she also took on the work of Badge Secretary and her sound common sense and good humour will be missed by Guiders and Guides in the District.

Notice Board

M.T.B. 630: During the training week of July 2nd-11th it was found necessary to send the trainees home early because of a suspected case of poliomyelitis on board. It has now been confirmed that the trainee was *not* suffering from polio. As a precautionary measure the M.T.B. was fumigated and the Port Authority gave her a clean Bill of Health. It is much regretted that the training had to be cut short but Rangers will appreciate that every necessary precaution had to be taken.

The Chief Guide's Violin: Pamela Enfield, a fifteen-year-old Patrol Leader of the 1st St. Ives, Huntingdon Guide Company, is the winner of the competition for the Chief Guide's Violin, 'Diana'. Under the Award Pamela will receive on loan for the next two years this beautiful instrument which will be presented to her by the Chief Guide at the Huntingdonshire County Camp for Guides at Abbots Ripton on August 1st.

The Guide Club: A Junior Membership of the Guide Club for new members is now open to all members of the movement between the age of 18-22 (whether active or otherwise). The entrance fee is £1 1s. and the annual subscription £2 2s. (or £1 1s. for the half year from July onwards).

Have you told your Rangers about the Training at Waddow from August 21st-28th? Activities may include hiking (day and overnight), homecraft, boating, weather lore, the Ranger Adventure Test and the Ranger Service Star.

The Thames Sea Ranger Association are holding their Annual Regatta on Saturday, September 19th at 2.15 p.m. off the Home Park (just above Kingston Bridge). Events include skiffs, single dinghy, sculling over stern, gig and style. Programmes, price 6d. each (1s. if bought at the Regatta), are obtainable from Miss M. Robinson, 40 Melbourne Court, S.E.20.

Ranger Charts on Loan: A wide selection of charts are available on loan from the Ranger Secretary at I.H.Q., for the cost of postage only. Many of these would be very useful for Ranger Service Star training and a list can be obtained from the Ranger Secretary.

'Youth in the Kitchen' competition: The closing date for entries for this competition, sponsored by the Gas Council, is October 1st, 1953, and full information can be obtained from any gas office or showroom. This competition is open to young people of both sexes between the ages of 15 to 19 years inclusive.

Districts and Divisions arranging services this year may like to know that copies of the Coronation Thanksgiving Service Sheets are still obtainable from I.H.Q. shops at 2d. each or 1s. 6d. a dozen, plus postage.

Copies of the Service Sheets as used at the Coronation Church Parade for Roman Catholic Scouts and Guides at Brompton Oratory on June 21st can be obtained from the Hon. Joan Hope, 20 Paultons House, Paultons Square, London, S.W.3., at 2d. each. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Sea Ranger Guiders will be glad to know that it is hoped to publish an article on 'Chartwork and Cross Bearings' in the September GUIDER.

Ranger Adventure Camps: There is still room in the camps to be held at Blacklands, East Grinstead, Sussex, from August 22nd-30th and at White Hall, Buxton, Derbyshire, from September 5th-13th. Rangers and Guiders may come for any period and should write for details to Miss Hillbrook, 10 Overton Road, Sutton, Surrey.

The Commonwealth Youth Service at Westminster Abbey on June 7th, 1953. The sermon preached by the Archbishop of Canterbury at this service, organised by S.C.N.V.Y.O. and W.A.Y. for youth organisations throughout the Commonwealth, has been reprinted in the Church of England Youth Council Newsletter for July, and is obtainable from the Church of England Youth Council, 69 Great Peter Street, London, S.W.1, price 4d., post free.

Appointments and Resignations

(May and July, 1953)

Miss Marjorie Grant, Chief Commissioner, South Africa.
Mrs. Curtis-Otter (vice: Mrs. Orr), State Commissioner for Victoria, Australia.

Lady McLarty (vice: Lady Lee Steere) State Commissioner for Western Australia.

Mrs. Durant, Commissioner for Kenya.

Datin MacKenzie (vice: Mrs. Pinnick), Commissioner for Malaya.

Mrs. Wynne (vice: Lady Tredgold), Chief Commissioner, Southern Rhodesia.

Mrs. Matheson (vice: Mrs. Leach), Commissioner for Sarawak.

Miss B. Gibbon (vice: Miss D. Harrison), Brownie Adviser, I.H.Q.

Mrs. Greenacre, J.P. (vice: Miss I. Morrison), Cadet Adviser for England.

Miss I. Morrison, Assistant Adviser for Guides for England (appointed March, 1953).

Miss J. Strong, J.P. (vice: The Lady Alethea Eliot), Extension Adviser for England (from October 1st, 1953).

Miss Merry-Motson (vice: Miss Black), Scottish Headquarters Secretary.

Mrs. P. M. Noaks, International Commissioner for Scotland.

Useful Publications for Your Company

Into the Way of Peace (Girl Guides Association, 3s.). Guiders who are looking for suitable readings and prayers at Colours in camp may be glad to be reminded of this small book, published first in 1944 for members of the British Guide International Service relief teams and their friends at home. 'A Litany on the Law' and many of the other prayers at the end of the book are appropriate for company prayers and the index helps you to find any special theme.

Guide Record Card: The card illustrated here is an enrolment and record card which every Guide will treasure. On the front there is a full-colour reproduction of the Founder's portrait by David Jagger, R.O.I., and an enrolment message from the Chief Guide. On the back are spaces for dates and signatures relating to the various stages in Guiding. This card, measuring $4\frac{1}{2}$ ins. wide by $7\frac{1}{2}$ ins. deep, is obtainable at 4d. through the usual channels for registered goods.

World Pictorial No. 2 (The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, 1s. 3d.) contains pictures of Guiding and Scouting in many parts of the world and will be welcomed by many companies who want to make up 'International' games or increase their knowledge of this side of Guiding.

Our Flag (published for the Church Assembly Children's Council at 1s. 6d.) would be a useful painting book to give to Brownies who want to learn about the Union Jack, and on the back, in simple language, is published the story of St. George, St. Andrew and St. Patrick.



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The Chief Guide

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

August

14-24 P.L.s (10 days) (Full)

28-4 Sept. Cadets

September

8-15 Guide and Brownie Guiders

18-22 N.W. London

25-2 Oct. Guide and Brownie Guiders

October

9-13 Cambridgeshire

16-20 Guide and Brownie Guiders

23-27 Campfire

30-3 Nov. New Forest Folk Dance Society

November

6-10 Guide and Brownie Guiders

13-17 District Commissioners

20-24 Ranger Guiders (all sections)

27-1 Dec. Guide and Brownie Guiders

WADDOW

August

7-17 P.L.s (Full)

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.

October

2-6 Music and Drama

9-13 Guide and Brownie Guiders

16-20 Yorks W.R.S.

23-27 Leicestershire

November

13-17 Ranger Guiders

20-24* (a) Handcraft for Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders

(b) Guide Pre-Warrant

27-1 Dec. Guide and Brownie Guiders

* Separate groups. Please state for which you wish to apply.

(For fees see July GUIDER)

M.T.B. 630, DARTMOUTH

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

August

7-14

September

1-11 Sailing

Fees: 3 guineas per week. All applications should be made to Miss V. Lees,

6 Middleton Hall, Torquay, enclosing a deposit of 10s. and a stamped addressed envelope.

I.H.Q. CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

Diploma'd Guiders' Conference at The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire, from October 30th to November 3rd. Fee: £2 16s 3d. Applications should be made as soon as possible to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department, enclosing a deposit of 7s. 6d., and a stamped addressed envelope.

A Music and Drama Conference will be held on November 20th-22nd. Miss Chater and Mrs. Bergel will be present and the programme will include a lecture recital by Miss Andreae. Fee 5s. Applications, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope and the full fee, should be sent to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department.

Cadet Conference. A non-residential conference for Cadet Guiders in England, Scotland, Wales and Ulster will be held at I.H.Q. on January 8th-10th, 1954; further details will be published later, but Cadet Guiders should book this date now.

ENGLAND

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. 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.

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.

Commissioners: Four weeks' course. October 1st, 5th, 13th, and 23rd. Fee 4s. Time 7-9 p.m.

Guide First Class: Four weeks' course. November 11th, 18th, 25th and December 2nd. Fee 4s. Time 7-9 p.m.

General Training: Open to all Commissioners and Guiders. Four weeks' course. October 27th, November 10th, 17th and 24th. Fee 4s. Time 11 a.m.—4 p.m. Provision will be made for children.

Land Ranger Guiders: November 28th. 11 a.m.—6.30 p.m. Fee (including tea) 3s. 6d.

Warranted Brownie Guiders. October 10th. 11 a.m.—6.30 p.m. Fee (including tea) 3s. 6d.

Extension Training Day: October 24th, details to follow.

Certificate Trainers' Conference: There will be a Conference for English Certificate Trainers at I.H.Q. from Friday, November 13th at 7 p.m. to Sunday, November 15th at 5 p.m. Application forms and all particulars may be obtained through the Chairman of the County Training Committees. Fifty places will be reserved for Camp Trainers. These will be allocated through the C.C.A.s.

SCOTLAND

Netherurd

August

4-11 Patrol Leaders' Reunion

14-21 Patrol Leaders' Representative Training

August

25-1 Sept. Commonwealth and Empire and Edinburgh Festival

September

4-11 Guiders' Training Week and Edinburgh Festival

18-21 Perthshire

25-28 Guide and Brownie Guiders

October

5-7 Local Association Conference

9-12 Glasgow S.E.

16-19 Pre-Warrant

23-26 Commissioners

30-2 Nov. Cadets.

November

6-9 Ranger and Guide Guiders

13-16 Brownie Guiders

20-23 County—City of Edinburgh

27-30 Prospective Certificated Trainers

December

4-7 Trainers

11-14 Rangers

(For fees see July GUIDER)

WALES

Broneirion

August

11-18 Patrol Leaders' Training

21-28 Patrol Leaders' Training (Full)

September

25-28 Guide Guiders

October

2-5 Welsh Trainers

9-12 Advanced Guiders

16-19 Brownie Guiders

23-26 Pre-Warrant and Commissioners

November

6-9 Chairman and Secretaries of County Training Committees

13-16 Guide Guiders

20-23 Montgomeryshire

27-30 Song and Dance

(For fees see July GUIDER)

ULSTER

Lorne

September

11-13 Trainers' week-end

18-20 Brownie

25-27 House closed for Commissioners' Conference at Portstewart

All Hallowe'en. Patrol Leaders.

(For fees see July GUIDER)

Lorne is open once more for holiday bookings during August. It makes an excellent centre within easy reach of the sea, country or town and there are many pleasant 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 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 to the Guider-in-Charge, Craigavad, C. Down, accompanied by a 5s. deposit.

Blacklands Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex. Applications for campsites should be made to the Warden.

The Guiders' Postbag

The Westminster Abbey Parade

May I, through THE GUIDER, express admiration for the way in which the Guide detachments attending the Westminster Abbey Service on June 21st marched from their assembly points. After the ceremonial parades that London had seen during the Coronation weeks it seemed possible that any marching by a body that had not had constant opportunities of practising together would appear amateurish, and 'playing at soldiers'.

This was not, however, the case on that Sunday; the Scouts and Guides gave an excellent display of the value of drill in enabling a number of people to be moved from one point to another in good order. The marching was easy and rhythmical, avoiding all pseudo-military stiffness, and giving a most happy impression of controlled energy.

EX-SERVICE WOMAN

A Thanksgiving Service in Germany

It was a great pleasure to me to be present at the District Coronation Service held at Christchurch Garrison Church for Guides and Scouts on June 21st. Nearly four hundred were present and the congregation included the Zonal Commissioner, Mrs. Dalton, the Division Commissioner, Mrs. Colman, the District Commissioner, Mrs. Birkbeck, the Assistant Commissioner for British Scouts in Western Europe, Group Captain D. Lumgair, and the District Commissioner for Hanover, Captain J. W. F. Sarjeant. The service was conducted by the Chaplain to the Forces, the Rev. J. Good, and Colours were carried by Guides, Rovers, Scouts and Cubs.

I was greatly impressed by the general co-operation, goodwill and friendliness shown not only by those directly interested in Guiding and Scouting but also by various branches of Services not immediately connected. Traffic control was handled by the Military Police. The Trefoil Guild gave and organised the

refreshments at the stadium and two T.G. members deputised for absent Guiders and brought along a pack of Brownies.
STELLA TUFTON [County Secretary for London, 1922-1938]

The Guide Club

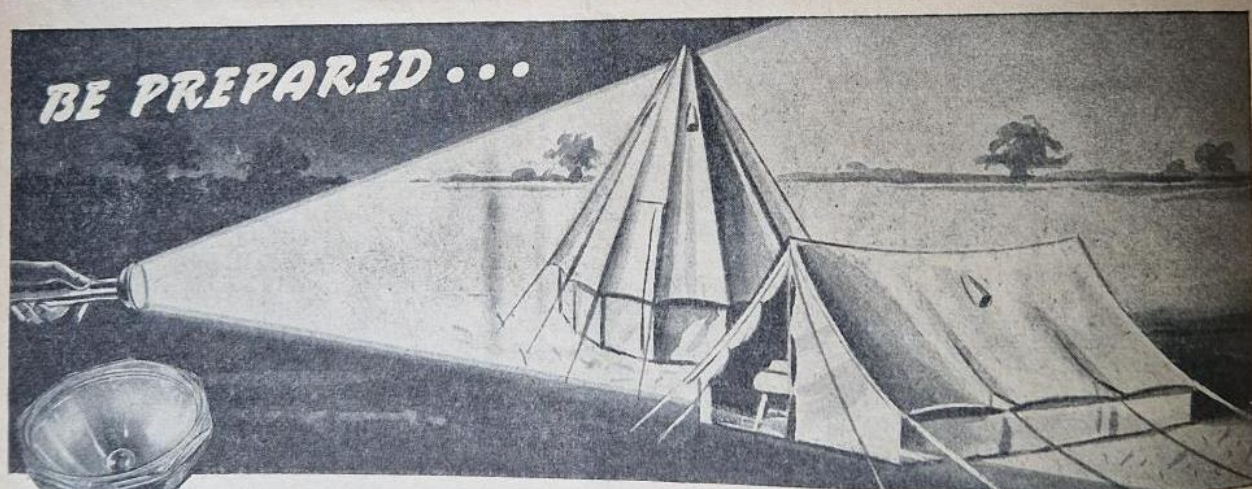
I wonder if all Guiders who are thinking of joining the Guide Club realise that if they join now they only pay half the year's subscription—£1 11s. 6d.—and the entrance fee of £2 2s. 7d. Having stayed there during Coronation week I now realise how many advantages the Club has to offer. Even during that most hectic week, when the Club was filled to overflowing, delicious and most inexpensive meals were available at all hours.

The following facilities, too, are such a boon when staying in London—an ironing and washing room, alarm clocks, early tea trays and latch keys, luggage carried upstairs, breakfast after your arrival from Scotland on the night train and the use of the garden and tennis court in the Square.

Few places in London can be more central and convenient for all bus routes and shopping. It is a good meeting place for friends, and private parties (i.e., coffee, tea or cocktails) can be arranged in the drawing room for those who want to return hospitality to London friends. Indeed, you can entertain your friends to a meal for as low as 3s. per head.

Those of us who were living in the Club in Coronation week cannot be grateful enough for the many details provided for our comfort. I drew a single room in the ballot, but those who slept on camp beds were provided with every facility. On Coronation Day breakfast began at 4.30 a.m., we were provided with packed lunches and on our return were able to watch the television. Perhaps the nicest part of all is the friendly, happy atmosphere and the immense trouble taken by the staff to make everyone feel welcome.

PATRICIA THOMSON
[Vice-Chairman Scottish Executive Committee]



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Finance Department: Applications to Financial Secretary.

Order Clerk. Aged 15 or 16. Reliability and accuracy at figure work essential. Salary according to age, starting at £2 5s. at age of 15.

Analysis Clerk. Aged 20-25 years. Some experience.

Equipment Department: Applications in writing to Equipment Secretary.

Assistant Buyer required. One who has received training with an export firm and is looking for change of employment might be suitable.

Handwriting typist required. Good speeds. Salary according to age and experience.

Book Receptionist required. 5-day week, 9-5.30 or equivalent. Wages according to age and ability.

Wanted occur in Stockroom for staff aged 16-18 years. These are progressive positions for girls looking for interesting work.

Probationary and General Office Work: Applications to Deputy General Secretary.

Order clerk required aged 15-16 years. Varied duties, opportunity to progress. Salary according to age and ability (minimum £2 5s.).

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HOLIDAYS

Venice and Maderno. October 15th-29th. Quiet autumn holiday. £34 16s.—Miss Haley, Goathland, York.

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The Commissioners' Page

(Continued from page 171)

That Counties would be prepared to pay expenses of County Commissioner to area meeting and to share expenses of Area representatives, more readily than to pay more into the pool.

That Divisions and Districts help Guiders to pay fees at Training Centres that will finance these establishments without subsidies. There is a very great appreciation of training centres in the movement and Guiders are ready to pay for training and administrative expenses, but would prefer to do so direct as part of the fees.

NOTE: Thinking Day pennies are given to the World Association for the expansion and promotion throughout the world of Guiding and Girl Scouting (i.e., starting new companies and sending Trainers to Tenderfoot countries) and should not be confused with the penny a week for the Finance Scheme, although one penny per head is paid from this to the World Association (in common with quotas from all the countries belonging to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) for the administrative work of the World Association. Referring to the suggestion that 'restaurant charges should be increased', and that there should be 'special terms for staff', members of I.H.Q. staff already receive a reduction in restaurant charges.—ED.

Second-Hand Nature

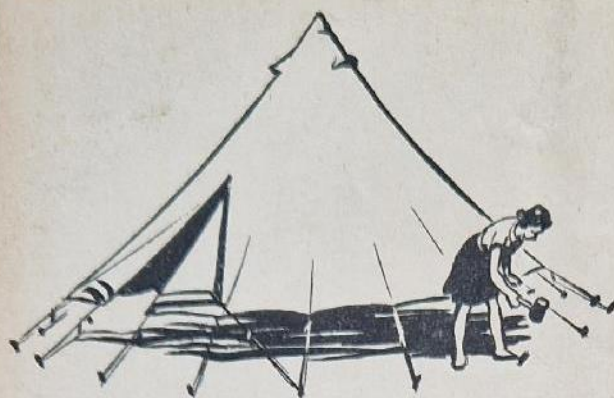
My eleven-year-old daughter is working very hard making a beautiful book. She tells me she is 'doing Second Class nature'.

It would be more apt to call it 'second-hand' nature because, although she is learning a great deal, it is all book-knowledge.

Would it not be possible to add a clause to the test which would enforce personal observation, such as keeping a weather record for a week? Almost every child could make a note of cloud formation, direction of wind, etc., on the way to and from school and if this were compared with the published forecast I am sure it would interest her family. Not wishing to stigmatise an excellent company I sign myself—A PARENT

HAVE ANY other speakers had an experience like the one told us recently by the Archbishop of West Africa? After his consecration by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Lagos Cathedral all the congregation went outside to listen to an address from the Archbishop of Canterbury. Drawn up in the centre of the cathedral close were all the Girl Guides of the Province forming the Christian cross. It was a very hot day, even for Africa, and here and there a Guide dropped out. As the time drew near for the new Archbishop to speak he felt he could never equal the eloquence of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Then inspiration and relief came to him in quick succession as more Guides fell out. Tearing up his notes and tossing them away he assured his hearers that after hearing such an eloquent speech from the Archbishop of Canterbury they would not want to listen to another from him. 'Thanks to the Girl Guides and their human weakness, he said, 'no one will ever know what a poor speech I might have made'.

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