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Signposts for Life

By The Lord Rowallan, K.B.E., M.C., T.D., Chief Scout

I HAVE often said that in Scouting, and, for the purpose of this talk, for Scouting also read Guiding, we have something that is unique in the world. Our foundation was different from any other youth movement that there has ever been because Scouting was founded by the boys. B-P, when he wrote that book which has been the basis of almost all developments in education in recent years, had no intention whatsoever of founding a new movement. It was the boys who got hold of that book and the boys who gathered together in their little gangs at the street corners and under the lamp-posts and insisted on calling themselves Scouts.

The Founder tried, over and over again, to get the Boys Brigade or the Y.M.C.A. or some other widely established movement to take the responsibility off his shoulders, but finally he was forced to undertake the job of leading this great mass of youth himself. And every single development from that day to this has come along, not as the grown-ups' idea of what the boys or girls should like, but from the boys' or girls' own idea of what they were determined to have.

You know the Guides had to be formed because the sisters would come along and get in the way of the brothers. They insisted on wearing Scout hats and carrying their mothers' broomsticks. They did not wear shorts

because that would have been too shocking for anything in those days. They would probably have been arrested by the police, but it was they who insisted on having their share in the family activity.

There is another great reason why Scouting and Guiding have spread and that is because it is based on fundamental

things. Don't we teach the boys and girls who come to us that the family is the first loyalty, the family which is so often breaking up nowadays because other loyalties are imposed upon them first. B-P, with that wonderful wisdom of his, that instinctive knowledge that was far greater than all the research of psychologists, realised that until you had loyalty to the family you could not go any further. If you do not, if you cannot, get on with your own kith and kin, how can you hope to get on with people with whom you have no common bond? From there he developed loyalty to, and love of, the community in which they live, and from there to the country to which they belong. Finally, and only when that loyalty to the country had been developed, there was the further expansion of the true understanding of the brotherhood and sisterhood of men and women wherever they might be, whatever race or country they might belong to, whatever creed they held . . .

That surely is why in



[Karsh of Ottawa]

The Lord Rowallan, K.B.E., M.C., T.D., Chief Scout

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Scouting and Guiding we do appeal to the very best that is in the boys and girls who come to us for leadership and guidance. All children like to feel that they are trusted—doesn't the patrol system give us that opportunity of showing that we are not going to be hanging around all the time to see if they are making mistakes, to see if they are doing the wrong things—we trust them to keep the Scout Law and the Guide Law.

Have you ever realised that there is something unique about that Law, too? Is there a 'do' or a 'don't' in the Scout and Guide Law? I haven't found it! The whole thing is a plain statement of fact—a Scout's or a Guide's honour is to be trusted. Simple, isn't it, the challenge to the boy or girl, which they accept with increasing eagerness as time passes. That challenge teaches them that however many badges they may wear if their honour is not to be trusted they are not Scouts or Guides.

It is a thing that far too few of us realise—this precious gift of a Law that is not a prohibition or an exhortation but a statement of fact. You know, just as much as I do, the effect of telling the child to do something, still more of telling him not to do anything! I used to think after having had five boys that the determination to do exactly what you told them not to do, and not to do anything that you told them to do, was confined to the male sex, but since my daughter has reached the years of indiscretion I know that this is common to both sexes. That again was the wonderful instinct that B-P realised better than any of us—the eagerness of children to accept a challenge and the determination not to accept an order, positive or negative.

We often feel we fail—I expect you do in the Guides just as much as we do in the Scouts, though it is very seldom a complete failure. The seed which you plant in the heart of your girls may take a long time to develop, but it is a help to them when the crisis comes in their lives. An illustration of this is the story of a young Mayor I met in South Africa. Everybody came up to me and told me what a wonderful influence he was for everything that was best in community life and how grand his leadership was. When I left the Mayor said to me: 'I wonder if you know my old Scoutmaster?' I said I did. He replied: 'Well, if you see him tell him I am still trying to do the things he expected us to do in that old troop.'

When I saw that Scoutmaster I told him there was one success at any rate he could claim in his Scouting career of about forty years. When he heard his name he said: 'What, that young ruffian! I thought he would end up with a rope round his neck!' He thought he had failed completely, that the seed had died in the soil. But it hadn't, and years later it came to its full flower—and that is true in so many cases that one meets.

There was a lovely story that came to me not long ago from Nyasaland. A young boy of fourteen was out with his father and two uncles in a canoe on the lake. A storm blew up, as it so easily does on that great lake, and they were driven far from shore and capsized. The two uncles tried to swim to the shore for help, but each in turn was driven back by the waves and had to give up. Then this fourteen-year-old boy insisted that he should be allowed to try and, very reluctantly, permission was given. Nobody knows how far he swam, nobody knows how long he was in the water, but through the storm he doggedly went on and reached the shore. He just managed to crawl up to the Chief of the little village and ask for help. His father and his uncles were rescued just in the nick of time, and the Chief, in sending in his report of this African boy's gallantry, said: 'And God sent his angels to bring him safely to the shore'. Can we doubt that that was true? It is the spirit that matters.

Our boys and girls are helped, too, to develop moral courage—the courage that stands up against the laughter and jeering of your friends. Over and over again I hear stories of boys in the Scouts who have resisted temptation and lived clean and decent lives in the most terrible surroundings. That surely was why Sir John Maud, formerly head of the Minis-

try of Education, called us the 'creative minority'—a small number of people who set the standards for the rest and gradually, by their example, raise the standard for all. That surely is a proud title and yet I believe that, by and large, we have earned it.

In Scouting and in Guiding we are privileged to show our boys and girls a way of life which is better than that they might otherwise have known, setting beacons on the channels to guide them and keep them clear of the shoals, not, sheltering them from life but strengthening them to withstand the buffets which some day they will have to face, to venture out into the unknown, confident and unafraid. It is a wonderful thing, isn't it, that we can have our share in that, thanks to the love and example of B-P who was responsible for giving us both our Law and our Promise, our signposts along the road of life.

Woodcraft Competitions and Games

1. 'How CAN I interest Guides in woodcraft during the winter?' asks a new Guider, and then probably turns her attentions to knotting or signalling as more concrete! (Both of these, by the way, can be classed as woodcraft.)

October is a lovely month in which to start on woodcraft, and here is an idea for a patrol competition to last a month. Tell the Guides to look out for the most beautiful thing they can see before the next meeting. When the time comes each Guide tells the company what she has noticed and why she thought it lovely. When the last Guide has made her contribution the company then vote for the one they like best—one up to that patrol.

The next week suggest the company listens for the most lovely sound; the third week ask the Guides what was the most lovely thing they touched, and the fourth week what was the nicest scent. If the company is a big one the patrols could judge their own efforts and the company vote for the best patrol. The Guider will find that these contributions often lead to interesting discussions and this often encourages the Guides to continue on the path of discovery.

There are only two rules in this competition. The Guide must have seen, heard, touched or smelt something herself, and it must be something natural and not man-made. The object of this kind of competition is sense training and observation, and there are very few companies in which the interest of some Guides is not aroused.

C.P.

2. Captain produced a large chart with smoke-prints of about fifteen different leaves. This was hung on the wall, and each patrol tried in a given time to find similar leaves from the neighbouring trees and arrange them in exactly the same positions on the floor in their corner. This required considerable skill in handling the delicate material, as well as accurate observation. As the leaves on the chart were named it was natural to refer to them by name, and the various trees were learnt. This led to a patrol competition for a collection of pressed leaves, mounted under sealing tape in books, and the books were sent as Christmas presents to the patrols of the town company with whom we had camped. Where trees are not available, the 'twins' can be found in a large heap of mixed leaves, and if these are collected in autumn and pressed they will last a surprisingly long time.

3. The P.L.s are White Hunters in deadly rivalry for the acquisition of six rare orchids which are known to grow in a certain area of the jungle. The rest of each patrol is a band of natives who have been told what to look for, and warned to keep their discoveries secret from the rival bands. P.L.s remain with Captain (who can use the first five minutes of the game for training). The 'orchids' (garden flowers or exotics made from scraps of coloured paper) have been 'planted' on different kinds of trees or bushes, some in obvious positions and one or two cunningly hidden. As soon as a native spots an orchid she must take one leaf from its tree and bring it back secretly to her White Hunter. The first Hunter to receive six different leaves may then go out with her natives and collect all the orchids.

T.M.J.

Footprints in Rhodesia

By Dorothea M. Powell

THE pathway to the church at St. Patrick's Mission lay dusty in the early morning sunshine and in the dust were the prints of many footsteps. An intricate pattern of comings and goings had been drawn by the tracks of the passers-by forming a palimpsest of toes and heels, of rubber soles and naked feet inextricably interwoven in their passage to the church.

In the church the same interweaving pattern was expressed in the service in the use of the native language for the familiar Evensong, and in the early morning when worshippers gathered for celebration of communion and African and

on the tarred road becomes a pair of macadam strips and beyond again the tar ends and the homing cars rattle over corrugated surfaces in a cloud of dust to disappear up farm tracks to their destination.

If you follow that cloud of dust for some miles you will enter a native reserve and come upon a village of mud huts

and thatched roofs. When you enter a hut you are immediately made welcome by the owner, who will be proud to show you all it contains. The outer room will have a fireplace in the centre of the mud floor and the only movable furniture may be a dresser. On it will be seen a strange mixture of Birmingham and Africa in the cheap china, or the container of a well-known proprietary brand of food contrasted with the hand-made earthenware cooking pots coloured in traditional patterns with natural dyes. Near the door may be a woman grinding mealie meal in a shallow pan with a rounded stone in her hand. Who knows how long ago that method was first used by her forbears? Inside the huts all seems neat and tidy, but outside the children and the many stray dogs and other livestock roam everywhere and disorder reigns.

The footprints led to the Christian church, and it is very impressive for a visitor to realise what an immense part in these sixty years has been played by the missionaries of all denominations whose devoted work has brought education, health and order into the lives of Africans. Men and women from many different European countries are giving their lives, under the impulse of an overruling inspiration, to the welfare



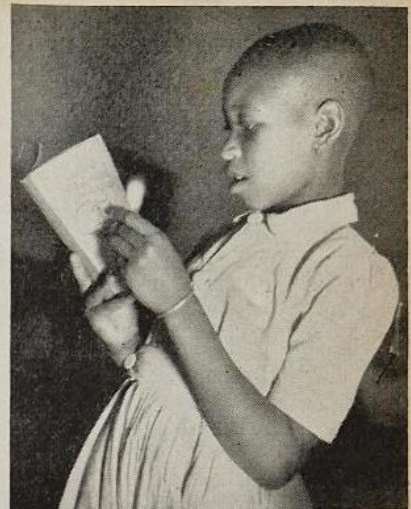
Outside their huts of grass and stakes the women pound mealies—in many cases the staple diet—into maize meal

European knelt side by side and the sacrament was administered by European priest and native deacon.

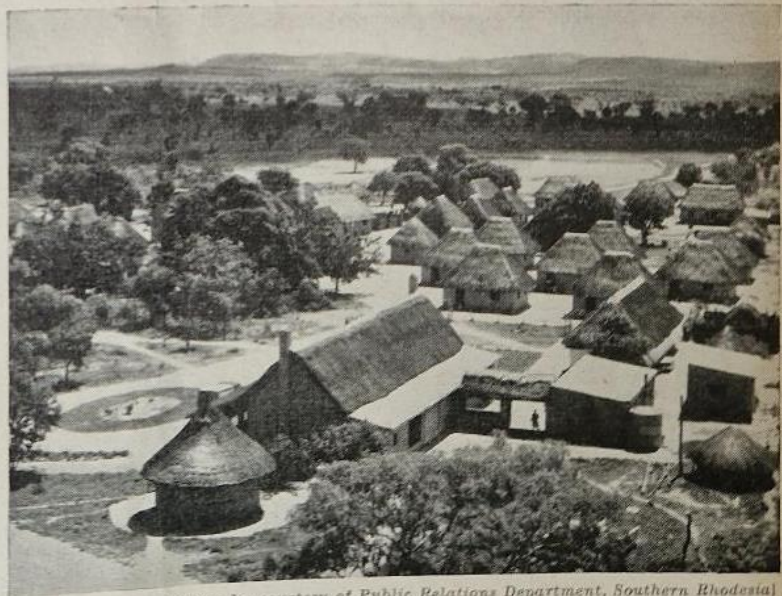
Here is summarised the situation in Rhodesia today. Side by side yet deeply contrasted, mixed but not yet blended, are two civilisations, the European and the African—the barefoot and the shod. A few yards from the modern European house, with its refrigerator and its wireless, may be found the round native hut of grass and stakes, or poles and mud, with the smoke of the cooking fire coming out from the roof and the inhabitants squatting round on the ground to eat their simple meal.

It is not difficult for the newcomer to see what has been happening in this country during the last sixty years. The contrast between the native living in his natural state and the heir of Western civilisation, bringing his culture and way of life with him to a land of great beauty and richness, makes a picture with its outlines clearly marked and its colouring vivid.

The pioneers brought with them in 1890 the desire to open up the natural resources of the country. To do this roads were essential and ways of communication were built to connect the centres of population which, in their turn, grew till villages became towns and settlements became cities. Today, as the traffic pours out along the road from Salisbury at sunset, the stream of cars overtakes the bicycles and the pedestrians as the Western civilisation has been overtaking the pagan. A few miles farther



Although attendance is not compulsory three out of five African children now go to school in Southern Rhodesia



[Photos by courtesy of Public Relations Department, Southern Rhodesia]

One of the homestead villages—the first started by a missionary—to help women to become true home makers in the native Reserves

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of this race in the sure and certain hope and belief that through Christianity the African may learn not only how to make a living but how to give his peculiar gifts to build a better form of civilisation than he has so far known.

A Time of Transition

The Christian missions, though they were the pioneers, are not now the only forces for good. An enlightened Government has brought schools and higher education, hospitals and health facilities and standards of agriculture to a growing proportion of the dwellers in the kraals. For the present the effect of education is to bring the countrymen in large numbers into the urban areas, just as it does in all parts of the world, with all the accompanying difficulties of housing and overcrowding and rootlessness. In a time of transition and development a certain restlessness makes itself felt and the modern roads encourage the African, who is a nomad at heart, to roam continually with his family and belongings in search of work or recreation so that the sides of the roads are thronged with his footmarks.

Turning to Guiding—has it a future in this country? The answer to that depends on the European. The problem of recruiting grown-up leadership is as acute as it is at home. The climate and the standard of living make great demands on women and the younger generation are not available during daylight hours, when all Guiding must take place. The heroic few are hard put to it to respond to the clamant demands of Brownies and Guides when they have caught the enthusiasm of the game.

African women are coming forward to lead the companies and packs in native townships and reserves but their training is dependent on the zeal of experienced Commissioners. Distances are immense and transport too difficult for it to be possible to hold more than an occasional training for these Guiders, and in the rainy season even the District Commissioner cannot visit some of the more remote reserves. A correspondence course has been devised and in the capable hands of the Commissioner for Training a growing number of African Guiders will receive their initial training by this means.

Three Cadet companies in the Teachers' Training Colleges will provide a steady flow of young Guiders to lead the African units. The European girl of Cadet age on the other hand has to go into the Union for her University or College course and training for future Guide leadership has to wait till she returns to take up her professional career.

Going Forward Together

The field of youth, both European and African, lies open waiting for cultivation, but the tillers are few. Yet Guiding can make a tremendous contribution in training the character of the young people who will be responsible for the welfare of all who make Rhodesia their home. It is a land of promise and infinite possibilities, a country of great beauty to inspire those who live not only in it but for it.

The pathway is full of the tracks of human feet. Their welfare is indivisible, they must go forward together in good fellowship. Their aims must be complementary and their vision of the future must be shared.

The Chief Guide's Tribute of Service

As her personal Coronation Tribute the Chief Guide fitted up some rooms, that had not been lived in for fifty years, in her apartment at Hampton Court Palace as an 'indoor camp' for Guiders from overseas coming to England in this Coronation summer. The rooms were used by relays of Guiders from over twenty countries and a few Girl Scouts, and this story has been written by Miss Laura Rust, who acted as Hon Secretary and, in the Chief's Guide's own words, 'helped everybody and everything throughout the few months of this happy and useful enterprise'.

ONCE again this quiet little corner of Master Carpenter's Court has settled down to silence, solitude and memories. Yet what stories these grim old walls could tell. They have seen many Queens come and go. They have heard of Queen Mary's invitation to another Elizabeth—ill-fated daughter of Anne Boleyn—an invitation to visit Hampton Court Palace only to be imprisoned in the Water Gallery. They have swelled with pride, warmth and comfort when, in later years, that same Princess returned as 'Good Queen Bess' for Christmas festivities. What fires glowed in their famous fish kitchen and what quantities of fish was unloaded in the nearby Fish Court. What goings and comings to and from the Great Hall where brilliant masquerades were in progress. They have been silent and watchful, too, as intrigues connected with the marriage of this Queen were discussed and dismissed.

Many years have passed. Age and inactivity began to settle upon them and, when in the reign of George III, Hampton Court ceased to be a royal residence these ancient walls resigned themselves to the unwantedness of old age.

They were mistaken! Another great and gracious personality is to restore them to warmth and feeling once again. The World Chief Guide walks across from her 'Grace and Favour' apartment and, with vision, courage and enthusiasm, fits them for the reception of young visitors. These are Guides who, having dedicated themselves to the service of Queen Elizabeth II. They pour in from many quarters of the globe and fill every nook and cranny. Corridors ring with life and laughter. The spacious kitchen is the scene of cooking,

washing and ironing. Nylon stockings, slips and panties hang on the lines and cause the old walls to blink and look again. Many tongues and languages confuse them somewhat. Guides from Sierra Leone, Bermuda, Gold Coast, Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda mix with their sisters from Iceland, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Belgium as well as from Gibraltar, Australia and the United States of America.

The whisper that one Guider from Grenada, West Indies, was to be invested with the O.B.E. by the young Queen, floated up to them and they approved.

They could not fail to feel the excitement of their young visitors when, nearly four hundred years after her namesake Elizabeth II came to a ball given in her honour by the Household Cavalry. How proud they were that these young guests held special cards admitting them to the precincts of the Palace. What an honour to watch from the windows of the Chief Guide's apartment, to listen to the strains of music and wander in the flood-lit gardens.

Only the walls of the 'Common Room' heard the one little ghost story. A party of young American Girl Scouts, returning from a theatre by a late train, entered the deserted grounds. Two, who were to prepare supper, hurried ahead. A night watchman, thinking to let them know of his proximity, jingled his keys. This was enough. The supper patrol fled screaming to the main party and all met the 'ghost' together.

Now, one and all have departed to the ends of the earth. The Annexe is closed. 'Taps' has been sung and Tribute paid.

The Scottish Handcraft Circle

IT is a significant fact that throughout this country there is a growing awareness of the need for handcraft in everyday life. The Festival of Britain was used in many places as an opportunity for exhibiting past and present crafts of the locality, and these aroused wide interest. Too often, however, these exhibitions were but a sad, nostalgic show of beauty in everyday life, now dead or dying.

The Industrial Age deprived the working people in this country of the practice of their inherited skills, and the subtle exercise of taste in the use of materials, which comes from long experience in a craft. Both men and women suffered alike from the loss of that imperishable joy which comes from producing, and then using, a sound and satisfying piece of work.

It is an absurd situation that we find ourselves in today—that the Government should have to spend much money on encouraging by 'further education' the cultivation of craft work which a hundred years ago was in common practice. And curious, too, when one reflects that hand-made work is only obtainable at a price beyond most pockets. Happily the urge to make still persists and is especially strong in children. The misfortune is that the thing made is often so uninspired.

Some three years ago a small group of Scottish Commissioners and Guiders were struck with the same idea. Guide handcraft was good, but not nearly good enough. So often execution was satisfactory but design second rate, materials poor, and finish rarely what it should be. In fine, so many apt young pairs of hands producing work which could be far better if only examples of what can be done could be made available.

Scotland has an immense heritage of ancient skills, and it was in a spirit of mission that the Scottish Handcraft Circle took shape; imperative that no time be lost in handing on to the young, not only the skills, but the taste which controls eye and hand in their exercise. A small Council was formed, with the approval of the Girl Guide Scottish Executive, to work out a policy and scheme of activities.

It was agreed, in the first place, that it was impossible to hope to raise standards unless first-class work was produced with present-day materials. Work which could be used to show to Guiders and Guides, and which could be handled and looked at, back and front. This the Council set themselves to do. One of the objections so often raised is that materials are now unobtainable or too expensive. The examples which have been made have since proved this objection to be unfounded.

It was also agreed that the things made for show should be articles of everyday use in the home, thus fulfilling the requirements of pre-industrial era handcraft. Work must stand up to use and wear; it must be both necessary and beautiful.

The Council felt that traditional designs should be used in so far as they appeared happy, and at home, expressed in present-

day materials and in present-day surroundings. Experiment in modern materials and modern design, however, should be encouraged and judged by standards of usability and good taste. It is obvious that today must have its contribution to make to the future, as well as the past, if an unbroken living tradition is to persist.

It was also thought to be a wise policy not to explore those forms of craftwork which require expensive and specialised equipment, or a room set apart for their pursuit. Thus pottery and large-scale weaving were ruled out. Finish—that indecipherable quality which for ever divides the best from the not-so-good—must be sought and exacted. Work must be 'tailored' and no 'bitsyness' allowed.

The Council were of one mind that handcraft of the highest order has a direct and immediate appeal both to children and adults. The second rate is shamed into silence and retreat by comparison. This judgment has since been proved to be unerringly right. The work that has been produced has carried its own message.

The Council very soon gathered members who paid a small subscription and were either already skilled in some craft or eager to learn more. Thus it was that the Scottish Handcraft Circle came into being. Training days were arranged when one or two subjects were studied—subjects decided on by the members. All instructors gave their services voluntarily and often themselves took instruction in another craft. The Circle always has been, and is, a body of amateurs, though some of its members are of professional proficiency. The Council believes that craft work should be a joy-making occupation for busy people and not a professional employment.

Two week-end trainings have taken place at the Scottish Guiders' Training School at Netherurd. It would be easy to be lyrical about these week-ends. Groups of members stitching linen, learning new designs, spinning, weaving, practising lettering, making patchwork and whittling with pen-knives—all spell-bound, all exchanging ideas and teaching one another.

The Circle holds an annual exhibition for which set subjects are given. The idea underlying the set subject is that in the space of a few years it is aimed to have a number of examples of work, covering all those things of general use in the home, which can be sent out on loan for show purposes. The work so far covered is tea-cosies and tray cloths, aprons and feeders. The subjects for 1953 are toys and bags.

The work for the annual exhibition is examined by an expert and the best pieces are given a star. Members whose work is starred are asked to loan that work to the Circle for one year so that it may be exhibited.

These are the activities and policy of the S.H.C. But how does the gospel of good work get round? By very simple and modest means. One Council member tells how, on her summer



Aprons shown at the annual exhibition for which the Scottish Handcraft Circle sets different subjects each year of general use in the home

Notes on the Girl Guides Association's Finance

THE following notes on finance generally have been drawn up as a result of a proposal put forward by an English county and recommended by the English Committee to the Executive Committee of the Council in the hope that they will give you a clearer picture of our financial position than is revealed to the ordinary 'layman' in our *Annual Report and Accounts*, to which you should refer if further details are required.

In addition to the grants mentioned under that heading there are a few small annual sums that accrue from interest on legacies and gifts for a special purpose.

The following is a list of the principal assets belonging to the Girl Guides Association, and their present value:—

Freehold properties (Foxlease and Waddow)...	£ 31,778
Leasehold property (Imperial Headquarters building) ...	70,100
Investments ...	73,693
Balance in bank and cash in hand ...	2,371
Other assets (principally stock, etc., in Equipment Department) ...	74,848

In addition to the above, which belong to the 'General Funds' of the Association, the following assets are held in 'Special Funds':—

Investments (Chief's Memorial Fund) ...	£ 118,389
Balances in bank and cash in hand ...	12,115
Other assets (furniture and stocks at Training Establishments) ...	10,373

Our annual income in the General Funds of the Association in 1952 was:—

Net profit on sale of Equipment, etc. ...	£ 9,878
Interest on Investments ...	2,055
Donations ...	666
Countries Quota—Finance Scheme ...	24,758

(See also diagram on page 207)

Less: £37,357

Against which we spent:—

General administration (including Training, International, Overseas and Branches Depts.) ...	32,737
Maintenance (Rent, Rates, Repairs, etc., at I.H.Q.) ...	4,725
Special Grants (including grants to our Training Establishments) ...	7,221
Other payments on behalf of the Movement (e.g., World Bureau Quota, Insurance) ...	2,352
	47,035
Leaving us a deficit for the year of ...	£9,678

Notes.—

- (a) Of the expenditure given above under General Administration and Special Grants, about £7,000 is spent on Training, including the grants given to our Training Establishments.
- (b) We received £35,118 from our Appeal Fund during 1952, all of which is being treated as capital for investment, and is included in the General Fund assets, either under Investments or Balance in Bank. The remainder of the Appeal money is being received principally in the form of annual payments under Covenants which, with Income Tax repayments, will bring in about £3,700 a year for the next 7 years. All this will be treated as capital and added to our investments.

Grants

We received the following Grants in 1952; most of these are received annually, but in some cases the amount varies from year to year:—

		Spent	Disposal entirely on
Ministry of Education ...	£6,080		Training.
King George's Jubilee Trust ...	800		Training & Camping.
	2,000		Development Grant.
	200		Secretarial Grant for Counties.
Frothblowers ...	250		To assist Guides with camping fees in cases of hardship.
South Africa Aid to Britain Fund ...	500		Grants for Guides, 16 to 21, travelling abroad in parties.
Chief's Memorial Fund ...	2,971		Grants for travelling bursaries for Guides and others going abroad in charge of parties.
			Fares bursaries to Training Establishments.
			Overseas Guiding.

All these grants are disbursed to the Movement on the general lines shown above. None of these are used for I.H.Q. expenditure, and they are in addition to the income and expenditure of our General Funds.

The Scottish Handcraft Circle

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holidays, she was wont to bring her black-work embroidery into the hotel lounge.



















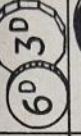





The S.H.C. have had marked success in the Square Centres. All the Centre Leaders are members. By doing craft work themselves in the Centres the good infection has spread and now the Centre girls are keenly interested in patchwork, cross-stitch and pulled linen work—scorning transfer patterns and lazy-daisies. The boys are, many of them, good weavers.

The Council of the S.H.C. fully realise that Guiders, as a rule, have not much time to spare for handcraft beyond test work. Craft work is an absorbing occupation and not a company activity. It is the aim of the S.H.C. to provide help, advice and encouragement and, where possible, instruction to Guiders and Rangers. This is how the show collection of work proves specially valuable as a means of bringing new ideas and better standards to companies. A cup for needlework has been competed for by Rangers all over Scotland. The entries were judged by the S.H.C. Council, and great hopes are entertained that talent will be spotted and thereafter fostered. Ranger Companies may join the S.H.C. on special terms.

The Scottish Handcraft Circle has been greatly helped and encouraged by the Girl Guide Scottish Executive. The Circle has liaison with the Executive through the Training Department. Its members, however, are by no means confined to those within the movement. It has always welcomed any true craftswoman, be she Guide or not.

The Circle has brought an immense amount of joy and satisfaction to its Council and members. Very few busy people in these days would sit down to an occupation that gives such supreme content, but appears quite selfish, without a grumble of conscience. But call that occupation 'service' and it becomes another story! RACHEL YOUNGER

Comparative Table of Appropriation of Finance Scheme Contributions, 1952

	England	Scotland	Wales	Ulster
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(b) Towards general administrative expenses				
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When You Are Single-Handed—II

THERE is not nearly so much fun working with a pack single-handed as having a Tawny to share the 'ups and downs', but perhaps these few tips will help Brown Owls along while they are searching for someone to lend a hand.

In the general running of the pack single-handed Brown Owl will, of course, have visiting, uniform problems, accounts, records and charts, etc., all on her own shoulders. In the actual pack meeting the chief difficulties will usually occur when planning test-work and handwork, or any outdoor activities. There is also one more snag. Most of us are reasonably good at a few things, but we all have our weak spots! We may successfully cope with story-telling and, with the Brownies' help, be quite satisfied with our ceremonies, but how we long for someone who is good at hopping and skipping!

With experience our pack leader may prove most capable, but this does not completely solve our problem, and we should try to do something about it.

In the first place it is essential to have a clear aim in mind. To get to know and help each individual Brownie, and to send her up to the company as the best possible Guide, is a big task for the Guider with plenty of help. The Brown Owl who knows she will be working on her own for a time has this task doubled. She must be absolutely determined to keep her numbers small. Be fair. Have a carefully kept waiting list and see that your Brownies understand it.

Although there may be no one to help with group time, the Brownies' work must be planned to fit the stage they have reached, and it is specially important to see that all the necessary apparatus is to hand. It is best to plan for several weeks together. Have these written down in a programme book. Watch that there is a 'balance' between games and work and check that you are not leaving out the things you feel you are not so good at.

Knowing that she will be holding her fort alone, Brown Owl should try to arrange that mothers coming to see her and similar interruptions come, if possible, at the end of the meeting. If Brown Owl knows she may be needed at an odd moment in the middle, plan something to occupy the Brownies happily on their own.

Some of the Brownies' activities will run quite smoothly without extra help. Well-chosen games of all kinds, acting, Pow-Wow and stories, ceremonies, etc., can all be taken quite easily by the one person.

For marking the register and collecting the subs, there are several quick ways. Maybe the Brownies enjoy having the Sixer to collect the money and mark the Six book. These can be copied into the register after the meeting. There may be a pack chart or cards for each Six, where each Brownie can put her sub, on a circle with her own name. If there is a safe place where these can be kept Brown Owl can deal with them later. As a novelty, each Brownie can draw a circle round her penny and turn it into her 'picture' with her name underneath. These can be quickly collected (after having a picture show) and the register marked from them



You long for someone good at hopping or skipping!

later. At all costs avoid sitting down to mark the register as if in school!

For planning test-work Brown Owl needs all her ingenuity. If possible have clear charts where the Brownie can mark her own progress.

The single-handed Brown Owl must always be on the lookout for good 'teaching' games, games which give definite opportunities for practice and revision. Avoid those which only 'test' so that a Brownie who is poor always drops out.

There are plenty of good games of this kind for the whole pack, easily taken by one grown-up. Very often they will need apparatus. If this is strong and well made it will last for several years and can be used for a variety of activities.

When a mother is coming for an enrolment or to see about uniform she may be quite happy to stay on for a little while to lend a hand. Use her. She probably knows as much about table-laying or sewing on buttons, or darning as Brown Owl herself! In any case she will probably be very willing to look after a group of Brownies who have a picture game to arrange or a scrap-book to be pasted.

Occasionally Captain or Lieutenant may spare the odd evening to help. Perhaps they have come along because there is a flying-up ceremony. This is the time to use their expert help for the knotting and flag groups or perhaps the compass or semaphore.

Very often there is a teacher or friend who is fond of children, and she can be persuaded to come at odd times to help as long as she has your promise not to ask too often or to try to rope her into uniform. Respect this request, and accept the help she will perhaps give with a singing game, some handwork, or maybe a skipping or ball group.

The experienced Brown Owl may be fortunate to have new Guiders sent from time to time as 'visitors'. They are often more than pleased to be given a definite job and to feel they have helped. Try to find out beforehand what they like doing.

At a District or Division meeting there is always an opportunity to talk to other Brownie Guiders. Find someone else who is single-handed. Offer to go one evening to help her with a request to do the same for you. Make this a special test-work evening. Plan in Pow-Wow that on this particular evening you will give extra time to all the things that specially need more help. A pack will always feel the lack of a Tawny of its own.

The Brown Owl, too, cannot help missing the help and companionship of someone to share in the running of the pack. Perhaps, however, there is one small consolation. The Brownies will certainly get plenty of opportunities to put into practice their Brownie Motto. Brown Owl will have no time to fuss over them, and the Brownie who is keen to make efforts for herself should go on to be a resourceful and capable Guide.

F. GOODYEAR



A Brownie's mother will teach darning

More Games to Play, by Elsie Jones (Edinburgh House Press, 2 Eaton Gate, London, S.W.1, 1s. 3d.). These games, which have been collected from many sources overseas, will be welcomed by the Brownie Guider who wishes to interest her pack in other countries. Some are similar to games which the Brownies play, but this only emphasises the common bond of children of all nations and others are new and welcome additions to the pack Games' Book.

E.P.



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:

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Training Games for Next Year's Camp

Exploring an Island

YOUR patrol is waiting to cross to an island to explore and at present you are cut off by dangerous floating ice. While waiting make these preparations:—

1. Establish your mainland camp by erecting a flagstaff and hoisting Colours.
2. Build a pyramid fire, mark size of turf you would cut. Collect and name three kinds of kindling wood you would use to cook on, and wood you would use to make smoke signals.
3. When the ice clears you will need a raft to carry your possessions. Lash four poles to make a framework. Show you can snake lash. Fasten a rope on it as a tow rope.
4. Everything on the raft must be protected from wet. Pack this bedding in a ground sheet.
5. Someone will stay in this base camp. Make a rope ladder for her to climb to the look-out.
6. This is a blank map of the island. Mark in: rocks in S.W. corner; a river ending in a marsh; peak of 3,670 feet in centre, etc.
7. Crossing will be dangerous. All the patrol must improve life-line throwing. Know who are your best to call on in an emergency.

Each patrol works as an independent unit. System of checking during, or after, the game is a matter of choice.

Finding the Buttons

An important visitor to the Coronation was presented with a set of gold buttons (ordinary buttons covered with 'gold' milk tops). These were entrusted to Chief Minister Fushari. This gentleman was afraid of thieves and hid the buttons in several places. Unfortunately, he was called home suddenly

and departed without revealing their whereabouts. He has, however, left behind him a paper of clues.

1. Base of a tree whose wood smokes.
2. 6 paces north of tree providing good kindling.
3. Corner of hedge providing good gadget wood.
4. The sun will shine in this window at 7 a.m. B.S.T.

Alternatively clues (or the buttons themselves) may be parted with by Captain when the patrol can tie a certain camp knot, perform a camp activity, etc.

Choose Which

Patrol in corners, with clear view of centre of room where 'exhibits' are to be placed. When the exhibit is shown, the patrol should not decide until they have had time to discuss the matter. In this way young members learn.

At the word 'go' one member of the patrol runs with a patrol tally (piece of wood) and places it by the exhibit which her patrol has decided is correct.

Suggestions for 'Exhibits'

1. The wind is blowing in this direction (indicate); I will light my fire on this side (put down match) or on this side (put another match on opposite side).
2. I am knocking in tent pegs (or chopping wood). I hold by mallet (or axe) here (at the end) or here (near the head).
3. This is my rubber ground sheet. I put it down this way, or this way.
4. A piece of orange peel. It will go here (label pig-pail) or here (label incinerator).

Examples can be multiplied, but there must always be two clear exhibits, not one handled in different ways, e.g., two mallets, one rightly and one wrongly grasped, not one with two demonstrations.

C.M.S.

If There Were No Guide Headquarters!

Extracts from the local and national press and conversations overheard in (British) Railway Trains

From the 'Silverbridge Standard'

At the time of going to press there is a strong rumour current that Bassetshire Girl Guides are presenting an ultimatum to their Superintendent to the effect that they will work on the scheme of tests now used in Loamshire or they will not work at all. Loamshire includes carpentry, water polo and toffee-making in Grade 1. Mrs. Grantley, asked by our representative for her views, said that she thought that perhaps some revision of Bassetshire test-work was called for. She regretted that there was no machinery for an exchange of ideas between counties.

From the 'Gatherum Gazette'

Great difficulty is being experienced in recruiting adult help for the Gatherum Guide Association. Three companies and two Bunches of Violets are without leaders. This is thought to be attributable to the unfortunate case of Miss Serena Newt who was held to be responsible, through negligence, for the accident to Ann Grasping at the Guide camp last year. Mr. and Mrs. Grasping, suing for Ann, were awarded £500 damages against Miss Newt.

From the 'Crapstone Evening Herald'

Twenty Guide Officers left Plymouth for the continent on Saturday night to make contact with groups of Guides alleged to exist across the Channel with a view to exchanging visits in the future. News had reached them that the Guides in a neighbouring county, taking unfair advantage of the fact that their Commandant's brother-in-law was a cousin of the

Naval Attaché in Copenhagen, had established a link with Guides in Denmark.

From a Report of the Polstead Friends of Guiding Annual General Meeting

Mrs. Provident, representing the parents, asked if it were really necessary to change the uniform again. She thought the present green overall with scarlet facings both smart and practical. The chairman regretted the necessity they were under but explained that all companies within easy reach of Loamshire had had to be closed as there had been a mass desertion of Guides across the border immediately the Loamshire Guides had gone into jeans and T-shirts.

Eavesdroppings

- 'If only I could talk it over with someone who is up against the same problems. . . .'
- 'If only there was some place where I could be trained. . . .'
- 'If only I could get hold of some books to help me. . . .'
- 'If only my Guides had a chance of doing some of these lovely things. . . .'

Conclusion

The more we are together, together, together,
The more we are together
the more help to the individual
the more effective as an Association,
and (therefore)
the merrier we shall be!

C.E.H.

A Movement Must Move!

MOST of you who read this will be too young to remember the exhibitions at Earl's Court where, for the price of 6d., you could board a ship (Oh, joy!) and then go for a trip along the coast of the Mediterranean by the simple device of a panorama pulled along past the deck on which you stood. That part was not quite so good, the illusion was far from perfect, but the intention was plain. You were supposed to be moving because the coast was going past you.

I wonder how often we hear 'Guiding is not what it was'. 'What fun we used to have'. 'Nobody bothered about music and drama in those days, we just invented things as we went along', or, simply and reproachfully, 'Guiding used to be a game'. Has Guiding changed so much, or has the backcloth slipped by?

A common feature of most Guide pageants is the scene of the 1912s, with staves, long skirts and cock's feathers. What a pity it is that when we dress up our performers in old style uniform, we cannot also dress up our audience and re-create their background. They must wear hobble skirts and cart-wheel hats, only the richest will have motor cars but even those of modest means have a domestic staff living in, and will go home to a meal ready prepared. The younger children in the audience are mostly the product of the nursery, an institution living its own life and making its own amusements. 'Kiddies' (to use a popular term for children on the loose) are not a feature of this scene. They are either with their parents, under strict supervision, or else happily employed in nefarious pursuits against which the juvenile court has not yet been established.

The entertainment is an unusual treat to those who have been brought to it, whether they come from nursery or from family living-rooms. They will not expect to be 'bought off' by an evening at the pictures to make up for an afternoon of boredom. They will remember the songs that are good enough to be remembered and sing them when they get home. The actors' voices will only be carried away on the wind, not engulfed in a roar of jet-propelled planes, and ice cream, if present, will be a home-made luxury, not a mass-produced necessity.

On their return, the hobble skirts will find a meal but not a radio, a piano but not a television set, and as their desk rather than their telephone is their chief means of communication with their friends, their evening is not likely to be interrupted by problematical discussions at long range.

The less affluent parents have little leisure in their working lives, but their children follow a simple round of school and playtime, their freedom not subject to the competitive attractions of classes, clubs, cinemas and comics.

The black-stocking brigade lacked speed of transport, independence of movement, wide choice of recreation, scientific amenities, but they had one priceless asset—time. Time to spare, time to concentrate, time to savour and relish their simpler and less frequent pleasures—'to taste their pennies' as a little boy once said. Children have not changed fundamentally, their capacity for enjoyment and their desire for experiment remain the same, but modern conditions conspire to rob them of that capacity and to kill that desire.

B-P left a Game—and a Method

What was Scouting intended for? Surely to make life more real, more interesting and more exciting. To train character by practical experience, to help boys and girls to learn by doing and to become living people in the process. B-P had a most humble and flexible mind, and he did not leave us a syllabus or a book of rules, he left a game and a method. We are inclined to regard Scouting as a sort of common law, a faith once delivered which must be defended

at all points, instead of seeing in it a marvellous and adaptable tool for all conditions and any circumstances. It is our business to ensure that Guiding supplies what is most often lacking in the up-bringing of a growing girl, and to do this we must take note of life today, super-mechanised, standardised, age-grouped and chromium-plated as it is.

It is a matter of emphasis. Some elements in our training are more important than ever before, others have been taken out of our hands. A short time ago, a kind of quiz was held in the movement, to ask if the fundamental tests, on which our programme is based, could be shortened and made simpler but more definite. The majority answer was 'no'. Everything still appears to be necessary, although there is not time for it. This attitude is like that of the old lady who moves into a smaller house and can't bear to part with any of her treasures. Could she be persuaded to select her best possessions and plan her house round them she would have a comfortable home; instead she prefers an unmanageable rubbish-dump.

Deciding What Matters Most

The only way to adapt oneself to the pressure of circumstances is to decide what matters most, and stick to it at all costs, even that of relinquishing secondary things. What are our priorities now? The modern girl desperately needs spiritual resources, she needs the opportunity to exercise her imagination, she needs training in every kind of observation and discernment, she needs acquaintance with nature and the chance to discover, and she needs responsibility.

Not only does she need these things—she lacks them conspicuously in modern life. Scientific facts, technical proficiency, practical knowledge are hers for the taking, popular entertainment dins cheap music into her ears, while mass-produced shows reveal to her a standard of slickness and precision. But where can she find such a constant opportunity for free and balanced growth as in Guide training? Where else will she find that fundamental exercise of the imagination and the will that leads her to discover the best and to enjoy herself in so doing? And furthermore, where will she learn, so surely and so naturally, to share her treasure with others?

If we once realised the starvation that prevails in our comfortable, synthetic life today, we should be more concerned about the fundamentals of our training and our tests. We should not secretly regard 'Promise and Law' as an extra, we should value more highly the individual exercise of music and drama, we should lay more stress on observation and discovery—we might even be ready to revise our Second Class test. (It is worth remembering that Kim's essentials in some countries.) But this is not a demand for reorganisation, or further revision of P.O.R. It is a challenge to all of us, to re-value our assets. How much does it really matter to us that a girl should know herself to be a child of God, that she should find herself at home in her Father's house (that is, His world of nature and of art), that she should possess inward resources to equip her for her journey, and for the comfort and joy of others. These are the things that are being crushed out of existence by the pressure of modern life. These are the things we must help to save, not by trying to store them up under conditions which are fast disappearing, but by moving, by taking up our quarters in new premises, facing new situations and letting go of everything that impedes our purpose.

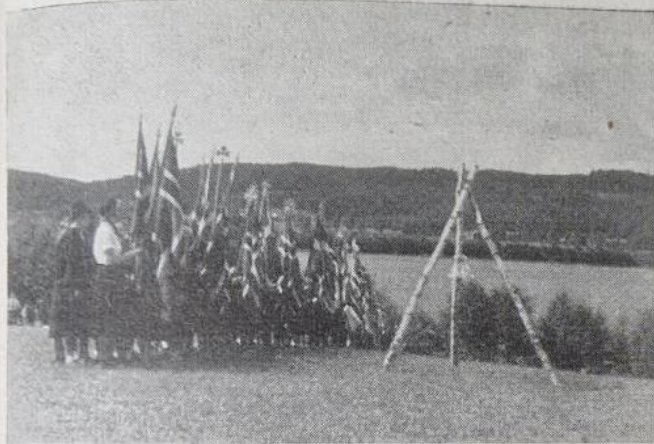
The old home is gone and we must make the change willingly, seizing its fresh opportunities. After all, we are a movement and we ought to be prepared to move.

MARY CHATER

Notes of the Month

The Norwegian National Camps

Every morning at the Norwegian national camp at Olberg, by the side of Lake Kroderen, 1,600 N.S.P.F. (blue) Guides and their Guests from Denmark, Finland, Germany, the United States and Great Britain were called to Colours by this bell, bought by their gifts for a church in north Norway burnt during the war. The first impression of the British



[Photo by courtesy N.S.P.F. National Camp]

Colours by Lake Kroderen, Norway

party, which included seventeen Guides from England, Scotland, Wales and Ulster, and three Guiders, of this huge camp was a 'sea of tents of every shape and size'. The camp badge, a princess, reminded them the camp was a fairy tale, an adventure, so appropriate for the setting at Olberg where Jorgen Moe, the collector of old Norse tales, was once pastor. Just below the three giant flagstaves lay the campfire site where campers watched Norwegian and Danish tales enacted and, as the last campfire ended, saw *Vaer Beredt* (Be Prepared) blaze out in letters of fire.

At Verdal, where the K.F.U.K. (Y.W.C.A.) camp stretched down to the Trondheim fiord, there were nearly 3,000 Guides and their guests from overseas. Here the camp badge was an old tree and the motto 'In the footsteps of our ancestors our future will grow', for they were on historic ground. Five miles away St. Olav, patron saint of Norway, fell in battle in 1030 at Stiklestad, and all the campers hiked here to see the old church and to watch a pageant. Every morning Bible study, taken in English for the English-speaking campers, was a welcome time of quiet. At the last campfire Guides outlined the coastline of Norway and acted her history while the national anthem was slowly recited.

Greece Sends Her Thanks

Lady Stratheden has received the following letter of thanks from the General Secretary of the Hellenic Girl Guides Association for the £100 sent to help Guides who had suffered in the recent Greek earthquake disaster: 'We thank you so much for the most generous cheque of £100 sent by the British Guides to help the population of the Ionian Islands. We are very much moved by your charitable feelings. It is particularly gratifying to know that our sister Guides, distance notwithstanding,

have come to our help in this dreadful disaster. It is, therefore our very pleasant duty to say "thank you" and ask you to believe how greatly we appreciate your help. Guide Companies are on the spot helping the people in the distressed areas, distributing food and clothes'.

Princess Margaret to Attend Ice Show

Through the generosity of Mr. Claude Langdon, the originator of modern ice spectacles, the proceeds of a special gala performance of 'Sinbad the Sailor on Ice' at the Empress Hall, on December 17th, to which Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret has graciously accepted an invitation, will be given to the funds of the Girl Guides Association.

This spectacular ice pantomime, starring Andra McLaughlin, of America, who is making her first appearance in this country, will include a wonderful under-water ballet scene, the Valley of Diamonds, the Magic Carpet and many other new numbers, and the music will be specially composed for the show.

The performance will begin at 7.45 p.m., and as there is sure to be a heavy demand for seats early bookings are recommended. Prices of admission are 3s. 6d., 6s., 8s. 6d., 10s. 6d. and 12s. 6d., including tax, and tickets are obtainable from the Empress Hall, London, S.W. 6 (Tel. Fulham 1212) and all the usual booking agents.

Hampshire's Camp at Broadlands

The picture below of Queen Elizabeth I receiving gifts from merchant adventurers shows you one of the many lovely scenes in the 'Crown and the Commonwealth' pageant, devised by Miss Tryce Taylor, at Hampshire's Coronation Camp at Broadlands, generously lent to the movement by Lord and Lady Mountbatten. Speaking as 'an old Hampshire Guider', the Chief Guide, who visited Broadlands on two occasions, referred to camping as 'one of our very special activities... where we learn to take the rough with the smooth, to make friends and appreciate all the beautiful things put into the world by the Creator for us to enjoy'. Each of the Divisions (totalling eight hundred and ninety campers) formed a group camp, with Miss Wyatt as Camp Commandant, and each Group had invited guests from the Commonwealth, including Guiders, Cadets and Rangers from Uganda, Malaya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Cyprus, Kenya, Hong Kong, South Africa, Australia, Barbados, Tanganyika, Jamaica, Gold Coast, Tasmania, Bermuda, Canada and Pakistan. On August 9th there was a service in Romsey



[Photo by courtesy Southern Newspapers Ltd.]

Abbey, and during the week campers visited Winchester, Southampton and Foxlease and saw over Broadlands.

The Tribute of Service

New companies and packs still have three months in which to carry out their special service as a Coronation Tribute. Guiders wanting information can write to the Tribute Secretary, c/o I.H.Q. and Tribute badges are available at 9d. each from I.H.Q. Contributions for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association have reached £500—sufficient for a bed and a kennel to be bought and presented to the Exeter Training Centre. All donations now coming in will go towards providing a blind Devon Ranger with a Guide Dog. It is hoped to reach this target before Christmas, and contributions will be gratefully received by the Tribute Secretary, c/o I.H.Q. Over £500 was also sent to the Children's Country Holiday Fund—a sum which enabled two hundred children from the East End to benefit from a country holiday.

The Trefoil School

Do you know of a fully trained nurse, able to drive a car, with special interest in rehabilitation and an appreciation of the value of Guide training? If you do, the post of school nurse at the Trefoil School is vacant and further particulars will gladly be sent by the Secretary, The Trefoil School, Hermiston, Midlothian. There is also a vacancy for someone who has had some practical experience with boys and girls. She is needed to look after the children out of school hours, and the post would suit a Guider over twenty-one years of age.

It may also interest members of the movement to know that, through arrangement with the Scottish Education Department, the School is now permitted to take a child from England on the same terms as Scottish children, namely, the County Education Committee pays £2 towards maintenance. For further information application should be made to the School.

It was just thirteen years ago last month, September 3rd, that the School began when a small group of handicapped children were looked after by Guiders at St. Abbs, Berwickshire, under the evacuation scheme. Since then the Trefoil School has travelled a long way and made many friends all over the world and Coronation Year has added to this number through the many companies and packs who have paid their Tribute of Service to the School.

Richmond, Yorkshire, Honours the Founder

The Founder's link with Richmond, Yorkshire, was commemorated recently when the Chief Guide unveiled a tablet (given by the Scout County Commissioner, Mr. S. N. Furness) in Richmond Castle to record the time from 1908-1910, when Lord Baden-Powell, in command of a Territorial Division in the North of England, lived in a room in the Castle overlooking the river. Here he made his plans for a youth organisation and wrote part of *Scouting for Boys*. From Richmond he went to the Crystal Palace rally and to Buckingham Palace to receive his knighthood. Previously, in the Market Hall, the Chief Guide, introduced by Miss Baldwin, had presented pictures of Richmond and the Founder, and pages from his diary while in the town, to the Mayor to remind future generations of his link with Richmond. Finally the Chief Guide spoke informally to all the Scouts and Guides who had attended the ceremony.

The Guide Club

From October 1st onwards to the end of the year the subscription to the Guide Club is 15s. with an entrance fee of £2 2s. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, The Guide Club, 46, Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

A new junior membership of the Guide Club for new members is now open to all members of the movement

between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two (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).

A Handcraft Exhibition

It is planned to include an exhibition of handcrafts by members of the movement at the Diploma'd Guiders' Conference in Derbyshire on October 30th to November 3rd. If Guiders have any good work done by members of their company or pack and would be prepared to lend it please post it to the Secretary of the Training Department at I.H.Q. before October 20th. It will be returned as soon as possible after November 3rd. Each item should be clearly labelled with the name of the company or pack and age of the Brownie, Guide or Ranger and each parcel should include a list of contents, with the name and address of the Guider to whom they are to be returned.

An Invitation from Waddow

As announced in the September GUIDER, Waddow will be open for a holiday week-end from October 30th to November 3rd (uniform optional). Guiders, Rangers and Cadets (over 17½), members of Local Associations and Trefoil Guilds will all be welcome to read or relax, to tramp the fells, explore the river, alone or with friends. Early application is advised. Or would you care to join a working party that week-end—at reduced fees? Whether you are handy with needle, broom or saw, hammer, brush or pen—there's a job for you if you care to come. When you apply, please state whether it is for the holiday or working party that you wish to come.

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The World Chief Guide

As you read the October GUIDER the Chief Guide will just be beginning her lectures on 'Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting' in the United States, and every reader will join in sending her their good wishes for a happy and successful tour and look forward to her return home next spring. Before the tour begins the Chief plans to visit Guides in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia and she also hopes to attend the Girl Scout Convention at Cincinnati in October.

United Nations Week

United Nations Week from October 19th to 24th will see the start, in London, of an educational programme called 'The Way Ahead' to bring home to British people the need for a great increase in our aid to the under-developed areas of the world and for continued support for the principle of collective security. The campaign in London will be followed by others in Norwich, Leeds, Edinburgh, Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol and Portsmouth and each will include an exhibition and an international caravan. The exhibition will depict graphically through pictures, charts and diagrams the problems of disease, poverty and ignorance in the under-developed areas and it will also show the work and achievements of the United Nations. The international caravan will include a team of five men and women speakers who will be available to address meetings, including youth organisations. Further information may be obtained from the United Nations Association, 25 Charles Street, London, W.1.

From Our General Secretary

EACH generation has to learn the essential truths for itself and cannot start where the last left off. Adam learned the hard way that disobedience has uncomfortable results, but evolution, civilisation, education and thousands of generations of experience have not produced a single child that is born with that knowledge. Similarly, each generation of Guiders has to learn that it is sometimes useful, occasionally wise, and eventually even essential to have a central organisation and a headquarters. Having got thus far she still has to prove to her own satisfaction that it is worth paying for, and every few years much the same questions are asked, but admittedly since the last war the answer each year to 'How much?' has been 'more and more'.

An excellent article entitled 'That's the way the money goes', appeared in THE GUIDER of February, 1948. This explained the work of our headquarters departmentally and accounted for the expenditure of £24,000, with an income of £10,000, in 1947. The departments in I.H.Q. are still the same, and the variety of work unchanged, though in many cases the volume has increased, but the cost last year was practically double that of 1947.

Last month Miss Anstice Gibbs explained in some detail who are the people responsible for the control of our organisation and how they are appointed or elected. A careful study of that article will, we hope, convince readers that the Commissioners, who are responsible to them for this great increase of expenditure, have shown through years of work in Guiding that they have the interest of the movement at heart, that it is because of their proved ability that they have been given this onerous duty, and that each year, as a few retire, other experienced Guiders, representative of all branches, take their places.

In this issue our Financial Secretary explains how we spent £47,000 in 1952, and Guiders, not unnaturally, will wonder why our expenditure is always ahead of our income and why we do not decide what we can afford and spend no more. The answer is that we have developed obligations from which we cannot honourably escape. Guiding and Scouting are household words, and their place in the national life is established as much more than an adventurous game for children or a club for adolescents; they have become a recognised and invaluable complement to the national educational system,

they provide research and experiment, and very practical demonstrations of methods of producing the initiative and leadership that are essential to the national character and which cannot be acquired from books alone.

Secondly, our system is not imposed from the top or thrust up from the bottom. It is a perfect tweed, woven with threads from the brains and experience of personalities from all parts of the movement. In order to use the greatest number of brains and to allow the fullest expression of opinion, consultations and committees, letters and circulars are unfortunately essential, and as freedom of expression and individual scope are given full rein so, inevitably, in the saddle are bureaucracy and office organisation.

One unconsciously assumed, but now fully recognised, responsibility is our contribution to the co-operation between all parts of the Commonwealth and Empire towards international understanding; our ever-increasing love for sister Guides in other parts of the world would be sufficient in itself to prevent us from reducing our efforts in this direction, but should we feel compelled to consider it for financial reasons the conscience of every thinking Guider would rebel.

How then can we solve our problem? Our income can only be estimated for each year, and we cannot stop answering letters when we have used our allotted number of stamps, or refuse to make a telephone call when the price is increased, as it was in 1951, nor can we recover the loss of £1,000 which we may suffer, as last year, through the removal of Purchase Tax, by suddenly dismissing some of our staff, or stop an important conference when train fares are increased.

What we can do is twofold; first, to try to raise our income so that it provides a margin against unexpected increase of cost outside our own control, and, secondly, to watch our commitments very closely, and for each department to be made money conscious. This we are doing, with the result that though we still show a deficit for 1952, our financial position is much stronger today than it was in 1947. We have affected many economies and are always on the look-out for more, and all we ask is the confidence of the movement that the direction of its affairs is wisely controlled, and that our expenditure, heavy though it is, is justified in the benefit to the children, and in the national interest.

H. A. TOFT

The Guiders' Postbag

What Are Your Views?

Before going overseas to Malta for three years, I would like to give my opinion on THE GUIDER. I've never read such a crabby old paper, so useless to active Guiders. Why not print it on lower quality paper, scrap the pages of advertisements, add some humorous articles, a few cartoons (enough happens in quite small Districts to raise many howls) and balance this with the more serious news and reports. After all we are expected to provide a balanced, interesting and fresh programme to our Guides and Brownies each week for years and not develop into long-faced, drab 'Guide mistresses' as we are so often termed. The annual reports, financial reports are of no interest to mere Guiders, who just do the ground work. Short statements about H.Q. accounts, etc., will be sufficient. Let's have some humour, a lot less pomp and smugness and give THE GUIDER the facelift it desperately needs. At the moment my 6s. per year could be better invested. Let's move with the times and not become relics of the Boer War, even if our hats suggest that we are!

I. M. ELLIS (Brown Owl)

Developing Responsibility

I found both articles in the September GUIDER, 'Training Through our Patrol Leaders' and 'Focus on Patrols' very interesting, full of meat, and able to stand the test of constant re-reading. But please could you spare a thought and a helping hand to the minority—the scattered country village company, sometimes only eight strong, keen to Guide but very reluctant to take any responsibility. Captain does the work of the P.L.s—although she tries not to! Reluctance is due partly to low mentality, partly to distance separating the patrol and partly to the present-day factor that everything in the Welfare State is done for the individual from the cradle to the grave. Therefore all the greater our responsibility to try to train the Guiders to accept at least some responsibility towards others.

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(Have other readers suggestions for developing responsibility—especially among Guides in country Districts? If they have, will they kindly send them along to the 'Guiders' Postbag' as soon as possible to help other Guiders.—ED.)



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The Commissioners' Page

Holding the Scouter (or Guider)—II

Further extracts from an article by Mr. John Thurman, Camp Chief at Gilwell Park, reprinted from the April issue of 'Jamboree', by kind permission of the Editor

THERE is a further point to remember in the matter of the way in which to treat the Assistant Scoutmaster and the Assistant Cubmaster. We ought to regard all assistants as potential Scoutmasters and Cubmasters. I have a certain responsibility in the training of Scouters, but, believe me, there is nothing that Gilwell or any other Training Centre can do to compare with the sound day-to-day work which a Scoutmaster with vision can do in training his assistants. A Training Course is the polishing ground, but the hard graft of learning to handle boys can be undertaken only under the guidance of an unselfish Scoutmaster or Cubmaster who is looking to the future as well as to the present.

It is not only in the troop and pack that we are denying opportunities to the young enthusiast. We are apt to play safe; we, the adventurous Scout Movement, will always try to back certainties. 'The District is to hold a large camp. Well, old man Blank ran a very successful camp in 1930 so we will put him in charge!' No! Let's look round for old man Blank's counterpart of today and put the youngster in charge with Blank's mature experience in support.

I cannot leave there this matter of opportunity. There are signs that we sometimes offer the wrong opportunities or, more accurately, we offer opportunity at the wrong time. Please don't vote all the youngsters on to all the committees. I know they will be flattered and I know also that it will be very bad for most of them. I do not wish to attack committees; they are necessary and I have respect for them, but the place of the Scouter is with the boys.

I have few things to add, and they are random thoughts but, I think, important. I must attack very strongly the one man band. I am not thinking about the fellow who, in a very isolated situation without any chance of help, runs a good troop. All honour to him and good luck! I am thinking of the man who has grown so conceited that he consistently turns away help through failing to give it a chance and being jealous of any small success it may have. This is the sort of man who regards himself as indispensable and almost takes on a mantle of immortality, feeling that without him his troop could not exist. Well, the world and Scouting go on and, indispensable or not, people grow old and die and still we progress. We are none of us indispensable, not even the most selfish of us.

Another point I want to talk about is the tendency to do too much centrally, and to detract from the personal relationship between man and boy in the troop or pack. Getting a lot of people into one place to do very little—and you cannot do very much except talk at them—may be good publicity but it is not Scouting. Scouting is a pack of Cubs or a patrol of Scouts with a man to guide and inspire them.

I am afraid that I am very much of the opinion that too many Commissioners today regard themselves as organisers instead of helpful visitors. I am not in any sense decrying the place in Scouting of the large affair; it has a proper place, but only providing that its function is to help that personal relationship and not to detract from it. I know it is not so spectacular, and perhaps to some people it is not so satisfying, to go on a round of visits, taking the rough with the smooth, finding that the troop is not meeting that night and had forgotten to tell you, perhaps finding that they are in the midst of reorganisation or some other disrupting affair, but it is the job of the Commissioner to go round and see Scouts in action against their normal background, to try to advise the Scouter in charge and especially to encourage him if things are not going so well. To run an occasional big event in place of this day-to-day encouragement is no substitute at

all, for there is inherent in the big show a very real danger to the whole Scout method. We are one of the few agencies today which really does believe in the importance of the individual, and it is the very essence of Scouting that we continue to believe and to practice what we believe, and whether the individual is a small Wolf Cub or a young Scouter does not affect the issue one iota. It really is a mistake to think that the large gathering is automatically inspirational and that it is of necessity more important than a great many small gatherings. Further, if we are to help the young Scouter to do the job he has chosen to do we must see him in action doing that job, otherwise we help him only with generalities and they inevitably are fraught with half-truths.

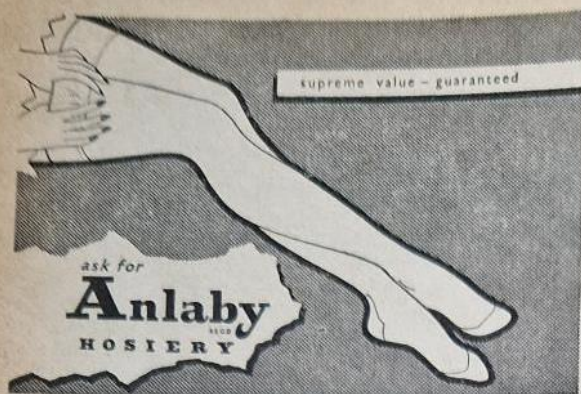
All this is important in relation to holding the Scouter, but I have one further point to make and then I have finished. How often do we see a young Scouter, all for the want of guidance, go madly at his Scouting so that he burns up his energy and burns out his enthusiasm in a very short time? I do not think we want white-hot enthusiasm which cools all too rapidly; rather do we want to keep enthusiasm at a steady simmer. Our analogy is the well-cooked stew, not the rapidly-cooked pancake. There are many men who have turned away from Scouting because they have been allowed to do too much too quickly and they have awakened, as inevitably they will, to find themselves almost friendless, divorced from the ordinary relationships of adult life, handicapped in their career or profession because they have not fitted themselves for it, and they have become disillusioned and, indeed, are amongst the movement's worst enemies.

I know that all I have mentioned is easier to write about than to achieve in practice, but, as always, awareness of the problem goes a long way towards its solution. If those who have been in Scouting a long time will try to look at it not just through their own eyes but through the eyes of the newcomer, will remember their failures just as they remember their successes, and will accept responsibility for helping the young Scouter just as they accept responsibility for helping the boy, then I think we shall do a better job for the boy because we are providing him with a more balanced article as his Scouter.

Finally, can we not resolve once again to put into action this idea of the Brotherhood in Scouting? High-sounding phrases, pious resolutions, and a display of good will at national and international level are all very well, but I am increasingly convinced that if we are to spread the true spirit of Scouting it must spread outwards from each and every centre: good will, understanding, and tolerance, need to begin at home, literally in our back yards, inside our troops and packs within our Districts. The basis of that brotherhood is the friendship between Scouters.

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Photography on a Small Income, by J. Allan Cash, F.I.B.P., F.R.P.S. (Hutchinson, 2s. 6d.). A useful book for Guiders and Rangers who would like to develop and print their own photographs. Mr. Cash also explains how to make enlargements. Types of cameras, speeds of shutters, varieties of films, the uses of coloured filters, coloured photography and the mounting of the finished pictures are other topics in this informative book. It is well illustrated with some of the author's own beautiful pictures. W.J.B.

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The Land and People of the United States of America, by F. G. Alletson Cook; *The Land and People of Italy*, by Rupert Martin (A. & C. Black, 6s. 6d. each). These books serve as a brief introduction to two interesting and varied countries, containing chapters about the countryside, historical background, customs and culture, as well as attractive illustrations. J.W.

Plays

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More serious is T. B. Morris's 'Sleeping Fires' which is set in Roman times and deals with the reactions of young people to the Christian persecution. For a largish cast this is well worth a careful production. 'Machines and Men', a drama of Luddite times for older boys and girls, is also worth doing. E.P.

Joanna and the Candles, by Joyce Denny. (Deane, 1s. 6d.). A convent in Henry VIII's time is the setting for this play, which concerns a young heiress who is brought to the convent for protection. Well written, the nuns' characters are sympathetically portrayed and the Prioress rises to the occasion to defeat the wicked uncle. A cast of nine is needed, eight women and one younger player for the twelve-year-old Joanna. E.P.

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Guiders wishing to apply for either of the above bursaries should get in touch with their *District Commissioner*, 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

- October
9-13 Cambridgeshire
16-20 Guide and Brownie Guiders (Full)
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

- December
31-5 Jan. General

- January
8-12 Guide and Brownie Guiders
15-19 Music and Drama
22-26 County or Area Booking

- February
26-2 Mar. Guide and Brownie Guiders

- March
5-9 Commissioners and Secretaries
12-16 Guide and Brownie Guiders
19-30 County booking
April
2-9 Extension Guiders
13-20 (Easter) Commissioners, Guide and Brownie Guiders
23-27 Guide and Ranger Guiders
30-10 May. County booking

WADDOW

- October
2-6 Music and Drama
9-13 Guide and Brownie Guiders
16-20 Yorks W.R.S.
23-27 Leicestershire
30-3 Nov. Holiday Week-end (see page 214)

- November
6-10 Guide and Brownie Guiders
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
December
29-5 Jan. General and New Year Party
i. Elementary; ii. Refresher (see page 222)

- January
8-12 Guide and Brownie Guiders
15-19 N.W. Area C.A.s
22-26 Guide and Brownie Guiders
29-2 Feb. i. Homecraft; ii. Handcraft.
(For Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders.) (See page 222)

February

- 5-9 Guide and Brownie Guiders (with special emphasis on First Class for the former)
12-16 County booking
19-23 Cadets

- 26-2 Mar. Guide and Brownie Guiders

March

- 5-9 Ranger Guiders (all Sections)
12-16 Campfire
19-23 Guide and Brownie Guiders
26-30 County booking

April

- 2-6 Outdoor activities
9-12 County booking
15-26 (Easter) Guide, Brownie and Ranger Guiders. (There will be opportunity for bird-watching in the mid-week period)

- 30-4 May. Guide and Brownie Guiders

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. Applications should be made through your county and an application form will be sent to County Commissioners with the October 'County Commissioners' Bulletin'.

ENGLAND

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

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

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 Guiders. Saturday, October 24th. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Fee 2s. 6d. There will be training in all handicapped groups and in Extension camping. Anybody interested, particularly Commissioners who

have Extension companies and packs will be very welcome. All applications, enclosing fee only, to be made to the Secretary, English Training Dept., and not to the Extension Dept. Please state if lunch and/or tea are required. Lunch, 2s. 9d.; tea, 1s. 3d., payable on the day, please.

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.

South-East Area: On Saturday, October 31st, 1953, there will be a training for Air Ranger Guiders at I.H.Q. The Training will begin at 2.30 p.m. and the fee, including tea, will be 3s. Applications should be sent to Miss M. J. G. Hugo, 8 Clyde Road, N.22, not later than October 20th. Guiders who are not in the Air Section will be particularly welcome.

SCOTLAND

Netherurd

- 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

WALES

Bronciron

- October
2-5 Guide Guiders
9-11 Welsh Trainers
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 and applications at all Training Centres see September GUIDER.

Brownie Pack Holiday House, Waddow
The Brownie Pack Holiday House at Waddow will be available for parties of Guides, Rangers, and Cadets with their Guiders for the period October, 1953, to April, 1954, though preference will always be given to Brownie Packs who may wish to book during those months also. The house offers opportunities for winter woodcraft, Patrol Leaders' Training (by the Patrol Leaders' own Guiders); expeditions, map-reading, etc., at a time of the year when camping under canvas is not so possible. It is not available for Guides, Rangers and Cadets during the months of May to September. Full particulars may be obtained from the Camp Secretary, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancashire.

Headquarters Notices

Coming Events

The Empire Circle Social will be held at the Guide Club, 46 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1, on Thursday, October 22nd, at 6.30 p.m., when Mrs. Dunsheath, County Empire Representative for West Surrey will talk about her tour in Canada, and show slides.

In Memorium

With the passing of Lady Baring on July 18th the Isle of Wight has lost a much-loved President and one of its pioneers in Scouting and Guiding. As Miss Brenda Blake she became the first Island Secretary in 1917 and did much to lay sure foundations for future development. In 1923 she was appointed Island Commissioner, an appointment she held until 1947. On the resignation of the Marchioness of Carisbrooke in 1949 Lady Baring became Island President. In spite of her many public duties she always kept her keen interest in the movement and was ready at all times to enter into the activities of even the smallest companies and packs.

In the death of Lady Clinton, Devon has suffered a loss which will be felt with sorrow by all who had the privilege of meeting her. Throughout her long life (and she was ninety when she died but as virile and with the same sense of humour) she never failed in her wise help and advice. If sometimes, in the best interests of her hearer, she appeared to pass a trenchant comment, it was taken as it was given, knowing its wisdom.

Jane Grey Clinton was a pioneer in Guiding, having started a company in Devon as early as 1910 and she was one of the two first County Commissioners registered at Headquarters, in 1914. She helped to organise Guides in Kincardineshire and in Norfolk during the first world war and became a Member of Council in 1917. In 1921 she was awarded the Silver Fish and only resigned as a County Commissioner for Devon in 1943. Since that time she had been our much-loved County President. Of no one can it be more truly said, she followed the principles of Guiding and her memory will remain an inspiration to us all.

S.S.E.

Notice Board

The Earthquake Disaster in Cyprus: Just as THE GUIDER went to press came the news of the earthquake disaster and all Guiders will want to join in sending their sympathy to Guides in Cyprus. The following cable was sent by the Chief Commissioner for Overseas: 'Very concerned at news of earthquake. Warmest sympathy. Can we help?'

Our Chalet: Bookings for summer, 1954, can be made from November 1st, 1953. Letters, which must be accompanied by the Commissioner's written consent, should be addressed to the Secretary, Our Chalet, Adelboden, Switzerland. There is still room for groups or individuals during the latter half of the winter season, January 14th to end of February, 1954.

General and New Year Party at Waddow on December 29th—January 5th. There will be sessions useful to Guiders of all three branches and the training will be run in two groups, a refresher course for experienced Guiders and an elementary course for those with less experience, with some joint sessions. Please state which group you would prefer to join.

Homecraft and Handcraft Training at Waddow on January 29th—February 2nd. This training will be run in two separate groups, with a possible joint session. When applying please state which group you wish to join. Both groups will be suitable for Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders.

For District Commissioners. There will be a special training for District Commissioners at Foxlease from November 13th to 17th. Included in the programme will be discussions on the Queen's Guide test and the new clauses in the Warrant test as published in the 1953 P.O.R.

For Ranger Guiders. Foxlease offers a training week-end to Guiders of all three sections of the Ranger branch from November 20th to 24th. Book your places in plenty of time and please state the section to which you belong when making application.

Ranger Films for Hire: Six Ranger films are available for hire from Miss M. Heys-Jones, 23 Denbigh Gardens, Richmond, Surrey. They include 'Out and About with the Rangers', 5s., 'Gateway to Adventure', 5s.; 'English Ranger Rally, 1950',

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The Royal Empire Society are running three competitions for essays on subjects relating to the Empire, and full details may be obtained from the Secretary-General, The Royal Empire Society, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2. Class A is open to candidates of 16 and under 19 years of age; Class B to candidates of 14 and under 16; and Class C to candidates under the age of 14 on December 31st, 1953.

Rover-Ranger Conference. The first conference for Central Yorkshire Rovers and Yorkshire W.R.N.E. Rangers, will be held in the Belgrave Hall, Leeds, on October 31st. Tickets (a limited number) are 2s., including tea, and are obtainable from the Conference Secretary, Miss M. O. Smith, Prospect Cottage, Farsley, Leeds.

Bertram Mills Circus. The Managers have kindly arranged for the following special concessions for members of youth organisations (children of school age). Seats of all prices in Olympia will be available at 3s. each and to adults in charge of parties. The names of units should be stated and application must be made by Monday, November 30th, to the Box Office Manager, Bertram Mills Circus Ltd., 1 Dorset Square, London, N.W.1. The concession applies to afternoon or evening performances (not Saturdays) from January 11th-30th, 1954. It could also apply to the following performances before Christmas: 8.15 p.m. Saturday, December 19th; 2.30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 21st, 22nd and 23rd; 7.15 p.m. Thursday, December 24th. Payment need not be made for the seats until three weeks before the date of the performance, but as soon as payment has been made the tickets will be dispatched so that the best seats go to those who pay soonest. Reduced rates are also available for organised parties of twenty or more at any performance of the Circus at Olympia or when travelling throughout the country.

Policy, Organisation and Rules, 1953

Errata

The following alterations should be made to the first impression of the 1953 edition of P.O.R. They have been incorporated in the September, 1953, impression.

Page 61, Rule 67, COUNTY RANGER ADVISERS, COUNTY SEA RANGER COXSWAINS AND COUNTY AIR RANGER REPRESENTATIVES.

Fourth line. Delete 'Commissioner for Rangers for the county', and insert 'Ranger Adviser for the country'.

Page 114, Rule 93, UNIFORM, Section 16, Extension Ranger Guiders.

Delete 'Alternative (if worn by whole company): Green shirts; flash on battle blouse (green on navy ground)'.

Page 119, Rule 93, UNIFORM, Section 19, Extension Rangers. Delete, Alternative (whole company to wear same colour): Green jersey or shirt; flash on battle blouse (green on navy ground)'.

Page 122, Rule 93, UNIFORM, Section 24, Clause 4, Guiders. Alter last two lines to read: 'All the above badges (with the exception of the warrant badge) may be worn on the shirt or battle blouse, though not more than two of the following may be worn at any one time: First Class, Queen's Guide, Ranger Service Star, Camp Permit Bar, Q.M. Bar.'

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Queries

1. *A bunch of girls are coming up from the local company together. One of them is nearly First Class and wants to complete the test; on the other hand she wants to come up with her friends and her captain thinks that if she stays on in the Guide Company she may be lost to the Ranger Branch. Is it possible for her to go on working for her First Class after she has joined the Ranger Company? She hopes to be a Guide Guider later on.*

Yes, by all means, the Guide should be encouraged to finish her First Class when she first joins the Ranger Company. The test can be fitted in with her pre-enrolment and the Land Ranger Adventurer test so that her enthusiasm is maintained and she transfers smoothly from Guides to Rangers.

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2. *Several of my Rangers are still attached to our company, but while at College are also in local companies. They say they like to feel that they belong properly to these, but do not want to lose their membership in their home company. Is it permissible for a Ranger to belong to two Ranger units and wear two county badges on her tie?*

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