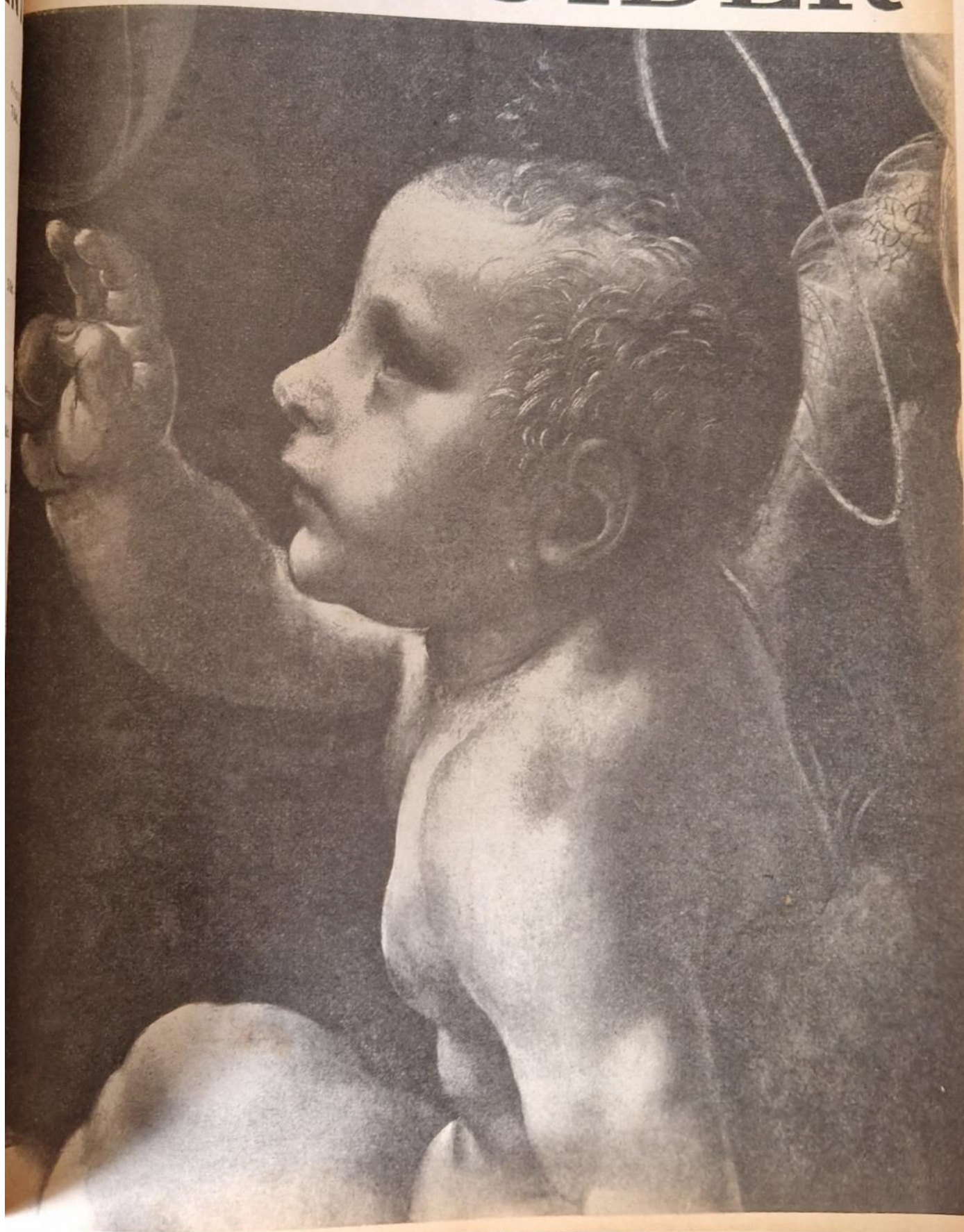


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Why We Keep Christmas

IS it not true that in modern times there is a danger of the 'fact of Christmas' being to hidden by the 'stuff of Christmas' that the right reasons for keeping the festival are forgotten?

If you were to ask a member of your Guide Company 'Are you going to keep Christmas this year?' she would probably think you had taken leave of your senses. She would instantly reply that her mother had already made the Christmas pudding, that her brothers and sisters were busy making chains and buying presents to pack up and hide away for the great day. She would go on to remind you of the company Christmas party, the local pantomime in which she was taking part and the circus she was going to visit.

If, having listened patiently to all this, you were to ask this Guide why she was making all these preparations, what answer would she give you? Would she be able to tell you, quite simply, the real reason why Christmas is kept by so many? Or would she become embarrassed and perhaps murmur rather hurriedly: 'Well, you see, it's Christmas—everybody does it'.

As a keen Guider you are naturally anxious to kindle in others the belief in all that Guiding stands for. It is surely equally a duty that as a Christian you are bound to 'hammer out' how best to interpret to the young the great truths in which you believe, that they may understand and share in them.

'Be Prepared' is the motto of both the Scout and Guide Movement and it is the main purpose of this short article to help you in your preparation for telling those for whom you are responsible the truth about the 'why of Christmas'. This is not the sole prerogative of the clergy or even parents.

And what would you tell your company? Take to help you, not the frills of Christmas, but the real story as told in your Bible. What is found there? Certainly no nice, warm, cosy crib like those shown on many Christmas cards. No, a cold, draughty stable at the rear of an eastern inn. There two people, a man and his young wife, have been forced by the selfishness of people like us to find shelter for the night, and that at a time when they needed the very best care and attention. In those conditions that night a Baby was born.

Christmas is all about that Child. He was a special Child so we are told and so Christians believe. 'Unto you is born in the City of David, a Saviour who is Christ the Lord' sang the angelic choir. An old man, writing years afterwards and reflecting on this event, asserted 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory,

the glory of the only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth'.

In the first place then, this festival is kept because God did something extraordinary. He sent Jesus. Christians everywhere keep Christmas as His Birthday; and it follows that where keep Christmas as a Christian and a believer the keeping of Christmas is humbug.

Why then did God so act? Not only because God is God but because man had rebelled against Him. The Christmas festival is never seen clearly until its events are related to human sin and the havoc of suffering that has resulted from it. The Christian Gospel has no meaning, that is no deep personal meaning, to the man or woman who has no sense of need. To the self-confident, the self-sufficient and the self-satisfied Christmas is merely a time of eating and drinking and making merry.

Man, by his sin, has raised a barrier between himself and his Creator. He finds himself incapable of bridging the great gulf he has caused. Only by the action of God could this be done. 'So in the fulness of time God sent forth His Son'.

The joy of Christmas has its origin in the Fatherhood of God. It tells the story of God in action 'Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven'. The motive for God's action was His infinite love and compassion for what he had made. Man must be saved and brought back from the downward path he had chosen. So in Jesus Christ God came unto His Own. These hard facts, their

motive and their cause, taken together provide the clue to the ingredients which make for a very happy Christmas—a Christmas that will be a reality and no sham. They do not demand the abolition of all the fun, but they do indicate the order our celebrations should take if they are to be no humbug.

Christmas Day is the Birthday of a Saviour—Jesus Christ the Lord. Can you help your Guides to see that Christmas is kept by Christians as all birthdays are kept—as a family gathering—first in their place of worship. And will you encourage them to think of others and suggest to them that throughout this festival three good turns each day would not be too many. For it is true that in making others happy we shall bring joy to the heart of God on the Birthday of His Son.

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Preparations

Christ Church MS.

YET if His Majesty, our Sovereign lord,
Should of his own accord
Friendly himself invite,
And say 'I'll be your guest tomorrow night',
How should we stir ourselves, call and command
All hands to work! Let no man idle stand!

'Set me fine Spanish tables in the hall;
See they be fitted all;
Let there be room to eat
And order taken that there want no meat.
See every scone and candlestick made bright,
That without tapers they may give a light.

'Look to the presence: are the carpets spread,
The dazie o'er the head,
The cushions in the chairs,
And all the candles lighted on the stairs?
Perfume the chambers, and in any case
Let each man give attendance in his place!'

Thus, if a king were coming, would we do;
And 'twere good reason too;
For 'tis a duteous thing
To show all honour to an earthly king.
And after all our travail and our cost,
So he be pleased, to think no labour lost.

But at the coming of the King of Heaven
All's set at six and seven;
We wallow in our sin,
Christ cannot find a chamber in the inn,
We entertain Him always like a stranger,
And, as at first, still lodge Him in the manger.

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'Here Comes St. Nicholas on his Grey Horse'

IF I am to tell you about Christmas celebrations in Holland, I must tell you about Saint Nicholas, too. For many centuries Saint Nicholas Eve, December 5th, has been the great festival for all Dutch children. Up to the first world war, Christmas was exclusively a feast of the church, and a very important one, of course. But Christmas trees and decorations, parties and presents were unknown. Then when Holland took in thousands of Austrian children, we realised when Christmas was approaching that something should be done to make them feel less homesick at *Weihnachten*. It was then that small Christmas trees appeared in many Dutch homes that had never had one before—and they came to stay! Nowadays there is hardly a home where Christmas is not celebrated in some way, but on the whole Christmas is a quiet, religious feast, and the presents, the noise and the fun and the happy family gatherings are still reserved for Saint Nicholas Eve.

Weeks beforehand there is but one topic of conversation for small Dutch children—Saint Nicholas and Black Peter, his servant. No Dutch child will bother its head about the historical bishop and saint, but every child will tell you that Saint Nicholas comes from Spain, that he rides on his grey horse over the roofs, that he looks through the chimney to see what you are doing and will come down when you are asleep to put sweets in the shoe you have put out for him near the stove; that it's advisable to fill that shoe with carrots and bread for the horse and that, if you've been bad, Black Peter will beat you and put you in the sack filled with soot, which he carries on his back.

Saint Nicholas is always shown in full episcopal robes, so unfamiliar to protestant Dutch children except on Saint Nicholas, that a small girl, watching a procession behind a bishop in the south of the country, called out loudly: 'Look, there's Saint Nicholas!' overjoyed to see the good old saint out of season and expecting presents straight away!

For some years every Dutch child has an unswerving belief in Saint Nicholas, in spite of the fact that in our modern times any number of Saint Nicholas's may be seen in our cities and big stores. But even when enlightenment has come and he is 'only a man dressed up', the scoffers are quite overawed when, at the school's Saint Nicholas party, they have to come and say how-do-you-do to Saint Nicholas and Black Peter!

Every single school has a Saint Nicholas party on December 5th. All the children assemble and await the arrival of Saint Nicholas, singing the endless repertory of songs. At last he arrives, followed by one or more Black Peters who look rather scaring. The children sing their song, the Head welcomes the old bishop, who is then enthroned on a

platform. He opens his big book and the children advance, one by one, to be praised or blamed for their behaviour in the past year. When things threaten to become a bit painful Peter makes some jokes and presents are handed out—even to the worst of sinners. Finally, Peter opens his second sack (not the sooty one) and throws handfuls and handfuls of small sweets among the children who, their awe forgotten, scramble for them with piercing shrieks. After that more songs follow and Saint Nicholas is waved out by all, as he has to be on his way to visit all the other children.

The party at home after supper (an eternity to wait!) is more or less in the same style as long as the children are small, but it changes its character as soon as the children get older. Then the whole family assembles round the dining-room table, and in a corner is the big laundry-basket, full of mysterious parcels. In turn every member of the family may take one out, which is opened by the one to whom it is addressed. There is a poem enclosed with every present which has to be read aloud by the recipient. This is the special day for home-truths, but they are to be administered with a twinkle. Of course it's torture to hear one's tripping couplets ruined by a dumb reader and so very often the author cannot control herself and corrects the scanning amid general laughter now her anonymity has gone! All gifts are anonymous and

all poems are signed 'Saint Nicholas and Black Peter', and the correct procedure on receiving a present is to walk up to the fireplace and to call: 'Thank you, Saint Nicholas', up the chimney.

When all the excitement of Saint Nicholas is over we can concentrate on Advent and Christmas. As I said before, we owe a great deal to other countries in our Christmas celebrations. Besides our own old Christmas songs we sing many Christmas carols from Germany, France and England. The wonderful Christmas stories from Scandinavia, especially the lovely ones by the Swedish author, Selma Lagerlöf, are told and retold in our Dutch homes and the *Wald-Weihnacht* of the Swiss Guides reached Dutch Guiding after the first



'What is coming out of the sack for me?'



[Photos by courtesy the Royal Dutch Embassy]

St. Nicholas and his retinue arrive by boat on the quayside at Amsterdam

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winter season of Our Chalet. Let me finish by telling you how we usually celebrate Christmas with our own district, generally round about the last Sunday in Advent.

But before I do this I must just mention a Saint Nicholas party for small children our company once organised. A big brother of one of the Guides, who was to be Saint Nicholas, turned up in great dismay because another boy had got hold of the costume, and there he was without his robes. Great consternation! The guests were there already and were rehearsing their songs of welcome.

Then the Guides dressed him up in a hastily snatched down curtain, put an enormous tea cosy on his head and gave him a large red handkerchief to hide his beardless state and introduced him as 'poor Saint Nicholas who has a dreadful cold'. The children were just as impressed as if he had been resplendent in full pontificals and never noticed the particular timbre of his coughs and sneezes, nor were they aware of the Guides at the back, limp with laughter.

On Sunday afternoon the patrols do their own Christmas good turns—organising small children's parties, taking hampers to poor families, singing or acting in old people's homes or something else which they have planned to do together. Meanwhile the Guiders decorate the big room where our four companies meet and 'lay the tables' for our Christmas supper. This means that on the floor all round the room long 'tables' of white crêpe paper are pinned down, gaily decorated with ivy and holly and candles. For each Guide there is a little decorated name-card, a tangerine and small Christmas sweets, tied together with a piece of red ribbon. When all the patrols have arrived the candles are lighted and in a long procession, quietly, while music is

played, the Guides come in and find their places. Grace is sung and we all have a gay and pleasant supper together, telling each other about the afternoon's adventures. When the tables are cleared, the Guides go for a very short walk, and when they come back we sit down in a circle round our tiny Christmas tree and the four Advent candles, and sing one carol after the other, listen to a Christmas story and watch a Nativity play performed by Guides from the four companies.

Finally, towards the end of the evening, the great moment comes. The Cadets have disappeared some time before, and when the Guides are told to go and put on their coats, the 'old hands' know what's coming and the new Guides are burning with curiosity. We then form up in a long file and set out silently for the dunes near by. Soon those in front whisper: 'There it is!', and we see a glimmer of light on the ground. It's the first candle of 'the shining trail'.

We now follow the trail, small candles guttering in hollows in the sand left and right of our path, and soon we see a lighted Christmas tree in the wood and the Cadets are singing an old three-part Christmas song. We come nearer and nearer and form a semi-circle round the tree. Now we all sing that song together, and in the silence of the wood, church bells ringing far away, and perhaps stars shining overhead, the old Christmas Gospel is read.

After that we are silent for a while, a prayer is said and another song is sung. We then often each light our own candle from the tree and after having sung the New Year carol, we go back as we came, ready to receive the joyous Message of Christmas when it comes.

RITA BUNGENBERG DE JONG

'Next Week We'll Have a Story'!

By Margaret Smyth, Brownie Adviser for Ulster

ONCE upon a time a brand new Guider came to a lively pack. At the end of the first meeting the Brown Owl, with one foot on a bus, called back to her: 'Next week we'll have a story. I'll leave that to you'.

'What high-handed methods', fumed the Guider as she cycled home and, as you can imagine, the incident lost nothing in the telling at supper that evening! In fact, the Guider who protested that she could not, and would not, tell a story, was at that very moment telling one well. The people we label entertaining are those who give us word pictures of events and people. We say to them, 'And how is the world using you?' and then sit back with the same air of expectancy we had as children when we begged someone to 'tell us a story'.

The Master Storyteller used material with which his audience was familiar when 'He taught them many things'. The Prodigal Son has all the essentials of a satisfying tale; the characters are introduced at the beginning; we follow the chief character on his journey—plenty of action here—and the conclusion rounds off with the family, where the story began. Mrs. Ewing's *Story of the Brownies* has a similar pattern and it is a safe one for us to use when making them up.

Good stories for Pow Wow can be quickly prepared. You could use, for example, one of the stories of bravery published under 'Awards' in *THE GUIDER*. We are given the action part and only have to introduce the characters and add a conclusion. Suppose that you have chosen an account of a Guide saving a child from drowning, the following additions will make it 'alive' for the pack. Tell the pack where the Guide lived, including name or number of house, and the names of the other members of her family; put in the time (preferably a Saturday when anything can happen,

or the same day of the week as the story is being told) and give the reason for being at the water's edge; the rescue is your climax, followed by a *short* and happy conclusion—the Guide might be tucked up in bed with an extra nice supper (give details) and the promise of a new dress to replace the spoilt one.

If the pack are to act a story—a much-loved and worthwhile occupation—then we must be sure to add a 'crowd scene' so that all the Brownies may take part. The chief character could visit a market, travel by train, or go through a wood requiring many and varied trees.

When we are not too sure of our ability to hold the attention of the pack, a way to gain confidence is to start with story games. 'Behind the bicycle shed you will find a baby dragon' can lead on to why he got there, what he wants, and what the Brownies should do about the whole affair. If ready-made plots for games are required these can be found in *Brownie Games*, by A. M. Knight, at 1s. 3d., from I.H.Q.

A Brownie has limited experience so at her age she must use her imagination to grow in knowledge, but she cannot identify herself with a place or people where no known link exists. This does not mean we must stick to domestic tales of children in similar circumstances to the pack—far from it. In 'other land' tales the basic things like playing, eating, sleeping, all link with the Brownie's life, and as she likes doing things she will like her characters in the story world to be up and doing, too. What a person *does* is what interests children—why it was done is of little interest.

Tales suitable for Brownies are easy to find as most books now give the age group on the dust cover. Books are expensive to buy and so often a selection of stories



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majority of the pack to read will be understood and enjoyed when told.

Having found a story one likes, opinion differs about the best method of getting to know it. The most usual way is to read it over several times; tell it to yourself, then re-read the parts you omitted or could not picture clearly; leave for a day or so then recount to a chair, cat or long-suffering friend.

Now comes the telling part. Choose the time carefully and always be ready to change it if necessary. The pack must have let off some surplus energy and yet not be too wildly excited. Make sure that each Brownie is sitting comfortably and can see you—then off you go and enjoy yourselves (plural on purpose!).

Just one more thought. If, as has been assumed, you are new to story telling you may find it a help to ask the other Guiders to go and bury themselves while you get your first story off your chest—next time you will feel ready for all comers! And so, as the Brown Owl said at the beginning, 'I'll leave the story to you'.

A Story to Tell the Pack

The Quest for Perfect Beauty

THERE was once a page who was called 'the Artist'. He lived in the court of a wise man whose name was King Caspar.

Now Caspar was going on a long journey, for he had seen a star in the east and he knew that he must follow it wherever it might lead.

King Melchior, another wise man, who had studied ancient writings, was going with him, and King Balthazar, who was even wiser than the others, was also going. They were seeking for a new-born King, Who was greater than they, and whom, when they found Him, they would worship.

With them they took presents: gold, as a sign of the power and riches of the world; frankincense, the sign of prayer and praise, and myrrh, the sign of willing sacrifice and death. These are presents men should gladly offer to God.

When the page heard the three Wise Men talking, he thought: 'If I go with them I can follow my own quest—the quest for Perfect Beauty'.

'Ours is a long journey which may take years', King Caspar told him when the Artist asked if he might come. 'We will take you with us, but when we find the new-born King, you, also, must fall down and worship Him'.

contains only one which appeals to us—yes, *us*, because if *we* do not enjoy a tale we cannot expect the pack to enjoy hearing us labouring through it! A lending library is really the best place to hunt for material. Then, when the ideal volume is found, it might be suggested as a pack purchase so that it would be available at all times.

Elizabeth Clark and Rhoda Power are names worth noting and so are the authors listed under the Brownie's Book Lover's badge. A point worth remembering is that when we go a-hunting stories that might be too advanced for the

The page said nothing, for he was proud, but he thought in his heart, 'I am an artist. I will only worship Perfect Beauty'.

So the great caravan set out with its white camels laden with treasure and provisions for the journey. The Artist took nothing but a great longing to find Perfect Beauty.

'Look at our star!' cried Caspar, pointing to the eastern sky. 'That is beautiful. Is that what you seek?' For a moment the Artist wondered, for he was blinded by its shining light; but then he shook his head and said:

'No, mighty king. That is not Perfect Beauty'.

They travelled over deserts and saw flaming sunsets; they heard the music of running water and gazed at tiny, lovely flowers; they passed over snow-capped mountains and beheld emerald-coloured ice, but still the Artist shook his head. 'These are not what I seek', he said. 'These are not Perfect Beauty'.

At last they came to Jerusalem, to King Herod's court, and Perfect Beauty seemed further off than ever, for Herod was a cruel and cunning man. With fair words he sent the Wise Men on their way to Bethlehem, where the prophets said this Babe should be born; but secretly he planned to kill the new-born King also, should they find Him.

The star they followed stopped at Bethlehem, above a lowly house.

'Can the new-born King live here?' cried Caspar. 'This is the home of humble folk. We seek a King'. Melchior also drew back and even Balthazar wondered.

But the page saw a Light in the house. He sprang forward and opened the door. Inside he saw the young Child, Jesus, with Mary His Mother, and St. Joseph. The Wise Men also came in, and when they saw, they fell down and worshipped, for they knew they had found their God and their King. Then they offered Him their gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

When the Wise Men left the house the Artist still stood by the door, looking at Jesus, and Jesus looked at him and smiled and held out His hand. The Artist fell on his knees and kissed it, and as he did so a tear fell. It was the Artist's gift to God.

His face was full of joy and peace, for he knew that his quest was over. Like the Wise Men, he also had worshipped Jesus. He had found Perfect Beauty.

FREDA COLLINS

The illustrations and story on this page are reproduced by kind permission of the London University Press from a book that they will be publishing early in the New Year, 'The Beauty Quest Book for Brownies', by Freda Collins, price 6s. 6d. The illustrations are by Helen Jacobs. In it Brown Owls will find several ideas for the pack meeting, including a beauty quest for each month in the year, stories for acting, patterns to make, games to play and puzzles to solve.



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The Trefoil Guild

'Custodians of the Future'

I HAVE had the good fortune to meet many branches of the Trefoil Guild in action at various rallies and camps', wrote the Chief Guide in a message to the third biennial conference of the Trefoil Guild, 'and I am sure that the spirit of the Guide fellowship continues to flourish and give happiness to our adult members who, in so many ways, enhance the strength and influence of the whole movement by their continued association with it, and their generous support and assistance to its work for the present day Rangers, Guides and Brownies'.

This gathering held at Swanwick, and attended by delegates from nearly every county in England, from Scotland, Wales, Ulster and the Channel Islands, was an important stage in Guild history, since it was the first conference after the Executive Committee of the Girl Guides Association had granted the Trefoil Guild its self-governing mandate under the leadership of its own Chairman.

It was soon clear from the breadth of the programme that the ten thousand members of the five hundred Guilds now registered were seizing the opportunities offered by this new development of our Guide heritage. The delegates heard of many Guilds 'adopting' families and individuals in the D.P. 'hard core' camps in Germany and were urged to give still more help to these tragic people who need friendship as much as material aid; they heard from the Overseas Commissioner of Guilds in South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand and St. Lucia and of Guilds just beginning in Gibraltar, the Gold Coast and Northern Rhodesia; they were urged to encourage adult handicapped members of the movement to share in ordinary Guild activities, to help run holidays for them and to start Guilds in hospitals; they also heard of the request for a Guild in religious communities which will be primarily a praying Guild.

Lord Baden-Powell, Chairman of the B-P Guild, emphasised the advantages of close co-operation between our two Guilds. He spoke, too, of the value of chance contacts and of B-P Guilds in the Houses of Parliament (drawn from all parties and including staff and police), in banks, factories and business houses.

The Chairman reminded the conference that the forerunner of the Trefoil Guild, launched in 1943, had been the Old Guide Association, founded as early as 1920. In the early days the Trefoil Guild received some opposition from 'active' Guiding for several reasons—it might attract possible leaders from the movement; it would add to the work of 'active' Guiding and overlap with Local Associations. These reasons had now been disproved and Guilds were assisting Guiding in many ways, including helping to run companies and packs when Guiders are ill and keeping in touch with members who resign. Where Guilds are established they are fully accepted as part of the county team.

'Whereas the outside world sees Guiding as a game for children', said the Chief Commissioner, 'it is an attitude of mind and way of life. The Trefoil Guild is of immeasurable importance to Guides, who see in it a body of people who have taken the promise and keep it throughout their lives, and to the workaday world in which we go forward, seeking new fields for adult service in the spirit of the Guide promise and law'.

By his words, 'Once a Scout, always a Scout' the Founder gave a clear indication that the Promise and Law were a code also for adult living and it will be a proud day when it can truly be said that B-P founded not only the finest and largest youth organisation but the finest band of right-living citizens the world has ever known.

Christmas Parcels for Displaced Persons

THE G.I.S. has just heard from the Central Committee for Aid to Displaced Persons (composed of British personnel in Germany) that they are again willing to distribute gift parcels to Displaced Persons at Christmas-time. This Committee, which has always remained in close touch with the G.I.S., is in regular contact with a number of large camps in which there are hundreds of very needy persons, and its members will do everything possible to bring Christmas cheer to these lonely people. The address for such parcels is the Central Committee for Aid to Displaced Persons, c/o Commander-in-Chief's House, B.A.O.R. 1.

The Central Committee cannot accept parcels intended for individual 'adopted' Displaced Persons. These must be addressed to them personally at their respective camps.

Adoption Scheme Plans

When the Guide International Service withdrew from Germany in 1952, they brought with them a long waiting list of Displaced Persons whom they knew, from personal visiting in the camps, to be particularly necessitous and deserving of any help that could still be given them. Nearly two years before, a scheme had been planned through which British families could 'adopt' Displaced Persons, and keep in friendly touch with them through letters and gifts. The scheme was already in action in 1951, greatly expanded in 1952, and over 1,700 displaced persons have now been

adopted by groups, families or individuals in Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and America.

The names on the waiting list have now practically all been dealt with, and the correspondence from both adopters and 'adopted' Displaced Persons shows that this scheme is one of the most heartening projects the G.I.S. has instituted. Though it now closes down, it cannot be said to have come to an end, for most of the adoptions are meant to be for life.

Adopters who come across difficulties in the course of correspondence with their families, may still refer to Miss Barfus, whose address will now be: c/o The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1

Fortunately, other adoption schemes are now in being, and the following are among the organisations which can be approached for the address of a family to adopt, or with general inquiries (e.g., re parcels): The Central Committee for Aid to Displaced Persons, c/o Commander-in-Chief's House, B.A.O.R.1; Adoption Committee for Aid to Displaced Persons, c/o Mrs. Rigby, Sellans, Vache Lane, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks; The British Council of Churches, International Place, London, W.C.1; The Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, Broad Street, Oxford.

Queries relating to former Displaced Persons now in this country, or offers of a home or hospitality, should be addressed to the British Council for Aid to Refugees, 19 Dunraven Street, London, W.1.

From the Trainers' Notebooks

A Hike Fire

THIS game calls for patrol organisation and is designed to allow new campers to take a full share; it is played in two parts—about half an hour for practice, followed by a race.

Recruits or anyone who has not passed Second Class fire-lighting is asked the previous week to collect and bring to the meeting a good armful of sticks of all sizes (from thin twigs to thick sticks for the platform and, of course, punk), suitable for building a hike fire. The P.L.s must be sure their 'wooders' understand what is required of them for the result of the patrol competition will rest with them.

During the practice half-hour the patrol decides exactly how the fire will be 'set' and practise building it, including raising it off the ground on a platform and discussing which side the fire would be lit with a given direction of wind. Then each patrol makes a wood pile at one end of the hall, suitably raised off the ground and graded for size.

The actual race is a team race in which each member of the patrol in turn takes two or three sticks, runs to the other end of the hall and lays them in the pre-arranged way so that the patrol fire gradually gets 'set' until, in the opinion of the judge, the fire would undoubtedly go with one match!

At the end of the meeting a pile of wood, ready for burning, can be presented to a hardworking housewife. Of course if the fires can be laid on tin trays and actually lit, so much the better.

What We Do in Camp

Each patrol sends up a Guide to Captain who gives them a phrase such as 'Blowing up the kitchen fire' 'taking out a tent peg', 'pitching a ridge tent'. The Guide runs back to her own patrol and acts in dumb show until the patrol guesses the exact words. She must show no emotion until then. Captain should try to arrange for non-campers to come up together and give them easily understood things while the camp jokes can be saved for those who will know how to interpret them. The first patrol to guess the exact words of the phrase gets a point.

A Bedding Rack

Equipment for each patrol: Enough gadget wood, rope and string to make a bedding rack (using tripods, not forked sticks), ground-sheets, three blankets, bedding cord.

The P.L.s must be warned about this competition in good time so that the equipment can be produced on the appropriate day. They may want to borrow a saw to cut the gadget wood if it is not already part of the patrol equipment. P.L.s can arrange to take their recruits to help cut it at the week-end.

The competition is explained to the P.L.s as follows: About forty-five minutes will be allowed for practice and organisation. Then, at a given signal, each patrol will make up the blankets as for a camp bed; roll them in the ground-sheet and tie up neatly; make a bedding rack and put the bedding roll on it. The first patrol to finish will get extra marks but points will also be awarded for the lashings, bed-making and bedding roll.

The bed rack may consist of two tripods and parallel cross bars supported at the tent pole (represented by chair leg) by loops attached by west country whipping, or of four tripods and two cross-bars. (The former uses less gadget wood, the latter gives more people practice in making tripods—an invaluable accomplishment in camp).

This competition gives P.L.s plenty of scope for organising and should keep everyone busy for an hour! Some patrols may like help and advice from Captain and Lieutenant during the practice before the race.

Health Rules

These are best understood if they have been practised in camp. Patrols stand in corners, numbered. Six cards are on the floor in the centre, each bearing one of the Six Health Rules—food, exercise, etc. Captains tells a

tiny story: 'Q.M. hung up the cabbages in a string bag', or 'It rained all day, so the Robin Patrol went for a walk', and then calls a number. The approximate card must be found and held up, the first Guide to do so gaining a point for her patrol. Very often two cards are equally appropriate, and this can lead on to stimulating and useful discussion.

Camp Morse

The Court of Honour plans a list of 'Patrol Duties' for camp. Patrols stand in file, numbered, and each number is given a 'duty' (Cooks, Messengers, Health, etc.), Captain whistles the initial letter of a 'duty', and the Guide must run up and say what she is doing (making stew, fetching milk, emptying pig-bucket, etc.). Change duties frequently so that everyone learns all the letters. T.M.J.

Patrol Camp Sites

Required by each patrol: Large sheet of brown paper, material for trees and bushes and coloured chalks.

Required by Captain: Tent hirer's store with white paper for tents, grey or light brown for screening; Q.M.'s stores, containing all the usual articles written on slips of cardboard, enough for each patrol.

Patrols discuss camp and the sort of place they would like to go to. On their brown paper site they place trees, stream, farm house and anything else they like. From the tent hirer they obtain tents and screening which they erect on the site; they cut 'turf' for fire place, pits, etc. The patrols then decide what equipment is needed and collect it from the store; they also do the same with food, having decided on the menu. This activity can be spread over several meetings and the Guiders help with the opening discussion. O.C.

The Scouter's Books

Do you ever wish you could remember how to make invisible ink? Do you run short of ideas for outdoor activities for your Guide meetings? Have you tried a 'courtesy night'? The Boy Scouts Association has just brought out a new 1s. series called *The Scouter's Books*. The first of the series '100 Ideas for Troop Meetings', is full of ideas that may help to make the company meeting more exciting and imaginative. The next booklet, 'The Court of Honour', will be found very helpful to all Guiders and Commissioners, whether experienced or inexperienced, as in it the Camp Chief reminds us of what B-P wrote of the Court of Honour, and goes on to explain further this 'institution' that is 'absolutely fundamental to successful Scouting'. Although written for the Scouter, there is much that is stimulating and of value to the Guider in all the booklets published so far.

M. PILKINGTON [Training Adviser, I.H.Q.]



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Notes of the Month

'Sinbad The Sailor' On Ice

There has been a tremendous demand among members of the movement for seats for the Gala Performance of 'Sinbad the Sailor' on Ice, on December 17th, and although H.R.H. The Princess Margaret will not herself be in uniform on that occasion it is hoped that wherever possible all members of the movement will wear theirs to show that they are wholeheartedly supporting Mr. Langdon's generosity to the Girl Guides Association.

The Coronation Tribute of Service

Up to the time of going to press £970 has been given in Tribute donations to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Fund (this is in addition to the kennels and dogs given by certain counties independently). This sum represents a kennel, a bed for a blind person at the training centre, a guide dog for Evelyn Searle, the blind Ranger from Devon who was one of the party who took the Tribute envelopes to Buckingham Palace, and now very nearly another bed for the Exeter Training Centre. Any further Tribute gifts will be gratefully accepted by the Hon. Secretary of the Coronation Tribute, c/o I.H.Q. We want to reach £1,000 by Christmas.

Companies and packs who sent donations to the Children's Country Holidays Fund will be delighted to hear the total reached £461.

If no reply has been received after four months from the date of posting letters and Coronation Scrapbooks to overseas companies and packs will Guiders please notify Mrs. Armstrong, c/o I.H.Q., as she is anxious that Guides and Brownies who sent parcels should not be disappointed.

'The Conquest of Everest' Film

Guides, Rangers and Guiders alike will find *The Conquest of Everest* a magnificent and inspiring film—magnificent in the completeness of the picture it gives of a great achievement and inspiring in the examples of courage, determination and teamwork which it brings out. As visual entertainment the film, with its superb photography, is unsurpassed; as a historical record it will surely be among our proudest possessions, and the story it tells is one that has a special message for us. In the words of Colonel Sir John Hunt, the leader of the expedition: 'Everest was a challenge. The expedition will have been worth while provided it encourages others to go and look for their own Everests and not be content to read adventure stories and see them on the cinema screen. There is scope for adventure in most walks of life. Go and look for tough and difficult things to do, and then do them with your friends. If you do achieve something worth while and happen to win a few laurels, don't rest on them'.



(By courtesy British Lion Film Corporation Ltd.)
The summit ridge of Everest, photographed by
Bourdillon from the South Summit, 28,720 feet

The Lone Bureau

The Lone Bureau is closed temporarily, but it is hoped to reopen it early in the New Year when the Secretary will have a supply of up-to-date specimen Lone Company Meetings for Guides and Rangers which may be borrowed by new Lone Guiders and those wanting fresh ideas. An announcement will be made in THE GUIDER when the Bureau is open. Specimen Lone Letters will also be on view from January 1st, 1954, at I.H.Q. for visiting Lone Guiders and those interested in the Section.

Leicestershire County Standard

At an impressive ceremony in the De Montfort Hall, 1,500 Leicestershire Guides attended a service at which the new County Standard was dedicated by the Provost. The Standard shows the World Trefoil, a running fox, Simon de Montfort's Lion, three pimpernels (representing the three city Divisions) the Guide motto and, in the centre, the Orb.

An International Fellowship

A new milestone was reached in Scouting and Guiding in October when sixty delegates from sixteen countries, meeting in Lucerne, decided unanimously to inaugurate the International Fellowship of former Scouts and Guides. (The Assembly will await the formal acceptance of joint Fellowship at the 1954 Conference of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.) The British delegation included Lord Baden-Powell, Chairman of the B-P Guild, and Mrs. Davies-Cooke, Chairman of the Trefoil Guild, and Mrs. Harley, J.P., Executive Committee representative, were Observers. At the closing ceremony, held in the Hall of the State Senate, under the chairmanship of Colonel J. S. Wilson, President of the Scout International Council, the charter was signed by a delegate from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden, Switzerland, who thereby became founder countries of the Fellowship.

The Brownie Branch and Extension Section

All Guiders will wish to thank Miss Dorothy Harrison and Mrs. R. C. Duncan for the generous help they have given to the movement during the time they have been respectively Brownie Adviser, I.H.Q. and Adviser for Extensions, I.H.Q. 'Those of us who served with Miss Harrison at trainings or on committees or at the Brownie Conference and Exhibition, will remember her humour and sense of proportion and the skilful, and sometimes forceful, way she brought us down to earth if we forgot the needs of the ordinary Brownie', writes Miss Brambleby. Miss Barbara Gibbon, who has succeeded her, was Brownie Adviser for Wales, has

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What Shall We Play at the Party?

To help you Miss Brenda Morton, Miss Gardiner, Miss Hett and Miss Laverie have sent in the following suggestions. All the games will be enjoyed by 'active' Guides and those under the various headings will be useful if deaf, blind or handicapped Guides or Rangers are amongst your guests.

Tiger Hunt

Players choose an opponent and sit facing her. At each turn each player secretly decides to be the tiger, the man or the gun. At the word 'Go' she instantly does the action representing her choice. *Tiger*, hands on head, fingers wagging like ears; *gun*, arms holding gun for firing; *man*, hands on chest as though clutching lapels. (If necessary, actions can be done with one arm only.)

Method of scoring: man versus gun—man scores one point as he controls gun; gun versus tiger—gun scores as it can kill tiger; tiger versus man—tiger scores as it can kill defenceless man; both actions the same—no score.

It takes two slow turns to let everybody understand the marking system. Then keep the turns going rapidly and the players will soon be reduced to helpless laughter!

For Handicapped Guides

First Come—First Served

Required: Chopping board, knife and fork, bar of chocolate, old hat, scarf, gloves and one or two dice.

The board is placed on a table, the chocolate on it and all the other 'props' by it. The players sit round and each throws the dice in turn as quickly as possible. The first one to throw a six goes to the table, puts on hat, scarf and gloves and tries to cut off and eat a piece of the chocolate before another player throws a six and takes her place. (If there are many players two 'sets' may be used, the circle being halved. This game can, if necessary, be played in pairs, one to throw the dice and an 'active' Guide as runner or to push the chair of those unable to walk.)

Obstacle Race

Bun to be suspended and eaten hanging from string; ginger beer to be drunk through straw; wool to be knitted up on match sticks; message to de-code; matches to be balanced on neck of bottle.

All the necessary material is placed in boxes and given to the leaders who decide who can best do what and get their teams finished as quickly as they can. A task must be provided for each member of the team and if there are too many the leader decides which to leave out.

For the Deaf

Shapes

Played in patrols. Make a list of shapes for a patrol to form itself into such as a teacup, a flower, a frying pan, an arm chair, etc. Patrol number. P.L.s come first and are all given the same shape. They run back to their patrol and as quickly as possible get the Guides to make the required shape. Each member of the patrol has a turn in organising the shape. Two points are awarded for the best shape and one for the first made.

Rabbits

Everyone sits round in a ring. Whoever starts the game puts two hands above her head like a rabbit's ears and wiggles them. After a second or two she makes a throwing movement with her hands to someone else. Immediately that person puts up her hands for ears and her neighbours on the right and the left put up one hand and wiggle it. When the person in the middle decides to throw the rabbit then her neighbours stop as well and the next three start. The people who are too sleepy to realise they are rabbits and do not wiggle in time are out and move from the circle. The last three left in are winners.

For the Blind

Trains

Guides stand at one end of the room in patrols. A chair is placed opposite each patrol at the other end of the room. On the whistle the Leader runs up the room, round the chairs and back to her own patrol. The Leader then picks up the second Guide who holds the Leader's belt with both hands and they

repeat the run. The Leader continues picking up one Guide at a time until the whole patrol runs round together. The winning patrol is the first to be standing in a straight line as at first.



Passing the Penny

Guides sit on the floor in patrols. Each P.L. has six pennies on the floor by her left hand. P.L.s put their right hand behind their backs and take hold of the upper arm (left). They then pick up a penny and pass it to the Guide behind them who takes it with her left hand held by the right in the same way. This continues to the back of the patrol where the Second receives it. The Second then says 'Change'. This means that they all pass the penny forwards with their right hands, the upper arm on the right being held with the left hand. As soon as the Leader has all six pennies on the floor by her right hand she calls out.

Battleships and Destroyers

About a third of the company act as 'Rocks'; the remainder to be paired off, 'Battleship' with 'Destroyer'. Each pair decides on an audible (vocal) signal. 'Battleships' are lined up at one end of the room and 'Destroyers' at the other, not opposite partners. 'Rocks' scattered about between. 'Destroyers' are all blindfolded. On the whistle the 'Battleships' begin to make their noises and the 'Destroyers' try to find their partners, without being touched by the 'Rocks'. These are sitting on the floor, able only to move their arms, and are keeping up a continuous swishing noise. Any 'Destroyer' to be touched by a 'Rock' sits down and becomes another 'Rock'. How many pairs are united by the end of the game?

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worked with Guides and Sea Rangers and trained abroad, and so brings to her new appointment a wide outlook and experience. Mrs. Duncan serves on the Executive Committee of the Invalid Children's Aid Association and, with her husband, gave a holiday home for boys at Shiplake, and she brought to the Section a wide interest and sympathy for the needs of handicapped Brownies, Guides and Rangers. She hands on the Section to Lady Alethea Eliot whose work for this vital Section goes back to 1930 when she served as lieutenant and then captain of the Guide Company at the Princess Louise Heritage Craft School at Chailey.

A RECITAL OF Christmas Carols and Music by Mrs. Benn (singer) and Mrs. Alfred Lampson (accompanist), with a commentary by Mrs. Lampson, will be given on January 6th, 1954, at 7.30 p.m. at the Guide Club. Silver collection in aid of Guide Club funds.

Problems and Queries from Ranger Guiders

Problem

Now that the Land Ranger Adventurer test has become recognised as the Land Section's specialised training, should all Land Ranger companies include it in their training syllabus (as do the Sea and Air Sections their specialised tests) or is it still optional to be used if a company is interested in the L.R.A. test?

When the L.R.A. test was first asked for by the Land Rangers themselves there was a strong feeling in many companies that their programme was sufficiently full and they did not require a specialised test. It was, therefore, made quite clear, during the experimental stage, that the L.R.A. test was there for those companies or individual Rangers who liked to train along the lines it indicated, but that companies which were satisfied with the Ranger Service Star as their basic training, and were already including outdoor and adventurous activities in their programme without the incentive of the L.R.A. test, would not be expected to include it in their training programme.

Now, after four years of experimenting, the L.R.A. is the established specialised training test of the Land Ranger Section. But the position still remains the same; it is there for those who like to use it and is not a test that a Land Ranger need feel she is required to take. But every Land Ranger Guider should know about the test and be ready to introduce it to her company, or to individual Rangers, if she feels at any time that it may help them to make their training more balanced, should they have become rather static and indoor minded or if they have an urge towards the more adventurous activities of the Land, or, and this will probably apply very much to the younger girls in a company, if they want to tackle a practical test which can be passed in small sections. The L.R.A. test must not be looked upon as yet another addition to an already over-weighted programme but rather as a gateway to adventure and Scouting which can stand open all the time for those Land Rangers who like to 'have a go' at what lies along the path to which it leads.

O. L. HILLBROOK

[Land Ranger Adviser, England]

Queries

1. What is the procedure to be followed in starting a unit to cater for girls of fifteen to eighteen, some of whom wish to be Land, some Sea and some Air Rangers, while some

would like to be Cadets? We do not want this to be a temporary arrangement but a real 'Combined Operations' unit, as there will never be sufficient girls to form separate companies for all these Sections.

Each of the three Ranger Sections must be registered separately at Headquarters and in each case there must be a Guider attached to the unit qualified to take the specialised training in each Section. The same applies to the Cadets. They must be separately registered and there must be a Guider with the necessary Cadet qualifications (P.O.R. page 91). This may sound clumsy, but it is to safeguard the interests of the Rangers and ensure that they obtain the specialised training of their Section in a 'Combined Operations' unit.

2. Why is it that so many Rangers wear their uniform incorrectly?

The chief reason for untidy, incorrectly dressed Rangers is that they have not been set a standard. It is a mistaken idea that the girl of Ranger age should do as she likes where her appearance is concerned—it is quite disastrous in uniform. The fact that Rangers can, and will, rise to any challenge of achievement was shown during the Ranger Rally of 1950. Definite rules were laid down for the wearing of uniform and Rangers were told that they could not take part in the march past if they did not conform to the instructions. The result was amazing. In a new unit it may be more difficult to produce a standard, but this can be done if every recruit is shown exactly how her uniform should be worn and then the standard of the unit thus obtained prevents her getting away with individual variations.

3. One of my Rangers is ready to pass her Colour and Line Section of the Ranger Service Star; she leaves for college next week and the examiner is away on holiday. I am a qualified Art Teacher. Can I, in this emergency, pass her myself?

The captain is responsible for arranging for the testing of the Ranger Star in consultation with her Commissioner. Although most captains would not wish to pass their own Rangers in this particular test as you have special qualifications it is possible in this emergency, but you should make a point of checking up with your Commissioner.

4. Who passes a Sea Ranger for the Leading Sea Ranger Test?

The Skipper is responsible for the standard and testing of the L.S.R., but she may depute suitable people to do the actual practical testing.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner Writes

THE Chief Commissioner has gone to Canada so she has asked me to write to you in her stead. It is good that she shall have the real break she so richly deserves and lovely for Canada to share her with us for a while.

In September I flew to Ulster's annual Commissioners' Conference. It is the second one I have been to, and it is always the greatest fun. Portstewart, where the Conference regularly takes place in an excellent hotel, is a small seaside town surrounded by lovely country. There is always plenty of time to explore and walk, and to get to know one another, and it is somehow much more entertaining to discuss financial problems while watching a little party of redshanks searching for food along the seashore, besides which fresh air clears your mind like nothing else! I often wish the Executive met on the roof of Headquarters or in St. James's Park in the summer. Ulster had indeed a grand conference and a very happy one.

The next day in Dublin, on my way to some friends, I went to the Eire Guide Headquarters at the back of a house on Stephens Green. There they have two rooms and one wonderful person, Miss Bothwell, who does all the selling in the shop, as well as answering the telephone and looking after visitors of whom there were plenty! Dublin is a fascinating place with its beautiful Georgian houses, the bridges over the Liffey, and Trinity College where I arrived just in time to see the Book of Kells before the library was closed. It is incredible to think of the time and skill and perception of beauty that went to the making of that book so many hundreds of years ago.

It was fun to go to my own district, Dorchester, for their Annual Meeting, and I saw there such a good Brownie display which the Warborough Pack had invented themselves. They all became toys in a toy shop and each had a label—dog 2s. 6d., doll 7s. 6d. and so on—clearly marked. When

Brown Owl wound them up they hopped or barked or wriggled according to whether they were rabbits, dogs or snakes, and said 'Ma-ma' beautifully like the best dolls. They were so enchanting that Father Christmas bought them all and put them in his sack.

The Trefoil Guild Conference

A few weeks later the Trefoil Guild held their third Conference at Swanwick, where over two hundred and fifty delegates and Recorders met for a really excellent week-end. The Chief Commissioner presented Miss Porter, who had been the first Recorder for England and for Headquarters, with the Beaver award, amid vociferous applause. No one ever deserved it more truly, for Mary Porter had the vision and the dogged tenacity to see the Trefoil Guild through its early years, and in the face of every kind of opposition, frustration and neglect! Now the Guild has ten thousand members in Great Britain and a few hundred overseas, and is growing rapidly. It made one realise its potential power, both as an active body and as a holding ground for Guiders between warrants. It will be interesting to see this new force seize the wonderful opportunities open to it just as it was really thrilling to hear all that Guild members have done, and are doing, to help Guiding and their local community.

To show you how firmly established it is the last verse of Miss Chater's newest edition to 'Sally' goes like this:

'So, thinking it out, she's looked about
For the job that will best reward her,
And that is why she starts today
As a Trefoil Guild Recorder'.

The idea of inviting Commissioners to join with the trainers in 'partnership'—the theme of the 'Dip Week' conference at Swanwick—was an excellent one, for of course the whole of Guiding is a partnership and no one part can truly flourish without the other. Nor can Guiding give its best contribution unless we are all fully aware of the impact of new ideas and changes in the pattern of living, both at home and in other parts of the world. To be aware, and to be simple in our Guiding, to hold firmly to the fundamentals of Scouting and the outdoor way of life, to believe always in the philosophy of the first rate and at the same time learn to accept that we are all imperfect, and to be perhaps more understanding and more tolerant because of it—these were some of the things that Swanwick left with me.

It was one of the great pleasures of 'Dip Week' that Miss Chater was there to give us music for all tastes. I think the way in which she and Mrs. Bergel, our excellent Drama Adviser, with help from 'guest artistes', enchanted our evenings and wove little bits of music in between the sessions was rather like the illuminations and shining gold leaf of the pages of a book. The book of Swanwick was not very long but it was closely written and full of good things.

Everyone at the conference must have been encouraged by the lovely exhibition of handwork—yet another way of making things that are good and beautiful and true. I am sure Miss Martin, now a member of the Scottish Handcraft Circle, must have felt this about her bag, a thing of beauty.

The Framework Was 'Partnership'

The conference had a frame round it, and a pattern within it, which was designed by Miss Thompson, Chairman of the Religious Panel—a lovely pattern of prayer and personal dedication, and learning how better to love, for with love all things are possible and without it nothing is worth while.

As this will reach you, nearly everyone will be thinking of Christmas, either getting ready for it—enjoying it—or perhaps clearing up after it! So may I wish you the lovely happiness that a true Christmas brings, the fun, the kindness, the special pleasure of families getting together, and something, too, of the spirit that seems to surround us when we think back on that 'Holy night, silent night', even as we

sing the carol. If the glorious joy at the birth of Christ is in our hearts, wherever we may be, there is Christmas.

Last year on a sheep station in New South Wales we ate oranges from the trees in the garden, parrots flew from the road, and a kangaroo looked through the fence as we drove early to church along the long, straight, red road, and I think back with immense gratitude for a Christmas spent with an old friend, and shall remember it ever more because it was the first for four years with a son working in Australia. That kind of thing must be happening to so many people. Perhaps for you it is the first Christmas at home after years abroad, the first leave and reunion with the children, or the first one living away from home in a strange country with new friends and a rather aching heart. Or once again the dear village Christmas of all our lives, with the holly and the carols, the Christmas tree and the crib lit up in the church—and then the Queen's broadcast.

Her Majesty's Tour

This year it will come to us from New Zealand, and the Queen herself will have travelled half round the world and will have fresh memories of Bermuda, Jamaica, Fiji and Tonga to enrich her vision of the peoples of the Commonwealth. But she will surely, too, have a great longing for her children, and understand more deeply what this means to so many women facing separation at Christmas. As we listen to her our thoughts will go round the world to our own families, to the many friends who have visited us during this Coronation year and, as you read the wishes on the thousands of Christmas cards that will have been exchanged, you will know how real and true these wishes are.

As we kneel this Christmas Day, let us pray that we may draw fresh strength and tenderness and humility from the simple beauty of Christ's birth Who 'came all so still, There His mother was, As dew in April, That falleth on the grass'.



Queen Elizabeth II in her Coronation robes

Within the Commonwealth

The Family to Which We All Belong

During the next year we have been offered the privilege of a regular feature—a page or half a page in THE GUIDER each month to be devoted to news, company activities, ceremonies, games and songs to bring us all in closer touch with Guides from the different countries of the Commonwealth and from the furthest corners of the British Empire. This page will be headed 'Within the Commonwealth' for the double reason that we all are within the Commonwealth and because it will spread before us Commonwealth fare and, we hope and believe, a feast of good things. HELEN GIBBS (Chief Commissioner for Overseas)

I PROMISE on my honour to do my best to do my duty to the Queen'. Each Guider has herself made this Promise and part of her duty is to make it real to her Guides. Yet so often the best that can be produced by the Guide is 'I won't drop litter and I'll stand at attention for the national anthem'. Both these are important, as ways in which the child can show her loyalty, but they are not very exciting. Can we, as Guiders, build on all the inspiration of the Coronation and the Tribute and make duty to the Queen the big and growing idea that it should be?

Queen of what? Queen of England. Certainly she is, but also of something more. Queen of the Commonwealth and Empire. When she spends Christmas in New Zealand or when she lands in Jamaica she will still be among her own people just as much as when she is in Buckingham Palace. The Guides and Brownies of Fiji are just as much subjects of Her Majesty and members of the Commonwealth as those in our local company or pack. There is widespread ignorance of the Commonwealth in Great Britain, and we can do something to remedy it. Are we really training the girls to be good citizens if we restrict their citizenship to their own town or village or, at best, their own country?

During 1954 ideas, games and activities and items of news about countries of the Commonwealth will appear in THE GUIDER in order to help us to give the Guides a fuller understanding of duty to the Queen. Only by some realisation of the vastness of her responsibility, and the bigness of the family to which we all belong, can we really 'do our duty' by our prayers for her and her peoples, by learning to take our place as an informed member of the British Commonwealth and Empire.

GWEN CLAYTON
(Guide Adviser, I.H.Q.)

Activities for the Company and Pack

WHERE ARE WE? Each patrol chooses a country from one of the *Commonwealth Painting Books* (Parts I, II, and III, obtainable from I.H.Q., price 2s. 9d. each) and acts a scene depicting life in that country. They can bring to life the scene shown in the book, but by reading the details about the country they can use their imagination and act different scenes. Encourage dressing up. If leaders know the week before they can add to the reality of their scene by bringing garments and 'props'. The rest of the company have to guess what country they are in. Encourage countries included in the Queen's present tour.

SNAKE AND MONKEY DANCE. (A Brownie game most popular with the

Bulbuls of India.) Brownies will like to know that the Brownies of India are called Bulbuls now (pronounced Bool-bool), and that snakes and monkeys are very common in most parts of India.

All the Brownies form one long line, holding each other by belts. The leader is the snake's head and the last one his tail. They slide on tiptoes round in a figure of eight, form a maze by winding up closely and then unwind again, hissing all the time to make the sound of rustling grass and a snake's call. Leader shouts 'Monkeys' and all break off and each Brownie runs about in a different way imitating a monkey—sitting, cracking and eating nuts; looking in a mirror and acting accordingly; climbing up a tree. Brownies can use their imagination endlessly. Leader calls 'Kaa' and all form snake and go on as before.

News from Many Lands

Tell your Guides that in Cyprus the first Queen's Guide Award was presented to Ten Feizi by H.E. the Governor at the Coronation Campfire. Ten Feizi came from Cyprus last year to the International Camp at Beaconsfield and went back determined to be a Queen's Guide.

When the Queen visits Jamaica three hundred Guides are to be allowed at the airport when she lands and two hundred Guides are to take part in the big parade.

There are now three Guide companies registered on Tonga in the Friendly Islands. It is hoped that H.R.H. Princess Mata'aho will be their Commissioner. When the Queen visits Tonga on December 20th there will be a feast in her honour.

South Sea Island recipes sound most intriguing! The Guides of Fiji are producing a book of these which they hope to sell in aid of company funds. What about following their example? You might try some of their recipes at your next Empire Day party—or for Thinking Day.

In Papua the first Blood Donor Group ever formed there among women was formed this summer by the Papua Ranger Company as part of their Coronation Tribute. The giving of blood is contrary to all tribal laws in a country only just emerging from a fearful dread of the Sorcerer; this great Tribute needed steadfast determination and courage under such natural feelings of fear and superstition.

There will be a new ceremony for Thinking Day campfires and parties published on this page next month. It is written so that it can easily be adapted for a small company, or for a large gathering in a District or Division.

M. VERA ARMSTRONG



Tongan families receive baskets of food after the birthday feast in 1950 in honour of Queen Salote, which coincided with the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Friendship between Great Britain and Tonga

Extending the District

THERE is no greater tragedy for the young than being 'left out'. These words at the beginning of *The Extension Handbook* call our attention to one of the heaviest burdens that a physically handicapped girl may have to carry; not only is she debarred by her disability from many of the activities she would otherwise enjoy, but also frequently she is deprived of the stimulating company of girls of her own age, and the happiness that comes from being part of a group, contributing to its welfare and making lasting friendships.

The District Commissioner can play a far larger part in banishing this sense of isolation than she often realises; every member of the Extension Section should feel that she is 'part of the District' as surely as every active Guider, Ranger, Guide and Brownie does. To ensure this, the Commissioner must be known personally to every Extension Guider, and to the Patrol and Pack Leaders; in the case of a Post Guide or Brownie she should make a special point of visiting her before her enrolment, and occasionally afterwards, unless at District functions the girl is able to be with the company or pack to which she is attached.

The Guide gains her outlook on such matters very largely from her Guider, so it is important that the Guiders of an Extension Company attend District Court of Honour, and make suggestions as to what part their companies and packs can play in any district activities. A Post Guider of a county District in which she lives, and it is usually possible, by arranging escort or transport, for her to attend the Court of Honour in person; if this is not possible, she can be given an outline of the meeting by letter, telephone, or, far better, a visit from one of the Guiders who was there, and she should be encouraged to send in suggestions.

New Testers for the District Panel

Hospitals and institutions often have fairly extensive grounds and the authorities may be very willing for a District function to be held there, even offering the use of a hall if it is wet. This is an ideal arrangement; the Extensions are the hostesses, and, with adequate help, can plan a large part of the entertainment for their guests, a novel and valuable experience for girls who nearly always have things arranged for them. The 'thank you' letters from the visiting companies afterwards make a very good addition to the Company Log Book.

Another possibility is that of holding part of the First Class, or some badge test, at the hospital, enabling the Extension company to see many of the clauses in practice, and gain some real knowledge which is so hard to come by with books and models only. Quite often Guiders and institution staff may be able and willing to act as examiners, and a few inquiries from the superintendent produce valuable additions to the District Panel of Testers.

Perhaps the point at which the District Commissioner finds it hardest to carry out her responsibility towards Extensions is in the matter of the Post Guide or Brownie living in her

District; it is so easy to relegate her to the Post Guider and Extension Secretary, and so hard to realise the immense importance of personal contact. This does not mean that the Commissioner must necessarily make the first visit herself, but she must see that when a request comes for a girl to be visited, some suitable person, a Guider, Local Association or Trefoil Guild member, is asked to do so *as soon as possible*, and let the Extension Secretary know the result of the visit immediately.

'Hope deferred makes the heart sick' is particularly true of the invalid, and the girl who comes home from a long stay in a hospital where she has become a Guide is, not unnaturally, inclined to think that Guiding has not much use for her if there is considerable delay between the time when she gets home and when a member of the movement comes to see her.

In some cases the Guide may have been completely cured by her treatment, or may have so slight a disability that she can join the local company or pack, in others it will be better for her to join the County Post Company, and be attached to the local Guides; until the Extension Secretary has some report on her condition, and which course is likely to be the more suitable, she can do nothing about sending the transfer to its proper destination. The District Commissioner may feel at a loss as to which course to recommend; usually the parents, doctor or district nurse can help, and, broadly speaking, it is better for the girl to join the Post company or pack, being attached to the local company or pack, and transferred to them later, than it is to join the local company at once, only to find that either she cannot keep up the pace, or that bad weather, illness, or distance make her attendance so irregular that she feels herself to be an outsider.

The arrival of a Post Guide in the District should always be brought to the notice of the Court of Honour, Local Association, and Trefoil Guild, from all of which useful co-operation may be expected; one member may be able to offer transport, another to lend books, another to teach some handcraft, and yet another to 'sit in' occasionally if mother has to be out for a whole afternoon or evening. A word of warning here; an Extension must be trained to carry out the Law as fully as any other Guide. She must not be spoiled and petted, so each visit should contain some opportunity of doing or making something for someone else.

Ask the County Extension Secretary

Every District Commissioner who has a member of the Extension Section in her district needs to be well acquainted with the rules for Extensions in *P.O.R.*; she will be surprised when she reads it for the first time to notice how often she appears! She is needed for warrants, registrations, special testers, Extension camps, over-night hikes for Extension Rangers, and must also make sure that the very necessary permissions for any Extension Ranger, Guide or Brownie attending an active camp or pack holiday are obtained. In any doubt or difficulty she can always apply to the County Extension Secretary for help and advice.

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In *The White Camel and Other Stories*, by Marjorie Bennett (E. L. Lee, 8s. 6d.), Brown Owls will find some delightful stories to tell the pack. 'Iggy Boocus', all about a sea gull who belonged to the Sea-gull Special Service for taking messages, Golden Hand and there are many other good stories. Joan Hall-Fletcher has contributed some delightful illustrations.

There is another engaging 'Grey Rabbit' book by Alison Uttley (pictures by Margaret Tempest) for young nephews and nieces this Christmas—*Little Grey Rabbit's Valentine* (Collins, 3s. 6d.) and Racey Helps has written *Barnaby and the Scarecrow* (Collins, 3s. 6d.) for the same age group.

Max Parrish have just published *The Wonder World of Birds*, by Marie Neurath, and a *Message Round the World* (both at 6s.). Brownies would enjoy the first, and Guides all the exciting information about cables under the sea, waves which travel the world in a flash and so on in the second.

For Guides

Jane's Country Year, by Malcolm Saville (Newnes, 8s. 6d.). When you have played a woodcraft game several members of the company may ask you for a 'follow up'. Here it is in the new edition of *Jane's Country Year*. Jane spends a year on a farm with an uncle and aunt and at the end of each month are listed, with delightful pictures, many of her discoveries.

In *By Special Request* (Collins, 12s. 6d.) nineteen well-known authors have written a new story for girls at the invitation of Noel Streatfeild. Viola Garvin writes about life as the daughter of a famous newspaper editor, Angela Du Maurier about first nights, Ralph Hammond about Canada. 'We drop from the sky with a secret agent, visit one of the first woman doctors on her hundredth birthday—picnic on a klong in Siam and visit a film studio'—but, lest the journey should be too breathless, Noel Streatfeild introduces us to each of the contributors before their story starts.

In *Admiral's Walk* (Collins, 8s. 6d.) Kitty Barne has set her story in a village where Gay and her mother have been left a house. They plot and plan to make ends meet and all the characters are 'real'—even the crusty old gardener.

Three new 'Puffin Story Books', edited by Eleanor Graham, will help to solve Christmas present problems for boys and girls: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain. *Little Women*, by Louisa Alcott (including a delightful introduction) and by Eleanor Graham on how this book came to be written) and *King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table* (retold by Roger Lancelyn Green). In a *Puffin Book of Verse* compiled by Eleanor Graham she has indeed found verses which 'sing in the ear and catch in the mind' and this book should delight many. All four are published by Penguin Books at 2s. 6d.

The Fearless Treasure, by Noel Streatfeild (Michael Joseph, 12s. 6d.). 'History came alive for me with this book', writes Dorothea Braby who illustrated it, and with a place in the company library it should spur many Guides on to discover for themselves that 'the tapestry of England, its texture and its colour, is exciting' and which part of the pattern belongs to them.

For All Ages

With Ronald Searle's inimitable illustrations we surely must recapture again the breathless ecstasy of the chase we knew as children when we read or recited *The Diverting History of John Gylpin*, by William Cowper (a King Penguin Book, 3s. 6d.).

Animals in Staffordshire Pottery, by Bernard Rackham, C.B. (King Penguin, 5s.). Another delightful addition to the King Penguin series dealing with the earlier examples of Staffordshire pottery animals, those expressions of peasant craftsmanship regarded with pleasure and affection by the rustic society to which they belonged. The sixteen beautiful colour plates by Peggy Jeremy are a joy in their beauty of simple line and warm shades of colour, while the attractive book jacket is indicative of the interest to be found within. The kind of book you will buy for a present and keep for your self. C.M.G.

Roman preserving methods, 1660—the first pressure cooker, paper bag cookery, medieval grocers—these are some of the fascinating subjects covered in the latest edition to Methuen's 'Outlines'—*The Story of the Kitchen*, written and illustrated by S. E. Ellacott (price 8s. 6d.).

Dancers will be glad to know two more books have been added to the delightful 'Handbooks of European National Dances' series—*Dances of Ireland* and *Dances of Belgium* (Max Parrish, 4s. 6d.). Both include just enough about the history of dancing in that country to make you want to know more in addition to the music, step notations and coloured plates of the costumes.

The Riches of Christmas, edited by Hannen Foss (Blandford Press, 15s.) includes excerpts from King George VI's Christmas Broadcasts, stories, carols and poems and beautiful reproductions in colour of Fra Angelico's paintings.

The Faber Book of Children's Verse, edited by Janet Adam Smith (Faber, 12s. 6d.). This is an excellent anthology of verse both old and new, which any lover of poetry might be glad to have for her own browsing hours or to share with younger relatives and friends. Indeed, it would appear that though Janet Adam Smith designed the book 'for those between the ages of eight and fourteen' she must have foreseen that its owners would chiefly be those well part adolescence since her introduction is certainly written for adults rather than for children. Both in it and in the selection she has made in consultation with young people up to the age of twenty-one she shows a breadth of view, a sense of humour and a sensibility far from common in anthologists. M.P.

Sold for a Farthing, by Clare Kipps (Muller, 5s.). It is easy in turning over the pages of this book to recognise that it is by no means an ordinary one. The small bird (shown in the accompanying illustration) confirms that its subject matter is a sparrow; it is dedicated to Walter de la Mare ('but for whose encouragement it would never have been written'); it is prefaced by a quotation from C. S. Lewis's *The Problem of Pain*; and the foreword is by Julian Huxley. It is evident therefore that the text will be worth reading—what cannot be apparent at first glance is the simplicity with which a most extraordinary tale is told. The twelve-year life span of a crippled fledgling picked up on a London doorstep is recorded faithfully and without sentimentality: it is the story of a great and understanding friendship from which both partners to it gained much and in which both retained a proper and natural dignity. M.P.



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Where to Train

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

Training Centre Fees: See November GUIDER.

FOXLEASE

December

31-5 Jan. General

January, 1954

8-12 Guide and Brownie Guiders

15-19 Music and Drama

22-26 S.W. Area C.A.s

February

26-2 March. Guide and Brownie Guiders

March

5-9 Commissioners and Secretaries

12-16 Guide and Brownie Guiders

19-30 Sussex

April

2-9 Extension Guiders

13-20 (Easter) Commissioners, Guide and Brownie Guiders

23-27 Guide and Ranger Guiders

30-10 May. Middlesex East

May

14-18 Outdoor Activities

21-25 Guide and Brownie Guiders

28-1 June. Essex

June

4-14 General

18-21 I.H.Q. Staff

22-29 Guide and Brownie Guiders

WADDOW

December

29-5 Jan. General, i. Elementary; ii. Refresher

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)

February

5-9 Guide and Brownie Guiders (with emphasis on Guide First Class)

12-16 Lancs N.E.

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 S. Lancs.

April

2-6 Outdoor activities

9-12 Cheshire

15-26 (Easter) Guide, Brownie and Ranger Guiders. Bird-watching in the mid-week period)

30-4 May. Guide and Brownie Guiders

May

7-10 Commissioners

14-18 Yorks N.R.

21-25 Staffordshire

28-1 June. Guide and Brownie

June

4-8 Brownie Guiders (Pack Holiday Training included)

I.H.Q. CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

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 through your county.

Lone Training. There will be a training at I.H.Q. for all Lone Guiders from the United Kingdom and overseas on Friday, April 23rd, from 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, April 24th, from 10.30 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday, April 25th, from 2 p.m.-5.30 p.m. Fee 5s. Applications, enclosing fee and stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary, Imperial Training Department.

ENGLAND

The following trainings will be held at I.H.Q. Applications, enclosing fee, to the Secretary, English Training Department.

Secretaries (County, Division and District): Saturday, February 13th, from 11 a.m.-6.30 p.m. Fee 3s. 6d., including tea.

Handcraft: Saturday, February 20th, from 11 a.m.-6.30 p.m. Fee: 3s. 6d., including tea. Further details in the January GUIDER.

Brownie Pack Holiday: Saturday, March 6th, from 11 a.m.-6.30 p.m.; Sunday, March 7th, from 2-5.30 p.m. Fee: 5s. 6d., including tea on Saturday and Sunday.

Northern Extension Guiders: At Manchester on Saturday, March 20th, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. There will be training in all handicapped groups and camping. Further particulars in the January GUIDER.

SCOTLAND

Netherurd

December

4-7 Trainees

11-14 Rangers

January

8-11 Cub Scouters—County Booking

15-18 Guide and Brownie Guiders

22-25 Cadets

February

26-1 March. Renfrewshire

March

5-8 Brownie Pre-Warrant and Pack Leaders

12-15 Guide and Brownie Guiders

19-22 Durham County

26-29 Leadership (Training Patrol Leaders)

April

2-5 Guide Pre-Warrant

9-12 Square Centres

16-19 Easter: Guide and Brownie Refresher

23-26 East Lothian

WALES

Broncirion

December

29-2 Jan. New Year—General Training and Festivities.

January

16-17 Welsh Camp Advisers

ULSTER

Lorne

December

4-6 Counties pre-warrant

January

1-3 Cadets

8-10 Guide pre-warrant

15-17 Brownie pre-warrant

22-24 First Class (standards of training and testing)

29-31 South Belfast

February

5-7 Co. Antrim

12-14 Co. and City Derry

19-20 Belfast Campers

March

5-7 Extension and General

12-14 S.E. Belfast

19-21 International

26-28 Co. Down

April

2-4 East Belfast

16-19 (Easter). Guide

23-25 Co. Tyrone

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

Pack Holiday House, Waddow. Applications for Pack Holidays for 1954 will be considered on, and after, February 1st. The Pack Holiday House is available for parties of Guides, Rangers and Cadets, with their Guiders, between October and April, though preference will always be given to Brownie packs who may wish to book during those months. Applications should be addressed to the Secretary, Waddow, Clitheroe, Lancs, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for details.

Foxlease or Waddow. Applications for campsites for 1954 will be considered in January and should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Applications must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from your C.A., together with a deposit of 5s. (which will be forfeited if the booking is cancelled) and the necessary stamped envelope.

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

Please state in the original application the date of the camp (giving alternative dates where possible) and approximate numbers. The maximum number on any one site at Foxlease is 30 campers; at Waddow there are two campsites for a maximum of 40 campers and four campsites for a maximum of 30 campers.

Hindleap Warren, Forest Row, East Grinstead, Sussex. This is an un-equipped site and all details will be supplied by the site Recorder, Miss Swan, Ballards, Forest Row, Sussex.

The Guiders' Postbag

'Adopted' Families in D.P. Camps

We have recently returned from visiting the family of Displaced Persons in a 'Hard Core' camp in Northern Germany who were adopted by Ilford West District L.A. eighteen months ago. We think that other people, who cannot personally visit their families, may be encouraged by what we experienced. Our family live in one room in a long concrete hut. There are twenty huts in all, surrounding a dusty football field, and in each about twelve families live. Frau Darijtschuk and her husband gave us a very warm welcome, taking us into their room and obviously glad that we had come. In spite of the language barrier we conversed for nearly two hours with signs, a dictionary and much laughter.

These families have few comforts. Ours has no carpet or comfortable chairs, yet they did not complain about their privations, and their room was spotlessly clean. We think that conditions have slightly improved during the past year, perhaps because more work is available, but they still need material for clothing and embroidery. Anything which they can make or do is appreciated, but most of all they value friendship.

When we left, the whole family escorted us through the middle of the camp, and down to the corner of the road. We realised then how many of the families had given up the struggle to retain that standard of cleanliness and cultured living to which, no doubt, a number of them had been accustomed. It seemed to us that much of the value of the 'Adoption Scheme' is that it can give point and purpose, through contact with people in normal circumstances, to what must often seem an interminable struggle in which it is so easy and fatal to abandon hope. We hope that those people who already have contacts will steadily maintain them, and that other groups will be prepared to adopt families, for there are two hundred and fifty thousand D.P.s living in these camps.

JEAN M. SMITH and MARY ST. C. SNOW
(District Commissioner and District Secretary, Ilford West)

'Our Team of Leaders'

May a District Commissioner try to express her most sincere thanks for the privilege of attending the Diploma'd Guiders' Conference at Swanwick? I know I do not speak only for myself when I say that the inspiration and confidence we received from it was a vital experience. By confidence I do not mean confidence in ourselves—the very reverse was the case—but supreme faith in our team of leaders, whose ability is obviously quite exceptional and whose Christianity is the fundamental factor governing every thought and action. It was, I am sure, their absolute sincerity, which sent us home with a far stronger belief in Guiding than we had ever had before, and a determination that we can give nothing less than our best if we are to play our full part in the great game and be members of the team who are worthy of their leaders. Our gratitude for their inspiration must be expressed, as they would wish it to be, not in words but in deeds.

MIRIAM REES
(District Commissioner for Llanasa)

To Knit—or Not to Knit

Having attended recently, as a very humble delegate, a conference at what I may fairly describe as a high level of Guiding I am faced with a burning question. Is it becoming a general practice to take one's knitting or sewing to a conference room, and if so how do we reconcile this with the 5th Guide Law? If one accepts the principle that there is nothing wrong in this practice, and there are to be no exceptions, then presumably speakers are not expected to mind if (a) their words are intermingled with the click of knitting needles (not to mention those that get dropped on the floor), or (b) all they see of the audience is the top of its head bent over its embroidery. Guide speakers would perhaps understand that our lives are so busy that we are expert in doing two things at once and that the movement of our hands in no way detracts from our complete attention to what is being said, but what of the outside speakers? Does someone explain to them beforehand, or are they left

to wonder (a) whether the knitting is an antidote to boredom, (b) whether the audience registered anything at all (not having seen its face), or (c) whether the Guide movement includes good manners in its aims.

Again, if one accepts the principle, where does the line get drawn? In the Guide world presumably knitting would be expected to appear at Division or District meetings, during training sessions or at Courts of Honour. Outside Guiding, it might make its appearance in any college lecture room, and I suppose we could not complain if M.P.s manufactured tiny garments through dull debates or judges produced fine embroidery as an aid to summing up! I need hardly say that the beginning of the sermon in church would be the signal for general activity! All joking apart, are we so restless, or are our consciences so bad, that we cannot sit in repose and give our whole minds to listening sometimes without feeling that we are wasting time. If so, perhaps it might be well for us to reflect anew on the story of Martha and Mary and to remember which one it was that had 'the good part'.

EILEEN C. HARDY
(District Commissioner, East Brixton)

Developing Responsibility

The best way I have so far discovered in developing responsibility among country Guides is by keeping the training down to basic Guiding so that everything is practical, simple and of definite use and, therefore, easy to learn and easy to teach. Every Guide has a 6 ft. length of codline which she whips (and the whipping must stand up against my pulling) and keeps in her belt and all knotting is done with the Guides' own line. Anyone who forgets her's can't join in; they soon remember. The Patrol Leaders, who vary in age from just eleven to just thirteen, have a monthly Court of Honour where the sense of responsibility rests on an ethical and adult basis. I take it for granted that they can be trusted and I let them see that nothing otherwise could possibly cross my mind but, where they do fail, which is often, I try to let them know that I do know but don't hold it against them—and they do try to respond. I also have a monthly Patrol Leaders' Training where they have a bit of attention to themselves and are taught more than the others. When a new Patrol was to be formed competition for the leadership was so keen that nearly everyone voted for herself except those who already were Leaders!

'Basic girl' doesn't change much in spite of the veneer of sophistication and simple, old-fashioned Guiding with its stress on the out-of-doors, adventure, woodcraft, stalking, tracking and first aid and no falderals still meets the needs of country children, at least.

With regard to the criticisms of THE GUIDER, I must admit that I seldom rock with side-splitting laughter over it, but then I never expect to find much on 'Guidemanship' in *Punch* or *Lilliput*. As far as I am concerned it does what it sets out to do and is worth the money. I always read all the articles, whether for Ranger Guiders or Brown Owls and I always have done, even when I was a Sea Ranger Skipper. Ours is one movement and not a departmentalised civil service.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VILLAGER

What are Your Views?

By all means let us alter THE GUIDER if it really is old-fashioned. As a Methodist I have proposed somewhat the same treatment for our Annual Society Meeting, but let us make sure that it is not just pandering to the modern trend of scanning papers and periodicals and wanting all knowledge in illustrated strip-cartoons and a seeming inability or disinclination to read deeply or seriously.

MARY M. COOPER
(Captain, 5th Morecambe Guide Company)

(Other correspondents are thanked for their letters, some of whom make points which have already been covered.—ED.)

Headquarters Notices

Coming Events

The Empire Circle Christmas Party will be held at Headquarters on Wednesday, December 9th, at 6.30 p.m. There will be a Christmas Tree and gifts will be sent to Displaced Persons in the Lubbecke area of Germany. Invitations are being sent to members and to overseas Guiders.

The Empire Circle Annual Meeting will be held at Headquarters on Monday, January 25th, at 6.30 p.m. After the business meeting films of the Empire Circle Summer Party, the Windsor Church Parade, and the International Party will be shown by Mrs. Armstrong. This meeting is for members only.

An International Promise and Law Gathering will be held in Denmark from May 11th-19th, 1954, with a week of private hospitality afterwards. Great Britain has been asked to send four delegates and a selection will be made from the applications received. English applicants who are interested in this type of gathering, and are active members of their church, should send their names to their County International Representative, who will be able to supply them with the necessary forms and further details. Applications from Scotland, Wales and Ulster should be made direct to the International Adviser for the country concerned. The cost will be approximately £27 10s. and there will be a grant up to 50 per cent of this amount. (Guiders or Commissioners from any Church are invited.)

The Methodist Youth Department is organising a Conference for leaders in uniformed organisations at Grange Farm, Chigwell, Essex, over the week-end of February 12th-14th, 1954, the cost of which will be approximately 30s. A certain number of places will be reserved for the Girl Guides Association, and Commissioners or Guiders interested should write for further details to Miss Jenner, 42 Birchwood Road, Petts Wood, Kent.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Maurice Bear, who died at Wincanton on October 6th, was Chief Commissioner for India from 1916 to 1923 and the progress the movement made in those years owed much to her leadership. For this work she was awarded the Kaiser-i-Hind Gold Medal for 'services to India'. After her return to England Mrs. Bear opened eight Wayfarer Centres in various parts of London as clubs for young men and girls from the distressed areas who were working in London—an enterprise that afterwards grew into the Wayfarers' Guild.

Miss Josephine Latham who died on October 10th, 1953, after more than thirty years' service in the Westminster Division, was a Guide, Patrol Leader and Lieutenant in the 1st Westminster Company, of which she also became the third Captain from 1931-1945, subsequently joining the Trefoil Guild.

Mrs. Elizabeth Whitehurst (née Mallory) who died in September, was one of the pioneers and was Captain of the 1st Kidderminster Company in 1910. Since then she has given unbroken service to the movement as Guide and Ranger Captain in the Halesowen District and, latterly, as District Secretary. She was awarded the Silver Fish in the early days for service to the movement.

Awards

Gallantry

Bronze Cross: Miss Margaret Parker, aged 18, Tawny Owl, 188th Ashton Gate Methodist Pack, Bristol. Miss Parker was cycling home when she saw a girl fall over the side of a dock. She instantly shed her jumper, skirt and shoes, dived between the dock and a boat, barely three yards away, swam to the girl and drew her alongside a raft from which they were drawn by a rope. The water was cold and oily and, diving from such a height, there was danger of hitting her head on the boat or the bottom.

Silver Cross: Brownie Marilyn Powell, aged 8 years, 2nd South Newport Pack, Monmouthshire. When a small child fell into a 'feeder' to the dry docks Marilyn sent for help and then crawled through a fence to the water's edge where she managed to grab the child before he was sucked into a culvert. She cannot swim and was badly grazed but Marilyn hung on until she could drag the boy towards the bank. The great danger was the swift, swirling current and if she had over-

balanced both children would have been sucked into the grid into the docks.

Gilt Cross: Brownie Pauline Browne, aged 8 years, 1st Hellesdon Pack, Norfolk. Pauline was walking through a meadow when a five-year-old child threw a stone into the river and overbalanced. Although she could not swim Pauline went in after the child and managed to pull her to a shallow part of the river where they were both lifted on to the bank by two men passing in a boat. She faced considerable danger as the river is muddy and weedy and quickly drops to a depth of six feet.

Gilt Cross: Cadet Gillian Hardwick, aged 18 years, 1st North Oxford Company, Oxfordshire. While waiting at the lake side for a steamer a four-year-old child fell into the lake and was instantly carried into the river that runs out of it. Without hesitation Gillian jumped into the lake, swam to the boy and brought him to safety.

Gilt Cross: Guide Vicky Spencer, aged 13 years, 19th Sutton Coldfield Company, Warwickshire. Vicky's sister, aged 9, was standing in the sea wearing a rubber ring when she was swept out of her depth by the undercurrent. Her mother and father rushed into the water but neither could swim. Vicky shouted to others for help for her parents while she swam out and rescued her sister.

Fortitude

Certificate of Merit: Guide Denise Bradley, aged 12 years, 18th Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire North West (Baptist Church Company). Denise's patience and sweet nature during many months' illness with tubercular meningitis have greatly impressed the nurses and she has shown great courage and fortitude.

Certificate of Merit: Brownie Sixer Sandra Carson, aged 9 years, 4th Marple Extension Pack, Cheshire. Throughout her stay in hospital Sandra showed an unselfish and cheerful attitude to all her difficulties and faced the amputation of her leg with a very brave spirit.

Certificate of Merit: Ranger Vera M. Pattinson, aged 21, 228th Birmingham Company (Pype Hayes Congregational), Birmingham. Although she was severely handicapped from birth, after a number of operations and through her own determination Vera is now free of supports and able to take part in normal activities. Through all these years, some of them spent completely immobilised, her courage and cheerfulness have been an inspiration to all.

Good Service

Beaver: Miss D. H. Clough, Division Commissioner for Keighley, Yorkshire. Mrs. Thelma Cubison, Assistant Territorial Commissioner, Tanganyika. Miss D. A. Glenister, Division Commissioner for Enfield, Middlesex East. Miss C. H. E. F. Wilson MacQueen, Division Commissioner for North Northamptonshire. Miss E. M. B. Porter, Trefoil Guild Recorder, I.H.Q. Miss Andrina Wilson, Diploma'd Guider, Scotland. Miss Muriel Wyatt, Division Commissioner for Fareham, Hampshire.

Medal of Merit: Miss D. Bain, Division Commissioner for South Shields, Durham. Miss M. Harrison, Captain S.R.S. Cochrane, Durham. Miss N. Hewlett, Division Commissioner for the Hartlepoons, Durham. Miss Isabel McL. Patterson, lately District Commissioner No. 2 District (N.W.), Glasgow. Miss Winifred Hall, Division Secretary, Glasgow, S.W. Division. Miss Beatrice Scaife, District Commissioner for Deal and Walmer, Kent. Lady Verdon Smith, Division Commissioner for Wells, Somerset. Miss E. Redpath Telford, Division Commissioner for Gateshead-on-Tyne, Co. Durham. Miss Gwen Thomas, County Camp Adviser for Leicestershire.

Certificate of Merit: Miss D. Bell, District Commissioner for Central Bradford, Yorkshire, W.R.N.W. Miss G. Ingram, Assistant County Secretary (Finance), Durham. Miss D. V. Pease, Division Commissioner for Bernard Castle, Durham.

Training

Guide Training Diploma: Mrs. Elliott, South Africa; Mrs. Greenshields, South Africa; Miss D. Wyatt, London, S.W.

Brownie Training Diploma: Mrs. Knott, Berkshire; Miss M. Hulme, Cheshire.

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Camp Training Diploma: Miss Atkins, Hants; Miss Pitt, London over the Border; Miss N. Garrett, Bedfordshire; Miss T. M. Jackson, Lincolnshire; Miss F. Mole, Birmingham; Miss Mellor, Victoria, Australia.

Headquarters Instructors: Miss Bellairs Cox, Sussex (Music); Miss Hugo, Middlesex East (Air Ranger); Miss Jackson, Cheshire (Extensions).

Notice Board

Guiding and Communism: Guiders will have seen references in the press to the resignation of the Captain of the 1st Moss Nook Guide Company, Wythenshawe, from her appointment because she is a member of the Communist party. There has not been time to comment on this subject in this issue but it will be fully discussed in January.

The Trefoil Guild Central Office has moved from Cambridge Street and is now at the Guide Club (basement entrance), 46 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

An English Adventure Camp Reunion will be held at Imperial Headquarters on Saturday and Sunday, January 30th and 31st, 1954. The following are eligible to attend: Anyone who has attended an English Ranger Adventure Camp (including the Beaconsfield Camp in 1952); representatives to the European Ranger Gathering; Rangers and Guiders who have attended a County Adventure Camp. This reunion will celebrate five years of Adventure camping in England. Please make it known, especially to those who are no longer active members of the movement. Application forms and full details can be obtained from the Reunion Secretary, c/o Miss Hillbrook, 10 Overton Road, Sutton, Surrey. Please enclose a stamped and addressed envelope.

M.T.B. 630 and 'Foudroyant' Reunion: There will be a reunion of all Sea Rangers and Guiders who have attended any of the M.T.B. and Foudroyant trainings (i.e. 1946 onwards) at Imperial Headquarters on Saturday, January 23rd, 1954. Details will be sent direct to all Sea Ranger Crews during December.

The Watch House, Blakeney, has now been fully repaired after the damage suffered by floods in January and may now be booked for 1954. For further particulars please apply to Miss J. Hill, Arch Farm, Westwick, North Walsham, Norfolk.

Appointments and Resignations

Appointments

Mrs. Webb, Air Ranger Section Adviser, I.H.Q. (Vice Miss Ferguson).

Mrs. Armstrong, Lone Adviser, I.H.Q. (Vice Miss Barnes).

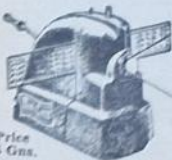
Miss Greta Collyns, Training Adviser Scotland (Vice Miss Lander).

Lady McLarty, State Commissioner, Western Australia (Vice Lady Lee Steere).

Resignations

Lady Pilditch, Deputy Chief Commissioner for Overseas.

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Extending the District

(Continued from page 259)

The question is sometimes raised about the effect on other Guides of seeing a badly deformed or disfigured Extension Guide at a rally or other meeting. Much will depend on the attitude taken up by the Guiders; if emphasis is laid on Mary Jane being a Guide like ourselves, they will accept her far more easily than if it is laid on her physical dissimilarity, though it must be remembered that, to most people, the first encounter with disfigurement is something of a shock, and a girl who seems distressed should be given time to adjust herself before a direct introduction is effected. This is a great opportunity for those who think more of other people's enjoyment than their own feelings to lead the way in being friendly; when the Guides see that their Commissioner takes Mary Jane as a matter of course, they will gradually do so themselves, and be saved the unhappiness in later life of becoming the type of woman who 'can't bear to see anyone suffer', and runs away instead of trying to help. They will also learn that many people with severe physical disability are often far happier than those who are more fortunate in their bodily equipment.

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